

Clifford Township Historical Society Newsletter

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Clifford School 1904



Clifford Hotel



Red Abbot

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HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021

More carpeting was installed in the Museum of Local History and a new display was created for all the wonderful Naive American items Jean Katz donated to us!



Clifford Township 200 years was successfully reprinted and is available for sale at Clifford Beverage and Clifford Home and Auto as well as on our website. Price is the same as in 2006!! \$40



The Community Yard Sale was a great success and we look forward to participating again this year planned date Saturday, June 25th, 2022.

A landing page was also developed in 2021 with links to six of the organizations that serve our township. Find it at WeAreCliffordTownshipArea.org.

Lopatofsky's Auction LLC donated their time and talents to auction over 100 donated items to benefit our Glacier project at the Children's Garden. Like the Yard Sale this was a great financial boost to the Historical Society! We are so grateful for all the community support we receive that make our projects possible. We would like to have another auction in the future if enough items were available for us to sell.

Please check out our newly designed website for updates on our projects and other activities.



A tribute to Ray Swingle was held at the Agricultural Museum during the Firemen's Picnic. Framed photos of all the labor and materials Ray has donated to our projects were on display at the picnic. These frames now hang in the hallway of the Museum of Local History. Thank you to Sharon Campbell for her help in creating the frames.



With the help of Smart Web Design of Scranton, we developed a logo that will brand all of our products. Check out our newly designed web page.

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TWO MAJOR GOALS FOR 2022

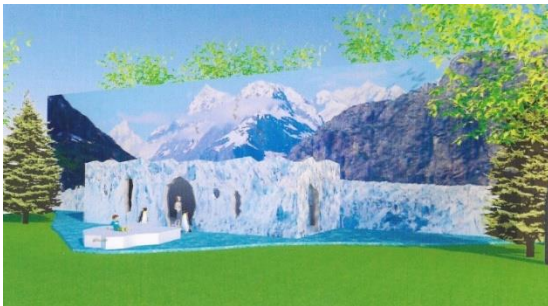
Yarns Cider Mill at the Suraci Farm

Children's Garden



Last year we were able to build the exterior structure of the glacier at the

Children's Garden. Generous donations from Dennis Knowlton and Sons Construction, Masters Concrete, Ed Bognatz Jr. Masonry, Barhite Excavating, Mike Prestys, Ray Swingle and many hours from our hardworking volunteers made this possible. Grants from Lackawanna Valley Heritage and Endless Mountains Heritage Region helped also. 250 fossils have been donated to the project. Young visitors to the Garden love the play areas, especially the log cabin. We hope the glacier with its interior tunnels will be enjoyed by the older kids who visit there. With the help of Jerry Lewandowski's carpentry talents and Scott Rivenberg's skill with blown in insulation we hope to have the Glacier completed by this Summer. We look forward to working with the Mountain View Art Club to create the mural that will finish the project! .



Our efforts last year brought the Cider Mill project so close to completion. Most all the operating parts of the original 1880 press have been restored. New drive belts and pressing clothes have been purchased and a well was drilled, but in late Summer we ran into supply problems of metal needed to fabricate several critical parts to make the press operable. We feel this Fall the mill should once again be filling the air with the sweet smell of apple juice. Hopefully the apple trees this year will yield close to the abundant crop of last year. Watch our website for progress. The front room of the Mill will house a small "Everything Apple " gift shop while the remainder of the room will be a museum- like setting for items related to the mill and the Yarns family who owned and operated it. Save a weekend in early October to join us at "The Big Squeeze"!!



Our Society's Summer schedule for visiting our Museum of Local History, the One Room Hoover School and the historic Baptist Church will again be the third Sunday of each month April through October 1 to 4 PM. The last two years has seen a spars number of visitors to our venues but we hope that will not be the case this season.! Mark your calendars and spend an afternoon learning about the interesting history of Clifford Township! Free admission and appealing to all ages.

The community support we receive is most appreciated and keeps us motivated. Thank you so much.

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