

# THE INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION

INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



Independence Township  
Beaver County, Pennsylvania

SPRING  
2025

JOIN US AT INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY  
CENTER FOR THE HOTTEST EVENT THIS WINTER!

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook Off



FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 6- 9 PM

Whether you want to Cook & Compete or just want to Eat, you are bound to  
have a whole lot of fun!!!

A Judging Committee will determine the Best Chili Award. The  
People's Choice Award is determined by the public.



\$10 Admission

\$5 Kids 13 and under

Nachos & hotdogs will be for  
sale  
in the kitchen!

Paint Sticks



Bake Sale

BYOB

We will provide condiment bar & corn bread!

Have a killer recipe?

\$20 Entrance Fee for Participants

#### COMPETITOR INFORMATION:

- Believe you make the best chili in Independence Township?
- Register with Deb at the Township Office -- 724-378-3739 and send in your \$20 entry/donation fee -- We will provide taste cups & spoons all you need is the chili and a serving spoon!
- Bring a roaster of your best chili (we strongly suggest a roaster or sterno pan so you do not run short!)
- Win a prize and fame of the best chili in Independence!

#### VISITOR INFORMATION:

- Believe you can pick the best chili in Independence Township?
- Pay \$10.00 at the door to taste all of the best chilis in Independence Township & vote for your favorite!

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Your State  
Representative

PA STATE REP.

**JOSH KAIL**

Serving PA's 15th Legislative District

Vanport Township

690 State Ave.  
Beaver, PA 15009  
Phone: 724-728-7655

**SQUARE DANCE  
MONDAYS 7 PM  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER  
ALL AGES  
WELCOME!!**



Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 3 PM  
**ITVFD Sportsman's  
 Bash**



TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH FACEBOOK – Independence Township Fire - EMS

CONTACT ANY VFD MEMBER

ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICE

**Independence Township Volunteer Fire Department**  
 116 School Road, Aliquippa PA 15001

**Sportsman's Bash**  
**Saturday, March 15, 2025**

Doors Open: 3:00 pm - First Drawing at 4:00 pm

<p>4:00 – Remington 700 ADL 308 WIN            4:15 - \$275.00 cash            4:30 – CZ 457 American 17 HMR            4:45 – Ruger American Ranch 350LE.G            5:00 - \$250.00 cash            5:15 – Weatherby Vanguard Weatherguard 7MM-08            5:30 – Browning A83 Composite Stalker 30-06            5:45 - \$500 cash</p>	<p>6:00 – Bergara 8-14 Hunter 243 Win            6:15 – Savage 110 Hunter 6.5 cm            6:30 - \$300.00 cash            6:45 – Ruger PC Carbine American Flag Edition 9mm            7:00 - \$275.00 cash            7:15 – CZ 1020 G2 28” 20GA            7:30 - \$200.00 cash            7:45 – Savage 212 Slug Hunter Camo 12 GA            8:00 – GRAND PRIZE, WINNER TAKE ALL:                A/R Sig Sauer M400 Tread 5.56                A/R Smith &amp; Wesson MP 15-22 22 LR                A/R (Shotgun) Charles Daly AR-12 12 GA</p>
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**COST: \$40.00 (ADMIT ONE PER TICKET) – ONLY 500 SOLD!**

\*Over \$10,000.00 in Cash and Prizes. \*Free food and drinks \* Additional Table Guns and Prizes \* Must be 18 or older to attend  
 \* Prizes must be claimed within 30 days of Bash at DJ's Quick Stop – 345 Route 30, Clinton Pa 15026 \* All unsold tickets/prizes remain property of Independence Township Fire dept. \* Guns may be substituted upon availability at the time of the event with a prize of equal value. \*Not responsible for personal injury or property damage \*Not responsible for typographical errors \*Winner is responsible for PA 4473 & associated fees. \*\*Winner need not be present and will be notified . SMALL GAMES PERMIT #SGC50354

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

No. 026

No. 979

# BINGO & BREWS

SATURDAY, MARCH 8TH | 6:00PM - 9:00PM



**\$20 General Admission (includes 10 Bingo Games)**  
through 3/7/25  
**\$25 Admission at the Door**

**Additional Bingo Games Sold at the Door**  
**50/50 Raffles | Basket Raffle | Food + Drink**

Independence Twp. Community Center | 116 School Road Aliquippa, PA 15001

*See you there!*



**Questions? [ainsley@hilltophorizons.org](mailto:ainsley@hilltophorizons.org)**



*Your support of this event directly supports Hilltop Horizons' Participant Scholarship Fund so that we can continue improving lives through equine assisted services to all in need.*

*PATH Intl. Member Center | Beaver County, PA | [hilltophorizons.org](http://hilltophorizons.org)*



**SOUTH SIDE  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## South Side School Alumni Reunion - Classes of 1957 - 1994

### We want you to be there!

WHO: Graduating Class from 1957 - 1994 - All graduates and a spouse or significant other.

WHAT: Multi-year class reunion

WHERE: Hookstown Fairgrounds

WHEN: Saturday, September 20, 2025 - 2pm - 10pm

\*\*\*While you are free to come and go as you please throughout the day, a rolling start time is preferred.

The classes of 1957 thru 1979 to start arriving at 2 pm.

The classes of 1980 thru 1989 at 4 pm.

The classes of 1990 thru 1994 at 6 pm. Everyone is invited to stay till 10 pm.

COST: \$5 per attendee early bird registration through March 31, 2025

\$10 per attendee registration from April 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025

(This cost will help defer cost of rent, drinking water, etc.)

- FOOD: Food trucks will be onsite from 3pm until 8pm. Eat what you want, when you want - at your own expense. Water will be provided as part of your admission or you can bring your favorite non-alcoholic beverages.
- Please bring a camp chair that you can carry allowing you to visit with friends and classmates. Feel free to also bring cornhole or similar type of games to enjoy the day with others. Music will be provided in the evening.
- We will also have a 50/50 and some other raffles. If you would like to help sponsor or donate something for the raffles please contact us at [Ramsalumnireunion@gmail.com](mailto:Ramsalumnireunion@gmail.com).
  - **No alcohol is permitted.**

We are also looking for volunteers from each class to assist the day of the event and can contact us at the same email address.

For more information check out our Facebook Page - South Side Alumni Reunion Hookstown, PA (1957 - 1994) or email us at [Ramsalumnireunion@gmail.com](mailto:Ramsalumnireunion@gmail.com).

Come and connect with friends and classmates and relive those glory days!!!

We plan to have this annually on the third Saturday in September at the Fairgrounds. Each year we will add another class as they hit 30 years graduated IE 1995 added for 2026, 1996 for 2027 ETC

Mike Elliott  
cell 724-323-7942



## STORM WATER HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS

Beat the winter blues, and come join Beaver County Conservation District for their Storm water Help for Homeowners workshop. Learn how to manage storm water on your property and get your own rain barrel kit for your home! Participation is limited, please register by emailing Watershed Specialist Lindsey Shepler or calling the office.



**Free to Attend**  
**First 40 Households to**  
**register get a free**  
**rainbarrel and kit**  
**Register by Sunday**  
**February 23, 2025**

**Thursday February 27, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

**156 Cowpath Rd**  
**Aliquippa, PA 15001**

**Lindsey Shepler: Watershed**  
**Specialist**

**724-378-1701 ext. 212**  
**[lindsey.shepler@bccdpa.us](mailto:lindsey.shepler@bccdpa.us)**



Financial and other support for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The Southwestern PA Chapter of Blue Star Mothers of America have placed a collection box in our Township Office. This is for donations for care packages to be sent to our deployed troops.



Please donate if you can. Below are some suggestions

- |              |                        |                               |            |            |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Chapstick    | Cough Drops            | Snack Size Crackers & Nuts    | Beef Jerky | Trail Mix  |
| Granola Bars | Chicken/Tuna Packets   | Black Crew Socks              | Toothpaste | Toothbrush |
| Dental Floss | Individual Drink Mixes | Individually Wrapped Tea Bags | Gum        |            |

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A  
DONATION TO COVER SHIPPING COSTS  
– PLEASE USE THIS CODE TO DO SO!**



Truck will be taken out Monday morning and Truck may be taken to dump Friday during day so please call before you come down.



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP  
VOLUNTEER RECYCLING  
2025 CALENDAR

- Jan. 3 & 4
- Feb. 7 & 8
- Mar. 7 & 8
- Apr. 4 & 5
- May 2 & 3
- Jun. 6 & 7
- Jul. 4 & 5
- Aug. 1 & 2
- Sep. 5 & 6
- Oct. 3 & 4
- Nov. 7 & 8
- Dec. 5 & 6

Please adhere to acceptable recyclables so we can continue offering this service – no plastic buckets, chairs, toys, etc. The ONLY thing you put in this truck is what you would put in a bin if you had this service at your home!

Collection Truck at Twp. Lot

Please do not leave other trash at recycling site

The recycle center will not accept plastic grocery bags so do not throw these into the truck!!!!

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!!!**

Independence Township shares the use of the recycling wagon with other neighboring communities. You can take your recyclables to the municipal buildings of these areas on the following weekends:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Raccoon Twp
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hanover
- 4<sup>th</sup> Greene Twp

# RECYCLE RIGHT

✓ ALWAYS RECYCLE / RECICLE SIEMPRE



**Plastic Bottles & Containers**  
*Botellas y envases de plástico*



**Food & Beverage Cans**  
*Latas de alimentos y bebidas*



**Paper**  
*Papeles*



**Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard**  
*Cartón y cartulina aplastados*



**Glass Bottles & Containers**  
*Botellas y envases de vidrio*

✗ DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINER / NO INCLUIR EN SU CONTENEDOR DE RECICLAJE MIXTO



**NO Food or Liquids**  
*NO comida o líquidos*



**NO Foam Cups & Containers**  
*NO vasos y recipientes de poliestireno*



**NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film**  
Empty recyclables directly into your bin.  
*NO bolsas y envolturas de plástico sueltas, o materiales reciclables embolsados*  
Vacíe directamente los materiales reciclables en nuestro carrito



**NO Batteries** – check local drop-off programs for proper disposal.  
*NO baterías* – Verifique los programas locales de entrega para su correcta eliminación



**NO Green Waste**  
*NO desechos verdes*



**NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet**  
*NO ropa, muebles y alfombras*

To learn more, visit:  
Para más información, visite:  
[wm.com/recycleright](http://wm.com/recycleright)



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Twp. Office Fax: 724-378-8792  
Twp. Office Hrs. Mon- Fri 8 am- 4 pm  
Real Estate Tax Collector Hrs. Wed 9 am – 2 pm

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Daniel V. McLaughlin, Chairman  
John J. Fratangeli  
Wayne R. Potts

Supervisors' Meeting 4:00 pm  
Second Wed. of each Month at  
Community Center (Fire Hall)



**Sunday, March 9th**

**St. Patrick's Day**  
March 17<sup>th</sup>



**Happy Easter**  
April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Office Closed Good Friday  
April 18<sup>th</sup>



**VOTE 2025**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 20<sup>th</sup>**  
(Township Office Open)

Phone: 724-378-3739



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