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People in business

Himmelberg joins Advanced Radiology

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Advanced Radiology in Grand Island has added Dr. Jeffrey Himmelberg to its team of interventional radiologists.

He will provide comprehensive radiology procedures at the Fremont Surgery Center in Fremont, BryanLGH Medical Center East and West in Lincoln and Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha.

Himmelberg received his doctorate of medicine from the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where he also served his residency in diagnostic radiology. He completed his fellowship training in interventional radiology from Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, where he also held academic positions within the department of radiology.

Advanced Radiology is the exclusive provider to BryanLGH Medical Center East and West for all interventional radiology procedures and also performs procedures in Grand Island, North Platte and Kearney. Interventional radiologist Dr. John Allen founded the practice in Grand Island in 2005 and expanded to Lincoln in 2007 with the addition of interventional radiologists Dr. Michael Budler and Dr. Jeffrey Vogel.

O'Callaghan elected Nebraska Mortgage Association secretary

Sherri O'Callaghan, group vice president and western region lending manager for TierOne Bank, has been elected secretary of the Nebraska Mortgage Association.

The association's officer positions are progressive. O'Callaghan will serve as secretary in 2008 and ultimately as president of the organization.

O'Callaghan joined TierOne in 1994 and is based at the bank's Webb Road office in Grand Island. She has more than 20 years experience in the banking industry.

A graduate of the Colorado School of Banking, O'Callaghan has served on the mortgage association's board of directors for six years. She is a graduate of Hall County Leadership Tomorrow, past board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Hall County Business and Education Committee.

Stevens appointed to Commission on Cancer

Dr. Max Stevens of Grand Island has received a three-year appointment to the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer as cancer liaison physician for the cancer program at St. Francis Medical Center.

Stevens is among a national network of more than 1,600 volunteer physicians who are responsible for providing leadership and direction to establish, maintain and support their facilities' cancer program. He is a member of a multidisciplinary cancer committee at St. Francis.

Cancer liaison physicians spearhead the Commission on Cancer's initiatives within their cancer program, collaborate with local agencies and facilitate quality improvement initiatives.

Two St. Francis nurses honored

Two nurses from St. Francis Medical Center in Grand Island were honored at the fourth annual Excellence in Nursing awards ceremony on Nov. 16 at the Doubletree Hotel in Omaha.

Receiving the Excellence in Nursing awards was LaJean Nichols, who was also recognized for contributions to home health care.

Receiving the Rising Star Award was Richard Nyce.

Nurses throughout the state were nominated to receive awards. Twenty-five nurses were selected to receive the Excellence in Nursing award. One nurse was acknowledged for her work in home health care. Also, one nurse was selected to receive the Rising Star Award for showing great potential to make significant contributions to nursing.

The March of Dimes, Nebraska Chapter, and Children's Hospital hosted the event.

Welcome Center coordinator achieves certification

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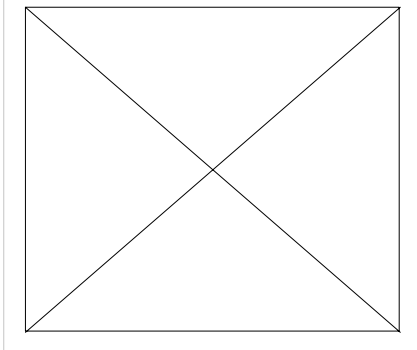
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The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards announced that Joanne Garrison, coordinator of the Grand Island public schools Welcome Center, has achieved national board certification in 2007.

More than 60,000 teachers have demonstrated that they meet the highest teaching standards by becoming national board certified.

Teachers who achieve national board certification have met rigorous criteria through intensive study, expert evaluation, self-assessment and peer review, said Joseph A. Aguerrebere, national board president and chief executive officer.

Valley View Living Center employees earn dementia certification

Several employees at Valley View Living Center in Ord recently completed the two-day workshop "Comprehensive Alzheimer's Dementia Training" and successfully completed the exam to become certified dementia practitioners.

They are Colleen Ringlein, CNA/MA; Evelyn Schaaf, CNA/MA; Cheryl Tucker CNA/MA; Amber Nielsen, CNA/MA; and Marilou Dockhorn, LPN-C.

Valley View Living Center is a division of Valley County Health System, offering long-term care.


Harkins attends annual meeting

Dr. Lori A. Harkins of Harkins Eye Clinic in Grand Island attended the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in New Orleans.

The meeting focused on the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease, including recent developments in cataract surgery. She also participated in the pre-academy Cornea 2007 Subspecialty Day, which covered current and future trends in corneal disease.

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