

# Clifford Township Newsletter

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

## The Newsletter Returns!!

At the January township meeting, the supervisors re-instated funding for two newsletters in 2010. This issue will be followed by another newsletter in early autumn. The newsletter sponsors; CTCA, Historical Society, tax payers and private donors, all help to make this a true community effort. In the quest to bring you as much information as possible in this limited venue, many articles refer you to [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com) and other web-sites. If you do not have computer access, the Forest City library has a free computer and will help you use it!

Clifford Township is fortunate to have a great variety of civic organizations, all working for the betterment of our area. We hope the information in this newsletter benefits everyone. Any questions, comments or suggestions for future newsletters can be sent to Newsletter, P.O. Box 161, Clifford, PA 18413. If you know of someone who did not receive a newsletter, there are extra copies at the Dundaff Country Store, Endless Mt Pharmacy, Clifford Supply and Duffers. In an effort to improve communications about township activities, we hope you will consider adding your email address to the township contact list on the survey on page 6 of the newsletter.

## News from the Supervisors

The Board of Supervisors would like to express their appreciation to township residents participating in the newly formed Advisory Committee of Clifford Township (ACCT). With the aid of this committee, the supervisors hope to unify the concerns and wishes of township residents and to work cooperatively with residents to resolve the most immediate issues as quickly and efficiently as need and budget will allow. With this in mind, the ACCT developed a survey (pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter) to determine the issues/concerns of the residents. An organized presentation by this group based on the survey results will give us a better picture of what the majority of the population thinks is important. Our limited budget will not permit us to solve everything for everyone, but we will strive to do the most good for the greatest percentage of the population. Decisions regarding more expensive projects will be made with the involvement of the township's taxpayers.

There has been great interest in the cost of winter maintenance of the township dirt roads from December to March. The care of the roads during these winter months averages about \$1,885 per mile. The State gives the township \$2,136 per mile to assist in covering the cost of maintaining the roads year round, which greatly falls short of the total cost per year just for roads. This is another reason to participate in the U.S.

Census. Each person living in Clifford Township counted in the Census brings \$12.53 to the township each year. The more money the township receives, the more things we can accomplish! With your continued support and participation, Clifford Township continues to prosper.

Supervisors: *Dennis Knowlton, Barry Searle, John Regan*

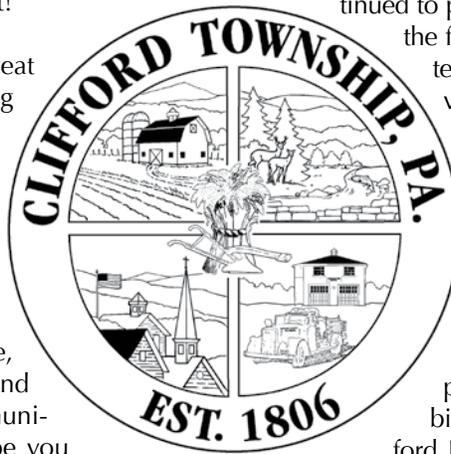
## Fire Company remains busy in 2009/2010

Since the last newsletter, Clifford Fire and Ambulance has continued to progress on many fronts and looks forward to the future of the community. In 2009, the volunteers handled nearly 400 emergencies with a variety of incident types. Through an aggressive grant management plan, we were successful on three of the projects applied for in 2009. Grant proceeds allowed for equipment upgrades that would not have been completed without these grant funds.

Once again the volunteers spent countless hours training and fund-raising to continue protecting and serving our community. One big change for 2010 is the dates for the Clifford Picnic! The picnic will be July 22, 23 and 24, 2010. Please mark your calendar! As many of you know, this picnic would not be possible without the residents of the community volunteering to help. This fund raiser has one of the largest impacts on our annual budget. Picnic time is right around the corner and we once again ask for your support.

Late in 2009, the re-addressing project in Clifford Township was released by the 911 center. This project is monumental to our Township for a host of reasons. With the influx of new residents, and new members in the Fire Company, it is difficult at times to locate you during emergencies. The new addresses will enhance our ability to respond to your emergency much more efficiently. Susquehanna County has adopted the blue reflective numerical sign as the standard for the county. Although not esthetically pleasing as some would wish for, these signs, where installed, have made responding to incidents significantly better. The signs are for sale at the fire station Mondays 6 - 8:30 p.m. and Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p.m.. For more information on the signs, visit our website at [www.cliffordfire.com](http://www.cliffordfire.com). We are encouraging all residents of the township to help us help you and by signing your homes appropriately. (Contributed by Trent Turner, Fire Chief)

**Beware!!** Some residents have received phone calls asking for fire company donations. This is **not** related to local fund raising. The Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company wants you to know they will **never** ask for donations over the phone. Their fund drive in the early summer uses the U.S. mail to contact Clifford Township residents.



## Your New 911 Address

What is the zip code for residents of Clifford Township? The answer to that trick question is that there are 5 of them! Mail is delivered by the Carbondale (18407), Forest City (18421), Nicholson (18441), Union Dale (18470) and Clifford (18413) post offices. Customers assigned new 911 street addresses who previously used a mailing address consisting of an RR or Box Number, should change to their new address as soon as possible. After one year from issue, continued use of the old address will cause mail to be returned.

Customers are reminded not to file a change of address, since they haven't physically moved. Everyone should review their incoming mail and notify correspondents of their correct delivery address. Since national mailers, such as credit card companies and magazine publishers download ZIP Code and address information from a postal database, affected customers should concentrate on notifying friends, family members and local and regional mailers; e.g. doctor's offices, churches, local organizations, and schools.

Additionally, customers with summer residences who haven't yet received a new 911 address because they're seasonal residents, should contact the county for their new address. For 911 address information, residents can call Susquehanna County Mapping and Addressing at 800-395-6503. (Information provided by Mark Hnasko, Communications Specialist, U. S. Postal Service)

The misspellings on three current road signs were corrected in the new 911 addresses: Willenberg Road (for the incorrect Willenburger), Oswald Johnson Road (for incorrect Oswald Johnson) and Swetland Road (for incorrect Sweatland).

### Clifford Township Community Alliance (CTCA) News

**Taxes:** Township residents can sometimes be heard making statements like, "I pay taxes in this township so I expect services A, B and C." The CTCA encourages you to look at your current tax bill to see exactly how much tax you are paying the township. (Look in the rows near the bottom of your spring real estate tax bill under Clifford Township.) The vast majority of the tax money collected goes to the county. There are 1685 properties in our township with a total assessed value of just under sixty million dollars. If all taxes are collected, this is about \$80 per property paid to the township.

Clifford's total tax rate of 2.25 mills is among the lowest in the county (we rank 34 out of the 40 townships and boroughs). This means residents pay \$2.25 to the township for every thousand dollars of assessed value. The average millage in Susquehanna County is 4.03. Clifford is the largest municipality in the county in terms of total assessed values. Our supervisors have a daunting task to cover all of our township needs while striving to keep taxes as low as possible.

**Bridge:** It's been almost four years since the Main Street bridge washed out. Downtown Clifford businesses plan to celebrate the new bridge opening (June?) to welcome people back!



**Main St. bridge nearing completion: 03/27/10**

Watch for flyers for bridge opening specials, store discounts, product giveaways and prizes. Be sure to come join in the fun and festivities. (Contributed by Chris Marcho, CTCA cochair)

### Spend Some Time at [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com)

Since mid-2005, Clifford Township has been on the internet at [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com). Initially designed to generate interest for the 2006 Clifford Township Bicentennial and draw visitors to the weekend long celebration, the site provided a detailed event schedule, picnic grounds map of artisans and historical booths, and a bit of history. A Bicentennial photo album is archived on the site for everyone to view and remember that special weekend.

Today, the site continues to promote the Clifford Township area. Order forms for bricks at the Veterans Memorial are available. The township newsletters can be downloaded providing news to residents, visitors and out of town folks with ties to the area. The Historical Society's mission, merchandise and membership form are on-line. This presence has proven valuable in securing grant funds for the Historical Society's renovation of the Hoover School and other projects.

Contact information, many links to community web sites and area events are listed including: Clifford Township, Elk Mountain Area Directory and Susquehanna County Community Information Network. Steve and Meg Suraci of Hill View, Inc. are proud to have developed the web site and to continue maintenance and hosting. They invite you to visit [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com) ! (Contributed by Meg Suraci)

### Township Information at [www.cliffordtownship.com](http://www.cliffordtownship.com)

If you are looking for township meeting times, recycling times and information, permit information or how to contact township personnel, this website is one to bookmark on your computer. What follows is a sampling of the contact information available. Sewage Permits: Jay Lynch, 570-267-1610, [jaylynch@echoes.net](mailto:jaylynch@echoes.net), Building Permits: Paul Fortuner, 222-9687, [fortuner@nep.net](mailto:fortuner@nep.net), Roads: Jim Locker, 570-650-0531, [jlocker@echoes.net](mailto:jlocker@echoes.net), Planning: John Knighton, 222-4410, [jrknight@nep.net](mailto:jrknight@nep.net), Supervisors: Dennis Knowlton, 222-4509, Barry Searle, 222-4503, [ctsbs@yahoo.com](mailto:ctsbs@yahoo.com); John Regan, 570-960-1810, Secretary: Rene` Reynolds, 222-9364, [cliffordtwp@yahoo.com](mailto:cliffordtwp@yahoo.com), Tax Collector: Harry Phillips, 222-4589.

## Police on Patrol

At the January 2010 Clifford Township re-organizational meeting, the Township Supervisors voted to return to duty Officer Donald Carroll as Officer-in-Charge. Later discussions led to his being offered the position of Acting Police Chief. The mission is to provide the people of Clifford Township with more police coverage and protection by adding extra hours to the schedule and by utilizing more of their part-time officers. Chief Carroll stated that the Department is starting off on a positive note with the new Police Commissioner Barry Searle. Their common ground in the military has led to a mutual trust and respect. The department has been having equipment problems but these issues will be fixed by mid-April.

The Clifford Township Police Department contact information is as follows. Police dispatch non-emergency and emergency calls can be made to 570-342-9111, while Police Headquarters is 570-222-9444. The Clifford Township Police web page can be viewed at [www.cliffordtownshippolice.com](http://www.cliffordtownshippolice.com). This website will provide you with a host of additional information. You can also contact the police at [cliffordpd@yahoo.com](mailto:cliffordpd@yahoo.com). (Contributed by Donald Carrol, Acting Police Chief)

## Township Historical Society - Making History Fun!

The Clifford Twp. Historical Society is proud to announce the Hoover School will be open to the public on Sunday afternoons May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. We hope you will enjoy the local historical artifacts on display in the school and share the memories of this special place. Group tours can be arranged by contacting Pat Peltz 679-2870 or Sandra Wilmot 679-2723.



Interior of Hoover School

The society's long term goal of enhancing the municipal building with historical items has begun. The first display will feature pictures of the Bicentennial celebration, which was the birth of the Historical Society. This display will be changed periodically. As always, please contact Kim at Clifford Supply if you have any items to help us preserve our history.

During bicentennial planning, the idea was raised to have historical markers on houses. At the next Historical Society meeting on April 15 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building, differ-

ent types of markers for your home will be shown from area sign makers. Look for other Society summer activities and meetings in ads in the local newspapers, on the Main Street Marquee and at [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com).



Sign by J. Kluck

Sunday, August 29 at 1 p.m. Ken Ely will be at the Elkdale Cemetery to teach the art of building stone-walls. If you always wanted to improve your property by repairing that old stonewall, you can learn the necessary skills from Mr. Ely. He comes to us through the Commonwealth Speakers Program sponsored by the Pa Humanities Council. Our 2011 Historical Society calendar, the sixth in a series, will extend the theme of "save our walls" by highlighting pictures of stonewalls in our area. We hope to talk with you at our booth at the Clifford Firemen's Picnic in July! (Contributed by Sandra Wilmot, CTHS President)



Come enjoy the many public events planned by the Mountain View Garden Club. A representative from Sassy Albert's Soaps will speak at a meeting April 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Clifford Twp. Vol. Fire Co. hall. On May 12, the second Speaker's Luncheon at Elkview Country Club, Crystal Lake, will begin at 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Daniel Krall, Associate Professor at Cornell University; Landscape Architect and Historian of the American Landscape. Tickets are \$20.00 and will be available in April from JoAnn Hall [jodihall@nep.net](mailto:jodihall@nep.net), 222-3591 or Linda Shuma [rlshuma@nep.net](mailto:rlshuma@nep.net), 222-3377.

The sixth annual Plant Exchange and Marketplace will take place on June 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the home of Connie Tellep. Parking is at the Clifford Fire Co. picnic grounds, so just follow the signs from there! Everyone is welcome (but not required) to bring 2 potted perennials to exchange. We will have perennials from club members' gardens for exchange, plants for purchase as well as merchandise from many local vendors. Please join us for a fun afternoon.

Each spring the Garden Club recognizes a graduating senior from both Forest City and Mountain View high schools, by awarding two \$500 book scholarships based on their desire to pursue a career related to the environment, land, horticulture or ecology. Some of the many possible majors include agriculture, forestry, biology and landscape architecture.

The "Hometown Pride Award" recognizes businesses or organization for upgrading the appearance of their business establishment's exterior, improving the appearance of their neighborhoods and beautifying the region. The Garden Club

presented the 2009 awards to the Clifford Historical Society for improvements to the Hoover School and Idlewild Ski Shop for exterior improvements. For information about our Garden Club, check out our website [mountainviewgardenclub.org](http://mountainviewgardenclub.org). (Contributed by Linda Shuma, President of MVGC)

### CTVFC Ladies Auxillary

Our mission is to foster goodwill in the community by providing social and financial assistance and support to the Clifford Volunteer Fire Company as well as assist the Clifford Township community by serving as a presence in Fire Company and Township activities.



Ellie DeFazio, Pres. of Ladies Auxillary presenting check to Al Fortuner, Pres. of Fire Co.

We are active in the annual Firemen's Picnic; the annual Fire Co. Christmas Care Breakfast which helps local families in need of assistance; sponsoring the local Red Cross blood drive and assisting at the annual rabies clinic hosted by the Fire Co. Other recent events include Lenten soup sale, and an Easter egg hunt for the children of the community.

Our major fund raising effort is during the Firemen's Picnic, when we run the following booths: basket raffle, pie stand, cotton candy, chicken fingers, fried dough, french fries, candied apples, and ice cream & cannoli. Recent gifts from the Ladies Auxillary to the Fire Company include a \$4000 donation towards updating the "Jaws of Life". This photo shows a \$1000 donation towards fuel expenses made at the end of last year.

New members and new ideas are always welcome. We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Hall. More information about us and our many activities can be found at [www.cliffordfire/ladies](http://www.cliffordfire/ladies). (Contributed by Christina DeFazio Bolcavage, secretary of the Ladies Auxillary)

### Messages From Your Legislators

**Rep. Sandra Major:** As your state representative, it is incumbent upon me to keep you informed on what is happening in state government. That is why publications, such as the Clifford Township newsletter, are such important communication tools and why I am more than happy to provide comments for this newsletter. To that end, I am pleased that the Clifford Township supervisors realize the value in such a publication and have decided to lend the financial support needed to continue the newsletter.

I am opposed to increasing taxes while our economy, and our citizens, are struggling to recover from the recession, and will continue to fight for reduced government spending and a freeze

on any tax increases. I ask you to go to your website [www.cliffordpa.com](http://www.cliffordpa.com) to read my article about the state budget proposals now being debated and to bring you up to date on the governor's recent budget proposal. For more information on this or any other state government matter, please contact me through my district office at (570) 278-3374, via e-mail at [SMajor@pa-house.gov](mailto:SMajor@pa-house.gov) or my Web site at [www.RepMajor.com](http://www.RepMajor.com).

**Senator Lisa Baker:** Investment in our area by numerous natural gas companies yields new businesses and jobs, an expanded tax base for local governments and a more diverse local economy. Successful exploration may boost our supply of domestic energy, helping our state and nation. However, there is also a downside to this activity. Gas drilling can present threats to local water supplies, air quality, and local infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. Our challenge is to find the right balance.

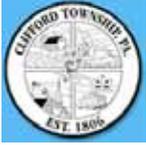
At my request, the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee (EREC) held a public hearing in January concentrating on wastewater issues surrounding Marcellus Shale. I am currently researching legislation to implement standards for wastewater treatment operators. Additionally, I plan to introduce legislation regarding the location of oil and gas wells in flood plains and to address safety and security issues surrounding Marcellus shale gathering lines.

As a member of both the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and the Appropriations Committee, I can help shape legislation that balances public interest protections with sound fiscal policy. This is not just an abstract issue for me, because an experimental well is planned for the township in which I live, not far from my home. For more information about my views and activities, please refer to the full text of my comments at [cliffordpa.com](http://cliffordpa.com) or go to my website at [www.senatorbaker.com](http://www.senatorbaker.com). I also can be reached at 888-736-1153.

### The D&H Rail-Trail

Did you know that about 4 miles of the D & H Rail-Trail is in Clifford Township? It runs along the eastern side of the township near Stillwater Dam. The trail is well used for biking, running and cross-country skiing. It is basically flat so it is easy riding, especially with kids. You can get on the trail in Forest City (Industrial Park Road) or in Union Dale (next to Cables Store.) The Rail-Trail Council has been working many years to seek out grant funds for acquisition, planning and development. They now own 38 miles of the former Delaware & Hudson Railroad, from Simpson north to the New York State border, above Susquehanna. The 10-mile section from Forest City to Herrick Center is resurfaced with a smooth crushed stone.

The Council holds many trail events "Discover the D&H" which include community walks, bike rides, hikes and nature walks. We also hold a half-marathon in the fall on the trail! If you would like to get on the mailing list for quarterly newsletters, call the office at 679-9300 or email us at [trails@nep.net](mailto:trails@nep.net). Check out our website [www.nepa-rail-trails.org](http://www.nepa-rail-trails.org). Hope to see you on the trail and at our grand opening of our new headquarters at the former Cables Store in Union Dale on June 19! (Contributed by Lynn Conrad, Executive Director)



# Advisory Committee of Clifford Township Survey (ACCT)

## Spring 2010

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The advisory committee is looking for your input on behalf of the township supervisors. What issues do you feel they should focus on? Below are some possibilities, but **feel free to add your own**. Please list the five most important to you and state your specific concerns and possible solutions. (See the reverse side for more survey instructions.)

**Concerns in Alphabetical Order** \* Attracting New Business \* Clifford Traffic Patterns \* Communications between Supervisors & Residents \* Gas Drilling Issues \* Grants \* Increasing Township Supervisors from 3 to 5 \* Long- Range Township Planning \* Permits/Ordinance & Code Enforcement \* Police Force \* Recreation/Play Ground \* Recycling \* Road Maintenance, Repair, & Runoff \* Sewage Plan \* Spring Cleanup \* Taxes \* Town Parks & Green Space \* Township Beautification Projects \* Township Building Usage \* Township Newsletters/Website \* Township Road Signs \* Youth Issues \* Other Issues?

**Issue #1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Problems? Suggested solutions?

**Issue #2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Problems? Suggested solutions?

**Issue #3:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Problems? Suggested solutions?

**Issue #4:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Problems? Suggested solutions?

**Issue #5:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Problems? Suggested solutions?

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**Advisory Committee Created**

Clifford Township Supervisors requested the formation of a group of interested citizens to serve as an informal advisory group. This group of volunteers have named themselves ACCT, Advisory Committee of Clifford Township. Meetings are the fourth Wednesday of each month in the township building and all interested people are encouraged to take part. There have been as many as 40 citizens at meetings so far.

The survey contained in this newsletter is the committee's first major project to aid the supervisors. Whether your family has lived here for generations or you enjoy the area a few weekends a year at a seasonal property, we hope you will take the time to fill out and return the survey. Your ideas and experiences are valuable to the future of our township! ACCT will compile the results of the survey and present a summary report to the supervisors during the Clifford Township meeting on May 10, 2010.

**ACCT Mission Statement**

The mission of the Advisory Committee of Clifford Township is to work with the Clifford community to communicate the concerns of the citizens, research alternative solutions, and present them to the Clifford Township Board of Supervisors for their consideration and action.

**Instructions for Survey**

Please complete the survey and return either by US mail or by dropping it off at one of the following locations: Community and Trust Bank in Clifford, Endless Mountains Pharmacy, Clifford Supply, the lobby of the Clifford Post Office, The Country Store in Dundaff or Dunnier's Country Store, West Clifford.

The deadline for returning the survey is April 30. Feel free to make extra copies of the survey if there is more than one family member in your household interested in taking the survey. Thank you for your time and valuable input!

Would you like to be on a township email list, intended to help keep people informed about township news, meetings and events? If so, please share your email. \_\_\_\_\_  
please print your email using capital letters

## Upcoming Events

Details in Newsletter Articles

April 11, Bible Study/Weight Loss, St. Pius, 11 a.m.  
April 15, Historical Signs Demo., Twp. Bldg., 7 p.m.  
April 17, Ham Dinner, Lenoxville UMC, 4-6 p.m.  
April 20, Speaker, MVGarden Club, Fire Hall, 7 p.m.  
May 9, Mother's Day Dinner, St. Johns, 11 a.m.  
May 12, Speaker Luncheon, MVGC, Elk View CC, 11:30 a.m.  
May 15, Spring Clean Up and Recycling, Twp. Bldg., 8-3 p.m.  
May 16, Hoover School Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
May 18, Chicken / Ham Dinner, Methodist Church, 4-6 p.m.  
May 22, Chicken BBQ, Clifford Baptist, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
June 6, Plant Exchange & Marketplace, MVGC, 1-4 p.m.  
June 12, Flea Market, Ethnic Food Sale, St. Johns, 9 - 2 p.m.  
June 16, Chicken / Ham Dinner, Methodist Church, 4-6 p.m.  
June 17, Speaker, CTHS, Twp. Bldg., 7 p.m.  
June 19, Grand Opening Rails-To Trails, Union Dale, TBA  
June 20, Hoover School Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
June 26, Flea Mkt., Bake Sale, Lenoxville UMC, 9 - 2 p.m.  
July 10, Flea Market, Chicken BBQ, St. Johns, 9 - 2 p.m.  
July 11, Hymn Sing, Elkdale Baptist, 7 p.m.  
July 12-15, Bible School, Elkdale Baptist, all day  
July 16, Youth Day, Elkdale Baptist, 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
July 18, Hoover School Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
July 21, Chicken / Ham Dinner, Methodist Church, 4-6 p.m.  
July 22-24, Clifford Fire Co. Picnic  
Aug. 1, Music in the Park, behind picnic area, 10:30 - 5 p.m.  
Aug. 15, Hoover School Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
Aug. 18, Chicken / Ham Dinner, Methodist Church, 4-6 p.m.  
Aug. 26, Blood Drive, St.. Pius, TBA  
Aug. 29, Stone Wall Building Clinic, Elkdale, 1 p.m.  
Sept 15, Chicken / Ham Dinner, Methodist Church, 4-6 p.m.  
Sept. 18, Flea Market, Pasta Dinner, St. Johns, 9 - 2 p.m.  
Sept. 19, Hoover School Open House, 1-4 p.m.  
Sept. 22, Local Authors Luncheon, Stone Bridge, 11:30 a.m.  
**Supervisors Mtg. -2nd Mon. each month, 7 p.m., Twp. Bldg.  
Recycling - 3rd Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. - noon**

### Clifford Township Church News

**Clifford Baptist:** Sunday Morning Worship Service is now at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy our Chicken BBQ on May 22nd. Take-out orders only (pre-orders preferred by calling 222-2288 or 222-4210 or talk to any church member.) Pick-up time is between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the church. There will also be a Harvest Dinner (turkey) on October 30th. More details later!

**Clifford Methodist:** Come join us for our popular Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner, 4 - 6 p.m. Take out or dine with us in our hall on Main Street. Donation of \$7.95 includes dinner, dessert and a drink. Dates are: May 18th, Tuesday Election Day; June 16th, Wed.; July 21st, Wed.; August 18th, Wed.; and September 15th, Wed. Same time, place and home cooking for all the above dates! Sunday School is at 9:45 and Worship Service following at 11:00 a.m. After school youth tutoring "Hands on Homework", Thursdays 4-6; Vacation Bible School (ages 3-16): June 14-18, Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am to noon. Contact Pastor Peg 222-3331 with questions.

**The Elkdale Baptist Church Of West Clifford:** All events are

open to the community. More information is found at [www.ElkdaleBaptist.com](http://www.ElkdaleBaptist.com) or call 222-4997. Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Upcoming events: Saturday May 15, Annual Ladies Banquet at 5:30 P.M. (buffet meal catered by the men of the church); Sunday June 20, free Fathers Day Dinner after Morning Service (meal provided by the women of the church in honor of fathers); July 11, Sunday Eve. Community Hymn Sing at 7 p.m. with refreshments to follow; July 12-15, Old Fashioned Tent Meetings on Church grounds (bible classes for all ages); July 16, Friday Youth Day 9:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Paintball! Call to sign up. There is a nominal charge. Free dinner at 5:30 and Youth Service at 7:00 p.m.); July 18, Free Barbecue Chicken Dinner after the 11:00 a.m. service, open to the community; Sept. 18, church picnic at Lackawanna State Park (noon, tent near the food concession); Sept. 26, Annual Harvest Dinner, Sunday 12:30 p.m.

**Lake Idlewild Wesleyan:** Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by Worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wed. prayer mtgs. at 7 p.m.

**St. James Episcopal:** Located in Dundaff, services will start Sunday, June 1st at 10:30 a.m.

**St. John's Orthodox:** Located in Dundaff (off Route 247). Our church is holding its Mother's Day Dinner on Sunday, May 9, featuring BBQ Chicken and holupki. Takeouts will start at 11 a.m. and dinner servings beginning at 12 noon until sold out. Call 222-3293 for tickets and other information. Other events scheduled are: June 12 - Flea Market and Ethnic Food Sale, 9 - 2 p.m.; July 10 - Flea Market, 9 a.m. and Chicken BBQ, 11 a.m. until sold out; August 21 - Flea Market and Ethnic Food Sale, 9 - 2 p.m.; September 18 - Flea Market (9 a.m.) and Pasta Dinner (11 a.m.) and October 23 - Ethnic Food Sale and Flea/Farmers Market (opens at 9 a.m.). Our Divine Liturgy begins each Sunday at 9 a.m. except on Mother's Day when services start at 10 a.m.

**St. Pius X:** St. Pius X Church, Royal has joined with Corpus Christi, Montdale to become St. John Vianney Parish; with Reverend Albert Leonard, Administrator. All are welcome! Mass is at 9:45 a.m. with CCD classes at 8:15 a.m. Sundays. Upcoming events include: (1) Light weigh bible study/weight loss program ([www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com)): orientation April 11, St. Pius X, 11 a.m., 12 week series starts April 25. Call Kathy to register at 222-4658. (2) Youth Group Food Collection in May (call Sheila 840-2649 to donate non-perishables) (3) Annual Blood Drive August 26th (tentative date, watch for posters throughout Clifford in July for details) and (4) Harvest Festival, Sunday October 3 (tentative date), contact parish office 254-9502.

**Welsh Hill Bethel Congregational:** Services Sundays at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jay Molyneaux.

### 10th Annual Music in the Park

Enjoy a 10:30 a.m. Worship Service followed by contemporary & traditional Christian music from 11:30 am until 5:00 p.m. All this takes place on Sunday, August 1, behind the Clifford Fireman's Fairgrounds, Route 106, Clifford, PA. This free event is supported by local community churches, rain or shine, so come with your chairs and blankets to enjoy the music and fellowship. For more information, call 570-679-2766.

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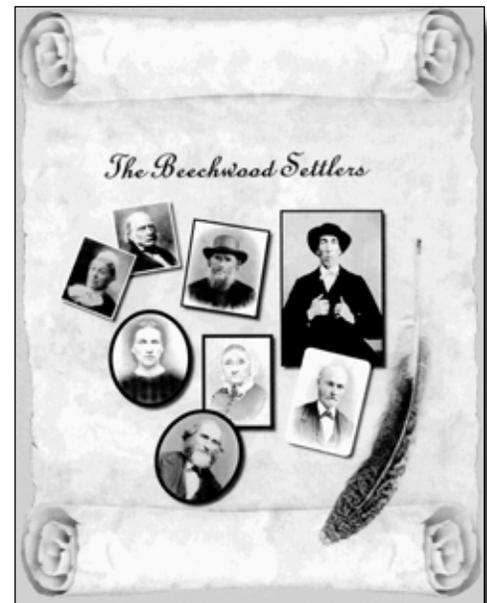
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### Clifford Township Spring Clean Up

The Annual Spring Clean Up will be held at the Clifford Township Building on the 3rd Saturday in May, the regular recycling day, May 15, 8 a.m. to 3 p. m. Notices about the clean up will be posted around town and at [www.cliffordtownship.com](http://www.cliffordtownship.com) under "Services". People must live in Clifford Township to participate. If you have questions, please contact Rob Keating, [keating@nep.net](mailto:keating@nep.net) or 679-2426 or cell 570-239-0820.

Disposal charges are determined by item type. Sample fees are: \$10 each for a mattress, stove, large stuffed chair, dishwasher, dryer, washer, roll of carpet, TV and computer. There will also be a \$30 fee for each refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier and air conditioner. Pickup truck loads of miscellaneous small items are \$15 for half and \$30 for full, plus the charge for the individual items listed above. A tire-recycler will be at the township building to take tires for a separate payment made directly to the operator. Tires are priced by size: 16 inch or smaller are \$2.50, 17"-18" are \$3, 19.5" SUV tires are \$5, truck tires are \$10 and farm tractor tires are priced per inch. Tires on rim will cost an additional \$2.



### Local History On Sale Soon

Did you know this area was known in the early 1800s as the beechwood country? [The Beechwood Settlers](#), by Pat Peltz, is a pictorial history of eastern Susquehanna County with the addition of genealogical and anecdotal information. This 256 page book has over 800 photographs. The book helps commemorate the bicentennial year of the formation of Susquehanna Co. It is available at Clifford Supply or from [peltz@nep.net](mailto:peltz@nep.net) for \$35. The proceeds will benefit the Clifford Township Historical Society.



Susquehanna County has imposed a burn ban which took effect Saturday April 3 and will be in place for 30 days.

**Respect the ban!!**

Mr. Onionhead  
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