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WATER NEWS

At the April 4th, 2011 Council meeting, Council announced they will be reducing water rates for Borough residents from \$4.00 a thousand gallons to \$3.00 a thousand gallons. Council was able to do this as a result of the bulk water sales.

Well 3 near the Borough hall is scheduled to be cleaned and receive regular maintenance. It is recommended that wells be cleaned and maintained every five years. Well 3 was drilled in 1959, there are no records of this well being maintained. All wells will be scheduled for cleaning and maintenance on a rotating basis.





The Borough sold 52,494,708 gallons of water the first quarter of 2011.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 18th, 2011

A special Council meeting will be held at the Borough building at 7:00 p.m. on April 18th, 2011 to discuss a letter received in 2008 by Leaning County Water and Sewer Authority (LCWSA) requesting repayment of \$615,000. LCWSA has determined that \$615,000 received by the Borough in 2003 should have been applied directly to the Leaning County to reduce the debt on behalf of the sewer users in Montoursville.

WATER COSTS MONEY DON'T WASTE IT!!

A continuous leak from a hole this size at an average household water pressure of 60 psi would, over a three month period, result in the waste listed

diameter of stream in:			waste per quarter at 60 psi water pressure in:			
	Inches	mm	gallons	liters	cubic feet	cubic meters
	1/4	6.5	1,181,500	4,472,000	158,000	4,475
	1/8	3.2	296,000	1,120,360	39,400	1,115
	1/16	1.6	74,000	280,100	9,850	280
	1/32	.8	18,500	70,020	2,465	70

POLICE GARAGE

At the March 7th Council meeting, a feasibility study for a four stall garage including a storage area above and a processing area for prisoners was proposed to Council. It was tabled because Council needed additional information, originally a basic four stall garage was proposed. Chief Strailey is requesting a garage to protect police cars and a processing area for prisoners. Chief Strailey has concerns about the safety of the officers when taking

combative prisoners to the existing processing area. They currently take them up steps and through two key punch coded doors.

Council has chosen to create a citizens advisory committee to investigate and advise Council on the need for this venture. Anyone interested in serving on the citizen's advisory committee please contact the Borough office at 368-2486.

THE RECREATION BOARD

The Montoursville Recreation Board is a volunteer committee made up of seven members. Two of whom are Borough Councilmen and five are from the general public. Each member who was interested in being on the board had to submit a resume stating their qualifications. Then Council must appoint them to serve a term.

The Recreation Board provides many recreational purposes throughout the Borough. One of the duties of the board is to oversee the Borough's recreation areas. They approve the use of the park areas for large organizations so that there are no conflicts with other activities in the park. They also ensure that the picnic pavilions are available to all by reservation on a first come first serve basis. The board sponsors multiple activities throughout the year ranging from concerts in the summer to a Harvest Parade in the fall and tree lighting in the winter. All activities are presented free of charge. Look for flyers on upcoming events throughout town, on the Borough website and in the newsletter.

We, the Board, would like to invite you to attend our monthly meeting, which is held the third Tuesday of the month at the Borough Building. We need your help to get ideas and suggestions for activities that you would like to see throughout the Borough. All suggestions will be reviewed.

Don't Forget to Vote May 17th in the Primary Elections.

Voting Locations

Ward 1: Our Savior Episcopal Church
31 N. Loyalsock Avenue

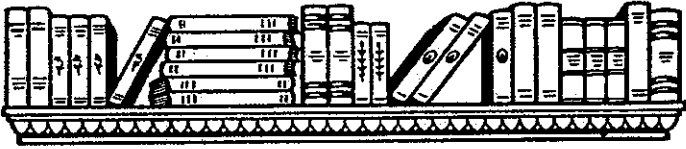
Ward 2: Willing Hand Hose Company
821 Broad Street

Ward 3: Borough Building
617 N. Loyalsock Avenue

MONTOURSVILLE RECREATION BOARD EVENTS

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| May 19 th | Montoursville Middle and High School Jazz Band Present Jazz in the Park Concert.
7:00 at Pavilion 4 (Stage) in Indian Park |
| May 25 th | Encore Band Concert
7:00 at Pavilion 4 (Stage) in Indian Park |
| May 26 th | RAIN DATE Encore Band Concert |
| June 15 th | West Branch Choral
7:00 at Pavilion 4 (Stage) in Indian Park |
| June 16 th | RAIN DATE West Branch Choral |
| July 7 th | Jordon River Gospel Quartet
7:00 at Pavilion 4 (Stage) in Indian Park |
| July 14 th | RAIN DATE Jordon River Gospel Quartet |
| July 21 st | Barbershop Chorus
7:00 at Pavilion 4 (Stage) in Indian Park |
| August 9 th | Repasz Band Concert
7:00 at High School Auditorium |
| October 1 st | Harvest Parade
10:00 Downtown Montoursville |
| October 2 nd | RAIN DATE Harvest Parade – 1:00pm |
- All are welcome, bring a chair, snack and enjoy the entertainment all free.

KONKLE LIBRARY NEWS



The Spring season is here at Konkle Library on Broad Street in Montoursville! Many preparations are making this a busy season. The Friends of the Library are getting ready for the Spring used book sale. This will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The annual support for the Friends of Konkle Library is in full swing. Stop in or mail your donations anytime. The address for Konkle Library is 384 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754. All monies for the Annual Drive go for materials in the library. There is a used book room open during library business hours along with a sample of used books on display in the main room of the library.

The preparations are beginning for the Summer reading program for the children. The theme for the program this Summer will be, "One World-Many Stories." More information will be coming to the web page in April, 2011. There are more children's programs at Konkle. There are two Toddler times and two Story/Craft Hours. Please phone the library during business hours at 368-1840 with any questions.

The Konkle Library and Staff would like to acknowledge a special gift received from Weis Markets. The presentation was made at the Grand Opening of their Montoursville store on Sunday, February 27.

Konkle Library offers a new card to any Lycoming County resident free of charge. There is a free service for downloading e-books in the county system.

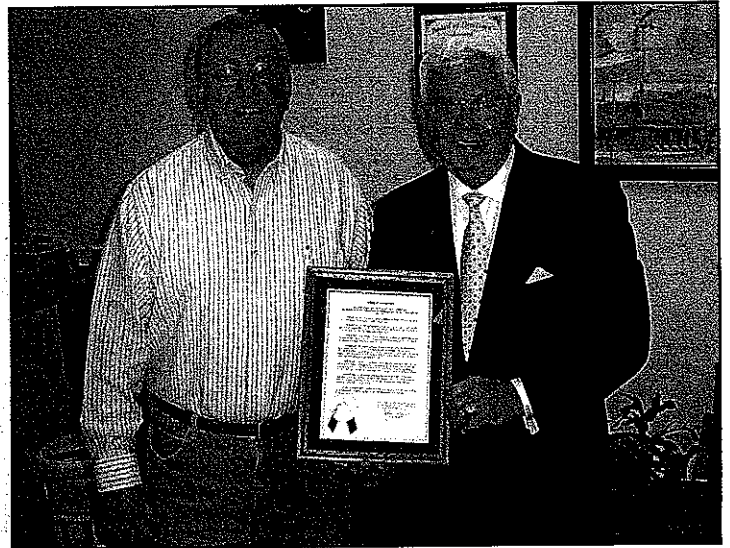
The hours for the Konkle Library are:
 Monday-Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

See you at the library!



**For Up-to-date information,
 please visit the Montoursville
 Borough website at
www.montoursvilleborough.org**

MONTOURSVILLE CEMETARY



(Pictured L-R) Donald King and Mayor John Dorin

During the February 7th Borough Council meeting, Mayor John Dorin designated the Montoursville Cemetery as a Historical Cemetery on its 144th Anniversary. He is shown with Donald King, Cemetery board secretary and Montoursville historian.

MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH ORDINANCE REMINDER

Burning Ordinance – Burning of wastepaper is prohibited

Dog Ordinance – You may not allow your dog to run at large or defecate on another's property.

Tree Ordinance – Trees must be trimmed nine feet above a sidewalk and fourteen feet above the street.

Street Ordinance – You may not blow grass clippings into or onto the Borough Streets.

Accumulations on Private Property – It is unlawful for the owner, tenant or occupant to permit accumulations of garbage, refuse or rubbish, or to permit grass, weeds or brush to exceed the height of eight inches.

ONCE THERE WAS FARMS

Originally, Montoursville was a very small settlement on the edge of an extensive forest. The earliest attempts to farm the land were by the Indians. Indeed, it has been reported that the Moravian, Conrad Weiser helped the residents of Otstonwakin plant corn and fence the land. Our founder, John Burrows farmed and even transported his crops to Baltimore by raft. Obviously others farmed their land as mills were in operation to grind grain into flour at an early time. Burrows built a large mill along the creek for this purpose.

There were many farms within the present boundaries of our town. The rich alluvial soil of the flood plain produced excellent crops. Some of the streets in town are named for lanes that led to farms along the river such as Streighbeigh and Winters. A few of the farmers objected to being incorporated within the borough and fought inclusion into the municipal water system.

There were large farms, truck farms, and nurseries within the confines of our community. Names such as Artley, Jones, Nolan, and Stine are associated with our agricultural based economy. Large farms were often subdivided into building lots. The Brelsford Farm spawned many of the homes on the eastern end of town. The airport occupies land that earlier was devoted to farming. All of these farms led to other business interests including hatcheries, farm implements, blacksmiths, dairies, and mills. A discussion of these businesses will occupy our attention in a future article.

One of the most impressive farms was The Allendale. This was located along what is now a paved Fairview Drive. The farmhouse and nearby tenant house still sit above the Middle School and the farmhouse is possibly the oldest structure remaining in town. The interior of the home is of log construction. The barn was a large white structure and was occupied by cows, chickens, and prized bulls. The Allendale featured a separate horse stable; as well as a dairy. The land occupied by the Middle School, Faith Church, and the homes below the reservoir were part of this operation. My property to the south of the church

served as a dump for their discarded bottles. Later this farm became the Rovadale and continued to feature prize Guernsey cows and bulls into the late 1950's. Mike Rova also owned The Home Dairy Cafeteria on Pine Street in Williamsport.

There is little remaining from those earlier farms. The Governor Shulze Mansion was established as a farm and for many years the Eck Family operated a wonderful Truck Farm on that tract. There is a large barn remaining south of Broad Street that is part of Kremser Brothers operation. The Nicely (Kuhns) barn was recently torn down at the entrance to Scots and Lowes. Some farm homes remain; including a large home at the corner of Fairview and Loyalsock. The building that housed the creamery can be seen at the juncture of Loyalsock and Montour. What does remain is the memory of the scent of oats, the clatter of lugs on the metal wheels of tractors, and an appreciation that much of the wealth that we enjoy comes from the efforts of hardy individuals tilling the soil with crude implements.

Submitted by Don King .

FREE COMMUNITY SHREDDING DAY FOR BOROUGH RESIDENTS



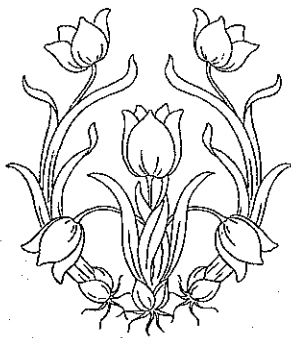
Montoursville Borough will hold a free confidential document disposal day on Saturday, May 14, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Borough Office parking lot, 617 N. Loyalsock Ave., Montoursville. Allowable documents would be bank statements, credit card bills, etc. Junk mail will not be accepted. This service is provided through the courtesy of Keystone Mobile Shredding, Inc.

CALENDARS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
APR.					1	2
3	4 Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	5	6 Planning Com. Mtg. 7 p.m.	7	8	9
10	11 Lioness Mtg. 7 p.m.	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Rec. Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22 Good Friday Borough Closed	23
24 HAPPY EASTER!	25	26 Zoning H.Bd Mtg. 7 p.m.	27	28	29	30

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY						
1	2 Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	3	4 Planning Com. Mtg. 7 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 Lioness Mtg. 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14 Shredding Day 9-11 a.m.
15	16 Presidents' Day	17 Election Day Rec. Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Zoning H.Bd Mtg. 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day Borough Closed	31				

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JUNE			1 Planning Com. Mtg. 7 p.m.	2	3	4
5	6 Council Mtg. 7 p.m.	7	8	9	10	11
12 Children's Day	13 Lioness Mtg. 7 p.m.	14	15	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21 Rec. Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Zoning H.Bd Mtg. 7 p.m.	29	30		



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