

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
April 2, 2008

Area residents who have become used to the colorful Christmas Lights which stretched over the Forest City Main Street will see them no longer. The stringers, which have been here for over 60 years, are not allowed to be attached to the PPL poles on Main Street in the future.

For the third year in a row, Community Bank & Trust Co. has donated \$25,000 to the Pre-School Scholarship Program for low to moderate income families administered by The Comm. Foundation of Susq. and Wyoming Counties.

The Vandling Recreation Board is offering a \$100 reward for information leading to the person responsible for the graffiti sprayed on the building at the soccer field.

Kathy Woodyshek and Shirley Pecko have opened Girlfriendz Boutique, on Main Street in Honesdale.

Deaths: Doris C. Ostanek, born in Forest City; Diva C. Posanza, Blakely; Mary D. Prezelski, Forest City; Henry J. Derbin, Olyphant; Thomas W. Bowell, Sr., formerly of Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO
April 1, 1998

For the third year in a row former Forest City native Leo Stermole, of Ellicott City, Maryland, will sponsor the Old Home Week fireworks display on July 31st.

Kevin Lesjak, Brown Dale, has been rehired as OHW Main Street Coordinator for a second year.

The Meadow Breeze is a new "old" name in the Forest City area. It is the new name of the restaurant at Panorama Golf Course, formerly known as The Fairway. It was the old name of the former Vauter's Meadow Breeze Dairy which occupied that same site many years ago.

Deaths: John "Moxi" Moken, born in Forest City; Joseph F. Evanoika, born in Vandling; Genevieve Jeanne Sarnowski, Waymart; Duane C. Oliver, born in Forest City; Margaret O'Neill Meagher, born in Mount Pleasant Township; John Piwowarczyk, Carbondale.

30 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1988

Julius Prezelski, whose 656 wins and 240 losses in his basketball coaching career places him second on the PA all-time win list, is one of 19 people selected for induction into the Northeastern Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame.

Miss Darice Pavelchak, Vandling, has been hired by the Forest City Commercial Association to serve as summer coordinator for Old Home Week activities.

The Forest City BPW is pleased to present Juliann Doyle as their entry for the District 8 Young Careerist Program.

40 YEARS AGO
March 30, 1978

Many Easter Sunday dinners went uncooked as a 4-hour power failure resulted from a 12,000 volt line on Northwest Road being pulled down by an ice-laden tree.

Maryanne Klemensic and Teri Wasileski will sing solos at the upcoming FCRHS band concert.

Walter Sample, Vandling, has formed his own construction company to handle any type construction.

Bill Flynn's Polka Revue has been added to the Sunday afternoon programming on WBNG-TV in Binghamton.

Deaths: Henry Puntar, Vandling; Leo Silver, Ararat Twp.

50 YEARS AGO
April 4, 1968

Joseph M. Masiuk, a junior at Mountain View High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Metro Masiuk, RD 1, Forest City, was recently voted by the Committee on Admissions to be admitted to the 1968 Andover Session, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., under a scholarship grant.

Frank Poterjoy, Vandling, has been elected financial secretary of the Lackawanna County Fire Police for the year 1968-69.

Sgt. John L. Scepita, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scepita, Brown Dale; has arrived for duty at Patrick AFB, Florida.

The Misses Patricia M. Prezelski and Shirley Cerar were invited by the faculty of East Stroudsburg State College to attend a banquet designed to honor outstanding students for their academic attainments.

Area firemen, district foresters, fire wardens and personnel of the Division of Forest Protection Department of Forests and Waters, are keeping a wary eye on the weather forecasts these days.

"Spring is that time of the year," said James McCusker, Forest City Fire Chief, "when most Pennsylvanians, particularly in rural areas, begin cleaning up the debris and trash which accumulated over the winter months."

60 YEARS AGO
April 3, 1958

Congressman Joseph L. Carrigg has announced that construction of the \$10 million Stillwater flood control project may begin around the middle of May with bids expected to be opened about April 15th.

Reginald Gerchman, N. Main Street, was named for membership in Alpha Sigma Nu, National Jesuit Honor Society

70 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1948

Local Red Cross drive surpasses quota with 115 percent collection.

Judge Little in court refuses club license to local American Legion Post.

Forest City Lions Club plans charter presentation dinner dance at Hotel American on April 7th.

August Simoles, North Main Street, loses life in premature blast in Coalbrook mine.

80 YEARS AGO
March 30, 1938

Latest registration figures for Forest City show 981 Republicans and 830 Democrats registered in the borough.

Dr. Hannah S. Krasno has opened her optometrist office in the Krasno building.

Eight mules perished when fire destroyed the Northwest Colliery mule barn.

Russell Yanovich graduated today from the PA Motor Police Training School in Hershey.

90 YEARS AGO
April 5, 1928

Race Brothers were awarded the general building contract for the erection of a new grade school building. Bartholomay Brothers were awarded the heating contract, and Eichholz and Co. the plumbing job. Jones Brothers were awarded the electrical contract. The bids totaled \$53,381.

The Charles and Martin Skubic Post of the American Legion has organized a drum and bugle corps of fifty members.

10 YEARS AGO
APRIL 4, 1918

The local merchants have agreed upon closing their stores every evening at 6 o'clock except Saturdays and evenings before holidays.

G. A. Thorpe has returned from Detroit. He made the return trip in his newly purchased Paige

runabout. The 700-mile trip took three days.

Miss Octavia Sparks has been appointed as an assistant librarian of the Congressional Library in Washington.

110 YEARS AGO
April 2, 1908

The Forest City baseball team held its first practice Wednesday. The Forest City stone quarry promises to give this place a thriving industry. Several key men are now preparing the operations for active work.

There were less deaths reported for March this year than for several years past.

Prof. A.J. Thomas will leave for California to take up residence.

120 YEARS AGO
March 31, 1898

Farmers hereabouts have started their plowing and are sowing oats.

Two local young men, bent on a holiday spree, created a disturbance on Main Street. They were arrested and given five days to cool their heels.

The Forest City Poor Directors are contemplating the purchase of a nearby farm to take care of the poor board charges.

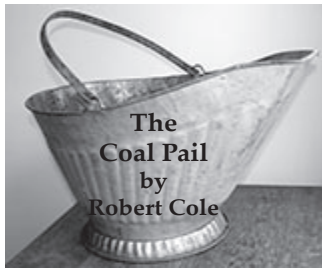
130 YEARS AGO
March 29, 1888

Mrs. Ada Chamberlain's Select School started Monday with 40 scholars.

James Johns has sold his house on Delaware Street in back of the Methodist Church to Mr. Darling of Clinton.

The Susquehanna County Grand Jury, after hearing a delegation of Forest City residents petition for borough government, acted favorably on the request.

Jack Shipland has returned from the Indian territory. He will make his home here.



The following short stories are of life as a young boy in the Forest City Area and are written by Robert Cole, Bordentown, N.J. 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.

TINKERS SWAMP
We loved to roam the woods in the fall. It was a time to hunt rabbits and squirrels.

We all had 22's and hunting licenses and would take off on Saturdays to get the elusive game and spend some time in the woods.

We heard about a cabin in the woods that was built by the older boys in the neighborhood. No one was talking and wanted to see what was going on.

We took the 22's and headed off for the stone quarry because we heard that the older boys built a cabin in Tinkers Swamp.

We hunted the area and managed to get a few squirrel. We were looking for a cabin that the guys talked about and we found a well worn trail. We followed it and found the cabin. Had to be a trail because of all the building materials that were brought there. We left it intact and knew if anyone knew we found it we would get our butt kicked.

I know that Joe Gerdusky was one of the builders.

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.auschistsoc.org

New Milford - The Scranton and Binghamton trolley line, which is in operation between Scranton and Montrose, and which we have been led to believe would come through New Milford, Hallstead and Great Bend, when completed to the Parlor City, is in danger of being lost to this section. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to have the road built by the Snake Creek route from Tiffany to Conklin. Montrose would be the greatest loser by this change of route, as it would divert a large amount of business that now goes to that town. This matter should be taken up by the business men of Montrose, New Milford, Hallstead and Great Bend and an effort made to prevent the original route being changed.

Ararat - Allen Brooks, having enlisted in the coast artillery, is now stationed at Cape Henry, Va.

Susquehanna - Last week an Erie bowling team, composed of Daniel Conners, Andrew Axtell, Harry Kane and Wm. Felske, under the management of Asst. Secretary John Springsteen, of the Y.M.C.A., met and won two of three games from the Port Jervis team. Games were played at the Y.M.C.A. in Binghamton. ALSO The Catholics of this place are to build one of the largest convents and schools in the Scranton diocese. A meeting of the men of St. John's congregation was called and a decision was made to purchase the building lots at the corner of Broad Ave. and Grand St., of the Sabin estate. The price was \$6,000. It is planned to erect buildings to cost about \$100,000.

Uniondale - Foster Williams, a nephew of Morgan D. Daniels, is in the aviation training camp, at Miama, Fla. He writes that recently, in 7 hours and 42 minutes, 4,889 shells were fired at imaginary German airplanes. Miama, in 1890, was a town of only 100 inhabitants, but now counts over 20,000, exclusive of the military and is one of the finest towns in the state and a grand place for an aviation camp.

Thompson - Miss Marguerite Gelatt, who went to New York to take up her life work after a course in nurse training, writes that she has passed her three month probationers' term, received her outfit and has been enrolled in the New York City hospital for 3 years. Miss Gelatt is the youngest student that was ever there.

Forest City - Conductor H. E. Johnson, of Carbondale, spent Sunday with his son, A. G. Johnson. Mr. Johnson is one of the oldest conductors on the Delaware and Hudson railroad. At one time he was conductor on the accommodation train on the Jefferson branch and remembers when Forest City was nothing but a forest.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, April 4, 1818.

*MARRIED - On the 29th

ult., by Joshua W Raynsford Esq., Mr. Israel B. Gregory to Miss Polly Lindsley, all of Bridgewater township.

*DIED - In this town on Wednesday evening last, after a short but distressing illness, Mr. Zacheriah Price, about 56 years old. Mr. Price removed to this place but a short time since from Wysox, Bradford County.

*SAYRE & MULFORD Give notice to the public that they have on hand an excellent assortment of GOODS, among which are Cog, Brandy, Young Hyson, Hyson Skin and Bohea Teas, Sweet scented Virginia tobacco, by the lb. or keg, Maccoy and Scotch Snuff by the jar or bladder, all of an excellent quality; they have just received and are now receiving a good assortment of Hollow ware (from Salisbury [Salisbury?] furnice [furnace?] Con.) Stone ware and Crockery, Iron and Steel, together with almost every other article called for in the country, which they offer very low for ready pay. Montrose, Feb. 14, 1818.

N.B. All persons having unsettled accounts more than three months are requested to call and make immediate settlement or they will be under the necessity of commencing a prosecution which would be very unpleasant.



Week of April 9
MON. - Popcorn chicken, dipping sauces, seasoned potato wedges, glazed carrots, cookie.
TUES. - Homemade sloppy joe sandwich, rosemary roasted potatoes, baked beans.
WED. - Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli.
THURS. - Turkey & melted cheese on pretzel bun, Smiley fries, seasoned green beans.
FRI. - Personal Round Pizza, salad, golden corn & carrots.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Chicken quesadilla & hot wing hoagies (Ele) Cereal, ham & 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.

Coming Events

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

April 8 - Browndale Fire Co. Chicken BBQ, Sun., 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., tickets \$9, 570-785-5300, www.43fire.com.

April 8 - Sun., Texas No. 4 Chicken BBQ, noon-2 p.m., Grove St., Honesdale, tickets 570-253-0782 or at Honesdale Eye. \$10.

Apr. 15 It's Ruff Without a Roof Dog Rescue "Purse BINGO" 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.

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

April 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.

April 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.

May 26 - Arts THRIVE, Carbondale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., free community event, info call Lisa 570-954-9443 or email lisa@LCSolutionsLLC.com.

May 27 - Sun., Hometown Heroes program, 1 p.m., Forest City Historical Society Museum.

June 3 - Mountain View Garden Club plant exchange, Sun., Clifford Twp. Community Center, 1-3 p.m., marketplace 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; 570-222-3591 or jodihall@nep.net.

June 10 - Andrew Mazza diesel jam at Johnson College.

June 29 - July 1 - Family weekend, Ladore Lodge, Fri.-Sun., \$167 pp/sgl., \$107 pp/dbl., children 4-1 \$82, 0-3 free. Call 570-488-6129 for more info.



Week of April 9
Monday - Open face hot pork sandwich, chicken veggie soup, mashed potatoes, apple bread pudding.
Tuesday - Sausage & peppers, tossed salad, steamed broccoli w/garlic, ww spaghetti.
Wednesday - Chicken Verona, savory spinach, herbed potatoes, ww roll, sorbet.
Thursday - Pepper steak w/gravy, glazed carrots, brown rice, pineapple dream.
Friday - Waldorf chicken salad, clear cole slaw, ww roll, chocolate chip cookie.

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

Jurors drawn

Enclosed please find the list of area names drawn to serve as Petit and Traverse jurors for April to appear in the Court of Common Pleas, Susquehanna County Courthouse (large Courtroom), Montrose, PA, on the 9th day of April, 2018, at nine o'clock a.m. (9:00 a.m.):

- Richard R. Bloxham, Clifford Twp.; JJ Heather Corlew, Ararat Twp.; Michelle Lin Eccles, Herrick Twp.; Paul A. Ferraro, Clifford Twp.; Michael Thomas Fortuner IV, Union Dale Boro.; Racheal Marie Hansen, Forest City Boro.; Carol J. Kotowski, Clifford Twp.; Kaitlyn Marie Palmer, Union Dale Boro.; Jennifer M. Pearson, Clifford Twp.; Deborah A. Sherman, Herrick Twp.; Susan Stakun, Clifford Twp.; Robert George Taylor, Union Dale Boro.

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