

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

May 21, 2008
LTC Michael Konzman, formerly of Forest City, will be the Principal Speaker at the Memorial Day Services in Forest City, May 26.

The 3rd Annual Browndale Fire Company Carnival will be held May 27-31 at the fire company grounds in Browndale.

Work will begin on the new disc golf course planned for Kennedy Park.

A park more than four years in the making will soon be open in Herrick Township.

The 40th Annual Lefty and Bill Rizner Memorial Children's Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Browndale Sportsman's Club, will be held on May 25.

The first gas well to be drilled in Wayne County is on the property of Louis and Jean Matoushek, Creamton Drive.

Deaths: John M. Ferraro, Vandling; Anna L. Kiefer, Vandling; Frances Fleming, Forest City; Regina Thornton, Simpson.

20 YEARS AGO

May 20, 1998
 All municipalities in the Forest City Regional School District will see a millage increase for the 1998-99 fiscal year. Wayne County residents will see the largest increase, 3.7%.

The Marian Outpatient Center, located at 630 Main Street, Forest City, had its Grand Opening and Open House on May 6th.

Fitzsimmons Insurance won the championship for the ladies bowling league on Wed., May 13.

The Browndale Sportsman's Club on May 6th voted to rename the annual children's Fishing Derby to "the Lefty and Bill Rizner Memorial Children's Fishing Derby" in honor of deceased members William "Bill" Rizner and John "Lefty" Rizner.

Deaths: Marjorie Woodyshek, Forest City; Anna Serica, born in Forest City; Karen N. Obzud-During, New York City; Marion Louise Moore, Union Dale; Keith Brown Young, RD 2, Thompson; Michael J. Huston, Union Dale; Maxine S. Sayers, Forest City; Duane G. Bailey, Honesdale.

30 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1988
Joseph Garrick, Vandling, scored his second hole-in-one in three years at Elkview Country Club.

Secretary of Defense Frank C. Carlucci has announced that President Reagan has nominated Major General Anthony J. Bursnick, U.S. Air Force, formerly of Forest City, for appointment to the grade of Lieutenant General and assignment as Vice Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command.

Second half winners, Forest City Beverage, defeated first half champs and defending league champions Kennedy Distributors to win the all-season championship of the Forest City Men's Bowling League.

John Rizner of Browndale had the misfortune of being accidentally shot in the arm while turkey hunting in Pleasant Mount.

Deaths: Mrs. Theresa Bostjanic, Forest City; Maebert Johns, born in Forest City; Milton Phillips, Hancock; Elizabeth Geesey, RD 1 Thompson; Minnie Slocum, RD 2 Thompson.

40 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1978
 The Forest City Boy Scouts have been reinstated with St. Anthony's Church as the local sponsoring organization. New scout leaders are Bob Duffy and Jack Jones.

Carol Femc, Browndale, has been awarded the Gregg Master Typing Award for typing 82 gross words per minute as a senior at CFRHS.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Pavelchak, Vandling, mark 25th wedding anniversary. The couple was married April 25, 1953, in St. Basil's R.O. Church, Simpson.

Miss Judith McGraw, RD 1, Pleasant Mount, was honored by the U.S. Army and Radio Station WCCL as the top female student

among the 28 area Scholastic Teams appearing on WCCL.

Deaths: John Shozsick, Browndale; Theodore Rozina, Mayfield.

50 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1968
 The annual elections to determine the recipients of the American Legion Eighth Grade Medals were held at the Forest City Regional School oil Tuesday, May 14. Medal winners were Sandra Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cross, RD 3, Union Dale, and Gerard Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Walsh, 330 Susquehanna Street, Forest City. Runners-up were Karen Prezelski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Prezelski, Susquehanna Street, and Lawrence Coar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Coar, 407 Main Street, Vandling.

Lt. Col. Leon Zimmer recently participated in the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to two Vietnam veterans. The medals were presented to the soldiers by President Johnson at the White House May 1st. Lt. Col. Zimmer, son of Mrs. Stanley Zimmer, 716 Susquehanna Street, participated in the ceremonies honoring the medal winners. Zimmer is attached to the Army Computer Evaluation Systems Command at the Pentagon.

Mrs. Madeline Bloxham Mathias of Easton, a former resident of Forest City, was elected president of the Pennsylvania Press Women's Association at the annual meeting of Nittany Lions Inn, University Park, recently. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Bloxham, Forest City RD, Mrs. Mathias has been a staff writer on the Easton Express in Easton for the past two years.

60 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1958
 Forest City Borough this week instituted twice a month garbage collection.

Ground-breaking ceremonies for the Stillwater Dam were held last Wednesday on the former Joseph Balunis farm.

Clinton Twp. Supervisors have petitioned court for a special increase in millage to meet recent heavy expenses.

Deaths: Lawrence Pacewicz, 413 Hudson St.; Joseph Peskur, Herkimer, N.Y.; Phillip Zebrowski, 7-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. John Zebrowski.

70 YEARS AGO

May 20, 1948
 Endicott Johnson Corp. has made a \$1000 donation to the Forest City Recreation Board. The Comerford Co. has donated \$500; Dr. A. B. Cimoichowski \$200, and Frank W. Gaydosh, \$200.

Joseph Swegel was chosen to serve as chairman of the Forest City Republican County Committee.

Albert Prince and Janet Beatz were awarded Legion Medals at William Penn School eighth grade exercises.

Mrs. Mabel Puchaty is named president of the Forest City PTA.

Workmen have completed the razing and dismantling of the former No. 1 school building on Dundaff Street.

Deaths: Thomas Harvey, Higgins St.; Robert R. Lyon, Hudson St., and Mrs. Mary C. Mills, Pleasant Mount.

80 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1938
 The Republican slate headed by Arthur James for Governor carried Pennsylvania, while the slate, headed by Gifford Pinchot carried Susquehanna County.

August Gostisha, N. Main St., sailed yesterday for a visit to his homeland, Yugoslavia.

Herbert Howell is a busy man around Herrick these days. At last report he has plowed twenty-two gardens and is still going strong.

90 YEARS AGO

May 24, 1928
 Peter Lasco of the Brace Brook section has been granted a patent on a brake band for automobiles.

Rev. B. H. Crewe, of Olean, NY, has been named to the rectorship of Christ Episcopal Church by Bishop Sterret of Bethlehem.

Six local young people were

involved in an auto accident near Union Dale Monday evening, sending two to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment.

Thirty-six seniors will receive their diplomas at the Forest City High School commencement exercises at the high school on June 1st.

100 YEARS AGO

May 23, 1918
 The Forest City Red Cross went "over the top" with a total collection of \$3,297.31.

The Primary Election on Tuesday was quiet, with a small turnout in all the districts. L. J. McCadden won the congressional nomination and Allen D. Miller won the Susquehanna County General Assembly Post.

Experience gained as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps has earned Joseph Mansfield, Forest City, a commission in the New Polish Army being formed in Canada.

Twenty-eight local young men are among the 103 from this county who leave Friday for military service.

110 YEARS AGO

May 21, 1908
 The North-Eastern Telephone Co. meeting at Thompson calls for an extra \$3 assessment to help fund an interest-bearing debt. The receipts for the current year total \$9,608.11 and expenditures amounted to \$11,348.36.

The local taxpayers association is going to make private appraisal of the Hillside and D&H Companies in this place, with the object of seeing if they are paying their share of taxes.

Vandling Borough Council is calling a public meeting to hear the public sentiment before granting the Forest City Electric Light Co. a franchise.

Peter Haggerty and James White have equipped themselves with a modern and improved cider mill at Whites Valley, getting ready for the coming season.

120 YEARS AGO

May 19, 1898
 Local borough officials and businessmen are commenting favorably on granting a franchise for street cars in the borough.

The first ice cream social of the season was held Saturday.

Rev. W. A. Carrington will be installed as minister at the Presbyterian Church this evening.

Forest City defeated Pleasant Mount 27-21 at Pleasant Mount Saturday afternoon.

130 YEARS AGO

May 17, 1888
 Local citizens are taking steps to secure land to set aside for a community cemetery.

T.J. O'Keefe is to open a soda water establishment here.

The Hillside Coal Co. employees will hereafter be paid monthly instead of semi-annually.

A new order to trackmen on the railroad prohibits the use of smoking a pipe while at work. Too much time wasted keeping it burning.

Coming Events

May 24 - Survivors of Suicide loss prevention group mtg, Thurs, 7 p.m., Wayne Memorial Hospital conference room #3.

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, Carbon-dale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., free community event, info call Lisa 570-954-9443 or email lisa@LCSolutionsLLC.com.

May 26 - Stone Soup Kitchen at Christ Church, FREE community luncheon, Christ Episcopal Church, corner of Delaware and Dundaff Streets, Forest City, Sat, noon to 1:30 p.m.

May 26 - Lakewood rabies clinic, Northern Wayne Fire Hall, Rte. 370, rabies \$7, distemper, \$15; Dr. Douglas F. Caucci, DVM, Orson Corners Vet Clinic, 570-727-2474.

May 26 - All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, Union Dale Methodist Church hall on Sat, 7 to 10 a.m.

May 26 - Thompson Hose Co., the Thompson Veterans Memorial Service, Sunday, 1 p.m. Light refreshments to follow.

May 27 - Sun, Hometown Heroes, 1 p.m., Forest City Historical Society at museum.

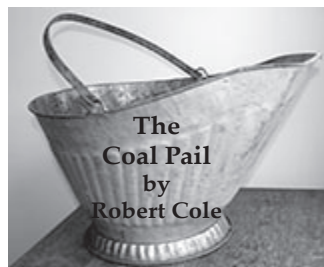
May 27 - Pleasant Mount Emergency Services chicken barbecue, Sun, 11 a.m. - sold out, Pleasant Mount dining hall, 389 Great bend Tumpike, \$10.

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

June 2 - Clifford Vacation Bible School committee car wash Sat, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lenoxville United Methodist Church, Rte. 374, \$5 hand wash, \$5 vacuum or both \$10.

June 2 - Clinton Center Baptist Church yard sale, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., 1000 Rte. 296, Belmont Tumpike, Waymart, bake sale.

June 2 - Sat, 1 PM - Independent Democratic Women of Susquehanna County meeting, Susquehanna County Library Community Room, 458 High School Road, Montrose. Contact Barbara Scott at raspri@epix.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.

In 1951 or 1952 my Grandmother liked us to pick coal in the summer to fill the coal bin. We went to the culm banks and there were piles of coal and rock discarded from the mines and the coal breaker. With a hammer and a feed sack we cracked the rocks and if it was coal it went into the sack. In an hour you could pick enough to keep Grandma happy. Carry it home and put it into the coal bin that was in the yard by the house.

I remember that when the freight trains loaded with coal came up the valley and stopped in Forest City to get water for the steam engine. I thought that if we climb up on the train and shovel like crazy that we would not have to go to the culm bank and pick coal.

We went up the side of the coal car and shoveled a lot off the top. When the train left we loaded the sacks and stashed them in the woods. We then would go out in the morning and play and bring a sack of coal home.

Grandma thought that it was the best coal we found. LOL. I thought that if instead of shoveling that if I cranked the handle to the coal car gate open, we would not have to shovel. I opened it a little and coal started out. UUKK

I then knew that I was in DEEP DO DO again. Then the train started up again and the coal kept poring out. WOW! It went all the way from Bruce Bloxmans lumber yard to the curve past cow town. I can remember all of the people converging on the track to get the coal into sacks. A lot of happy people and many coal bins filled.



Week of May 28

MON. - No school.
TUES. - Hamburger or cheeseburger, lettuce & tomato, smiley fries, baked beans.
WED. - Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic bread stick, garden salad, steamed broccoli.
THURS. - Popcorn chicken, dipping sauces, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, carnival cookie.

FRI. - Mini cheese calzones (ele.) NY-style Pizza/Buf-falo Pizza (hs), salad, golden corn & carrots.
Alternates (HS) alternates: Chicken quesadilla w/salsa, hot wing hoagie (Ele) ham & cheese, turkey & cheese, 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.*

Burnis celebrates 96th Birthday



Rita Burnis, middle, a long time Forest City resident, celebrated her 96th birthday with her sons David, left, and Rick, right, and grandson Christopher, back, and friends at Frank's Place, Simpson, on May 18.

100 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items from the *Browndale Republican*, *Montrose Democrat* and *Forest City Journal*.
 Submitted by Betty Smith, Susquehanna County Historical Society, Montrose.
 Back issues of 100 Years Ago can be accessed at www.susquehannasoc.org

Clifford - In recognition of valor shown when he succeeded in driving off three German albatross airplanes, which attacked the machine he was piloting over the enemy's lines, Lieutenant A. J. Coyle, a native of this place, has been decorated with the French War Cross. Coyle is a member of the American flying corps in France, being among the first to enlist after the declaration of war.

Great Bend - The commencement exercises of the Great Bend high school were held Monday evening in the M. E. church. The following were the members of the class of 1918: Mara Burke, Marguerite Sine, "Max" McCormack, Helen Miller, Edna Luce, Milly Carnegie, Kathryn Dobson and Pearl Cook.

Forest City - Next Thursday afternoon, Memorial day, there will be a parade and patriotic meeting under the auspices of the Forest City and Vandling chapter of the American Red Cross. The parade will begin at 2 o'clock and the line of march will be from North Main street to Kennedy's corner in Vandling, then counter march to the Forest City High School, where the patriotic exercises will be held. F. M. Gardiner, Esq., will be Grand Marshall, with J. J. Connelly, James Dutchman, James Chudinski and William Painter, Jr., aides.

Also an enthusiastic meeting was held in the Family theatre Sunday afternoon. The object, as stated by the Rev. J. Mroziewski, who presided, was to encourage the movement organized several months ago to build up a large force of men of Polish extraction to aid the allies in crushing the Hun. Rev. J. Mroziewski made a powerful plea and urged his hearers to aid the movement by extending their physical and financial support.

Uniondale - An invitation has been given the surviving members of Mathew McPherson Post, G. A. R., to participate in the parade at Forest City on Memorial day.

Harford - We are pleased to learn that Charles R. Labarre, of Wysox, is steadily

recovering from an operation. He is a former Harford young man and was at one time the principal of the Kingsley school. Knowing him, we half surmise that his energy and ambition caused him to work beyond his strength—and he is no weakling—on his farm in helping increase food production to the detriment of his health. His brother, Frank, of Harford, is with him at present.

200 Years ago from the Montrose Gazette, May 23, 1818.

*STATE ROAD. Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners appointed to expend the monies appropriated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the East and West road, so called, will attend at the house of Asa Lathrop, in Springville township, on the 21st day of May inst., at 10 o'clock, A.M. to contract with any person or persons wishing to work said road. JABEZ HYDE, jr., H. TIFFANY, JONAH BREWSTER, Commissioners.



Week of May 28

Monday - Centers closed.
Tuesday - Beef & broccoli stir-fry, lo mein noodles, Asian veggie medley, rocky road pudding.

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

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

Friday - Not available

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

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