



# The Sundial

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## Iredell-Statesville United Way Kickoff Features Grady Nutt

Grady Nutt, entertainer and cast member of the TV comedy show "Hee Haw," was the featured speaker for the September 22 United Way Kickoff Luncheon at the Holiday Inn.

Grady is a minister by ordination, professional entertainer by occupation, writer by avocation, graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary by matriculation, and finder/enjoyer/proclaimer of all things funny by inclination. He is

a master of human understanding and cultivator of the best kind of spontaneous fun.

In a word, Grady describes himself as a humorist and defined a humorist as: "one who isn't a comedian. He's not just trying to crack jokes . . . a humorist is an interpreter of life. He takes a common experience—something that's happened to everybody—and filters it through his own way of looking at things until it comes alive for another person who can say, 'Oh yea! Right! That's the truth!'"

In his stories and tales, Grady shares his small-town boyhood and adolescence, his growing up in a poor family, rural school, a small church and his frolic-filled college days in Texas.

During the business part of the meeting, Davis Hospital was recognized as one of the Pacesetters in this year's campaign. Gayle Chapman, Debbie Gallagher and Jim Cline were in attendance and received a plaque on behalf of the hospital reflecting a 98% increase over last year.



Grady Nutt meets Davis Hospital United Way Team Leaders, Gayle Chapman (L) and Debbie Gallagher (R).

## State Approves Plans For Intensive Care Unit

Davis Hospital has received approval from the State of North Carolina, Department of Human Resources, Division of Facility Services to renovate a portion of the hospital and convert the area to a four bed Intensive Care Unit. An opening date for the ICU has not been set at this time.

The unit will be furnished with all new equipment including Hewlett-Packard monitoring equipment, Hausted Hydraulic Special Care beds, and Square D Modular Medical Wall Systems. The new ICU will occupy the space presently used for rooms 218, 219 and 220, including the dead-end corridor on 2-B.

Nursing Administration has addressed manpower needs through our recent budgetary process. Plans are underway to develop the orientation program along with policies and procedures. Staff Development needs have been identified and the present CCU nurses are enrolled in a 56 hour critical care course through the Charlotte AHEC.

The project will be constructed by our Engineering Department. Some work has already begun with the laying of electrical lines for regular and emergency backup power.

## Phyllis Barker Joins Staff



Phyllis Barker, Chaplain and Director of Volunteer Services.

Phyllis Campbell Barker joined the staff of Davis Hospital Monday, October 18, 1982 as Chaplain and Director of Volunteer Services. She comes to us highly qualified for the position she now fills.

Barker, a graduate of Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, participated in the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at N. C. Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C. and served as Chaplain during her training there. Much of her experience and training in the ministry has been as a layperson working with groups as well as on a one to one basis with individuals. She has had extensive work in family relationships. Phyllis has earned Leader's Certification and has had instructor's training in several areas of family and interpersonal relationships.

She has held positions on the staff at Forsyth Technical Institute, Winston-Salem, N. C. and Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, N. C. During the last five years, she has led workshops, seminars, and retreats in Family Ministries for the Western N. C. Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Phyllis is married to the Reverend Homer A. Barker, a retired minister. The Barkers have two children and two grandchildren and reside on Normandy Road, Mooresville, N. C.

## "Home Safe!" Program Implemented

Many children in the Statesville area will be much safer because of a new project recently launched by Davis Hospital.

Called "Home Safe!", the project is intended to increase the number of area children who are buckled up in child restraint devices while riding in motor vehicles. Davis Hospital is telling parents how important restraints are and is renting infant seats to area residents.

"Car crashes are the leading cause of death to your children," said Anne Jensen, coordinator of the "Home Safe!" program for the hospital. "Safely constructed child restraint devices can reduce or prevent most of these tragedies. The problem is to convince parents of the need to use these restraints and then help them get good ones. That's what we're going to do."

Jensen pointed out that in 1978-1979, fifty (50) children four years or younger died while riding as passengers in automobiles on North Carolina highways. Many hundreds more in this age group were seriously injured.

"But the total number of injuries is actually much higher," Jensen said, "since many young children are hurt in sudden stops or swerves. These injuries are not reported to the police."

"If more people knew how effective child restraint devices are in protecting their children, we are certain more children would be buckled up," Jensen continued. "An approved restraint device can reduce the probability of death in a crash by as much as 90%. The probability of serious injury can be reduced by 78%."

Here in North Carolina, a recent study by the UNC Highway Safety Research Center showed that, unfortunately, less than 10 percent of our children are protected by child restraints, and many of these devices are inadequate or improperly used.

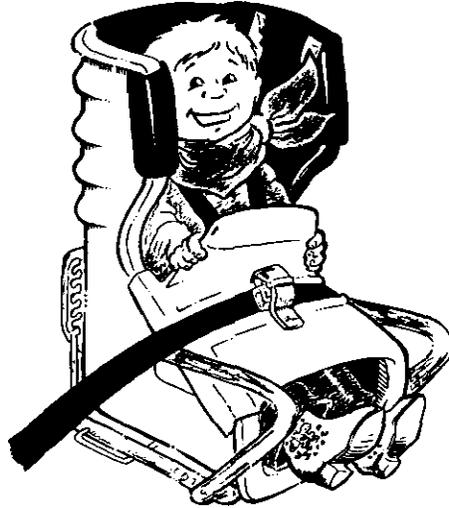
"Once parents, or other relatives, decide to get a safety seat for their child," Jensen said, "they are confused as to which of the many models on the market is best. To help them make a good selection, we have available a shopping guide which lists all the safe, crash-tested restraint devices for infants and children up to four or five years of age."

Since some people may resist buying a safety seat because of cost, a major part of the "Home Safe!" program is loaning restraints for infants for a small rental fee.

"When you consider that your child's life could depend on it," Jensen said, "restraints are not that expensive. Crash-tested infant carriers can be purchased new for \$20-\$30, about one or two tanks

of gas. Convertible safety seats, good for about four years, can be purchased new for \$40 to \$70, about two or three tanks of gas. For those parents who cannot purchase or are not given a seat, Davis Hospital has *Century Infant Love Seats* which can be rented for ten dollars for nine months (or until the baby outgrows it)."

It's your child's life but it's your decision.



## Health Fair

Davis Hospital, along with other health care agencies in the county, participated in a Health Fair at Signal Hill Mall on October 15th and 16th. This was the second such event held within the past two years to better inform the public on the importance of good health practices.

Several departments in the hospital prepared an exhibit and the Laboratory staff provided free blood typing and Cholesterol/Triglycerides testing. A total of 550 blood types were reported along with 204 tests for Cholesterol and Triglycerides.

## Volunteers Attend District Meeting

On October 4, 1982, Volunteers Wilma Isenhour, Christine Rhodes, and Brenda Moran attended a District III Meeting in Shelby. This was a council on Hospital Volunteer Services sponsored by the N. C. Hospital Association with the assistance of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Workshops attended by the three were: *Services in Miniature, Hospitals as a Community Resource, and Hospice*. Barbara Stutts, the vivacious WBTV personality, was the keynote speaker.

## United Way A Success

Davis Hospital has a great staff of employees who should be proud!

As a Pacesetter for the Iredell County-Statesville United Way drive, we contributed our share to the \$78,547.06 that the Pacesetter Division raised.

Our goal for the campaign was \$2,350.00. The generosity shown by all employees allowed our institution to collect \$3,691.00. The hospital aided this total by adding a first time gift of \$400.00. Davis Hospital representatives proudly reported a total contribution of \$4,091.00.

Our United Way agency exists so that in each community, a local board of directors chooses the organizations most beneficial to the community that are in need of funding. A small percentage of the funds collected (10%) is used for maintaining one employee in the local office and for printed materials. All other monies collected are kept in the county and distributed to each approved agency. It has been estimated that one out of every four residents in Iredell County received benefit from the United Way at some time last year. This may seem like an improbable number until we reflect on the times that our children participate in scouts or YMCA functions, how active the rescue squad and blood-mobile are, how many receive meals on wheels—just to mention a few of the organizations.

As one of the campaign workers, it was a wonderful experience for me to participate in such a worthwhile project. All of the individual team leaders for the hospital worked with dedication and enthusiasm, contributing greatly to our success. The cooperation and generosity of everyone only proves once again that Davis Hospital employees are an outstanding group of people who truly care for their fellowman.

Debbie Gallagher, *Team Leader*

## Broadhurst Promoted

Betty Broadhurst, R.Ph. was promoted to the position of Chief Pharmacist at Davis Hospital on September 2, 1982. She had been employed as a staff pharmacist since September, 1980 and was instrumental in the development of the IV-Admixture program.

Betty graduated from UNC College of Pharmacy in 1980. She is a member of the N. C. Society of Hospital Pharmacists and the American Society of Hospital Pharmacists.

The Broadhurst family resides on East Broad Street in Statesville. Betty's husband, Durhan, is employed by BB&T. They have a son, Redfern, six months old.

**OUR LIBRARY**

**Support for Total Care**



Kathy Moose, Library Manager; Mary Peck, AHEC Librarian; and Joyce Keever, Staff Development Coordinator review reference material.

Do the elderly have special health problems in the winter time? Is there any treatment for Alzheimers disease? What are the guidelines for medical records disclosure? Are there protocols for outpatient surgery? Can nitrous oxide be an occupational hazzard?

Joyce Keever, Staff Development Coordinator; Mary Peck AHEC Librarian; and Kathy Moose, Library Manager/Contact Person enjoy solving these puzzles and many more.

Our hospital library is for everyone on the hospital and medical staffs. It is truly a support for total patient care.

**HOSPITAL INFORMATION SERVICES**

Your Library Manager has information about services available from the Co-operative Information Network and can provide the following services through the hospital's library:

**REFERENCE ASSISTANCE** to locate journal articles, books, and audio-visuals.

**ACCESS TO COMPUTERIZED DATA BASES** such as Medline and Cancerline.

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN** to obtain books and journal articles not located in the hospital's own collection.

**ACCESS TO THE NORTHWEST AHEC AUDIOVISUAL COLLECTION** and other sources of audiovisual material.

**CENTRAL HOSPITAL CARD CATALOG** to locate books and journals throughout the hospital.

**BOOK AND JOURNAL SELECTION** assistance through up-to-date catalogs, guides and selection lists.

**LIBRARY MANAGEMENT.**

**NORTHWEST AHEC LIBRARY**

Library services available at the AHEC Library:

**Smokey Promotes Fire Prevention**



Smokey the Bear visits with patient Andy Hartness, eight year old son of Billy and Angela Hartness of Route 8, Statesville, N. C.

October 3-9, 1982 was designated as Fire Prevention Week in Statesville and Iredell County. Davis Hospital employees were involved in several activities during the course of the week to stimulate the necessity of fire prevention in the work setting and in their own homes.

The highlight of the week was a visit from Smokey the Bear. The story of Smokey is a true one. Smokey was the only wildlife survivor of a tragic

forest fire in Lincoln National Forest in New Mexico. Since that time the "little bear cub" has been known as Smokey the Bear and serves as a symbol of the destruction fire can cause and the crucial need of fire prevention.

Smokey visited the pediatric unit and clinic distributing educational materials to all of the children. He encouraged them to not play with matches and fire. Big "Bear Hugs" were also enjoyed by many children as well as employees. Smokey made his appearance to employees in the cafeteria during the morning break time. He challenged employees to tell him the fire paging code and rewarded correct answers with a sweet treat.

The fire marshal, Mr. Reggie Bauguess, provided the Staff Development Department with a film, "Rehearsal for Survival," which was shown to employees during several sessions on Wednesday, October 6th. Employees were reviewed on the hospital fire procedures by Mrs. Joyce Keever, RN and Mrs. Jan Alexander, RN prior to each film showing.

Mr. Ken Guthrie, Chief Engineer, conducted a fire drill in the operating room on Friday to close the week's activities. Each member of the fire brigade attending the drill was encouraged to react promptly, efficiently, and seriously to fire drills staged in the hospital.

Fire in a hospital is a dreaded word. Lives can depend upon what you do . . . Quickly!



Denita Holland, HN, Outpatient Surgery, gets "bear hug" from Smokey for knowing the hospital Fire Code number.

- Computerized Literature Searches
  - Journal Table of Contents
  - Current Awareness
  - Manual Literature Searches
  - Quick Reference
  - Verification of References
  - Book Circulation
  - Photocopies of Journal Articles
  - User Education and Orientation
- The AHEC Library is located at Bowman Memorial Hospital, Salisbury.

**COOPERATIVE INFORMATION NETWORK**

(Information Sharing)

All information, located in any Northwest AHEC Library or any subscribing hospital library, is available without cost to all health practitioners from all subscribing institutions within the Northwest AHEC 7 county region.

The Cooperative Information Network takes the individual user to the Hospital Library (Contact Person)

- to Northwest AHEC Libraries
- to Bowman Gray School of Medicine Library
- to National Library of Medicine.

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Juanita Gray, Environmental Services Supervisor, presents Janis Abernathy a flower in recognition of National Housekeeping Week.

## National Housekeeping Week Observed

The employees of the Environmental Services Department celebrated "National Housekeeping Week" September 12-18, 1982 with a luncheon. The employees of the department were presented carnations to wear in honor of the week. "National Housekeeping Week" is celebrated each year across the nation to recognize the vital importance and role that the Environmental Services Departments have in providing a clean environment for patients, visitors, and employees. Davis Hospital is certainly fortunate to have a dedicated Environmental Services staff that is committed to providing a clean, safe hospital. We are proud of this department and its role in helping Davis Hospital provide the best possible patient care to those patients we are privileged to serve.

## HCA Update

Seven architectural and engineering firms which have worked with HCA in hospital design have affiliated to provide new design techniques for the Company's future hospital construction.

The new design technology to be offered by the consultants in an interactive computer graphics system produced by Intergraph Corporation, headquartered in Huntsville, Alabama.

The system, called CAD (Computer Aided Design), can perform the full complement of traditional drafting and design tasks in the language of the architect/engineer. CAD has capabilities for floor and space planning, interiors model-



Financial Services Personnel standing from left to right: Doug Cranford, Patient Account Manager; Carolyn Byers, Cashier; Vickie Lancaster, Data Entry Clerk; Nellie Grant, Patient Representative. Seated left to right: Mae Redmond, Admitting Clerk; and Carol Melton, Patient Representative.

## National Financial Services Week

September 5th thru 11th was National Financial Services Week. During this week employees in Patient Accounting, Accounting, Payroll, Admitting, Data Processing and Cashiers were recognized for their role in the overall hospital goal "total patient care." These employees play an important role in the daily operation of Davis Hospital in all financial areas. It is their responsibility to see that the patient's account is handled in a professional manner and to insure correct payment from all available sources.

It was the hospital's intention during this week to let these employees know that they are indeed an important member of the Davis Hospital team and that they are appreciated for the job they perform.

ing, facility management, as well as the ability to make instantaneous changes to design model.

- 175 U.S. owned general hospitals with 27,828 beds.
- 146 U.S. managed/consulting hospitals with 18,294 beds.
- 25 U.S. owned psychiatric hospitals with 2,861 beds.
- 1 U.S. managed psychiatric hospital with 117 beds.
- 17 foreign-owned hospitals with 1,678 beds.
- 2 foreign-managed hospitals with 500 beds.

# Scoops

ANITA RIDDLE and DENITA HOLLAND were recently heard singing "Wasted on the Way" while descending mountain in Lenoir, N. C.

The OR, RR, and ANESTHESIA staffs are pleased to have MARIE BRENDEL, CRNA, back to work following her recent surgery. Mrs. Brendle, welcome back! We missed you.

DR. J. B. GOFF received a watermelon from the "Watermelon Queen" on 2C.

RUTH MCLELLAND, Nursing Assistant, 2C, was surprised with roses on her birthday from the Love Valley Cowboy.

CATHY JENKINS, DOROTHY TAYLOR, and DENITA HOLLAND are brushing up on their clogging steps at the Grace Park Recreation Center to the tune of "Cripple Creek" and "Foggy Mountain Breakdown."

CINDY CARSON, Ward Clerk, 2B and Jimmy Johnson of Route 1, Hiddenite were married on Saturday, September 25, 1982. The newlyweds will reside in Hiddenite.

## People In The News---

LINDA ZIGLAR, RN, OR, has a new daughter-in-law. Mrs. Ziglar's son, Keith, and Cheryl Barker were married September 11, 1982 at Yadkin Baptist Church.

LINDA ZIGLAR'S (RN, OR) sixteen (16) year old son, Richard, was selected to attend the North Carolina School of Science and Math in Durham, N. C. This is a state funded co-ed high school for Juniors and Seniors that are in the gifted and talented classes.

DR. STAFFORD WEARN recently lectured on the danger of insect stings. The course also includes the procedure of giving Epinephrine injections to persons in anaphylactic shock from bee and wasp stings. Please keep posted for repeat programs on this topic.

DONNA DILLARD and ANNE RIDDICK are attending a Pharmacy Technician Course in Mooresville, taught by Hugh Caldwell, R.Ph.

BETTY BROADHURST, Chief Pharmacist, has been appointed to the Nominations and Awards Committee of the N. C. Society of Hospital Pharmacists for the 1982-83 session.