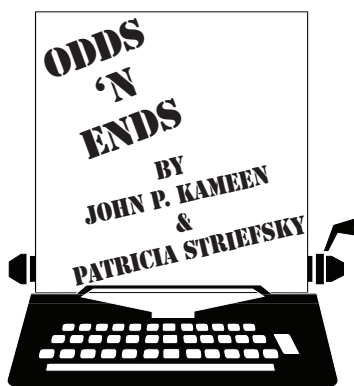


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Over the past month or so we have been enjoying lots of visits to our Dining Guide restaurants. Our most recent culinary delight was Stone Bridge Restaurant, Elk Mtn. where we feasted on Parmesan Haddock and Pasta Du Jour with Pesto. Also really enjoyed their fresh mozzarella Calabrese appetizer which was so big it could have been an entrée. Also we visited Plate d'Azure on Main St., Carbondale, for dinners of Pasta w/Vodka Sauce and Veal Francaise. We previously visited them for a lunch of Reuben and burgers. They also asked that we remind patrons they serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Also had Prime Rib night at Elegante, Forest City, where Anthony gave us a huge and delicious piece of beef, and his pasta with that tasty tomato sauce, with their usual excellent service. We also hit Arlo's for a Goulash special which we would highly recommend along with a great cheesesteak. Finally we dined with Robert at McDonnell's, Carbondale, for his delicious fresh fish platters and homemade soup. We also visited Max Deli, Vandling, for his hearty breakfasts, lunch and dinner specials. We do enjoy his Fried Shrimp dinner. So you can see we had lots of eating out over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. We still have a few Dining Guide members which we will be visiting in the coming weeks.

Recent article in the Montrose Independent listed the costs for health insurance to employees in the Mountain View School District. The cost for an individual policy was \$8,055 while the cost for family coverage was \$19,975. That comes out to \$155/week for an individual and \$384/week for a family. Granted this is probably considered a "Cadillac" policy but you can see that the health insurance upward curve cannot continue.

If you are a senior citizen you probably got your Social Security benefit statement for 2017. Funny how that minuscule increase in your COLA was instantly gobbled up by your Medicare Part B premium.

## Hist. Society Seeks items From Browndale

The Forest City Area Historical Society (FCAHS) is seeking pictures or items of interest from Browndale and the surrounding country side. Pictures of people, pictures of businesses, business items with the name of a business that once were in operation in Browndale. Please contact the FCAHS Curator, Bob Wirts @ rfwirts@nep.net or drop items off at the Forest City News, Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 4 PM. We request you let us know who you are and what is the history behind the picture or item. Thank you!!



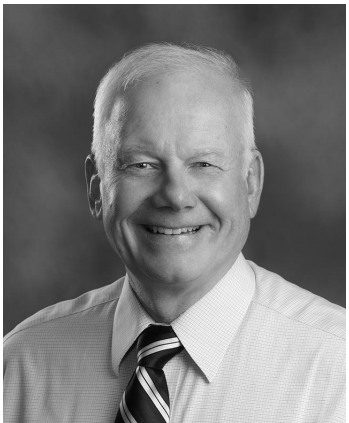
## Dr. David Tomazic Merges Practice with Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers

After 35 years as a solo practitioner, David Tomazic, DO, has decided to merge his Forest City medical practice with Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers (WMCHC). Effective January 30th, Dr. Tomazic, along with his current office staff, will see patients at the McAndrew Family Health Center, 111 Main Street in Vandling. He'll be joining Krista Hollis, CRNP, who has been with the McAndrew Family Health Center since 2013.

"Dr. Tomazic has been treating residents from the Forest City area for decades," stated Frederick Jackson, executive director, WMCHC. "We're proud to help perpetuate such outstanding patient care by having him join our staff."

Dr. Tomazic is a true native son, having graduated from Forest City Regional High School. He then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Villanova University and a Medical Degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship at Allentown Osteopathic Hospital and residency in Family Medicine at Williamsport Hospital. Dr. Tomazic spent nearly 30 years as an active medical staff member of the former Marian Community Hospital in Carbondale prior to its closure in 2012. He continues to serve as the Medical Director of the Forest City Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as he has since 1982. He recently stepped down as Medical Director of the State Correctional Institute in Waymart after 13 years.

Acknowledging today's challenges for a solo practitioner, such as "insurance



Dr. David Tomazic, DO

demands," Dr. Tomazic feels confident about partnering with Wayne Memorial. "WMCHC has a great reputation in the community," he said, "and my association with the organization can only prove to be a positive endeavor."

"We are hoping for a seamless transition," stated Margaret Tomazic, RN, Tomazic practice manager. "All medical records will automatically be transferred. Therefore, no action is required on the part of our patients. We mostly need to stress that we're in a new location and can be reached by phone at 570-785-3194 after January 30th."

WMCHC resumed management of the late Dr. Patrick McAndrew's medical practice, renamed the McAndrew Family Health Center, in 2012. According to Jackson, "We've remained committed to the provision of healthcare in the Forest City area. Merging the two practices will help solidify that commitment."

For more information about WMCHC and all of its services, visit [www.wmhc.org](http://www.wmhc.org) or call 570-253-8390.

## Housing units on Susq. St. being Occupied

The annual meeting and dinner of the Susquehanna County Housing and Redevelopment Authority was held on Friday, Jan. 13 at the Crystal Lake Hotel.

Authority Board President Joseph Matis and Authority Director Karen Allen said that six of the rental units in the project on Susquehanna and Depot Streets, Forest City, are completed and are in the process of being rented. The other two units will be ready in May.

The units are for moderate income residents. Renters pay \$650 per month plus their heat and electricity. There are no subsidies available for the rent.

The Authority also has acquired the four rental units located on Hudson and South Streets, Forest City. These were previously owned by a private developer. They are already occupied.

The Authority has been working with Forest City Borough on a number of its projects.

## Baseball & Softball Registration ONLINE

The Forest City Cal Ripken Baseball League and Forest City Area ASA Softball League will hold registration for the 2017 season ONLINE at the league website [www.forestcityhomeplate.com](http://www.forestcityhomeplate.com). Click on the Registration Tab, a few questions and your sign up will be complete in minutes.

## Petitions for Spring Primary Due March 14

Any candidates for elected office in the May 16 can begin securing nominating petitions at their County Courthouses. The first date to begin securing names on petitions is Feb. 14. The deadline for filing nominations petitions is March 7.

## Salvation Army Distributes food to over 200 people



The Forest City Salvation Army, with the help of students at Forest City Regional High School, handed out food to over 200 people on Wednesday, January 25 at the location on Main Street. Food was donated by the Weinberg Food Bank, The Village of Four Seasons and the United Methodist Churches of Clifford and Lenoxville.

## FC Police arrests total 274; Street work reduces revenues

Arrests by Forest City Police continued its multi-year decline during 2016, according to the annual Police Report given to Forest City Borough Council on Jan. 9th. A total of 274 arrests for various infractions were made in 2016, down 20 from 2015, and dramatically down from the record 736 arrests in 2012. In years prior to 2012, arrests were usually in the 375 to 425 range.

There was even a slight increase in police dept. meter revenue despite the installation of new sidewalks and the suspension of parking meters and fines for almost half of the year. The year's total meter take of \$8,425 was about \$400 higher than the previous year's collection of \$8,032, however the new electronic meters were in place for only about half of 2015.

Meter fines were only a minor figure in the total revenues of the dept. with only \$120 being collected due to the longtime suspension of meters for the sidewalk construction. However other fines for restricted parking in other areas of the town totaled \$390.

In 2016 a total of 138 arrests reported were for offenses involving motor vehicle violations. In 2015 this was 112. There were 13 Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests and 16 for obedience to speed control devices. Failure of periodic vehicle inspection totaled 30 while registration and title violations totaled 13.

Warnings for equipment violations totaled 158 while warnings about speed were 37. The number of police calls was down slightly from 2015. Last year's total was 3,624 compared to 3,704 in 2015. Of those calls 128 were calls to assist other departments. A total of 51 were to answer alarms going off while 23 were accidents investigated. There were 50 warrants served and 50 calls for domestic disturbances. There were 12 arrests for disorderly conduct and 12 for harassment.

There were 33 retail thefts reported, up from 18 in 2015. There were 36 complaints for dogs and cats and 10 burglar-

ies reported, up from 3 the previous year. The local department made 249 trips with the police cars to other jurisdictions including 120 trips to Clifford where the Magistrate's office is located. There were 27 trips to Carbondale, 31 to Scranton, 26 to Montrose, and 14 to Honesdale.

The police vehicles traveled a total of 37,996 miles in 2016. Of the \$15,4518 in revenue generated by the Police Department, a total of \$4,395 was in magistrate fines. Clerk of Court fines were \$754 and State police fines were \$965.

- ARRESTS**
- Aggravated assault 2
  - Agg. Assault police 1
  - Agg. indecent assault 1
  - Altered Inspection 1
  - Burglary 7
  - Careless driving 4
  - Child Abuse 11
  - Corruption of minors 1
  - Crim. Attempt burglary 1
  - Criminal contempt 1
  - Criminal mischief 3
  - Criminal trespass 2
  - Cruelty to animals 1
  - Defiant trespass 3
  - Delivery cont. sub. 1
  - Disorderly conduct 121
  - Dog not leashed 2
  - Drive under suspension 17
  - Drivers req. to be lic. 2
  - Drive safe speed 1
  - Driv. und. susp. -DUI 1
  - DUI 13
  - Endanger welf. Child. 1
  - Escape 3
  - Megans law viol. 2
  - Fail. carry lic. 1
  - False ID to law 2
  - False reports 1
  - Fin. Resp. Req. 4
  - Fleeing/eluding 1
  - Flight/ avoid appre. 1
  - Fraudulent use of reg. 1
  - Alcohol to minors 1
  - Harassment 12
  - Indecent assault 1
  - School bus viol. 2
  - Minor op. MV/alcohol 1
  - MV violation 1
  - No Inspection 4
  - Obd. to traf. cont. dev. 16
  - Obst. Law enf. 1
  - Oper. ATV/Street 1
  - Pass school bus 2
  - Pass on dbl. line 1
  - Periodic insp. req. 30
  - Unauth. driver 3
  - Pet nuisance 1

- Poss. Cont. sub. 3
- Pos. sm. amt marij. 5
- Poss. drug para. 13
- Poss. Intent to del. 1
- Poss., cons., trans. alco. 3
- Public drunkenness 2
- Racing/h'way 1
- Rec. stolen prop. 3
- Reckless driv. 1
- Reck. endanger. pers. 8
- Reg. /title req. 13
- Resist arrest 2
- Restrict. alco. 3
- Retail theft 12
- Seat belts 1
- Sexual assault 1
- Simple Assault 7
- Speeding 3
- Stop /yield signs 1
- Stop, stand. park. 1
- Terroristic threats 2
- Theft by decep. 2
- Theft by unlaw.tak. 5
- Ag. assault MV 1
- Soliciting ride 1
- Damage unat. prop. 1
- Illegal burning 1
- Danger. burning 1
- Trespass 1
- Total Arrests 274

- TRIPS**
- Carbondale 27
  - Clifford 120
  - Honesdale 14
  - Montrose 26
  - Peckville 1
  - Scranton 31
  - Simpson 7
  - Union Dale 1
  - Waymart 2
  - Herrick Center 1
  - Jessup 1
  - Tunkhannock 1
  - Peckville 1
  - Nanticoke 1
  - Total 234
- REVENUE GENERATED**
- Meter collections \$8,425
  - Meter fines \$120
  - Accident Reports \$120
  - Restricted parking \$390
  - Magistrate fines \$4,395
  - Magistrate fines (LC) \$203
  - Clerk of Court fines \$754
  - Clerk of Courts (LC) \$143
  - State police fines \$965
  - Total Revenues \$15,515

## Pancake breakfast set for Sat., Feb. 4

The East Ararat United Methodist Church will hold its pancake breakfast Saturday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 11 a.m. The Cost is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children 6-11.

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