

# LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO  
July 16, 2008

The Forest City Area Distinguished Citizen selection committee has chosen Jim and Helen Marsicano and Attorney Barbara Smith for the honor in 2008.

The latest census figures show that Vandling lost 34 residents or 4.61% of its population from the 2000 census to 2007.

\$2,500 will be awarded to one lucky winner at this year's Cow Plop held in conjunction with Old Home Week.

Forest City will be undertaking a \$10 million project to rebuild the local sewer system.

The Forest City Regional Elementary School is looking into a biometric scanner for the elementary cafeteria which would scan a student's finger when buying lunch.

Deaths: Diane M. Boguski, Simpson; Marie T. Matoushek, Scranton; Arlene Clink, formerly of Union Dale; Joseph Pieniazek, Forest City; Patricia R. Jarmusik, Lakewood; Raymond Severance Roberts, Binghamton; Pauline Bokal, Forest City; Ty R. Zurn, Mechanicsburg; John P. Weaver, Brown Dale; Dorothy A. Opeil, Clifford.

20 YEARS AGO  
July 15, 1998

The Forest City Lions Club presented a check for \$1,200 to the Forest City Commercial Assoc. Main Street Christmas Light Fund.

A total of nine floats are now registered for the Old Home Week Light Parade set for Thursday, July 30th at 9 p.m.

Congressman Joseph M. McDade has announced that two projects totalling \$58,500 have been approved for grants under the 1998 round of the NE PA Urban Forestry Program.

A major rainstorm on June 30th caused a large washout of Forest City Borough's storm water line on North Main Street.

Deaths: Regina M. Fives, RN, Mt. Pleasant Twp; Patti Seman, Forest City; Russell S. Wilson, Dundaff.

30 YEARS AGO  
July 14, 1988

The residents of Forest City will be restricted to two bags of garbage per household per week beginning in August.

The Forest City Old Home Week Distinguished Citizen Selection Committee has announced that Peggy Brager and Captain Harry Newak have been chosen as the Distinguished Citizens for 1988.

Greater Forest City Industries, Inc. has announced that Fabcor, Inc. of Dunmore, has been awarded the bid for the fire pump and support building to protect Jerry's Sport Center Inc. and the surrounding area.

Rev. Casimir Sulicki was elected to the presidency of the Forest City Lions Club.

Deaths: Louis Milavec, RD 1, Union Dale; Pearl Rosener, Alden; Frank Stephens, RD 1 Jackson; Jesse White, born in Dundaff; Glen Spencer, Pleasant Mount; Mary Zasik, Forest City; Francis Megivern, Lakeland; Lionel Loft Jr., RD 1, Carbondale; James Bronchella, Forest City; Emma Stone, Carbondale.

40 YEARS AGO  
July 13, 1978

Bedford's Body Shop has moved from its Vandling location to the Wells Garage at 638 Main Street, Forest City.

Sixteen members of the Forest City High School Class of 1928, along with spouses and guests, enjoyed a 50-year class reunion.

On Thursday, July 6th, the Dental Unit of the Barnes Kasson County Hospital was opened.

Miss M. Isabella O'Neil, Forest City, has been awarded a Master of Science degree in Library Science from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Deaths: Alex Hubal, RD 2, Union Dale; Joseph Onufrak, Forest City; George Robinson, South Canaan.

50 YEARS AGO  
July 18, 1968

CWO-3 Frank J. Simons Jr. of Oceanside, Calif., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simons Sr., Maple Street. Frank is enroute to Quantico, VA, where he will attend a three-month school of Ordinance Maintenance Shop Management. Frank is a 1949 graduate of Forest City High School.

Mrs. Michael Pitus and Mrs. Rudolph Skubic have returned from their European trip, spending two months in Germany with Spec. 4 and Mrs. David Pitus and their son David Michael Jr., and two weeks in England with M/Sgt. and Mrs. William Rudolph. They did a great deal of sight-seeing and report having a wonderful time, but they are very happy to be back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Markel, son Gerald and Stanley Yusavage of Forest City have returned from California after visiting the Stanley Yusavage family and Mrs. Markel's brother, William, whom they have not seen for 30 years.

Paul G. Ravnika Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Ravnika Sr., 826 Main St., Forest City, is among the 59 participants in the 16th annual Mathematics Institute for Secondary School Teachers at Rutgers University.

60 YEARS AGO  
July 17, 1958

The Forest City Joint School Board held a regular meeting at the high school on Monday evening. Architect Robert Moran reported he had received clearance from all departments of Public Instruction on plans for the new Junior/Senior High School.

The Forest City Lions Club opened their new Lions year Monday with their meeting at the Forest House with Edwin A. Bloxham as president.

Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Todd, Union Dale, observed their 50th wedding anniversary with an Open House.

70 YEARS AGO  
July 15, 1948

State highway workers receive five cents per hour wage boost bringing their rate to 90 cents hourly.

Francis Brandstetter, former steward at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, has acquired the Jefferson House Hotel in Thompson.

Mrs. Martha Fotusky, Vandling, was named president of Legion Auxiliary Unit.

Ames Plant opened Monday after nearly a month shutdown. Employees will hold election under NLRB to choose bargaining agent.

A. A. Richardson, Dundaff auctioneer, was claimed by death.

80 YEARS AGO  
July 14, 1938

An eight-day celebration scheduled for the Labor Day holiday weekend will mark the observance of the community's 50th anniversary as incorporation as a borough.

The Borough Council passed a resolution urging the WPA workers to classify local WPA workers in order to gain a \$12 monthly increase.

Rev. F. M. Jevnik has returned from a ten-week European visit.

Three Carbondale residents were injured Friday evening in a two-car smashup at the Main and Dundaff Streets intersection.

90 YEARS AGO  
July 19, 1928

Walter Sembratt of Union Dale thrilled local residents when he flew his orange colored triplane over the community during the past week.

Nicholas Ezersky, 12-year-old Dundaff Road youth, lost his life at Crystal lake on Sunday.

Members of the Forest City Citizens Band and the Zvon Singing Club held their clambake and summer outing at Mihelc's Grove on Sunday.

The Christ Church Sunday School held its annual picnic at the Vandling Grove on Wednesday, with 125 in attendance.

100 YEARS AGO  
July 18, 1918

Leo Kennedy, Vandling, a member of the Lafayette Esc-

drille famed air unit, writes home from France that his outfit is in the thick of war action.

The Forest City Breaker Boys will hold a benefit show for the Red Cross at the Plaza Theater on Saturday.

Josiah D. Caryl, first Burgess of Forest City and former superintendent of the Hillside works here, died Saturday in Scranton.

Thomas Ondrako was responsible for the finding of a six-year-old Jessup boy, who had wandered away from his home and became lost. The lost youth was returned by Thomas' father.

110 YEARS AGO  
July 16, 1908

Thomas Francis, local native, has secured a position as principal of the Torbittsville, Northampton County Schools. Mr. Francis graduated this year from Bloomsburg Normal School.

T. P. McCormick and family are vacationing at Silver Lake.

W.J. Jones succeeds A.D. Kehren as Borough secretary. The latter resigned to accept an out-of-town position.

Peter Smith, Joe Mayers and Joe Cleary write folks here of their safe arrival in Los Angeles.

120 YEARS AGO  
July 14, 1898

Four persons from Forest City, Mathias Deabis and two daughters, Mary and Ann Harytejn and son Frank Harytejn, who were returning to their native country, were lost on a steamer La Bourgonne, which sank in a collision off the coast of Nova Scotia.

The Hillside Hose Co. members are holding drills on the flats east of the river every Monday evening.

W.D. Owens succeeds L.H. May as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School.

A number of local young men were initiated into membership of the Knights of Columbus at Honesdale last Monday.

130 YEARS AGO  
July 22, 1888

The new bell for the Methodist Church was raised Thursday evening. It weighed 569 pounds, independent of fixtures.

Mr. Braman, of New Milford, will open a photography gallery on Grand Avenue.

The slope of the Clifford Shaft is now down to 115 feet and the work is continuing under the direction of T.G. Watkins. The whole distance will be about 375 feet.

## Coming Events

July 18 - Clifford United Methodist Church, Main Street, Clifford, Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner, 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Take out or Dine in. Donation \$9.95

July 19 - Lawn Supper, Ham & Scalloped Pot., Starucca Baptist Social Rooms, 5 PM. Donation plus food item.

July 19 - Old Time Fiddlers, Thursday, July 19, 7:30PM, Concert in Central Park, Honesdale.

July 21 - Free community dinner, Saturday, noon -1 PM, Trinity Episcopal Church, 58 River Street, Carbondale.

July 27 - Christ the King Parish picnic, July 27, 28 & 29, Betty & main Sts., Eynon, live bands, picnic opens 5 p.m.

Aug. 1 - Open house & veterans Appreciation Day, Ladore Lodge, flea market, classic car & motorcycle show, community lunch & music, America Legion Post 807 Hamlin memorial service, Call 570-488-6129.

Aug. 3 - Old time Fiddlers, Friday, August 3, 8PM, Jeffersonville Fire Hall, 4903 St Rt 52, Jeffersonville, NY

Aug. 4 - Forest City trail Town Festival & Celebration of 250th anniversary of Anthracite, Sat., 8 a.m.-10 p.m. w/Coal Cracker race, biking on Rail-Trail, exhibits, programs & ethnic foods at Forest City Area historical Society Museum.

Aug. 5 - Open house & car cruise, Cranker's Collection of mechanical marvels, Sun., 1012 Creamton Drive, Honesdale, Rte. 247 Pleasant Mt., Music by Mickey Z, noon-4 p.m., 570-253-0545 evenings.

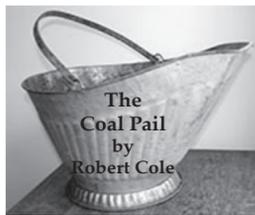
Aug. 5 - Music in the Park, Sun., Clifford Firemen's Fairgrounds, Rte. 106, Clifford, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 10:30 a.m. worship service, refreshments available.

Aug. 5 - Old Time Fiddlers, Sunday, Aug. 5, 2PM, Moscow Country Street Fair.

Aug. 11 - Sat., St. John Vianney Parish chicken BBQ & 50/50, St. Pius X Church, 3615 SR 106, Clifford Twp., \$10 per meal, \$10 per ticket. 570-254-0502.

Aug. 25 - Andrew Mazza chicken BBQ at Creekside Grove.

Sept. 29 - 2018 Suicide Awareness Walk, Sat., For more information Michelle Valinski at 570-253-9200.



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 remember when I was in 3rd to 5th grade that we were learning the times tables and the GAZINTAS. I bet that before you read this you do not know what a GAZINTA is??

It is a problem that everyone said that you have to know. I asked my Mom, why do I have to learn this stuff. All it is doing is filling my memory space in my head with things that I am not going to ever use. I said that I would rather use the space to store things like, Where does the large Brown Trout lay below the falls at the pumphouse and how can you catch him and find the deer that made the tracks in the snow. She said that it would all come in time. GAZINTAS are problems that the teachers must have thought up.

An example of 2 gazintas into 12 how many times?? wow. And so on. 5 gazintas into 10 how many times. I thought that it was useless information and taking up memory space. My mom liked poems and I want to share the poem she used to recite to me and my sisters when we got into times tables.

Here is her poem:  
I studied my tables over and over and backward and forward too.

But I could not remember 6 times 9 and did not know what to do till my sister told me to play with my doll And not to bother my head "if you call her 'fifty four 'for awhile you'll learn it by heart she said.

So I took my favorite, Mary Anne, though I thought that 'twas a dreadful shame, to give such a perfectly lovely child. Such a perfectly horrible name.

And I called her my little Fifty-Four. A hundreds times till I knew

The answer to six times nine As well as two times two.

Next day, Elizabeth Wigglesworth, who always acted so proud said "six times nine is fifty two, and I hearty laughed out loud.

But I wished I hadn't when the teacher said, "Now Dorothy, tell if you can." For I thought of my doll and sakes alive! I answered "MARY ANNE."



### Week of July 23

Monday - Cheeseburger, potato salad, house made cole slaw, sandwich roll, fresh apple slices.

Tuesday - Crispy baked fish, potato au gratin, broccoli & cauliflower, dinner roll, vanilla ice cream.

Wednesday - Pork marsala, peas orange glazed carrots, ww noodles, brownie.

Thursday - Turkey & bean chili, cornbread, cuke & onion salad, apple pie.

Friday - Penne w/meat sauce, Italian green beans, Italian wedding soup, parm cheese, sorbet.

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

## 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.susqohistoc.org](http://www.susqohistoc.org)

Silver Lake - Jerry Mahanna, of Mud Lake, is the first young man from this county to be reported wounded in the fighting on the French front. He writes that he received a bullet in the right shoulder, but expects to soon be up and at 'em again.

Lanesboro - D. O. Buckley has asked the aid of the police in finding his son, John Buckley, who left home several weeks ago. The boy is described as being 11 years of age, fair complexion, light hair and blue eyes. He wore a dark green suit and blue cap.

Susquehanna - A farewell reception was tendered to Father McHugh, as he leaves this week for Camp Meade. He has joined the army as a chaplain and been given a commission as lieutenant.

ALSO Camps for the workmen are being constructed at Lanesboro for use during the period needed to complete the D. & H. railroad track building.

Nicholson - The spire on the Presbyterian church, at this place, has been removed. Church steeples are out of style with modern architecture.

Harford - It is said that if Henry S. Jones drove one of those flying machines like he used to drive a car, "something would have to get out of the way, or they would get a wheel took off." [Referring to Henry S. Jones, son of E. E. Jones, of Harford, who is home from France where he is a member of the Lafayette Escadrille.] ALSO Miss Elsie Tingley is stationed at Fox Hills Base Hospital, Staten Island, as a Red Cross nurse. This is one of the largest military hospitals in the U. S. They are ready to receive wounded or sick soldiers returning from France.

Montrose - The work of laying the concrete pavement is going along rapidly with a good force of workmen. The South Main street paving is completed to the Church street corner, near Cooley & Son's store, and work is now going on near the Baptist church, on West Church street, and will be continued the length of that street, and on out Grow avenue to the borough limits, where it connects with a fine macadam state road. The curbing and gutters along the pavement are to be laid following the completion of the paving.

Tirzah, Herrick Twp.-N. E. Lee, E. A. and A. T. Price left with their teams for Scranton this morning where they will load a sawmill and engine and bring it to South Gibson, where it will be set up on the W. Owens tract of lumber, recently purchased by H. C. Taylor Lynn, Springville Twp.- Miss Georgia Loomis has received her auto license and is running her touring car around the square with the best of them.

West Lenox- The ladies and gentlemen of this neighborhood gave Walter Adams and bride an entertainment last Monday evening. The music started with the "bang" of a small cannon then later it was joined by the harmonious sound of bells, horns, guns, pans, etc. We wish to extend congratulations to the young couple. [Believe this was called a shivaree or horning.]

Alford to Kingsley - The old roadbed of the Lackawanna railroad from Alford to Kingsley is a part of the Lackawanna Tail, which the State Highway Department accepted as a public highway. This section, with a very little cost, could be used now, and would be much better than most of the roads in this section. The surface of the road is fine gravel and is well drained. We understand that an effort is to be made to get the road open for travel from Hop Bottom to New Milford this fall.

Thompson - Mrs. Rachel Cory has just completed a quilt, called a T quilt, which contains 3072 pieces. Some work about it. We are not able to give the number of stitches.

Forest City - The bazaar to be conducted by the congregation of St. Joseph's church the last three days of this month, promises to be an affair of more than usual interest. Some fine specimens of needle work are on exhibition in the store windows and many other articles, both useful and ornamental, will be disposed of. The society has refrained in the past from asking aid, but at present their church is undergoing repairs at a great expense, hence the call for assistance.

News Brief: Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, youngest son of the former President, has been killed in an air fight, the semi-official Haval News Agency announces. His machine fell into the enemy lines.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, July 18, 2018.

\*Died. In this village [Montrose] very suddenly yesterday morning, Mr. James Thayer, aged 24 years.

\*Wool Carding. The subscribers inform the public that they have purchased a Carding and Picking Machine of a superior quality to any in this country which they will have in operation by the first of July next at Ross' Mills on the Wyalusing Creek, six miles S. W. from Montrose. As one of the subscribers is perfectly well acquainted with the business, they flatter themselves that they shall, by diligent attention to business, be able to give satisfaction to such as may see fit to employ them. ISAAC H. ROSS, JONA. C. SHERMAN.

\*An Active Schoolmaster. According to a German Magazine, there died lately in Swabia a schoolmaster, who for fifty years had superintended a large institution with old fashioned severity. Upon an average, inferred by recorded observations, one of the ushers has calculated that in the course of his exertions he has given 11,500 canings, 12,400 floggings, 209,000 private whippings, 136,000 tips with the ruler, and 22,700 tasks to get by heart. It was further concluded that he had made 700 boys stand on peas, 600 kneel on a sharp edge of wood, 500 wear the fools cap, and 1,700 hold the rod. How vast the quantity of human misery inflicted by a single perverse educator.

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