



# The Sundial

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**MARCH 10 & 24 BIG DAYS**

## DEDICATION AND MOVING DAY BRING MANY FIRSTS



### RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY HELD

A three-year dream finally became a reality! Shown here are A. G. Campbell, Dr. Margaret Willhide, Dr. Ralph Bentley, Joe Troutman, Dr. Sarah Morrow, Miss Vickie Ford, Senator Bill Redman, Miss Tammy Martin, and Mr. Steven Blaine going through the traditional ribbon cutting ceremony during Dedication Day festivities on March 10.

Dr. Sarah Morrow, Secretary of Health and Human Resources for the State of North Carolina, delivered the dedication address. She praised Davis' contribution to area health and economic concerns. Mr. Curtis Clayton, Vice President of Development for HCA was also on hand for the dedication and congratulated the hospital staff for a job well done.

A large and enthusiastic crowd toured the facility after the dedication. Everyone enjoyed the tour and gave the hospital and especially our staff many compliments.



**THE FIRST BABY** to be born in our new hospital delivery room was Jessica Faith, whose parents are Larry and Donna Wilcox. She was born on moving day, March 24, 1984. Obstetrics nurses, Susie Jacobson and Doris Weaver, as just about as proud as the parents.



**THE NEW BIRTHING ROOM** is a big hit. Johnny and Karen Melton were the first couple to take advantage of the new service on March 26, 1984. Mrs. Melton gave birth to a baby girl they named Carrie. Since then, more patients have expressed interest in the Birthing Room. Johnny Melton was tickled "pink" to be allowed by Dr. Fulghum to assist with his daughter's birth.



### FIRST AMBULANCE PATIENT



### FIRST EMPLOYEE PHYSICAL



### FIRST AMBULATORY PATIENT

In the left photo above, Mrs. Pearl M. Murdock was the first ambulance patient transported to the new hospital on March 24. Arriving in an ambulance staffed by EMT's Carroll Starrette and Larry Hilton, she is being received by Rebecca Pettit of the Critical Care Unit. • Karen Starrette, radiology technician, is shown in the center photo as she receives the first employee physical in the new hospital from Jan Fulghum, RN, Employee Health Nurse. • In the right photo, EMT Howard Doyle and Mary Jo Danner, RN, arrive at the new facility with the first ambulatory patient, Mr. Frank J. Upright of Statesville. The patients' faces were all smiles when they first saw their new rooms. Many patients were overheard to say how pleased they were with the move and how courteously they had been treated by the Davis Community Hospital staff.



**SUNDIAL MOVED:** Garry Weddington and Ken Guthrie prepare to move the sundial to its new home. A sad moment for some of the old timers, but somehow the sun seems just a bit brighter now.



The hospital saluted its medical staff on March 30 with a reception in our new dining room. Mrs. Tina Swaney is shown pinning a boutonniere on Doctor Kirk Dickie while Doctors Richard Dickey and Paul Swaney watch.



Seated: Glenda Fox. Standing L-R: Bob Farmer, Director of Physical Therapy; Benny Bustle, Physical Therapy Technician; and Jean Nash, Physical Therapy Technician.

## INDUCTION CEREMONY HELD

All of the Davis School of Nursing Alumni became alumni of Gardner-Webb College at induction ceremonies held at the Statesville Country Club on April 7. The inductees will be known as Elizabeth Hill Fellows of Gardner-Webb College.

Over one hundred former graduates of Davis attended the ceremonies. They represented hospitals from all over western North Carolina, and according to Miss Lillie Norket, "Everyone had a great time." Miss Norket, Dr. J. Sam Holbrook and John West were singled out at the ceremonies for their leadership in support of the Davis School of Nursing.

Dr. John Craven, President of Gardner-Webb College, delivered the induction address, and was heard to say that he had never experienced such fellowship at an alumni meeting. Davis graduated its first student in 1923.

## Physical Therapy Unit Honored

In memory of her mother, Mrs. Ila Mae Fox, who died on March 18 of this year, Glenda Fox painted and then donated the painting to the Physical Therapy Department at Davis Community Hospital.

Mrs. Ila Mae Fox had been a patient at Davis Community Hospital frequently since June 1983, and had required considerable rehabilitative therapy from the hospital's physical therapists. Glenda Fox said, "I wanted to do something special for the therapists because they had been so kind and thoughtful during my mother's long illness. Their attitudes and care always helped lift her spirits during the difficult times."

Glenda Fox, herself a patient for over three weeks, was one of those patients who was transferred from the old to the new hospital on March 24.

## National Nutrition Month

March was National Nutrition Month and the employees of Davis Community Hospital celebrated on March 6 with a contest in which they tried to guess the total caloric value of four fast food meals. Lois Clodfelter, School of Nursing Secretary, came closest to the actual total of 3,669 by guess 3,670 calories. She won a fruit basket donated by Bigger Brothers.

The contest seemed to make employees more aware of the number of calories contained in many fast food meals.

*We're the  
Caring  
Kind*



*National Hospital Week  
May 6-12, 1984*

The annual observance of National Hospital Week gives our hospital the opportunity to strengthen its relations with patients and community.

This year's theme is "We're the Caring Kind" and we are.

The theme says that we are special people whose work requires a special devotion to the needs of others. Our hospital is one where people in need can find skilled people, like us, who are indeed the Caring Kind. National Hospital Week gives us the opportunity to focus the community's attention on our many services.

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# ***DEDICATION! WHAT A DAY!***

The weather was bitterly cold, but it didn't chill the spirits or enthusiasm of the more than 3000 people who were on hand for Dedication Day, March 10, 1984.



# DCH's Involvement in WalkAmerica

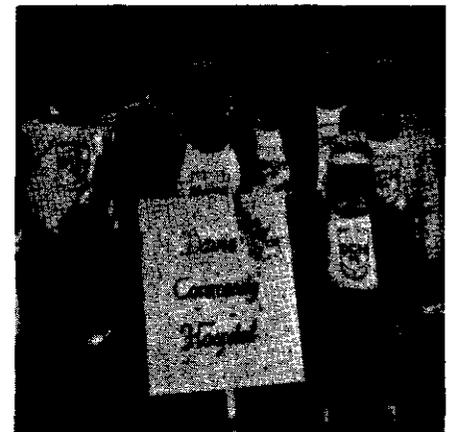
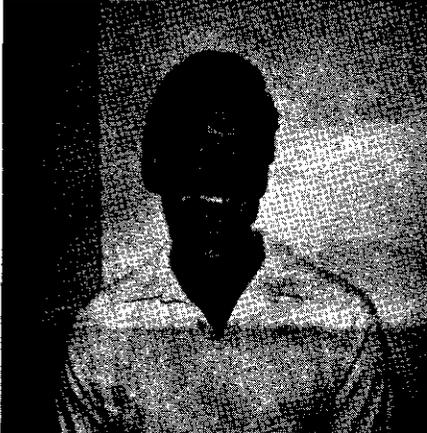
Davis Community Hospital was represented by twenty-two employees and friends for the annual March of Dimes TeamWalk on March 31, 1984. All DCH participants walked at least eight miles of the twelve mile or twenty kilometer course. Tim Stevenson, Engineering Department, ran the course in one hour and twentyfour minutes.

Our hospital team was the top money raiser in 1982 and 1983 with Gayle Chapman, RN and Tim Stevenson, Engineering, placing first or second place as individual fund raisers. Although our employees were involved in the move to the new facility this year, DCH still made a good showing by placing third in the team contribution. Tim Stevenson raised the most money on an individual basis throughout the city and county, while Gayle Chapman was close behind ranking second place.

We are extremely proud of our employees who participated and made an outstanding record for our hospital, by raising a total of \$1,686.50.

The photos at left show (top to bottom) TIM STEVENSON, city and countywide first place winner who raised \$550; GAYLE CHAPMAN, second place winner in city and county competition. Gayle's contribution was \$532.50; and, MAXINE MIDDLESWORTH, who was the third highest money raiser within the hospital. Maxine raised \$101.00.

Photos at right show various members of OUR TEAM, dressed out in DCH T-shirts!



## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### "EVERYTHING IS NEW"

Things that are new bring a lift of the spirit - new purpose and hope. This proves itself to be true in our religious faith in nature and in our physical surroundings.

During the Easter Season, Christian faith reaches its greatest height of expectation. Life has come out of death. The cross becomes a symbol of new life both with God and humankind. The resurrected Christ becomes the new hope of the church. Everything is new and although not fully understood there is now a new life with greater purpose and hope.

This is also true in nature. New life springs all about us. The chill of winter gives way to the warmth of the spring sunshine. The lovely carpet of green grass, the buds bursting forth on the trees, the riot of color we see in the tulips and daffodils, the farmer working the ground and sowing his seed - all are examples of new life, purpose and hope that we see in the beautiful world of nature.

The beauty of new physical surroundings also lifts the spirit and gives new purpose and hope. A long anticipated dream has come true and we find ourselves in a beautiful, new, well-equipped hospital that is a symbol of great expectations for the future. We give credit and say, "Thank You" to all those who have labored hard so long to make this dream a reality. It is a joy to see the lovely soft colors, openness and convenience that is in this new building.

We realize that for many the change from the old to the new has tugged at the heart strings. Attachment to places that have had meaning to us is a very real part of life. But we also recognize that change is also a vital part of life and is the means of greater growth which produces new purpose and hope.

Davis Community Hospital stands as a symbol of healing, love, and hope for this city and surrounding areas. We are grateful for the new facility and for the purpose that has always been the driving force behind the founding and growth of the hospital. We look to the future with hope and gratefulness for God's blessings.

## Introducing Michelle Tousignant, RPh.



Michelle Tousignant, RPh.

Michelle Tousignant has joined the staff of Davis Community Hospital. She began her duties as a Registered Pharmacist on March 16, 1984. She was previously with Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Miss Tousignant is a native of Mooresville and graduated from Mooresville High School. After graduation she attended Duke University for two years, transferring to UNC-Chapel Hill to complete the requirements for a degree in Pharmacy. She obtained her degree in 1983. Michelle lives in Mooresville, is an avid sports enthusiast, and a loyal fan of the Tarheels. It is our pleasure to welcome her to the staff of Davis Community Hospital

## DRG's Prospective Payments

Prospective payments mean everyone must work a little harder.

By initiating prospective payments for Medicare patients, the federal government is hoping to buy more medical care for less money. Under prospective payments, Medicare will pay a pre-determined amount for every hospital admission. It's up to the hospital to try and get by on that amount.

That means working harder. If Medicare is going to get more for less, hospitals - and their employees - must do more with less.

What changes are in store for Davis Community Hospital? It is impossible to say. Too many factors are involved to make a forecast. But a few things are clear.

Prospective payments will force every hospital employee, from the administrator through the x-ray tech, to work harder and strive for greater efficiency on the

job. If there is a way to get a task accomplished without hiring additional workers, that way must be found. If a job can be completed with fewer supplies, less time and lower costs, that's the way it should be done. If two departments can work together to produce greater efficiency, then they should pursue this kind of cooperation.

Every dollar saved, every efficiency realized, will help the hospital better manage in the restrictive world of prospective payments.

But a few things won't change. Since 1925, DCH has been known for its quality, compassionate, human-centered care. That can never change. Employees of DCH have long served the hospital and community, providing the necessary expertise and kindness that helps sick people become well. That can never change, either.

For your care.  
For your dedication.  
And for your smile.



## Thanks.

May 6 is National Nurses Day, the time during National Hospital Week when we specifically recognize nurses for the compassionate care and dedication they provide hospital patients. These highly trained professionals add that gentle human touch to medical care. They ease the pain, console the ache and soothe away the hurt. They truly take a little bit of the fright out of hospitals.

We're proud of our own nursing staff. We feel strongly that they represent some of the finest individuals in the nursing profession today. Join us as we celebrate their devotion to bettering the health of our community.

They care deeply for our lifetime.

## People In The News

Congratulations to **CINDY FRANKE**, Laboratory, on passing her registry. Cindy is now a MLT (ASCP).

**FRED MITCHELL**, M.T., Laboratory, recently portrayed Daddy Warbucks in the Stagefront Music Theatre's production of "Annie."

**ELSBETH McDANIELS**, Pharmacy, recently completed a Pharmacy Technician course at Mitchell Community College.

## Volunteer News

Have you noticed new persons wearing the familiar yellow volunteer uniform? We have welcomed sixteen new volunteers into the program since January 1, three of these being volunteers. Most of these persons came to us during our transition period with great willingness to help us in our move.

It was a heart warming experience to see many, many of our volunteers - both new and those who have been our "regulars" - working along with employees on moving day. There is no adequate way we can say "Thank You" to these wonderful persons who contribute so much to the hospital patients and staff, but we appreciate them deeply.

The main priority of volunteer staffing at this time is the information desk. This is to have twelve hours of staffing Monday thru Friday and at least eight hours daily on weekends. The volunteers are doing a great job in this and other areas, but we can always use new recruits. Tell your friends who have time on their hands to give us a call.

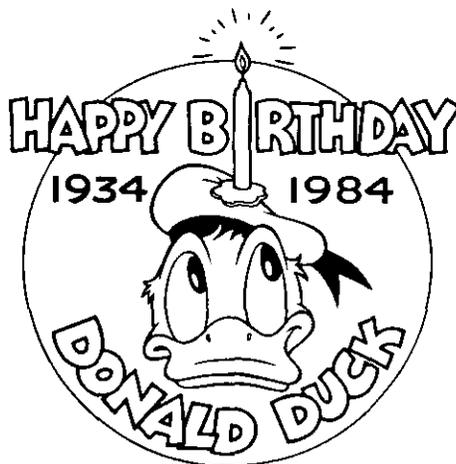
## LET'S GO SHOPPING

"One of these days, I must go shopping. I'm completely out of self-respect. I want to exchange some self-righteousness I picked up the other day for some humility which they say is less expensive and wears better. I also want to look at some tolerance which is being used for wraps this year. One store advertises a sale on 'thank you'. I think I need a big supply. Someone also showed me some pretty samples of peace. We are all a little low on that and can never have too much of it. And, by the way, I must try to match some patience that my neighbor wears. It is very becoming on her and I think it might look good on me. I might try on that little garment of long-suffering they are displaying. I never thought I wanted to wear it, but I feel myself coming to it. Also, I must not forget to have some sense of appreciation mended, and look around for some inexpensive everyday goodness. It is surprising how quickly one's stock of goodness is depleted. Do you need to go shopping with me?"

## Donald Duck Celebrates His 50th Birthday

According to the Chinese calendar, 1984 is the Year of the Rat. But at the Walt Disney World Vacation Kingdom in Florida and Disneyland Park in California, this is also the "Year of the Duck" as Donald Duck celebrates his 50th birthday with a summer of parades, shows, personal appearances, and show business honors.

The festivities kick off in mid-May with the debut of daily parades in honor of Donald at Disneyland Park and the Walt Disney World Magic Kingdom. The colorful processions will feature more than 200 singers, dancers and musicians, as well as party floats carrying Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Goofy, Pluto, and all the gang, including Daisy Duck, Donald's demure first love, and his three nephews, Huey, Dewey, and Louie.



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## HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

May 13, 1984