



The History of Montoursville



The Mill Stone Monument



- The Mill Stone Monument is the oldest relic we have of European settlement in Montoursville. It was carried by an ox cart from Philadelphia in the 1700's. It was a millstone used to grind flour.
- It is currently located on Broad Street, near the Montoursville Area High School.

Old Borough Hall

The Willing Hand Hose Company was started in 1893 and used this building as their station. In 1965, this building was purchased and used as the Borough Hall.



Governor Shulze House

- Governor John Andrew Shulze served as governor of Pennsylvania from 1828-1829. He purchased the land for his home in 1831. His home was built shortly thereafter.
- Years later the property was owned by the Eck family. The Eck sisters had a laboratory in the cinder block building in which they created a frost bite lotion for American soldiers during WWII.
- It is now home to Nevills Flowers.



Montour Street School



- The Montour Street School was dedicated in 1907. It was first used as a high school and later as an elementary school. Students started on the first floor and moved to the floors above by grade. When the first class of 12 graduated in 1919, George Lyter had become principal. Our current Lyter Elementary School is named after him.
- This building has now been converted into an apartment building and is home to many people.

Konkle Library

The original library, located on the corner of Montour Street and Jordan Avenue, was a private home willed to the community and opened in 1944. It was moved to its current location on Broad Street in 1964, which was formerly a bank.



General John Burrows Historical Society Museum

- General John Burrows Historical Society was started in 1987. The museum building, once a Federalist style home, was built in 1859.
- General Burrows is given credit for planning our town and naming it.



TWA Memorial Park



- The Memorial Park was built in honor of the 21 friends and members of the French Club who lost their lives in the Flight 800 tragedy. The angel statue in the center is dedicated to their loving memory.
- The lot here is said to have been a burial ground for Indians and early settlers.

New Borough Hall

- The current Borough Hall was opened in 1999. It houses the offices of the Mayor, Montoursville Police, and the Borough Waterworks.
- Our Police Chief is **Jeffrey Gyurina**.
- Our Mayor is Steve Bagwell.



American Indian Statue



This likeness of an Eastern Indian watches over the entrance to Indian Park. He stands as a reminder of the original people who lived in this area.

Indian Park

- Indian Park began as Starr Island and later Indian Amusement Park. Over 100 years ago, this park had the largest wooden roller coaster in the eastern United States, a vaudeville theater with over 1,000 seats, a roller rink, a merry-go-round, and passenger train.
- Today Indian Park is home to baseball fields, play grounds, a duck pond, a bike path, a brail trail, soccer fields, and pavilions. It is a perfect place to spend an afternoon!



Name _____

Student # _____



Montoursville History Quiz

1. What did the Montour Street apartments used to be?

- A. A library
- B. A high school
- C. An elementary school
- D. Both B and C

2. Write three facts about Indian Park's past?

3. Whose home also used to owned by the Eck sisters?

- A. General John Burrows
- B. Madame Montour
- C. Governor John Schulze
- D. Mrs. Jean's

4. Who is given credit for planning our town and naming it?

- A. Madame Montour
- B. Mr. Adams
- C. Mayor Bagwell
- D. General John Burrows

5. What animal was used to carry the Mill Stone Monument in the 1700's?

- A. Cow
- B. Horse
- C. Ox
- D. Donkey

6. What is this statue?

- A. Mill Stone Monument
- B. Flight 800 Angel
- C. Mrs. Shultze
- D. American Indian



7. The Konkle Library was formerly a bank?

True or False
(circle one)

8. The new borough building houses the fire department?

True or False
(circle one)

9. Indian Park used to be a zoo?

True or False
(circle one)

10. Why is the American Indian statue at the entrance to Indian Park?
