

# LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO  
Oct. 15, 2008

Area residents are becoming aware of the huge economic benefits coming to the area with the discovery of natural gas.

Mayor Nick Cost announced the installation of two signs to be constructed at the beginning and end of town welcoming people to "A Mile of Hospitality."

The 13th Annual Steamtown Marathon enjoys a perfect start in Forest City.

Forest City sewer bills are included in water bills.

The News office staff is crushed to hear of the sudden death of Mary Ann Munley, office manager at Carpetron, our next door neighbor.

Forest City Vying for "Pierogi Pocket Capital."

Forest Boys are Lackawanna III champs in soccer.

Deaths: Mary Ann Munley, Union Dale; Nora Bayliff Markunas, Northumberland; Andrew F. Onufrak, Tarzana, CA; Marian Horrigan, Binghamton, N.Y.; Paul Borick, Union Dale; John E. Snyder, Lenoxville; Mary Ann Farley, Richmondale, Louis V. Jerin, Belleville, N.J.; David Swartz, Farmingham, MA.

20 YEARS AGO  
October 14, 1998

St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church, Forest City, will celebrate their 100th anniversary, with the milestone being marked with liturgical services and a banquet on Sun., Oct. 18.

The Forest City Borough Building will get a new furnace soon. At the Council meeting on Monday, October 5, Council agreed to seek proposals on a new oil unit for the building.

Mr. Kevin McVeigh, Union Dale, resident and vice-president of the ACT Players, is currently in rehearsal playing Mortimer Brewster at the ACT in Carbondale.

Deaths: Paul R. Johnson, Thompson; Frances Warring, Pleasant Mount; Edward T. Chudzinski, Lyndhurst, NJ; Anna Cavanaugh, formerly of Forest City; Mary A. Yeskatalas, Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO  
October 13, 1988

The Forest City Borough Council awarded the Forest City Arts Council \$2500 to use as matching funds when applying for state grant funding for 1989.

Studies completed by the Forest City Recycling Committee of the garbage waste stream in Forest City indicate that the waste flow volume has been reduced by 59% since the recycling program was instituted in 1987.

The Forest City Area Rotary Club informed the Recycling Committee that they will be supplying funds for an 18-week program to furnish workers at the Recycling Center.

The possibility of establishing a Brothers of the Brush and Belles groups was discussed recently to mark Forest City's 125th anniversary.

Deaths: David Supko, Forest City; Anna Swegel, Forest City; Wayne Bunting, Starrucca; Joseph Myers, Honesdale; Anna Owen, RD 1, Union Dale; Angelina Restetter, born in Forest City; Paul Mudrick, Simpson.

40 YEARS AGO  
October 12, 1978

The Forest City Ambulance Assoc., during their recent drive, reported that a total of \$6,150.00 was received.

Forest City was abuzz last Friday as a helicopter landed on the grounds of Crystal Lake Sports-wear at the corner of Depot and Hudson Streets.

Pvt. Joseph Haney, son of Mrs. Josephine Haney, Delaware St., Forest City, has completed infantry training at Fort Benning, GA.

Anne Levchak was selected as general chairman for the "Gold Star Mothers" banquet.

Deaths: John Gorel, Forest City; Mrs. Agnes S. Lewis, Forest City; Michael Zuponic, formerly of Forest City; Mrs. Elizabeth Chure, formerly of Forest City.

50 YEARS AGO  
October 24, 1968

Once more, as we have in the past three elections, we urge the support of our friends for incumbent Congressman Joseph M. McDade. At the last election he was returned to Congress by the largest plurality ever accorded a Tenth District Congressman.

Fire Control Technician Seaman Apprentice Daniel T. Tedesco USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tedesco Jr., Union Dale, is attending the Navy's 18-week Fire Control Technician School at the U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, IL.

60 YEARS AGO  
October 23, 1958

Three graduates of Forest City High School were honored at the recent honors' convocation exercises held at Marywood College. The local honor students are Miss Mary Ann Damasevitz, senior; Miss Joan Puntar, junior, and Miss Elizabeth Von Ahnen, sophomore.

During the month of October, English teachers of grades ten, eleven and twelve of the local high school sponsored an essay contest on the subject "I Speak For Democracy." The writer of the best composition was Ann Ravnika, a junior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ravnika, North Main Street.

Deaths: Louis Christina, 577 Main St., Vandling; Mrs. Theresa Kotar Oven, 142 Center Street.

70 YEARS AGO  
October 21, 1948

Final military tribute was paid to S/Sgt. Stanley Chudzinski, S/ Sgt. Elmer Tusko and Sgt. Henry Zigon, whose bodies were returned here for interment. Separate military funerals were held.

The Brownedale Hose Co. has received its new 500-gallon pumper truck, replacing the truck destroyed in the recent fire that also destroyed the company's quarters.

The first snowfall for the region was recorded on October 18th.

Police are investigating the theft of an automobile, nine new tires and other accessories from Hornbeck's Garage last Sunday night.

Floyd W. Allen, Union Dale died Sunday at the family home.

80 YEARS AGO  
October 20, 1938

The famed Octagon School, near Whites Valley, was destroyed by fire Monday. The structure, built of stone was used as a school until 1928 and later restored by the Wayne Chapter, D.A.R.

A Solemn High Mass in the church hall Sunday evening will mark the Golden Jubilee observance of the founding of St. Agnes Church.

The seniors of FCHS elected Joseph Slamas, president of the class; Paul Struss, vice president; Rita Stratford, secretary, and Margaret Bailey, treasurer.

The Forest City Borough Council is meeting with Thomas Kennedy, State WPA Director, relative to securing additional work projects locally.

90 YEARS AGO  
October 18, 1928

Rev. G. R. Merrill will be installed as pastor of the Forest City and Union Dale Presbyterian Churches Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Andzulis, age 80, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. Balunis at Stillwater, was fatally injured when run down by a pusher on the O&W railroad track.

Joseph Kane, age 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Kane, North Main Street, swallowed a whistle while at play Tuesday. He received treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Announcement is made of the approaching marriage of Miss Ann Lynch, a member of the News staff, and John Kopnick, of Sharon, PA.

100 YEARS AGO  
October 23, 1918

An emergency hospital has been set up in the high school building during the present influenza epidemic.

The following deaths were reported during the week: John Oxendale, Vandling; Michael Zarko, John Antoni, Anthony Majhen, Mike Bilko, Julia Golinski, George Gavinas and son George Jr., Joseph Swetter, Joseph Konsuit, Mrs. Rose Kott, Stephen Gerchok, Mrs. Richard Roberts, Mrs. John Chuck, Mrs. Ahnen Cerar, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sepic, Frank O'Mahen, Mrs. Frank Novak, Jacob Shamro, Frank Sweltz' and Mrs. John Gerchman.

Over fifty cases were treated at the emergency hospital during the past few days. Dr. C. R. Knapp is in charge and Miss Margaret Kane is supervisor. A corps of local volunteers is assisting the doctors and nurses.

John Morris and five-year-old son passed away at their home after being stricken with pneumonia. Miss Helen Reynolds, local school teacher, died Monday from the prevailing epidemic.

Other deaths reported are: John Mc Kercher, Wiven Brown, Matthew Grum, Mrs. Joseph Swetter, John Skube and Jacob Gogowitz.

The machinery of The Forest City News is being moved to the new building next door to the present location.

Frank Sherosic fell from a barn he was repairing in Brownedale, sustaining several fractured ribs and other injuries which proved fatal Saturday.

Joseph Zaller Jr. was elected supreme secretary at the Grand Carolian Union at its tenth annual convention held in Pittsburgh.

George Brain died Sunday night at his home. He was a member of the Stone Mason's Union.

The Susquehanna and Wayne Commissioners and Erie Railroad officials are discussing plans for the proposed bridge to span the railroad here.

120 YEARS AGO  
October 20, 1898

Prof. Edwin Maxey has been elected Dean of the Law School at Aurora College in Illinois.

The course of the Lackawanna River has been changed to allow the Hillside Coal and Iron Company to extend its culm storage.

The work on extending the street car track to South Street is completed and the cars are making the trip daily.

The school children are enjoying a week's vacation while the teachers are enjoying institute in Montrose.

Anthony Peterson, former owner of The Forest House, has taken over possession in Priceburg (Dickson) City.

The water company is now receiving applications for water service locally.

Hon. Galusha Grow has promised local Republicans that he will come to Forest City and discuss the national campaign issues at a local citizens rally.

A fine family dwelling owned by Emily Dalton was destroyed by fire.

P.H. Flynn of Herrick Center has purchased three lots here in town from T.J. Pentecost. Two of the lots have dwellings on them.

Father Coffey, Carbondale, has let the contract on the erection of the new St. Agnes Church to Miller & Stout of Green Ridge,

Monday - Baked pork chop, parslid carrots, cabbage w/ noodles, margarine, black forest pudding

Tuesday - Chicken ala king, lemon pepper broccoli, herbed brown rice, margarine, scalloped pears

Wednesday - Waldorf salad, chicken wild rice soup, marinated bean salad, dinner roll w/ butter, rice krispie treat

Thursday - Shepherd's pie, peas & carrots, mashed potatoes, dinner roll w/ butter, orange

Friday - Baked fish florentine, scalloped potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, dinner roll w/ butter, choco chip 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

Oct. 17 - Chicken-n-biscuit or ham dinner Clifford U.M. Church Main St. Clifford 4 to 6 p.m. Cost \$9.95

Oct. 20 - Harvest Dinner E. Ararat U.M. Church. Take-outs 3:30, Eat-in 4:30

Oct. 20 - FCAES Meat Raffle 5 to 9 p.m. For more info call 570-785-5025 or 570-785-3226.

Oct. 20 - 4th annual Harvest Hop Benefit Trinity Banq. Facility, 37 Prospect St. Simpson \$35 per person. 570-575-1235

Oct. 20 - Free coat giveaway 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. S. Gibson U.M. Church 570-396-5255 gibson-charge.org

Oct. 20 & 21 - Gun Show Thompson Hose Co. 53 Water St. Thompson 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$6 admission, \$25 vendor table 570-470-6406

Oct. 25 & 26 - Haunted House by FCRHS Students. Location TBA.

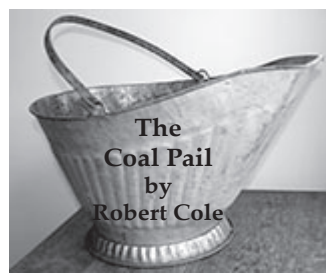
Oct. 25 - Roast Pork dinner Thurs. Oct. 25 Trinity Episcopal Church Carbondale. 570-282-3620

Oct. 27 - Gun Raffle Thompson Hose Co. 53 Water St. Thompson doors open 5 p.m.. Tickets \$20 570-442-1107

Oct. 28 - Union Dale Chicken BBQ, drive-thru take-outs only, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., \$9, tickets UDVC members, Mary or Tom Yale 570-679-2589 & Cable's Deli.

Nov. 3 - Pancake Breakfast E. Ararat U.M. Church.

Nov. 3 - Stop the Bleed 10 a.m. - noon S. Gibson U.M. Church 570-396-5255



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.

## Clifford Twp. Hist. Soc. Open House Oct. 21

The last Open House for this year for the three venues of the Clifford Township Historical Society will be Sunday, October 21st from 1 to 4 PM. Start the tour at the historic Clifford Baptist Church, built when Thomas Jefferson was still alive, Church Street in Clifford. Then drive a mile to the Museum of Local History in the Community Center building at 119 Cemetery Street in Clifford. The exhibits in the museum include our Native American Canoe display with a gorgeous mural by Michelle McLain and an audio presentation by Frank Little Bear, a blacksmith shop, general store, early farm house and barn and the fire tower map from Elk Mountain. Another mile drive takes you to the renovated Hoover One Room School at 2236 State Route 2014.

Visitors are very impressed with the quality of all our venues and enjoy the stories and information shared by the docents at each stop on the tour. Your whole family will enjoy the afternoon learning the history of our area and sharing their own stories with us!!

The Clifford Children's Garden, adjacent to the Community Center, is also open for young ones to hatch out of the dinosaur egg, bounce like Tigger, play in the Native American Long House and the pioneer log cabin, dig coal in the Clifford mine shaft, run through the 4 doors of history and pretend they are a butterfly. Signage in the Garden explains the history represented in the garden.

More information at Clifford Township Historical Society, org, on our app or contact Sandra Wilmot at 570-679-2723 or swilmot@echoes.net

The Museum of Local History will also be open on Election Day, Nov. 6 from 9 AM to 6 PM.



### Week of Oct. 22

MON. - Roasted BBQ chicken, onion rings, glazed carrots, dinner roll, fruit.

TUES. - Walking tacos w/ all the fixins, brown rice, buttery corn, black bean salad, fruit.

WED. - Stuffed shells w/ sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, seasoned green beans, fruit.

THURS. - Chicken smackers w/ dipping sauce, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, California blend vegetables, fruit, cookie.

FRI. - New York style or buffalo pizza, salad, steamed broccoli, fruit.

Available Daily: Chef or Ceasar Salad, Sunbutter & Jelly, Turkey or Ham Hoagies or Wraps, and various Grad-n-Go Specials.

### BREAKFAST

Mon. - Sausage & Ch. Croissant

Tues. - Egg & Ch. Croissant

Wed. - Bacon, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Thurs. - Ham, Egg & Ch. Croissant

Fri. - Egg & ch. on bagel

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