

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO May 7, 2008

Can you imagine frozen pipes in May? Temperatures on April 29, 30, and May 1 dipped into the 20's in the mornings. There were some frozen pipes in Ararat.

Marcy Dyno was the guest speaker at the Forest City Regional High School National Honor Society Banquet held at Genetti Manor in Dickson City. Jacklyn Smith was installed as President of NHS.

FCR School will be the site of a public meeting for area people to learn about the establishment of the Endless Mountains Technology Center.

Wells' Excavating defeated Forest City Beverage to win the 2007-08 season title in the Forest City Men's Bowling League.

Clark Cable, Union Dale, passed away at the ripe old age of 91. He was a Distinguished Citizen in Forest City in 2003.

Deaths: Elsie A. Durante, Pleasant Mount; Margreta Allan Thomas, Carbondale; Msgr. Bernard A. Toloczko, Nanticoke; Helen Giles, Poyntelle; Mary Wormuth, Starlight; Florence E. Purvens, Forest City; Anna Janecz Montemarano, New York.

20 YEARS AGO May 6, 1998

To honor Stephanie Osborne, Lindsay Griguts, Nancy Hargadon and Matthew Lepre, the advanced biology class at the Forest City Regional High School is building a memorial garden in the courtyard near the high school office.

The Forest City Branch Library will mark 30 years of service to the residents of the Greater Forest City Area with a celebration on May 17.

The Brown Dale Fire Co. recently honored Dave Richards, John "Jack" Pevec and Earl Obelenus for 25 years of service to the volunteer organization.

Deaths: John "Lefty" Rizner, Brown Dale; Mary G. Pribula, formerly of Forest City; Mildred "Millie" Opeka, Union Dale; Edwin J. Venosh, Simson; Sadie Pritchky, Old Forge; Leona M. Ostanick, Forest City; Geneva G. Peak, Susquehanna; Mary Elizabeth Giles, formerly of Honesdale; Frank Kohut, Carbondale.

30 YEARS AGO May 5, 1988

The area was shocked last week as a result of the death of Forest City Mayor Joseph A. Walsh. He was stricken at his home on Thursday and died at St. Joseph's Hospital, despite heroic efforts by the Forest City Volunteer Ambulance.

Forest City Borough Council Monday night passed a motion to grant a second Cable Franchise in the Borough to Adams Cable.

Henry Prince, Forest City, was nominated for the Primary Election for the post of member of the State Democratic Committee from Susquehanna County.

Our sorrow goes out to Rev. G. Fay Grossman and family on the loss of their beloved wife and mother, Mildred.

The Forest City Police Dept. was one of only six departments in the Northern Tier to receive First Responder Medical Kits from the PA Dept., of Health.

Deaths: Joseph Gerchman, Forest City; Margaret Sheroshek, Vandling; Mildred Thomas, born in Clinton Center; Helen Hiznay, born in Forest City; Eugene Andzulis, RD 1, Forest City; Marion Zigon Micalizzi, born in Forest City; Phillip DeKarcher, Starrucca; Paul Berneski, born in Forest City; Anna Popick Lenio, born in Forest City; Frank Tovornik, Waymart; William Rupnik, born in Forest City.

40 YEARS AGO May 4, 1978

Two Pleasant Mount cousins were awarded nursing scholarships. Bernadette Nebzydoski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nebzydoski, and Clara Nebzydoski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nebzydoski, will attend CMC School of Nursing, Scranton.

Dolly Hydock, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. Edmund Hydock, Forest City, was selected to the Wayne County Volleyball League All-Star team.

Marine PFC John Harvatin, son of Julia Harvatin, Brown Dale, completes advanced cryptologic school at Pensacola, Fla.

The Forest City Commercial Assoc. will place concrete potted trees along the Main Street.

Deaths: Mrs. Mary Skubic, age 97, Brown Dale; Mrs. Mayme Sartell, age 94, formerly of Thompson.

50 YEARS AGO May 9, 1968

Frederick J. Burshnick, son of Mrs. Mary Burshnick, 76 Delaware St., Forest City, has been promoted to master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force.

Joseph J. Terchek, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Terchek, 508 Delaware St., Forest City, has been promoted to Petty Officer Second Class in the U.S. Navy.

Pvt. Dennis Non, Pleasant Mount, was graduated from Marine basic training at Parris Island, S.C. on April 22nd. Pvt. Non is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Mrs. Andrew Paye, Union Dale, chairman of the cancer drive, reported that \$70 was collected in Union Dale.

William Mihelc, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mihelc, Dundaff St., has received an appointment to the General Motors Institute, Flint, Mich.

60 YEARS AGO May 8, 1958

A Pittsburgh firm gets \$3 million contract for Stillwater Dam.

The Bureau of School Buildings, Dept. of Public Instruction approved a school building project for Forest City Joint School District.

Final respects were paid on Monday morning to Martin J. Mooney, 748 Main St., Vandling, cashier and director of the First and Farmers National Bank of Forest City, who died last Thursday in St. Joseph's Hospital after a brief illness. Anton Bokal, 1135 N. Main St., died Sunday morning after a brief illness.

70 YEARS AGO May 6, 1948

Forest City School Board leases grounds rear of Franceski Lumber property for playground purposes.

Greater Forest City Industries will redeem \$8,000 in bonds. This is the first of the redemption of the bonds floated for the building of the Keystone Shoe plant here.

Editor U. G. Baker has launched a newspaper war against the installation of parking meters in Susquehanna Borough.

The Forest City breaker and boiler room of the Gateway Coal Co., successors of the Hillside Coal and Iron Co. here, is being razed and dismantled. The original breaker was built in 1882 from timber fallen, cut and seasoned in Forest City. The first structure was destroyed by fire in 1900 and rebuilt the same year.

Deaths during the week: Joseph Julius Sr., Susquehanna St.; Daniel Fives, Tanners Falls; Joseph Moder, Susquehanna Street; Charles Bryant, Honesdale, and Harry R. Cole, Gelatt.

80 YEARS AGO May 9, 1938

Rev. E. F. Greenfield has been transferred from Hawley to the Forest City-Vandling Methodist Churches, succeeding Rev. E. M. Morrison who was assigned to the Hawley church. Edward Kalasinski and Margaret Lorin were presented the Legion's Medal, awarded annually to 8th grade students.

The local school board has the total valuation of taxable property to be \$1,030,846, a drop of \$75,000 from the past year's duplicate.

Miss Alice Burnis, daughter of Mrs. Martin Burnis, Railroad St., died today at Wilson Hospital, Binghamton, following a short illness.

90 YEARS AGO May 10, 1928

The Brown Dale public school

closed its eight month term Wednesday, followed by a party for the children.

Anthony Burshnick, Delaware St., died Monday of pneumonia.

Three students, Harleigh Stark, Mildred Spoor and Clarence Burdick, are members of the Union Dale High School who will graduate May 29th.

Local coal prices at the Erie and Clinton Collieries have taken a drop. Stove coal is now \$9.35; chestnut \$9.00; pea \$6.00 and buckwheat \$3.75.

L. W. Edwards has returned from Miami, Fla., where he attended sessions of the 54 Imperial Council of the Order of the Mystic Shrine.

Louis Zefran Sr. died at his home on May 19th after an illness.

100 YEARS AGO May 8, 1918

Sales of Liberty Bonds through the two local banks have totalled \$165,000.

James P. Walsh has left for Woodlawn where he has accepted a position as police officer.

George Bartholomay has been named head of Forest City, Vandling and Brown Dale merchants group of the U.S. Food Administration.

George Prokopovitch, age 27, Forest City, died in the Mid-Valley Hospital from paralysis.

110 YEARS AGO May 7, 1908

F. T. Gelder has assumed publication of The Forest City News with this issue, succeeding W. J. Maxey as proprietor.

The Forest City High School graduating class will hold their commencement exercises in the Opera House on Tuesday, May 24. The class members are the Misses Ida Pearsall, Isabelle Johnson, Elizabeth Hartung and Kathryn Kearns.

Wayne County Commissioners have agreed to pay half the costs for a bridge over the Lackawanna River between Forest City and Brown Dale.

J. R. Budd has stepped down as local "Squire." He was succeeded M. J. Collins, elected to the office.

Michael Wanko of Richmond Dale was killed by a rock fall this morning in the No. 2 mine.

Robert Butts was fatally injured when run over by a trip of cars in the Richmond Dale mine.

120 YEARS AGO May 3, 1888

Tom Cunningham has taken over the duties as station agent here.

Thomas Clone has moved his family from Pleasant Mount to Forest City.

Forest fires are raging on all sides of the village.

The Rockcliffe Water Co. is busy surveying lines for the installation of their new water mains.

Coming Events

May 12 - Annual Mother's Day Chicken BBQ, Sat., 11 a.m.-2 p.m., East Ararat United Methodist Church, \$10 adult, child 6-12 \$5. Any questions call Jackie Burrows 1-570-766-5322 or January Roney 1-570-727-2051.

May 13 - St. John's Russian Orthodox Church, Dundaff (off Route 247), annual Mother's Day Dinner, Sun., take-outs 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dinner servings noon until sold out, \$12 adults, \$6 children. 570-955-8758 or 570-585-8940.

May 15 - Clifford UM Church chicken 'n biscuit or ham dinner, Tues., 4-6 p.m., take-out or dine-in, \$9.95 includes dinner, drink & dessert.

May 16 - Women's Health Workshop, Greater Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, Wed., 5:45 p.m., Check out on Facebook.

May 17 - Barking Cupcake sugar cookie baking & decorating class, Thurs., 6:30-8 p.m. Forest City Area Historical Society, \$30, reserve spot at 570-785-3030.

May 20 - Purse bingo, Sun., Union Dale Methodist Church hall, 2 p.m., see member for tickets, no tickets sold at door.

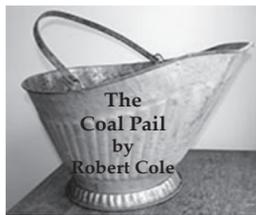
May 26 - Aldenville Baptist Church, Rt. 170 Aldenville, HUGE annual Indoor-Outdoor rummage sale & yard sale, Sat., 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bargain hour, noon - 1 p.m.

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, 1 p.m., Forest City Historical Society at museum.

June 2 - 4th annual Cruzin' 2 Brown Dale car show, Sat., 11 a.m., Brown Dale Fire Co. No. 1, Check them out on Facebook or email browndalefire@gmail.com.

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.



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.

I would think that it was about 1949 or 1950. I did not care too much for school and I did my best to put up with it. I can remember Mary Evans was my homeroom teacher and Ann Genis was the principal.

Mary Kaminsky was the music teacher. She carried an alarm clock in her apron and had it set to tell her when the period was over. When the class was finished, the alarm clock would go off. LOL

Also carried a pitch pipe in the apron. She would blow the pipe to get the right sound and start the song. She classified the singers as bluebird, canary and if you couldn't sing—you were a CROW.

I believe the bluebirds were altos and basses and the canary's were sopranos and tenors. This is some from Me and from my Sister—Carol Cole Hawkins who now resides in Winlock, Washington.

I can remember Mary Kaminsky coming out of her home—dressed in the hunters red and black plaid and carrying a 30-30 Winchester 94 carbine to go deer hunting.

What a lady. My kind of GAL.



Week of May 14

Monday - Waldorf chicken salad, clear cole slaw, ww roll, chocolate chip cookie.

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

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

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

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

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



Week of May 14

MON. - Chicken filet on bun, lett. & tom., potato wedges, steamed broccoli.

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

WED. - Ravioli w/sauce, garlic breadstick, garden salad, seasoned green beans.

THURS. - Chicken smackers, dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, gravy, glazed carrot coins, frozen sherbert.

FRI. - Mickey's pizza, garden salad, BBQ cauliflower.

Alternates (HS) alternates: Crunchers w/sauce, tuna salad wrap (Ele) Tuna salad roll, hot dog, sun butter & jelly

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks

Tuesday - Egg & cheese on croissant

Wednesday - Assorted yogurt w/Zee-Zee bar

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.

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.timeobscure.org

Clifford - At the age of 86 years, at the home of her daughter Mrs. T. W. Barker, Dorranceton, Pa., on April 20, occurred the death of Catherine Lott Tennant. She was a native of Clifford, and one of the most successful of the pioneer public school teachers. At the age of 15 she took up the work of teaching, which she followed until age and impaired health caused her retirement. Interment was in the family plot in the Clifford cemetery.

Elkdale - Work is progressing rapidly on the new cheese factory. They expect to start making cheese about June 1.

Uniondale/Clifford - A new survey is to be made of the contemplated new road from Clifford to Uniondale. Rumor says there is likely to be a sharp fight with the authorities before the matter will successfully go through. Let us hope no one will place any unnecessary obstacles in the way of such a great benefit, as the new road would be to our business people here.

Susquehanna - Susquehanna has an added mail carrier and the delivery of mail twice a day instead of but once, on nearly all the streets, is enjoyed by the people who formerly had but a morning mail delivery and went to the postoffice for any later mail matter. ALSO The local daily "Transcript" seems to be having a "drive" of its own, as 50 new subscribers were added to its list during the past week, which is a fine showing, when all the calls for money upon the people are considered, and is evidence that the Daily fills a definite want among the people of the three boroughs, as well as many living at a distance, who want to be kept in touch with Susquehanna's doings these stirring times.

Thompson - George Pickering has made more than 300 gallons of maple syrup this spring. They ought to keep sweet the entire year.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Centinel, May 9, 1818.

*TO MY PATRONS. This number terminates the CENTINEL forever. The MONTROSE GAZETTE will be published at this office hereafter on the same day of the week as the CENTINEL has been. The terms of the GAZETTE will be the same as the CENTINEL heretofore, if paid within the year; if not, two dollars and fifty cents will be charged and interest will be exacted after that time till paid. J. CLARK

*REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS. Up to yesterday 445 of the old officers and soldiers of the Revolution have appeared before Judge Davis, to put in their claims for the small, though needed and timely bounty of their country. Some of these veterans were more than 80 years of age—one we saw was 88—and one, aged 84, who entered his claim last week, has since departed to obtain a higher and eternal reward. BOSTON, Mass. April 15.

*MARRIED. In this township [Bridgewater], on Wednesday last, by the Rev. D. Dimock, Mr. Francis Perkins to Miss Rebecca Sherman, all of this township.

*MASONRY. The subscriber informs the public that he will work at the Mason Business in all its branches the ensuing season. Such as may see fit to employ him may rest assured that their work will be done in the first stile of workmanship; and as cheap as by any other person. His price, by the day, will be one dollar and twenty-five cents. Having procured a quantity of Stone suitable for GRAVE STONES, and MONUMENTS, he makes it his business in the winter season, to execute all orders in that line on the shortest notice. JOHN LOCKE. Choconut, (Nine miles from Montrose.) May 10, 1818. N. B. Persons wishing to have work done will call on me at my residence, or leave a line with the editor of this paper and it shall be attended to. J. L.



Creatures of Habit

Recognizing that there are many types of people in this world, allow me to suggest that we are all creatures of habit. We may think that we're independent thinkers who do nothing without a purpose, or who don't follow the pack. Okay, if you're not prone to doing the same thing, answer me this: if you go out to eat do you usually get the same thing (out of a small rotation of favorites), or do you always try something you've never had before? If you put on a jacket, do you put the same arm in the same sleeve first, or do you change it up? Do you have a favorite shirt, a favorite pair of shoes?

Even the most care-free, spontaneous person has some habits they do daily that are important for stability, and a level of comfort in life. There's nothing wrong with habits that help us concentrate on more important matters in our day.

The problem with habits arises when they become our idols. Smoking, excessive alcohol use, illegal drug use are easy targets as bad habits which can rule people's lives. Truly though, anything we do that starts to dominate our thoughts, causing us to arrange our lives around that thing, may be a habit we need to examine more carefully. It may be necessary to find a way to drop that habit.

As with all bad habits, sin is a hard habit to break, and we are physically, mentally, and spiritually unable to do so by ourselves. We have a human nature that makes us prone to sin, and because of it, we easily dismiss, shift blame, or deny our responsibility in our sinful actions, even if we're believers in Christ! That's

why it's so important to come to Jesus and tell him what we done, and ask for his forgiveness, seek that of others we might have hurt, and then ask for help in doing differently from then on. Sounds simple right? Not so much.

We can continue to flounder, and it won't change until we've completely given our will over to Jesus that we'll begin to find strength. Total surrender to Jesus is the point where things can begin to turn around. Then we can find other habits that'll help us resist the temptation to do wrong. These habits include reading the Bible, praying, hanging out with other believers, listening to positive music, or whatever helps us stay close to Jesus. Living each day in Jesus we find it easier to do more than just avoid sin, but we also learn how to focus our actions on helping others. We begin to see that our struggles are not as important as expressing kindness, compassion, and love to others, especially those in need. When our focus is off ourselves we can see how we can be there for people who are themselves struggling. This will become so much a part of us that it will seem natural, and will be rewarding, and exciting.

Habits that build us up, that help us get through the day, that bring us closer to God, and closer to others are worth continuing to do the rest of our lives. When they are a part of who we are, they become as natural as other habits we do without thinking, like breathing, but even can be even more live-giving!

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