

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

January 23, 2008
Bernice Lukus was elected new president of Vandling Borough Council. She replaces longtime Council president Frank Orasin.

According to Vandling Treasurer Henry Majdic, the Borough has a total of \$156,000 in its various accounts.

A recent ice and wind storm damaged the dugout on the softball field at Forest City Regional School.

John Nebzydowski, son of Andrew Nebzydowski and Patricia Morgan, received a \$3,500 scholarship from the PA Farm Show Scholarship Foundation.

Deaths: Angeline M. Cerar, formerly of Vandling; Lucille K. Pristavec, Forest City; Juel Suchy Petriyak, Forest City; Carlton S. Lee, Union Dale; Richard C. Roberts, Aldenville; Blanche T. Hessling, Honesdale; Mary Laskowsky-Chervanka, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO
January 21, 1998
Charles & Martin Skubic Post No. 524, American Legion, Forest City, recognized and honored Stanley Kupiec who served as Post Adjutant for many years.

The Forest City Fire Department and Forest City Area Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. held its first merger meeting on Jan. 13.

Our outdoor writer, Bill Feddock, was the subject of a TV feature story on Channel 16's PA Outdoor Life on Jan. 11 and 12.

The Forest City Regional School Board was asked to consider readjusting the representation on the board from the member municipalities in the district. The present nine-member board has three board members from Forest City, two members from Mount Pleasant and one member each from Vandling, Herrick Twp. and Union Dale and Browndale.

Deaths: Albin PeterMarcinkus, Pleasant Mt.; Edward A. Tannies, formerly of Wayne Co.; Frank Joseph Paukstis, former local resident; Dale Beeman, Clifford; Joseph Vasey, Thompson; Edward Slick, Forest City; Mark Krolak, S. Scranton.

30 YEARS AGO
January 21, 1988
The recycling of newspaper in Forest City proved to be a success last Saturday as about four tons was collected.

Francis O'Neill of Pleasant Mount was sworn in as the new school director from Forest City Regional School Board Region 5.

Miss Brenda Eimers, a member of the Class of 1989 at Mountain View High School, is spending her junior year in Australia as a foreign exchange student.

LuAnn and Kathy Matoushek, daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Matoushek, RD Waymart, have attained the Dean's List for the 1987 Fall term at their respective colleges.

Deaths: Mrs. Jennie Lowry, formerly of Union Dale; Ethel Meka, RD Lenoxville; Grace Scavone, Dunmore; Audrey Payne, Richmondale; Joseph Polednak, NY, Jennifer Ann Dodge, Honesdale.

40 YEARS AGO
January 19, 1978
The NAPA Auto Parts Store opened last Thursday in the former Eichholzer Hardware Store, 527 Main Street. The store is owned and operated by Vic & Jackie Wormuth, Preston Park.

Sister Mercia Kennedy, formerly of Vandling, honored for her community service by the City of Oneida, NY.

Liberty Bank will mark its 75th anniversary this year.

The Village of Four Seasons, Union Dale, announces plans to form a nonprofit association town and operate the Village's sewer, water and recreation facilities.

Five area young men were nabbed for a break-in Sunday night at Konchar Market in which food, cigarettes and cash were taken.

Deaths: Frank Marinchick, RD 2, Union Dale; Alberta Melvin, 802 Main St.; Mrs. Marguerite Meagher Conrad, Binghamton; Mrs. Elizabeth Jacques Kelly, Irvington, NJ.

50 YEARS AGO
January 25, 1968
Postmaster W. J. Stratford has

warned property owners who have failed to remove snow and ice from areas where Post Office carriers must walk that they can be deprived of mail delivery if they persist in an uncooperative attitude.

The Union Dale Borough held its reorganization meeting on January 15th. Mr. Mervington Heller, who served as Council President for a number of years, retired after having served as Councilman from 1940 to 1968.

Marine Cpl. Paul Ferraro, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ferraro, 546 Main St., Vandling, is being assigned to Vietnam after spending a leave at the home of his parents.

"Enjoy reading every item, even all the ads; it's the only link in the chain of the past, present and future Forest City," said Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin Connally, East Orange, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mayers of Johnson City, former local residents, observed their 65th wedding anniversary with a family get-together at their home. Mrs. Mayers is the former Hannah Atkinson.

60 YEARS AGO
January 24, 1958
Gerald Kelly and Edward Tourje, members of the local Air Explorers Post, will take part in the Philmont Scout Expedition this coming July.

The Stillwater Dam and Reservoir is scheduled to get underway in May or June as contractor bids are scheduled for review in February.

Rumor has the Freedman Theater closing. Public interest is being rallied to forestall such action.

Mrs. Mary Shivitz elected president of the Browndale Mothers Club.

Deaths recorded: Joseph Stancavage, 518 Susquehanna St.; Mrs. Josephine McGarry, Pleasant Mt.; William C. White, Union Dale.

70 YEARS AGO
January 22, 1948
Benjamin A. Franceski was named assistant cashier of First and Farmers National Bank of Forest City.

Low mercury readings of last week's cold spell were as follows: Forest City 12 below; Vandling 21 below; Orson 40 below, and Starucca, 35 below.

Workmen of E. A. Bloxham are putting the finishing touches to the new office suite for Dr. Philip Hensell, in the former Allen Block, 632 Main St.

Thomas Morgan, former local Councilman and active in the Enterprise Hose Co. affairs, died Monday in a Philadelphia hospital.

80 YEARS AGO
January 20, 1938
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Murray, Center Street, observe their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Injuries received last Friday in the Erven Colliery mine, Pittston, proved fatal to Gilbert Carpenter, former local resident.

Miss Dorothea M. Korb, of Honesdale, and Edwin A. Bloxham, Forest City, were united in marriage Saturday in St. John's Lutheran Church, Honesdale.

Wildcat O'Connor, local boxer, scored his third successful knockout in his win over Verne Carpenter, of Chicago, at Town Hall, Scranton, Monday, before a crowd of 2,600.

90 YEARS AGO
January 19, 1928
D.B. Gibson, Union Dale, named director of NEP Telephone Company, succeeding the late E. H. Ledward.

Fire caused extensive damage to the building and tailor shop of A. Nelish on South Main Street early this morning.

Frank Cleary, 15, died Monday at St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from diabetes.

Joseph H. Painter, Vandling, has been appointed clerk in the Lackawanna County Commissioners' office.

Miss Mary Krasovec, Vandling, became the bride of John Ravnikar in St. Joseph's Church on Thursday.

100 YEARS AGO
January 21, 1918
The men of St. Agnes Parish met Sunday in Lydens Theatre to further plans for the erection of a new church to replace the edifice

destroyed by fire on Dec. 17, 1917.

A move is being made to have the new church built on the land adjacent to the No. 2 School on South Main Street. A committee was named to further the plans consisting of Rev. M. F. Manley, the pastor; J. J. Walker, John P. Murray, Peter Flannelly and Martin Kelly.

Arthur Davis and Norman English, both "over there" in France, have been promoted to Corporals.

The team of M. H. Loomis, the milkman, after being frightened, ran away along Main Street, causing damage to several store fronts before being stopped.

The Forest City High School basketball team defeated Carbondale High School 34-15. The local players were Podboy, Sheridan, Callaghan, Owens, Planinsek, and Michaels.

110 YEARS AGO
January 16, 1908
A branch of the Red Cross is being organized locally.

Night school is underway in Vandling, with 27 scholars in attendance.

The home of Frank Gruden, Browndale, was destroyed by fire.

The members of the Hillside Hose Co. enjoyed their annual sleigh ride party to Dundaff on Saturday evening.

The Presbyterian Church is considering the extension of a call to the Rev. W. J. Funk, of Chalfont.

120 YEARS AGO
January 20, 1898
The sport and pastime of coasting down the steep hills in the borough has become a menace to the safety of pedestrians and horses.

U. G. Cooley is preparing to leave for the Alaska Klondike region in search of gold.

Glynn Walker was elected president of the Enterprise Hose Company.

The local mines have only worked five days so far this month with little prospects for any more working time.

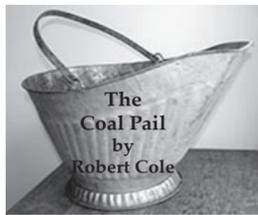
Republicans in caucus Tuesday nominated H. P. Johns and George E. Maxey for Council; J. M. Brown for Justice of the Peace, and J. C. Brown for Poor Master.

130 YEARS AGO
January 19, 1888
All who are interested in organizing a Militia Company in Forest City are invited to meet Friday evening in the office of lawyer Herman Hemes.

The new road between Forest City and Dundaff has been confirmed and an order will be issued to the Clifford supervisors to open it at once.

Land agents are running property lines and laying out the lots recently purchased by local residents.

Israel Rounds has been hauling stone from Union Dale getting ready to build another house.



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 grandparents' house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

After school was out for the summer we played in the red barn in the mornings, Ray Bloxham's abandoned lumber yard where there was still cut lumber stored to dry. We played cards for stick matches; also smoked cigarettes and hid them in the red barn.

I remember my Uncle Clyde Atkinson-- we called him the Beak because he had a big nose, coming down the side of the barn and Bolis (Alan Atkinson) had just taken a big drag on a smoke.

Someone hollered--here comes the BEAK. Bolis shout-ed-- PA. I am not smoking as the smoke was rolling out of his mouth.

It was so funny and Bolis got footed in the butt, all of the way home.

In the afternoons we went to the pumphouse to swim. Also to Jungle Dam that was by swinging bridge. Sometimes to Sliding Peanuts over in Browndale, a creek waterfall with moss on the rocks and a pool of water on the bottom. We would slide down the rocks on our butts.

No swim suits at Jungle Dam or sliding peanuts. All fun and part of growing up. Kids today don't know how to have fun.

School LUNCH MENU

Week of Jan. 29

Monday - Steak & Cheese Hoagie w/peppers & onions, sweet pot. puffs, chick peas & tomato salad, bananas.

Tuesday - French toast sticks, potato rounds, sausage pattie, strawberry cup.

Wednesday - Chicken Alfredo o/pasta, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli, mandarin oranges.

Thursday - Mozzarella sticks, sauce, salad, glazed carrots, chick p's & tomato salad.

Friday - Boneless wings, homemade wing or BBQ sauce, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans, cookie.

Alternates HS: Turkey & Ham & cheese, hoagies & wraps. Grab n Go - Sweet & Sour Chicken o/rice, Chicken Ranch Wrap. Alternate: Hot Dog.

BREAKFAST
Monday - Sausage & cheese on croissants. (HS) - Blueberries o/pancakes (ELE.)

Tuesday - Egg & cheese on croissant. (HS) - Cheese omelet mini, cinnamon roll (ELE.)

Wednesday - Bacon, egg & cheese on croissant. (HS) - Assorted Yogurt Zee-Zee, Bar (ELE.)

Thursday - Ham, egg & cheese on croissant (HS) - Breakfast Sausage Pizza (ELE.)

Friday - Egg & cheese on bagel (HS) - Bagel w/cream cheese or jelly (ELE.)

*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk. *Alternate breakfast: assorted whole grain or reduced sugar cereals.

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100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Dimock-- There will be a Community Supper, Friday evening, Jan 25th, at Community Building, Dimock, for the benefit of the Dimock library. All interested are urged to help in this good cause. Supper, 25 cents; children under 12 years, ten Cents.

Montrose - The first of the "Heatless Mondays" found Montrose in a mood, as a rule, to heartily co-operate in the saving of fuel to assist our government in progressing the war. There were no snarlers--at least we heard of none. The law offices were closed, but many of the lawyers, with important business on hand for the day, made the Court House their headquarters. The stores were closed; as was the newspaper offices. The bar at the Exchange Hotel was closed for the day. The news stand and bowling alley of H. A. Patrick remained open Monday, but banked the fires the following Tuesday. The Beach Mfg. Co.* had a permit to operate its plant, as it is engaged on government work. It seemed to be the opinion of the people here that this action by the fuel administrator was proper, not only for the amount of coal that would be saved, but for bringing very forcibly to the attention of the American people, that we are in a war that calls for sacrifice. *(Beach Mfg. Co. is looking to land a government contract for 400 sawing machines, which will be used in cutting lumber from the forests in France and here, for the building of camps, hangars, etc., for the army. Beach has been engaged in the construction of machines for the allied government for months, shipping considerable numbers to Europe almost weekly.)

Susquehanna - Susquehanna has a Smileage campaign on this week, the proceeds of which are to go to help provide wholesome amusements for our soldiers in the training camps and everyone is expected to help in raising a generous sum for a worthy and important cause.

Forest City - Monday the businessmen formed a "bee" under the supervision of Burgess John Franko and removed the heaps of snow along Main street. Why certainly, Tuesday it snowed. ALSO The Scouts of Forest City are delivering government pamphlets giving America's reasons for entering the war. ALSO A meeting of the men of St. Joseph parish was held Sunday afternoon to consider the erection of a new church building. It was agreed, in case the St. Agnes society decided to build their church on Main street, that a committee be appointed to obtain the old site of St. Agnes church and erect a new building thereon. It was suggested that St. Joseph church be used for school and other parish purposes. The committee appointed are, Rev. J. Tomsic, Martin Muchitz and Martin Gerchman. It was the largest meeting in the history of the parish and it was the unanimous opinion that the cheaper plan would be the erection of a new house of worship.

Uniondale - The Uniondale Milling company finds it almost impossible to secure grain. On Monday they received a carload of wheat that ought to have been delivered here last September.

Thompson - We noticed in the Uniondale column the account of two ladies who recently walked from there to Forest City, a distance of 6 miles. That was quite a tramp, but Thompson is ahead in that line. Jan. 2, all will remember, was just such zero weather as now and hard walking. On that day Miss Emily Walker, of Jackson street, went to Susquehanna on business and being delayed, was obliged to walk home, a distance of 9 miles or more, after 4 o'clock P.M., arriving home about 7 that evening and she was alone. She earned the right to the name Walker.

Snake Creek - The Snake Creek Telephone Co., a mutual organization, recently increased its annual rental to \$7 yearly. Each subscriber owns his phone. The raise was made necessary

by increased cost, as well as the planning of improvements to the line the coming year.

Harford - A Paris dispatch comments as follows: "Sergeant Henry Sweet Jones, a member of the Lafayette [Espadrille] Flying Corps, who is also a lieutenant in the aviation reserve of the American army, has been decorated with the War Cross, praising his splendid spirit and admirable daring." The citation especially mentions his exploit of October 1 last, when he brought down his first German machine and his fight with two German airmen on October 31, in which he put his adversaries to flight. In this latter engagement an explosive bullet grazed the gasoline tank of Jones' machine. ALSO L. W. Peck is mourning over the loss of his prize rooster, "Pete," as he found him dead Sunday morning.

Hopbottom - Mrs. Mary Powers, her son, Kenneth, and daughter, Shirley, all of whom have been spending a few months in Newark, N. J., have returned to this, their home town, where they will open the Valley View hotel as a temperance house for public entertainment.

Kingsley - School is closed indefinitely because of a case of scarletina in town.

Gelatt - Some time during last Thursday night someone entered Howard Whitney's chicken coop and took fifty hens.

Glenwood - Mrs. Sara Cameron has knit 12 pairs of socks for the soldiers and her daughter, Gertrude, also has knit two army sweaters. They have been informed that they were much needed.

Jackson - C. M. Leonard, the hustling proprietor of the "Morning Star Dairy Farm," has opened a full-fledged milk route between Jackson and Gelatt. Time schedule can be had on application.

Elk Lake - The friends and neighbors of W. J. Young made him a wood bee, he having lost his horse some time ago and they also remembered Mrs. Young at Christmas time, which has been their custom for some years to send her some presents, as she is confined to the house all of the time, and these tokens of friendship she is very thankful for.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, January 24, 1818.

*Dissolution of Partnership. The co-partnership heretofore existing between William A. & Torry Whitney was dissolved on the 2nd inst. All persons indebted to said firm by note or book account are requested to pay immediately to William Whitney who continues business at the old stand. WILLIAM A. WHITNEY, TORRY WHITNEY, Harford, Jan. 16, 1818.

*SHERIFF SALE. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Susquehanna County to me directed will be exposed to sale at the house of George W. Lane in Springville township on Friday the 30th day of January instant at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, one horse, one sleigh, and two tons of hay, seized and taken as the property of George W. Lane. AUSTIN HOWELL, Sh'ff. Sheriff's Office, Montrose, Jan. 16, 1818.

*FIRE PROOF. On Thursday the 5th of February next, the Commissioners of Susquehanna County will contract for building Fire Proof offices at Montrose with such person as shall offer the best terms and give good security for the performance. The Plan may be examined at that time or on any day previous by calling at the Commissioners' office. By order of the Commissioners, A.H. READ, Cl'k.

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Thursday
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Coming Events

Jan. 28 - Clifford Fire Co. BBQ, Sun., 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 - Forest City Lions Club SUPER BOWL RAFFLE. Tickets \$5.00 each. Tickets contact a Lions Club member.

Feb. 9 - Red Cross blood donation, Browndale Fire Station, 1 to 6 p.m., Fri., CALL 1800REDCROSS.

Feb. 17 - Nature discovery hike at 1 p.m. Meet at Rail-trail office at 948 N. Main St., Union Dale. RSVP to reserve snow shows at Trails@nep.net.

March 4 NEPA 2018 Wedding Showcase, The Anthracite Center, 41 N. Main St., Carbondale, 1 to 4 p.m., LCS Solutions Wedding Events 570.954.9443 Lisa LCSSolutionsLC.com.

March 18 - Catholic Choral Society will sing at the FCA Historical Society, Sun., 2PM. Snow date Tues., Mar. 20, 7PM. Public invited. No charge.

Apr. 15 It's Ruff Without a Roof Dog Rescue "Purse BIN-GO" event, Sun., Scott Township Hose Company, Montdale, 1 p.m. doors open.

April 22 - Hearsay Singers from Cornell University under the direction of Katie O'Neill, FCA Historical Society, Sun., 2PM. Public invited. No charge.

Senior MENU

Week of Jan. 29

Monday - Apple ginger pork chop, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, ww roll, oatmeal cookie.

Tuesday - Meatloaf, dilled carrots, mashed potatoes, ww roll, cherry gelatin.

Wednesday - Chicken marsala, green & wax beans, roasted red potatoes, ww roll, chocolate chip cookie

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

Friday - Roast pork, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, ww roll apple bread pudding.

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

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