

PMNH celebrates Valentine's Day



The Sentimentalists

Pioneer Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home employees created a special Valentine's Day for nursing home residents Friday, Feb. 14.

The staff decorated patients' rooms with balloons, brought them flowers and candy, treated those who were able with lunch at a restaurant and brought lunch in for others.

The "Sentimentalists", a local singing group consisting of BonnaRae Miller, Rita Britt, Luvilla Sonstegard, Lynnea Sargent, Gayle Arbogast, Norma French, Doris Brosnan and Barbara Pettyjohn, accompanied by Molly Day on the piano, entertained the residents.



Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home staff member Marie VanEtta celebrates Valentine's Day with resident Georgia Lynch.

Toni Kemp receives vocational award



Toni Kemp, a student studying agricultural sciences at Heppner High School, has been named a local winner in the ServiStar Coast to Coast All-American Vocational Student Awards program. Kemp will receive a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond, which will be awarded by ServiStar Coast to Coast.

Kemp was one of more than 3,000 local winners in the competition, which is sponsored nationally by the corporation and locally by Coast to Coast. Kemp and other local winners are being honored in conjunction with National Vocational Education Week. She will now advance to state competition.

Trina Lankford earns recognition

Trina L. Lankford, LaGrande, daughter of Karen Haguewood of Lone, has earned recognition from the Medical Transcriptionist Certification Program (NTFCP) at the American Association for Medical Transcription (AAMT) by being designated a Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT). The CMT credential is the highest honor of professional achievement available to medical transcriptionists, according to a Medical Transcriptionist Certification Program news release. Lankford is employed at Grande Ronde Hospital at LaGrande.

Organized in 1978, AAMT is dedicated to shaping and promoting the medical transcription profession and to providing the highest level of education and standards for the field.

Lankford qualified as a CMT by passing a rigorous two-part core certification examination. The core exam includes a multiple-choice portion covering medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, disease processes, English language and usage, health care record, and professional development; the practical portion covers a

variety of medical specialties and medical report types. In order to maintain certification, Lankford must continue a program of continuing education over successive three-year periods in the future. This program requires a minimum of 30 continuing education credits, at least 20 of which must be in the medical category.

HHS inducts new Honor Society members



Heppner High School students (l-r): Kathleen Greenup, Brooke Boyer, Jill Barber, Tim Dickenson and Adam Doherty were recently inducted into the National Honor Society in a ceremony at the school.

Immunization exclusion set

The final deadline for getting children's vaccinations up to date was February 19. On that day, children and young people without the required age-appropriate immunizations were to be excluded from Oregon's schools, child care centers, Head Start centers and preschools until they receive and document adequate vaccinations. More than 15,000 parents statewide received letters mailed from local health departments February 5 letting them know what immunizations were required.

"Vaccinations protect children against ten serious diseases," says Lorraine Duncan, the state immunization manager. "It's critical children and students receive the recommended immunizations—especially those in settings such as schools and child care centers where disease is easily spread."

She acknowledges that it's sometimes difficult for parents to make sure their kids have the shots they need for a variety of reasons. "Children usually go to more than two providers, making immunizations hard to track. Many parents

think their children are up-to-date, but the reality is they are missing one or two shots. We are now implementing a statewide child immunization information system which addresses this problem." Duncan says, "Cost is also a problem for many people, but public and private providers participating

in the Vaccines for Children program provide immunizations at reduced rates or no cost."

Parents seeking immunizations for their children should contact their private provider, county health clinic or call Oregon SafeNet at 1-800-723-3638.

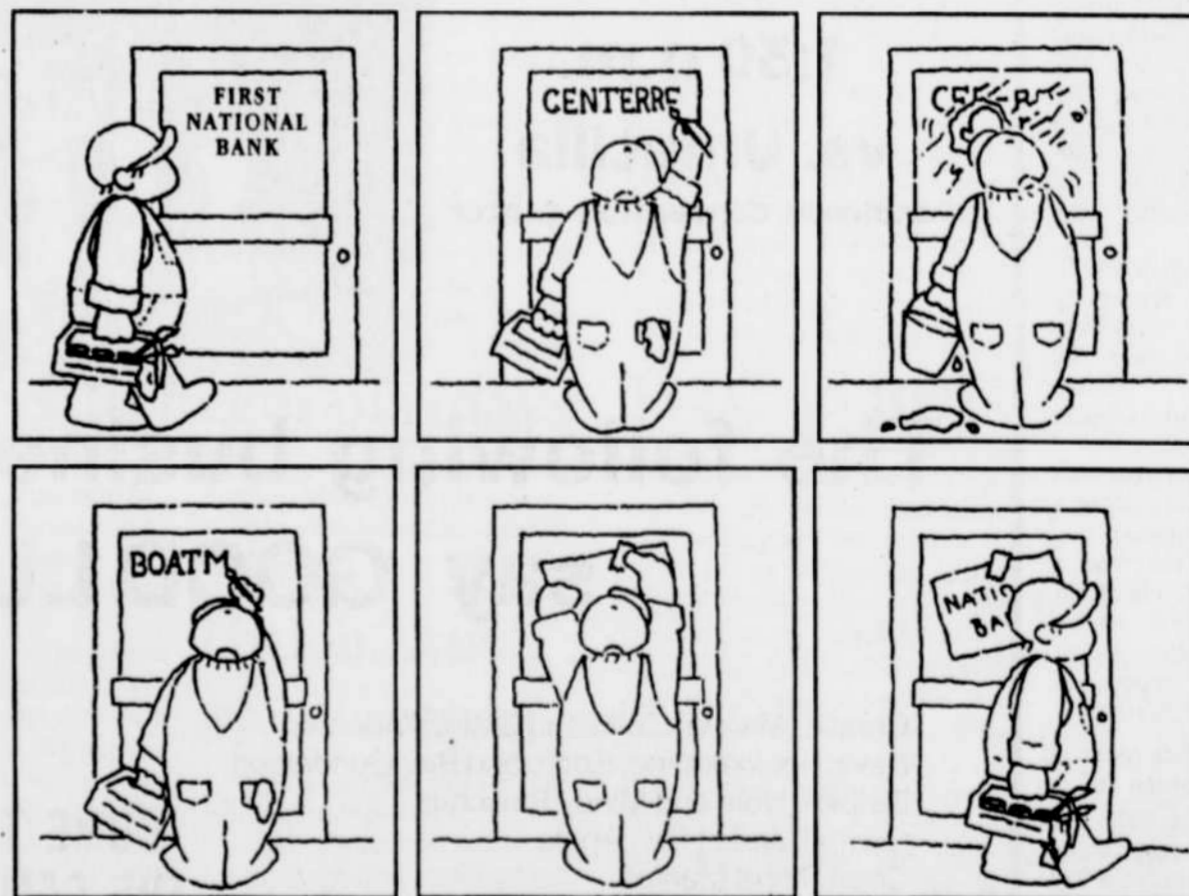
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