

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

January 30, 2008
Hank Wildenberg has retired after 27 years with the United States Postal Service. He was a rural carrier in the Pleasant Mount area.

The Forest City Fire Dept. responded to 142 calls during 2007. It was 13 less than in 2006.

Forest City Regional School announced that Kerrie Lombardi, an elementary school teacher, was awarded a Wayne County Community Foundation Innovative Teaching grant in the amount of \$476.

Joan Marcel was elected President of the Vandling Recreation Board.

Jesse Walsh, a junior at Forest City High School, scored his 1,000th point during a basketball game against Susquehanna on Jan. 24. He is the son of Jim and Lori Walsh, Vandling.

Deaths: Victoria Simon, Forest City; Janet L. Gustin, Honesdale; Raymond L. Hoehing, Jr., Clifford Twp.; Eleanor Grecco, Carbondale; William Dross, formerly of Forest City; Joseph Dombrosky, Carbondale; Benedict Benionis, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1998
A new feature of each Forest City Regional School Board meeting is a report by the two school principals.

Best to Tom Fitzsimmons Sr. who retired last week as janitor of St. Agnes Church. Tom is a retired clerk of the local liquor store and has been a faithful and dedicated worker at St. Agnes for a number of years.

The Forest City Area Volunteer Ambulance Assoc. responded to 362 calls during 1997. The ambulance traveled 4,471 miles during the year.

The Forest City Area Rotary Club presented a check for \$500 to Thomas Chesnick, chairman of the Forest City Main Street Christmas Light Fund.

Deaths: Hellen E. Gully, Thompson; Edward J. Rutkosky, Honesdale; William J. Selby, RD 1, Thompson; Audrey J. Eastwood, Dalton.

30 YEARS AGO

January 28, 1988
Minnie Monasky and Alice Gillespie were honored by the Forest City BPW Club recently as "Women of the Year."

Al Dyno, was re-elected to his fourth term as president of Vandling Boro Council.

The recycling bug seems to be catching on in Forest City. Last week area residents brought in enough aluminum cans to fill five 55-gal. drums.

James Richards was elected president of the Browndale Fire Co. for 1988.

Deaths: Irene Reynolds, Pleasant Mt.; Anthony Mancuso, Sr., Carbondale; Walter Samosky, born in Simpson; Russell Cottrell, Sr., RD 2, New Milford; Joseph Adlis, Forest City; Laura Mae Shouse, Vandling.

40 YEARS AGO

January 26, 1978
Three storms, totaling twenty-seven inches of snow, sleet and ice, struck the area from Jan. 14 to Jan. 23 producing the "Blizzard of '78." Pleasant Mt. Fish Hatchery reported total accumulations of forty-three inches.

Kathleen Prezelski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Prezelski, has been awarded a one-year scholarship at Kutztown State College.

John Pierzga, Susq. Street, named to the Dean's List at Williamsport Area Community College.

Kenneth S. Jones was elected chairman of the Clifford Twp. Supervisors.

Mrs. Gertrude Beck was elected president of the Tri-County Senior Citizens.

John P. Brennan, Carbondale, has been licensed as a funeral director in the State of Pennsylvania.

50 YEARS AGO

February 1, 1968
The first annual Winter Carni-

val will be held at the Ice Pond Recreation Area on February 4th from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. All residents of the area are invited. Anyone wishing to volunteer on that day should contact John Kameen, Joseph Walsh or Richard Pentecost.

Postmaster William J. Stratford of Forest City assumed the presidency, of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Postmasters of the United States on January 1st. He is the first Susquehanna County Postmaster to head the Penna. Chapter since its inception in 1935. He will serve as President of the Chapter until December 31, 1968.

Thomas Prince, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prince, left January 25th for Ft. Benning, Ga., where he will undergo Army Basic Training.

Donald Drasler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drasler, is vacationing for two weeks in Europe, enjoying some skiing in Switzerland and Austria.

Army Chaplain Major Francis Kovacic, son of Mrs. Carl Kovacic, Herrick Twp., has received the Soldier's Medal, the highest award for non-combatant heroism for bravery in Vietnam.

60 YEARS AGO

January 30, 1958
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Korosec Sr., 453 Clinton St., Vandling, observe their Golden Wedding anniversary.

Forest City Borough Council reenacts Wage and Profits Tax, also 15-mill levy on real estate.

Congressman Joseph Carigg on Tuesday announced his candidacy for re-election.

Rev. Luke Lindon of the Kilroe Sacred Heart Seminary will be the principal speaker at the St. Agnes Holy Name Communion Breakfast next Sunday.

70 YEARS AGO

January 29, 1948
Bitter sub-zero weather, coupled with a ten-inch snowfall, gripped this area over the weekend. Readings of ten below were recorded locally.

Paul M. Davies won an honorable mention certificate in the nationwide Westinghouse science talent search.

The Greater Forest City Industries bondholders held their annual meeting and named Frank Gaydosch chairman of the Board of Directors.

Deaths recorded: Frank Stancavage, Browndale; Mrs. Caroline Popolchak, 407 Main Street.

80 YEARS AGO

January 27, 1938
Injuries sustained in a coasting accident proved fatal to nine-year-old Sarah Zahora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zahora, Vandling.

Stanley "Zabe" Zebrowski was named Justice of the Peace by Gov. Earl to succeed Stanley Benarick, who resigned.

Nineteen young men from Forest City enlisted in the Armed Services during 1937.

Fire Chief Howard Lowry orders a uniformed man to be in attendance at all local dances in public gatherings to enforce the new State Law requiring the presence of a fire officer.

Deaths recorded: John Mikulewicz, Hudson St.; Albert Dolovy, RD, Forest City.

90 YEARS AGO

January 26, 1928
The explosion of a hot water tank in the apartment of Fred Kigerl caused extensive damage to the apartment and building of the Davies and Haser garage.

John Rozina, Susquehanna St., was fatally injured Monday when he was believed to have been struck by a train near Castle Garden.

Michael, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zuschak, Hudson St., was fatally injured, Monday while coasting on Maxey Street.

James Moase, Francis McGraw and Orville DeNio of Pleasant Mount, sponsored by the Forest City Kiwanis Club, were winners in the potato club displays at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg.

100 YEARS AGO

January 24, 1918
At a parish meeting of St. Joseph's Congregation held in the Borough Hall, it was agreed to consider the erection of new church on the site of the fire-damaged St. Agnes Church in the event that St. Agnes Parish decides to build a new church on South Main Street.

On Monday the businessmen along Main Street formed a "bee" under the supervision of Burgess John Franko and removed the snow from in front of the business places and, sure enough, on Tuesday it snowed again.

James Malia left Monday for Ft. Slocum to join the Aviation Corps.

Thomas Hughes of Vandling and Miss Mary Knapp of Aldenville were united in marriage last Wednesday.

110 YEARS AGO

January 23, 1908
The ruins of the Kirby building are being removed. The J. L. Morgan building is being replaced by Contractor Hoole of Carbondale, following the recent fire.

Flags have been removed from the steeple of the new Sacred Heart Church and replaced by a large golden cross, emblem of the Army of Christ. Rev. J.E. Gryzka, pastor, climbed the safe-folding surrounding the steeple and assisted in putting the cross in place.

Frank Tusar, N. Main St., died Saturday of pneumonia. He was 57 years old.

Ben Simpson Jr., a resident here for the past 18 years, has accepted a position in Providence.

120 YEARS AGO

January 27, 1898
A. D. Kehrens, formerly employed as a motorman in the No. 2 mine, on Monday took charge of the Forest City Electric Light Company plant.

In Herrick there are two lady candidates for the office of School Director.

The Forest City Democrats in caucus placed the following candidates in nomination: M.J. Collins for Squire; Dr. D. Dwyer for Auditor; John D. Jones and Howard Goodrich for School Directors; H. F. Aldrich, Daniel Melvin and Robert Hullah for Council.

The Prohibition Party organized locally and nominated L.H. May for Justice of the Peace; E.B. Red for School Director and J.L. Harris and F.D. VanHosen for Council.

130 YEARS AGO

January 26, 1888
Ice is being harvested now for summer use. Every hotel man and butcher in town has his teams drawing from Stillwater. The crop is about 22 inches thick.

Esquire Thayer has submitted his resignation as Justice of the Peace to the governor.

Tiffany and Manzer will start a livery stable in town.

Miss Ada Chamberlain will open a Select School here. Asher Burdick, from Burdick Hollow, has been in town negotiating for the purchase of real estate.

CORRECTION

In last week's 10 years ago we had that Frank Orasin was a long time Vandling Council President and it should have been Frank Orehek.

Coming Events

Feb. 3 - Sat., 1 PM - Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County Meeting at the Susquehanna County Library Community Room, 458 High School Road, Montrose, PA 18801. Please join us. Questions, contact Barbara Scott at raspriese@epix.net

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

Feb. 10 - UNICO Carnevale, Anthrifice center, 41 N. main St., Carbondale, 6-10:30 p.m., \$50 person, 10 person tables, RSVP Feb. 1 570-906-0894.

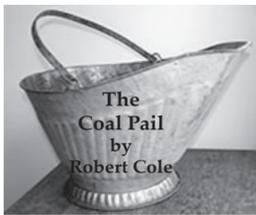
Feb. 17 - Nature discovery hike at 1 p.m.. Meet at Railroad office at 948 N. Main St., Union Dale. RSVP to reserve snow shows at Trails@nep.net.

Feb. 18 - Clifford Community Youth Group annual "Ziti with Your Sweetie" dinner theater Sun., the Clifford Fire Hall, 2 PM., salad, ziti with meatballs, beverage and dessert "And Then There Was One, A Spoo!" Donation \$10. For tickets contact any youth member or by calling Robin at 570-222-4344.

March 4 NEPA 2018 Wedding Showcase, The Anthrifice Center, 41 N. Main St., Carbondale, 1 to 4 p.m., LCS Solutions Wedding Events 570.954.9443 Lisa LCSolutionsLC.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 BINGO" event, Sun., Scott Township Hose Company, Montdale, 1 p.m. doors open.



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.

Carbide was a part of my life growing up. There were sinister things that we did with it. We called it blasting?? Down by the rope swing and the dump we found many bottles. The best were the Whiskey bottles that neighbors threw away. Always 4 Roses bottles. One of the best for blasting. Also, Clorox bleach gallon bottles. We had a capper and a charger. Charger put in the carbide and the capper put on the cap. WOW. Boopie Atkinson charged a gallon jug and I capped it. Only a few seconds and the explosion went off. LOL. Boop had just got a new pair of combat boots and it tore a large hole into the boots. He was jumping around and knew he was in deep DO--DO because he just got them. My Uncle Clyde most likely had a lot to say about that.



Week of Feb. 5

Monday - Popcorn chicken, dipping sauces, potato wedges, glazed carrots.

Tuesday - Sloppy Joe on bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans.

Wednesday - Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic bread/steak, salad, steamed broccoli.

Thursday - Turkey & melted cheese on pretzel bun, sweet potato puffs, seasoned green beans.

Friday - Personal pizza, salad, golden corn & carrots. (Ele.) alternates: Ham & cheese sandwich, cereal for lunch, sunbutter & jelly sandwich

(HS) alternates: Mondays & Thursdays: cheeseburger, Tues, Wed, Fridays: chicken filet sandwich Grab & Go Specials for HS: Chicken Quesadilla & Hot Wing Hoagie

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks.

Tuesday - Egg & cheese on a croissant.

Wednesday - Assorted Yogurt w/ultimate breakfast round

Thursday - Breakfast sausage pizza

Friday - Bagel w/cream cheese or jelly *Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk. *Alternate breakfast: as-sorted whole grain or reduced sugar cereals.

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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.usqchistoc.org

Montrose - The library is to be closed on Mondays and Fridays until further notice in order to conserve fuel. ALSO J. J. Ryan and Co. is installing steam heat at the Titman House. This will insure comfortable quarters for the guests of the house.

Forest City - One of the oldest landmarks of this place was totally consumed by fire. Fire was seen issuing from the Traction Hotel and hall at 3:15 a. m. and soon the building was a mass of flames. The origin of the fire is unknown but it is supposed was caused by an overheated stove in the kitchen. On reaching the fire the firemen were handicapped by frozen hydrants, thus allowing the fire a good start and spread to adjoining buildings owned by Jacob and Henry Weiss and J. Kozlowski. The Weiss building was almost totally destroyed and roof and south side of the Kozlowski structure was badly burned. There was a fruit and confectionery stand in the Weiss building and the Kozlowski conducted a grocery, dry goods and butcher shop.

Great Bend - Mr. and Mrs. Leon Tuttle drove Wm. Hunt's horse to Binghamton, Wednesday. As Mr. Tuttle was hitching up in a livery barn on Water street, the horse broke from him, with the back pad and bells on, and came home alone in about two hours time, not any the worse for the trip.

Uniondale - The storm on Monday proved to be the worst of the season. L. M. Owens' milk team came from Elkdale, but was prevented from returning. Tuesday the farmers turned out and made the roads fairly passable. John J. Simpson brought a large force of men from his vicinity with shovels and they dug the trenches.

New Milford - The citizens of this place, who are working for a temperance town, have shown their steadfastness in the cause of making their town dry and keeping it dry by purchasing the Jay House. Representatives of the temperance people of New Milford were here on Wednesday and filed the deed of record for the property. The promoters have responsible parties in view to conduct the hotel, are planning extensive improvements and promise one of the best conducted hotels in this part of the state. The Jay House, for a number of years, has been considered New Milford's leading hotel.

Little Meadows - John A. Williams, who lately established equipment for crushing limestone in a quarry here, is being swamped with the demand for the soil sweetener in that part of the county. The rock has a high test and the



Week of Feb. 5

Monday - Chicken Caesar Salad, minestrone soup, ww roll, Rice Krispie treat.

Tuesday - Open Faced Hot Turkey Sandwich, parsley mashed potatoes, corn chowder, pineapple crisp.

Wednesday - Swiss Steak w/ww noodles, peas & pearl onions, pineapple crisp.

Thursday - Vegetable Lasagna, Italian blend vegetables, garlic bread, fresh orange.

Friday - Pork & Peppers, broccoli & carrots, brown rice, brownie.

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

quantity is apparently unlimited. Owing to the distance from a railroad in which the farmers of the western part of the county are situated, the enterprise is of vast benefit to them in producing larger crops.

County News - Mrs. Clementine VanAuken, who has been State nurse for this county for nine years, has resigned her position and Miss Farris, of Tunkhannock, has been appointed to succeed her. Mrs. VanAuken has been very painstaking with her people and has improved the living conditions in many cases here and around Susquehanna, where the two dispensaries have been located.

Springville Twp. - The death of Sterling Beebe, aged resident living near Pleasant Grove, occurred on Jan. 21. Mr. Beebe had been to town in the morning and in the afternoon went to the barn to husk corn. Not returning at the usual time, Mrs. Beebe went out and found him unconscious. He was cared for by neighbors and a physician summoned, but death came about midnight. After the funeral, held from his home, he was interred in the Newton Cemetery. Mr. Beebe was Civil War veteran and a member of Lieut. H. C. Titman Post of Auburn.

Hopbottom - Earl Tiffany has given the children of the Universalist Sunday School a free sleighride during many years in succession. Last Saturday he did it again. He hitched up his four-in-hand to his big bob-sled, covered a bed of hay with a lot of heavy blankets, took in a whole host of children, provided them with heavy blankets to keep them warm, and drove off with them for a long ride. They went down the creek on the highway toward Nicholson, and up the stream on the macadam toward Brooklyn until they were all cold enough to come in. It was a famous ride, long to be remembered and greatly enjoyed by all. Upon their return to the church the ladies of the society served hot refreshments to them all. It was a great occasion.

Rush - Mrs. Catherine Haire has sold the Haire hotel, at Lawton, to Nicholas Snyder.

Auburn Twp. - The snow is about twenty-eight inches deep here.

Tunkhannock - The first piece of baggage checked over this section of the Lehigh Valley road belonged to Mrs. Elmer L. Bolles, of Vineland, N. J. who was enroute to Auburn Township to visit friends in September 1869. The tracks were rough, the locomotives small and used wood for fuel, and the cars were crude in comparison with those of the present day. Mrs. Bolles declared that the train stopped at every cross-roads and hitching post along the way.

Ainey - Olin W. Taylor came home from Chester sick, he says, with the Hog Island gripe. He says they all have it down there. He is better and thinks he will return to his work the 1st of February.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, January 31, 1818.

* Melancholy. On Friday evening, the 23d inst. the body of Charles M'Carty, of Silver Lake township, was found under a tree top mangled in a shocking manner. It appeared that he had, in attempting to fall a tree, lodged it upon another tree; and in attempting to fall the one on which it had lodged the limbs that sustained the lodged one, gave way and fell directly upon him. His skull [skull] was broken in, and one of his arms was broken in several places. The Coroner's Inquest sat upon the body and brought in a verdict of "accidental death." He has left a wife and two children in indigent circumstances, without a relative in America.

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