

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
March 26, 2008

Rev. Don Schaible is the new pastor at Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City.

The Rail-Trail Council of NEPA is planning its first half-marathon on the D&H Rail Trail for September 7.

The Forest City Regional Educational Foundation awarded \$33,200 in grants for innovative educational improvement programs at Forest City Regional School.

Maryann Gliha, Forest City, was the grand prize winner of the Forest City Commercial Association's annual Easter Give-Away.

Deaths: John Valinski, Pleasant Mount; Marion T. Gulbin, formerly of Forest City; Ruth Curtis, Carbondale; Clara J. Reeder, Union Dale; Winifred Weidner, Dunmore; Yolanda V. Kulikowski, Carbondale; Frieda Aichele, Waynesboro.

20 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1998

Starting this week, those people with access to the internet will be able to view our weekly newspaper articles on cyberspace.

Kevin Lesjack, Brown Dale, has been notified that he has passed the State Board of Funeral Directors exam.

Andy Andersen, a Forest City Regional Elementary student, won 4th place in the 18th annual Spelling Bee at the University of Scranton.

The Forest City Acting Company will hold a "Coffee House" show featuring a host of fine area performers.

Deaths: Rev. Edward W. Diehl, Waymart; John Sterchak, Brown Dale; Marion A. Ihlefeldt, born in Pleasant Mount; Jean Anne Puzza, Forest City; Kathryn Cook, Simpson; Grant W. Slocum, RR2 Thompson; Margaret Callaghan, Pleasant Mount; Elizabeth A. Romaro, born in Forest City; Florence Butler, Massachusetts.

30 YEARS AGO
March 24, 1988

Peter Pavelchak, age 66, husband of Shirley Pavelchak, typesetter for the Forest City News, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Carbondale, on Tuesday, March 22, following an eight-month illness.

Janette Payne, Simpson, has been selected for a Keystone Junior College cooperative education internship at Walt Disney World, Florida, this summer.

Margaret Bonham, an eighth grade student at Forest City Regional High School, received a certificate from Pennsylvania Power & Light for her winning entry in the company's 1987 Safety Message Contest.

The baby Maria Wasileski fund was aided to the tune of \$8,523.84 by a benefit dance at the Brown Dale Fire Hall.

Other deaths: Mrs. Florence Post, Forest City, and Albina J. Petrick, born in Forest City.

40 YEARS AGO
March 23, 1978

Joseph F. Fitzsimmons, Brown Dale, announced his intention to run for State Representative in the 139th District on the Democratic ticket.

Dr. LeRoy B. Gerchman, Allentown, formerly of here has been certified as a Family Physician following board exams.

Karen Hiznay, Joseph Nadzak and Joseph Sterchak named to Dean's List at Villanova.

Jack Sisko, Vandling, selected as "Athlete of the Week" by the Scranton Times.

50 YEARS AGO
March 28, 1968

Pvt. Thomas Conigliaro, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Co-

nigliaro, Vandling, was promoted to Private First Class E3 pay grade after completion of 8 weeks of schooling at USA Finance School, Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana.

Daniel Takach, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Takach, has completed his basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga. Following his leave he reports to Huntington, Ala., to study electronics.

Dr. Francis Kilonsky, formerly of Forest City, was recently appointed to the School Board of Tallmadge, Ohio. Dr. Kilonsky, son of Mrs. Anthony Kilonsky, has held no previous public office. He was listed as a compromise candidate when the Board could not agree on a successor.

60 YEARS AGO
March 27, 1958

Bernard J. Mayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayers, Brown Dale, was notified that he qualified for an \$800 scholarship at the University of Scranton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey observed their 60th wedding anniversary at the home of their youngest daughter, Mrs. Richard M. Brown, Thompson RD, on Monday, March 24.

John S. Obelenus, member of the Forest City Joint High School faculty, has been named to serve on the Legal Committee of the Northeastern Convention District of Penna. State Education Association.

Ralph W. Shoop, 307 Delaware St., died March 12th in St., Joseph's Hospital after an illness of four weeks.

70 YEARS AGO
March 25, 1948

Forest City Borough Council adopted \$28,193.49 budget. Tax millage for 1948 remains unchanged at 15 mills.

Full military honors accorded Tech. Sgt. George Motosko, the community's first World War II casualty, when his body was interred in the family plot in St. John's Cemetery, Richmond.

Judge Clarence Bodie, of Wayne County, denied request of Brown Dale Hose Co. for a club license.

Andrew Petrus, local native, a member of the Detroit Police Force since 1929, was cited for bravery and awarded the Detroit Police Department's Distinguished Service Medal and the Distinguished Cross.

A troop of Boy Scouts has been organized in Union Dale, under the sponsorship of the men of the Methodist Church with Claude Howell as Scout-master.

80 YEARS AGO
March 24, 1938

The Forest City School Board, acting on instructions from Harrisburg, will reduce the teaching force by laying off four grade school teachers.

The Enterprise Hose Co. has leased ground on South Main Street for a recreation center.

Volpe Coal Company has issued orders for a shutdown until further orders due to slack seasonal market conditions.

The Annual Junior Prom of the Forest City High School will be held for the first time in the newly renovated high school auditorium this year.

Atty. Ulric McHale has returned from Miami, Fla., where he visited his mother, Dr. Mary B. McHale.

90 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1928

The Klots Mill has resumed operation here after a ten month shut-down.

The local school board holds up awarding of bids

for the new grade school building due to the absence of several members at the meeting when bids were scheduled to be opened. The new proposed school will cost about \$75,000.

Gaylord Reynolds of Union Dale went to Buffalo last week and returned home with a new Ford. Gaylord states that nothing passed him but a flying machine and that was going the other way.

Oliver Cole and Michael Skubic are sponsoring a dance for the benefit of funds to help maintain a playground for the children during the coming summer.

100 YEARS AGO
March 28, 1918

St. Agnes' Parish will shortly receive bids for the erection of a new church, 41 x 100, to replace the edifice recently destroyed by fire.

Council is asking the County to share one-fourth of the cost in the building of Dundaff Street, and the state to assume one-half of the cost.

Susquehanna County lost its fifth young man by death in the Army cantonments last Wednesday when Ralph Bennett of Clifford died.

Thomas Bailey writes his parents here that he is safe "somewhere in France", where he has been in action for the past six months.

110 YEARS AGO
March 26, 1908

Talk of placing the Post Office in the Borough Building continues.

Anton Matoushek has purchased the H. C. Gaylord farm near Aldenville.

Candidates aspiring for county offices are busy making contacts in town and building their fences for the coming Primary.

Martin Muchitz was named Borough Treasurer after a long Council deadlock on the subject of appointment.

Edward J. Lewis who has been head of the surveyor's office of the Hillside Company here has been named to mine foremanship in Mayfield.

120 YEARS AGO
March 24, 1898

Bonepickers ransacking the countryside were ordered out of Union Dale when they attempted to establish headquarters.

Frank Belcher, former resident of South Gibson and Forest City, whose death was reported in the Klondike gold fields, is still alive according to a letter received by his parents.

The exodus of people from this area to other parts increases as the spring weather advances. The paramount cause of the movement is the poor working conditions in the mines.

It is rumored that the stone to be used in the erection of the new state capitol in Harrisburg was quarried locally.

130 YEARS AGO
March 22, 1888

Morris Johnson has prepared an elaborate map of the village.

Twenty local veterans of the Civil War organized a GAR Post here with the hopes of securing additional members.

The new breaker foundations are well underway and carpenters have started on the timbering. Over a million feet of lumber will be used in the construction.

School LUNCH MENU

Week of April 2

MON. - Chicken & cheese hoagie, lett. & tom., oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.

TUES. - Taco meat o/tortillas, all fixins', rice, corn, black bean salad.

WED. - Stuffed Shells (HS) Ravioli (Ele.) w/ sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli.

THURS. - Chicken smackers, dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrots.

FRI. - Cheese stix, sauce, salad, mixed peas & corn.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Cheese or buffalo crunchers, tuna salad wrap, assorted salads & wraps (Ele) Cereal, tuna salad, sun butter & jelly

BREAKFAST

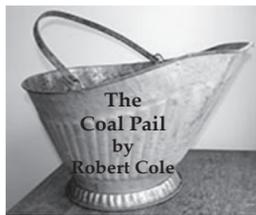
Monday - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks

Tuesday - Cheese omelet w/ donut holes

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: assorted whole grain or reduced sugar cereals.



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.

We used to do this when it was starting to cool off and Fall was in the air. Then it seemed like a long walk but most likely not.

We would go up North Street to Hudson Street. Turn right and go down past the cemetery. At the end of the cemetery we would turn left and follow the road up the mountain.

If you looked to the right there was a long road that looked like it was a mining haul road with black slag and concrete on the side. We did not go down that way because we were afraid of where it went. I think that it was part of Peterson's Mining. I don't know but I still think that is possible.

As we went up the mountain we came to a spring that bubbled pure, clean, cold water out of the mountain. We called it-White Pebble Spring for the white pebbles that were in the water. So clean and cold and you had to lay on your belly to get a drink. BEST WATER.

After that up a little rise and you were at the stone quarry. White conglomerate rock that looked like that it was cut from the mountain. A pool of water at the bottom and so pristine.

WOW- Not sitting home playing games on electronics.



Senior MENU

Week of April 2

Monday - Chicken & sausage bake, chuck wagon corn, brown rice, yogurt w/ fruit & granola.

Tuesday - Herbed pork roast, roast beets & carrots, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, apple slices.

Wednesday - Turkey & dumplings, brussel sprouts, boiled new potatoes, peach crisp.

Thursday - Beef stroganoff, broccoli & carrots, ww noodles, rice pudding.

Friday - Fish piccata, Italian green beans, tomato bisque, orzo pilaf, crackers, fresh fruit salad.

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

Coming Events

March 29 & 30 - Homemade paska & Kolachi, 701 Hill St., Mayfield, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10, 570-876-3576, days of sale 570-8760391.

March 29 & 30 - Holy Week Services: Maundy Thursday services 7 p.m. at Thompson United Methodist Church; Good Friday services 7 p.m. at East Ararat United Methodist Church.

April 1 - Easter morning service, Ladore Lodge, Waymart, 7 a.m. community breakfast to follow, reserve 570-488-6129. \$3.50 adults, \$2 children (4-12).

April 7 - Spring Music Festival w/NEOSA brass and chorus, the Salvation Army, Ladore PARC pavilion, 267 Owego Tpke., Waymart, 570-488-6129, free.

Area Obituaries

John J. "John-boy" Stager Ararat

John J. Stager, 63, of Ararat Township, passed away on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at his home after an illness.

John was predeceased by his parents Jacob and Evelyn (Langman) Stager; grandparents Ernest and Pearl Langman; sisters and brothers-in-law, Bernice and Bruce Bedford and Marion and Maynard Glover; Aunt Elizabeth Del Sontro; nephew, Paul Glover, and niece, Diana Cook, and his beloved dog, Shadow.

He is survived by his aunts, Ernestine Dick, Blairstown, NJ, and Marjorie Murray of Columbia, NJ; nephews, Steve and Mary Jo Glover, Susquehanna; and Todd and Sharon Glover of Clarks Summit; niece, Mary Mapes of Deposit, NY; cousin, Edith Timberman, Blairstown, NJ; and several other nieces, nephews, and cousins. Also surviving are many neighbors and friends with whom he had the utmost respect for, Bob and Christine Johnson and family; Bob and LaVern VanTassel, Wally Pikula and family; and his buddies, Todd Merkle, and Texman.

John grew up following his father's footsteps running the family dairy farm. After retiring his farm, he continued working with other local farmers with daily chores. He always looked forward to hunting season. It was during this time he had many friends from all over come by to visit and hunt on the farm. He loved to share stories with anyone who had time to listen. He will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends.

The family will receive friends at the Hennessey's Funeral Home, 747 Jackson Ave. Susquehanna, PA on Saturday, March 31, 2018, 10 a.m. - noon, with the funeral service being held at noon. Interment will be held in the Gelatt Cemetery, Gelatt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Thompson Hose Company, PO Box 419, Thompson, PA 18465.

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Dr. Robert J. Stegner, DDS Honesdale

Dr. Robert J. Stegner, DDS, 91, and a lifelong resident of Honesdale, passed to eternal life Tuesday morning, March 13, 2018 at 12:15 A.M. at the family home. He was the son of the late Robert E. and Leila A. Stegner, and brother of Joan M. Stegner and Janet T. Stegner who survive him.

The family still lives in the home his parents built before their marriage in 1923. Dr. Stegner was born September 30, 1926, in Honesdale. In his youth, he helped his father at J.H. Stegner & Sons Bakery. Later, he was a Western Union Boy, delivering telegrams by bicycle at .35 cents an hour. He began playing trumpet, and with his neighbor and friend, Dick Varcoe (saxophone), formed a Dance Band. Other members of the band were Laceta Bates (piano), Walter Kimble (caller), and Lou Mang (Drum). They played throughout Wayne County, as summer boarders enjoyed dancing; especially square dancing. He never took a drink. Hose Co. #1 sponsored an Easter Monday Ball and because of his beautiful trumpet tone of Easter Parade, his twin sisters, Joan and Janet chose trumpet as their instrument.

After High School graduation, Bob enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and was trained as a B-29 mechanic. This took him to Okinawa. He was honorably discharged as Sergeant in 1947, and entered St. Bonaventure College, followed by Temple University School of Dentistry. He opened his office at 617 Main Street, Honesdale, the building his grandfather once owned. Dr. Stegner practiced over 40 years. He appreciated the friendship of many of his patients. His retirement was a happy one as he had many interests, among them, and most important, the care of his parents. It was an enjoyable time, and they lived to be 91 (Mother) and 104 (Father) in their own home.

The family expresses their thanks to the many people who offered help during his illness and at his passing.

Also surviving are sister, Grace Stegner Keen; nephews, Robert Keen and wife Nancy, and Philip Keen and wife Gail.

Arrangements are entrusted to Jenkins - Howell Funeral Home Inc., Edward Howell, Funeral Director, Supervisor, 269 Belmont Street, Waymart, PA 18472.

Private Burial is in Bethany Cemetery.

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