

## Happy “Spring” from the Clifford Township Supervisors

We look forward to a very busy spring and summer season including the Spring Clean Up on April 27th, the Mountain View Garden Club Plant Sale on June 2nd, the Township “Yard Sale” on June 29th, the Fire Company Picnic July 25 to 27, and of course our much celebrated ParkFest September 7. Please remember that the Clifford Township Historical Society will begin its summer season on the third Sunday in May from 1 PM to 4 PM with three “free admission” venues open through September. Come learn something you did not know about Clifford Township History. Once again we sincerely wish to thank all the many volunteers who take time to make these events successful and who make Clifford Township a good place to live.

The Supervisors have continued to focus on our three priorities for the township: safety, quality of life, and fiscal responsibility for our citizens. We are pleased to report that the township remains debt free. We ended 2023 in the black, and our budget for 2024 is balanced without a tax increase for township services. We have signed a two year agreement with Greenfield Township for Police protection for Clifford Township, and continue our EMS agreement with Greenfield to share ambulance/EMS protection for both Townships. We regret that due to the need to continue to pay for EMS services due to the lack of EMS and firefighter volunteers, we were forced to implement a ½ mil EMS tax (the estimated amount per household would be \$25 per year).

On the “good news” front, the mild winter allowed us to keep our roads clear and save some money (sorry skiers, but we have to think of the taxpayers). This will allow us to do additional dead ash tree removal along our roadways in order to protect power lines from falling trees.



The warmer weather also will allow road crews to “dress” our gravel and dirt roads earlier.

As for the “Crown Jewel” of the Township, our park, we have added more pickleball courts due to the increased demand. In addition, Bocce Ball has come to Clifford with the addition of a court alongside the baseball field.

Our trout stream habitat and American Disabilities Act compliant fishing pier project is moving along. This project is taking longer than we would like. While we have the wherewithal to do the project on our own, for a project of this size and cost, in order to maintain fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, it requires grant money assistance from state agencies. We have submitted one grant to the Department of Community and Economic Development, and a second one is being prepared for submission to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. We will keep you advised on the progress of this important project.

We also want to thank our dedicated staff and volunteers who work daily to maintain the park, and our Secretary/Treasurer who keeps the place running. Without these professional individuals we would not have been able to attain the results we have for the township.

In closing, we invite you to “keep current,” on what is happening in the township by going to [cliffordtownship.org](http://cliffordtownship.org), our newly updated website. There you will find all of our meeting minutes, ordinances, notices of county burn bans, the 2024 budget, and numerous other useful bits of information. We continue to invite you to attend our township Supervisor Meetings, the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7 PM at the community center. We want to hear from you about what is important to you.

**The Supervisors**

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## *Clifford Township Historical Society*

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In January the Clifford Township Historical Society mailed 2200 of their annual newsletter to all residents in the township plus all township landowners living outside the township. Formerly newsletters were mailed to society members and major contributors only. In addition to all the support Adams Cable Service has given us for all our projects, they once again donated to help pay for this large mailing. Response to this increased mailing has resulted in many new members, donors and folks interested in the society. One mistake was made in the newsletter!

Our monthly meetings are planned for the fourth Sunday (not Saturday as stated in the newsletter) of each month January through October with special local history-based presentations. Meetings are held at 2 PM in the Community Center building at the Clifford Park. We would love to have you join us!

The blue stone area next to the glacier is the last major project at our popular, local history-based Children's Garden. Carved wooden penguins with a seesaw, small igloos and flagstone mazes will complete the project. The exterior fence has been recently repaired and a large access gate added with the financial help of our very supportive township supervisors! The Children's Garden, adjacent to the township, is always open and free to the public. We only ask that playthings are returned to their proper place before you leave! Some damage has occurred to the garden, which is upsetting to all the garden volunteers. We hope this type of disrespectful behavior will not continue! If you should observe damage, please report it to 570-960-2723. Thank you!

Our venues- the Local History Museum, the Hoover School and The Clifford Baptist Church, are open to the public the third Sunday of each month, May thru October 1 to 4 o'clock. Our Agricultural Museum, which offers hands-on activities of yesteryear, has proven to be a popular addition to the Clifford Volunteer Firemen's picnic. This Fall the Yarns Cider Mill at

the Suraci farm will be pressing apples on the restored 1890 apple press. We hope the apple blossoms will survive the unpredictable spring frosts so we can press lots of apples supplied by local folks so they can enjoy fresh delicious cider as area folks did so long ago! Please visit our website: [cliffordtownshiphistoricalsociety.org](http://cliffordtownshiphistoricalsociety.org) for more information about our many activities!

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## *Mountain View Garden Club*

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The club's Program Director, Janelle Zigon, and her committee have developed an exciting program agenda for 2024. Programs include but are not limited to: Gardening for Birds; All About Honey Bees; and Mushroom Foraging.

This year's opening presentation in March was a discussion on Native Perennials which support the local environment, birds, and our bees. The agenda and the upcoming 2024 programs can be found at [www.mountainviewgardenclub.org](http://www.mountainviewgardenclub.org). In addition to the monthly programs, there are plans for community cleanup and the annual Plant Sale / Exchange and Marketplace. If you are interested in becoming a member, you can find the membership form on the website mentioned above and click on Membership to obtain the form. You can also find resources, gardening tips, past newsletters, various awards, and more on their website.



## **Plant Exchange & Marketplace**

**Sunday, June 2nd**

**11 AM - 4 PM**

It's that time of year again for the Mountain View Garden Club to be making plans for its annual Plant Sale/Exchange & Marketplace. We will be returning to the Clifford Community Center & Park for the event which will be held on Sunday June 2nd.

As always, we anticipate having lots of locally grown perennials for sale. You may also bring two potted perennials from your garden to exchange for two plants of like size or value. If

you are bringing plants to exchange, please pot them several weeks prior to the event so they have time to get established. The plant area will open at 2 PM. There will be local artisans and businesses selling their wares as well as food vendors and live music from 11 until 4. Our always popular 2nd Hand Rose is a flea market area where one man's junk is another man's treasure. Would you like to be a vendor this year? If so, please contact JoAnn at jodihall@nep.net or 570-806-1591. We hope to see you there!

**Annual**  
**Clifford Community Yard Sale**  
Saturday, June 29th  
8 AM - 3 PM



Are you ready for the 4th annual Clifford Community-wide Yard Sale? It's time to dust off those forgotten corners, declutter the garage, and unearth treasures for the big event this summer! Mark your calendars. This sale will be happening throughout the village and township rain or shine.

Information and applications will be available around town by mid April. You will also be able to get them on Cliffordtownship.org and The Clifford Facebook Page. If you can't find what you need, you can call Linda at 570-222-3162.

Lastly, we are looking for someone willing to help promote this wonderful event in places like Facebook. If you have a little extra time and the know-how we would love the assistance to get the word out. Please contact Linda. Whether you want to buy or sell, see you at the sale!

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*The Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Co.*

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As in past newsletters, we use our space to ask for your help to maintain all that it takes to cover the 90+ emergency calls we answer each month. Time constraints of available responders and funds to cover all financial aspects of the company are major concerns year after year.

We hope area folks will help in any way they can- secretaries, first responders, firefighters, equipment maintenance, grounds keeping, etc.!! Join us Monday evenings 7 PM at the fire hall to see how your skills can make a difference! WE NEED YOU!!!!

Our annual and largest fund drive of the year will be in the mail soon. Please help all you can! Also Clifford Cash is already doing well with early bird drawings on May 11 and June 15, and the final drawing Saturday August 10. Buy a ticket, help your firemen and maybe win big!!

We thank the Susquehanna County Promotion and Tourism Agency and our county commissioners for funding some of the advertising for the "Clifford Picnic" through their room tax grant program.

The picnic this year is July 25, 26 and 27. The wonderful family atmosphere and traditions of our annual picnic continue into their 76th year! The huge Thursday evening parade, fantastic fireworks, twenty-two food choices plus a chicken barbecue on Saturday, games for kids and adults – duck pond, fish bowl,, ring toss, bingo, big six wheel and of course the Rock Glen train and amusement rides that were built by talented local craftsman so many years ago. All of this makes this picnic a must-do on your summer fun list. Grandparents and even great-grandparents can delight in watching their little ones having the same fun on these rides as they did. A great time and great memories!

Enjoy the live music every night, experience skills of the past in the Clifford Township Historical Society's popular hands-on Agricultural Museum, be amazed at the wood carving talent of Kevin Treat and bid on his unique, beautifully carved pieces at the auction Saturday 8 PM.

The Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary is an integral part of the success of the picnic. Their huge basket raffle stand, delicious homemade pies and several other stands have been mainstays of the picnic. Other stands have been operated by the same family members year after year, some for four generations!

Folks from the entire tri state area come to Clifford to enjoy this special event with family and friends. The 200+ volunteers who have made this fundraising event such a success for so long are proud to volunteer their time, even though it is only for a few hours, to thank the Clifford Township Volunteer Firemen for the untold hours they devote to their community.

TRAVELING NATIVE AMERICAN MUSEUM

# CLIFFORD PARKFEST



FEATURING FRANK LITTLEBEAR AND THE RED VISIONS DANCE TEAM

Sept. 7 • 10AM to 5PM  
119 Cemetery Road

WI-FI PROVIDED BY ADAMS CABLE

Crafters, Food Vendors, Basket Bingo, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale, Kid Friendly Games, Face Painting, Dunk Tank, 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, Fundraisers, Golden Hearts Carriage/Pony rides, DJ Wolfman, Mountain View School Band, Lenoxville Band, And so much more!

Accepting vendors by emailing  
cliffordparkfest@gmail.com

**FREE Admission**

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### *The Clifford Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary*

The Ladies Auxiliary meetings are held every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 PM. New members are always welcome!

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### *Bethel Community Church*

Bethel Community Church at 248 Welch Hill Road Clifford Township PA 570 396 8547  
pastorbarney3@gmail.com

Services every Sunday 10 AM and the 4th Saturday of the month at 5 PM. Bible Study

and Prayer Groups meet mid week in homes, NRA Certified Courses most Saturdays May thru October, times TBA.

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### *St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox Church*

St. John the Baptist Russian Orthodox church in Dundaff will be holding their annual Mother's Day chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 12. Dinners are \$14 and include half BBQ chicken, baked potato, green beans, roll and dessert. Take out only, pick up at the hall between 10-1. (378 Lyon St. Clifford Twp., just off SR 247) Reserve tickets by calling Karen at 570-955-8758 by May 2.

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### *Clifford United Methodist Church*

Location: 1460 PA 106, Main Street, Clifford.  
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM, Pastor Pat Hanley. Open Hearts and Open Doors! All are welcome!

Bible Study Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30 PM Join us in this Fun Women's Bible Study, discussing Scripture as well as books that are bible related. We will continue to find engaging books along with video segments to learn more about the bible and each other! If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lisa Barhite (570) 650-1522 or Pastor Pat Hanley (570) 222-3331.

Chicken-n-Biscuit Dinner Tuesday, April 23, Wednesdays: May 15, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 18, October 16, and Election Day Tuesday, November 5. Take out only – drive thru 4-6 PM or until sold out. Dinner includes chicken & biscuit, mashed potatoes, gravy, Harvard beets, green beans and dessert. Donation \$13.00

Quilting Class Thursdays 2-5 and 5:30 – 8:30 PM. Join us for a fun time with other quilters. If you'd like to learn or you are a seasoned quilter, there is something for everyone!

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### *Clifford Baptist Church*

Follow us on Facebook, The Clifford Baptist Church. The Clifford Baptist Church had a busy and blessed fall and winter. Our Pastor Bonnie Resseguie, was called by God to other opportunities. We said goodbye, thanked her for her 8 years of inspiring leadership, and wished her the best in her new endeavors.



Fortunately, at the same time God provided us with our new Pastor Bonnie Colwell, who also is an Early Intervention teacher for NEIU #19 specializing in ages 3 to kindergarten. 570-335-7104 [bjlcolwell@gmail.com](mailto:bjlcolwell@gmail.com)

Church Services are held at 10 AM. Pastor Bonnie has a unique gift and energy which combines historical facts with Biblical teachings to get each message across.

Sunday School is back at 9 AM. For anyone who wishes to attend services but have small children, we have in the Sunday School /Nursery, a Red Cross accredited babysitter with basic First Aid credentials. Come and worship with us.

Bible Study is held on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM to 7 PM. We are currently using a documentary series and study guide, *Is Genesis History?* by Thomas Purifoy Jr. Come and join the conversation.

Community Outreach: Our year-round May 19th Food Bank program continues strong. We made two fall deliveries to the Susquehanna County Trehab Montrose Food Bank, and made our first delivery for 2024 in February. We conducted a successful coat drive in December delivering coats to Susquehanna County Interfaith. We look forward to expanding our outreach to the community in the future.

Historical presentations in conjunction with the Clifford Township Historical Society begin on the 3rd Sunday in May from 1 PM to 4 PM.. Learn interesting facts about the Baptist Church's part in Elk Woods history and how Royal got its name. See you in Church!

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### *St. James, Dundaff*

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St. James, Dundaff, prepares for summer! Please come visit St. James, Dundaff, the little white country church in Dundaff beginning Memorial Day weekend, May 26th. Regular worship services are on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM. Our celebrant this summer is the Rev. Peter Pearson. Yes, we have him all summer. We are in need of an organist as our wonderful organist Lucy Adams has moved on to a nursing job in Easton, PA.

We welcome all who are visiting us and want you to know that all, regardless of every age and tradition, are invited to share with us in the Bread and Wine of the Holy Eucharist. Anyone not wanting communion can approach the communion rail with arms crossed and receive a blessing from the priest.

St. James, Dundaff, is located at 2074 Route 247, Dundaff Corners, near Crystal Lake in Clifford Township. Our mailing address is PO Box 4, Carbondale, PA 19407 and email is [saint.james.dundaff@gmail.com](mailto:saint.james.dundaff@gmail.com). Please call Senior Warden Bob Schreiber, 570-780-4356, if you need more information or have questions about the organist position.

## Clifford Township Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, April 27th - 9:00am to 12:00pm  
Clifford Community Center  
119 Cemetery Street



#### Items must be delivered to the Township Building

Pickup truck load of misc. small items: \$30  
1/2 pickup truck load: \$15

#### Additional \$10 fee for each of the following items:

Mattress, bedsprings, couch, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, carpet roll

#### Additional \$30 fee for each of the following items:

Air conditioner, refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier

Fee for tires will depend on size.

Steel will be accepted

NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE

Volunteers are needed! Contact 570 222-9364

[CliffordTownship.org](http://CliffordTownship.org) for more information

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### *Clifford Twp Community Center Activities*

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Did you know yoga, the Senior Active Living Center, cardio exercise with weights, 4-H, girl scouts, daycare, a book loan library, pickleball and soon basketball, all happen at the township building? See the calendar of events at [cliffordtownship.org](http://cliffordtownship.org) for more information or call the township building at (570) 222-9364.

**CTHS**  
 PO Box 161  
 Clifford, PA 18413

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**POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**Clifford Township**  
**Free Residential Electronics Recycling Event**

Saturday, April 27th - 9:00am to 12:00pm  
 Clifford Community Center  
 119 Cemetery Street



**We will be accepting the following items:**

Cell phones	Televisions
Answering machines	Microwaves
Copiers	Modems
Desktop CPUs	Printers
Fax machines	Radio/Stereos
Keyboards	Telephones
Laptops	Toner/cartridges

**Items NOT accepted:**

Household batteries	VHS
Cds & DVDs	Cassette Tapes

**Fee: \$0.50 per pound**

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

CliffordTownship.org for more information

**RECYCLING AT CLIFFORD COMMUNITY CENTER**

FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY!



**Items always accepted:**

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| Flattened Cardboard | Glass Bottles          |
| Paper & Newspaper   | Plastic Bottles & Jugs |
| Clean Metal Cans    |                        |

Keep all recycling free of food & liquid  
**Empty, Clean & Dry!**  
**No bags** please.  
 They harm the processing equipment.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
 DON'T MISS THES 2024 EVENTS!

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| April 27th     | Spring Cleanup 9 AM - Noon         |
| June 2nd       | Plant Exchange 11 AM - 4 PM        |
| June 29th      | Community Yard Sale 8 AM - 3 PM    |
| July 25 - 27th | Clifford Twp Vol. Fireman's Picnic |
| Sep 7th        | Clifford ParkFest 10 AM - 5 PM     |
| October        | Trunk or Treat                     |