

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO
November 26, 2008

There will be no tax increase in Vandling for the 17th straight year.

New Christmas decorations were installed on Main Street by NEP Telephone co.

Deer population "iffy" as area hunters prepare for busy season.

Jerry Williams of Elk View Drive, Forest City, serves more than 20 years helping promote and share the history and cultural heritage of Welsh-Americans through the St. David's Welsh Society of Lackawanna County.

Deaths: Clara H. Pruitt, Orson; Catherine Dorothy Paine, Forest City; Thomas A. Lipko, Carbondale; Chester P. Szymanosky, Lakewood; Mary T. Burnis, Simpson; Dennis Buberniak, Union Dale; John Spece, Jr., Union Dale; Ruth Frances Chapman, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO
November 25, 1998

Bob Lesjack, new president of the Forest City Commercial Association, presided over his first meeting on Thursday.

The Old Home Week committee is interested in purchasing the Carbondale Showmobile for \$1,000.

Wayne Heller, a senior at Forest City Regional, recently won first place in the school's annual speech contest. The topic of his speech was the dangers of biological warfare.

The 1999 Forest City OHW committee will celebrate New Year's Eve with "Times Square in Browndale."

Deaths: Anne B. Kilonsky, Forest City; Mary Titko, FL; Bernice A. Bilsky, Forest City; Sgt. Major W. Stanley Mumford, born in Carbondale; John David Holdren, born in Forest City; William Arthur, Carbondale; Stanley P. Kupiec, Forest City; Walter J. Bartkus, Thompson; Joan M. Schirra, FL.

30 YEARS AGO
November 24, 1988

This is the 40th year that our Main Street has been decorated by the Forest City Commercial Association.

The Pleasant Valley Drift-riders are proud to announce that it has started its 18th year which could not have been done without Art Haynes' hard work.

Kevin Miluszusky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin, Richmondale, has been promoted to director of construction services for Midlantic Testing and Engineering Lab, Inc., of Watertown, NY.

The Forest City Regional School Board approved the submission of a grant request of \$30,000 to the Regional Computer Resource Center at Wilkes College. It would be used to purchase computers for grades 5 through 8.

Deaths: Mrs. Catherine Verity, Browndale; Harold Casper, Carbondale; John Solack, RD 1 Union Dale; Rev. Andrew Svete, OFM, born in Forest City; Mrs. Julia Nick, Forest City; Reba Fries, Aldenville; John Skurski, Starrucca.

40 YEARS AGO
November 23, 1978

Joseph Slamas has submitted his resignation as Street Commissioner to Council stating dissatisfaction with working conditions as his reason.

Floyd Cole, RD 1 Union Dale, was killed on his farm when run over by his tractor.

Navy Senior Chief Machinist Mate Rudolph Ravnarik has departed for an extended deployment in the Mediterranean on the ammunition ship USS Nitro.

Pvt. Donald Haney completes Army basic training at Fort Benning, GA.

The annual Christmas warehouse sale at Ames Factory will be Friday and Saturday.

Deaths: Joseph Miluszusky, Pleasant Mount; Vincent Carley, RD 2 Union Dale.

50 YEARS AGO
December 3, 1968

John A. Cost Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Cost, 706 Delaware St., completed 12 weeks of Navy

schooling at Newport, R.I., and was advanced to Electrician Second Class in Interior Communication Electrician. He will be transferred to the Pre-commissioned USS Butte at Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Scott of Union Dale were pleasantly surprised on Thanksgiving night to receive a call from their son in Vietnam. Army Pvt. Bob Scott has been in Vietnam for about eight months. He is an aerial observer aboard light aircraft used for plotting enemy movements and for artillery direction. Scott will leave for Japan on December 21 for a period of rest and rehabilitation. He will then return to Vietnam to complete his tour of duty.

S/Sgt. D. Mogan, U.S. Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mogan, New Britain, CT, formerly of Forest City, was recently awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal from the U.S. Navy. He served more than 2 years before reporting to London, England, on August 14, 1968. He and his wife and their two children live in Heston Hounslow, a London suburb. Sgt. Mogan is a career Air Force man, having 101 1/2 years of service.

Mrs. Agnes Fisher, Lackawanna St., received a phone call on November 25th from her son, Joseph, who is at Yakota AFB in Japan. He had just returned from Osan, Korea. Fisher reported that he dialed twenty numbers in order to be connected to his family home.

60 YEARS AGO
December 4, 1958

The First and Farmers National Bank of Forest City has been approved to make FHA property improvement loans to home owners. Loans are available to all owners for remodeling, modernizing, and repairing homes under the widely used FHA Title low-cost budget plan.

The Rev. Augustine Sweater, OFM, local native, recently underwent surgery at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Father Sweater, during his last visit here, conducted a mission at St. Joseph's Church.

Deaths: Joseph Cebular, Vandling, a well-known resident of that community, died Saturday morning in the Scranton West Side Hospital following a brief illness; John Petraitis, Dundaff St., died last Tuesday at home after a brief illness.

70 YEARS AGO
December 5, 1948

Forest City's Main Street for the first time will be gaily decorated. The lights will be turned on tomorrow evening.

Vandling Council will hold a special public meeting to hear opinions relative to levying wage tax to the borough.

Mrs. Audrey Kelly, mother of four children and wife of J. Melvin Kelly, has passed the State Bar examinations qualifying her to practice law.

Capt. Harry Newark Jr., in command of the S.S. Hoosier State, is enroute to China with a cargo of wheat flour to aid the stricken Chinese, under the U.S. Aid Program.

Deaths: Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin Kelly, Vandling; Mrs. Sadie Kaufman Henstell, Forest City; Stanley Benarick, local merchant and former school director and Justice of the Peace.

80 YEARS AGO
December 1, 1938

Business, professional and other local townspeople pledge substantial contributions to fund for the purchase of the former Klots Mill to development of industrial site.

Joseph Slamas, FCHS football captain, was selected as a member of the All-Star team to play in the annual Dream Game in Scranton.

Weddings solemnized in St. Joseph's Church during the past week: Miss Margaret Miklich and Michael Suponci; Miss Frances Petrich and Vincent Dejunee.

Carl Cerar has been named captain of 1939 FCHS football team.

Vandling High School named the following students as safety

patrolmen: Benny Melvin, captain; Joseph Woodyshak, lieutenant, and Harold Slick, Rudy Cebular, Joseph Cerar and John Mlinar, patrolmen.

90 YEARS AGO
November 29, 1928

The new Lincoln School building was placed into use Monday when eight teachers and 350 pupils were transferred to the building. All local schools are now in full session.

Ignatz Kamin, 34, of Delaware St., was killed in a premature explosion in the No. 2 Shaft of the Hillside Coal and Iron Co.

The Albert Crane Memorial Armory was dedicated in Carbondale on Monday.

Walsh Motor Co., local Chevrolet distributors, announce the new 1929 line of Chevrolets ranging in price from \$525.00.

100 YEARS AGO
December 5, 1918

Burdett Wilson, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Ledyard, Pleasant Mount, was accidentally drowned in a creek while playing on Thanksgiving Day.

All sugar restrictions were removed today.

The Franceski Bottling Works here has been sold to the Stone Beverage Co. of Carbondale, who will remove the plant to Carbondale.

John McGranaghan, a valued employee of John R. Bell, has undertaken his own undertaking parlor in the Bartholomay building on South Main Street.

Two more names have appeared on the war casualty list: John Bayliff of Vandling and Robert F. Owens of Elkdale.

110 YEARS AGO
December 3, 1908

Trevor Williams, formerly of this place and Vandling, was one of the victims in the Marianna Mine disaster near Pittsburgh in which 150 men lost their lives. Mrs. Williams is the former Margaret Stratford.

Vandling has a diphtheria scare with fourteen cases reported. As a further preventive measure, the schools have been closed temporarily.

Cole and Johns, local lumber contractors, have taken over the H.P. Mead tract near Whites Valley containing about 30 acres of hemlock and hardwoods.

Joe Kopyar, of this place, under an 18-month sentence, broke jail in Montrose. A fellow inmate returned of his own accord.

120 YEARS AGO
December 2, 1898

Owners of horses in Forest City and vicinity have built a road from a point near the No. 2 shaft to Blazing stump.

William Dolph of Waymart will take over the Staley blacksmith and woodworking shop on Monday.

The D&H Mine in Vandling will work nine hours a day until further notice.

The roads about Union Dale are badly blocked as a result of a recent storm.

There are 650 students attending the Forest City public schools and 145 attending night schools.

No 130 YEARS

School LUNCH MENU

Week of Dec. 3
MON. - Roasted BBQ chicken, onion rings, dinner roll, glazed carrots or raw veggies.

TUES. - Walking tacos, with all the fixings, steamed rice, buttery corn, black bean salad or raw veggies

WED. - Stuffed shells w/ Sauce, garlic breadsticks, garden salad, steamed broccoli or raw veggies

THURS. Chicken smackers w/dipping sauces, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned green beans or raw veggies

FRI. - NY style pizza, garden salad, California blend veggies or raw veggies

High school alternates: Mon/Thur: cheeseburger, 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. - Cinnamon glazed toast sticks

Tues. - egg & cheese on a croissant

Wed. - Assorted Yogurt, "Ultimate Breakfast Bar"

Thurs. - Breakfast sausage pizza,

Fri. - Bagel w/cream cheese or jelly

*Choice of assorted fruit or juice, milk

250th Anniversary of Anthracite Events Listing

The following is a list of events celebrating the 250th anniversary of anthracite coal mining:

Nov. 30 - Anthracite Heritage Museum's Grand Finale: "The Anthracite Photographers" and "Photographers of Anthracite," show opening.

570-963-4804, McDade Park.



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 in 1949 or 1950 going outside in the winter to make and throw snow balls. All we had was a pair of the cloth gloves- brown in color-- you still can get them now.

We also used them to sled ride. They got wet really quick and if it was real cold outside- below zero they froze on your hands. I had 2 pair--when I got wet I changed them out for the dry ones. When we came inside the gloves got hung in the kitchen on a rack by the stove to dry.

We also had 3 buckle arctics. Went on over your shoes and kept your feet dry but not too warm with the cold winters. I think that my Mom used to go to the Hub - a variety store on Main Street down from the A and P on the same side. I went there with her one time and they had a mitten that was some kind of plastic covering and waterproof. I got a pair and it changed the way we were able to keep our hands dry. All of the guys went and got a pair.

Outside all winter--not inside watching TV--reception sucked. All snow and only 1 channel. No I-pads or cell phones. Young people need to get off the electronic devices and go outside and have FUN.

Senior MENU

Week of Nov. 26
Monday - Baked fish florentine, scalloped potatoes, broccoli & cauliflower, dinner roll, chocolate chip cookie.

Tuesday - Chicken Alfredo, garlic spinach, minestrone soup, sorbet.

Wednesday - Meatloaf, mashed potato, carrots & broccoli, dinner roll, cottage cheese & berries.

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

Friday - BBQ chicken, roasted red potato, broccoli biscuit w/margarine, rice pudding.

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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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.usqchistory.org

Thompson - A letter from Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pickering, who are now enjoying their Florida home, report fine weather and everything lovely.

Forest City - Fire is raging in the culm pile near the river bridge. It has made rapid headway of late without any interference by the coal company. The road leading to Browndale will soon be reached unless an immediate check is made. The fumes are sulphureous and almost unbearable to passersby. ALSO Philip Evans has purchased the Walker restaurant and has been busy the past few days in getting it ready for business. It will be neat and easy and up to date. Philip's many friends wish him success in his new venture. ALSO Death has again entered the ranks of Enterprise Hose Company of Forest City and removed an active member in the person of Sidney J. Leham. Brother Leham was a good fireman, always willing to do his duty at all times and in whatever capacity and his untimely demise is deeply regretted by his fellow members. The sympathy of the company members are extended to his widow and family and the company charter will be draped for 30 days.

Uniondale - Jerry Kishpaugh, of Herrick Center, and Monroe Tyler, two veteran sawyers, were discussing the amounts of timber each had sawed. Jerry claimed to have had twenty years' experience but Monroe was equal to the emergency. He claims to hold the record in this section, having 70,000,000 feet to his credit.

West Clifford - Clyde Wilson, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wilson, passed away on Monday morning after several weeks' illness. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon.

Lanesboro - Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Wheeler have recently received news of the death of their son, Earl Wheeler, in France. A letter from another son, Arthur Wheeler, was published on Monday last in the Transcript relating to the sad details and mentioning the place of the burial of the dead soldier and the kindness of the Company Commander and all who could in any way contribute help and sympathy during the sad experience. He was formerly employed in the shops at Susquehanna.

Springville - Charlie Lee and wife are happy over the arrival of a little daughter, born Nov. 9th, 1918 - Elizabeth Lee. ALSO After nearly a month we hear that the schools and churches will open next week. A few families were hard hit but no deaths have occurred near us. East Lynn, Springville Twp. - Arthur A. Springer died of kidney disease at his home in the M. B. Taylor house, Oct. 25. He is survived by twelve children and two sisters. His wife died six years ago.

Auburn - Reports from Stanley Loomis, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Loomis, of Auburn township, state that he is recovering from his wounds at a hospital in England and will probably come home soon. He received seven wounds, one of which was so bad that it was necessary to amputate a leg. No braver or manly young soldier than Mr. Loomis trod the soil of France, and, while many friends will regret to learn of his physical misfortune, they will find great comfort from the fact that he was willing to make any sacrifice for his country. All honor to such as he.

Susquehanna - Five young men were recently arrested for using a ferret in hunting rabbits. The man who had the ferret in his possession at the time of arrest was fined \$25.

Jackson - Jackson people received news on Saturday that Jesse Spangenberg, formerly of this place, had been seriously wounded in France, and was in a hospital near Verdun. ALSO Henry Felton, of The Democrat, received news that a former classmate and close friend, Floyd E. Waters, of this place, had been killed on the battlefields of France. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Waters have received no official word of his death, and the report remains

quite indefinite.

Harford - Dr. Lewis was calling on South Harford friends, Monday. He is talking of going to New York State to work in the near future, where he will get \$3.00 a day and board. ALSO The Boy Scouts will have a box social at the S. Harford school house this week. Proceeds to be used to care for the poor French orphans. Ladies come and bring boxes and men come and buy them.

Marriage Licenses: Albert Eugene Felton, Susquehanna and Clara Rought, Summersville; Floyd E. Hibbard, Auburn and Myrtle C. Bishop, Rush; James J. McAvoy, Auburn and Mary E. McGee, Auburn; Leonard A. Casey, Susquehanna and Delia McNamara, Susquehanna; George Ramain, Lanesboro and Jennie Kinyon, Lanesboro; Helen Brundage, New Milford Boro. and Almon G. Stonier, New Milford Twp.; Leon T. VanCott, New Milford Twp. and Myrtle M. Cameron, Harford; Robert Walker, Herrick, and Minnie Westbrook, Lakeside.

News Briefs: Henry Ford gave, the other day, at his experimental farm for disabled soldiers, a good definition of a hustler. "A hustler," he said, "is a man who has his shoes sold oftener than he has his pants seated." ALSO An "Anecdote" found in the Montrose Gazette, Nov. 27, 1818: "Two Irishmen meeting in New York shook hands under an impression that they were once old friends and companions; but on observing they were mistaken, and that they were entire strangers to each other, one of them exclaimed, 'Arra dear Brother, we were greatly deceived! you tho't it was me, and I tho't it was you, but it was neither of us."

200 Years Ago from the Montrose Gazette, November 27, 2018.

*MARRIED. In the township of Tioga, Tioga County, on the 19th inst. by the Rev. Mr. Bivins, Mr. William Ross, of Rush, in this County, to Miss Anna Shoemaker, of the former place.

*Milford & Owego Turnpike. Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Milford & Owego Turnpike road company, to meet at the house of Edward Fuller, in Montrose, Susquehanna county, on the first Monday of January next, to elect One President, Twelve Managers, & One Treasurer, to manage the concerns of said company for the ensuing year.

B. T. CASE, Sec'y. Montrose, Nov. 24th, 1818.

*NOTICE. All persons indebted to the estate of Jedediah Hewitt, late of Bridgewater township, deceased, are requested to call and settle immediately; and all persons having demands against said estate are requested to bring them forward, properly attested for settlement. SAMUEL BACKUS, Adm'r. Bridgewater, Nov. 13, 1818.

Coming Events

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. 1 - Christmas in the Village, Pleasant Mt. Community Centy 10 - 3

Dec. 1 & 2 - Living Nativity Behtany Pres. Church Rte. 670 Bethany 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. No charge.

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

Dec. 15 - Cookie Walk Clifford U.M. Church Main St. 9 - noon \$14 for lg. container, \$7 for small

Dec. 15 - Ziti Dinner Lenoxville Community Hall Rte.374 Lenoxville \$10

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