

Clifford Township Newsletter

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

From the Supervisors

This is being written as we are finishing clean up from one of the largest snow storms this area has ever seen. Officially, Clifford had a total snowfall of 30.8 inches. We thank the road crews who worked diligently to clear our township roads as quickly as possible. In some cases they were in better shape, quicker, than the State Roads in our township.

During the upcoming spring and summer season we will be again improving and repairing our roads. Bids have been let out for our dirt roads, ditching, and a test program on Tennessee Gas road which hopefully will improve the durability of that heavy traffic area.

We also will continue our efforts on the Park and Children's Garden. The outdoor bathrooms are now open. We and have let out our first bid for the "multi use" basketball court. Unfortunately the initial bids received were far above our budget number so we are reworking our expectations and will be re-advertising for bids soon. Last fall we increased the park size by approximately 9 acres from what was known as the "Tell Property." We are asking residents to make suggestions as to what they would like to see in this area. We are considering a Softball Field, Radio Controlled Aircraft strip and other options. We are also planning on adding parking and additional walking tracks along the creek. We will also begin the clearing for a driveway into the park along State Route 2012 to minimize vehicle traffic moving by the baseball field.

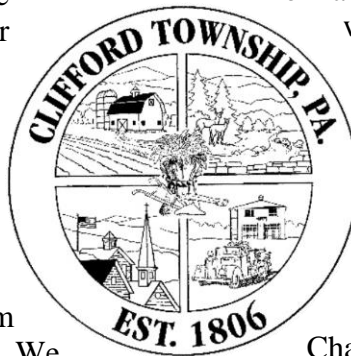
We encourage all to attend our monthly "Supervisor's Meeting," the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. As of late, attendance has been very low. Usually the only people attending are the supervisors, the secretary, and members of our various committees. We understand that all of us have busy schedules. However the meetings usually last only one hour, and many issues impacting all residents are discussed. Please make time to attend the meetings to give your input before decisions are made. This is a township where the Supervisors are

totally open with our plans, and sincerely want to hear from our residents. Be part of the process of moving the Township forward.

Enjoy your summer,
The Clifford Township Supervisors.

Other Township News

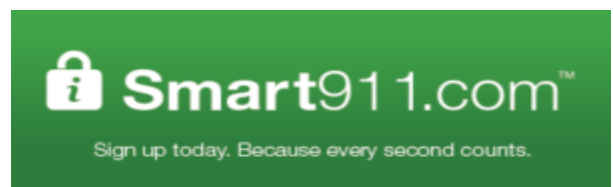
The Clifford Township Annual Spring Clean-Up is Saturday May 6th, 9:00 am until noon. Items must be brought to the Community Center. Pick up service is not available. Cost for a pickup truck size load of miscellaneous small items is \$30 for a full truck load, \$15 a half truck load. Large items have an individual charge. A detailed list of items accepted for drop-off and the cost can be found on the township website www.cliffordtownship.org under the Recycling/Spring Clean-Up Tab on the left. The Mobile Drop Box Van will be collecting old medications. Contact Joan Hertzog with any questions at cliffordtownship@yahoo.com or (570) 222-9364. Township residents only, ID required.



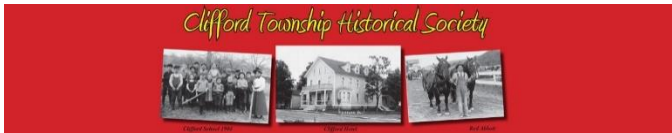
Chairman, Dennis Knowlton and Tax Collector, Jan Price are both running for re-election. The Polls will be open for the Primary Election on Tuesday - May 16th, 2017 at 7:00 am. The township is still looking for auditors.

A new free service is being offered by the Susquehanna County Commissioners along with Susquehanna County 911. You create a Safety Profile with as much or as little information as you want. It is kept completely confidential until 911 is called from a phone associated with that profile.

For more information go to Smart911Susquehanna@susqco.com or call (570) 278-5901



Clifford Township Historical Society



The historical society would like to thank so many of you who have already supported our fundraiser by purchasing the raffle tickets we included in last October's Township Newsletter.

The society has been awarded \$16,000 in grants through the Endless Mountain Heritage Region, which is funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Many previous grants have been matched dollar for dollar through our merchandise sales and the generous donations of volunteer labor, materials, and dollars from CTHS members and friends. But now we need more help to match this large \$16,000 grant. This raffle is the first major fundraiser since CTHS was founded eleven years ago. If 1,000 tickets are sold, we will be awarding 20 prizes ranging from \$100 to \$10,000 (each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning – very nice odds!) while giving us the much-needed funds to finish the Children's Garden, complete the cider mill renovation, which includes a most interesting Museum of Local Industry, and return the original apple-pressing equipment to operating condition.

Raffle tickets can be picked up at a variety of businesses throughout the Clifford area, including the Endless Mountains Pharmacy, Clifford Supply & Auto, Greenfield Power Equipment, Ellie DeFazio's Hair Salon, Dunnier's Country Store & Six Pack Shack, and Cable's Deli and others. Tickets are also available by contacting 570-679-2723 or swilmot@echoes.net. They are also printable from www.cliffordtownshiphistoricalociety.org and will be for sale on Election Day.

We're hopeful that our efforts to preserve the area's history will merit your support of this raffle. Share the cost with family or friends. Tickets are selling fast so make sure you're not disappointed!!! The drawing will be held Sunday afternoon, **Sept. 10th** at the **Yarns Cider Mill Open House** at the Suraci Farm.

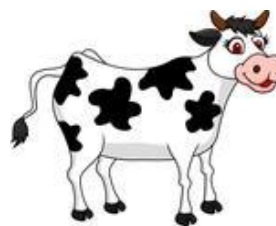
CTHS volunteers are completing another creative new display inside the Museum of Local History. Beneath a sign that states "A person without knowledge of the past is like a tree without roots," seven large display panels feature photos and other paper artifacts that depict 150 years of local history. Work will continue on the Children's Garden and the Cider Mill renovation throughout the year. Frank Little Bear and Co. will be working at the Children's Garden, Saturday, May 20 constructing a long house. Sunday, May 21st, 1-5 pm all ages are invited to work, sing, dance and learn about everyday Native American life with Frank Little Bear.

The Agricultural Museum will be open during the **Firemen's Picnic July 27, 28 and 29th**. The society will again bring Kevin Treat and his chainsaw skills to the picnic with an auction of his carvings on Saturday night.

The Museum of Local History, along with the Hoover School and the Clifford Baptist Church, will be open to the public on the third Sunday of each month, 1-4 pm, beginning May 21st. Volunteer docents are available at each site to greet and inform all visitors. More docents are needed!!

If you are interested in preserving area history, the society needs mechanical help to restore several small tools and machines and folks to train as docents for our venues. Contact Sandy Wilmot at 570-679-2723 or Pat Peltz at peltz@nep.net.

St. John Vianney Parish at St. Pius X Church



Holy Cow Flop And Chicken BBQ

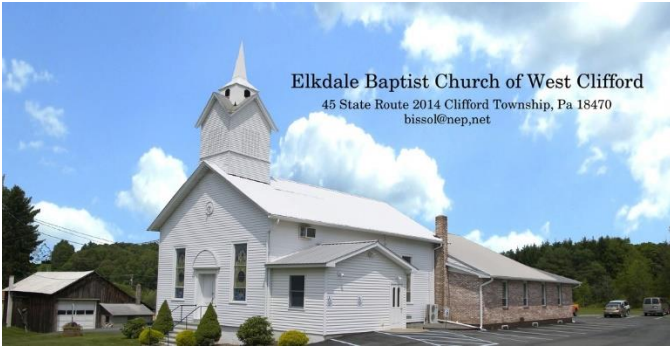
When: August 12th
from 12 pm – 6 pm

Where: St. Pius X Church, Route 106, Royal
Featuring *Kundla's* Chicken!!

Flop Tickets - \$10 BBQ Tickets - \$10

Ticket Information – call the rectory at
(570) 254-9502

Live Entertainment, Hot Dogs and Pizza
Basket Raffles, Children's Giveaways
Bake Sale, Beer and Soda, Games of Chance



Elkdale Baptist Church of West Clifford

May 20th at 5:30 pm Annual Ladies Banquet

There is no charge for the event a free will offering will be taken. The guest speaker is Linda Schindler. There will be a buffet style meal that the men of the church will cater. There will be special door prizes and gifts. For more information you can call 570-352-5501.

June 16th 11:00 am Special Father's Day Service and Dinner

Special gift will be given to all fathers that attend. After the service there will be a special roast beef dinner in honor of the Fathers who are present that morning. There is no charge for the dinner and visitors are welcome to attend.

July 9th through the 16th Annual Family Bible School and Tent Meeting Week

Bible school for children ages 3-12 special DVBS classes Monday through Friday. Adults will meet in the tent for special revival meetings, children have their own classes in the church. Special music will be presented all week. Friday the 14th is youth day and we have a special picnic dinner planned for 5:30 p.m. There are no services on Saturday. Sunday July 16th there will be a special Barbecue Chicken dinner. Visitors are welcome to attend any of the activities.

August 13th 11 am Children's Sunday Special Service Geared for Children

A special service where we focus on the children of the church. After the service we have a giant ice cream Sunday for the kids. Visitors are welcome to attend.

September 3rd Picture Sunday and Memorial Day Dinner

A free 8x10 Family Portrait will be made of every family that attends. There will also be a special dinner after the service.

Besides these special events weekly services scheduled at the church are Sunday School for all ages at 10:00 am, Morning Worship at 11:00 am, Sunday Evening Hymn Sing and Bible Study Service at 7:00 pm. and Wednesday Evening Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00 pm. To find out more about other activities scheduled at the Elkdale Baptist Church please go to the church's website at www.ElkdaleBaptist.com you may also contact the Pastor directly at bissol@nep.net.

Upcoming Events on the Trail @ Rail-Trail Council of NEPA

June 24th 11-6 pm Art in Bloom on the Trail

Susquehanna Studio Mill & Rail-Trail Council Grounds
948 North Main St, Union Dale PA 18470

Mountain View Garden Club will be joining us this year with their highly anticipated Plant Exchange.

- 11 am -A guided walk back in time with Pat Peltz and Lynn Conrad to learn about the history of Union Dale
- 1pm -Nature photography class with Sherry Sparks (bring camera)
- 2:30 pm -"Let's get wet" an exploration of what lives in the water near our trail with Watershed specialist Cheryl Nolan
- 2:30 pm -Plant Exchange Opens
- 3:00 pm -Cable's BBQ
- 3-6 pm -Live Music by Jim Caro and Friends

Join us for our
10th annual Half-Marathon and 5k on the D&H Rail-Trail.
September 10th 9 am

Come to cheer on the runners or join in the fun.
Register at dhdistanecerun.com or getmeregistered.com

St. John's Russian Orthodox Church

Annual Mother's Day Dinner on May 14th. Take-outs begin at 11 am and dinner servings at 12 noon. The meal will include *1/2 chicken BBQ, piggies, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable and dessert.* Cost is \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Limited number of tickets available at door. To pre-order tickets, call 570-955-8758.

Clifford United Methodist Church

Located at: 106 Main Street, Clifford, PA
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 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 pm to 7:30 pm. All women are welcome!

Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner

May 16th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th & November 7th.

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Take out or Dine with us

Donation \$8.95

Includes dinner, drink & dessert

Vacation Bible School

June 26-30

1:00 to 4:45 pm

Come join the fun learning about God with Maker Fun Factory! Enjoy Tie Dye Tuesday, Wet Wednesday and Field Day on Friday. Lots of fun crafts, songs, games, snacks and Bible Lessons! You can register online at www.cliffordumc.org, click the VBS link and complete your registration. Questions?

Call your director, Dane Barhite 570-222-5493.



Music in the Park

August 6, 2017 at the Clifford Fireman's Fairgrounds 10:30 am Worship Service with Contemporary and Traditional Christian Music to follow.

Many local talents.

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

St. James, Dundaff, Prepares for Summer

Well, this has been a different winter than last year, where Winter Storm Stella hammered us just when we thought Spring was here. Regardless, the vestry and congregation at St. James are busily planning for Summer. Notice our new paint job and bright red doors.

Regular worship services on Sunday mornings will begin Sunday May 28th at 11:00 am to accommodate Father Bill McGinty from Christ Church, Forest City. 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.

Memorial Day Service



Join the V.F.W. and a guest speaker on **Memorial Day Monday, May 29th, 2017 At 10:30 a.m.**

In front of the *Clifford Township Community Center*

To honor those who have sacrificed so much.

Mountain View Garden Club Save the Dates!

The Mountain View Garden Club is in full swing for the 2017 season. On **May 16th** club member Janie Matthews is going to do a demonstration on making live wreaths.

Meetings are held at the Clifford Fire Hall on the third Tuesday of the month and are open to the public. Each year a scholarship is presented to deserving seniors from both Mountain View and Forest City High Schools. If you know of a senior who might be interested, please contact the guidance department at either school.

The Mountain View Garden Club Plant Exchange & Marketplace is a grassroots effort to connect the local community through the free exchange and sale of plants along with resource sharing of gardening information. This year there will be a venue change for the 13th annual event as we join forces with the Rail-Trail Council of NEPA in sponsoring *"Art in Bloom on the Trail"*.

The event will be held **on Saturday, June 24, from 11 am until 6 pm** at the Rail Trail Council Grounds and Robert Stark's Mill in Union Dale.

The garden club will still be selling perennials grown in area gardens and will still offer the opportunity to bring two perennials from your garden to exchange for two plants of like size or value.

Lenoxville United Methodist Church Celebrates 150 years

The Lenoxville United Methodist Church, Route 374 in Lenoxville, PA is honored to be serving God through ministry and service in this, our 150th year. Established in 1866, we are so thankful for this monumental milestone and it is time to celebrate our Sesquicentennial. We are inviting the community to join in the fun! On **Sunday, June 11th**, we are celebrating through worship at 10 am, self-guided tours of our church grounds from 11 am until 1pm, a Chicken Barbecue at the Lenoxville Community Hall from noon until 3 pm and special music throughout the day, including Spark Gospel Singers and the Lenoxville Community Band. There will also be a picture reviews of days gone by and vintage clothing, too.

Chicken Barbecue presale tickets are appreciated. A very limited number of tickets will be available that day. Donation of \$10 will get you half chicken, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, roll, drink and dessert. To purchase your tickets, please see any church member or contact Tracy at 570-222-2227 before May 21st.

We pray that your presence will help us to continue to celebrate for years to come. Have questions about the celebration? Have a picture to share of the church or a church activity? We'd love to hear from you. Leave a message at the church at 570-222-4520

Clifford Baptist Church

In 2017, The Clifford Baptist Church is celebrating 200 years of worship of God and outreach to the citizens of "Elk Woods"(Clifford).



Founded by many of the original settlers in the area, we are the Second Oldest Church in the Abington Association. In conjunction with the Clifford

Historical Society, we will be conducting **"Historical Tours", on the third Sunday in May through October**, of the church building and explaining our place in the history of Clifford. For example did you know that the family of President Warren G. Harding were original settlers and some of the first families in the Clifford Baptist Church?

We will also be holding a chicken bar-b-que in April. And we are continuing our year long support of the "Susquehanna County Trehab," thru our "May 19th Project" for nonperishable foods. You will see more information during the summer about our "Official Birthday Party," on **October 17th**.

In the meantime, please come and worship with us on Sunday at 10 am. We would love to see you and have you be part of our family. Pastor Bonnie Resseguie is leading us now and can be reached at 570-222-3809 or bonres0908@gmail.com

Or Current Resident

Zoning

Clifford Township is considering zoning. Why? Our township is one of the fastest growing in the county and there is state money available now for long range planning. A draft of a possible zoning ordinance is available on the Clifford Township website, www.cliffordtownship.org. It is just a draft, and no decisions have been made or will be made in the near future.

Zoning deals with how the land is used. All legal businesses and activities must be allowed for in some parts of the township, but not in all locations. The four proposed zoning districts are: (1) Commercial-Industrial, (2) Rural, (3) Lake & Mountain and (4) Hamlet. Most of the township is classified as Rural. Some land uses are automatically approved in each zone, while other uses have to be reviewed by the Planning Commission and approved by the Supervisors.

Zoning constitutionally protects property rights by safeguarding against a person using their land in a manner

that would impose hardships on neighbors. The intended use cannot create a nuisance or otherwise harm others, so that everyone can enjoy benefits of their own property. It can limit some property rights, so that all can benefit.

Zoning would require additional fees, especially for approving conditional uses of property. Also, if there is a challenge to the interpretation of a zoning regulation or its validity or there is a request for a variance, the Zoning Hearing Board must convene. This should be relatively rare, but would increase expenses. Nearby communities with zoning include Greenfield, Fell and Herrick Townships and Forest City.

For additional details about how zoning might work, please see links and handouts on the township website. There have been two public hearings on zoning so far, with more to come. Meeting times and dates will be published in area newspapers, on the township website and Facebook page, and on posters in area stores. Come to express your opinions and get your questions answered!