

Clifford Township News

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CTCA Committee meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 pm in the Township Building. All residents are welcome to attend!

Recycling is the the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 am to noon at the Township Building. Someone will be there to assist you.

Upcoming Township Events Sponsored by the Clifford Township Community Alliance (CTCA)

Roadside Pickup, April 15 through May 15

The CTCA is helping coordinate roadside trash pick up throughout Clifford Township. If different areas will organize people and set a weekend to work, the CTCA will supply the trash bags, orange safety vests and gloves to be picked up at Clifford Auto. If assistance is needed in organizing volunteers in your area, call Dennis at 222-4509. When the collection is finished, call the same number and a truck will be sent to pick up the bags. The pick up period of April 15- May 15 was chosen because the roadside grass will be short enough to not hamper efforts. This period culminates with the Township Cleanup.

Township Cleanup , Friday, May 14 and Saturday, May 15

Back by popular demand, the second annual Spring Clean Up will be held May 14 and 15, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. This is sponsored by the Township Supervisors and the Community Alliance for Clifford Township residents only. Proof of residency may be required. Items must be delivered to the Township building (there will be no pickup this year). The following is a list of what is accepted and the price per item, if any. Please pay at the gate. Checks are payable to Clifford Township. Any questions, call 222-9364 or 222-3309.

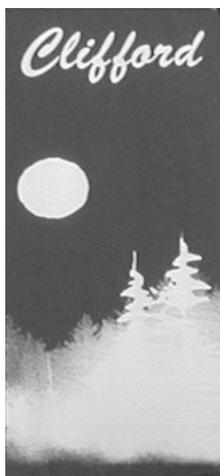
Lamps \$2; car and light truck tires only, without rims \$3 each, with rims \$4 each; lawn furniture \$4; couch, large stuffed chair, stove, dishwasher, washing machine, clothes dryer, water heater, carpet roll \$8 each; TV set, mattresses, box springs, computer monitor, \$10 each; refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dehumidifier \$35 each. No heavy machinery or farm equipment. Remember, there is a \$300 fine for dumping on Township Property! You are under video surveillance 24 hours a day.

The Newsletter – A Winner!

The last issue of this newsletter won third place out of fourteen hundred submissions for townships of similar size. The awards plaque presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors is located in the Township building.

Flags on Main Street

The blue and white winter flags arrived just in time for the holiday season. The list of those contributing towards their purchase is: Clifford Auto Center, Clifford Beverage, Clifford Market, Clifford Supply, Clifford Twp. Volunteer Fire Company, Clifford Twp. Ladies Auxiliary, Community Bank and Trust, Knowlton Construction, National Auto Sales, Louis & Jeffry Parise, Harry Phillips, Russell Swetter DDS, and Anonymous Donors.



Several people have sent in checks to purchase Spring season flags. The CTCA is placing that order now. There is no plan to purchase any more flags. Many thanks to all who have given to a project which can be enjoyed by all!

Control of Building Code Impacts Township

Randy LaCroix, on behalf of the Township Supervisors, informs residents that there is a state-wide building code in place; our township has until July 8 to opt in or out of the program.

If the township joins the State program, the positive aspect is that the State has to deal with all problems relating to the codes (hiring and scheduling inspectors, implementing and enforcing the code). The negative side is that the permits will be out of local control with no local personnel.

A major difference revolves around the ability of a permit ruling to be appealed. With township control, there is that ability; with State control, there is no appeal. The cost of permits will be higher, regardless of township or state control.

The supervisors welcome your feedback, either at the monthly township meeting (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM) or by mail, PO Box 339, Clifford, PA 18413.



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Baseball Season Fast Approaching

The South Gibson/Clifford Athletic Association (SGCAA) extends our appreciation to the Clifford Township Supervisors for permitting us to renovate and use the Township's ball field. The reconstruction started last year with the Township's donation to put up a new backstop. That was followed by a substantial donation from the Free and Accepted Masons for the outfield fence. Many smaller donations of equipment, materials and money from the community and local businesses has been phenomenal, resulting in the start of a first-class ball field in our community.

The SGCAA plans to continue where we left off last year. New aluminum bleachers have been purchased, with assistance from the Masons. Knowlton and Sons Masonry has agreed to donate time and materials to construct dugouts. A concession stand will be built and the remainder of the field enclosed with fence. Additionally, we will be making improvements to the Upper Field in South Gibson. Our goal is to have children take an active part and assist with the construction, in the hope of instilling pride, respect and ownership of their playground.

Approximately 90 children registered for baseball/softball during our spring registration. We have enough children to support Tee-Ball, Coach Pitch, Minor League Boys, Little League Boys, Little League Girls, Junior and Senior Teeners. Many of the teams will use the Clifford field for home games. We invite everyone to see our Community's ball field and support our children!

We want to continue with improvements and expand beyond the ball field; a volleyball or basketball court, for example. Unfortunately, everything costs money. Any business desiring to sponsor an advertising sign or individual wishing to make donations of time, materials, equipment or money are encouraged to contact SGCAA, c/o Art Roberts, RR#1 Box 106A, Forest City, PA 18421 or call 222-3878. Any assistance would be humbly appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Township News Sources

The Clifford Township Newsletter is available online at <http://www.elkmtntarea.com/community.html> thanks to Steve and Meg Suraci. Since there is additional news which does not get into the two or three newsletters printed per year, please refer to the Carbondale News, Clifford page, issued the third Wednesday each month. By the way, the Carbondale News lists the Clifford area as a "resort community". Thanks for the compliment!

Dinner Dance Fund Raiser

On March 20, the CTCA sponsored a fund-raising dinner dance entitled "Spring Fling". Since this was the first attempt at such an event, phone calls to prior donors were made to see if the community would support such a concept. After receiving positive feedback, invitations were posted for the general public and in the Carbondale News' Clifford page.

The target number of 100 attendees (we squeezed in 102) was met. There was a cocktail hour, sit-down dinner, dessert and dancing. A special thanks to the Edwards family, owners of the Mountain View Restaurant. They allowed CTCA to decorate, haul in disc jockey equipment, bubble and smoke machines and specialty lighting. Their chef, Eric Hendrickson, accommodated every menu request graciously and expertly. The profit realized was very much due to the Edwards keeping their price to the bare bone. Again, thank you Mountain View Restaurant.

A welcoming speech was delivered by Randy La Croix, Township Supervisor. To quote a few lines, "It's no accident that the people in attendance tonight are from the areas around Crystal Lake, Dundaff, Lake Idlewild, Lenoxville, Elk Mountain and Clifford. The Community Alliance is working hard to involve the entire township. It functions because of support like yours. Again, many thanks for choosing to be here."



Grant Applications

Clifford Township has been very busy pursuing grant monies. Three grants completed and submitted by Griff Reynolds on behalf of the CTCA are pending with notification imminent. They are for the recreational complex behind the township building, the roof improvements for the township building and bathroom improvements in the township building. A fourth grant being pursued by the township supervisors would assist with road repairs.

Township Volunteers

Interested in lending a hand for some of the upcoming township activities? Many good things are happening in Clifford Township through the efforts of people just like you! Do you have a few hours to donate for the Township Clean Up days, May 14 and 15? Can you organize a group of people on your road to do a road-side pickup? How about getting involved in the ball park project? Do you have a different project in mind that you would enjoy spending time on and that would benefit the community? Through volunteering, you get to meet other residents and feel good about helping the area. Give the township some of your time and good ideas. Please help out by filling out the questionnaire. Thanks!

Questionnaire

I would consider attending the following:

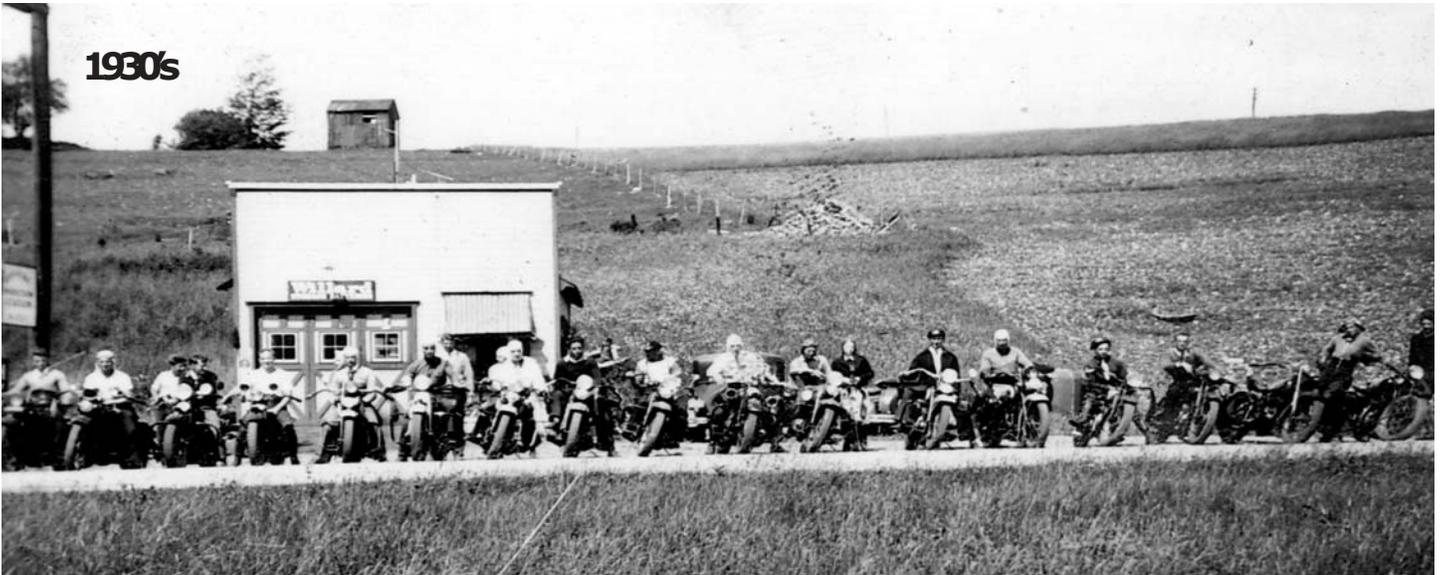
- Spring Dinner Dance
- Summer Clam Bake (children included)
- Golf and Lunch
- Square Dance
- My suggestion _____

If you would be interested in assisting with any of CTCA's projects, please include your name, phone number and preferred time to be called.

Please give feedback and suggestions on any CTCA project (Christmas Tree lighting, newsletter, spring clean-up, historical photo collection, grants projects, etc.)

Many thanks for your time and effort! Please mail to: CTCA, PO Box 339, Clifford, PA 18413

Clifford Township Then and Now, "Wells' Garage" in Royal, PA



This picture shows the Tri-Valley Motorcycle Club in the 1930's. Prominent local members are that time include George Wells and Tony Verboys. Club members pose in front of George Wells' original garage in Royal, PA, the small square buildings in both photographs. George Wells later built the small home (in the middle of 2003 photo) and then the larger garage/home (on the right in the 2003 picture). Historical picture submitted by Jerry Verboys.



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