

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
October 29, 2008

Subway holds grand opening at 117 Main Street in Forest City. Brown's Country store reopens as Downtown Brown's by Abby Martino and Erika Good. The Witches and Warlocks event in Forest City is big hit.

Deaths: James F. Swingle, Crescent City, FL; Grace A. Lazar, West Scranton; Daniel P. Gulbin, Scranton; Jane Lois Riefler, Honesdale; Grace C. Schifler, Kingsley; Jerry Mack Pinch, Thompson.

20 YEARS AGO
October 28, 1998

A new slate of officers has taken over the reins of the Forest City Commercial Assoc. The new officers are Bob Lesjack, President; Donna Dyno, Vice President; Patricia Strifsky, Secretary, and Pat Kulikowski, Treasurer.

The fifth annual Haunted House to benefit the 1999 Forest City Old Home Week will be held at Kennedy Park this year.

Marissa Zefran, a senior at Forest City Regional High School, has been chosen Rotary Student of the Month for September. Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Lance, Lowe Lake, Union Dale, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 9th.

Deaths: Lewis R. Smith, Vermont; Alice M. Swingle, Waymart; George Flynn, Lake-wood; Lawrence R. Keenan, born in Union Dale; Stephen Kutch, Honesdale; Joseph Barkoski, born in Forest City; Marian L. King, born in Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO
October 27, 1988

A platoon of local, county and state officials discovered hospital wastes buried at a site on the former D&H Railroad bed near Stillwater recently.

Karla Stahl, Arlene Klemensic and Bob Lesjack will be part of the cast of an upcoming state production of the Diary of Anne Frank at St. John's Center, Mayfield.

The 1989 OHW celebration will also mark the 125th anniversary of Forest City. The event will include the Brothers of the Brush and Belles groups.

Marci Kilpatrick of Forest City is serving a proctorship with a Scranton physician as part of her King's College studies.

Deaths: Dr. Ralph Touch, Carbondale; Atty. Gerald Burmen, NJ; Mrs. Mary Molinar, Carbondale; Richard Chesko, Brown-dale; Rowena Tinklepaugh, Thompson, and Pearl Dutchman, Blakely.

40 YEARS AGO
October 26, 1978

Michael Killiany, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Killiany, Delaware St., Forest City, has completed four years of service with the Marine Corps.

Atty. Ulric McHale, Main St., Forest City, died on Saturday evening, October 21, at Wilkes Barre General Hospital after a brief illness.

Anthony Komar, John Marsicano, David Piatkowski and Frank Sheroshek have been selected for the Scholastic Team.

This year's Open House at Forest City Regional School drew at least 200 parents.

Deaths during the week: Mrs. Mary Shamro, Brown-dale; Miss Frances Kavsek, Forest City; Mrs. Mary Mlinar, Forest City.

50 YEARS AGO
November 7, 1968

Democrats carried the election Tuesday as 1,202 residents cast their votes. State Rep. Ken Lee got 515 Democrat votes and 420 Republican votes. Constitutional Party candidate Louis Kameen garnered 168 votes in the state representative race.

A testimonial dinner for Ben Pietro, Vandling, was held at Crystal Pines with Ben receiving an engraved platter from Chic Feldman, Tribune sports editor.

John Lesjack Jr. and John Lesjack Sr. each got a turkey while hunting Saturday near Pleasant Mount.

The Forest City Commercial Assoc. announced last week that the Main Street Christmas lights will not be installed this year due to lack of funds.

Leonard Tusar, Vandling, won

the recent Eastern Division Intercollegiate Archery Tournament at Glassboro State College, NJ. Tusar is a student at East Stroudsburg State College.

Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Swegel observed their 45th wedding anniversary recently.

The Forest City fire siren has been connected to the Susq. County Emergency network.

60 YEARS AGO
November 6, 1958

The Forest City Joint School Board has been notified by the State Public School Building Authority it has approved and allocated funds in the amount of \$799,500 for the construction of a Junior-Senior High School.

A Crystal Lake man was honored for outstanding individual service at a meeting of Pennsylvania Division, American Cancer Society, of Mount Pocono. Sydney Carpenter, Fern Hall, Crystal Lake, received the Order of the Sword of Hope, highest award of the society.

Democratic candidates carried Forest City in the General Election. Approximately 90 percent of the local registered voters cast their ballots.

70 YEARS AGO
November 4, 1948

Democratic candidates carried Forest City in Tuesday's General Election. Republicans carried Susquehanna County.

Vandling citizens are meeting Monday to discuss inauguration of a recreation program in the community.

Real estate tax collection on the local 1948 duplicate amounts to 78 percent collected as of November 1, with 36 percent of the per capita tax collected for the same period.

Local residents who have been called for Grand Jury are: John Benarick, Mrs. Anna Atkinson, Beatrice Yanchitis, Thomas McCormick and John Lynch.

Miss Margaret Healy, Home Economics teacher at the Forest City High School, underwent surgery at the Mercy Hospital, Scranton.

80 YEARS AGO
November 3, 1938

A movement is underway locally to organize a Junior Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Forest City Borough Council at a special meeting Saturday went on record to seek bids for the purchase of a truck for Borough purposes.

The founding of St. Agnes Church was fittingly observed on Sunday. An address by Bishop W. J. Hafey was the highlight of the Golden Jubilee banquet. Anniversary Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. J. Jordan, pastor.

William Dutchman is foreman of the WPA project started Monday to stone base and surface Higgins Street.

Deaths: John Eryavec, Lake-wood, formerly of Forest City; John Kuzakavage, Susquehanna Street; Matthew Urbas, Delaware Street; Mrs. Leola Seprosky, Susquehanna Street.

90 YEARS AGO
November 1, 1928

Mrs. George C. Westgate has moved to Irvington, NJ, where she will make her future home.

The high school gymnasium is undergoing a complete change. The poles are being eliminated and a new floor and bleachers are being installed.

The Hillside Hose Co. is organizing a bowling league.

Mrs. Jacob Cempere was hostess to the members of the Tam-bourine Club at dinner at her home Sunday.

Fire caused damage to the Claude Darling home, Dundaff Street, Monday evening.

100 YEARS AGO
November 7, 1918

The Spanish Influenza epidemic that has raged here for the past month and caused an immense toll of lives has apparently run its course. All indications point to a speedy return to normal conditions. Closing orders of public places are being rescinded. Deaths during the past week were: Sidney Leham, Mrs. William Connolly, Mrs. Louis Gruen and Matthew Risney. Word has been received here

that Sgt. George Payne, of Richmondale, and Lieut. Reese Davis have paid the Supreme Sacrifice overseas.

Rev. A. Yanushas, pastor of St. Anthony's Church, has been transferred to Campbellsport, Wisconsin, and Rev. Anthony Ezerskis, Chicago, has been named to the local pastorate.

The local post office will close at 6 o'clock each evening.

110 YEARS AGO
November 5, 1908

Henry M. Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Weiss, died Thursday evening at home. The night before he presented a recital on Shakespeare before the local Red Men's Lodge.

Work has started on the building of the new Farview State Hospital at Waymart.

M. J. Healy and son Will are negotiating for the purchase of the Lake Como Hotel of Charles Knapp.

Robert Cavanaugh has accepted a position as clerk at Cohen Brothers Store.

The Republicans carried the borough in Tuesday's spirited election. Taft's vote was 358 to Bryant's 20.

120 YEARS AGO
November 5, 1898

The Forest City Borough Council voted to provide heat in the borough lockup by installing a stove in the quarters.

Night school was opened Monday with over a hundred scholars enrolled.

The School Board has allowed Prof. W.A.F. Scott, of Carbondale, use of the classroom two evenings a week to teach stenography.

The Carbondale-Honesdale Gravity Railroad will close down January 1.

130 YEARS AGO
November 1, 1888

Home building fever is high. No less than ten homes were in the process of construction before the real winter sets in.

William O'Keefe is laying a foundation for his new hotel opposite McGrath's Barbershop.

The Baptists intend to begin work on their new church very soon and hope to have the building ready for operation within several months.

Main Street is being improved by ditching and draining.



School LUNCH MENU

Week of Nov. 5

MON. - Taco meat over tortillas, w/all the fixings, brown rice, buttery corn, black bean salad or raw veggies, fruit.

TUES. - Chicken & ch. hoagie lettuce & tomato, oven crisp fries, glazed carrots or raw veggies, fruit.

WED. - Rotini w/meat sauce, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli or raw veggies, fruit.

THURS. - Thanksgiving Dinner, roasted turkey, stuffing, mashed & sweet potatoes, gravy, green beans, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie.

FRI. - Personal round pizza, salad, golden corn & carrots or raw veggies, fruit

High school alternates: Mon/Thur: cheese-burger, Tues/Wed/Fri: chicken filet sandwich. Grab and Go: Buffalo or cheese crunchers and chicken BBQ Elem. alternates: tuna salad on a bun, sun butter & jelly sandwich, cereal for lunch

BREAKFAST

Mon. - Pancakes w/Strawberries
Tues. - Cheese omelet w/mini cinnamon roll

Wed. - Assorted yogurt, Zee-Zee Bar

Thurs. - Breakfast sausage pizza
Fri. - Bagel w/cream cheese or jelly
*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk

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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.

In the early 50's the churches and towns ran block parties. They were put on for a fund raiser for the church, firemen and towns. I can remember the gambling stand that had two funnels connected in the middle and three dice thrown into them. There was a mat with #s from 1 to 6 on it and you would bet on the # that you thought would come out. 10 cents for the bet. If you played a # and it came out, you got back one dime for every # that came out. I liked to play the 6's.

I also liked the steamed clam and beer stand. Too young to get the beer, but I enjoyed the clams. A great place to hang out for the night and watch the girls!

I remember the circus coming to town in the early 50's. The first one I remember was in the William Penn School playground, and the next one was at the firehouse in Brown-dale. The circus people hired us to help set up the tents, and our pay was free admission to the show. WOW, always a fun time.



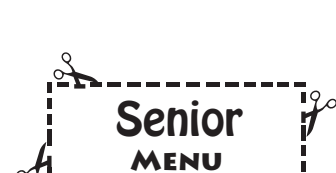
Nov. 3 - Pancake Breakfast E. Ararat U.M. Church.

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

Nov 4 - St. John's Byzantine Catholic Church Eye Round & Halubki Dinner noon - 2 takeouts 11 a.m. \$12.

Nov. 6 - Clifford U.M. Church, Main St., Clifford, Chicken-n-Biscuit or Ham Dinner, Tues., 4-6 pm; take-out or dine in \$9.95.



Week of Nov. 5

Monday - Open face turkey sandwich, veggie barley soup, crackers, orange.

Tuesday - Beef Teriyaki, broccoli & red peppers, brown rice, pineapple crisp.

Wednesday - Chicken pot pie, parsley potatoes, biscuit, fruit salad.

Thursday - Baked fish w/lemon butter, green & wax beans, stewed tomatoes, macaroni & ch., cherry cobbler.

Friday - Pork chop w/country gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, dinner roll, mixed berries.

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.susqhistoc.org

Forest City - Indications point to a relief in the epidemic that has prevailed here the past three weeks. The prompt action of the board of health in taking action to prevent its spread and the care of the afflicted has undoubtedly materially helped the situation. The prevailing opinion is that it has reached the maximum. ALSO Uncle Sam will not get silk for aeroplane construction from the Forest City silk mills this week, at least. Both mills were ordered closed by order of the board of health. It was feared that by working the employees might spread the influenza. ALSO Much delay is occasioned in the interment of influenza victims, owing to the scarcity of coffins. J. R. Bell, undertaker, was informed yesterday that only one coffin each day to each patron was the limit until the death rate decreased.

Thompson - Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Mead were happily surprised Sunday night, Oct. 20th, when, upon answering a ring at the door, in walked his sister, Mrs. Nellie Messenger of Blackfoot, Idaho, and her son, Dana, pharmacist in the medical corps of the navy, U.S.S. Louisville, who was granted a leave of absence for five days. Mr. Messenger has been over-

seas five times during his 18 months service. He sent a message to his mother to meet him at Thompson, and she started Friday and very unexpectedly they met at Susquehanna and arrived in Thompson at midnight. Friends from a distance were notified and he received a rush of calls during his stay. Mrs. Messenger will remain indefinitely.

Uniondale - Richard Davis has been helping Everett Giddings in the potato field the past week. He is 80 years old, but can handle a potato fork with the next one.

Clifford - In an endeavor to do his bit in stopping the Hun, Leon Smith, of Lenox, made the supreme sacrifice last week. His body was laid at rest in the cemetery at this place last Saturday.

Susquehanna - Who was the fellow who works here and lives in Hallstead that forgot to set his clock and watch back Sunday morning - got his breakfast early and hiked it to the Erie, where he found no one - didn't dare go back for fear of meeting the fellows coming over, and who spent an unpleasant time hiding around until train time? We bet he sweat more over that hour than any work he did for the Government that day.

Sen. Bob Casey visits Susq. Co.



Forest City resident Mary Ann O'Pecko greets Senator Bob Casey as he arrives for a meet and greet at the New Milford Township Building in Susquehanna County. Senator Casey is crossing the state talking about the issues we face nationally as well as regional.

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