



LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
December 26, 2007
Associate Publisher Patricia Striefsky presented the first copy of the new and improved Forest City News to Forest City Mayor Nick Cost.

State Rep. Sandra Major has secured a \$10,000 grant to preserve the historic one-room Hoover School building in Cliff-ford Township.

It was reported that one of the blades on a windmill of the local wind farm came apart for no reason. The windmill was in the part of the wind farm near South Canaan.

Trash pickup in Vandling for 2008 will change to Fridays rather than Wednesday.

Another plan to rid Kennedy Park and the Forest City Regional School grounds of geese could see coyote decoys being used to scare the geese away.

The Old Home Week Committee will hold a Valentine's Dance at the Water's Edge Restaurant at Lake Lorain.

Deaths: Thomas White, Chatham, NJ; Frank A. Redzich, Preston Park; Dorothy W. Dix, Starlight.

20 YEARS AGO
Dec. 24, 1997
Julian Doyle was selected BPW "Woman of the Year" for 1998.

Melanie Mchale, Browndale, was the winner of the Dish TV Satellite System awarded Saturday by the Forest City Commercial Association.

Dr. Michael T. Sterchak, DDS, Forest City, was named "Man of the Year" by the Scranton Lackawanna Human Development Agency Head Start Pro-grain.

The first \$1,000 in donations to the Forest City Main Street Christmas Life Fund was given to drive chairman Thomas Chesnick. The Forest City News and Zazzera's Supermarket each donated \$500.

Deaths: Rose Spyhalsky, Forest City; Bernice Price Butler, Forest City; Thomas Franceski, N.J.; Tillie Shumaker, born in Browndale; Violet Jones, Vandling.

30 YEARS AGO
December 24, 1987
A \$1,700 grant from the PA Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Forestry, with matching local funds enabled the Union Dale Volunteer Hose Company of Susquehanna County to purchase a generator and protective gear for fire suppression work.

The Forest City BPW Club honored two women this year as their "Women of the Year." They were Miss Alice Gillespie and Minnie Monasky.

Marilyn Thornton of Richmondale received a long-awaited liver transplant on Thursday, December 17.

Deaths: Charles Beautz, Forest City; Michael Evanitsky, Preston Park; Donald Horn, South Gibson; Eugene Bianchini, New York; Mary Stanton, born in Forest City; Joseph A. Myskiew Jr., Lake Como.

40 YEARS AGO
December 22, 1977
Freshman Karen Hiznay led all scorers with 19 points in opening the season with the Villanova Wildkittens basketball team.

Thomas Mellow is named chairman of Forest City Council Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Basketball Tournament.

Tom Baileys and Jim Verboys named to Dean's List at Penn State Scranton Campus.

Forest City Lions Club announces that \$3,000 - has been raised to aid in remodeling done at the Forest City Library.

Deaths: John G. Williamson, father of Magistrate Barbara Obelenus; Gertrude Suponic Gole, Cleveland.

50 YEARS AGO
December 28, 1967
Forest City Red Cross Chapter has completed its plans for a blood drive to replenish the area blood supply. Peter Rooney, Red Cross blood chairman, said the

blood supply has reached a critical stage and all qualified blood donors are urged to cooperate in making the drive a success.

Mrs. Josephine Gostisha of North Main Street, Forest City, is accepting donations for the Slovenian Chapel Memorial at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Martin Kelly of Vandling was shaken up last Thursday night, but escaped serious injury when the horse he was riding stumbled into a hole just south of Vandling. Kelly was thrown from the horse and suffered facial bruises.

The Hometown Club sponsored its annual visit of Santa Claus last Friday and the turnout was overwhelming.

The Rev. Thomas A. Tracy, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Waymart, celebrated Mass in the home of John Wiszniewski, Prompton, on Tuesday, December 19 at 8 p.m. for the benefit of Miss Anna Copilo, 82 years of age, who is unable to attend Mass.

NO 60 YEARS AGO
70 YEARS AGO
December 25, 1947
Mrs. Dominick Marchiony announced that \$61.04 was raised for the Salvation Army in local schools.

The Sacred Heart Church Choir presented a program of Christmas carols during the Polish Hour on Station WSCR last Sunday.

The palatial summer home of H. L. Stephens and a nearby garage were destroyed by fire at Newton Lake last Friday.

Miss Bernice Hempstead of Lake Como and Emory C. Doyle of Orson were united in marriage on December 14.

The Forest City Trio, composed of Anna Nograsky, Romaine Tusar and John Yadosky were adjudged winners of a recent radio musical contest.

80 YEARS AGO
December 23, 1937
Michael Skubic, former local Poor District director, was named to the County Assistance Board.

Howard Lowry, of the Enterprise Hose Co., was named Forest City Fire Chief, succeeding Robert Rutherford, of the Hillside Company.

Dr. D.W. Cole, prominent physician in Gettysburg for the past forty years, died at his home last Thursday.

90 YEARS AGO
December 22, 1927
Msgr. Thomas O'Reilly, Cleveland, Ohio, has been named Bishop of Scranton, succeeding the late Bishop M. J. Hoban.

Sunday marked the 20th anniversary of Julius Freedman in the moving picture business.

The annual Alumni Dance of the Forest City High School will be held in the Borough Hall on Tuesday evening.

The Community Christmas tree placed in Memorial Park was the scene of local choral groups singing carols during the evenings of the past week.

Among the deaths recorded this week was Louis Cebular, who died on Monday.

100 YEARS AGO
December 27, 1917
Many local homes were gladdened with the arrival of scores of local soldiers now in service to spend the Christmas holidays with their families.

Susquehanna County Court has refused all petitions for wholesale liquor licenses.

John McLaughlin holds the distinction of being one of the oldest Masons in the vicinity in point of membership. He joined the fraternity nearly fifty years ago.

George Reed has been advanced to the position of assistant foreman at Clinton Colliery.

110 YEARS AGO
December 26, 1907
A twelve-inch auxiliary water main has been installed by the local water company.

After January 1, clergymen who have been traveling on the

railroads at half fare, will be required to pay full fare hereafter.

Hamilton Dillon, one of the borough's oldest residents, died Tuesday at the age of 88.

120 YEARS AGO
December 24, 1897
J. J. Wellbrook succeeds J. R. Budd as chairman of Council as latter resigns to become Justice of the Peace.

Hillside Fire Company has purchased a matched team of black horses at a cost of \$300 and a set of drop harness for \$150.

Petitions are being circulated to have the street car line extended to the northern end of the borough.

Anthony Moser died at his North Main Street home Sunday.



The following short stories are of life as a young boy in the Forest City Area and are written by Robert Cole, Bordentown, NJ. His parents were Alfred and Jessie Atkinson Cole. He was born in 1940 in his grandparent's house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

It was great to stop and visit with you at the News office, and meet your family. It brought back memories of when my Aunt Verna and Uncle Jim Romich worked in the news office. I used to help pour lead pigs for the Linotype in the downstairs. Wow. When I left her and went to work, I ran letterpress for a while and realized that Offset was where it was happening. I made a great choice and it was a great ride. I did well and ended up managing a medium sized company with over 100 employees.

We printed for all the Art Museums and National Gallery. All of their art reprints and all of the Wyeths reprints from Chadsford, PA. I would not trade all of the experiences for anything else. Lots of travel with the company and many perks. WOW.

Glad we got together.
Bob Cole

20 YEARS AGO
December 31, 1997
FCR Scholastic Team will participate in the annual Scholastic Bowl competition at WVIA in Pittston.

Bob Lesjack will leave for India to participate in the Rotary District 7410 group study exchange presenting the Forest City area Rotary club.

The Rev. David Delzell, a local priest who assists at local parish- es, has released a CD of Christmas music.

Deaths: George Roger Owens, RR 1 Waymart; Edward J. Proppe, Forest City; William Haggerty, Binghamton, N.Y.; Lee R. Wilkins, born in Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO
December 31, 1987
S. Robert Powell, Elkdale, was notified on Dec. 9 that birds from his loft have won first place in three of the ten national flying competitions that are sponsored by the Flying Tipples Assoc. of America.

Ralph Rutkowski, manager of the Honesdale Kost Tire Store, was recently named "Manager of the Year" of the PA stores by Erwin Kost.

The Forest City Area volunteer recycling program kicks off on Sat., Jan. 9 at the recycling site at the Babe Ruth Field, behind Franceski Lumber Yard.

Deaths: Robert Baileys, Union Dale; Anna M. Bloomer, Carbondale; Will Sparks, part-time resident of Herrick Center; Mary Warhola, Vandling; Mary J. Horn, Clifford.

40 YEARS AGO
December 29, 1977
George Bartholomay, past president of Community National Bank, and one of the area's foremost businessmen, died on Christmas Day.

S/Sgt. John Yadosky, Browndale, named captain of rifle team of Co. B Carbondale Army National Guard.

Bernard Wellicka elected president of Browndale Sportsmen's Club.

Barry Searle, Clifford, commis-

sioned second lieutenant in U.S. Army.

Over 400 attended the snow-delayed "Sounds of Christmas" concert by the Forest City Area Community Chorus last week.

Barbara Bianco received her Registered Nursing diploma and has accepted a staffing position at Community Medical Center.

50 YEARS AGO
January 2, 1968
Mayor Dr. A. B. Cimochowski cast the tie-breaking vote for Andrew Zavacky as the new president of Forest City Borough at the reorganization held on Tuesday night.

Arrangements are progressing rapidly for the Holy Name Communion Breakfast to be held Sunday, Jan. 14, in St. Agnes auditorium. Committee members are: Greg O'Neill, Joseph Fitzsimmons and William Stratford Jr.

John Robinson, formerly of the Vandling and Forest City area, died on Dec. 29 in Valley Hospital, Ridgewood, NJ. He died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident in Midland Park, NJ.

Increased rates for all classes of mail except parcel post and international mail will go into effect January 7th, Forest City Postmaster William J. Stratford reminded postal customers today.

Pvt. Thomas Conigliaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conigliaro, Vandling, is spending a 21-day leave at his home.

Sgt. John Logar, son of Mrs. Mary Logar, Browndale, has been discharged after completing two years service in the Army. Sgt. Logar served eleven months in Vietnam.

60 YEARS AGO
January 3, 1958
Carl Franceski of the Hillside Hose Co., succeeds Frank Wilks of the Enterprise Co. as Forest City Fire Chief.

Local police apprehended several youths accused of pilfering the Christmas tree light bulbs from the outdoor display of John Polonic, N. Main Street.

Deaths recorded during the past week: Mrs. Percy Glanville, 710 Main St.; Michael Pastusek, Railroad St.; Martin O'Mahen, Paterson, NJ, former local resident; Michael Mannion, Delaware St.; Andrew Supon, Cleveland, Ohio, former Vandling resident.

70 YEARS AGO
January 1, 1948
Eight local youths were injured when the "homemade" toboggan they were riding down the steep North Street incline crashed into a stop sign standard at the Main and North Street intersection.

Robert Spencer, Union Dale, was named to the Board of Directors of NEP Telephone Co., filling the vacancy caused by the death of A.O. Finn of Clifford.

Leo Kowalewski, RD Union Dale, incurred serious burns when gasoline exploded while he was filling the tank of his automobile at his home.

County officials will benefit by the ten per cent pay hike voted by recent state legislature action.

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January 6, 1938
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100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items from the Independent Republican, Montrose Democrat and Tri-Weekly Journal Submitted by Betty Smith, Susquehanna County Historical Society, Montrose Back issues of 100 Years Ago can be accessed at www.susqcohist.org

Forest City - Many homes were gladdened in Forest City and vicinity by the arrival of the soldier boys to spend the joyous yuletide at home. The Camp Mead contingent arrived on a late car Sunday evening. They returned yesterday morning. It is needless to say that their reception was as happy as it was unexpected, for it was announced in the daily press that the boys of Camp Mead would not be allowed to spend Christmas at home owing to congested conditions of the railroads. The boys presented a soldierly appearance and aroused words of praise. The boys were: Arthur Brown, Charles Skubic, John Tomason, Frank Oven, Ludwick Korre, Joseph Laurie, Frank Gerstell, Eugene J. Slick, Stanley Stankovitz, Frank Solman, Edward Stanislowtas, Theodore Koneshevski, Frank Kelleher, James P. Walsh, Joseph Lipka and Theodore Ralka. The Navy was represented by James McGrath and James O'Malley, whose natty blue uniforms were in striking contrast to the olive drab of the soldier boys. Lieut. D. R. Maxey was unable to reach here until Christmas night. Lieut. Bolus Matowski was here the first of the week.

Susquehanna River - With the exception of a few riffles or air holes, the river is covered with ice for a distance of more than one hundred miles, as reported by the Tunkhannock Republican.

New Milford - New Milford borough council has passed an ordinance approving the contract between the State Highway Dept., the county commissioners, and the borough, for the paving of the streets of the borough. Work starting, weather permitting, in the spring. ALSO About a year ago Thomas J. Carr, one of the oldest residents of this place, suffered a slight stroke and on Wednesday of last week he had another which resulted in his death. Mr. Carr ran a grocery store and harness shop in Har-

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Senior MENU

Week of Jan. 2

Monday - Centers closed.

Tuesday - Chicken Marsala (option: tomato basil fish), green & wax beans, Roasted red potatoes, ww roll, Chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday - Stuffed shells, sauteed spinach, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed berries w/whipped topping.

Thursday - Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, ww roll, apple bread pudding.

Friday - chicken caesar salad, minestrone soup, ww roll, Rice Krispie treat

For reservations, please call a day ahead at Forest City, 10-2, 785-3386. At Lenoxville, 10-2, THURSDAY ONLY, 222-9550, or you can call the Senior Service office at: 278-7664 or 800-634-3746