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Medical records on demand

By **DAVID TAUBE**
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Service allows doctors, labs to quickly share patient info

In the past, private doctors, hospitals or labs faced a delay when they sent medical records to one another.

Medical records departments that were electronic could pass the information along if they happened to be affiliated, but that generally was just with one or two institutions, one area doctor said.

But beginning May 3, Finger Lakes Health patients will have the option to share their electronic medical records with health care providers across the region. The health provider is one of the most recent additions to the Rochester Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO).

The old process required signing and faxing a consent form, after which the proper paperwork was printed and then faxed back.

"If a patient didn't know which lab or where a specific study was done, this could have made the process next to impossible," Dr. Bryan Gargano, associate chief of the Rochester General Hospital Emergency Department, said in a statement.

He said many smaller institutions or offices have no medical records access available evenings, nights or holidays.

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Zotos International in Geneva presented its second annual Carnival for the Babies Saturday with all proceeds going to March of Dimes. David Grabbatin, 10, of Seneca Falls looks over the prize table with all his winning tickets in hand.

At right, twins Peter and Alex Diaz, 9, from Waterloo take part in the Fear Factor booth separating gummie worms from whipped cream. At far right, Cora Orego, 6, of Waterloo takes aim with a dart gun at a game booth.



FROM TANKS TO TRELLISES

Winery needs spawn niche industries

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The wine industry's impact extends to the local businesses that supply it.

"We try as much as possible to buy from local producers and companies if at all possible, because it just makes good sense, and we want other people to do the same when they think about wine," said Derek Wilber, president and winemaker at White Springs Winery in Geneva.



Wilber

White Springs has bought supplies from Helena Chemical Co. in Geneva and T-shirts from Graphic Connections in Geneva. In the retail store, there are

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Memorial run brings up fond memories

WATERLOO — My good friend Billy DiCicco died March 20, 2008, of a form of leukemia.

He had just turned 59, and two years later, I and many others who knew him grieve his loss.

We grew up together in the '50s and '60s in Waterloo, well before iPods, Internet and video games. We went to St. Mary's School together, back when it was common to have 30 to 35 kids in a class taught by a nun.

I wouldn't say we were inseparable. We lived in different parts

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of town. But we played Little League, St. Mary's basketball and Babe Ruth baseball together. Later, as adults, we played softball.

Last year, his wife, Martha, decided she wanted to honor Billy's memory with a "Run for

Runners take off Saturday at the start of Poppa Bill's Angels Run for Hope in Waterloo. Martha DiCicco (at far left) organized the run in her husband's memory.

Hope" in his old hometown to raise money to aid families coping with cancer. I quickly signed on and offered to help.

It was Billy who got me running back in our college days. We were home for the summer and after drinking a fair amount of beer (the drinking age was 18 back then), Billy decided we should make an attempt to stay in shape. I've thought of those initial, painful runs around vil-

lage streets whenever I've gone out for a jog over the years, right up to today.

The Run for Hope was Saturday, a perfect running day, sunny and cool. As I settled into my comfortable pace, unfazed by those passing by me, I thought of my childhood and the outdoor fun Billy, I and our friends had as kids. Jogging on the village's

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Thirsty Owl's riesling wins nose test

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CANANDAIGUA — Thirsty Owl Wine Co. was the riesling champion at this year's Golden Nose Competition with its 2008 Riesling.

There were 49 rieslings entered in the competition, held at the New York Wine and Culinary Center, and Thirsty Owl took home the lead crystal Riesling Grand Cru glass made by Riedel.

The riesling also took home double gold at the Finger Lakes International for the John Rose Award.

Shawn Kime, winemaker at Thirsty Owl Wine Co. in Ovid, said the wine

was created by blending riesling from their vineyard and two others. The blend tasted better than any one on its own, he said.

"It was a great honor... [Golden Nose] doesn't have the professional judges in it like the Finger Lakes International, but we've never really made wines ... trying to think what's going to win in a competition. We make them for our customers. And that's exactly who the judges were in the Golden Nose," he said.

At the awards ceremony, Kime said he even recognized some of the judges as customers.

"To win an award that was judged by

consumers who were actually out there buying our wine was a great honor. That's what we've always strived for, is to make wine that customers are really going to like," he said.

There were 217 wines representing over 20 varieties from 40 Finger Lakes wineries entered in this year's competition; eight double gold, 39 gold, 72 silver and 65 bronze medals were awarded.

The awards were based on blind tastings by 21 consumer judges assisted by seven Finger Lakes wine industry professionals.

Four-judge panels determined the initial awards, and "Best of Class" des-

ignations were awarded to the finest-rated wines in various areas. Double gold medals were determined by a unanimous vote by a panel, and gold medals required a majority vote.

The competition was open to all wineries in the Finger Lakes appellation. It was previously sponsored by the Seneca Lake Wine Trail and held in Corning in 2006, 2007 and 2008. It was suspended in 2009.

The event is now managed by the New York Wine and Culinary Center, but the mission, spirit, and format remained the same.

A complete list of results will be posted at www.goldennose.com.



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RUN

More than 100 participants raised over \$3,000 to aid families coping with cancer

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streets brought back memories of pickup ball games of baseball, basketball and football.

But especially baseball. We'd put our gloves on the handlebars of our bikes, stick a ball in a pocket and a bat over a shoulder and ride around looking for a game to join or start.

As I jogged, I vividly remembered us fooling around by the canal, playing home run derby whiffle ball in his side yard, throwing grounders in the street, Babe Ruth practices on summer mornings and games at night and riding with Billy and his parents to Waterloo High sectional basketball games at the War Memorial.

I ran past the house on East Williams Street where he and Martha lived early in their marriage. I remember the 40th birthday party for Billy that Martha hosted and how much fun we had as we joked about getting older. Little did I know he'd be gone so soon.

Later, we'd get together



Gabrielle Plucknette / Finger Lakes Times

Reporter Dave Shaw runs in 1st Annual Poppa Bill's Angels Run for Hope in Waterloo Saturday in honor of his late friend.

and just reminisce. Our conversations often began with, "Do you remember the time when....?"

Growing up in Waterloo with Billy and other friends was fun. The memories always make me smile.

The run helped me reconnect with Billy's family and see his grandchildren: "Poppa Bill's Angels."

I ran the entire 5K course without stopping. It took me about 40 minutes to cross the finish line, but that's what happens when you are 60. It gave me more time to remember my friend and help with a good cause.

The race drew more than 100 walkers and runners and raised more than \$3,000. Martha and the kids want to make it an annual event in Waterloo.

I hope that happens. I still miss my friend. Always will. But jogging through our old stomping grounds keeps him alive in my heart.

Besides, I need to work on my 5K time. The walkers weren't that far behind me.

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System should prevent repeat tests

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At Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, electronic medical records were available but in varying degrees. Patient information could not be transported easily within the hospital, let alone outside of it because disparate systems could not "talk" with each other.

"Patient information was in electronic silos, so to speak," spokeswoman Rebecca Jones said in a statement.

In the Rochester area, that arrangement has been changing.

Rochester RHIO has allowed more than 20 health care providers to share electronic medical records. Participating institutions include private medical groups, hospitals and doctors.

"The RHIO takes a one-to-two-hour process and makes it into a one-minute search for records," Gargano said.

Finger Lakes Health signed up earlier this month.

"The service will be useful when patients from one of our facilities have cases that require care at other medical centers," Dr. Errol

Zimmerman, vice president of Medical Affairs and chief medical officer for Finger Lakes Health, said in a press release. "Lab results and discharge summaries, for example, will be shared instantly and electronically, instead of moving large paper files and re-entering the information at another facility."

The Rochester-based organization, a not-for-profit, says the shared system can save lives by providing immediate information about past medications, diagnoses and recent lab results that could affect treatment decisions.

The system also helps avoid repeat tests, reduces the risk of mistakes caused by poor handwriting, and allows for easier second opinions, Finger Lakes Health said.

Patients must sign a consent form. If a patient hasn't done so and has a life-threatening emergency situation, doctors can still access the system on a one-time emergency basis unless the patient has specifically declined a particular provider.

Medical providers that use the service include Canandaigua Medical Group, Clifton Springs Hospital & Clinic, Finger Lakes Bone & Joint Center, Finger Lakes Hematology and Oncology, Finger Lakes Urology, Interlakes Orthopaedics Surgery, Lakeside Ear, Nose, Throat & Allergy, the Ontario County Jail, Thompson Health and Wayne County Nursing Home.

Visit www.grrhio.org for more information and a list of other participating health providers.

"As more organizations add patient information to the exchange, more physicians will be able to access complete, accurate and up-to-date information on their patients wherever they go for treatment," Ted Kremer, executive director of the Rochester RHIO, said in a press release.

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