

LOOKING BACK

10 YEARS AGO

November 5, 2008

Forest City Regional Education Foundation receives donations of \$35,000 - \$25,000 from Community Bank & Trust and \$10,000 from R.E. Lamb Associates, Valley Forge, owned by Cathy and Joe Sterchak.

Kaitlynn Schott, a student at Forest City Regional, job shadows at Forest City News.

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Joe Sheptak - "a man of all seasons."

Susquehanna County Economic Development Board faces challenges of natural gas drilling as presented in a DVD by the Progress Authority to the board.

Project Lead the Way becomes part of curriculum at Forest City Regional with Dr. Jeffrey S. Earle.

Deaths: Jonathan M. Granick, Lenoxville; William M. Moran, Jr., Carbondale; Stanley C. Lutcavage, Wilmington, DE; Thomas J. McBride Jr., Forest City; Joseph R. Sheptak, Dundaff; Julia Padeletti, Susquehanna; Joan A. Meade, Clifford Twp.; Wynola A. Phillips, Forest City; Benedict A. Chesnick, Callicoon, N.Y.; Joseph P. Tasso, Jr., Brownvale; Mary A. Sladicka, Carbondale.

20 YEARS AGO

November 4, 1998

Forest City Regional School has joined an electrical consortium which could save the school \$22,000 in electric costs in 1999.

The pile of mine rock which stood for more than 70 years at the corner of Main Street and Brownvale Road is disappearing. Last week a large bulldozer of Linde Enterprises began knocking the pile down.

Over 500 people attended the Old Home Week Haunted House at Kennedy Park last weekend.

Andy Striefsky and Todd Lesjack defeated Jim Wells and Bob Franceski to claim the championship of Wivey's Golf League.

Deaths: Joseph J. Kaczka, Lakewood; Donald H. Robbins, Honesdale; Margaret J. Mesiti, Carbondale; Mary R.M. Shefsky, born in Simpson; Raphael Gill, born in Richmondale; Dorothy R. Barna, born in Forest City; Daniel J. O'Neill, Sr., born in Pleasant Mount; David K. Michaels, RR 2 Factoryville.

30 YEARS AGO

November 3, 1988

The Susquehanna County Commissioners took action last week to hire an architectural firm to design a new jail.

The 100th anniversary of the Forest City Fire Dept. will be marked this Saturday night with a dinner-dance at the Brownvale Fire Hall.

According to Forest City Fire Dept. President James Kuruts, each year the company responds to over 80 calls for help.

Michael J. Franceski has been informed by the PA State Board of Registration that he has successfully passed the exam for Professional Engineer.

Two men posing as PP&L electrical contractors got into the home of two elderly Forest City women last week and finally were asked to leave when the women became suspicious.

Deaths: William Rizner, RD 1 Waymart; Raymond Gliha, born in Brownvale; Harold Cottrell, RD 2 Thompson; Leonard Payne, born in Forest City; Elizabeth Tinklepaugh, Susquehanna; Lucy Misavage, RD 1 Bethany; Joseph Janezic, born in Forest City; Andrew Kulasinski, Vandling; Louie Stone, RD 2 Thompson.

40 YEARS AGO

November 2, 1978

Karen Ann Hiznay, as a freshman, broke five Villanova school records in Women's Basketball in the 1977-78 season, and hopes to break many more.

Mrs. Ginny Thornburgh, wife of Republican gubernatorial candidate Richard Thornburgh, was a visitor in Forest City recently.

The Forest City School Board on Tuesday failed to give their decision on the results of an October 19th teacher competency hearing.

Deaths: Arthur Gerchman, Forest City; Thomas Kilpatrick, Forest City; Mrs. Phoebe Philpot, Richmondale.

50 YEARS AGO

November 14, 1968

Forest City will have Christmas lights this year thanks to the graciousness and generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bernstein, 19 Hodder Lane, Framingham, Mass. Mrs. Bernstein, the former Arlene Weiss, placed a call to the News Office last Friday after reading that the local lights were not to be installed this year. She stated that she and her husband had decided to finance the local Christmas lights in memory of her father, Harold Weiss, who operated a furniture store in Forest City for many years. Mrs. Bernstein said that Forest City meant much to her father and that in his memory she wanted local residents to enjoy the beautiful lighting display.

The First and Farmers National Bank has announced that they will distribute a total of \$112,000 to some 870 Christmas Club members. The Christmas Club checks will be put in the mail before Thanksgiving. The injection of \$112,000 into the area economy has a significant impact.

Three Brownvale women were injured at 4:15 p.m. Friday when their car struck a utility pole on South Main Street.

60 YEARS AGO

November 13, 1958

The tentative architectural plans have been completed for the new proposed building to be erected by the North-Eastern Penna. Telephone Co. on the site of the former Maxey Block in the 700 block of Main Street.

Miss Patricia Murray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Murray, 145 Spring St., Carbondale, is serving as Editor-in-Chief of the 1959 Stroud, official year book of East Stroudsburg State Teachers College.

Deaths: Mrs. Antonia Rudolph, 1030 N. Main Street; Mrs. John Maturos, Olyphant RD, the former Angeline Orasin of this place.

70 YEARS AGO

November 11, 1948

Forest City businessmen were successful in their drive to decorate Main Street for the Christmas holiday season.

The Enterprise Hose Co. elected John S. Obelenus president; George Lauriha, vice president; Rudolph Smith, secretary, and Donald Zalesky, treasurer.

Miss Mary Warhola, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Warhola and the late Andrew Warhola, was chosen as one of eight Marywood students for recognition in Who's Who Among University and College Students.

The Rt. Rev. Frank W. Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem, will mark his annual visit to Christ Church on Sunday. He will administer confirmation to a class of candidates at this time.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Bloxham attended the Pennsylvania Penn State football game at Philadelphia on Saturday.

80 YEARS AGO

November 10, 1938

The American Legion Borough Golden Jubilee celebration got underway Monday in the former Klots Mill.

Local police named two out-of-town rug peddlers for selling their wares locally without a license. They were fined \$5.00 each plus costs.

An out-of-town coal truck loaded with six tons of coal enroute from the local breaker overturned on Railroad Street and spilled its cargo.

Amerigo Benasutti paid off an election bet yesterday by wheeling Rudolph Smith down Main Street in a wheelbarrow. Smith carried a sign, Republicans Ride Again.

Deaths: Frank Lesowski, bridegroom of two months, killed in a mine accident in Simpson; Rev. Theodore Volkay, former pastor of St. John's Church here, at Dubois, PA.

90 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1928

C. C. Olver succeeds John Lynch as manager of the Forest City Milling Co. Mr. Lynch has accepted cashiership of First National Bank.

Forest City is carried by Al Smith, presidential candidate. Hoover carried nation and rest of Susquehanna County.

Mrs. Alex L. Tobias and U. G. Cooley, prominent local couple, were married in the Sacred Heart Rectory.

Miss Martha Grace Mead and Matthew H. Brown were united in marriage yesterday by Rev. B. H. Crewe in Christ Church.

Maynard Miller, Pleasant Mount, bagged a 185 pound bear in Wyoming County. He was accompanied by Bill Reese and Earl Tourje.

100 YEARS AGO

November 14, 1918

Stanley Zawesky, Center St., died Sunday. His wife followed him in death yesterday and one of their children died Monday. All were victims of the flu.

Monday after the news was received that the Armistice was signed, the community gave itself over to celebrating for the rest of the day. Vandling and Forest City joined in a parade, followed by speeches by leading citizens of both communities.

The cheese factory at Elkdale has been converted to a creamery where fine butter is now being produced.

110 YEARS AGO

November 12, 1908

The stockholders of the First National Bank have voted to increase the capital stock from \$25,000.

The M.J. and W. J. Healey families are moving to Lake Como Hotel, which has recently been purchased.

John Bucinell Jr. is serving on Grand Jury in Montrose this week.

Mrs. Michael Karnes, 58, died Thursday following a long illness.

Cashier R. R. Zarr of the First National Bank is moving his family here from Bloomsburg. The family will occupy the former Healy home on Susquehanna Street.

120 YEARS AGO

November 10, 1898

Tom Harris, son of John L. Harris of this place, incurred serious injuries in a molten metal explosion at his work in Jerome, Arizona.

Thomas Bellamy, 99, father of Mrs. John A. Budd, died at the family home at Dyberry on Sunday.

A. D. Kehren, local light company superintendent, incurred serious injuries when he came in contact with a high voltage wire while repairing the line atop a pole near the Forest House.

Election Day was quiet locally as a large number of citizens failed to go to the polls to cast their vote.

130 YEARS AGO

November 8, 1888

Following is the honor roll of local students: Harry Wedeman, Lizzie Melvin, Daisy Bridges, Nettie Carpenter, and Myrtle Alexander.

Hon. Galusha A. Grow and Hon. J.T. Dubois addressed one of the largest political gatherings in this section Friday. No less than a thousand listened to their speeches.

E.J. Thomas, of this place, has moved back to his farm in Pleasant Mount.

Senior MENU

Monday - Rotisserie turkey sandwich, pumpkin soup, sliced beets, crackers, yogurt parfait.

Tuesday - Turkey burger on WW roll, french onion soup, carrot raisin salad, tropical fruit.

Wednesday - Salisbury steak, green beans & carrots, mashed potatoes, dinner roll, apple slices.

Thursday - Tuscan pork, broccoli & cauliflower, boiled potatoes, dinner roll, cookie.

Friday - Roast turkey, sweet potato, green bean casserole, stuffing butter, pumpkin square.

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



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.

This one is written with help from my sister, Carol Cole Hawkins, now living in Winlock, WA, the Egg Capitol of the world.

She wrote: I had Sadie, (her Labrador dog), outside this morning and it feels like fall. All that is missing is Helen Melvin raking Maple leaves into the North St. ditch and lighting them on fire. They smoldered more than burned and filled the air with their smell. It was a wonderful time of the year with all of the fall smells in the air.

I think that most of the residents raked their leaves to the curb and burned them. It filled the whole town with the wonderful smell of burning leaves and you knew fall was here and winter not far behind.

I don't think that they even allow fire pits in Forest City now. We had a cylinder made out of steel that was like a very thick mesh. It sat in the gutter in front of our home on Railroad Street. We used to burn paper and cardboard in it. Sparks used to fly out of it when we burned trash. Imagine if the sparks flew across the street and caught the lumber yard on fire?? What a mess that would have made and homes threatened.

Carol wrote: I can't say that I miss the PA. winters at all. Having to shovel a path to the coal bin, and hang clothes on the line while fingers froze and the clothes too; stiff as a board. Not drying most of the time but having to bring them in the house and put the clothes on bars in the kitchen to thaw and dry. Nothing fun except the sled riding on North Street. WOW - that was fun.

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School LUNCH MENU

Week of Nov. 12

MON. - French Toast Sticks, syrup, potato rounds, sausage patty, assorted yogurt, fruit.

TUES. - Cheese Stix w/ pizza sauce, salad, glazed carrots, ch. pea & tomato salad, fruit.

WED. - Pasta Alfredo, pl. or w/ chicken, garlic breadstick, salad, steamed broccoli, watermelon applesauce, fruit.

THURS. - Boneless wings w/ homemade wing sauce or BBQ sauce, oven crisp fries, seasoned green beans, strawberry cup, fruit.

FRI. - Steak & ch. hoagie w/ peppers & onions, sweet potato puffs, frozen sherbert, fruit.

High school alternates: Mon/Thur: cheeseburger, Tues/Wed/Fri: chicken fillet 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. - 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.

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

PEACE DECLARED: A Washington dispatch yesterday (Nov. 7) afternoon states that Germany has accepted the terms of the Allies and has surrendered. The agreement was reached by commissioners from both the Allies and Germany on the front in France at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon (European Time.) Hostilities have ceased. All the cities of the United States are celebrating the greatest single event in the world's history.

With Our Soldiers in the Field - The sad news came Saturday that Glen Saunders, of Lathrop, had been killed in action in France. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family. Mrs. M. A. Foster, of Forest Lake, recently received letters from her sons, Francis and Raymond Foster, who are now fighting for their country in France. Word was received that the Rev. John O'Leary, of Great Bend, was wounded Oct. 10th, in France. Father O'Leary was one of the first three who volunteered as chaplains from the Scranton diocese. Arriving in France in April, he was on the battlefield from June 1 to July 20 and cared for the wounded in the battle of Chateau-Thierry. He was sent back to a rest camp until he went in service in the last drive.

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against a stonewall and put one hand over the muzzle of the gun. A stone fell from the wall, striking the hammer and exploded the gun, the charge tearing the side of the hand off. Dr. Cole was called and dressed the wound, which is doing nicely.

Herrick Center - After four churchless Sundays and a school vacation of three weeks our local health officer appeared on our streets Monday and tacked notices on both churches and the school building proclaiming them closed until further orders. We find it difficult to discover how the town is to be benefitted by this action now, when the epidemic is abating and all rules have been observed for the past three weeks. Truly, the efficiency of the department is marvelous.

Clifford - We of this little valley are more than thankful in the fact that, thus far, we have practically escaped the deadly epidemic. But two of our people have been afflicted and they are now well on the way to recovery.

Thompson - The drowning of Eugene Larrabee in Comfort's Pond on Monday was reported. Mr. Larrabee, in company with Mr. Calahan, both of Susquehanna, were fishing in the pond. Mr. Calahan had gone on shore to prepare coffee for their lunch. Soon after someone observed the boat, bottom side up. They succeeded in recovering the body. Full details lacking.

News Brief: Sportsmen this season must carry their hunting licenses with them, and this aside from displaying their license tags on their coat sleeves. In the past years it was thought only necessary to wear the tag, but wardens have now received notice to stop all hunters and ask for their license papers. The new regulation is designed to prevent passing tags from one hunter to another which sportsmen in some communities have done.

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