

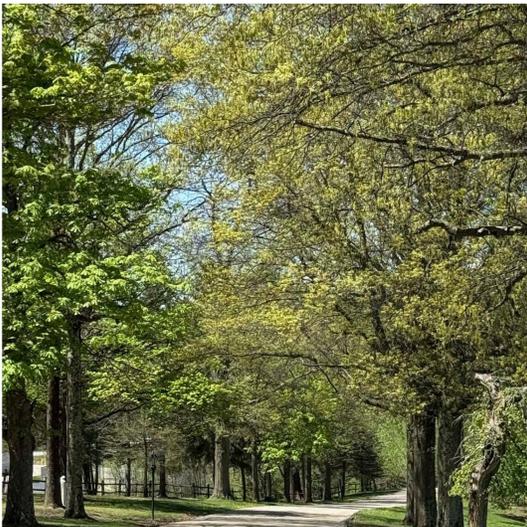
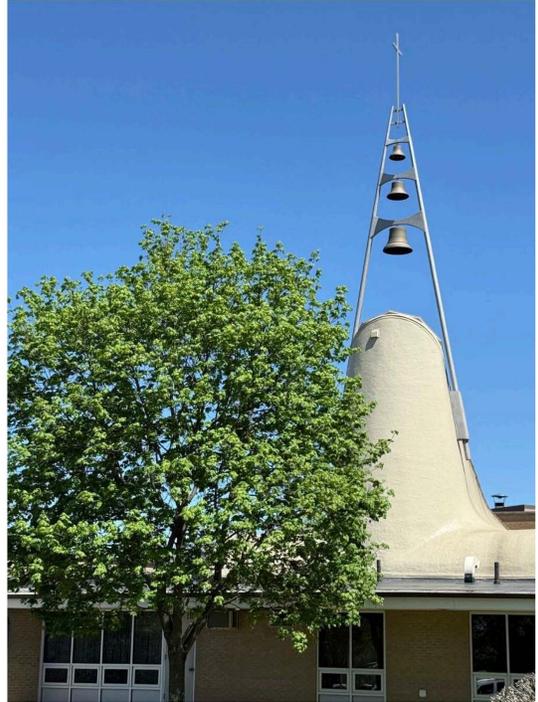


# Clelian Heights Newsletter

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Spring at Clelian Heights!



April in Western Pennsylvania, a fickle time of the year, when weather changes multiple times in one day! But, here at Clelian, there are signs of the new beginnings of Spring, with a warmth in the air, vibrant colors emerging and a buzz in the building of summer vacation on the horizon. Easter gives hope and Spring provides sustenance for our staff, students and Clelian Center/ATF Adults to keep pushing forward and work a little harder, because soon summer will provide a little break to begin anew.

## Clelian Center ATF





The Clelian Center ATF, was established in September of 2009 as an alternative to the Clelian Center work shop program. The ATF or Adult Training Facility is a program that focuses on increasing independence in Life Skills, Daily Living Skills and Safety Skills. In recognizing the person centered approach for all, the ATF provides a less structured environment that works on needed skills in a fun atmosphere. Simulated work activities are still a focus of the program but are augmented with many volunteer opportunities that happen in house and in the community. For example, The individuals of the ATF deliver Westmoreland County Foodbank food boxes to recipients in the Vandergrift and Mount Pleasant communities. They also make homemade cards that are sent along to Meals on

celebrating a "national day". One such day was "National Zipper Day", themed activities were planned, including an art project that was a sweater with a "zipper" made from a Ziploc bag. This activity then propelled into a conversation about our favorite local hero and Latrobe native, Mr. Rogers. National theme days, lead the ATF into all directions that have included the Police Station and Post Office. Celebrating the Holiday's is big time fun in the ATF! Valentine's Day is particularly special , with the the creation of Valentine Boxes that are created with each individuals special interest, which could be bowling, to cats to Star Wars! The individual needs of those who attend the ATF are always kept in mind, while some enjoy excursions into the community to local libraries, to "Got Board", a wood working craft making shop, some prefer just in program activiites. This can include special lunches delivered in for an extra treat.

Recreational oppotunities abound at the ATF, including drumming, daily walks, activities in the gym and dances. There are so many fantastic things happening in the ATF, enjoy some pictures from Easter! You'll see that fun, work and learning are the perfect combination!

## Clelian Heights Garden





The Clelian Garden is a Transition to Work program under the supervision of school staff, Sarah Ferrenberg. Students have been instrumental in every step of the greenhouse process. Students planted from seed and are growing amazing tomato and pepper plants. Zucchini and cucumber seeds are next to be planted, with a shorter germination period. Plants will then be transplanted into the Clelian Garden. In addition, a plant sale is being coordinated, be on the lookout for more information coming soon!

## Easter Fun at Clelian Heights School!



Peep stacking, Easter Home-Ec treats, art activities and more kept our students busy celebrating the Easter season!

## Classroom 106 Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The students and staff of classroom 106, planned the annual Clelian Heights Easter Egg Hunt for the students in classrooms, 201, 101,102,103 and 107. They filled all the eggs with special treats and hid them in the courtyard. 106 students served as "Buddies" for the younger classrooms on the hunt! It was a perfect day for a little Easter fun! Fantastic job 106!!!

## Clelian Heights School had a visitor!!!



"EB" hopped through Clelian Heights spreading lots of joy and yummy treats!!

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