

# Clifford Township News

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## Upcoming Township Events

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Clifford Village Christmas: December 5

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## Update on Recent Events

Clean-up Day: May 7 – May 10, 2003  
Residents' Day: August 9, 2003

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

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

### Historical Photo Meeting – Sunday, November 9 at 2 pm

At the Residents' Day Picnic, there was a fascinating display of "Then-and-Now" photos of the area. These pictures from the early 1900's and 1950's sparked a wave of reminiscing about the buildings, people and way of life that many of our seniors vividly remember. Consequently the CTCA will sponsor a vintage photo meeting on Sunday, November 9 at 2 PM in the meeting room above Dr. Swetter's dental office on Main Street, Clifford (brown building across from the street clock, the old fire hall). **Please bring your photos and/or memories to the meeting.** Hopefully a booklet can be published so a glimpse of our heritage will not be lost. If you are willing, your pictures can be duplicated (scanned using a computer) and then returned to you immediately. Others hope to write down interesting memories that accompany the pictures. Refreshments will be served.



Warning: The only access to the meeting room is up a flight of steps.

### Clifford Village Christmas and Tree Lighting – Friday, December 5 at 7 pm

If you are new to the area, perhaps you are not aware of the wonderful time had by young and old at the Clifford Village Christmas and Tree Lighting. You are invited to attend the Christmas tree lighting and photos with Santa; every child receives a gift. There will be hot food, goodies, and caroling. All of this is free thanks to donations made by the local merchants, trades men, professionals and many township residents. It is held on the first Friday in December at 7 PM in the parking area in front of Clifford Hardware and Auto on Main Street. See you there!

## Projects in Progress

### Flags on Main Street, Clifford

You can't miss the new additions to Main St. – the flags! Many positive comments have been made by locals and passersby. The community-at-large aided with the purchase. The CTCA is in the process of ordering flags with a winter scene. Individual flags are being sponsored by Clifford merchants, trades people, professionals, the township fire company and ladies auxillary. Many thanks to those who think this area and its people are worth the beautification effort.



### Recreational Complex at the Township Building

Clifford Township is the fastest growing area in the county. The current population is roughly 2400. This year several more school buses were added due to the increase in the number of children.

The need is greater than ever to offer a place of wholesome activity. Consequently, on September 16, 2003 a resolution was passed by the Supervisors allowing the Clifford Township Community Alliance to apply for a state grant to assist with the development of a

park which will be inviting to all ages. This will be located in the field behind the township building where a first-class baseball field was recently built.



The state grant requires matching funds. Depending on how much money can be raised locally, the Alliance envisions an enclosed playground for younger children, basketball court, hiking trail, horseshoe pits and Bocce ball court, a pavilion, picnic areas, volleyball court and skate board park. Construction will be done on a priority basis as funds allow. The CTCA will continue pursuing grants and local donations over the next few years to get this completed.

The people of the community need to show support by their willingness to participate. Can you help with a monetary donation? What about donating building materials? What about labor for a day? The twelve members of the CTCA can not

do it all, so your help is imperative! Please give a call to one of the following CTCA committee members:

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|----------------|----------|
| Griff Reynolds | 222-3309 |
| Chris Marcho   | 222-5808 |
| Cherie Swetter | 222-4628 |
| Jim Pettinato  | 222-9755 |

How much gets done and how long it takes will be a reflection of the amount of community support. The subsequent newsletters will list the names of those donating to this endeavor. Hope your name is there!

## Update on Recent Events

### Clean-up Day

The first Community Clean-Up day was an enormous success. There were 110 tons of scrap metal, 40 tons of recyclable, 30 TV's, 45 refrigerators, 400+ tires, and also a few junk cars collected. The township supervisors and the CTCA committee would like to thank everyone who helped in this clean up effort; whether it was working at the drop-off, going to people's houses to pick up large items, or collecting roadside garbage.

### Residents' Day

The second annual Residents' Day festivities held by CTCA were on August 9 at the township building. There was plenty of food, tug-of-war contests, an air-filled slide and a duck derby. The winning recipe in the chili-cook-off will be served at the December 7<sup>th</sup> Clifford Village Christmas Party! The Methodist Church offered much appreciated help with a luau-theme (hula dancers, pig roast and Hawaiian foods). Some stayed away because of the rain, but for those in attendance it was a neat way to meet our township neighbors.

**Clifford Village Christmas  
December 5 at 7 pm  
Main Street, Clifford**

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# Clifford Township Recycling



Recycling is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday** of every month from **9 am to noon** at the **Township Building**. There will be someone there to assist you.

*Susquehanna Co. Recycling Specifications*

Materials accepted **MUST** be separated:

- o **Cans:** Tin and aluminum cans; must be rinsed with lids removed. May include empty aerosol & paint cans. Please no foil.
- o **Glass:** Brown, green, clear glass bottles and jars only. Please, no window or drinking glasses or light bulbs.
- o **Plastic:** Bottles & jugs only; must be rinsed and the lids removed. Please no tubs (such as margarine or cottage cheese containers), no stackable trays, no toys, no pails, no Styrofoam, no motor oil or anti-freeze bottles.
- o **Paper:** Newspaper and inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, paperback books, brown paper bags, brown envelopes, white paper, office paper, corrugated cardboard boxes flattened, single layer cardboard (cereal boxes). Please no carbon paper.

**Note:** You no longer need to remove the labels from glass jars & tin cans. Also, since we do not take plastic bags, please take them home.

**THANK YOU for your cooperation,  
the Township Supervisors**

**Quiz Answers** 1. c; 2. d; 3. c (Their homes were on sites near the two current homes on left side of Dundaff St. from the light to Church St.); 4. b; 5. a; 6. e; 7. d (at the time three homes were wired for electricity); 8. True (Baptist 1830, Methodist 1882); 9. False (The first hotel burned down about 1875 [other sources say Sept. 1876] and the current hotel was built soon thereafter); 10. True (the flood left several inches of mud and stones on streets and cellar floors and moved a barn off its foundation); 11. False (All facts are true except the guest was Arthur Godfrey).

### Advertisement



**The United Methodist Churches**  
**Tompkinsville Lenoxville Clifford**  
 Sunday Worship Service Times  
 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM  
*Do Something Death Defying—Come to Church*  
 Rev. Linda S. Bryan  
 PO Box 89 Office: (570) 222-3331  
 Clifford, PA 18413 email: lindasb@epix.net

## Clifford History Quiz

Reference: History of Clifford, PA. Merle M. Robinson, Oct. 1958

1. The first settler of Clifford was Adam Miller, the youngest son of five brothers who was 17 when he came to America from Ireland. He and his wife, Eleanor Nicholson, built a log cabin, the first home in Clifford, with their four children in the year:
  - a. 1788 or 1789
  - b. 1796 or 1797
  - c. 1799 or 1800
  - d. 1810 or 1811
  - e. 1822 or 1823
2. What current building is closest to the location of the original Miller log cabin?
  - a. Clifford Hotel
  - b. Clifford Bank
  - c. Funeral Home
  - d. Snuff's Auto Sales
  - e. Clifford Grocery Store
3. The second settler in Clifford was Major Abraham Harding, an Independence War hero, and his son Amos. (President Harding was a descendant this Clifford family). What current road did Abraham and son Amos build their homes on?
  - a. Rt. 106 from the blinking light to Royal
  - b. Rt. 106 from the blinking light to Carbondale
  - c. Dundaff St. from blinking the light to Church St
  - d. Dundaff St. from blinking the light to Snuff's
4. By 1884, the population of Clifford in a radius of one mile of the town proper was:
  - a. 150
  - b. 275
  - c. 350
  - d. 425
  - e. 600
5. The N.E. Telephone Company extended service to Clifford soon after:
  - a. 1900
  - b. 1910
  - c. 1915
  - d. 1920
  - e. 1925
6. Phone service in Clifford first converted to a dial system in the year
  - a. 1930
  - b. 1942
  - c. 1948
  - d. 1951
  - e. 1959
7. Scranton Electric extended service to Clifford in
  - a. 1906
  - b. 1912
  - c. 1918
  - d. 1924
  - e. 1927
8. The Baptist Church is the oldest church building in Clifford.
 

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|  | True | False |
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9. The current Clifford Hotel was the first hotel built in Clifford.
 

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|  | True | False |
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10. In June 1922 there was a flood in Clifford, the result of a cloudburst in the Greenfield area.
 

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|  | True | False |
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11. In October of 1950, there was an air show at the Clifford Airport which 7000 people attended. Art Linkletter, not a resident of PA, made a guest appearance.
 

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|  | True | False |
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Answers of the previous column.

## One of Clifford's Four Corners at Main St and Dundaff St.

Early  
1900's



1958



These photos are from the early 1900's, 1958 and 2002. N.C. Baker built a store here after the Civil War and the adjoining building was put up by the Patrons of Husbandry. The upper part formed a hall for their meetings and was also used for other gatherings. The store sold dry goods, hats, boots, shoes and general merchandise. The building behind this store in oldest photo is believed to be a blacksmith shop. Al Fitzgerald ran Al's Garage in the 1940's and Homer Entrot had an International Sales and Service in the 1950's. Since then, other uses include a tool rental store and apartment.

Bring your memories and old photos to the November 9th Photo Meeting. See page one of this newsletter for details!!



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