

YOUTH SCOOP

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Since we have passed the one year anniversary of the Pandemic, I think it's important for us to try to move forward, begin the healing process and create & appreciate moments of true joy. It's been a long, tough journey, and though we feel that we always seem to emerge stronger and overcome adversity, often it is difficult to move past some of the pain and loss we may have experienced, or have felt for others. This is why the practice of self-care is critical! If you are struggling in any way please reach out for help, it is out there! Dial 2-1-1 to access resources or 9-1-1 in an emergency!

Speaking of moments of joy, spring is finally making its appearance...despite still having some chilly days, I see buds on the trees and flower sprouts peeking out of the ground! Warmer temps are on the way! Although many of us may not be able to physically be with some of our loved ones this Easter (again), try and share the joy in other fun and special ways (thank goodness for Facetime, portals, & Zoom!) Hopefully as 2021 year moves forward and more medical breakthroughs abound, we can be on the road to some sense of what we knew before everything went pear shaped!

Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd, so get out there and do something good for Mother Earth; clean up a public area; maybe a park or a beach, and **Don't Forget to RECYCLE**; you can make a difference in your community or neighborhood, and for the globe!

Speaking of making a difference, please be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday April 13th when MYSB will host a **Red Cross Blood Drive** at the Montville Community Center from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00p.m.

Please consider donating & you can help save lives! Call us for more information to register visit www.redcrossblood.org or just pop in on the 13th as a walk-in!

Take a peek inside "the scoop" for more cool news, updates, & information!

Have an Awesome April!

Barbara

Did you know?

Loneliness was the most common feeling among veterans & civilians negatively impacting their mental health during the pandemic.

Help is available.

National Suicide Prevention Hotline

1-800-273-8255

Veterans Crisis Line

1-800-273-8255 press 1

The more you know...



April 5th through April 9th

View this documentary about the impact of social media with your family.

Live Virtual Panel

Thursday, April 8th at 7pm

Login: **nlcountyyouth@indieflix.com**

Password: **nlcountyyouth**

Links will be available on our social media pages!!



Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 13th

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Montville Community Center

Register Today: redcrossblood.org

1 hour = 3 lives.

Asset of the Month

Caring Neighbors

Young person experiences caring neighbors.

Developmental Assets are 40 research-based, positive experiences and qualities that influence young peoples development, helping them become caring, responsible and productive adults. The more of the assets a young person has, the more successful they can become.

Youth News!

Columnist of the Month

Stephan Duhamel
12th Grade- Caring Neighbors

A sense of community and life-long friendships are the impacts of caring neighbors in my life. Growing up in Montville I was fortunate to live in a neighborhood with individuals of all ages. I spent my childhood playing with friends outside, learning life lessons from elderly, and going to neighborhood parties. The people in my life from my neighborhood have always been there for me. I've grown and developed into who I am with their support. I remember looking up to the older kids on my street and wanting to be like them when I got older. My neighbors Sonja and Maddie Campbell have been beneficial role models for me. They showed me how to work hard as an athlete and give back to the community. I am grateful to live in Montville and be a member of such a caring town.



Available in the app store!
FREE Download today!!

SAFER \neq SAFE

~MYSB & the Youth Action Council~

**Learn about the dangers of
vaping in a game created
by youth... for youth!!**

Screen shot the finished game & send us a
message at **MontvilleYSB** on
Instagram by Friday, April 16th to be entered
to win

**1 of 3 Amazon gift cards
(\$50, \$25 & \$10)!**



April Birthdays

EJ Bertrand-4th

Chris Gorski-11th

Timmy Brown-19th

Youth Action Council's "3 Things" you should look for:

1. It seems harmless, until it isn't.

2. Safe \neq Safe

3. What's in your head, should be said!

These are our 3 taglines for our spring & summer campaigns. Be sure to look for them, and our social media to find out what they mean, and how they apply to you and your family!

#YACABOUTIT

After School Program



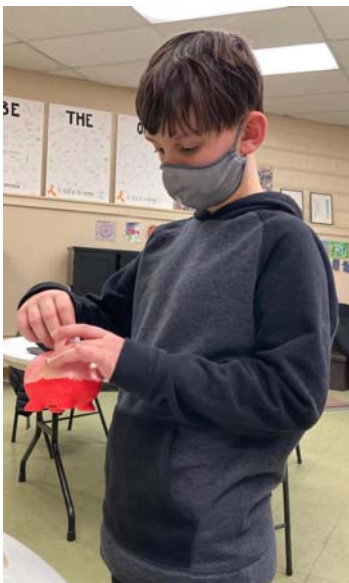
We've been keeping things as normal as possible for our After School kids this year! Arts & Crafts and Shamrock Shakes are exactly what these kids (and adults) needed!!

Shout out to Dan D, Dan B, Officers Aleshire, Stuart and Cassidy for dropping by and hanging out!

#partnersinpositivity



After School
Happiness!



BE SILLY.
BE HONEST.
BE KIND.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson



IN THE MAY ISSUE:

INFORMATION ABOUT AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

RE- REGISTRATION FOR 2021- 2022

FUN DAYS ACTIVITIES May 3rd through 7th

"Tell Me Something Good!"

summer center 2021 registration

Monday, May 10th at 8:30 @ the Montville Community Center.

Please bring- \$200 non-refundable deposit (Cash, Check or Money Order Only!)

Program Information

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday

June 29th-August 19th

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Summer Center is open to 30 Montville Residents entering grade 7 & up with

**Payment: \$450- per child; (\$200 deposit at time of registration, \$225 balance due by June 25th)
includes breakfast, lunch, one field trip per week & special activities.**

Early Drop off program– 8 am: \$120 for the entire summer or \$5 per day (due at time of drop off)

Beginning April 1, customers can head to the [Lowe's website](#) to reserve a free Garden-to-Go kit. The first chance to pick up your kit is on April 8, then each Thursday after that through the month. They include:

- **April 8:** Garden-to-Go kit sponsored by Miracle-Gro with exclusive recipes from professional cook and food stylist Amanda Frederickson.
- **April 15:** Lowe's Mystery Garden Pinata with mystery seed packets.
- **April 22:** 500,000 tree saplings given out in honor of Earth Day.
- **April 29:** Lowe's Butterfly Quest which helps families create a butterfly garden.

Spring is here!! What better way to kick start the season than with free "Garden-to-go Kits" from Lowe's. Visit the website for more information!

KID OF THE MONTH

Joey Yuchniuk has been part of the ASP for the last two years, and has spent those two years keeping us on our toes and entertained!

Joey is one of our resident artists and enjoys showing off his imaginative artwork, that always comes with a very unique back story!

Joey has a great sense of humor and enjoys daily banter with the staff (or anyone that will listen!) He is kind, caring and thoughtful, which makes him a really special part of our family!

Thanks for keeping things interesting, Joey!



Joey Yuchniuk

April 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ASP 2- 6	2 Center Closed	3 Center Closed
4 Center Closed	5 ASP 2- 6	6 ASP 2- 6	7 ASP 2- 6	8 ASP 2- 6	9 ASP 2- 6	10 Center Closed
11 Center Closed	12 Office Hours 8- 4:30	13 Office Hours 8- 4:30	14 Office Hours 8- 4:30	15 Office Hours 8- 4:30	16 Office Hours 8- 4:30	17 Center Closed
18 Center Closed	19 ASP 2- 6	20 ASP 2- 6	21 ASP 2- 6	22 ASP 2- 6	23 ASP 2- 6	24 Center Closed
25 Center Closed	26 ASP 2- 6	27 ASP 2- 6	28 ASP 2- 6	29 ASP 2- 6	30 ASP 2- 6	



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