

# Clifford Township Newsletter

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

## From the Supervisors

Once again, it hardly seems possible that another year is nearly over. The Township continues to move forward in quality of life issues and programs for its citizens. The latest addition is the Active Living Center which meets currently 1 day a week, Thursday at 9 am in the Community Building. Run by the Area Agency on Aging of Counties of Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna & Tioga, the center is a good place to meet new people and be involved. We are happy to offer the features of our Park and Community building for this group.

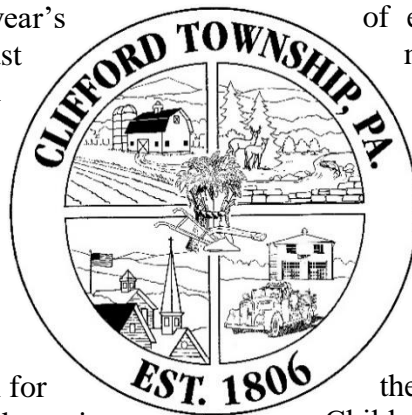
Keeping with the use of our facility theme, thanks again to Donna Jacoby. Again with her guidance and efforts, we will be holding our Second Annual Parkfest on September 7th. This year's theme is the Wild, Wild West. Last year's Parkfest was a great success and we know that with the hard work and increased vendors/events this year's will be even more exciting. Please come out and enjoy yourself at what we hope will become a permanent annual event.

The Supervisors are extremely thankful for the volunteerism shown by our residents in promoting our township. The Supervisors once again want to thank the Park Committee Volunteers for continuing to administer the park. Speaking of which, our Pickle Ball courts are in use almost every morning. Our courts are recognized as being the best in the area. If you have not tried your hand at the game, please come to the park and check it out. We are sure that you will find someone virtually any time of day or night who can explain this new sport that is sweeping the country. Equipment is available at the park.

We continue to improve our facilities with additional parking and upgrades to the garage/activities building, pavilion and sidewalks. Additionally, we have removed numerous trees around the

“Children’s Garden,” which made the area safer and increased parking. And of course our walking trails are continually being upgraded and repaired for your safety. Thank you to Phil Price for volunteering to the park. As we have said many times, our volunteers are what makes Clifford special.

As you are aware, spring floods had an impact in our Township, but thanks to the hard work of our road crews damage was less than in other townships. We were able repair both the roads and streams quickly. Thanks to the hard work of Joan, Phil, Kurt, and Larry we were able to receive FEMA funds for about 70% of the cost for the repairs. As always, the Supervisors put extreme emphasis on fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars. With the help of several people in the township we avail ourselves of every opportunity to receive grants to minimize costs for our projects.



## Clifford Township Historical Society

The CTHS will have their Museum of Local History open during Parkfest for all ages to learn and enjoy the history of our area. The museum is located inside the Clifford Municipal building. The Children’s Garden is open dawn to dusk everyday and is located adjacent to the Clifford Park. Follow the white picket fence along Cemetery Street to our parking area next to the house at the Garden. While at Parkfest make sure you plan time to visit both our venues- you will be glad you did.

The venues of the Historical Society; the Local History Museum, the Hoover School and the historic Baptist Church, will be open to the public, free of charge, the **third Sunday of Sept. and October from one to four o’clock**. Society members are available at all the locations to share stories and answer questions.

Plans are underway to add a barn to the Children’s Garden, modeled after the barns built here by early

English settlers. Make sure you read the signs that have been installed in various parts of the Garden that provide very interesting information based on the millions of years of development to our area. A macadam path has also been added to the Garden so bring your roller skates, scooters, bikes or any wheeled conveyance to fully enjoy all the Children's Garden has to offer.

The Historical Society is in the process of accumulating items for our planned flea market/antique auction to be held next spring. If you have items you would like to donate please bring them to the Children's Garden house during Parkfest or contact any society director before early spring!!

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If you would like to be a part of the future of our historical society please contact any of the directors. There is still much to be done and we would appreciate any and all help!!

### 21<sup>st</sup> Clifford Village Christmas

Mark your calendar now for **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Santa, Mrs. Claus and friends to arrive at **6 pm** at the Clifford Community Center!



For more information or to volunteer contact the Clifford Township Community Alliance at 570-222-4820.

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.

### Clifford Twp. Volunteer Fire Department

A HUGE thank you to our community.

Blessed with outstanding weather, the 2019 Fireman's picnic is in the books and a great success.

It is very important to know that this event is not only an awesome community gathering, but a large part of our operating budget. A big thanks to the patrons of the event and the volunteers who help make the event a success! This event would not be possible without the nearly 200 community volunteers that staff stands, help in preparations, and assist with all the magic in the background to allow this to operate as smoothly as it does. In addition, we have multiple families/businesses that make significant donations to this event that help make it what it is. Without your support, things would be much different. Again, thank you does not convey our appreciation to you. Mark your calendar for next year – **July 23, 24 and 25, 2020.**



2019 saw the introduction of "Clifford Cash"! For our first year, we felt it was a great success selling just under 1,100 tickets. As operating cost rises, the leadership needs to find additional funding and with that process, we want to benefit our community, our supporters in the process. With this fundraising campaign, not only did we generate revenue to help protect the community, we also put nearly \$76,000 of revenue back into the community. Our target is to roll out Clifford Cash 2020 in October so stay tuned!

The October gun/cash raffle is underway and we will be hosting a great evening out on **September 28** 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](http://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.

With the timing of the release of Clifford Cash this year, the annual mailing fund drive appeal was delayed. After much discussion as a body, we felt that we ask an incredible amount of our community and that we would resume the mailing in spring of 2020. With that said, we pleasantly have had many inquiries regarding the mailing fund drive appeal with resident asking why they did not receive it and that they would like to donate. For 2019, if you would like to contribute, please mail your donations to Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company, PO Box 10, Clifford Township, PA 18413.

Volunteer departments around the nation are experiencing a significant decline in volunteers to staff emergencies and handle administrative duties, 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](mailto:clifst18@nep.net) .

### Clifford Volunteers



**Ellie DeFazio**

Ultimately, a community’s reputation is based on the actions of individuals. Clifford enjoys a great regional reputation and Ellie DeFazio is one important reason why. She competently and with good cheer donates much of her free time to a variety of great civic causes.

If you don’t recognize Ellie’s smiling face, it may mean you haven’t voted in Clifford for the past 30 years or bought a roast beef or Pork BBQ sandwich at the Clifford Picnic in the past 13 years (or other food items in previous years) or haven’t recently enjoyed a chicken BBQ from the Corpus Christi/St Pius Church!

As Majority Inspector of Elections in Clifford, Ellie works from 6 AM until midnight on election days, from set-up to when the paper ballots are submitted in Montrose, and attends two training sessions each year. Ellie is one reason why the people in Montrose know voting procedures are consistently done right in Clifford.

For over 30 years, Ellie has been an active member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Clifford Fire Company, including their President for 13 years. Her countless hours of volunteer time during the picnic and many other fund raising events make her the person others turn to for advice and to get a job done right.

Ellie has worked as a hairdresser since the late 1970s and from her home salon, Ellie DeFazio’s Hair Station, since 1983. Her days are packed with



clients. In 2016, she won the Hometown Pride Award from the Mountain View Garden Club for helping to beautify the region by the quality of her business exterior – the stonework and her flowerbeds are fabulous.

Ellie and her husband Peter, also volunteer many hours at their church, St Pius on Route 106, both inside (committees) and outside. Next time you drive by and see the beautiful lawn, shrubs, and flowers, you can thank them for caring.

Ellie grew up in the Lenox area and is a graduate of Mountain View High School. She and Peter have two daughters, Christina and Leslie and now enjoy time with their families, including 4 grandchildren.

Everyone is busy. Many use it as a reason why they can't volunteer. Very few can claim to be busier than Ellie! If you see things in the community you would like to be different, then instead of complaining, get out and volunteer your time and good ideas and make it happen! When asked what she gets out of volunteering, Ellie talks about the satisfaction and enjoyment of working with others. "It makes you stronger". *Thanks Ellie!*

We will be highlighting other volunteers in future newsletters, hoping to inspire more people to get involved. Our dedicated volunteers make Clifford a wonderful place to live. To nominate people to be recognized, please contact Joan Hertzog at 570-222-9364.

### Clifford United Methodist Church



Clifford United Methodist Church  
106 Main Street, Clifford, PA  
Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner  
**Wednesday, September 18,**  
**October 16 &**  
**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**  
**4:00 - 6:00 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 our new worship time **every Sunday morning at 9 am**. Come out and meet our Pastor Pat Hanley! All are welcome!

Check out our website: [www.cliffordumc.org](http://www.cliffordumc.org).

### 2019 Clifford Parkfest!



The 2nd Annual 2019  
Clifford Parkfest!  
With Over 60 Vendors!  
Saturday, **September**  
**7<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 5pm.**



This year's theme... Wild, Wild West. Go back in time with special guests, "Shadows of the Old West," where you will take a trip back in time to the days of cowboys, Billy the Kid, and the OK Corral. First show at high noon. Also, featuring Phydeaux's Flying Flea Circus & Wahoo Medicine Man.

The park will be filled to capacity with 60+ crafters, antiques, great food, horse and carriage/pony rides, Bounce Party, Dart Zone Inc., face painting, bake sale, basket raffle, DJ Wolfman. With Live Music: Mountain View Band and Lenoxville Band.

Chili cook-off entries are welcome by 10 am in crock pots. Winner receives cash prize and gift. Cast your vote for \$1 between 11 am to 12:30 pm.

Bring a gift to the Community Bible Church Tent to help fill shoeboxes for children around the world. For gift ideas see [www.Samaritan'spurse.org/occ](http://www.Samaritan'spurse.org/occ).

All vendors and chili entries contact Donna Jacoby at [djacoby433@gmail.com](mailto:djacoby433@gmail.com) or 570- 280-8636.

So, bring your whole family and as always join us in the park for a fun filled day! See ya all!



### RAIL – TRAILS



**September 8<sup>th</sup>** - 11<sup>th</sup> annual D&H ½ Marathon and 5k on the D&H Rail-Trail **9am** Forest City – check [www.dhdistancerun.com](http://www.dhdistancerun.com) for more information

## St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church

St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church in Dundaff is holding an Ethnic food sale, flea market, farmer's market, Orthodox Auction and bake sale on **Saturday, October 19 from 9 am to 2 pm**. Lots of good stuff. All are welcome.

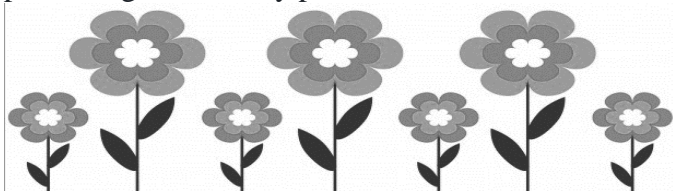
## Mountain View Garden Club

It was another successful Plant Exchange held on Sunday, June 2nd at the Clifford Community Center. Along with a wide selection of perennials, the day also included a flea market, vendors and food stations.

Dedicated club members again showed how working together can be both fun and productive. New members are always welcome! They can acquire an application at P. O. Box 81, Clifford, Pa 18413. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of most months, along with occasional field trips and outings. Our next field trip will be held on **Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**, with a field trip to George's Hydroponics in New Milford. On **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will have a trip to Longwood Gardens.

A portion of the profits from the plant exchange is used to provide an annual \$750 scholarship each to two deserving graduating students, one from Mountain View and one from Forest City. This year's awards were granted to Katie Nguyen from Forest City and Matthew Schwarztrauber from Mountain View.

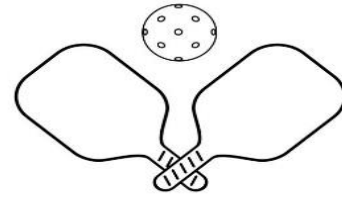
The garden club also makes an annual award, the Hometown Pride award, to area businesses and organizations for enhancing their property and promoting community pride.



## State Route 106 Road Closure

The temporary road closing of SR 106 has been delayed due to permitting issues. The road repairs

include washout areas and the replacement of a bridge at Cemetery Street. Dates and detour routes will be made available.



## Do You Want to Learn to Play Pickleball?

Join us the **second Sunday** of each month from **3 to 5 PM** at the Clifford Township Park (Or indoor gym if rain or cold) for a free, fun beginners clinic! Wear sneakers and comfortable clothes. Bring water and a hat or sunglasses. Equipment will be provided.

## Bethel Community Church At Welsh Hill

248 Welsh Hill Road, Clifford Township, PA/  
Corner of Welch Hill Road and PA 374  
[www.bethelcommunitychurchbcc.com](http://www.bethelcommunitychurchbcc.com)

Morning Service **Sunday 8:30 am**  
Evening Service/Study **Sunday 6 pm**

**October 10th** – CARENET Banquet @ Elk Lake HS  
FREE DINNER with Donation accepted **6 pm**

**November 10th**– Veterans Day Special Observance and Concert with Tri State Gospel Singers **6 pm**  
FREE

**December 22nd** – Special Christmas Observance  
Featuring the Tri State Gospel Singers **6 pm** FREE



**2nd Annual  
5K Run**

at the  
Clifford Community Park  
Tentative Date & Time  
October 19th or 20th  
At Noon



Check out [www.CliffordTownship.org](http://www.CliffordTownship.org)  
For the latest updates!

## Clifford Recycling

Due to the high volume of recyclables a third bin has been added behind the Clifford Community Center. Please remember to only recycle items that have been cleaned, dried and single stream approved in order for the township to receive credit toward a 904 Grant. More information about recycling or what to do with scrap metal, tires, household trash, etc. visit the township website: [CliffordTownship.org](http://CliffordTownship.org) for helpful links. Thank you for doing your part in keeping Clifford beautiful!



CTHS  
PO Box 161  
Clifford, PA 18413

## Clifford Township - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual TRUCK-OR-TREAT

**Saturday, October 26**

**3PM TO 5PM**

**Located at the  
Clifford Township Park  
119 Cemetery Street**



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