

# LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO  
October 22, 2008

An eye-popping figure of almost \$4 million was presented to Forest City Regional School Board for a new athletic complex at the school.

The Forest City Lions Club marks its 60th anniversary.

Forest City is finalist for "Capital of the Pierogi Pocket 2009."

Work begins to map out new gas line in Susquehanna & Wayne Counties.

Deaths: Elizabeth Guidaitis, Forest City; Faye L. Decker, Lenoxville; Richard E. Shipshinski, Pleasant Mount; Eva Wierzbicki, Greenfield Twp.; Same Hemkes, Orson; Alice M. Derk, Carbondale; Helen Hamm Coleman, Carbondale; Janine Templeton, Union Dale.

20 YEARS AGO  
October 21, 1998

Apex Waste Management was awarded the garbage contract in Vandling for the next three years, totalling \$94,760.

After three months of debate the Forest City Regional School Board approved a \$25,000 contract for two of its teachers to install a computer network in the school.

At the October 12th School Board meeting, it was announced that the Forest City Regional School breakfast program, instituted this year, is serving 245 breakfasts a day.

Deaths: Barbara P. Payne, Forest City; Frances S. Murnin, Vandling; Charles Frederick Jr., Lake Como; David Murnin, born in Vandling; Florence Fairchild, Starrucca.

30 YEARS AGO  
October 20, 1988

The Annual Membership Campaign of the Susq. Co. Historical Society and Free Library Association is being directed by Joseph Sheptak.

The Forest City Regional School Board recently heard an update on asbestos control in the school building.

The Forest City Fire Dept. has mailed over 1500 pleas for financial support to residents and businesses as part of its fund drive.

The grand opening of the Carbondale Branch of Community Bank & Trust Co. will take place on Sunday.

Thirteen area bikes logged 234 miles for the St. Jude's Bike-A-Thon held recently.

Deaths: Vincent Geraghty, Union Dale; Daniel Scott, Florida; Vincent McKernon, Binghamton; Steve Popovich, born in Simpson.

40 YEARS AGO  
October 19, 1978

Charles Gilroy was chosen as Commander to head the American Legion Post 524, Forest City.

A discount-liquidation center will open soon in the former Nudelman Store. It will sell hardware, housewares, appliances, gifts and a large quantity of toys.

A truck lost its brakes on Dundaff Street last Friday. The truck was carrying precast concrete steps and was descending the hill when its brakes failed.

Art Griffith has decided to "Go West" and become a hunting guide in Montana.

Deaths during the week: Robert Brown, formerly of Forest City; Clarence Brownell, Starrucca; Mrs. Lena Colbary, former resident in Creamton.

NO 50 YEARS AGO  
60 YEARS AGO  
October 30, 1958

James F. Beamish, editor and publisher of the Carbondale Review, succumbed to a heart attack at his home at 8 Wilson Court, Carbondale.

The first snowfall of the season visited this area early Sunday morning. Locally the snow disappeared as it hit the ground, but in the Pleasant Mount-Ararat area there were several inches reported.

Donald Teague, son of Mrs. Clara O'Malia, 604 Main St., Forest City, has been promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He is presently stationed at the Naval Base in Spokane, WA.

70 YEARS AGO  
October 28, 1948

Forest City Lions conduct their first Ladies Night program. Nearly 120 Lions, their ladies and friends attended.

John Dunleavy is receiving treatment at St. Joseph's Hospital for a turned cartilage in his knee.

Vandling Hose Co. honors its baseball team at a dinner. They finished in a tie for the pennant in the State League.

Miss Dorothy Kennedy, of Pleasant Mount, shot a 1200-pound moose while on a recent Canadian hunting trip with her father, Bert Kennedy, and others.

Samuel Entrot, well known feed and grain dealer of Union Dale, died Wednesday at his home.

80 YEARS AGO  
October 27, 1938

The Forest City Young Republican Club, under the chairmanship of James Evans, has received its charter.

Most Rev. W. J. Hafey, Bishop of Scranton, will confirm 556 children in five local Catholic churches on Sunday.

Grandson Loomis, a former school teacher and carpenter of Curtis Valley, observed his 90th birthday on Tuesday at his home - the same home in which he was born in 1848. His father Augustus and grandfather Aaron Loomis came there from Connecticut in 1816. They built the house in 1820.

John Kane, Railroad Street, has entered his prize pickerel catch, measuring 25 inches and weighing three and a half pounds.

90 YEARS AGO  
October 25, 1928

The first snow of the season fell here today.

Hugh Johnson has been installed as Commander of the local American Legion Post.

The Millus and Zelinskas homes on Railroad Street were damaged by fire Saturday morning.

The American Legion Post has gone on record to organize and outfit a Drum and Bugle Corps.

100 YEARS AGO  
October 31, 1918

The influenza epidemic continues to take its toll of life. The deaths recorded during the week were: William F. Hullah, John Brown, Charles Zaller, Theodore Downer, F. Schwartz, Frank Kotar, Paul Suchy, Joseph Serafina, Charles Bokal, Vincent Shuma, John Gibbs, Frank Brager, Alex Telep, Mrs. John Kilonsky, John Saver, Mrs. Frank Laben, Robert Pollek and son Joseph, Anthony Harvatin, Mrs. Mary Reoppis and Mrs. John O'Koren.

Much delay is occasioned in the burial of the flu victims because of the acute shortage of coffins.

Dr. B. Costello has been stricken ill with the flu. The good doctor collapsed following practically around the clock sick calls.

110 YEARS AGO  
October 29, 1908

Philo Lee has opened a lunch room in the Murray Building.

Talk of erecting a hospital in Forest City is gaining support.

The local school board has found it necessary to equip a new room to relieve the crowded conditions of the lower grades. One of the primary rooms has 130 pupils and another 140. Miss Sarah Williams has been engaged as an additional teacher.

The Wayne and Susquehanna County Commissioners and Erie Railroad officials have come to a final agreement on the building of a bridge across the railroad tracks near the Forest City breaker.

120 YEARS AGO  
October 27, 1898

The Tom Caffrey's have purchased the Blakeslee home on Delaware Street.

The bulkhead at the Stillwater reservoir is being rebuilt. A new Catholic church is to be built at Pleasant Mount.

Klenon Baroc died of injuries

received in a fall of rock in the No. 2 Mine of Hillside Co.

Dr. W. G. Seeley of Scranton has opened a dental office in the Maxey Building.

Joseph Murphy, the well known Irish comedian, will be featured in the Irish drama, "Shawn Rhue," tomorrow at the Grand Opera House here.

130 YEARS AGO  
October 25, 1888

L. R. Wedeman has received his commission as "Squire."

There are a number of cases of typhoid fever in town.

Rev. R. P. Christopher, the first pastor of the Forest City Methodist Church, visited old friends here and preached Sunday's sermon.

Martin Kane, 13-year-old driver boy in the local mines, died of typhoid. The local mines were idle for the funeral.

A Carbondale jeweler was fined \$7.25 for selling jewelry in the borough without a license.

## Coming Events

Oct. 25 & 26 - Haunted House by FCRHS Students. Spano Building Main St. Forest City. Oct. 25 from 6-9 and Oct. 26 from 6:30-9:30

Oct. 26 & 27 - Haunted House Pl. Mt. Community Center 6 - 10 p.m. \$3

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. 27 - Roast Beef Supper Thompson U.M. Church 586 Main St. Thompson 4:30 p.m. take-outs, 5 p.m. dine in.

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

Oct. 28 - Porketta Dinner Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church 4 p.m. \$10

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

Nov. 3 - SCRC Masquerade Ball 6 p.m. suscorec.org for info and tickets

### Senior MENU

Week of Oct. 29

Monday - Chicken Alfredo, garlic spinach, minestrone soup, sorbet

Tuesday - Meatloaf, mashed potato, carrots & brocc, dinner roll w/ butter, cottage cheese & berries

Wednesday - Glazed pork loin, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, cinnamon baked apples

Thursday - BBQ chicken, roasted potato, broccoli biscuit, rice pudding

Friday - Beef Pot Roast, carrots & peas, boiled potato, dinner roll, ambrosia

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

### School LUNCH MENU

Week of Oct. 29

MON. - Popcorn Chicken w/dipping sauces, potatoes wedges, glazed carrots, dinner roll, fruit.

TUES. - Sloppy Joe on a bun, roasted potatoes, baked beans, fruit.

WED. - Rotini w/ meat sauce, pumpkin soft pretzel, salad, steamed broccoli, applesauce, fruit.

THURS. - Turkey & melted cheese on a pretzel bun w/ smiley fries, seasoned green beans or raw veggies, assorted fruit

FRI. - Pizza w/Garden salad, golden corn and carrots or raw veggies, assorted 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

\*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk



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.

As I got older I realized that the stupid things that we did as the Railroad Street Boys were doing nothing but just getting us in trouble with all of our families and it was time to stop doing all of the stupid stuff.

It was about 1954 and the country had just gone into the Rock and Roll era. I loved the music and can remember all of the songs and people that performed them. Bill Haley and the Comets--Fats Domino--Little Richard--Elvis--The Everly Brothers--Chuck Berry--Carl Perkins and so many more.

We went to the Sugar Bowl and sat in the booths that had a juke box on the side that for a nickle it would play a song. All of the young people would come every night and hang out, drink cherry cokes and listen to the music. I can remember Butte (Jim Cawley) and Bevo (Barbara Beautz) they were a couple at that time. Delores Shema, Rose Mary Graytock and others that hung out.

On Saturday night there was TEENTOWN over the top of the Boro Building on Main St. that all of the teens could go and dance to the music. Also every day on TV was BANDSTAND. We all waited for the next show to see the people dance and watch Dick Clark. What a time to grow up. The music influenced our life.

I still love the 50's music but now prefer the 70's and 80's. It was a time that my children grew up and played it all of the time. I still play Classic Vinyl on my Sirius radio. My daughter played the guitar and son was a drummer. What an influence on the music like now. ALL GREAT.

## 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.susqhistoc.org

Influenza and pneumonia deaths. Mattie Dickerson Catlin, wife of Morris Catlin, age 27, Montrose; Mrs. H. H. Hooven, wife of Dr. Hooven, Harford; Joseph P. O'Brien, age 29, formerly of Montrose, now of Binghamton; Oney T. Rounds, Supt of State Highways in Susq. Co., Uniondale; Earl A. Clinton, age 33, New Milford; John T. Baldwin, Wooster, Mass, husband of the former Lillian Lathrop, of Springville; Frank Merrill, Brooklyn; Edith DeGroat, age 15, at the Barnes Hospital, Susquehanna; Mrs. Sandy Munroe, Susquehanna; Bessie Dann, age 15, at the Barnes Hospital, Susquehanna; Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin S. Cogswell, at the Ballentine farm, South Montrose; Leon Curran, age 21, Susquehanna; Mrs. Charles F. Sweeney, of Brackney, mother of ten children; Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mawhinney, Montrose; Mrs. Michael Foley and daughter, Dorothy, of Watervliet, N.Y., formerly of Susquehanna; Mrs. John Randall, age 22, of Franklin township and 3-month old child. The bereaved husband and another child are reported to be very ill with the same malady; James Donohue, age 35, Hallstead; Frank Craft, age 24, Hallstead; Geneva S Whalen, age 3 and Mary C. Whalen, age six months, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Whalen, of Hallstead. There are five children in the family, all of whom have been ill with influenza. Burial was made Brooklyn, Pa.; Mrs. Ida Avery, age 56, Uniondale; Mrs. Frank VanHousen Mead, Vestal, formerly of Heart Lake; Augustus Murphy, formerly of Susquehanna. His wife and three children are dangerously ill with influenza; Alfred Halderman, Great Bend; Miss Maud Robbins, former resident of Harford, died in Scranton. Deceased was one of the most prominent nurses in the state and had been for 15 years a member of the State Hospital Alumni and a former superintendent of Dr. Burns' hospital in Scranton; Mrs. Norman White, nee Catherine Hoag of Elk Lake, at Baltimore; Miss Helen B. Reynolds, a teacher in the Forest city schools. Death occurred on her 23rd birthday; Mrs. Claude L. Hoffman, Binghamton, daughter of the late Henry Smith and Mrs. Crandall D. Hawley, of Montrose.

Forest City - How would you like to be a soldier trudging along a foreign roadway and suddenly recognize a brother you had not seen for months - marching along, too - and yet be so bound by military discipline that you could not even speak to him? Read a portion of the letter sent by Thomas J. Burns to his mother, Mrs. William Burns,

of this place: "Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and happy and hope these few lines will find you all the same. I sure have done some traveling since I left home. This certainly is a big old world we live in. I am in a wonderful country out here. But give me the dear old American scenery and I will be satisfied. Dear mother, what do you think about this? I saw Willie (his brother) on my way to the front. It certainly was some surprise to both of us. My heart was up in my throat for a while and I could tell by the way he looked that he was in the same plight. It was hard to pass him by without saying a few words to him but the army rules are strong and all that I could do was to salute and pass on. When I could, I went back to try and find him, but there was nothing doing. I was disappointed and although I was glad even to get a look at him, I wished I had had time to say a few words to him. Mother, I can't tell you anything about this country in any of my letters, but will have a great story to tell you all when I get home, and that will not be long if we keep on driving the Huns the way we have. Now, don't worry about your boys, mother. They are well taken care of. Always say a little prayer for your soldier boys over here. Good-bye and God bless you all." [On the list of those who died in France appears the name of William Burns. No mention of where he lived.]

Thompson - During the prevailing epidemic much praise is due the Misses Hannah Walker and Helen Weir, who have been very busy the past two weeks in helping those who were sick and in need of help. Mention should be made of Mrs. Robert Leech, and probably others, who have been untiring in their efforts to help when and where most needed.

News Briefs: Fuel Administrator Garfield proclaimed the gasless Sundays at an end the later part of last week. Sunday was so rainy that it was well-nigh gasless. ALSO Owing to the large number of influenza cases in Shamokin, that town has been placed under martial law. No one is permitted to go in the place or out of it without a pass.

Notice to Spinsters: A Lynn correspondent says: "If any young lady is contemplating marriage and has any doubt about the question, they should get a position as clerk for our enterprising merchant, F. S. Greenwood, as the last five or six lady clerks he has had have resigned their position for that purpose."

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