

Clifford Township Newsletter

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

From the Supervisors

It hardly seems possible that 2018 is nearly over. It has been a challenging and productive year for the Township. For those of you who participated in our First Annual Parkfest, it was an opportunity to see the



continued growth and improvement of our Community Park. The Supervisors want to thank once again the Park Committee, Volunteers, and especially Donna

Jacoby for the work on the park and the Parkfest Celebration.

This year brought “wind shear” downbursts, flooding rains, and heat waves to the Township. The Children’s Garden was heavily damaged and once again volunteers were central to the quick recovery of the Garden. We want to thank all of our hard working people for their effort and the number of hours they spent at repairing the damage.

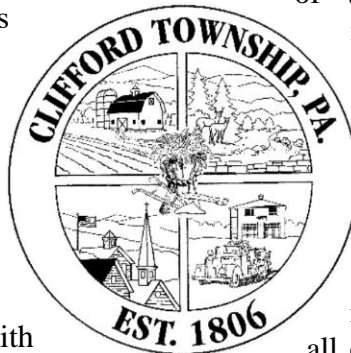
Flooding of the park is being repaired and improvements were made this summer with the addition of the Multipurpose Court and the foundation for our Pavilion. On **October 27th** there will be a “Truck-Or-Treat” event at the Park as a gift to the community by the Andrew Mazza Foundation. Our local children will be able to “Trick or Treat,” during the day in a safe area. If you have not been to the park be sure to take some time and see this valuable asset to the community.

We have begun the process of obtaining cinders and snowplowing contracts for the winter. We would like to thank the hard work of the Barhite crew who early in the spring graded ditched and coated our dirt roads. Their fine work held up admirably during the flooding in August. They also stepped up quickly to repair road damage from the flooding. Clifford is noted for its good roads by many travelers through our area. It is due to the hard work of our road crew.

Another effort of the Supervisors is to bring new business, in particular a grocery store to the Township. We have had meetings with the County Commissioners, County Business Development people, and several meetings with the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Forest City Mayor, Borough Council, and Forest City Industries members, in the effort to make a mutually beneficial push to Market our area in general and Clifford Township in particular. We have also contacted the Business Programs of local colleges in the attempt to develop a plan. Hopefully our efforts will be successful soon.

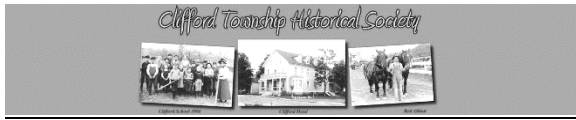
Finally, we would like to commend our Fire and EMS personnel. The Clifford Fire Company is known state wide as a first rate organization. Unfortunately, as is the case in many areas the lack of volunteers is threatening this extremely important asset to our township and the other adjoining townships that rely on “Clifford,” to assist them. The Clifford Township Supervisors encourage all who can, volunteer and join the Fire Company / EMS personnel.

As always there is more to tell than there is space in the “Newsletter.” We encourage all of our citizens to come to our meeting on the **2nd Tuesday of each month** at 7 pm at the Community Building and see, “The Rest of the Story.” Have a great fall and winter.



Reminder:
Tuesday, November 6th, 2018
 is Election Day
 Get out and VOTE

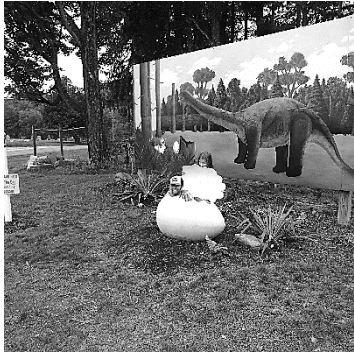
Clifford Township Historical Society



Work has not gone quite according to plans, since our article in the spring newsletter. In May, wind damage at the Children's Garden caused a major set-back, but with the help of the Township Supervisors and 24 volunteers, the Children's Garden was rebuilt in time for the Park Fest in September. Generous donations from



Park Fest, the Harford Historical Society, Music in the Park and some insurance coverage were a big factor in the clean-up project.



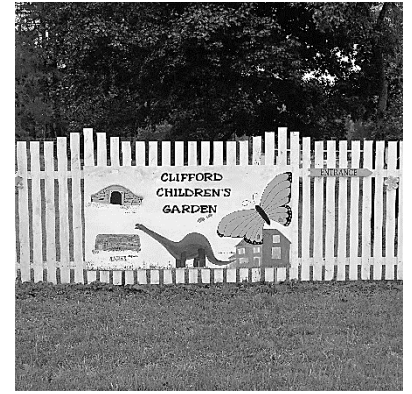
Thank you to Emma Demark who painted the large sign and Brandon Freely who repainted the dinosaur mural.

We were able to add a log cabin in the Children's Garden. The cabin represents the homestead of our first white settlers, Adam Miller and his family in 1799. Another generous donation from Adams Cable Service made this possible. Check out the pencil fence that displays the names of everyone who has donated time, money or materials to the Garden.



Plans for the Garden still include the addition of a barn at the Miller homestead site, a pathway through the entire Garden and plantings at the butterfly garden. An area explaining the formation of bluestone is also planned. Some signage, with more to come, adds historical information throughout the garden.

The Garden is free to all and open daylight to dusk so please feel free to visit this unique play area any time! Let your kids play and grow their imaginations while you relax!!



The Garden rebuild occupied most of our time and energy this summer. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this Fall so progress can continue on the Cider Mill project.

Additions are being made to the Civil War exhibit in the Museum of Local History. We plan to list names of Clifford area soldiers who served in the Civil War. If you know of any names we should include please contact Pat Peltz at peltz@nep.net or Sandy Wilmot 570-679-2723.

October 21st-- the third Sunday -- 1 to 4 pm is the last open house this year for the Baptist Church, Hoover School and Museum of Local History. Visitors are always impressed with the quality of the presentations at these sites. The Museum of Local history will be open on Election Day, November 6th. Stop in and see the new additions to the museum! We also have delicious jelly and jams available for sale in the museum.

Amazon.com has a non-profit donation program called amazon smile. Please consider signing up at smile.amazon.com so the Clifford Township Historical Society can be the recipient of .5% of all purchases ordered at amazon.com. At present we receive a small amount from the program. We are hoping more folks will participate to increase that amount.

Clifford Twp. Volunteer Fire Department

Safety tips and a thank you to our community.

With a summer that insisted on rain - we were lucky enough to squeeze in a mostly dry annual picnic this year!! With the event being such a large part of our operating budget and a great community gathering, we felt extremely blessed to have the weather we did. A big thanks to the patrons of the event and the volunteers who help make the event a success!

Mark your calendar for next year – **July 25th, 26th and 27th, 2019**. The October gun/cash raffle is underway and we hosted a great evening out on September 22nd as part of the event. Thank you for all who have purchased tickets. These fundraising events are the building blocks that help allow us to purchase and maintain the equipment that helps you.

Tentatively scheduled for the **first Sunday In December**, we will hold our annual “Christmas Care” breakfast in which the proceeds go to benefit cases of hardship in the area. Visit our website and Facebook for more details as the events near – www.cliffordfire.com.



Some fall season safety reminders:

- 1) be sure to have working smoke detectors in your home and replace the batteries.
- 2) CO alarms – if you already have them, replace the batteries. If you do not, please make every effort to purchase and install them. As most know, CO is created by combusting fuel – wood, coal, propane, gas, etc. CO is colorless, odorless and tasteless. It can be present in your home due to a malfunctioning or incorrectly installed system and cause severe injury or death. CO alarms are life saving devices for your home.
- 3) Chimneys – be sure to have your chimneys in your home inspected and cleaned prior to use this heating season.

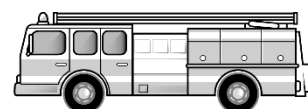
With our call volume once again on a record setting pace, it is more important than ever to support the Fire Company both in volunteering your time and through your generous financial support during our fund drives. Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company is the townships sole provider of fire, rescue and ambulance service and we serve you with pride. Our mailing appeal will be out this spring and we look forward to your continued support.

Volunteer departments around the nation are experiencing a significant decline in volunteers to staff emergencies and handle administrative duties, and we are no different. Staffing levels in the volunteer ranks are reaching “crisis” levels in our region. Clifford is very fortunate to have the dedicated volunteers it does; however, we are in great need of more volunteers for all disciplines. If you are interested in becoming a member or visiting the station to see what we are all about, please contact us at (570)222-3741 or email at clifst18@nep.net.

PA VFW Honors Local Public Safety Professional



The Pennsylvania Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars recently recognized Phillip P. Price, an emergency medical technician with the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Department with its annual Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award. Way to go Phil! We are lucky and proud to have you as one of our EMT's and as the townships EMC! Thank you!





Have you been enjoying all of the activities Clifford Township Park has to offer?

Looking to get involved in your community and make a difference?

Here's your chance!

Clifford Township currently has an opening on its Parks and Recreation Board.

The board is responsible for reviewing current parks and recreation programs and facilities, and for making recommendations to the Supervisors for additional improvements.

Regular meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7pm and generally last about an hour.

The Township Supervisors are committed to continuing the progress at the park. Consider being a part of the process! We are especially looking for parents with young children who presently utilize the park, to offer ideas on how to create new recreational activities for all ages and abilities.

If you would like to be considered for this position, or if you would like any additional information, please contact the township secretary at cliffordtownship@yahoo.com or 570-222-9364.

Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford

The Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford cordially invites you to attend some special community events this Spring season at their church. Please note the following free events that visitors are



welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 31st, 7 pm
- Fall family fellowship, special guest speaker and refreshments.

Sunday, November 11th - Special Veterans Day Service: Guest Speaker, Jim May, Retired Marine Army Chaplain. He has written a book on his experiences in life and Ministry as an army Chaplain. We will be giving a free book to all the Veterans that attend the 11 am service.

Clifford United Methodist Church

Clifford United Methodist Church
Main Street, Clifford, PA
Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

4 – 6 pm

Take out or Dine with us

Donation \$9.95

Includes dinner, dessert & drink



Also, please join us at the Clifford United Methodist Church for worship every **Sunday morning at 11am**. Come out and meet our new Pastor Pat Hanley! All are welcome!

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Ladies Auxiliary was organized in 1948 and has continued to evolve through the years. The fund raisers may have changed but our primary goal remains to provide the financial and social support to the Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Co.

We are currently involved in activities such as: holding a designer purse bingo in the spring; support at the Spring Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Fire Co.; operating approximately seven stands at the annual Firemen’s Picnic; assistance at the Gun Raffle and Christmas Care Breakfast. We provide monetary assistance for the Christmas Care Breakfast, Children’s Christmas Party, fuel costs for the Fire Company and have donated funds toward the repair of the tanker vehicle this year.

We are in the planning stages for work to be done prior to the end of 2018 which includes the Auxiliary paying for the replacement of the flooring in the social hall and restrooms and painting these areas.

The Auxiliary meets at 7 pm on the **second Thursday of each month** at the Fire Hall and welcomes new members.

Clifford Baptist Church

Clifford Baptist Church Harvest Dinner

Saturday November 3, 4-6 pm

Eat in or Take out. \$10 donation.

Turkey or ham, scalloped potatoes or mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, green beans, or carrots, roll, pie or cake.

Plus: Welsh Cookies will be for sale that evening. \$5 a dozen.

Pre order appreciated. 570-222-3809

Thank You.



The 20th Clifford Village Christmas

Fun, Food and Friendship

This very special event is again planned for the first Friday evening in December. Santa, Mrs. Claus and friends arrive at 6 pm at the Clifford Community Center.

This event is made possible by financial contributions from area businesses and supportive friends plus many volunteers who plan and host this unique community event.

Mark your calendar now to join us on **December 7th**. All the usual free activities are planned to make this evening so much fun for kids and adults of the Clifford area. For more information or to volunteer contact the Clifford Township Community Alliance at 570-222-4820.

Hope to see you there!!

Pickleball Comes to Clifford Park!

There's a new game in town with an unusual name: Pickleball- a fast growing game that combines elements of tennis, ping pong, and badminton. The game is played with an oversized ping pong paddle and a whiffle ball on a 22 by 44 foot court. The court is much smaller than a tennis court, thus requires less running, and less wear and tear on knees. It is most commonly played as a doubles game, but one-on-one games can also be played.

Although it is aimed toward baby boomers, it can be a fast paced, competitive game for younger people as well. A few of the area schools have added it to their Phys. Ed. curriculum.

Pickleball is a game that keeps the kids, as well as adults laughing, socializing, and interacting. You can play for several hours gaining a great aerobic workout and come out feeling great!

As for the name- some people say it's derived from a family's dog named Pickles who chased the balls and hid them in the bushes. Others claim that it's in reference to pickle boats.



Clifford Township Park will soon complete their multi-purpose court (late October) which will include a basketball court and 2

pickleball courts. Currently the game is being played in the indoor gym.

Stay tuned for upcoming clinics for new players who want to learn the game, meet new people, and exercise while sharing lots of laughter! Check out www.CliffordTownship.org/ Township Calendar for dates, time and locations!



IMPORTANT REMINDER



There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!

The leading factor contributing to home-heating fires (30%) was a failure to clean. This usually involved creosote buildup- in chimneys. Most home-heating fire deaths (84%) involved stationary or portable space heaters. Be safe!

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PO Box 161
Clifford, PA 18413

NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
FOREST CITY, PA
PERMIT NO. 26

Or Current Resident

TRUCK-OR-TREAT
OCTOBER 27TH
3PM TO 5PM

Located At The
Clifford Township Park /
Municipal Building



**Community Event
For All Ages**

Sponsored by
The Andrew Mazza Foundation

**We hope you can join us
for our
First Annual
Truck - or - Treat**

**Come check out all of the
different types of TRUCKS that
will be decorated through-out
the park
passing out treats!**

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

**Apple Cider, Donuts, Popcorn
Pumpkins and More!**

