

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
November 12, 2008
2008 Forest City Boro budget over \$1 million but no tax increase required. \$280,000 increase comes from new sewer fee collections.

Forest City Regional school held its 1st annual scholastic honors banquet. Students in the top 10% of their class from 8th through 12th grade were honored. Forest City Neighborhood Watch is formed.

Mary Garm is commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments and outstanding community service.

Deaths: William F. Kresock, Simpson; Mary Dolores "Pearl" Natishak, Forest City.

20 YEARS AGO
November 11, 1998
Republican Don Sherwood defeated Democrat Pat Casey by just 468 votes. A total of 171,557 votes were recorded in the nine county Congressional District in the contest to replace Congressman Joe McDade.

Bucknell junior Carly Graytock of FCHS has received the Subway Athlete of the Month Award for the month of October in Women's Cross Country.

Thompson Township held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new building. The building cost \$212,760 and replaces a garage destroyed by fire on February 12, 1998.

Deaths: The Rev. John A. Madaj; William Hauptman, Forest City; William Dennis Moore, born in Archblad; Mary Evanyka, Forest City; Anna Peterka, Union Dale; William Zigon, Forest City.

30 YEARS AGO
November 10, 1988
There will be no tax hike in Forest City Borough in 1989 if the tentative budget holds up. However, despite the local recycling effort, the trash bill will go from its present \$40 to \$100 per year.

Arts Council of Forest City, in conjunction with the PA Council on the Arts, will present "Music From China" at the FCRHS on Saturday.

A full house of 258 helped the Forest City Fire Dept. celebrate the 100th anniversary on Saturday. In keeping with the event, the firemen presented a plaque to James B. McCusker Sr., the oldest active local firefighter who has 56 years of service.

Deaths: Sophie Rutkowski, Lake Como; Ernest Tornich, formerly of Forest City; Helen Lopatofsky, formerly of Honesdale; Vida Grum, born in Forest City; George Smullen, Lenoxville; John Griffith, raised in Vandling.

40 YEARS AGO
November 9, 1978
Forest City Borough's millage will stay at 16 mills for 1979.

The poor quality of Forest City's water has been listed as one of the real local problems by the recently formed Community Advisory Board under the guidance of Community Advisor Gerald Cross.

Rate increases at the Ararat Garbage Transfer Station will make the cost of disposing of a bag of garbage \$1.00.

Bob Duffy is elected president of the Forest City Area Volunteer Ambulance Assoc.

Fire on Wednesday damaged Ros-Al Studio at 56 North Main Street, Carbondale.

The Rev. Stanislaus Piorkowski and the Rev. John Balberchak are elevated to the rank of Monsignor.

News Publisher John P. Kameen was installed as president of Carbondale Area News Media Assoc.

Deaths: Mrs. Nell Hird, Forest City; Mrs. Anna Bartholomay, Vandling; Leonard Smith, RD 2 Union Dale.

50 YEARS AGO
November 21, 1968
Penna. Coal Co. set a price of \$3,600 on 14.42 acres of land to be used as a borough dump.

The surprise snowstorm last week dumped over 7 inches of

snow locally and high winds made it seem even worse.

A surprise birthday party at Phoenix Hall, Union Dale, honored Tom Tedesco Sr. on his 70th birthday.

A new band, "The Journey's End", has been formed with Ray Pavlovich on the organ; Allan Mindas, lead guitar, and Judd Westgate on drums. Adrian Mellow is manager and Joseph Conigliaro is announcer.

The Union Dale Stars baseball team was honored Saturday as a straight season and playoff champs of the Mountain League.

Thomas Conigliaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Conigliaro, Vandling, has been promoted to Specialist Four with the army in Chun Chan, Korea.

The Susq. County Transportation Study calls for extensions of the Lacka. Valley Industrial Expressway from Carbondale through Forest City to Stillwater.

Under the new postal rate increases, Christmas cards will cost 6 cents to send this year whether you seal them or not. Unsealed cards were previously one cent less than first class rate. (Editor's note: "Them days are gone forever.")

60 YEARS AGO
November 20, 1958
Supervising Principal Jules J. Kerl met with officials of the State School Building Authority in Harrisburg Nov. 12. The conference was called by PA State Building Authority Executive Director R. C. Bartman for the purpose of having several resolutions explained, approved and signed as preliminary requirements for going ahead with the construction of a new Junior-Senior High School for the Forest City Joint System.

Reginald Gerchman, North Main St., was one of the twenty one students from the University of Scranton who have been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," the annual directory of distinguished American College students.

William Watkins, a well-known former pioneer resident of this community, died Saturday morning at the home of his son, William, Chambersburg, with whom he resided.

70 YEARS AGO
November 18, 1948
Forest City Lions Club, aided by the Boys Club, will conduct house to house canvass to solicit books for H. S. Community project.

Dr. A. B. Cimochowski, while hunting near Sterling, Wayne County, killed a black bear.

Military honors were accorded Cpl. Stanley Czerapaska on Saturday when his body was reinterred in Sacred Heart Cemetery. He was killed in action at the Salerno Beachhead in Italy during World War II.

Weddings of interest solemnized Saturday in St. John's Church: Miss Evelyn Zagursky and Joseph Zaverl; Miss Helen Kowalick and John Popovich.

80 YEARS AGO
November 17, 1938
Joseph Derbin, 19, met death when he came in contact with a high voltage line near the power substation of the Hudson Coal Co. in Vandling on Thursday.

Rumor that the Klots Mill was leased by a group chain store prompted a local citizen committee to seek its use for industrial purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Jones observed the 48th anniversary of their marriage on Saturday.

Action influenced by strong local trucker opposition prompts Council to postpone purchase of borough truck.

Four day observance of Borough's Fiftieth Anniversary sponsored by the local American Legion Post held in the former Klots Mill termed very successful.

90 YEARS AGO
November 15, 1928
Borough Council orders the reinstatement of Chief of Po-

lice John Kaplavka, following his suspension by Burgess John Frank.

The Kiwanis Club is planning to provide an outdoor skating rink for the local young folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Geuther, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manick of Clinton, and Fred Smith of Vandling have left for Florida to spend the winter.

The New Milford Hose Co. presented the Hillside Hose Co. of this place with a loving cup, in recognition of the work of the local firemen in extinguishing a fire while they were guests of the New Milford firemen.

Michael Laffo, former local businessman, died Saturday in Scranton.

100 YEARS AGO
November 21, 1918
The blessing of the bell, donated by the Joseph Kovalski family, will be held Thanksgiving Day at St. Anthony's Church.

Hobart Curtis has received appointment as rural mail carrier on Route 1 out of the local post office.

Word has been received here that Sgt. Stanley Horosko has paid the Supreme Sacrifice in France.

The Browndale-Vandling-Forest City United War Work campaign has exceeded its \$10,000 goal by collecting \$15,019.

The Plaza Theatre reopened on Saturday under the management of Mrs. C. P. Lyden and son, Ambrose.

Deaths: Anthony Kubilewicz and Charles McCumber.

110 YEARS AGO
November 19, 1908
The Forest City Baseball Club will have a new field next season, a plot near the Forest City-Vandling borough line.

Freedman Hall is being remodeled and will be used as a theatre three nights each week. The hall will be in charge of Mr. Samuel Rothafel and will be known as the Family Theatre.

Patrick Connolly has added two new buggies and three sets of handsome harness to his equipment for his carriage traveling patrons.

Cashier R. R. Zarr, new cashier of the Farmers and Miners Bank, has moved his family here from Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hine Pickering died at the John B. Williams home on Saturday.

120 YEARS AGO
November 19, 1898
The first real snow of the season came Sunday evening.

Monroe Westgate is building a home on the corner of Susquehanna Street and Grand Avenue.

The Amity Club, comprised of local high school girls, was organized on Tuesday.

J. W. Lewis, Union Dale, will leave for Wyoming where he will follow his profession as stenographer.

A high class entertainment musical and literary will be given Thanksgiving evening by the choir and young folks of St. Agnes Church.

130 YEARS AGO
November 19, 1898
D.A. Allen of Prompton has moved his family here.

Frank Cunningham has purchased a Main Street lot for \$725. He plans to build a business here.

Leslie Stewart has opened a candy store and oyster saloon under Brown Brothers store.

The Leek mine in Clinton Twp. is now operating and the breaker is completed.

William O'Keefe, who recently moved to Archbald from here, will move back here again. He likes Forest City better.

T.C. Manzar, local Republican stalwart, is seeking the postmastership.



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 going to COOLEY'S variety store and buying a pea shooter. 10 cents and you received a plastic pea shooter and a small bag of peas. Load a bunch in your mouth and could fire them like a machine gun. It stung when you got hit with them. Cooley's sold peas but we figured out that if you went to the A & P that you could get a whole lb. for 7 cents. A lot of pea shooter wars with the Railroad Street boys.

Sling shot wars were great too. We shot small crab apples at each other. OUCH when you got hit with one of them.

BB gun wars were great too-- I had a Daisy Red Rider as most of the boys had. Only KILT Billy Kilpatrick had a Daisy pump bb gun. I liked to go to the dump at the north end of Railroad Street and shoot glass bottles. We also shot at each other too.

The rules were only below the belt and it stung you. Some one would holler that they got stung above the belt. LOL. All were guilty of that. We had our wars in Ray Bloxham's lumber yard. Running around and hiding and ambushing each other. It was a free for all. We spent hours doing that. Imagine now if you shot another kid with anything, you would be arrested and dragged off by the police. WOW

I would go to Kameen's Hardware Store and for 5 cents I could get a pack of bb's and for another 15 cents I could get a box of 50, 22 shorts. I had a Sears-- single shot 22 and I used to go to the dump and shoot bottles with it. Loads of bottles to break. Just like the bb gun, but better. More fire power and more action when you hit the bottle. We would stand them up like soldiers and see how many you could break.

Imagine now walking down Railroad Street in town and the dump was in town and shooting bottles. I would be hauled off to jail for that today. What a great time to grow up. I loved every minute of it.

Senior MENU

Week of Nov. 19
Monday- Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, tossed salad, zucchini & peppers, choc. brownie.

Tuesday - Baked pork chop, parried carrots, cabbage w/noodles, black forest pudding.

Wednesday - Chicken Ala King, lemon pepper broccoli, herbed brown rice, scalloped pears.

Thursday - Center closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday - Center 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

School LUNCH MENU

Week of Nov. 19
MON. - Chicken smackers, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, glazed carrots assorted fruit.

TUES. - Seasoned pork sandwich, plain or BBQ, fries, roasted cauliflower, assorted fruit.

WED. - Thin crust pizza, garden salad, green beans applesauce, cookie, fruit.

THURS. - No School. Happy Thanksgiving

FRI. - No School

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BREAKFAST
Mon - Sausage & ch. on Croissant
Tues. - Egg & ch. on Croissant
Wed. - Bacon, egg & ch. on Croissant
Thurs. - Ham, egg & ch. on 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.susqhistoc.org

Celebrating the End of the War: From noon until late at night, the people of Montrose and surrounding country celebrated the signing of the armistice, the virtual ending of the great war. Noises of every description were heard on all sides. Pandemonium reigned. People were intoxicated (figuratively speaking) with happiness. The festivities were to celebrate a wonderful day and everyone did his or her best to do the occasion a measure of justice, heaped and running over. The Montrose High School paraded with credit to themselves, their teachers and the commonwealth. The Boy Scouts headed the school demonstration. A finely decorated truck, containing Uncle Sam and Miss Liberty, led the way, followed by a red, white and blue truck to represent "Backing Liberty," filled with farmers, farmerettes, soldiers and sailors, nurses and cooks. Another decorated truck carried the American Girls, dressed in red, white and blue. The Camp Fire Girls and the grades followed, carrying flags. After the school parade, the auto parade formed, headed by Susquehanna and Montrose bands and drum corps. All the patriotic societies and other organizations in the town were represented. At 7 p.m. an informal parade was launched—a real, old-fashioned torch light procession, each marcher equipped with some noise-producing instrument. The homes of the town were illuminated and mid cheers and shouts the parade stopped at Monument Square, where the mayor asked for three cheers for the boys "over there." After numerous speeches and band selections the crowd then gathered below the Court House where a huge bonfire ended the day's celebration. At East Rush: Our little town celebrated the fall of Germany by the ringing of the church bell and firing off of guns, and all hearts rejoiced that the two young men that went from us to fight the Hun are not injured, and in all probability will soon return to us, although Clark James, while working in the engineering corps was gassed and it affected his eyes, he wrote to his parents that he will soon be all right. At Susquehanna - The news of the fighting having ceased caused a wild outburst of delight among our people. The big shops were practically deserted for every worker wanted to celebrate the great event and only those unable to be spared, were left in the shops. Brooklyn, when the report came that Germany had surrendered, the church bells, school bells, dinner bells and tin pans sounded forth the glad tidings. School declared a recess and the school children paraded the streets waving flags, singing patriotic songs and hurrahing. In the evening Kaiser Bill was hung in effigy, amid the cheers of a large throng of people, in the center of the town. J. W. Adams and O. M. Doloway, two veterans of the Civil War, aided in the celebration by firing their old army muskets.

Tirzah (Herrick Twp.) and Vicinity - Neighbors and friends of Charles Fisher held a bee on Thursday of last week and dug his potatoes for him. He is just recovering from an attack of influenza and is unable to work, while in Thompson, several neighbors and friends met and dug all of Mrs. Edith Davis' potatoes and put them in the cellar. ALSO Fire destroyed the large dairy barn of Judson J. Walker on Nov. 7. Mrs. Walker discovered smoke and on going out of the house found their big dairy barn in flames. Immediately giving the alarm she hurried to the burning building, where through the dense smoke, she found and brought to safety a large, young horse, the only animal in the barn at the time. Help came, but to no avail, and the barn and contents were completely destroyed; about 40 tons of hay, several pieces of machinery, a quantity of straw and a large silo. The house, nearby, was saved. The loss was a large one, as this barn was one of the best in this community.

News Briefs: We notice one thing about this influenza epidemic. The doctors who prescribed whisky are getting much more of the practice than those

who prescribed castor oil. ALSO Here is a remedy to help wipe out influenza—the advice of one doctor—"My advice to all patients is to go to bed with the windows open, protected from drafts by a screen and with plenty of cover, but not as to sweat. It is also pressing that our women get away from the habit of keeping the shades in the "company room," and in bedrooms drawn in day time. Throw open the blinds; let the sunlight in; air the rooms during the day and have plenty of fresh air at night. That will harm nobody and make the body all the stronger in the resistance to the germs." The doctor is right, germs cannot live in sunlight and fresh air.

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, November 7 and 14, 1818.

"SOMETIMES BY FIRE." The barn of Rev. E. Kingsbury, of Harford, was consumed by fire on Friday night of last week, with all its contents, consisting of his year's supply of hay and grain and a valuable family horse. It took fire from a candle which some lads had carried into the stable. The loss to Mr. Kingsbury is great; but we trust the liberality of the citizens of that township will be exercised in relieving his distress. (11/7)

Coming Events

Nov. 15 - Trinity Church Roast Beef dinner 12 - 5p.m. \$10 adults, \$5 children under 5

Nov. 17 - Free Com. Lunch Christ Church Dundaff & Delaware St. noon to 1 p.m.

Nov. 17 - Holiday Bake sale and Craft show Aldenville Baptist Church Aldenville 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Nov. 17 - Soup Sale E. Ararat U.M. Church

Nov. 17 - Thanksgiving Dinner Chapel Com. Kitchen Cold Springs 11:30 - 1:30 570-253-4033

Nov. 18 - Forest City Regional School District open house at noon, commemorating the completion of the building projects

Nov. 18 - Unico Holiday Shopping event. Anthracite Hotel Main St. Carbondale. Over 25 vendors

Nov. 20 - Ascension Parish, Forest City, Annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Sacred Heart Church Hall from 5:30-7 PM.

Nov. 22 - Free Thanksgiving dinner Trinity Hall 37 Prospect St. Simpson Serving 1, 2, & 3 p.m.

Nov. 24 - Forest City Boys Basketball second annual Coaches Vs. Cancer Alumni Game Fundraiser at 6pm in the High School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30.

Nov. 30 - Christ Episcopal soup supper Dundaff St. \$5 takeouts 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. sit down 5-7 p.m.

Dec. 1 - 4th Annual Christmas in a Small Town in Forest City, 2 PM to 6 PM. Scavenger Hunt, FCR concert at Hist. Soc., Tree Lighting.

Dec. 2 - Christmas Cantata U.M. Church Thompson. 2 p.m.

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