

St. James Mercy joins health network

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HORNELL — St. James Mercy Hospital has signed an agreement with Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital and Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, Allegany County, to form a new health network called Upstate Health Partners.

The agreement is the first step toward an integrated health services delivery system involving the two Tier hospitals and the Rochester hospital.

Under the terms of the agreement, signed at Jones Memorial Hospital Jan. 26, the three hospitals will seek ways to work together and share resources.

Among terms of the agreement, specialists from Strong will now travel to the other two hospitals on a regular basis, cutting down on the need for patients to travel from the Southern Tier to Rochester for specialized services.

The agreement also helps to make easier the transfer of patients from the Tier hospitals to Strong for care and services available at the Rochester hospital; to permit shared data management systems and joint purchasing; and to increase opportunities for patients at the Tier hospitals to take part in clinical trials of new drugs and procedures being conducted by researchers at Strong.

Although each hospital's governance,

ownership and management will remain the same, a governing body will be formed to oversee the network and collaborative efforts.

In forming the network, the three hospitals are following a trend in health care today, noted Paul Shepherd, president of St. James Mercy Hospital, Inc.

"Health care today is collaborating and working with others — not just hospitals — to provide comprehensive health services for the community," Shepherd said. The direction for today's hospitals, he continued, is to seek ways to provide "a continuum of services"

Moreover, Shepherd added, the new network will enable St. James Mercy Hospital "to make sure we have a wide range of health services for people in our community."

Shepherd explained that the new partnership will enable the Tier hospitals to take advantage of services Strong can provide but which are beyond the means of St. James Mercy and Jones Memorial. He noted, for example, that Strong Memorial has a cardiac rehabilitation unit that the Tier hospitals are unable to offer, but which will now be available to their patients through the new collaboration.

Among other advantages to the arrangement is that, rather than having patients travel to Rochester, specialists in such areas as cardiology, oncology and

pulmonary medicine will now travel from Strong Memorial Hospital to the Tier hospitals to meet with patients.

The arrangement will also allow more training opportunities for staff at the Tier hospitals, and for Strong's physicians to maintain contact with regional physicians.

Shepherd noted that the network merely formalizes working relationships that have existed between the Tier hospitals and Strong for several years.

Under terms of the agreement, St. James Mercy Hospital will maintain its Catholic identity, Shepherd cautioned. Thus the Hornell hospital will not be required to take part in or support activities that are counter to Catholic teachings, such as controversial tests currently being conducted on abortion drugs by physicians with ties to Strong.

"In our affiliation, the one thing we have to do first on is keep our Catholic identity," Shepherd explained. "That is one of the things we can't waver from."

Jack Balinsky, diocesan director of Catholic Charities, evaluated the agreement for Bishop Matthew H. Clark. Balinsky noted that the deal allows for the hospitals to decline participation in research and practices on a case-by-case basis.

"Each such case would be determined by the board of directors of the institution," Balinsky said.

College to hold service for Father James Sauer

ROCHESTER — A memorial service for Father James Sauer, Rochester Institute of Technology's Catholic campus minister and former director of the college's Center for Campus Ministry, will take place in the Student Alumni Union of RIT's Ingle Auditorium, 1 Lomb Memorial Drive, this Monday, Feb. 6, from 1-3 p.m.



Bishop Matthew H. Clark is scheduled to participate in the service.

Father Sauer, who came to RIT in 1983, died suddenly Jan. 23 at his Greece home. He was 49 years old.

Father Sauer had stepped down as director of the college's Center for Campus Ministry a few weeks before his death. In addition to his work with campus ministry, Father Sauer had served as an adviser to the Gamma Nu chapter of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Phi Kappa Tau brothers have created a Father James Sauer Memorial Scholarship. Contributions can be sent to Bill Jenkins, Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity, P.O. Box 30, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

For information on RIT memorial arrangements, call the Center for Campus Ministry at 716/475-2135.

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sonably infer that Millar and Father Moloney conspired with other unknown assailants to obtain the stolen cash, he continued.

"The Supreme Court has said one person can be convicted of conspiring with persons unknown," Larimer said.

The judge also noted that the courts have interpreted conspiracy law to allow for a co-conspirator in a crime to be tried in the venue where the crime occurred even if he did not directly participate in the crime.

"Someone obviously robbed the Brink's depot and the money ended up in New York City," the judge said, adding that a jury can reasonably infer that Father Moloney knew how the stolen money was obtained.

Currently out on bail and under house arrest in New York City, Father Moloney is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 9. He faces up to five years in prison.

Lottery effort underway to dispense 'green cards'

ROCHESTER — The U.S. State Department is conducting a month-long lottery to grant immigrant visas, or "green cards."

Under the program, which began Jan. 31, aliens are given a chance to win green cards even if they lack close relatives to sponsor them or a job skill in demand.

Applicants must have a high school education or its equivalent, and have worked at least two years in an occupation requiring at least that much training or education.

For information, contact Stephen Brent, 45 Exchange St., Suite 912, Rochester, N.Y. 14614, or call 716/423-0013.

Obituary

Neil J. Harkenrider, civic leader

SHORTSVILLE — Neil J. Harkenrider, a noted civic leader and an active member of St. Dominic's Parish, died Sunday, Jan. 15, 1995, at Clifton Springs Hospital. He was 86 years old.

A native of Rexville, Steuben County, Mr. Harkenrider began his 38-year career in education in 1935 with the Manchester and Red Jacket school districts, initially as a math and science teacher and later as a principal. After leaving the education field in 1973, he pursued a career as a public official, serving on the Town of Manchester and Ontario County planning boards before becoming Manchester's town supervisor in 1976. He was named citizen of the year by the Red Jacket Rotary Club in 1986.

At St. Dominic's Parish, Mr. Harkenrider oversaw the 1987 campaign to raise \$300,000 for construction of a parish center. He also served as a leader for the parish's annual men's retreat at Notre Dame Retreat House in

Canandaigua and was pivotal in the operation of the parish's cemetery, St. Rose's Cemetery.

In addition, he served for a number of years on the Diocesan Pastoral Council, and was a member of the Canandaigua Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Harkenrider is survived by his wife, Ann Valenza Harkenrider; two sons and daughters-in-law, Greg and Karen of Duanesburg, N.Y., and Kevin and Andrea of San Diego, Calif.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and John Herring of Verona, N.J., and Joan and Gerry Floriano of Penfield; three brothers, Paul of Canisteo, and Emmett and James, both of Rexville; one sister, Margaret Austin of Troupsburg; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Harkenrider was celebrated at St. Dominic's Church on Jan. 19, 1995. Interment was in St. Rose's Cemetery.

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