

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO September 3, 2008

The inaugural running of the D&H Distance Run will be held on September 7 from the Forest City Trailhead, off Route 247 at Commerce Boulevard.

Congressional Candidate Chris Hackett and his wife, Ramah, stopped by the Forest City Fire Department recently on his district-wide bike tour.

The Forest City Lions Club is marking its 60th year of founding this year.

The area's very own Dr. James Watson turned 90 on August 21. He still delivers Meals on Wheels twice a week.

Herrick Hill Blueberry Farm closed for the season on September 2.

Deaths: Lawrence V. Skube, Forest City; Cody Schmitt, Scranton; Samuel N. Rowe III, Pleasant Mount; John Thompson, formerly of Thompson; James "Jerry" Kramer, Toms River, NJ.

20 YEARS AGO September 2, 1998

The 1998 Forest City Old Home Week, besides being one of the best ever, also turned out to be the most successful financially since 1992. Coordinator Kevin Lesjack listed a profit of \$3,980.

The Forest City Commercial Assoc. last week received a \$3,000 trust agreement from the Michael and Josephine Goscowski Family toward the purchase and maintenance of Main Street Christmas lights.

Stockholders of Comm. Bancorp Inc., the holding company of Community Bank & Trust, will see their quarterly dividends increased considerably over the next three years.

Deaths: Joseph P. Ignatovich Jr., RD 1, Pleasant Mount, Cecil DeGonzague, New York.

30 YEARS AGO September 1, 1988

The 1988 Forest City Old Home Week will end up with a profit of almost \$3,000, according to a financial statement filed by Main Street Coordinator Darice Pavelchak.

A check for \$161,000, the first installment of a total of \$804,000 was received by GFCI from PA's Business Infrastructure Development program to be used for a fire protection system for JSC Inc.

The twenty-first annual Butch's Tournament was concluded Saturday with two new winners. The low gross championship was achieved by Harry Heck, while the handicap prize was captured by Ed Beautz.

The Rexall Store, located at 701 Main Street, closed its doors on September 1st after 43 years of operation.

Deaths: Walter Sklanka, Forest City; Joseph Zasik Sr., Forest City; Frank Husvar, born in Forest City; Mrs. Marguerite Furber, born in Rock Lake; Clifford Neild, born in Honesdale; Charles Pribula, born in Forest City; Stanley Deschak, Lakewood; Helen Saulo, Thompson.

40 YEARS AGO August 31, 1978

Professional thieves were surprised Sunday by the owner of the Forest City Launderette as they used master keys to open coin boxes of washers and dryers. They fled in a Connecticut vehicle.

Fred Lang, Forest City police and ambulance dispatcher, is honored by President's Committee on the Handicapped as Pennsylvania's recipient of Certificate for Meritorious Service.

Ginny Thornburgh, wife of GOP candidate Richard Thornburgh, visited Forest City last Friday and was interviewed at the News Office.

The Carbondale School Board has ruled that students in Uniondale must attend Carbondale School or pay tuition to attend Forest City.

The Staskavage family has presented portable bleachers to FCRHS in memory of the late Allan Staskavage.

Ed Konzman and Carol Struss win Butch's Golf Tourney.

Deaths: Mrs. Josephine Ksenich, RD 2, Union Dale; Martha Frederica, formerly of Clifford.

50 YEARS AGO September 5, 1968

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Cimochowski, Forest City, were honored at a cocktail party at their summer home at Crystal Lake. The party was given by their family in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 1st.

PFC Francis J. Connor, 19, son of Albert and Rose DeFazio Connor of Clifford, was buried with military honors on Saturday. He was killed in action in Vietnam on August 21st.

Paul J. Ravnikar captured the Mountain League batting crown with a .549 average.

Mrs. Mary Clothilde Jannicelli will celebrate her 102nd birthday on Saturday.

60 YEARS AGO September 4, 1958

Members of the Forest City Lions Club, under the presidency of E.A. Bloxham, have endorsed a campaign designated to raise money for three-year-old Linda Buck, who faces a series of skin grafting operations which will require two to three years of hospitalization.

President Eisenhower has promised Congressman Joseph Carrigg that he will give careful consideration to his views regarding the area redevelopment bill. Congressman Carrigg has been in the forefront in the fight which brought about this bill.

Mrs. Walter Davies has returned home from Santa Monica, Calif., where she visited her son, Paul and family, and her daughter, Miss Becky Davies.

A son was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kigerl Jr., North Main Street, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Mrs. Kigerl is the former Marlene Podboy. The new arrival has a sister.

70 YEARS AGO September 2, 1948

The bodies of two local servicemen have arrived home for reinterment, SIC Joseph A. To-cosheski, 126 South Street, and Pfc. Thomas Bailey, Vandling.

Mrs. Kenneth Fields, the former Irene Cempre, North Main Street, will depart tomorrow to join her husband, Lt. Fields, who is on Guam with the U.S. Air Force.

Misses Nina Guether, Clinton, and Marie Foster, Union Dale, will receive their diplomas at Packer Hospital School of Nursing, Sayre, graduation.

William O'Neill, Pleasant Mount, received back injuries when he fell from a hay wagon.

FCHS Class of '42 will hold an anniversary reunion Sunday at the Crystal Lake hotel.

80 YEARS AGO September 1, 1938

Dr. A.J. Kameen has received word that he has successfully passed the State Board Medical examination and will begin the

practice of medicine shortly.

A ten percent dividend is being paid to the depositors of the former First National Bank.

Local schools anticipating a 1,260 pupil enrollment will open for the new school term on Wednesday.

John S. Obelenus, member of the Forest City high School faculty, completed writing a history of the Borough of Forest City.

Borough townspeople, governmental, civic, fraternal, and religious groups' make ready for gala week of festivities, commemorating the 50th anniversary of incorporation of the Borough.

St. John's Greek Catholic Church was the scene of a double wedding when Misses Elizabeth and Helen Tobias, Vandling, became brides of George McCabe and Joseph Flukes, Forest City. Rev. Andrew Burik, pastor, performed the ceremonies.

90 YEARS AGO September 6, 1928

Parishioners of Sacred Heart Church honored their pastor, Rev. Anthony Halicki, on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of his ordination.

Labor Day marked the third anniversary of the Freedman Theater, and the 20th anniversary of Julius Freedman's affiliation with show business.

A record enrollment of 1603 pupils marked the opening of the new school term here, with congested conditions in the high school.

George Timko, pioneer resident of this community, died at the family home on Susquehanna Street oil Wednesday.

100 YEARS AGO September 5, 1918

Work has been halted on the construction of the new Vandling School because of the inability to obtain certain lumber due to government war-time restriction.

Local motorists heeded the government plea for motorless days here Sunday. Horses and carriages were more in prominence.

L. W. Edwards of Union Dale has been named station agent here to succeed the late C. P. Lydon. Claude Ziegler succeeds Mr. Edwards at Union Dale.

110 YEARS AGO September 3, 1908

The Farmers and Miners Bank of Forest City is making ready, to open for business. Furniture and fixtures are being placed in the new banking quarters.

Samuel May has left his position at the Grey Slope, of the Hillside Coal and Iron Co., to accept a position at the Butler Colliery in Pittston.

Elmer Knapp has left for Montreal to enroll in a college of pharmacy there.

The Al Davis Pot Luck Club, with Oliver Coyte as chef, enjoyed one of its famous shore dinners at Lewis Lake on Sunday.

120 YEARS AGO September 1, 1898

The big question of the day locally is -- which will reach South Street first, a snow storm or the promised street cars?

Arch Pentecost has purchased the blacksmith shop of J.C. Stanley on Center Street.

Five bids have been received so far for the building of a new borough building.

Toni Brown, formerly of The News staff, recently saw action in the engagement against Spanish forces in Puerto Rico.

Charles Melville is organizing a band here with talent from Forest City and Vandling.

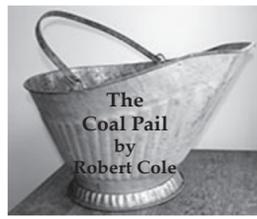
130 YEARS AGO August 30, 1888

The Hillside Coal & Iron Co. will test their recently installed electric light system tonight.

About \$900 worth of tickets were stolen from the Erie Station here last Thursday night.

Dr. Blakeslee and T. J. Pentecost will move their sawmill from near the Clifford Breaker to a site near the James Bell store.

The largest assembly ever brought together in Forest City was that which was present at the laying of the cornerstone of St. Agnes Church last Sunday. Fifty-two cars containing about 4,560 people came into the station. All told the number in attendance did not fall short of 7,000. Bishop O'Hara, of Scranton, assisted by a score of priests, took part in the dedication service.



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.

I can remember playing basketball in the gym in the OLD High School on Main Street. It was intramural sports and we were maybe in 6th or 7th grade.

We thought that we were kings going into the High School to play. There was a Coke machine in the entrance to the shower room. It was one of the tall red machines that had the Coke sign on it. You would put 5 cents into the machine and lift the door.

It would spin the rotary inside and a bottle of Coke would appear from inside. WOW- It was great.

It was better than the Coca Cola that you get now. I think that they changed the formula??

Then the price went to 6 cents. OUCH. They then changed the machine to one that was a little different. It had the bottles lined up with the tops facing up. The kids used to take a (CHURCH KEY) Kids today don't know what that is??, and snap off the top and drink the Coke with a straw right in the machine. LOL I did it too.

Basketball was hard to play in the old gym. The ceilings were so low and ball when shot would hit them. All fun and all loved it.



Week of Sept. 10

MON. - French toast, potato barrels, sausage patty, yogurt, orange slices & diced pears

TUES. - Max cheese stix, salad, glazed carrots, chick ps & tomato salad, apple-sauce & banana.

WED. - Pasta Alfredo, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli, strawberry cup & peaches.

THURS. - Boneless wings, fries, green beans, roll, celery sticks, apple, orange.

FRI. - Cheesesteak Hoagie, potato puffs, pineapple, jello.

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BREAKFAST

Mon. - Sausage & Ch. Croissant

Tues. - Egg & Ch. Croissant

Wed. - Bacon, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Thurs. - Ham, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Fri. - Egg & ch. on bagel
*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk.

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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 Years Ago can be accessed at www.susqohistoc.org

Susquehanna County - The shortage of teachers in the county is causing patriotically inclined people, who have been engaged in other professions and occupations, to undergo the necessary examinations and take up teaching. D.W.B. Jones, of Herrick Center, 62 years of age, has successfully passed the examinations and will teach this year. Rev. Mr. Richards will teach the Franklin Forks school, and Rev. Mr. Van Horn, of Rush, will teach the 6th and 7th grades in the Rush high school. These men are deserving of great commendation for their interest and willingness to shoulder added burdens.

Susquehanna - The Tri-Borough silk mill has just hoisted two handsome flags, one a large American flag, and just beneath a good-sized French flag. The mill is owned by Frenchmen and it is in honor of both our ally and the mill proprietors that the flags are thus displayed.

Thompson - Wednesday afternoon of last week, as Mrs. Wayland Gelatt and her little four-year-old daughter, Juanita Gelatt, of this place, were returning home from Ararat, driving an auto, Mrs. Gelatt, in trying to lift the child to the seat from which she was sliding, lost control of the car which crashed into a tree in front of L. W. Potter's store, breaking the windshield, the glass flying in the face of the girl, cutting her on the right temple along-side of her nose and severing the upper lip. She was taken to Dr. McNamara's who dressed the wounds. It was found necessary to take 15 stitches. She was then taken to the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Myers, Main street.

Forest City - Mrs. J. Warhola, of South Main street, received a telegram from the war department informing her that her son, Sergeant Andrew Warhola, had been severely wounded while in action "somewhere in France." Sergeant Warhola enlisted in the regular army nearly three years ago, and has been overseas for some time.

200 Years Ago, from the Montrose Gazette, September 5, 1818.

*Elopement. Whereas my wife Polly has eloped from my bed and board without any cause or provocation, I hereby notify all persons that I will pay no debts of her contracting after this date. PHILEMON PARMER, Auburn, August 31, 1818.

*DIED. In Rush township, on Tuesday evening last, Levi S. Agard, a young man of respectability. He was the only earthly friend on whom his aged mother depended for support. She bore the loss with Christian resignation, seeing her son depart in the triumph of faith in Jesus Christ, his Lord and Saviour. His death is sincerely regretted by his friends and neighbors, and by the Baptist Church of Christ to which he belonged. "Death is the gate to endless joy."

*NOTICE. The inhabitants of the Great Bend, Susquehanna County, have been for six months' past much annoyed by a lunatic by the name of William Co--. The persons who are legally bound to take care of said lunatic, are hereby called on to take him away and save themselves cost. A CITIZEN. Great Bend, July 4, 1818. [This notice was also repeated in August, 1818.]

LIBRARY TIDBITS

by Nancy Narma

Your local Forest City Branch Library has had another successful Summer Learning Program this year. We were blessed to have had 40 children enroll and enjoy so many activities. All of the Program's varied facets would not have been possible without the generosity and kindness of so many. First, a large "Thank-you" to the Forest City Historical Society for allowing us to have two programs there. We do appreciate their hospitality and the children got introduced to some of this area's colorful history. Once again, the Brown Dale Sportsman's Club invited the participants of the Summer Learning Program for a picnic, complete with games, good food and lots of fun. Thanks to this great, community-minded organization, this

annual event happens with no expense to our Library Branch. A world of Thanks is extended for all that they do for your local Library Location and Community—it is truly appreciated. We're gearing up for the Fall Story Hour, starting this month. If you wish to register your child in this wonderful program of reading enjoyment, crafts, etc., please stop at the Library and speak with Diana, Joan or Andrea and they will be more than happy to sign your "Wee-one" up for another learning experience.

The Staff of the Forest City Library would like to wish that all of our young friends have a terrific, brain-tingling, unceasing quest for knowledge, new school year—Remember, we are here if you need information on countless topics.

Coming Events

Sept. 9 - Breakfast Buffet 8 - 12 Browndale Sportsmen.

Sept. 9 - Nicholson Bridge Day celebration, Sunday, 8am to 4pm, Main Street, Nicholson Pa, Rt.11 & Rt.92. For information 5709-42-6747 or 570-942-4481.

Sept. 15 - McAndrew memorial golf tourney 1 p.m. Sat. Memorial Links Golf Course. 570-448-9200.

Sept. 15 - All you can eat breakfast Forest City Historical Society \$8 7 a.m. -11 a.m.

Sept. 22 - Bus trip Brown-dale FC fundraiser, to Yuengling Brewery & Cabela's. Sat. 7:30 a.m. depart. \$55 pp 570-499-4908 or jdoyle@nep.net

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



Senior MENU

Week of Sept. 10

Monday - Ham & pineapple sauce, asian veggie medley, steamed carrots, brown rice, peach crisp

Tuesday - Turkey hot brown sandwich, chicken wild rice soup, balsamic tomato & cuke salad, strawberries & cream

Wednesday - Chicken spiedie w/ roll, corn chowder, tossed salad, orange

Thursday - All centers closed: staff meeting Friday - BBQ pork loin, sweet potato, green & wax beans, dinner roll, sugar cookie

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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