

Clifford Township Newsletter

Sponsored by the Clifford Twp. Supervisors, Community Alliance and Historical Society

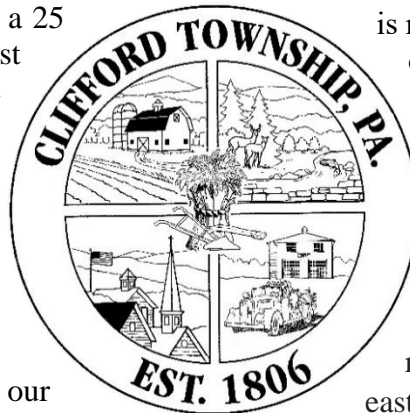
From the Supervisors

The Clifford Township Supervisors had a busy fall and winter and are making plans for a very productive spring and summer season with improvements to the Municipal building and grounds. Those using our walking trails are aware that in the fall we cleaned out many trees and debris from the creek adjacent to our property and placed rip rap along the bend to reduce concern of spring floods and erosion. Unfortunately, it is an ongoing project. Higher water levels early this year brought more debris downstream that must be removed as soon as possible. We also are working with PennDot concerning areas along SR106 where there is a very real concern for road collapse due to erosion.

Utilizing ACT 13 money, we acquired a 25 year lease on addition land on the west side of the creek which will have more challenging walking trails for those who wish to break more of a sweat. We are also planning on completing the all-purpose court, building a new picnic pavilion and establishing a new driveway to the property off SR 2012.

The winter has been difficult for our citizens with heavy snow and power outages. The Supervisors wish to thank the road crews who have done an outstanding job at keeping township roads clear. We have had many comments that the township roads are in better shape faster than the state roads that run through the township.

In response to the power outage in March, the supervisors have decided to develop a plan to place an emergency generator in the township building. In addition we are looking at storing blankets and emergency equipment such as a sump pump at the building. This would allow us to potentially keep the building open for local residents to keep warm if we have another power outage incident.



We are all painfully aware of the decline of businesses in the township. The supervisors have embarked on an outreach program to county, state, and business entities to find a way to promote Clifford Township. We will keep our residents informed on the progress.

Finally, we have received a few recommendations as to additional uses for the Township property such as promoting a Farmers' Market behind the building. The Township Supervisors welcome any input from our citizens. We would need to hear from you in order to move forward with this plan. Once again we encourage all our residents to attend the Township Supervisors' Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. We would be pleased to see a large turnout. Please attend the meetings and see what is really happening for yourself. Don't rely on what you hear from somebody else.

Proposed Wind Turbine Project

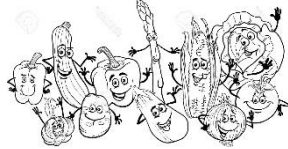


NextEra Energy may be applying to build five wind turbines and an access road in Clifford Township, in the area east of Route 171 between Forest City and Union Dale. The wind turbines will be taller than the present ones outside of Waymart. Feeder lines from the turbines will be underground, leading to new overhead wires. All plans must adhere to the Clifford Township Land Development Ordinance and PennDot regulations. NextEra Energy hopes to submit plans to the Planning Commission by late summer and to be generating power by December 2019. They are also planning to build additional wind turbines in Wayne and Lackawanna Counties. The Township does not have full details at this time, but will try to keep you up-to-date on the township website, www.cliffordtownship.org.



Clifford Historical Society News

The historical society folks have been hard at work for 12 years and much has been accomplished. Early this spring, work at the Children's Garden will include finishing the Native American Long House and building a log cabin for the Pioneer Homestead as well as planting the vegetable gardens, grapes and raspberries. Follow along the walking trail at the Clifford Township Park to the Garden gate or park beside the house at the Garden. Kids can run free and play within the fenced Garden while adults relax!! Visitors of all ages can learn about area history by reading the signs that are in each area of the Garden.



Items of historical significance are continuously being added to the Hoover School, The Museum of Local History and The Agricultural Museum. The historic Baptist Church, the Hoover School and the Museum of Local History are open again this season May thru October, 1 pm to 4 pm every third Sunday.

The Agricultural Museum is open all three evenings of the **Clifford Volunteer Firemen's Picnic being held July 26th, 27th and 28th**. Kevin Treat will again perform his chainsaw skills at the Picnic with the auction of his carvings on Saturday evening.

A portion of the Museum of Local history will house items from the Civil War and other military related artifacts. *If you have any items – copies of pictures, old letters, etc. that you would be willing to loan or donate to the museum, please contact any society director.*

We now have an app that was established with funding from the Susquehanna County Room Tax Grant program through the Endless Mountains Visitors Bureau. The app includes pictures and maps with directions to all our venues. This App is available at <https://arcg.is/1XqSjC>.

The winners of our September 2017 50/50 raffle fundraiser are posted on our website at

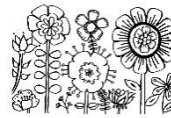
CliffordTownshipHistoricalSociety.org. We want to thank everyone who supported the society by purchasing a ticket. Three winners donated winnings back to the Society, which added greatly to the success of this fundraiser. Thank you all so much!!! With this financial boost the work on the major renovation project of the Yarns Cider Mill at the Suraci Farm can continue.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help paint, trim grass and be trained to give tours at our venues. If you would enjoy helping please contact the society directors:

- Shirley Granger shirleyg@nep.net
- Ruth Knighton jrknight@nep.net
- Linda Parlanti lparlanti@nep.net
- Fred Lyon flyon@nep.net
- Pat Peltz peltz@nep.net
- Sandra Wilmot swilmot@echoes.net 570-679-2723

Mountain View Garden Club

The 14th Annual Plant Exchange & Marketplace will be held on Sunday, **June 3** at the Clifford Township Community Center featuring area vendors & artisans from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm.



The Plant Sale & Exchange will be held at 1:00 pm. Perennials from area gardens will for sale and you can also exchange two perennials from your own garden for two plants of like size and value. Watch your local newspapers for details.

The MVGC Spring 2018 Meetings will be held at the Clifford Fire Hall at 7:00.

April 17th – Hummingbirds presented by Bird Lover Ellie Hyde.

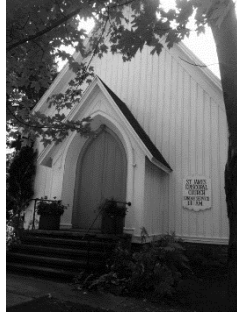
The garden club gives an annual scholarship to a deserving senior who has an interest in the environment from both Mountain View and Forest City High Schools. The amount of the scholarship has been raised to \$750. Applications will be available through the Guidance Departments at both schools. For more information, contact Scholarship Chair Matilda Gavalis at 570-679-2524 or dingolake@gmail.com.



St. James

ST. JAMES, DUNDAFF, PREPARES FOR SUMMER

Just when we thought winter was over several Nor'easters came marching through in March. Guess that hairy woodchuck was right. Regardless, the vestry and congregation at St. James are busily planning for summer. Notice our new paint job and bright red doors.



Our regular worship services on Sunday mornings will begin on **Sunday, May 27th**. There will be a time change to 12:30 pm to accommodate Father Bill McGinty from Christ Church, Forest City, who will also be presiding at Trinity, Carbondale. He will be our Eucharistic celebrant and pastor for the summer. We welcome all who are visiting us and want you to know that all baptized Christians, of every age and tradition, are invited to share with us in the Bread and Wine of the Eucharist. Anyone not wanting communion can approach the communion rail with arms crossed and receive a blessing from the priest. Please join us on the lawn after the service for snacks, beverages and fellowship.

St. James, Dundaff, is located on Route 247, Dundaff Corners, near Crystal Lake in Clifford Township.

Please call Senior Warden Bob Schreiber, 570-780-4356, if you need more information.

Lenoxville Senior Center

Are you or someone you know age 60+ looking for something to do?

The Lenoxville Senior Center at 347 West Lenoxville (next to Johnson Motors) meets every Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm.

A donation for lunch can be made, but not required. You can contact Pauline Johnson at 570-278-4077 or the Center at 570-222-9550 on Thursday to find out the upcoming activities such as bingo, guest speakers and board games to name a few!



Rail – Trail Council



SAVE
the
DATE

D&H Distance Run & 5K September 9, 2018

The half-marathon returns this year to a newly improved trail. D&H Rail-Trail -- Forest City out to Union Dale and back. Benefits trail maintenance.

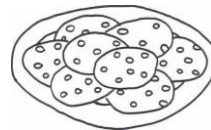
GetMeRegistered.com

Registration \$40 by **August 17th** (guarantees T-shirt)
Late or same day registration \$55

Rail-Trail Council • dhdistance.com
trails@nep.net • 570-679-9300



Clifford Baptist Church



Clifford Baptist Women
Welsh Cookies Sale
April 21st

\$5.00 donation per dozen.

Pick-up 12-1 pm or make arrangements.

Pre-order by April 15th

Call 570-222-3809

Leave message: Name, phone number, and quantity.

Thank you so much for your order!!!

Clifford Baptist Church

Chicken BBQ

May 12th

Pre-sale tickets only,

\$10 each. Pick up 4:30 – 6:00 pm Includes:

Chicken, Potato, Baked Beans,
Cole Slaw, Roll & Cupcake/Brownie

Pre-Order by May 6th

Please call 570-222-4938 leave message:

Name, phone number, quantity.

Or email Kevin Munley

at constablemunleyk@yahoo.com

Thanks for your support!!!

Clifford United Methodist Church

Clifford United Methodist Church, 106 Main Street, Clifford, PA

Sunday Worship Service: 11 am

Children's Sunday School: during worship

Lay Pastor: Eric Watkins

Open Hearts, Open Doors

All are Welcome!

Mom's in Prayer meets every Monday evening at Clifford Church from 6:30 to 7:30 pm

All women are welcome!

Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner

Clifford United Methodist Church

Main Street, Clifford

Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

Wednesday, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th,

September 19th, October 17th

& Tuesday, November 6th.

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Take out or Dine with us

Donation \$9.95

Includes dinner, drink & dessert



Vacation Bible School
Clifford United Methodist Church
Main Street, Clifford, PA

June 25-29

1:00 to 4:45 pm

Come join the fun! Discover how we were all rescued by Jesus at Shipwrecked Clifford Vacation Bible School. Enjoy Tie Dye Tuesday, Wet Wednesday, and Outdoor Field Day on Friday. Lots of fun crafts, songs, games, tropical treats, and bible lessons! You can register online at www.cliffordumc.org, click the VBS link and complete your registration. You can also register Sunday, June 24th from 3-6 pm at Clifford UMC or the first day of VBS at VBS check-in beginning at 12:00 noon. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged to make you and your child's first day run smoother. Questions?



Email or call your Director, Dane Barhite.

Email: danebarhite@gmail.com or

(570) 222-5493



Music in the Park
10:30 am Worship Service
With Contemporary and Traditional
Christian Music

to follow Many local talents

Sunday, August 5th at

the Clifford Fireman's Fairgrounds
Route 106, Clifford, PA

Supported by local community churches

Come when you can, leave when you must

Refreshments available for a minimal charge

Fun for the whole family!

Check out our website: www.cliffordumc.org

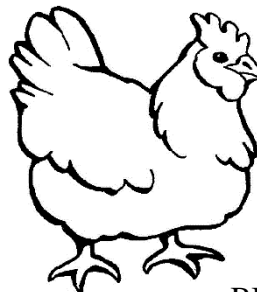
April is Safe Digging Month! This month, Pennsylvania 811 reminds diggers the importance of calling 811 or 1-800-242-176 before all digging projects, large or small.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

No matter if you're a contractor, landscaper or "do-it-yourselfer", 811 works for you! Smart digging means always calling 811 before any project.

St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox



St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox church in Dundaff will hold its annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ dinner on **May 13th** at noon until sold out. It will feature 1/2 chicken BBQ, piggies, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, dessert and beverage.

Take-outs available starting at 10:30 am.

For advance tickets or further information, phone 570-222-3293.

Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company

State Rep. Johnathan Fritz attended the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company dedication. The company purchased a new heavy rescue truck and new ambulance. Its members also dedicated a memorial on the grounds that recognizes fallen firefighters.



Pictured: State Rep. Fritz, Company Chief Trent Turner, Company President Alan Fortuner, Phil Price and Dan O'Rourke.



Pictured: State Rep. Fritz and Harry Phillips.

Free Tick & Lyme Disease Presentation

April 14th from 10 am to 12 pm
At the Clifford Fire Hall located at 1035 SR 106
Clifford, PA 18421

Clifford Township Community Center

Visit CliffordTownship.org for the calendar of ongoing events and activities.
Saturday is recycling drop off day.
Thank you!



Dog Wardens to Canvass 26 Counties for Current Dog Licenses, Rabies Vaccinations in April

Harrisburg, PA - In an effort to ensure that both pets and people are kept safe across Pennsylvania, this month state dog wardens will conduct dog license and rabies vaccination checks in 26 counties, including *Susquehanna County*. This outreach program helps educate Pennsylvanians about the need to keep dog licenses and rabies vaccinations – for both cats and dogs – up-to-date.

Pennsylvania law requires all dogs three months or older to be licensed by January 1 of each year. The fee is \$6.50 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$8.50 for other dogs. Older adults and persons with disabilities may purchase a license for \$4.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$6.50 for others.

Additionally, all dogs and non-feral cats three months of age and older must be vaccinated against rabies. Booster vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity.

Violators may be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. Dog licenses are available through Jason D. Miller, Susquehanna County Treasurer, PO Box 218, 69 Lake Ave. Montrose, PA 18801-0218 or call 570-278-4600 extension 4082 or extension 4083.

For more information, visit www.licenseyourdogPA.com or contact the PA Dept. of Agriculture State Dog Warden Jesse Baker, at 570-579-4588.

Are you in the Flood Zone? Go to CliffordTownship.org and click on Maps to find out!



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Visit www.dep.pa.gov for information about stream maintenance and storm water solutions.

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Clifford, PA 18413

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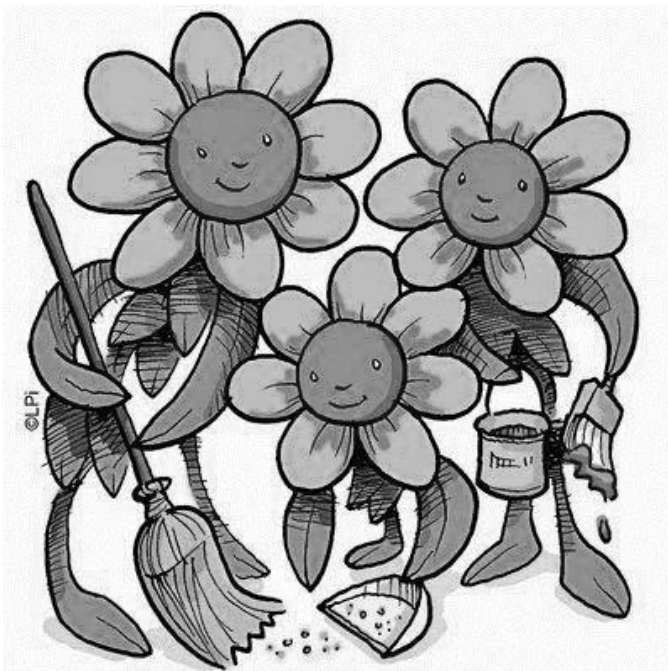
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Mailing Label

Or Current Resident

2018
Clifford Township

*Annual
Spring Clean-Up*



Full Pick-Up Truck Load is \$30.00 / Half Load \$15.00

Check out www.CliffordTownship.org for a

complete list of fees for items such as:

Mattress - \$10.00, Stove - \$10.00,

Refrigerator - \$30.00, Tires and more...

(No T.V.'s, Monitors, or household garbage)

Where: Clifford Township Building

When: Sunday, April 22, 2018

Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Call 570-222-9364 for more information