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Rescue squad will be billing for its service

Ability to pay not a factor

In an effort to provide adequate funding to meet ever increasing costs, the Salem Rescue Squad will start billing each patient that uses its services beginning January 1. By billing each patient, the squad expects to obtain insurance reimbursement that is available for ambulance transportation and thus offset some of its expenses. The squad will remain, as always, an all volunteer group.

The rescue squad will continue to provide service to all patients regardless of the ability to pay. The first priority of the squad is to respond when needed. As a nonprofit organization, its purpose is to provide emergency medical care and treatment to residents in the squad's service area.

Explaining the new policy, the squad president, Steve Snyder, says, "Donations have not been keeping pace with the rising costs of operation. Most people have some type of health insurance which includes payment for ambulance service as a benefit. Salem is one of the last squads in the area to begin billing insurance companies. We will still need

donations and memorial contributions to supplement the insurance payments."

The squad has contracted with Multi-Med Billing Service, Inc., of Baldwinville to operate the billing program. MultiMed is a full service billing company experienced in answering patient questions, submitting insurance claims and providing assistance with the billing process.

Ambulance bills are generally covered by insurance including Medicare and Medicaid. MultiMed will submit all bills to the appropriate insurance company on behalf of the patient and will assist with any insurance issues. Payment is not due when insurance is rendered. A request for insurance information will be made when a patient is transported.

Income obtained by billing will provide an additional means of funding supplies, tools, equipment, training and maintenance so as to provide the best possible emergency medical services to area residents. This past year the Salem Rescue Squad responded to over 330 calls.

Salem Winter Sports

Basketball
Boys JV & Varsity
Wayne Patrick, Junior Varsity
January
6 - Whitehall, home, 6 p.m.

Basketball
Girls JV & Varsity
Coaches Peter Dunigan, Varsity
Bill Becraft, Junior Varsity
*Denotes League Game

January
5 - Warrensburg, away, 6 p.m.
8 - Hartford, away, 6 p.m.

Wrestling
Coaches Mike Poplaski,
Frank Fronhofer,
Frank Fronhofer II, Todd Cary
January
3 - Whitehall, J.V. tourney, away, 10 a.m.
7 - Warrensburg, home, 6 p.m.

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Town board meeting
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Shushan
—The following were winners at the card party held at the Grange hall on Saturday evening. Women, Marilyn Hanby and Carol McKown; men, John Becker and Roland Lufkin; special prize, Grace Reynolds; door prize, John Becker. Jane Carpenter and Phyllis Pearson were in charge of the party. The next party will be held on Saturday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight service well attended
The candlelight service was held at the United Presbyterian church on Christmas Eve. The church was nearly filled with worshippers for this impressive service. The Rev. Richard Gratz, pastor of the Embury and Shushan United Methodist churches, gave the message. The Rev. Dr. Donald Pepper, Supply Pastor, read the Scripture and gave the prayers of the evening. The United Presbyterian choir presented several selections and the congregation joined in with familiar carols. Mrs. Edith Meikle was the organist. Jane Shields Hayden, a member of the choir, sang several solos. She also played for the children who delighted the audience with a childhood favorite. Next year the service will be held at the United Methodist church. Mrs. Meikle serves as organist for both of the village churches.

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Hospital Foundation adds directors

Thomas Crowley, chairman of the Mary McClellan Foundation, announced the membership on its Board of Directors has been increased by seven. All are area residents and each brings specific expertise to the foundation. The new directors from Greenwich are: James Catalano, Esq. of Catalano & Catalano; Robert Jeffords, CPA, Financial Planner, and Anthony Jordan, Esq., from the law firm of Russell C. Tharp, Jr. From Cambridge: John Imhof, Esq. of Dunham & Imhof and Clifford Ross, President of Eastern Casting Corporation and from the Hooksett Falls area: Peggy Cottrell, a Trust Officer at the Vermont National Bank in Bennington, a resident of North Hooksett and Robert Scott, CPA, a partner with Scott, Stackco & Co., and accounting firm in Troy. Mr. Scott resides in Hooksett, N.H. The foundation has formed four standing committees: Finance, Strategic Planning, Nominating and Planned Giving.

Joyce Davis, Executive Director of the Mary McClellan Foundation said, "A major priority of the foundation is

the development of a Planned Gifts Program which will be offered to the residents of the area. The newly elected directors have expertise in law and financial and estate planning and will be a great asset to the program."

The number of directors is eighteen. This ensures a cross section of representation on the four standing committees and for the implementation of the foundation's programs to raise money to support Mary McClellan Hospital at this critical time.

"We are very pleased that people are recognizing the importance of joining us in our efforts," Mr. Crowley stated. He further noted that the foundation will be much more visible in the future, and will be actively recruiting people to become involved in its programs.

The other members who currently serve on the Foundation Board are: Carol Cammody, Richard W. Norman, Thomas G. Bell, Donald Blunk, Arthur E. Center, Jr., Donald E. Cummings, Louis Imhof, Leonard Lipovsky, William Moses, Edmund Skorupski and Mary Lee Weeks.

Chronology of the events of 1997

Issue of February 27 continued

Navy Fireman Larry J. Jenkins of Argyle participated in crash search at the site of recovery of destroyed TWA Flight 800 off Long Island.

Washington County supervisors opposed plans of State to place wolves in the Adirondacks.

Daniel Hayes has been nominated for a 1997 Edgar Award for his new book, *Flyers*.

H & V presented check to the Schuyler House Company in memory of former employee Brian D. Myers, Sr. killed while fighting a fire New Year's Day in Schuylerville.

A tour of the Marshall House in Schuylerville to be held on March 22. Historic house was a refuge for wounded, women and children during the Battle of Saratoga.

Volunteer firemen of the David Nevins Fire Company received certification for courses completed in 1996.

MARCH

Plans for National Cemetery to be located in Town of Saratoga unveiled. Summary of Washington County's per capita tax.

Section II Basketball champion teams.

Greenwich School Board recognizes Kevin Shepard for his Fire Prevention and drug awareness programs with young people.

Dale MacNeil of Salem and Dwight Holbrook of Cambridge named to Board of Directors of Mary McClellan Hospital.

Salem Central School fifth and sixth grades perform the play, *Alice in Wonderland*.

Easton Town Board resolves confusion on resolutions passed in January.

March 13

Washington County SPCA changed name to North Country SPCA and will expand area of coverage.

Bobby D'Andrea met with Greenwich people to discuss possible tax relief and reform.

Girl Scouts celebrated 85th Anniversary March 12.

Village of Greenwich scheduled hearing, annual organization meeting and referendum for truck purchase.

Salem students selected for All-County Band.

Schuylerville group sought change of name of village to Old Saratoga.

March 20

Eagles seen along the Battenkill river area.

The Agricultural Stewardship and the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board were awarded grants to use to protect the county's farmland in production.

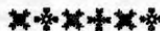
Mrs. Walter A. Scholten celebrated her 97th birthday.

Santa's annual visit at hospital

More than fifty children of Mary McClellan staff members had an opportunity to visit with Santa Claus and have a pancake breakfast in the hospital cafeteria on December 20. Each of the children had a Polaroid taken with Santa and the delight on their faces was wonderful to behold. The children ranged in age from just a few months to eight and included children and grandchildren of the staff.

Kathleen Lacasse, CEO; Marilyn Jordan, Cardiac Pulmonary Department; Linda Formulier, Food Services Department served the children and their families the breakfast prepared by the food services staff. Natalie Sloth took the Polaroid photos that were given to each child as a memento of the occasion.

One of the grandmother's who attended said, "This was my first time at the annual breakfast with Santa at the hospital and it was just a wonderful experience for my four-year-old granddaughter and for me, too! Santa was wonderful and so attentive, he was kind and communicated very well with the children. We'll be here next year!"



The annual Procession of the Cross to be held in Greenwich Good Friday, March 28.

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