

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
April 9, 2008

Linda Fitzsimmons Photography opened its doors at 512 Main Street, Forest City. She has been a photographer for 10 years, taking photos as a hobby and more recently, as a business venture.

We have heard forecasts of \$4.00 per gallon for gasoline before the year ends.

Florida Power and Light and the Forest City Regional School District are sponsoring tours to the Waymart Wind Farm on Brownvale Mountain.

The Forest City Police Department responded to 3,499 calls in 2007, down from 3,727 in 2006.

Deaths: Kathryn Matzgar Harvatin, Forest City; Barbara A. Fielding, Waymart; Matthew John Froncek, Carbondale; Russell L. Lewis, Benton Hills; Louise Lott Oakley, Harford; Robert L. Carter, Crystal Lake.

20 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1998

Marian Community Hospital announces the opening of Marian Outpatient Center at 630 Main Street in Forest City.

Bernie Papocchia, owner of ABC Market, Forest City, the winner of \$1,100 in the Forest City News "March Madness" NCAA Basketball Contest. Not only did Bernie win the \$100 local prize and the \$1000 state and PA prize, but his entry scored the highest of over 100,000 contest entries in the U.S.

The 1998 OHW committee will hold its first ever light parade entitled "Mardi Gras" during this year's festivities.

Deaths: Jay Freeman Howell, Herrick Center; Vincent A. Farina, Virginia; Ann J. Brown, Aldenville; Marina Bergman, Forest Twp.; Mary C. Forester, Forest City; Howard A. Howell, born in Pleasant Mount; Marie Brooking, born in Lake Como; Mary Rooney, formerly of Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1988

The Forest City Old Home Week Committee recently voted to adopt a new logo for 1988. The design was done by Diane Guljas, a resident of Baltimore with roots in Forest City.

Community Bank & Trust Co. has announced that it will seek permission to establish a bank office in Lakewood.

The 88th annual stockholders meeting of the NEP Telephone Company was held recently reporting a \$1 million profit in 1987.

Polka King Frank Yankovic has been secured for a big polka dance to be held during Old Home Week.

Deaths: George Payne, born in Forest City.

40 YEARS AGO

March 10, 1978

Borough Council granted approval to Presbyterian Homes Inc. to continue plans for its elderly housing project in Forest City.

Recently released census figures place Forest City's population at 2,174.

Councilman James Lowry appointed to Susq. Co. Solid Waste Authority replacing Donald Natishak.

The dedication of the Union Dale Ambulance Assoc. will take place Sunday with Judge M. Donald O'Malley as principal speaker.

Gary Scotch, Pleasant Mt., graduated from the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps School at Parris Island, S.C.

A new Forest City Borough garage and new Main Street curbs were among the priority projects approved under the Susq. County Overall Economic Development plan.

Deaths: John Soroka, South Main Street, Anthony Kersavage, Scranton.

50 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1968

Five members of the Forest City Fire Dept. are attending an arson detection seminar being conducted by the PA State Police at the University of Scranton. Attending are Fire Chief James McCusker Sr., Frank Gliha, Steve

Lukus, and Steve and Joseph Sheptak. The course is designed to aid in the investigation and detection of fires which are deliberately set.

Mayor Tom Butler has announced that the Vandling Cancer Fund Drive will be made on Wed., April 17. Vandling residents are asked to leave their porch lights on to aid solicitors.

John Onufrak, Vandling, an engineering student at Penn State, has been named to the Dean's List with a perfect score of 4.0.

The Penna. Chapter of the National Assoc. of Postmasters will hold a testimonial dinner in honor of PA Chapter President William Stratford.

Seaman Apprentice Joel Foster, Union Dale, has graduated from nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois.

60 YEARS AGO

April 10, 1958

Public meeting regarding the Stillwater Dam at Union Dale hears Congressman Carrigg, government aides and interested persons.

The Rev. Peter S. Kane, pastor of St. John's Church, Honesdale, will celebrate his fiftieth anniversary in the priesthood on June 22nd.

Gerard J. Adams, district manager of the Comerford Theatre Corp., announced that the Freedman Theatre, Forest City, will be closed indefinitely after Sunday, April 13th.

Leonard L. Dziadkowiec of Corning, NY, field representative for the Social Security Administration, has been promoted to the position of claims supervisor.

70 YEARS AGO

April 8, 1948

Spring grass and woodland fires are plaguing the area. On Monday over 10 acres of woodland were burned north of Brownvale.

The body of S/lc William Ross of Herrick, killed in action during World War II, is being returned for interment.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burt of Poughkeepsie, NY, former Vandling residents, observe their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Brownvale Brownies, with Joe Zaverl as playing manager, have reorganized for the coming Wayne League season.

The second Open House and Fashion Show, under the supervision of Miss Margaret Healey, will be held at the high school next Wednesday evening.

80 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1938

Edmund Timko and Joseph Roberts have organized a checker club.

Joseph Mayers, former local resident, has been named as general superintendent of Anthracite Coal Co. and the Mineral Spring Coal Co., with headquarters in Pittston.

Thirty-five persons from this borough have filed petitions as candidates for the County Committee posts up for election in the coming Spring Primaries. Eighteen are seeking the Democratic offices and 17 the Republican posts.

Brownvale's application to be represented in the Wayne County Baseball League has been accepted.

90 YEARS AGO

April 12, 1928

Frank Trusky has opened a cigar factory at 706 Main Street, making cigars under the trade name of "Havana Queen."

Adolph Bartholomay has been named superintendent of the Christ Church Sunday School. Lawrence Johnson was named as his assistant.

Borough taxes for 1928 have been fixed at 12 mills and Council expects to collect \$25,888.48 from the levy.

Dan Baileys, Robert Stark and John Dutchman have taken the mine foreman examinations held in Scranton.

Paul Steiner incurred a leg fracture while at work in Ring Vein of No. 2 shaft.

Mrs. Gifford Pinchot, candidate for Congress, addressed a political rally Monday at Muchitz Hall.

100 YEARS AGO

April 11, 1918

Prof. Floyd Taylor, principal of the Forest City Schools, was named superintendent of the Susq. County schools on Tuesday, succeeding Prof. G.A. Stearns who was not a candidate for reelection.

The Liberty Loan Drive is now underway in Forest City with the local quota set for \$136,400.

Felix Zaverl of Vandling left Monday for Baltimore to join the motorcycle unit for Camp Hurlburt.

D. J. Gittle of Union Dale has purchased a fine pair of oxen from Fred Holmes of Gelatt. Mr. Gittle is the only ox shoer left in this neck of the woods.

Mrs. John Franko was appointed a member of the Women's National Committee of American Defense Society.

110 YEARS AGO

April 9, 1908

T.J. Davis, Esq., and A.B. Smith are the Republican candidates for Judge of Susquehanna County.

George Goodrich Jr. was killed yesterday in the Clifford breaker when he was caught in a large fly wheel.

Mrs. Hullah Jane Westgate, one of the community's oldest resident, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Whipple.

Anton Kerber was found frozen to death Sunday in the barn on the Keltz property on Main Street. Dr. Wevell said death was due to a heart attack and exposure.

120 YEARS AGO

April 7, 1898

The public schools of Union Dale close tomorrow beginning their summer vacation period.

Beginning April 1st the rent for call boxes at the local post office was raised from 15 to 20 cents and for lock boxes from 25 to 35 cents.

The Hillside Coal and Iron Co. has placed its own teams on the road to deliver coal for local users.

Rev. John Kuras, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, will remain at the local pastorate and will not accept the assignment to a Plymouth church.

In Susquehanna County there are 4,450 men on the military enrollment. Of this number 472 are residents of Forest City, the largest number of any town in the county.

130 YEARS AGO

April 5, 1888

Herman Homer, who has practiced law in Forest City the past winter, has moved to Pleasant Mount where he will engage in agricultural pursuits.

Wedeman Bros., local bakers, have the job of furnishing 300 loaves of bread daily for the workmen along the line of the double tracking of the Jefferson from Carbondale to Ararat Summit.

James Pickering was appointed by court as supervisor of Clifford Township and A.D. Stannard of this place as constable.

In an editorial "What We Want", we find the following: A sidewalk up Main Street to the post office; the mountains of coal ashes that are piled up in the pathways removed; all parties who have outhouses in exposed places and where they are liable to be offensive to the public to see that the matter is remedied.

Coming Events

Apr. 15 - East Ararat United Methodist Church, southern Gospel music Carol and Charlie Reed from Tennessee, Sunday, 2:30 p.m. For more information 570-727-2796.

Apr. 21 - Costello Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964, 14th annual Night at the Races, Sat., Pleasant Mount Fire hall. Doors open 6 p.m., post time 7 p.m. Door prizes & refreshments. 570-448-2817.

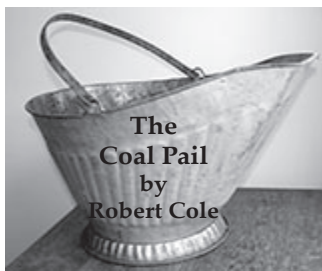
Apr. 22 - St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, annual Roast Pork and Halubki dinner, Sun., Takeouts 11 a.m.-noon, eat-in noon-2 p.m., \$11. Tickets Ted Kowalick at 570-785-5147.

Apr. 24 - Bag Ladies luncheon, wimpies, Tues., Starrucca Baptist social rooms, noon. Donation plus food pantry item.

Apr. 29 - Forest City Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast, sausage and eggs, Sunday, from 8 to 12 at Elegante Restaurant. Tickets available from Lions Club members.

Apr. 28 - Country Alliance Church second annual widows banquet, Sat., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ramada, Clarks Summit. 570-587-2885 or 570-966-4800.

Apr. 29 - Cornell University "Hearsay" chorus, under the direction of Katie O'Neill, Pleasant Mount, will perform Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m. at Forest City Area Historical Society.



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.

I did not care for school and the best part was when the final bell rang and we were out in the wild. I did not have to study because it was always in my head.

Just aced tests and did not have to do homework. I can remember going to Lincoln School and Mr. Paukstis was the principal. I was sitting near the blackboard and he came down the aisle and banged all of the heads on the right side into the blackboard. Ouch. They bounced off with a bang. Then he grabbed me and yanked me out of the seat and took me to the room on the side of the school room.

It was where we made copies with that purple ink that smelled nasty. He said that I had to run the tests off of the duplicator.

Mr. Paukstis wore a large RING on his right hand and I can't tell you how many times I got knuckled with it. UUKK.

I met Mr. Paukstis in Hancock, NY, in the late 60's and we talked about what went on in school.



Week of April 16

Monday - BBQ chicken sandwich on ww roll, broccoli cheese soup, potato wedges, tropical fruit.

Tuesday - Roast turkey, sweet potatoes, peas & pearl onions, strawberry shortcake.

Wednesday - Pork chop, roasted red potatoes, cauliflower & peas, ww roll, orange.

Thursday - Meatloaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, ww roll, baked cinnamon apples.

Friday - chef salad w/chicken, potato salad, ww roll, mandarin orange delight.

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

YMCA events

The Greater Carbondale YMCA is holding the 24th Annual Fred Ciotti Memorial Race on Sat., April 28. Join our community in a 5K Run/Walk or the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk. Awards will be presented in a variety of age groups for men and women. NEW THIS YEAR - the course will include the Carbondale River Walk at Lackawanna River Heritage Trail. All ages are encouraged to participate and the first 300 registrants will receive the race T-shirt. Pre-register at the Y.

The Greater Carbondale YMCA is hosting a Spring Craft Show on Saturday, May 5th from 10-3pm. Come shop local artisans showcasing their creations. The Y is currently seeking crafters for the show. Applications are available at Member Services.

Call the YMCA for more information at 570-282-2210.

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.susqhistosoc.org

Forest City - The school directors of Susquehanna county proved their interest in education by braving the blizzard and coming to Montrose, 174 strong, to elect a Superintendent of Schools for the county. Miss Clara Winans, the assistant superintendent; F. H. Taylor, principal of the Forest city schools and A. A. Killian, principal of the Susquehanna schools, were nominated for the office, Miss Winans withdrew. The result was 97 votes for Taylor and 77 for Killian. It was pointed out that when Prof. Taylor came to Forest City nine years ago he found Russians, Italians, Bohemians, Slavs, Jews, Syrians and other nationalities attending a third class school. By hard work he brought the school up to a first grade high school in a few years' time, and it stands today as one of the very best schools in this region.

Montrose - A Montrose young man, G. Carlton Shaver, owner of Camp Susquehannock, is now holder, with King Smith, of the National indoor tennis doubles championship. Messrs. Smith and Shafer played a brilliant series of games at the big tournament in New York city last Saturday and came out victors. ALSO Robert Welden, who lately enlisted in the aviation service, has been sent to Camp Winfield Scott, Cal. ALSO A right sharp young winter has developed this week. There are four or five inches of snow on the level, and more falling. Its lightness indicates it will not carpet the ground long.

Franklin Hill - A fairly large quantity of maple syrup has been made in this vicinity. Lately the run has been quite good. Among those tapping their sugar bush are Frank Wilson, Ralph Kerr, John Webster and Charles McKinney.

Gelatt, Gibson Twp. - George Page has the biggest sale in county's history. 53 head of Holsteins bring \$16,000. Fred S. Williams, of Gelatt, bought a \$600 cow, and Manzer Benson, of Jackson, got one for \$575. The yearlings and calves were all daughters and sons of the famous 10,000 bull, King Pontiac Alcartra Piletje, owned by A. E. Robinson & Son. Frank E. Resseguie, of South Gibson, bought Mr. Page's interest in King Pontiac at a private sale and what he paid, they say, would buy a good farm. Mr. Page was pleased that the highest priced animals were bought by his neighbors, nicely showing their faith in him as a breeder of high-class cattle.

Hallstead - An auto bus has started making regular trips between here and Binghamton, carrying passengers. This with train service gives good connections with no long waits.

Dimock - Wallace Fish, who is past 82 years old, seems to be smart for a man of his age, doing his chores, chopping his fire wood, and also attending his large garden in the summer time, besides making daily trips to the store and postoffice.

Susquehanna - Quite an excitement was caused about 8 o'clock Monday night by the blowing of the fire whistle and the lighting up of the sky from a fire close to the Erie shops. It came from a train backing into another one, ready to start out. The caboose was set on fire, and burned fiercely till consumed, but the fire company got the hose on it after some trouble, as the cars were in a bad shape to reach and soon got the fire under control and prevented more of the cars from catching fire, although others were very near burning from the intense heat. ALSO Several troop trains passed thru here last Sunday and many of the soldiers left the cars and engaged in drilling on Main street. Much praise was head in regard to their soldierly bearing and fine marching.

Uniondale - The borough council has appointed Chas. Carpenter supervisor for this year; and work on the roads will be started at once. There is some pressure being brought to bear to have the borough tax valuation increased, as the present tax revenue is insufficient to take care of the many demands made on it,

while the price of materials and labor used by the borough have steadily advanced. The borough is badly in need of a stone crusher and it is hoped that there will not too much protest made to the contemplated project.

The Montrose Centinel, 200 Years Ago for April 12, 1818 is not included in this week's article. The Historical Society's research and reference rooms are packed (including microfilm) and will be moving to the first floor and basement the week of April 9th. We hope to resume our regular hours in the near future. Please consult our website www.susqhistosoc.org or call 570-278-1622 for updates on hours or closings.



Week of April 16

MON. - Chicken & gravy o/biscuits, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, chick p's & tomato salad.

TUES. - Macaroni & cheese, steamed broccoli Italian-style, stewed tomatoes, roll.

WED. - Penne Pasta w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, garden salad, Calif. blend veggies.

THURS. - Seasoned pork sandwich, plain or BBQ, oven crisp fries, green beans, Sidekick frozen treat.

FRI. - Pizza, salad, BBQ glazed fresh cauliflower.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Cherry blossom chicken o/rice, Calif. veggie pizza (Ele) Cereal, turkey & cheese, 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.

FREE Comm. Event at Ladore Lodge

Mr. & Mrs. Edward & Anna Howell extend an open invitation to an evening of community fellowship and inspiration on Sunday evening, April 22, 2018. The event will be held in the Performing Arts and Recreation Center at Ladore Lodge & Conference Center, 287 Owego Turnpike, Waymart, PA 18472.

At 7:00 P.M., Echoes of Hope Chorus will share inspiration through an A Capella singing performance. Free light refreshments and coffee will be served after the program. This is a free event planned to inspire all people of our communities to take time to enjoy life, each other, and to be encouraged in their walk with God.

An optional free-will offering will be taken during the program and donated directly back to the chorus. This event is sponsored by the Jenkins-Howell Funeral Home, Inc., Edward Howell, Funeral Director/Owner, Waymart, Pa. For more information, call 570-488-6100.

Night at Races in Pleasant Mt.

The Costello Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964 presents its 14th annual Night at the Races on Sat., April 21, at the Pleasant Mount Fire hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and post time is 7 p.m. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

For more information call 570-448-2817.

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