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Gaining Strength Through Each Other

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COMMUNITY CENTER

Recommendations concerning the future use of the Emmitsburg Community Center were presented to the Frederick County Commissioners at a recent meeting. Mayor William Carr, Philip Postelle, Jeff Fitzgerald, and Elizabeth Prongas represented Emmitsburg.

The issues addressed were these: should additional tenants be authorized to occupy the center until a decision is made regarding renovation; and should those presently using the building on a part-time basis be banned until safety issues have been resolved and hazardous materials removed?

A background of the building situation was given by Ron Hart, Director of the Management Services Division. The meeting focused on the most appropriate and feasible strategies for using the building while dealing with bothersome architectural problems. From this discussion guidelines were agreed upon by the participants and approved by the County Attorney.

Current plans for continuing use of the center are as follows: (1) Meetings with Agencies and Youth Groups using the building will be held to notify them of the hazards and to give them an opportunity to make informed decisions about their use of the building. (2) Youth group leaders and participants will be required to sign affidavits to continue use

ZONING

Residents: If you are going to make changes to your property in any way, please call the Town Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., to check if you need a zoning permit from the town. If you need a permit, the Zoning Administrator will arrange an appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 447-2313.

of the facilities. (3) The third floor of the building will be closed. (4) Signs warning of hazards will be posted. Concurrently the town officials and county agents will undertake a room-by-room evaluation concerning the lead paint hazard. This will be done in a cooperative effort to correct the situation under the legal guidelines

The agencies currently using the facility full time are the Commission on Aging, the Emmitsburg Public Library, the Arts Council, and the Resident Trooper Program.

Those agencies or organizations using the building on a part-time basis are the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Police Athletic Association, the Catoctinaires, the Catoctin Teen Council, the Adult League Basketball, the Catoctin Youth Association, and the Tom's Creek Methodist Youth Group.

SNOW EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

For information about snow emergency procedures being designated or lifted, call the town office at 447-2313 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., watch Emmitsburg Cable Channel 22, or listen to your local radio station.

Ordinance 93-2 specifies that parking is prohibited along East and West Main Street during a snow emergency. The fine for violation is \$15.00.

Snow Emergency means the accumulation of snow/ice of two or more inches along Main Street within the corporate limits.

Parking is prohibited within corporate limits when the accumulation occurs and will continue to be prohibited until it has been cleared.

Police are empowered to remove vehicles or issue citations of parked or abandoned vehicles that interfere with the removal of snow or ice. This will be at the owner's expense.

Emergency hours - If the accumulation occurs after 6:00 p.m. vehicles will not be towed or citations given until after 8:00 a..m. the following day.

TOWN ELECTION DATES SET

The Water Commissioner's seat, currently held by Thomas R. Gingell, is scheduled for election on Tuesday, April 26, 1994, from noon until 7:00 p.m.

Candidates for this position must file in writing at the Town Office. To qualify, candidates must be residents of Emmitsburg for one year prior to elections. The last day to file for candidacy is April 15, 1994, by noon.

Voters are urged to register any workday, Monday through Friday, at the Town Office, 22 East Main St., between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Special evening registration will be held on the first Monday in March (3/7/94) and the first Monday in April (4/4/94). The office will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day. To register to vote, one needs to have been a resident in Emmitsburg for thirty days prior to the election date.

To apply for an absentee ballot, the registered voter must submit a written application to the Town Clerk on/or before April 15, 1994. The application must state that the voter will be absent from the Frederick County area on April 26, 1994, during the time the polls are open.

The Town Clerk will deliver or mail to the voter an absentee ballot which must then be signed and returned to the Town Clerk before 9:30 a.m. on April 26, 1994.

Meeting To Discuss Newspaper

A Community Meeting will be held Wed. March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the United Church of Christ, 220 W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD, to discuss The Role of A Newspaper in the Community. We would like to hear what you think a community newspaper should be. All those interested are invited to attend and share their views. We hope that you will participate. If you are shy or a bit hesitant to speak out, you are still welcome to attend and take part as a listener.

COMMUNITY NOTES AND NOTICES

LITTLE LEAGUE

By Lynn Fraley

It's been snowing, but another Little League season is just around the corner. The next meeting will be February 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW on the square in Emmitsburg.

Parents: We are asking you to attend this meeting because there will be discussion on whether or not to begin charging a registration fee, and if so, how much. This will apply to everyone, so if you have any input or questions, please be at the meeting to give your opinions.

Registration for girls and boys Little League will take place at the Ambulance Corps building on Feb. 19 and Feb. 24, from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.. A duplicate copy of your child's birth certificate will be needed to register.

Age requirements are: T-BALL (5 & 6 years old). The child must be 5 years old by Aug. 1, 1994. MINOR LEAGUE (7 & 8 years old). The child must be 7 by Aug. 1, 1994. LITTLE LEAGUE (9 thru 12 years old). The child must be 9 by Aug. 1, 1994.

We are still seeking umpires, player agents, and announcers for some of the games. For more information or answers to any questions call Roy Wivell, Little League president, at 447-2881.

BREAKFAST WITH LIONS

The Lions Club will hold a breakfast Feb. 6, 1994, from 7:00 a.m. until noon at Mother Seton School. The proceeds from this affair will support the Lions Club projects. Prices are reasonable: \$4.00 for adults, \$2.50 for children 6-12, and FREE for children under 5 years of age.

A hearty fare consisting of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausages and gravy, biscuits, bacon, juice, milk and coffee will be served.

HEALTH FAIR UPDATE

The Emmitsburg Lions Club's 11th Annual Health Fair will be held on March 26, 1994, at the Mother Seton School. Mammograms, available by appointment, will be offered again at a cost of \$65.50. Please call 447-2562 to reserve a place. Only 41 appointments can be scheduled.

The Lions, in conjunction with The Gettysburg Hospital, will offer Blood Tests from 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. The cost is \$22.00 for the Multiphasic Blood Screening, with an optional Health Risk Appraisal Program available for an extra \$5.00. NOTE; a 12-hour fast (nothing but water) is required prior to the blood test. This test provides the participant with a printout of the results, and can be referred to each year to indicate any changes in your blood's condition.

Other FREE screenings include blood pressure check, height and weight according to the national scale, vision, glaucoma, hearing, oral cancer, foot problems, and oxygen saturation screening.

LENTEN MEDITATION

Bruce and Christine Maccabee will participate in the first Lenten Meditation at the Basilica of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to be held Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Their selections will include Faure's "Pie Jesu," J.S. Bach's "O God, Thou Faithful God," and others.

The Maccabees are a unique husband and wife duo who take the best that experience and training have given them and masterfully blend this into varied and unusual programs. They have performed numerous times in the DC and local areas, giving both formal concerts and informal programs.

FUN NIGHT

A Family Fun Night is held every Saturday evening at the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Motters Station Road. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Early Bird games will begin at 7:00 p.m. Delicious food is available.

LIBRARY

by Bea Keilholtz

The Emmitsburg Public Library hopes that frequent visits to the facility will be one of your New Year's resolutions.

We've received many new children's books recently. *Look, Snow* by Kathyrn Galbraith and *Emily's Snowball* by Elizabeth Keown are both very timely with our winter weather.

A young people's biography is *Honest Abe* with text by Edith Kunhardt and unusual paintings by Malcah Zeldis.

Janice VanCleeve has two new offerings, one entitled *Gravity* and the other *Animals*. Both have mind-boggling experiments that can be turned into Science Fair projects. Another science book, *Where's the Insect?*, challenges the reader to find the insects among the beautifully illustrated pages.

Two very popular books for adults are *The Hope* by Herman Wouk and *The Decider* by Dick Francis.

Come in and browse--there is something for everyone.

Parents: don't forget the Story Hour every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for all preschoolers. See you at the Library.

OLD TIMEY BUTCHERING

The Rocky Ridge Volunteer Fire Company will have a "Country Butchering," Saturday February 19, at the Fire Hall. Meat will go on sale at 6:00 a.m. For advanced orders call 271-2880. All orders should be picked up by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the butchering.

A pancake breakfast will be served from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the Rocky Ridge Fire Hall on Motters Station Road during this event.

SUPPORT FOR GRIEVING

An on-going support group for those experiencing grief because of the death of a family member or friend will begin Tuesday, February 22, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. The group will meet weekly at the Elias Lutheran Church, Emmitsburg. We welcome anyone with this need. Donna Heebner of Gettysburg Hospital will be the leader. Call Polly Knox at 447-2676 for information.

AGENCIES

Catoctin Pregnancy Center

The Catoctin Pregnancy Center recently opened its door to assist women in crisis pregnancies. The Center is an all volunteer, independent, non-profit organization chartered in the State of Maryland as a charitable corporation. Its objectives are to provide counseling, resource services, and practical help with women in a crisis situation.

The Center helps women in crisis pregnancies in very practical ways by providing clothing for children of all ages, baby furniture, and other necessities. Information about child development and prenatal care is also provided. It directs women to free services they may need to continue their pregnancy. Free pregnancy tests are also provided. All services are confidential and free.

The Center is a Pro-Life and Pro-Family organization and does not provide services or information regarding abortion or birth control, other than Natural Family Planning. An expectant mother can receive information about material and emotional assistance if she wants to carry her baby to term. Adoption information is also available.

The Center developed from a conversation between Betty Lucier and Christine Porter who worked on the Right-To-Life group and Birth Right Group respectively. They approached the Town officials and the Council of Churches and received support for the idea. They also consulted with Mary Lynne Zeigler, a licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ann Marshall and Don Geiger serve on the Board of Directors...

A "9x9x90 = LIFE" fund-raiser will be held in the near future to raise funds to meet expenses and keep the Center operating. The first 9 represents the nine months of life in the womb. The second 9 represents \$9 for each month. The 90 is the number of sponsors needed to raise the money required to meet expenses. Donations have been received from local churches and organizations. For more information, or to make a contribution contact the Center at 447-3391 or Tammy Wivell at 447-2752.

CORRESPONDENTS

Rocky Ridge

By Emma Keeney

Retirees honored - In December, Donald, Ruth, and Stuart Six gave a retirement dinner at the Mountain Gate Restaurant for Charles Keeney and Francis Sharrer, who recently retired from the Donald Six Company, Mr. Keeney after thirty-seven years and Mr. Sharrer after thirty. Those attending were Donald and Ruth Six, Stuart and Barbara Six, Francis and Ethel Sharrer, Charles and Emma Keeney, Rick and Debbie Lescalleit, Helen Garber, Henry Curshon and wife, and Merrit Copenhaver.

After a delicious meal, Stuart Six gave a speech first to Mr. Kenney, then to Mr. Sharrer. He spoke of their different experiences while working for the company. The retirees were each given a beautiful clock with a plaque.

Mitten Tree - Each year before Christmas the Mt. Tabor United Church has a mitten tree, which our Lutheran friends help us fill each year. This year we collected 120 items. Some of the mittens and gloves were given to the Appalachian Mission. Some were given to Heartley House, and the Religious Coalition of Frederick County.

Trip - Mary Shriner went with the Senior Citizens of Taneytown on a bus tour to Wheeling, West Virginia. Friday night the bus drove around many places to let the people see the beautiful Christmas lights until it was time to attend the music show. On Saturday the group attended the dog races. They visited many other interesting places before coming home.

Hospital - Geraldine Rhoderick recently returned from Gettysburg Hospital. She is slowly recovering.

Birthdays - Greta Lambert, Feb. 3; Emma Lou Harris, Feb. 5; Jonathan Moser, Feb.5; Jeanette Miller, Feb. 9; Bradley Greene, Feb. 15; Marshall Sharrer, Jr., Feb. 14; Marshal Sharrer, Sr., Feb. 16; and Philip Dinterman, Feb. 22.

St. Anthony/OLMC News

by Ann Marshall

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Thurmont, and St. Anthony Shrine Parish, near Mount St. Mary's College, announce several upcoming events.

FAMILY NIGHT in February is for parishioners and friends who are ice hockey fans and would like to attend an NHL game. There will be a trip to the Washington Capitals vs. Tampa Bay Lightning game on Saturday, Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m. at the U.S. Air Arena (Old Capital Center).

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY 1994 will be celebrated with a special Mass at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, Baltimore, on Sunday, Feb. 13, starting at 3:00 p.m. All married couples and their families are warmly invited to attend the Mass and the reception which will follow. Couples married 25, 50, or more years will be honored for their commitment to the ideals of Christian marriage and the family.

A BUS TRIP TO CANADA to visit the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre and other sights is under consideration for July or October, depending on interest.

For further information about the above activities please call the Parish Office, 447-2367.

Parishioners are advised that weekday masses may sometimes be canceled if the weather is inclement. Fr. Leo asks that everyone use discretion before starting out on icy or snowy mornings.

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YEARLY REPORT OF VIGILANT HOSE CO.

The Vigilant Hose Company, consisting of 99 active volunteers, answered 250 alarms and 58 calls during 1993. "The average number of people responding per alarm was 24," reported Fire Chief Frank Davis. There were no deaths or injuries to fire personnel or others during these activities. Training has played an important role. Over this year, the company participated in eleven department drills. Fiftyone firemen received formal training amassing 1,925 hours of schooling.

The company responded to many different types of alarms: 1st due fire, 64; 1st due rescue, 50; mutual aid fire, 61; mutual aid rescue, 18; emergency service calls, 8; helicopter landings, 1; medical assists, 18; fill quarters, 22; and hazardous materials incidents, 7. There was one false alarm.

THE FIREMEN WILL BEGIN THEIR PLEDGE DRIVE IN MID FEBRUARY. AS OF JAN. 24, 1994, \$241,125 HAS BEEN PLEDGED.

The following buildings or property were involved in 1st due fires: private structures, 12; chimneys, 6; farm property, 2; field or brush, 8; vehicles, 6; commercial, 4; institutional, 16; dumpsters, 1; public utilities, 4; storage/ warehouse, 1; and miscellaneous, 4. The total estimated damage was \$131,200.

Equipment used by the Fire Company to carry out its functions consists of three pumpers, a squad truck, one car, and two brush trucks.

EMMITSBURG AMBULANCE CO.

During the month of December, the Emmitsburg Ambulance Company ran a total of 69 calls. These included 44 medical emergencies, eight vehicle accidents, nine fire assists, and ten routine calls.

For the year of 1993 they ran a total of 740 calls, traveling 26,860 miles. Of those calls, 237 were Advance Life Support calls and 395 were Basic Life Support calls.

Hours served included 670 Company hours and 1,708 Personnel hours.

UP-COUNTY

In support of the notion that life-long learning is an important key to successful living, the UP-COUNTY Family Support Center is offering new classes beginning in February. Classes will be held at 16840 S. Seton Ave. at the Seton Center in Emmitsburg.

Childbirth education classes which are Lamaze based, will be held in a six week series beginning Thurs. Feb 3, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

ABE/GED classes (sponsored by the Frederick County Board of Education) will begin Sat. Feb 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Career Exploration Classes/Jobs Club will start Tues. Feb 22, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The Family Enrichment Class still has some spots open. Call to see if you qualify. Classes will begin Tues Feb.15. Lunch will be provided.

Computer Literacy Classes will begin in April. of 1994. Call to reserve a spot.

Free transportation to and from classes is provided. Free Developmental Childcare is provided for those participating in the classes.

Call 447-2810 for more information or to reserve a place in any of the classes.

LOCAL BUSINESS CHANGES ADDRESS

Quality Tire Service of 503 E. Main St, Emmitsburg, MD, has been in business for over 33 years, providing the community with tire and battery service with affordable price. The business will relocate in order to provide work space for faster customer service, a more complete product display area, and convenient parking.

It will move into a larger building at 17650 Creamery Road. "The old timers know it as the old Creamery," said Bob Mort, owner of the business. "It's located across from Mother Seton School. The building is currently being used as a leather goods factory."

The Official Opening is scheduled for late February or early March depending upon weather delays and renovations. Until then Quality Tire will still be open for business as usual at its old location. However, it will be closed February 4 through February 13 for vacation and reopen February 14.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of my customers for your support and loyalty. God speed," said Bob. For more information call 447-2909.



EMMITSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the society will be held March 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Emmitsburg Community Center in the Library Media Room. Election of officers for 1994 is on the agenda. Members are urged to be present. All are welcomed

The speaker for the evening will be Rev. Rosemary Maxey whose topic is "The Real Maryland Natives." Rev. Maxey is the pastor of the UCC in Rocky Ridge. She is of Native American lineage.

For more information, contact Dick Marsden (447-6216) or Dennis Sherald (447-2950).

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COMMENTARY

Life in a small town moves at a slower pace. There is less stress, but we are not unaware of what is going on around us. Physically we are separated by miles from "hot spots," but information flow keeps us linked. Although we may not be directly involved in all the sadness and joys, and tragedies and celebrations occurring, they affect us. They change the way we view our lives in our corner of the world.

An event plays out in the national press and television, flashes into our awareness, alters us, and quickly disappears, being replaced by a new event. We are bombarded at a high frequency by sequences of events that leave us reeling. There is hardly any pause in this assault. Our brains become numb.

Community is a process of interactions that can occur at nearly the speed of light. This area is exposed to all of the madness happening anywhere in the world. We are fortunate that when problems do happen here they are usually of a scale or magnitude that can be managed.

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Problems can be worked out to our mutual benefit if we have the courage and strength to talk about them. We appreciate those who do.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Child Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator with the Frederick County Mental Health Association (FCMHA) recently asked me to offer a letter in support of a request for grant funding from the Frederick County government. The \$17,500 requested would replace the patchwork of state monies that previously have financed this county's minimal child abuse prevention programs. At risk are all of the various child abuse prevention and intervention activities that are coordinated and conducted by the FCMHA.

My written insights were solicited because I'm an expert on childhood abuse: I lived through it. Beginning when I was five years old and continuing through my teenage years. I was sexually explored and exploited and emotionally tormented by five trusted adults. Last December, immediately following the death of my mother, I began the process of dealing with my past, healing the wounds, and reclaiming my right to a life of happy hopefulness. During these past months, the most discomforting notion is the fact that many adults knew or sensed that I was being sexually victimized but were too paralyzed to intervene. As a matter of fact, my mother was sexually abused when she was 13 years old but the incident became her secret, silent shame. Sadly, it became my shame as well. My mother was so wounded that even she couldn't protect me. As I have grown stronger in my resolve to recover, I note that child abuse is perpetuated by silent denial and is passed down from one generation to another. Closed-minded and blind-sighted posturing demonstrates that people don't want to think about childhood sexual abuse. But we must! Ours is the responsibility to contemplate and confront the generational cycles of child abuse, because it is clear that childhood maltreatment is a major factor of human tragedy and suffering.

My life was shattered as a child because some trusted adults took advantage of my loving innocence for a power-play of sexual gratification. I am a strong survivor of the worst of childhood traumas, and I am screaming, "This madness must stop!" There cannot be a higher priority than breaking the cycles of abuse via enlightenment and empowerment. And, let there be no doubt, there must not be a higher priority than preventing atrocities committed against our youth. On behalf of the adult survivors of child abuse and the potential child victims, I implore the Frederick County Commissioners to dedicate dollars to the FCMHA so that ours might be a kinder and more gentle community. Our children must be protected!

Sandra Leigh Krantz, Founder Survivors United

100 Years Ago "In This Place"

From The Emmitsburg Chronicle

Feb. 2, 1894 - Keep an eye on the movements of the Ground Hog today. He can deceive you as easily as the weather man. Neither of them are very reliable.

Good Attendance at the Public School

On last Wednesday the second term of the Public School ended and taking in consideration the prevalence of La Grippe during the term, the attendance has been very good. The number on the roll at the present time is ninety-three. The average daily attendance was eighty-three. The following named pupils deserve special mention for being present every day of the term: Rose Jackson, Bessie Horner, Mary Maxell, Mary Shuff, Madeline Fraley, Rhoda Gillelan, Reynolds Caldwell, Willie Agnew, Robert Horner, Edith Nunemaker, Ruth Gillelan, Maggie Eyler and Grace Hartman.

Feb. 16 - A number of young men, of this place, have formed the habit of congregating at a certain place in town, in the evenings for the purpose of having a good time, and having formed what they call "Harmony Lodge." The members of the so-called "lodge" were out on the town on Tuesday evening enjoying the sleighing. But judging from the boisterous noise made by the members while going through the streets, the "lodge" has been misnamed, for the slightest sign of harmony was not exhibited.

OUR SETON CENTER

by Sandy Keene

It is appropriately named, because upon visiting you see "tons" of energy, activity, selflessness, devotion, helpfulness, and above all a sense of love!

My visit consisted of a very pleasant and enlightening interview with Sister Mary Beard, Seton Center Administrator. She graciously led me on a tour of the entire facility. The number of programs and activities taking place in one small building was amazing.

Seton Center was established in 1969 by the Daughters of Charity, Emmitsburg, at the request of area citizens. It is the only day-care facility in the county that has been in service for over 20 years. When the Center opened its doors November 3, 1969, twenty preschoolers were enrolled in day-care, the first service offered. Seton Center is now a fully licensed facility for 156 children, ages 2 - 12 years.

The spring of 1970 marked the founding of the Thrift Shop. This endeavor started out small but grew steadily. In 1970 the needs of our senior citizens and the home-bound became apparent. Seton Center began offering services through its Outreach Program. This program offers emergency assistance (home, hospital, nursing home visiting), coordination of the Emmitsburg Food Bank, and an annual Christmas Project which serves more than 7,500 people.

All of the programs work in conjunction with schools, businesses, and other community agencies to further enhance the services offered. An active volunteer program is in effect at all times.

Seton Center was incorporated in 1979, and a Board of Trustees was established as its governing body. The board is comprised of nine members, eight actively serving and one vacancy. These members are well known in the community as professional people willing to volunteer their services for the betterment of the center.

Day-to-day operations of the center are carried out by a well qualified staff

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The New TAX LAW-

What does it mean

by Don Geiger

It has been a few months since the passage of Clinton's Tax Law. Here are some of the major points and how they might affect you or your taxes due April 15th and in tax year 1994.

What are the new tax rates for individuals?

High-income earners of over \$115,000 and married couples with taxable incomes over \$140,000 are subject to a new rate of 36 percent. Those with a taxable income over \$150,000 are subject to a surtax of 10 percent which is the equivalent of 39.6 percent. For many people the tax rates will remain at 15, 28 and 31 percent. The new rates are retroactive to Jan. 1, 1993.

Will I be subject to penalties if I underpaid my 1993 taxes, due to increases in rates?

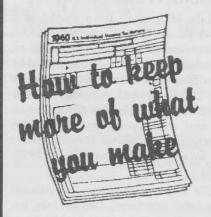
No. No penalties will result from underpaying taxes for 1993 due solely to the increased rates. You can pay the additional liability in installments over three years (caution: prescribed procedures must be followed.)

Is there a tax increase for Social Security recipients?

Yes. Certain Social Security recipients (based on income levels) will see a tax increase, beginning Jan. 1, 1994. Single persons with incomes over \$34,000 and married couples with incomes over \$44,000 will have up to 85 percent of their benefits taxed. This is up from the old maximum of 50 percent.

How much does the Medicare payroll tax increase?

The cap for high-income earners was eliminated. The Medicare payroll tax of 1.45 percent for employees, or 2.9 percent for the self-employed, applies to all earned income, effective Jan. 1, 1994. Previously there was an income ceiling of \$135,000. This hit the self-employed twice as hard since they pay both halves.



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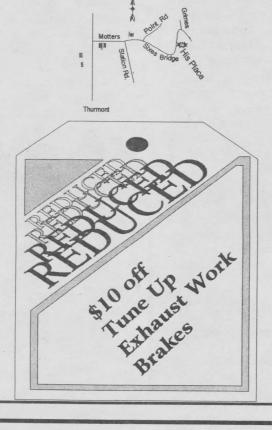
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HEALTH TECHNICIANS AT SOME SCHOOLS IN COUNTY

by Dianne L. Walbrecker

Since the 1950s, Maryland has had a law on the books which requires that the local health department and the schools work together to ensure that students are cared for while they are in school and that standards are established for that care. "It took 34 years to develop the school health standards, which were finally passed in 1991," according to Genie L. Wessel, an Administrative Specialist for Health Services and Health Education with the Frederick County Board of Education.

The model for school health standards, which was presented by Dr. Bowes and approved by the Frederick County Commissioners, calls for a full-time health technician in each county school to be supervised by a registered nurse (RN). Each RN is to supervise the health technicians at three different schools. The same model has been used successfully in both Howard and Montgomery counties.

While the program, which started at the beginning of this school year, is praised by many, only 25% of the schools in Frederick County now have a full-time health technician. Emmitsburg Elementary is not one of those schools. Currently, the school secretary, Mrs. Hilda Hemingway and the Instructional Aide, Mrs. Betty Meredith, dispense prescription and other medicine and help children injured during school hours, duties that should be handled by a health technicians.

"We're excited about the program because it is a cooperative effort between the Board of Education and the Health Department. The principals who have the health technicians are delighted because many of the responsibilities now fall to the secretaries. The new program allows trained personnel to handle these medical needs. Besides, we are getting students who need more complex care, such as suctioning and catheterization," according to Ms. Wessel.

Ms. Wessel explained that the Board of Education chooses the schools that will have full-time health technicians based on needs and hopes to have technicians at all schools by 1995. Additional funding is necessary to phase in technicians for the rest of the schools in the county. Ms.

Wessel is not sure when the Frederick County Commissioners will provide the additional funding.

"The health technicians have at least high school educations and are provided with additional health-related training in basic CPR, first aid, administration of medications, an overview of common childhood illnesses and information about treatment of serious allergic reactions. They treat students and teachers alike and make referrals to the RNs, when needed," continued Ms. Wessel.

"In fact, a health technician at Urbana Elementary splinted the leg of an Emmitsburg resident, Art Teacher Anne Kulceski, when she fell on an icy sidewalk and broke her leg in two places," she added. "We're very concerned about the schools that don't have health services in place because the RN and health technician contribute to the overall well being of the child and are an important part of helping to keep that child well."

CUB SCOUTS GEARING UP - ROOM FOR MORE BOYS!

A group of curious and active young boys meets every Monday evening in the Emmitsburg Community Center and has room for more boys. Cubmaster Bob Marsh and Webelos Den Leader Bob Krebs lead the Cub Scouts in games, crafts, and in working on some of the merit badges. "The boys learn a lot and get recognition through the merit badges for activities they are doing already," says Cubmaster Marsh.

The Emmitsburg Cub Scouts include Tiger Cubs (1st grade), Wolf Cubs (2nd grade), Bears (3rd grade) and Webelos (4th and 5th grades). "The most important thing about Cub Scouts, and the reason I'm involved, is to help boys develop self esteem and help them grow," says Bob Marsh.

Parents play a crucial role in the Cub Scouting program too. They help their sons work on merit badges and participate in den and pack meetings with the group. "It's a partnership between the boys, the leaders, and the parents. We don't want the Cub Scout meeting to be another hour of classroom, but the boys are expected to

behave and we want involvement from the parent or guardian too," Marsh explains.

The Cub Scouts are now building cars for the Pinewood Derby. "We will be having our own Derby to determine the fastest three cars in our pack and then those boys will compete in the Frederick Super Derby in March," he says.

If you are interested in joining, call Bob Marsh at 447-6117 for more information. Meetings are on Monday evenings from 7-8 p.m.

OUILTERS

January 11 was "Q-Day," when the Mt. Tabor quilters held an open-house for the Pre-Schoolers of St. John's Lutheran Church of Thurmont. The day was spent with story telling and demonstrations of quilting.

The Quilters continue their project of making warm covers for victims of home fires in our area and especially for Heartly House.

Heartly House, located in Frederick, is a non-profit agency which provides temporary shelter for women and children who are victims of family violence and/or are survivors of rape and sexual assault. Referrals are made by social service agencies and law enforcement agencies. For more information, call 662-8800.





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Obituaries

Funeral services for Mr. George Louis Orndorff, 69, of Old Gettysburg Rd., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday Dec. 19, 1993, at the Milton J. Hershey Medical Center, were held Thursday Dec. 23 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, with his Pastor Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Frances (Bowling) Bergling, 83, of Flanders Ave., Garrett Park, MD, who died Thursday, Dec. 23 at her residence, were held Mon., Dec. 27 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, Emmitsburg, Md with the Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the celebrant. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Sister Antonia Gray, 90, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD who died Monday, Dec. 27, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Wednesday, Dec. 29 with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD, with her Pastor Rev. Fr. John King as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's

Funeral services for Mr. Chad Anthony Topper, 25, of W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday,, Jan. 2, 1994, as a result of injuries in an accident in Adams County, PA, were held Thursday, Jan. 6 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Emmitsburg, MD, with Rev. Fr. Alfred R. Pehrsson as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Robert Eugene Wills, 48, of Miami, FL, who died Wed., Nov. 24, 1993, in Miami were held Friday, Jan. 7, 1994, with a grave side service from Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery. Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiated.

Funeral services for Sister Mary Alice Fowler, 74, of S. Seton Ave. Emmitsburg, MD, who died Monday, Jan. 3, at Villa St. Michael, Emmitsburg, MD, were held Friday, Jan 7, with a Mass of Christian Burial from the Basilica of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD, with her Pastor Rev. Fr. John King as

the Celebrant. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mr. Robert Leon Joy, 69, of S. Seton Ave., Emmitsburg, MD, who died Sunday, Jan. 9 at the Hanover Hospital, Hanover, PA, were held Wed., Jan. 12 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Emmitsburg, with Rev. Dr. David Shaum as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in the new St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mr. Charles Joseph Stouter, 87, of Annandale Road Emmitsburg, MD, who died Fri., Jan. 7 at the Avalon Manor Nursing Home, Hagerstown, MD, were held at the convenience of the family.

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth(Stonesifer) Copenhaver, 75, of W. Main St., Emmitsburg, MD who died Thur., Jan. 20 at The Michael Manor Nursing Home, Gettysburg, PA were held Mon., Jan. 24, with a Christian Burial Service from Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD, with her Pastor Rev. W. Ronald Fearer officiating. Interment was in Emmitsburg Memorial Cemetery.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Ann (Sanders) Wivell, 46, of Snow Bird Trail, Carroll Valley, PA, who died Thurs., Jan. 20 at her residence were held Tues., Jan. 25 with a Mass of Christian Burial from St. Anthony's Shrine Parish, Emmitsburg. with the Rev. Fr. James DeLaney as the Principal Celebrant. Interment was in St. Anthony's Shrine Cemetery, Emmitsburg. MD.

Arrangements for all of these services by Skiles Funeral Home, Emmitsburg, MD.

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of thirty-three employees (summer and on-call staff complement this number.) Staff members are assigned to all areas: Administrative/Clerical, Maintenance, Day Care, Dietary, Housekeeping, Thrift Shop, and Outreach. Space is leased to the Upcounty Family Support Center and Central Maryland Catholic Charities. In addition, free space is offered for a GED Program sponsored by the Frederick County Board of Education.

Looking to the future, the work of the Seton Center will be unable to function adequately in its present building, which is in need of extensive repair. Approval has been granted for a new building to be situated on the same site, next to the existing center.

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Make a syrup by combining the apple cider and rum in a skillet. Boil, uncovered, for 10 minutes or until cider is reduced to 1/2 cup. Spray a baking pan with nonstick vegetable spray. Brush bananas with lemon juice and place them on pan. Bake in a preheated oven at 350 degrees for five minutes.

If yours is a valentine whose flame has dwindled,

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Meanwhile, place some of the syrup on each plate. Place 3 banana pieces in a fan shape atop syrup and spoon frozen yogurt in the center. Top with additional syrup and mint sprig. Serve immediately (serves 4).

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Teams may participate by securing pledges and playing against other teams of similar ability. Each team designates its own playing ability from Beginner to Highly Competitive. Participants will receive a team picture and a Volleyball Bash water bottle.

To make a court appearance or to volunteer to assist, please call 1-800-886-3771 and talk with Mike Singer. A minimum entry fee of \$175 in donations will entitle a team to 90 minutes of volleyball action against a team of similar ability.

4-H Finds Success At Consumer Judging

The Frederick County 4-H intermediate team placed seventh in the state-wide Consumer Judging Contest. All teams judged pizza, in-line skates, walkabouts, sweatshirts, and quick breakfasts.

Laura Keilholtz of Thurmont was ranked tenth among judges, leading the intermediate Frederick team in scoring. The team consisted of Laura; Suzanne Turrell, Middletown; Eileen Butler, Ijamsville; Kathy DeHart, Frederick; and Steven O'Hara, Frederick. Terri Butler of Ijamsville coached the team.

Nancy DeHart, coordinator of the 4-H Consumer Judging teams, expects the classes for 1994 to be announced in May. Practices will begin in June. If you would like more information about this program or 4-H, call 694-1589.



COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

By Paul Harner, Chairman

The first meeting of the Council in 1994 was held at the Trinity Methodist Church on January 6.

The financial report for 1993 was presented. It was noted that the Council disbursed over \$3,500 helping those within the community to make ends meet (rent, heat, electricity, etc.), aiding in providing pastoral services to the Citizens and Montevue nursing homes, sponsoring the Vacation Church School, and helping needy transients. The income of approximately \$2,400 for the year, obtained primarily through the Sunday night Lenten services, the Easter Sunrise service, and the Thanksgiving service, included a generous gift from the Emmitsburg Business & Professional Association. (Note the difference between disbursements and income; fortunately we had a healthy balance at the end of 1992, not so at the end of 1993.)

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation by Bill Wivell of Tom's Creek Methodist Church regarding efforts to establish a "Work Camp" in Frederick County. Bill had participated in group work camps in Florida following the hurricane of 1991 and in Illinois during the 1992 floods. He and others recognized the need for helping those unfortunate enough to be unable to maintain or repair property right here in our own area. Thus, they are trying to set up what may be called a "Frederick County Work Camp" to help our county neighbors. A similar group is already in operation in Washington County. He noted that a meeting was going to be held at the Christ United Methodist Church on Ballenger Creek Pike in Frederick on January 28 and that all interested people were invited.

Other items of interest included a brief on the status of the Catoctin Pregnancy Center, a letter from the Community Agency School Services thanking us for some family assistance, and the preliminary scheduling of our CROP walk for May.

A special meeting was scheduled for January 28 for the pastors to determine the Lenten service schedule. The next regular meeting of the full Council is scheduled for March 3, 7:00 p.m. at Elias Lutheran Church.

REMEMBER THE HEART

By Karen J Myers

Over ten thousand men and women from Frederick County served their country during the Vietnam War era. Twenty-two were killed in action and another one is still listed as missing. In a county the size of Frederick the number is considerable. With thoughts of family and loved ones, these citizens joined with our government to protect and defend our country and way of life. Have we as a country done as much for them?

THE VIETNAM VETERANS ME-MORIAL COMMITTEE, INC. of Frederick County is trying to preserve the memory of those people who were lost to us during the Vietnam War. Since 1990 this committee has worked assiduously to plan and erect a memorial in Frederick to honor them. The planned monument will be in the form of a black obelisk upon which will be lasered the names and images of those people who gave their lives for their country in Vietnam. Surrounding the monument will be walls depicting the active services of all branches of military involved in the Vietnam war.

One would think that the Frederick County community would support this committee in its endeavors to honor the dead in battle, but this has been yet another arena for conflict and dismay for Vietnam veterans. However, as with any noble cause, persistence and commitment are the keys to success, and this committee is committed to overcoming bureaucratic red tape and community apathy.

Local disabled Vietnam veteran Forrest Knipple of Rocky Ridge, second vice-president of the memorial committee, sees this battle for the memorial as one that they will win. He says the memorial is necessary to the Frederick County area as a "place to go and reflect." not only for the veterans but also for their families. It will represent "a point in our history that will never be repeated, one that needs remembering." Vietnam was never recognized by this government as a war, and the veterans were seldom honored as our country's brave defenders. The nightmares of battle and death continue to plague. Perhaps the erection of this memorial will help dispel at least some of the trauma suffered.

Forrest Knipple eloquently contends

that we must "keep the spirit going" and says that "if we can't instill some of this into our youth... we are lost." The respect for self and others must begin with the respect for life lost in the fight for freedom. We are destined to repeat that which we do not honor with remembrance.

For the Frederick County memorial to become a reality there remains much to be done, involving the raising of funds to complete the work already under way. The committee is planning fundraising events and soliciting funds from other veterans' organizations, local businesses, and the private sector. They have received some funding, but more is needed. Pins can be purchased for five dollars and hats are on sale for eight dollars. All of the monies raised go toward the memorial. The veterans are donating their time and efforts.

If you are interested in contributing to the Vietnam War Memorial of Frederick County, you may contact Forrest Knipple by calling 271-2453. To purchase a pin or hat, contact Fred Kresaal, treasurer of the VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, INC. at his home, 694-8873, or office, 662-8312.

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