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Clarion Chamber Newsletter



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Upcoming Events & Holidays

May 3, 4 & 5

Outdoor Recreation Show at the Clarion Mall, daily from 10am to 9pm

May 4 & 5

"Twinderella", the Musical at I.C. School starting at 7pm

May 5

Rabies Clinic at the Clarion Mall from 12noon to 2pm

May 10

Joint Chamber Mixer at Deer Creek Winery with the Franklin Chamber, Clarion Chamber & Venango Chamber from 5pm to 7pm

May 12

Clarion University Graduation

May 13

Happy Mother's Day

May 18

8th Annual Clarion Wine Walk in downtown Clarion, 4pm for Early Bird and 5pm for Regular
Tickets on Sale Now!

May 18, 19 & 20

3rd Annual Clarion BBQ Festival at the Clarion Mall Daily from 11am to 8pm

Friday, May 25

Delta Contractors & Design, Inc. Chamber Golf Outing
Clarion Oaks
Tee-Off at 10am

MAY 3, 4 & 5 - OUTDOOR RECREATION SHOW

The 6th Annual Outdoor & Recreation Show will take place at the Clarion Mall from Thursday, May 3 through Saturday, May 5 and will take place from 10 am to 9 pm daily.

The Outdoor & Recreation Show is an effort to collaborate with more local businesses and increase involvement of the community. Businesses, Organizations, and Non-Profits are invited to come and set-up an exhibit and/or display of materials for those attending the Outdoor & Recreation Show. Everyone wants to be able to enjoy the outdoors with their family, so come to the Outdoor & Recreation Show and find out how you can get active in Clarion's community! This event allows members of the community to interact, learn, and enjoy the splendor of the outdoors. The event is comprised of informational tables, activities and games. The purpose of the event is to enable families to become more engaged with family fun and values as well as with community organizations and agencies.

Some of the groups setting up are Clarion County Master Gardeners providing literature and brochures relating to gardening, Primary Health Network providing materials related to Lyme Education and Prevention, and Wolf's Auto Outlet will have 3 Car Mate trailers on hand. Other groups setting up and providing literature are the DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Mill Creek Coalition of Clarion & Jefferson Counties, Clarion County Sportsmen's Club, Trinity Point Church of God and Tionesta Lake (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).

On Saturday, May 5, you will have the opportunity to bring your dog and/or cat to the Rabies Clinic. The Rabies Clinic will run from 12 noon to 2pm and the cost is \$10 per animal for a 3-year vaccine. Clarion County Treasurer, Tom McConnell, will also be on hand for you to purchase your dog licenses ranging from \$6.50 to \$8.50.



For more information regarding the Outdoor & Recreation Show as a vendor, please contact the Clarion Chamber office today.

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF THESE WONDERFUL SPONSORS.

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The Chamber and its mission...

Your Chamber of Business & Industry is a voluntary partnership of business and professional people working together to build a healthy economy and to improve the quality of life in our community.

MAY 10 - JOINT CHAMBER MIXER

Mark your calendar to join the Clarion Area, Franklin Area and Venango Chambers of Commerce at a "Joint After Hours" on Thursday, May 10 at Deer Creek Winery located at 3333 Soap Fat Road, Shippenville.

You will have the opportunity to network with Chamber members from all three chambers, enjoy some great food, tour the new Inn and Event Center and be entered to win a "Free Night at The Inn or a Free Business Meeting Rental". All attendees will be entered into the drawing.

There will also be FREE WINE TASTING!

We hope to see you on May 10 at Deer Creek Winery!



MAY 18 - CLARION WINE WALK IN DOWNTOWN CLARION



Tickets for the 8th Annual Clarion Wine Walk sponsored by Northwest Bank are "ON SALE". The event itself will be Friday, May 18, 2018 in downtown Clarion featuring 15 wineries and 14 businesses.

The event will feature an "Early Bird" registration starting at 4pm with "General" registration beginning at 5pm. The prices for "Early Bird" are \$30 (Pre-Sale) and \$35 (Day of Event). "General" Registration is \$25 (Pre-Sale) and \$30 (Day of Event). All participants MUST BE 21 to participate.

The winery and business pairings for 2018 are as follows:

Allegheny Cellars Winery (Faller's Furniture)	August Falls Winery (American Legion)
Bee Kind Winery (Dacora Jewelers)	Courtyard Wineries (White Pillars/Chamber)
Deer Creek Winery (Antiques on Main)	Elk Mountain Winery (The Fulmer House)
Flickerwood Wine Cellars (American Legion)	Foxburg Wine Cellars (Clarion Bicycle)
Kingview Mead (American Legion)	Laurel Mountain Vineyard (F.L. Crooks & Co.)
Shadow Vineyard (H & R Block)	Starr Hill Vineyard & Winery (Gates & Burns)
Twisted Vine Winery (DE Sports, Inc.)	Wapiti Ridge Wine Cellars (Main Street Center)
Winery at Wilcox (Dan Smith's Candies)	Means Cork & Cap

All proceeds from the Clarion Wine Walk will benefit the free fireworks display for the Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" sponsored in part by Clarion University and Pennsylvania American Water that will take place on July 3, 2018.

For more information on the Clarion Wine Walk, you can contact the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry at 814-226-9161 or email info@clarionpa.com.

Come support the Fireworks and our Local Downtown Businesses!!!!

PROGRAMS AT COOK FOREST STATE PARK

children's games, sutler camp, renown living historians, French & Indian War Era artisans, and live tactical engagements. Every battle is different! Take a walk back in time along the Black Bear Trail by the Sawmill Center for the Arts during open camp hours to view British, Colonial, French, and Native American re-enactors as they portray lifestyles of the 18th century.

Saturday, June 16 at 1:00pm - **'Friends of Cook Forest Series: Susquehannock Hemlock'** Please meet at the Deer Meadow Picnic Pavilion at the Deer Meadow Campground for a short presentation on the hemlock woolly adelgid and interpretive hike to view the *Susquehannock Hemlock*, the Pennsylvania State Champ and largest known hemlock by volume north of the Great Smoky Mountains. (1.5hrs)

Friday & Saturday, June 22-23 at 9:00am - **'American Canoe Association Level 1: Introduction to Kayaking'** Cook Forest State Park will be conducting an entry level American Canoe Association (ACA) sanctioned kayaking course for kayak enthusiasts. The following subjects will be covered: paddling environment, equipment, loading & unloading, rescues, maneuvers, and strokes. All participants will be required to complete a wet exit. First day will consist of instruction within the river at the Park Office. On the second day we'll apply these skills along a stretch of the National Wild & Scenic Clarion River. Remember to bring your ear and nose plugs, swimsuits, sturdy river sneakers (flip-flops are NOT adequate), and change of clothes. Participants should have a drybag that is large enough to house all their necessities while on the river. Refreshments provided both days. Lunch provided the second day. Those with specific dietary requirements will have to provide their own meals. Decked kayaks, appropriate gear, snacks & water provided. Everyone WILL GET COMPLETELY WET, so please dress appropriately. Participants must pre-register by contacting Dale Luthringer, environmental education specialist, at (814)744-8475 or dluthringe@pa.gov by 6/15/18. Cost is \$75/participant payable by check or money order to the 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'. We're accepting only 12 participants for this course. Children 14 years and up permitted with participating adult. Space is limited, so please reserve early. Those who successfully complete this course will receive an ACA Skills Course Completion Card, and 50% discount on future canoe & kayaking programs sponsored by Cook Forest State Park. (16 hrs)

Friday, July 6 at 10:00am - **'Kayaking 201'** Please meet at the Park Office for an intermediate skill level kayaking class. Remember to bring your swimsuits, sturdy river sneakers, change of clothes, and lunch. Water & snacks provided. We WILL get wet! Designed to integrate skills learned in *Introduction to Kayaking*, we will be focusing on T-Rescues, Self Recovery, Buddy Assists, and ferrying. Participants must pre-register prior to the course by contacting the Park Office at (814)744-8407 no later than 7/4/18. We're only accepting 10 participants for this course. Space is limited so please reserve early. Sorry, no children under 14 years old. Minors must be with a participating adult. This course can be used as a pre-requisite to *Kayaking 301* and to justify skill level requisites for more advanced river boating programs to be held later this year. Participants who complete any of our *kayak trainings* qualify for a 50% discount on future river guided programs. (4 hrs)

Saturday, July 7 at 8:30am - **'Clarion River Paddling Program: Gravel Lick-Mill Creek'** Cook Forest State Park will be conducting a guided 8.5-mile interpretive paddling program from Gravel Lick to Mill Creek for experienced canoeists/kayakers only. This section of river is rich in lumber history, as well as wildlife viewing and fishing opportunities. This is an excellent section of river to observe bald eagles and experience some of the best small mouth bass fishing on the National Wild & Scenic Clarion River. This float is truly a wilderness experience. One of the highlights of the trip will be exploring evidence of the old Rulofson mill by boat near the mouth of Mill Creek. We'll meet promptly at the Park Office and car-pool to the starting point down-river. Remember to protective footwear, raingear, and change of clothes. Don't forget your fishing poles! Cost is \$50/boat with check or money order made out to 'Commonwealth of Pennsylvania'. Lunch, as well as all canoeing & kayaking gear provided. Participants must pre-register by contacting the Park Office at (814)744-8407 no later than 7/4/18. Prior Cook Forest kayak training participants receive a 50% discount. Space is limited, so please reserve early. (8 hrs)

CLARION HOSPITAL "I LOVE CLARION" CELEBRATION

The Clarion Hospital "I Love Clarion" celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 3 at the Clarion University Memorial Stadium. Thank you to our sponsors: Clarion Hospital (title sponsor); Pennsylvania American Water (participating sponsor); and Clarion University (major sponsor).

Gates open at 5:00pm. Local country singer "Coston Cross" will kick things off from 5pm to 7pm. Coston prides himself on paving his own path in country music and staying true to his country roots. Also beginning at 5:00pm, there will be local businesses and vendors selling food and refreshments. Some of the food items included Walking Tacos, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Kettle Korn, Frozen Custard and Gyros.

Starting at 7pm, we will have the "Wrangler Band" perform a variety of genres from country hits to classic rock. The highlight of the celebration will be a fantastic fireworks display which will be displayed at dusk.

We will have a military tent set-up for you to write a "Thank You" card to those who have served and are currently serving. This year we are asking for donations of poly fiber. The poly fiber will be used to make "Handprint pillows" for our service men and women during the Autumn Leaf Festival.

If you are interested in being a part or volunteering a couple of hours of your time, please contact the Chamber office at 814-226-9161.

PROGRAMS AT COOK FOREST STATE PARK

Saturday, May 19 at 9:00am - **'Friends of Cook Forest Series: Garlic Mustard Pull'** Garlic mustard is an invasive species that is threatening native plants of Cook Forest. It is a highly shade tolerant biennial herb that spreads quickly. Hand pulling and removing garlic mustard is an extremely effective remedy. Join our Friends of Cook Forest volunteers as we focus on some key areas that really need our help. Please meet at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom for a short presentation on how to identify garlic mustard, then we'll spend the morning pulling this invasive weed. (3 hrs)

Friday-Sunday, May 25-27 - **'Cook Forest Living History Weekend'** Please join us as we celebrate the Pennsylvania Bureau of State Park's 125th Anniversary with a fun filled weekend of living history as we journey through various historical eras of the United States: French & Indian War, Lumber Era, Civil War, WWI, and the War on Terror. Join living historian and master story-teller, Paul Stillman from *Historically Speaking!*, and historical interpreters, Dave Clark, Dennis Knowles, and Van Wagner as they take us through these noteworthy periods in history through first person character portrayals, and hands-on demonstrations.

Saturday, June 2 at 9:00am - **'Friends of Cook Forest Series: Milkweed for Monarchs Planting Event'** Monarch butterflies cannot survive without milkweed; their caterpillars only eat milkweed plants and monarch butterflies need milkweed to lay their eggs. Milkweed continues to decline across the landscape, which negatively affects monarch populations. Please join us at the Log Cabin Inn Environmental Learning Classroom for a short presentation before splitting into groups to plant milkweed in a few prime locations in the park. (2 hrs)

Saturday-Sunday, June 9-10 - **'Cook Forest French & Indian War Encampment'** Cook Forest State Park will host a series of living history events depicting life during the French & Indian War. Highlights of this full two-day encampment sponsored by the Sawmill Center for the Arts include woodland natives, cannon and musket firing, cooking, primitive skills, 18th century surgical techniques, blacksmithing, tinsmithing, pottery,

MAY 18, 19 & 20 - CLARION BBQ FESTIVAL

The 3rd Annual Clarion BBQ Festival will be taking place at the Clarion Mall on May 18, 19 & 20.

The committee is excited to have a group of Woodcarvers participating this year. They will be setting up on Wednesday and will be preparing their masterpieces beginning Thursday, May 17 and will be carving items throughout the festival. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday there will be speed carving and auctions at 4pm each day.

There will be great BBQ food, live entertainment, games for the kids and FUN!

Join us on Saturday, May 19 for "Armed Forces Day" featuring a Military Display and Program. Saturday night there is a concert with "Rum Dums" from 6pm to 8pm.

Sunday, May 20 is the "Backyard BBQ Contest". Judging will be at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm and winners will be announced at 5pm. Also on Sunday, there will be a Motorcycle Show which is being coordinated by Clarion County A.B.A.T.E.

There is a \$5 per adult donation entrance fee and those individuals over 65 and under 12 are FREE. Each person who donates \$5 will be entered into a drawing for the Grand Prize valued at over \$500.

This event benefits the Clarion Hospital Cancer Center and the Clarion Tippin Scholarship.

Hope to see you at the Clarion BBQ Festival—May 18, 19 & 20!! **"Join Us for a 'Smokin' Good Time"**

MAY 25 - DELTA CONTRACTORS & DESIGN, INC. "CHAMBER GOLF OUTING"

The Annual Delta Contractors & Design, Inc. Chamber Golf Outing is set for Friday, May 25, 2018 at Clarion Oaks Golf Club. This popular event provides opportunities to expand business and community relationships in a fun and relaxed setting. Take a swing at a chance to win great prizes including a 2018 Season Membership at Clarion Oaks Golf Club, a Henry Golden Boy 22 Rifle and more!

Participation in this best ball scramble is just \$280 per team. The fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and refreshments with all meals catered by Red River Roadhouse of Clarion. A continental breakfast will be available. Shotgun Start tee off will happen promptly at 10:00 am. Skills contests will be held throughout the event.

The Annual Delta Contractors & Design, Inc. Chamber Golf Outing is sponsored in part by Clarion County Community Bank, First United National Bank, Northwest Savings Bank, and S&T Bank. Beverage sponsors for the event are Community First Bank and the Pennsylvania American Water Company. Corporate, hole, and golf cart sponsorship opportunities are still available by contacting the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry.

Registration forms are available (in this newsletter) at the Clarion Area Chamber office or online at www.clarionpa.com/events/golf-outing. For more information, contact the Clarion Area Chamber at 814-226-9161 or info@clarionpa.com.

CLIC - CLARION LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION CONNECTION

Clarion Leadership & Innovation Connection, better known as CLIC, was created to help connect young professionals in the Clarion Area and provide them with opportunities for professional development, networking, leadership opportunities, community involvement, volunteerism, and more. All young professionals are welcome to join and include anyone under 40 living and/or working in the Clarion Area, no matter the profession.

CLIC's kickoff event was held at Clarion River Brewing Company on June 6, 2017 and more than 50 young professionals attended. The group has followed up that event with other socials including a mixer at Deer Creek Winery, a river float at Cook Forest Canoe Rentals, and a social at Elk Mountain Winery at Shaffer Evergreen Rentals in Knox. They hosted a social and fundraising event at CRBC called "Ales for Tales" in which donations of food, cleaning supplies, toys, and money were donated to Tri-County Animal Rescue. They have held monthly socials over drinks, first as a "Coffee Chat" at Michelle's Café and now as the newly rebranded "Schmooze & Booze" at CRBC. These socials have given CLIC the chance to bring in local business owners to share their stories and pass on wisdom to the young professionals in the Clarion area. CLIC has been lucky enough to host Jennifer Keth of Sapphire Moon, Jim Crooks of FL Crooks and most recently Kathy Ellwood who spoke about mindfulness and her experience working and managing a team remotely.



One thing the CLIC Committee heard repeatedly from young professionals attending these events is that they desired more professional development. As a result, they worked with Don Morgan of MM Consultants Group to put together a Positive Leadership Series that meets once a month for a total of six sessions. These sessions have allowed attendees to explore how to host effective meetings and how to communicate effectively.

CLIC's main goal for 2018 is to formalize and drive membership. Currently, the group is working to add a tab to the Clarion Chamber website that will provide visitors with more information and an easy way to register for CLIC events. All of their events can be found on Facebook. They recently launched a Book Club which will meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss a chosen book that is professionally relevant. The first book club meeting was held on April 14 at Michelle's Café to discuss "Creativity, Inc" by Ed Catmull. The group is currently deciding the next book which will be announced at their May meeting.

The CLIC Committee is comprised of driven young professionals & Chamber board members who want to give back to the community. The current committee is comprised of Joslyn Dechant (President), Miranda Spessard (Vice President & Marketing Coordinator), Tom McConnell (Secretary & Treasurer), Jim McConnell (Membership Chair), and Chamber board advisors: Tricia Pezzuti & Trina Hess.

The CLIC Committee meeting is held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Clarion Chamber office at 5:30p.m. Any young professional in the area is welcome to attend. If you have an interest in joining CLIC and would like to learn more, please contact the Chamber office or speak to any of the committee members.

CLIC members are also looking for ways to get more involved with the Clarion community and volunteer where needed.

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MEMBER TO MEMBER NEWS

Immaculate Conception School

Presents "Twinderella" The Musical. Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5 beginning at 7pm both evenings. Will be held at the Immaculate Conception School and the cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Deer Creek Winery

Mother's Day Brunch - May 13 (10am to 2pm);
SpringFest - May 18-20 (Western Hoedown with Sales, Door Prizes and Lots of Music and Fun!!!!)
End of School Ladies Night Out! - May 31
(6:30pm to 8:30pm and is only \$5!!!!)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking volunteers to help and assist with porter service at the Clarion Wine Walk. We are seeking volunteers who would like to donate their time in 2 hour increments. Duties include picking up bottles, bags and/or boxes of wine, loading them in vehicles donated by Seidle Chevrolet and bringing them back to Northwest Bank. If you or someone you know is able to help out and volunteer, please give the Clarion Chamber a call at 814-226-9161 or email Tammy LaCross, Events Coordinator at tammy@clarionpa.com.



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