

# LOOKING BACK

## 10 YEARS AGO June 4, 2008

Patrons of food and game stands at this year's Forest City Old Home Weekend will be thrilled to know that the committee has done away with the ticket system for this year.

Temperatures in Forest City were 34 degrees last Thursday morning. It's been a long, cold, rainy Spring.

Forest City Council donated \$500 to sponsor a hole on the new disc golf course to be laid out soon at Kennedy Park.

The Panorama Golf Course was featured last week on Channel 16's "Elite 18", a compilation of the area's best 18 holes on public golf courses.

Deaths: Vincent J. Jurkowski, Whites Crossing; Joseph L. Cobb, Sr., Thompson; Peter Korba, Forest City; Matthew Nebzydowski, Montrose.

## 20 YEARS AGO June 3, 1998

The 100th annual Commencement exercises of Forest City Regional High School were held Friday, June 5, in the high school gymnasium. Seventy-two students received their diplomas.

Eighth Grade American Legion Medal recipients of Forest City Regional School are Kevin McGraw and Stephanie Pelick. They received their awards at a program held at the school.

Seven members of the senior class of FCRHS will be honored with the 1998 President's Education Award. They are: Felicia Bock, Justin DeAngelo, Ryan Kilker, Susan Kulikowski, Meghan McAndrew, Fred Mursch, Myron Semack.

Deaths: Kathryn Yankauskas, Union Dale; Harvard Speakman, Honesdale; Vincent Knapp, Carbondale; Bernard Buchar, Bucks Co., formerly of Vandling; Alaina Kiselica, Westland, MI, formerly of Forest City; Helen Poska, Binghamton, NY; Joseph Karkota, formerly of Carbondale; John Perham, Pleasant Mount; Paul Biorosak Jr., Mayfield.

## 30 YEARS AGO June 2, 1988

The Rev. John Maloney has announced that he will leave his pastorates at Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City, and Trinity Episcopal Church, Carbondale, for health reasons.

Miss Karla Stahl, Union Dale, was recently appointed assistant to choreographer David Ragnacci for "That's Entertainment: A Salute to the Stage and Screen," the second Forest City Follies.

Linda Richards was recently installed as the President of the Forest City Regional Elementary Home-School Assoc.

Tom Wildenstein, Pleasant Mt., placed 3rd in the discus at the District 12 Track and Field Championship in Montrose.

## 40 YEARS AGO June 1, 1978

Mrs. Cassie Slamas, 71 South St., was recently cited by the PA Dept. of Health for her 23 years of service as local registrar of vital statistics.

Local senior citizens on a recent trip to Stillwater Cliffs discovered that vandals had again broken the nose of the Stone Face which had been repaired several years ago by Arnold Swetter. They also found that the flagpole which they had erected on the cliffs was pulled down.

Among the graduates from the University of Scranton were: James Fitzsimmons Jr., Irene Kobilssek, Robert Konchar, Robert Lengyel, Edward Pantzar Jr., Edward Price, Edmund Striefsky, and James Zefran. Joseph Nebzydowski, Pleasant Mount, was awarded a Masters degree.

An all-granite cemetery sign designed by Forest City Memorial Company was installed at the entrance of St. Anthony's Cemetery.

Deaths: Michael Evanyka, Richmondale; Mrs. Mary Suponic, Rahway, NJ.

## 50 YEARS AGO June 6, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCormick, 83 Dundaff St., marked

their 25th wedding anniversary on Wed., June 5th. Mrs. McCormick is the former Agnes LeStrange of Pleasant Mount.

The following local students received degrees from Marywood College, Scranton, at graduation exercises on May 26th. The degree recipients are Maureen and Karen Gursky, Sally Ann Mannion, Carol Chrapowicki, Margaret McCormick and Elizabeth Kameen. Miss Kameen received the Sister Ethelbert Medal for distinguished Mission Service.

## 60 YEARS AGO June 5, 1958

The News editorial blasts the Pennsylvania Department of Highways for their wealth of promises concerning the "death trap" on the roadway linking Forest City and Brown Dale.

Edwin A. Bloxham was elected president of the Lions Club.

Donald Mitchell and Joyce Gaydosch were voted to receive the 8th Grade Legion Medals.

The Forest City School Board approved a preliminary plan for the construction of the new Junior/Senior High School building.

Lt. Col. Wesley C. Yusavage, (U.S. Army, Ret.) will receive a degree from Penn State University on Saturday.

Honor students of this year's graduating class are: Barbara Beautz, Marie Hydock, Barbara Polensek, Sandra Franceski, Bernard Mayers, John Opeka and James Cawley. Deaths: Mrs. Mary Chesnick, Susquehanna Street; Mrs. Louisa Tinklepaugh, Thompson; Andrew J. Solack, former resident, in Moosic.

## 70 YEARS AGO June 3, 1848

Robert Von Ahnen, William Penn School student, and Evelyn Labar, high school student, were awarded prizes for submitting best slogans in local Recreation Board contest.

Seventy-nine seniors will receive diplomas at high school commencement exercises tomorrow evening in the Freedman Theatre.

Mrs. Zygmund Lutcavage and daughter have arrived home after two years in Germany where Captain Lutcavage has been stationed.

A group of Wayne farmers set up a road block in an effort to halt Army Engineers survey of proposed Lackawanna and Dyberry flood control project.

Miss Agnes Swartz, lifelong resident, died at her Railroad Street home on Sunday. Joseph Opeka, Lackawanna Street, died Tuesday in Wilkes-Barre, where he was employed in the mines.

## 80 YEARS AGO June 2, 1938

Judge Andrew B. Smith, who retired from the Susquehanna County Bench after 20 years of service, died this morning at his home in Montrose.

Weddings during the week: Miss Alice Damasevitz and Andrew Murnock, Miss Mary Ina Kelleher and William Cutler.

Theodore Piatkowski was named chairman of the Forest City Republican County Committee.

Forest City High School will hold its Commencement exercises tomorrow night in the high school auditorium. Ninety seniors, 38 boys and 52 girls, will receive diplomas. Honor students are: Ruth Slick, Angeline Shivitz, Laura Roney, Stella Prezlomic, Donald Berry and Julia Grum.

## 90 YEARS AGO June 7, 1928

The six local Catholic churches will participate in a Corpus Christi Field Mass and Procession Sunday, to be held in the clearing off South Street and west of Richmondale Road.

Walsh Motor Co. is advertising the Chevrolet family coach at \$585.

Mrs. Burton Walker is representing the Ruby Chapter of the Eastern Star at the State Convention at Conneaut Lake.

Local stores began their Wednesday afternoon closings for the summer months.

Forest City Borough Council through Burgess John Franko and Solicitor W. J. Maxey to attend regional meeting of communities in protest of Scranton Spring-Brook Water Company proposed rate increase.

## 100 YEARS AGO June 6, 1918

Forest City held an impressive Memorial Day parade when several thousand persons marched and took part in a ceremony at the No. 2 School.

The Borough Council issues strict orders to all persons owning cows to keep their animals confined at night to prevent the animals from roaming within the Borough limits.

Prof. Morelli, of Carbondale, is organizing a Coronet Band in Vandling.

The Union Dale Board of Trade met in Williams Hall. "Good Roads and How to Build Them" was the main topic.

## 110 YEARS AGO June 4, 1908

The Sacred Heart Polish R.C. Church, of which Rev. J. E. Gryeska is pastor, was dedicated Saturday. Over 3000 persons attended the ceremonies. Msgr. T. F. Coffey, representing Bishop Hoban, officiated at the services.

John Johns was named president of the Vandling School Board and H. P. Johns was named president of the Forest City Board.

Irving Pentecost, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pentecost, was a member of the Jefferson Medical College graduating class this year.

S. E. Lowry and W. J. Sherwood on Monday took possession of the Union Dale Milling Company, which they recently purchased.

## 120 YEARS AGO June 2, 1898

Postmaster T. C. Manzer has purchased the E. A. Corey Mill.

The School directors of Herrick have decided to lower the teachers wages to \$18 a month. This is the way Herrick correspondent put it: Poor wages, poor teachers, poor schools-poor scholar.

A comment by another editor in Susquehanna says, "Forest City is safe. When the floods come the villagers can just tie their houses to a few stumps in the street and lie down to pleasant dreams."

Following are the Forest City marked quotations for potatoes: 85 cents cash, 90 cents trade; butter 16 cents cash, 17 cents trade; flour \$7.00 to \$7.80.

## 130 YEARS AGO May 31, 1888

Rev. Coffey will read Mass in Father Matthew Hall next Sunday.

All the lots on the tract known as the mule lot have been sold. Purchasers are beginning to erect home thereon.

Wedeman Brothers are laying the foundation for a building three stories high, the corner of Main Street and Grand Avenue.

The first anniversary of the Neponset tribe, International Order of Red Men, will be observed by a picnic next week.

Counterfeit silver dollars are afloat in town.

## Coming Events

**June 7** - Barking Cupcake, cupcake decorating class, Thurs., 6:30 - 8 p.m., Forest City Historical Society, 570-785-2343 to reserve your spot.

**June 10** - Andrew Mazza diesel jam at Johnson College. www.johnson.edu.

**June 10** - American Slovenian Heritage Club, Sun., Elegant Restaurant.

**June 16** - Chapel Community Kitchen barbecue, 11:30 - 1:30, crossroads of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike, Lebanon Township.

**June 17** - Thompson Hose Co. Father's Day Breakfast Buffet, Sun., 8-11am, 13 yrs. and up \$10, kids 12 yrs. and under free.

**June 20** - Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford, chicken-n-biscuit/ham dinner, Wed., 4-6 pm Take out or Dine in, donation \$9.95 includes dinner, drink & dessert.

**June 21** - 43rd annual senior picnic, Thurs., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Troy fairgrounds, picnic lunch \$3, B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging sponsored, call 1-800-982-4346 bu June 15 to attend.

**June 21** - Barking Cupcake, Thurs., 6:30-8 p.m., Forest City Area Historical Society, 570-785-2343, cupcake decorating class

**June 25 - 29** - Clifford United Methodist Church vacation bible school, 1-4:45 p.m.; pre-registration June 24 3-6 p.m., www.cliffordumc.org, 570-222-5493, danebarhite@gmail.com

**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.

**June 30** - Thompson Hose Co. Gun Show, Sat, 9am to 5pm & Sun., July 1, 9am to 3pm Promoted by Jaeger Arms Promotions



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 have heard from my cousin Virginia Bowen Pauller that there were a few people in Aldenville who can't wait until the next edition of the Forest City News comes out to read the COLE PAIL. I did not have any idea that it would be read and followed by so many people that I knew and knew me. I grew up in a home down the road from Leona Hopkins and her family. I don't know if she was in the same grade as me but we were neighbors and most likely played together.

Also Garfield Gaylord and his family had a farm on the road to Creamton out of Aldenville.

Mary Lou Gaylord, his daughter, went to school in Aldenville with me. I used to wander Garps cow pastures in the summer, picking blackberries and raspberries. Garfield and his wife--Alburta Gaylord bought the post office and general store in Aldenville.

In the early 1970's I used to come to Aldenville with my snowmobile. I had a Skidoo 399 Olympic. Garp and I would leave on our machines--out behind the store and ride for hours and miles. What fun. Aldenville was a fun time in my life and what I would give to be back there and at that age.

What I would not give to be able to do that now. WOW



### Week of June 11

**MON.** - Seasoned Pork Sandwich, plain or BBQ, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans.

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

**WED.** - Penne pasta, meatballs, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli.

**THURS.** - Personal pizza, salad, glazed carrot coins.

**FRI.** - Hot dog on a bun, baked chips, seasoned green beans.

*Alternates (HS) alternates: Hot wing pizza, tuna salad wrap (Ele) Turkey & cheese, sun butter & jelly*

### BREAKFAST

**Monday** - Pancakes w/syrup  
**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.*

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## 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 Year Ago can be accessed at www.suscohistory.org

Scranton/Binghamton - The Scranton and Binghamton Railroad Co., with headquarters in Scranton, and which operates an electric system between Scranton and Montrose, has been placed in the hands of receivers at the request of the Binghamton Railway company. The first inkling of the financial embarrassment of the company came when the bondholders received notice that "due to the unusual conditions brought about by the war, the company found itself unable to pay the interest of \$90,000 on its bonds, due June 1."

Montrose - Memorial Day was fittingly observed here, Four Brothers Post being assisted in the exercises by the patriotic and other organizations of the town. The ever thinning ranks of the "old vets" was noticeable, but twelve survivors of the Civil War being seen in the parade. ALSO In the year 1818, Montrose could boast of one weekly mail brought on horseback from Great Bend by the post boy, Leonard Searle. As he neared the village, every Thursday, he announced his coming by a shrill blast from a tin horn, which he usually hung from his saddle in readiness for this occasion. At this welcome sound, there was an immediate rush for Post's tavern, which contained the postoffice. It is said that upon one of these occasions Major Post remarked that Mr. Sayre ought to be satisfied for once in his life, as he had the entire mail, 7 letters and 3 papers, the aggregate for the whole week.

Susquehanna - The Italians held a parade on Friday evening of last week in honor of the third anniversary of Italy into the war. They were assisted by several societies, beside their own, "Sons of Italy," organizations among them being State Police, Erie Band, Erie Hose Co., Chemical Co., a large delegation of Red Cross girls and Erie girls; also about 200 Italian men, women and children. At the band stand an open air meeting was held. Excellent addresses were given by Atty. Wm. Skinner and Father Brodrick, and the Italians were addressed in their own language by the Rev. Joseph Grona, of Elmira.

Forest City - Mrs. Armina Owens is very active at the age of 79 years, and is knitting socks for the soldiers, and has finished 44 pairs, so she has informed the writer, and anxiously waiting for more yarn, and if her health holds out is planning on as many more. Who next? Mrs. Owens is a soldier's widow, her husband having died in Andersonville prison. He enlisted in 1862 and gave to his country three years of his life, which terminated in the sacrifice. ALSO All persons owning cows are warned to keep them confined at night. The practice of allowing cattle to roam at will during the night must be stopped at once or a heavy fine will be imposed.

South Ararat - A barn belonging to Mrs. Verna Silver was destroyed by fire, Thursday night, with its contents; also a good span of horses, which she had sold that day and was to be delivered to a man in Binghamton the next day, was burned.

Harford - "War Record of the Family of Major Seth Bisbee:" Noah Bisbee enlisted and served his country in the Revolutionary war and died in New Hampshire; his son, Seth, born in 1789, served in the war of 1812 and was wounded. He died in Lathrop Township; Noah Bisbee, son of Major Seth Bisbee, was born in Harford and served his country in two wars--in the Mexican war he served under General Zachary Taylor. In the Civil War he was seriously wounded, losing a leg at the battle of Antietam; Martin

V. Bisbee, son of Major Seth, was born in Brooklyn and enlisted in Co. B, 47th Pa. Cavalry under Gen. Phil Sheridan as sergeant and color bearer. Lorenzo S. Bisbee, grandson of Seth, was born in New Milford and was a member of Co. D. 13th Regiment of the National Guard. In the Spanish American War he enlisted in the Regular U. S. Army and served as sergeant of Co. D. 13th Regiment until the close of the war. Thornley E. Staunton, great-grandson of Maj. Seth, enlisted in 1917; Nathan Willard Waldron, nephew of Maj. Seth, enlisted and was killed during the Mexican war; Lt. Col. Fred Waldron Foster, grandnephew of Maj. Seth, graduated from West Point and served 36 years in the 5th U. S. Cavalry; Charles W. Foster, only son of Lt. Foster, was a graduate of West Point. Lt. Willard Snyder, grandnephew of Maj. Seth, enlisted in the Civil War. Charles H. Tyler, grandnephew of Seth, enlisted for the Philippines, but died of heart trouble in 1903.

Middletown - Dr. E. R. Owens has purchased a new car, which will be a good help in his business.

Lenoxville - On Friday, May 24, 1918, at his home, David Nichols, one of the oldest and best-known residents of the community, died very suddenly. He was known to everybody as "Uncle Dave;" was born in Carbondale, Dec. 8, 1834, and had he lived until the 8th of December would have been 84 years old. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served his country about four years, carrying away three different wounds. Neither hardship nor suffering had power to harden his nature, which remained cheerful and pleasant until the last day of his life. He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. McPherson, of Herrick, two half-sisters and one half brother.

Jackson - On June 5th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Tingley, occurred the marriage of Miss Theda Tingley to George Pease, both of this place.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, June 6, 1818.

\*NOTICE. Whereas my son, Anatus, absconded from my house & service on the 25th ult., I now notify all persons that I shall pay no debts of his contracting; and all persons are forbid harboring or employing said runaway under the penalty of the law. ASAHEL DEANS, Bridgewater, June 6, 1818.

\*The Seneca and Oneida Indians from the United States, after performing for a short time at Liverpool, had proceeded to London, and were engaged for exhibition at the DRYUM(sp.) lane theatre.

\*A FARM FOR SALE, situate in Rush Township, containing 270 acres, 90 of which are under improvement, an orchard of rising of 100 apple trees, most of them bear; a good framed house and barn, well-watered; it lies on the main road from Bradford County to Montrose, near the center of said township. Any person wishing to purchase a pleasant farm may know the conditions by applying to the subscriber on the premises. JOAB PICKET, Rush, June 1, 1818.



### Week of June 13

**Monday** - Pepper Steak w/gravy, glazed carrots, brown rice, pineapple dream.

**Tuesday** - Waldorf chicken salad, clear cold slaw, ww roll, chocolate chip cookie.

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

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

**Friday** - ALL CENTERS CLOSED.

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