

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
July 9, 2008

Theresa Opeka, Herrick Township, will be The Forest City News correspondent covering several local municipal meetings for the newspaper.

A Browndale home was burglarized recently when the occupants were at work.

Father Don Williams is leaving his post at the Roman Catholic Community of Forest City to become Chaplain at Misericordia University and Assoc. Director of the Campus Ministry.

Clifford Township Historical Society will present Chautauqua weekend to celebrate heritage.

Plenty of food will be available at this year's Old Home Week celebration.

Deaths: Donald R. Berry, born in Forest City; Walter H. Bartleson, born in Orson; James D. Walters, Montrose; Arlene Clink, formerly of Union Dale; Kathryn M. Kazmer Franceski, born in Richmondale; Anne Leo Rogalski, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1998

The sixteenth annual Forest City Distinguished Citizens Award will be presented to Allan A. Hornbeck and David Paul Slick. Hornbeck is being honored for his fifty years in business in Forest City and his contributions to the community. Slick, a former breaker boy, distinguished himself as a pharmacist and civic leader in Easton, Pa.

Paul "Chick" Sredensckek, Vandling, retired from the U.S. Postal Service last week. He started in Forest City on December 18, 1976.

A total of 14 floats have committed themselves to appear in this year's Old Home Week parade.

Deaths: Lenore Urbas, Forest City; Louise K. Paye, formerly of Forest City; Mary G. O'Hara, Pleasant Mount; Lois K. D. Bush Noyes, Thompson; Irene Vivian Lombardo, Washington, D.C.

30 YEARS AGO
July 7, 1988

The Forest City BPW held their installation dinner recently with Barbara Obelenus Fries taking over as president.

In an effort to have more money in the FC Commercial Assoc. account, and to keep accurate record of membership, the Commercial Assoc. has started, this June, an annual membership fee of \$10.

Roy Erickson of Union Dale was in the right place at the right time last week and possibly saved the life of his neighbor, Ed Taylor. He administered CPR to Taylor, who had fallen on the floor in his house and stopped breathing.

Deaths: Henry Celbusky, Browndale; Mrs. Anna Tuma-vitch, Forest City; Henry Brasington, Williamsport; Thomas Polaski, Vandling.

40 YEARS AGO
July 6, 1978

Rich Curtis has purchased the former Duffy's Gas Station at 146 So. Main St., Vandling, and will open as "Rich's Auto Service."

A \$1,000 Persian rug was taken from the sanctuary of St. Juliana's Church, Rock Lake, over the weekend.

FCR Athletic Director Julius Prezelski will represent District 12 at Harrisburg PIRA session.

A weekend of dirty water has generated an upswell of discontent among Forest City customers of PG&W.

Mark Rouilliard and Frank Grablutz attended Leaders Rotary Camp.

Forest City Shoe Repair and Dry Cleaning has closed its doors and moves to Carbondale as a result of the death of Marty Martines, owner.

Deaths: John Misunas, Philadelphia; Mrs. Irene Demianovich, Poughkeepsie; Mrs. Alice Owens, Upper Marlboro, MD.

NO 50 YEARS AGO
60 YEARS AGO
July 10, 1958

Art Aubel, teacher of health

and physical education in Forest City since January 1950, resigned to accept a position in Palm Beach, FL. Julius Prezelski was named to succeed him.

Dr. William Andersen has purchased the former John Simpson homestead, Crystal Lake, from Paul Vauter and will begin practicing veterinary medicine.

Fire destroyed the two-story barn of Otis Caffery in Pleasant Mount on Sunday.

Mrs. Blanche Petrus was elected president of the Upper Lackawanna-Wayne Deanery Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

The Rev. Leo J. Kozlowski was awarded a Master of Arts degree from Catholic University.

Local barber Nick Kost has closed his barbershop in the Main Hotel in order to become associated with his brothers in Kost Tire Service.

Local fishermen Emil Fortuna, John Bovitt and Joe Kuruts caught a lamprey eel while fishing in a Wayne County creek.

70 YEARS AGO
July 8, 1948

Three drownings occurred in nearby lakes over the weekend. A Harrison, NJ, father and son drowned at Lake Idlewild, and a Jermyn youth lost his life at Lewis Lake.

Willard Allen, Scranton, local native, is named president of Penna. Pharmaceutical Association.

Weddings during the past week: Miss Margaret Kutarnia and Joseph Spyhalsky; Miss Victoria Cebular and Henry Skarbez; Miss Doris Langendorfer and Ambrose Meszler; Miss Margaret Polonic and Joseph Hook.

Ames Plant, which has been closed since June 17, has Union officials and NLRP representatives negotiating for work renewal.

N.E.P. Telephone Co. has instituted a new schedule of rates eliminating "no charge" for calls to exchanges in the system.

80 YEARS AGO
July 7, 1938

An old controversy takes on new life as Forest City WPA workers launch an organized effort to secure higher wages.

James Braddock, former heavyweight champion, paid a visit locally as guest of Rev. F. B. Paukstis.

The American Legion Post of Scranton, comprised exclusively of physicians and dentists, named in honor of Dr. Reese Davis, Forest City native, is one of the two Legion Posts in the United States to be so constituted.

W. T. Davis, former Forest City postmaster, passed away at the family home on Dundaff Street on Wednesday.

90 YEARS AGO
July 9, 1928

Bank deposits in Forest City total near the \$3 million mark according to the statements of the two local banks.

A general heat wave that hit the county was much in evidence locally when the thermometer registered 103.

The S&F Store opened its new store in the recently remodeled Bell Building.

Miss Ann Dutchman has been awarded the State Scholarship from Susquehanna County.

A record of 37 deaths and births has been recorded by the local registrar of vital statistics for the first six months of 1928.

100 YEARS AGO
July 11, 1918

Red Cross Tag Day receipts locally amounted to \$264.97 and \$36.97 in Union Dale.

Miss Clara Knight has entered St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, to begin her nurses training course of study.

A large number of local young men journeyed to Montrose today to be examined by the County Draft Board for possible Army service selection.

J. W. Kirby has a force of men at work making ready for the opening of the former Peterson Mine north of here.

110 YEARS AGO
July 9, 1908

The Forest City Poor Directors paid off the last \$500 on their bonded indebtedness. They expect to reduce the tax levy from 13 to 10 mills.

The street car bridge at the south end of town is not safe and the traction company is transferring passengers at this point. One car is kept north of the bridge.

A. D. Kehren, general manager of the Forest City Electric Light Co., has accepted the superintendency of the Conshohocken Gas & Electric Co.

The families of Dr. G. T. McGuire and D. G. Allen are occupying their new cottage at Coxton Lake.

120 YEARS AGO
July 7, 1898

Forest City celebrated the Fourth with a big parade followed by patriotic addresses by Rev. G. B. Stone and District Attorney Ainey. A fireworks display in the evening concluded a successful day.

Rose Smith, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, was fatally burned on Tuesday when her dress caught fire while she was getting a light for a firecracker.

Charles Fallon came in second in the feature 440-yard dash in Carbondale on the 4th.

Traction company officials promise to have the car tracks laid by August 16.

130 YEARS AGO
July 5, 1888

The new Clifford breaker has reached its highest point, 112 feet. The outside frame is completed.

Z. C. Bell is making improvements about his hotel property.

H. F. Aldrich, local hardware merchant, is making marked changes and improvements at his place of business.

Coming Events

July 11 - Clinton Center Baptist Church trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, \$105 includes lunch, Jesus production, Mike Dolph 570-470-5996, Janet Curtis 570-960-1166, Teresa Ursino 570-280-8640.

July 12, 13 & 14 - Union Dale Vol. Fire Co. annual picnic, Fri., Sat., & Sun., www.uniondalefire.com.

July 13 - Thompson United Methodist Church will be hosting the Old Time Fiddlers at 8:00 p.m. \$5 donation.

July 15 - St. Peter and Paul R.O. Church family style roast beef dinner, church hall, Belmont Turnpike, Union Dale, (Greek Settlement) Sun., noon to 2:30 P.M., dance from 3:30-6:30 P.M.

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 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. 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.

Wine & Brewery Bus Trip Aug. 11

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct a bus trip to the Finger Lakes to visit three wineries on Saturday, Aug. 11. Leaving Browndale Fire Station at 7 AM, arriving at Wagner Vineyards by 10 AM, traveling to Bagley's by Noon and Fulkerson by 2:30 p.m. A stop at Cracker Barrel in Binghanton on the way home and arriving back at the fire station approximately 8:30 p.m.

Cost is \$75.00 per person includes bus transportation, admission to the wineries, driver tip and water and snacks on the bus. You may bring lunch or purchase it at one of the wineries. Proceeds benefit the Browndale Fire Company's Truck Fund.

For more information please contact Juliann at 570-499-4908 OR jdoyle@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 grandparents' house on Railroad Street. His grandparents were Richard and Jessie Atkinson.

WOW- I can not believe that most of the Railroad Boys have gone to the great playground in Heaven. There were 11 of us that were a pretty close knit group of kids. Sad to sit here and write this. Billy Kilpatrick(KILT) was most likely the 1st one to go. Bad accident.

Then I do not know who was next but Frank Shema (Frink), Russell Chervanka (Chervink), Bruce Atkinson (Boopie), Alan Atkinson(Bolis), Tommy Suadolnick (Hork). I think that all that are left are Marty Lutskiewitz (Norton), Jim Cawley (Butte), Ed Fotusky (FI), and Joe Garick (Geno) and of course me, Matt.

I can remember that I must have been about 14 and Kilt kept picking on me. He was bigger. I had enough of it.

I was not a fighter but this had to stop. I kicked him in the twins, and when he bent over, I hit him 4 or 5 times in the face, WOW. When he looked up he was howling like a Banshee. Blood was streaming from his nose and mouth. He was running for home howling all the way. I thought, now what did I do?? I beat the crap out of my High School teacher's son. I headed for home because I knew that I was in deep DO-DO again.

Nothing was ever said about the fight. Kilt and I ended up being good friends. The word around Railroad Street was, Don't screw with Matt-- He will kick the TAR out of you. I never did that again.



Week of July 16

Monday - Chicken spiedies, corn chowder, tossed salad, sandwich roll, fresh apple slices.

Tuesday - Stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, parsley buttered carrots, crackers, diced peaches.

Wednesday - BBQ Pork Loin, sweet potato, green & wax beans, dinner roll, sugar cookie.

Thursday - Steak Diane, parsley boiled potato, roasted beets & carrots, crackers, pears & apricots

Friday - Centers Closed.

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

Purse Bingo In Jermyn Sun., August 26

A Designer Purse Bingo, benefitting St. Michael's Orthodox Church, will be held on Sunday, August 26 at St. Michael's Center, 403 Delaware St., Jermyn. Doors open at 12 noon. Bingo Tickets are \$25 and includes 20 games. There will also be special games, basket raffles, and 50/50 available.

Clifford Twp. History spots Set hours

Spend a unique afternoon in Clifford, visiting the three venues the Clifford Township Historical Society proudly presents free to the public every third Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. May through October.

Start your historical tour at the Baptist Church on Church Street, then continue just down the road with a visit to the Museum of Local history at 119 Cemetery Street. Last stop the Hoover School two miles away at 2236 State Route 2014.

Enjoy the personal stories and quality exhibits explained by society docent-members at each location. Entire families can learn about our local history and share their own stories.

Also the society's hands on Agricultural Museum will be open 5 to 9 p.m. during the Clifford Township Volunteer Firemen's 70th Picnic on July 26, 27 and 28. Hope to see you there!!

For additional information call 570-679-2723, email peltz@nep.net or visit cliffordtownshiphistoricalsociety.com

Pine Mill Comm. Hall Breakfast Sun., July 15

The Pine Mill Community Hall will hold its monthly Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, July 15 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Featuring cheddar cheese omelets or eggs the way you like them, pancakes, plain or blueberry, sausage, home fries, apple sauce, juice, and coffee or tea. Adults: 8.00, children ten and under, half portion, \$4.00. Infants under 4, free.

Located at 919 Pine Mill Rd. near Lookout. Pine Mill Rd. runs from Rte. 371 in Rileyville north to the center of Equinunk, The Hall is located approximately half way between those points. Call 570-225-8500 for information or directions.

FREE Comm. Lunch in FC Sat., July 28

Christ Church in Forest City is thrilled to continue its program of monthly Free Community Luncheons on Saturday, July 28 from noon to 1:30 PM. As always, they welcome all who come through the doors to enjoy a hearty meal that they happily serve with warm and friendly fellowship.

Please bring your appetites as we hope you will join our FUN too!

Music in the Park in Clifford Sun., Aug. 5

The 18th Annual Music in the Park will be held Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Clifford Firemen's Fairgrounds, Rte. 106, Clifford. A worship service is at 10:30 a.m. by Community Bible Church with Jay Best followed by contemporary and traditional Christian music from 11:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine.

Admission is free. Call 570-679-2766 for more information. Refreshments available for minimal charge.

Chapel Comm. Kitchen Luncheon July 21

America is another name for opportunity."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

America celebrates her independence throughout July. With that in mind, remember that the best 'opportunity' for a great meal takes place on Saturday, July 21 at 11:30, at the Chapel Community Kitchen at Cold Spring Chapel.

We will celebrate with an Independence Day theme. July's mouthwatering menu includes: sausage with pepper and onion sandwiches, Sloppy Joes, roasted potatoes, tossed green salad and red, white and blue pies (cherry, apple, and blueberry). Hot and cold beverages will be provided as well as the chapel staples of, rice pudding and chocolate chip cookies.

The public is cordially invited to attend this free fellowship luncheon.

Find us at the crossroads of Upper Woods Road and Great Bend Turnpike, just 3 miles west of Rileyville 4-corners, Lebanon Township, Wayne County, PA.

NEPA Comm. Health Care Golf Tourney July 28

NEPA Community Health Care is pleased to announce its 2nd Annual Golf tournament which will take place on Saturday, July 28, 2018 at Panorama Golf Course, Clifford, Pa. This fun event offers a shot gun start at 9:00am, buffet luncheon and prizes.

Here are a few ways you can participate in NEPA's Annual Golf tournament:

-Bring a foursome to play in the fundraiser

-Sponsor a hole

-Sponsor the event

To learn more about registration and sponsorship opportunities available, please call Joanne Kays at 570 278 4285.

NEPA CHC is dedicated to ensuring that everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, has access to high quality health and social services in Susquehanna County. Our four locations provide comprehensive primary care for all ages.

NEPA Community Health Care is a non-profit 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center serving the people of rural Susquehanna County. Your contribution is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Thompson artist Gregory Pelly Schedule

July 14 and 15 the Honesdale Woman's Club Art and Antiques show 10-4pm at the Wayne Highlands Middle School, 482 Grove St. in Honesdale.

The week of July 16 thru 20, the Dutoit Museum's paint out in Delaware Water Gap. Reception Saturday, July 28, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dutoit Museum 24 Main St. in Delaware Water Gap.

Riverfest, July 22, in Narrowsburg, N.Y. a town wide celebration of the arts, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Main St., Narrowsburg NY.

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