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Dr. Joey Bell Appointed Managing Partner for Children's Health of Carolina



Dr. Bell serves on many committees. He is founder and director of the Native American Pediatric Education Program and he is the American Academy of Indian Physicians liaison to the Committee on Native American Child Health. He was named the Indian Physician of the Year in August of 2001 at the National Indian Health Conference.

Dr. Bell is also a member and Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Joseph Bell and his wife Vicki and their two children reside in Pembroke. He is the son of James and Sarah Bell.

Children's Health of Carolina, P.A. has been serving the children and families of Robeson and surrounding counties since 1954.

CHC looks forward to continuing this serving under the leadership of Dr. Bell and the other partners of the corporation:

W. Scott Ryan, M.D., F.A.A.P., Annette Burke, M.D., F.A.A.P., Ricardo Pajol, M.D., F.A.A.P., Sheridan Hernandez, M.D., F.A.A.P., and Mark Baker, M.D., F.A.A.P.

For additional information or questions please contact Fordham Britt at 738-8060, ext. 303.

Dr. Bell is a native of Pembroke. He is a 1986 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

He completed his Pediatric Residency at Moses Cane Memorial Hospital in Greensboro. He has been Medical Director of Pembroke Pediatrics since 1998.



Shown at a recent fund raiser for Elizabeth Dole, Candidate for North Carolina Senator are, left to right: Larry Sampson, Roger Oxendine, Linda Hammonds, Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole, Delora Cummings, Kresa Cummings, McDuffie Cummings, Dobbs Oxendine, Jr. and McKeithan Jones.

Senate Candidate Elizabeth Dole Pledges Support for Farmers and the Tobacco Bill

Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole has pledged her support for the Tobacco Bill which was introduced recently by Senator Jesse Helms. Her support of this legislation is encouraging news for some local agri-businessmen. Roger Oxendine of Rowland welcomed the news of Dole's support of the Tobacco Bill. "There are several farmers in the area whose livelihood is tobacco. But tobacco is on the way out. The federal allotment program as we know it is just about nonexistent. Farming issues are a major concern to those of us who are in the business and will have an astounding effect on the economy of our county. As a farmer, I believe that tobacco should be a bipartisan issue," he stated.

"The best thing I see for us as farmers is to support Dole for the Senate. She has been clear on her position on farming issues. Farm-

ing, of course, is a business that affects everybody. Someone has to grow the wheat, corn, soy beans and other food items. Many of us have been caught up in a catch 22 situation as far as farming tobacco," Oxendine continued. "We have invested much time, labor and finances in buying allotments, as well as equipment to grow and harvest tobacco. Now that tobacco is on its way out, we must make the best decision in our choice for the Senate. Our choice should be what is most beneficial to our livelihood and to the survival of our farming operations."

Oxendine who serves as president of the Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation's Board of Directors, is a former chairman of the UNCP Board of Trustees. In addition he serves on several local and state boards and committees. His main interest, how-

ever, is farming. "As farmers," Oxendine said, we can't afford to look at party affiliation. We must look at the candidates, listen to what they are saying and then vote for the one who is most likely to be an advocate for farmers."

Oxendine is one of many "Democrats for Dole." He is joined in this effort by his friend, and fellow farmer, Larry Sampson. Sampson is also from the Rowland area and serves on the Phase II Tobacco Committee and the Robeson County Farm Bureau. When he stated his reasons for supporting Senate hopeful Elizabeth Dole, he referred to farming statistics and the broad range of problems facing the tobacco farmers.

"Two-thirds of all tobacco in the nation," Sampson said, "is grown in North Carolina and one-third of that is grown in Robeson County. That makes the tobacco buy out a

significant factor for all citizens of Robeson County."

Sampson continued, "Tobacco has been a part of the lives of Robeson County for many years. Since 1997 the tobacco allotment for farmers has been cut in half. It is a simple matter of economics. We have lost one-half of our production in the past three years, that means we have lost half of our income. If we don't have a tobacco buy out soon, some farmers will not be able to withstand the blow to their economic base."

Elizabeth Dole's commitment to the Tobacco Bill, both Sampson and Oxendine believe, will solve many problems for farmers. Both these gentlemen are two of the 100,000 tobacco quota holders in North Carolina. They are hoping that these farmers will deliver a solid vote for Elizabeth Dole and help them send her to the Senate.

Dr. Glenn Harris Re-Certifies as family Medicine Physician

Dr. Glenn Harris has successfully fulfilled the requirements of the American Board of Family Medicine (ABFM) and has been recertified as a diplomate of this Board. Family medicine physicians must recertify every seven years to maintain their board certification status. The process includes a written examination covering topics such as pediatrics, ambulatory care medicine, gynecology, internal medicine, and emergency medicine. Doctors must review patient charts, document that they are treating these problems, and submit these charts to the ABFM for review. Also required for recertification are 150 hours of continuing education credits every three years through written exams in medical journals and digests.

"Scotland Memorial Hospital is very supportive of physicians striving for board certifications and re-certification," commented Dr. Harris. "Board certification is beneficial for my patients in that medicine is constantly changing and certification forces physicians to stay abreast of the latest advances in medicine."

Dr. Harris opened his Laurinburg practice on August 3, 1993. "I always wanted to be a physician," he continued, "I took a year off after college in 1985 to decide if spiritually this was where I should focus my efforts. I knew when I started medical school that I wanted to come back home to Laurinburg to practice medicine. I identify with many of their needs of the people of this community and assist in making a difference in their lives. If you have a family to raise, Laurinburg has everything you need; it's a wonderful place."

Dr. Harris says he finds Scotland Memorial Hospital a great place to work. "We have a great medical staff that covers a gamut of ages and specialties and I really enjoy working with all of them. You couldn't ask for a better staff and being Chief of Staff and being Chief of Staff this past year was beneficial for me. I learned a great deal about the workings of the health care system, which helps me in my practice and association with other medical staff members. I've really enjoyed my time as Chief of Staff."

Dr. Harris is joined in his practice by his wife, Becky. They have three children, a daughter and son in college, and a son in the fifth grade at South Scotland School. Both Doctor and Mrs. Harris are graduates of Scotland High School. They presently live about a mile from where they were raised. They want to live and retire here in Scotland County, close to their family members.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Harris serves as the interim minister at Harper's Ferry Baptist Church, performing various duties. Appointments can be made with Dr. Harris by calling (910)276-6767.

Tuscarora selected to be first USMAPS Surgeon for West Point

On 09-01-02, Robert Chavis was deployed to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey to assume duties at Patterson Army Health Center. Since his arrival LCDR Robert Chavis has been appointed as the first Tuscarora, (first Indian period) to become USMAPS Surgeon at West Point, N.Y. LCDR Chavis will be screening all the cadets at West Point to insure their physical preparedness and successful matriculation into USMA and completion of Cadet Basic Training. In addition, he will present ideas to the PAHC Commander for additional roles for the USMAPS Surgeon, including roles on the Academic Board, and in the medical wavier process. The ultimate and overriding goal of this initiative is to create an environment in which we can help USMAPS cadets succeed.

Although this is an additional duty for LCDR Chavis, we would like to congratulate him on his acceptance of this position, which is a great honor. LCDR Chavis' contribution would reach beyond the USMAPS borders, and even the USMA boundaries, when these cadets graduate to accomplish important missions for the Army.

Free concert to celebrate N.C.'s Indian history

Chapel Hill--Native American musicians will perform traditional Tuscarora music at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Oct. 24 in anticipation of Native American Heritage Month in November.

Willie Lowery, a Lumbee guitarist, and Pura Fe' Locklear, a Tuscarora singer, will bring these styles together in songs that celebrate North Carolina's Indian history. Accompanying Lowery and Locklear will be David Locklear and Mark Deese of the Kau-ten-oh Juniors, a Tuscarora drum group. All are from Robeson County.

The musicians will discuss the origins and meaning of their songs and encourage audience participation. Styles they play will include what they call Indian blues.

The free public concert will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence, located in the Graham Memorial Building near the Morehead Planetarium. Planned for the terrace series. A schedule and information are available at www.unc.edu/depts/jcuc.

"The purpose of bringing these musicians to campus is to raise awareness of the vivid history and experience of North Carolina's first people in a fashion that our audience will find entertaining and completely new," said Malinda Maynor, a doctoral candidate in history at UNC and specialist in Native American culture.

Native American Heritage Month is customarily proclaimed nationwide each year by the president for the month of November. The concert at Carolina will be sponsored by a Johnston Center Intellectual Life Grant and by the Center for the Study of the American South. For more information, call 966-5110.

Contact: Dr. Randi Davenport, (919)843-7765

Perry Williams to speak at UNCP

Pembroke, N.C. ---Former New York Giant and North Carolina State football star Perry Williams will speak at UNC Pembroke Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chavis University Center.

Williams' visit is co-sponsored by the UNCP Student Activities Office and Athletics Department. The presentation is free.

Williams was a second team all-ACC football selection at N.C. State in 1982. He also excelled in track and field, winning the ACC championship in the 200-meter dash.

As a New York Giant, Williams made the NFL all-rookie team in 1984 and was a Football Digest all-Pro selection in 1986. He started 121 games as Giant and was a starter on both the 1987 and 1991 Superbowl championship teams. Williams played for legendary coach Bill Parcells and with NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Lawrence Taylor.

Williams received a Bachelor of Arts degree from N.C. State in criminal justice and a Masters of Arts degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in public administration and speaks to youth on the importance of education and service.

Homecoming planned at Union Chapel Community Baptist Church

Union Chapel Community Baptist church will observe Homecoming on Sunday, October, 20th.

Sunday School at 9:45 A.M. Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. Sermon: Pastor Jimmy Strickland

Lunch will be served in the Family Life Center

Singing: 2:00 P.M.

The church membership requests your attendance.

Washington wants to know

Minority Students: Are Too Many Placed In Special Education?

(NAPS)—Look at many of our special education classes, and you will notice something different—a lot of students are from diverse backgrounds. High numbers of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian students are placed in classes for the learning disabled, educable mentally handicapped and emotionally disturbed.

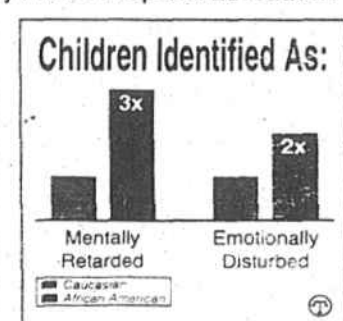
According to a recent Harvard study, African-American children are almost three times as likely as Caucasian children to be identified as mentally retarded.

The Council for Exceptional Children, along with other groups, has long been concerned about this phenomenon. CEC is also concerned about the low numbers of students from diverse backgrounds who are assigned to gifted and talented programs.

"To eliminate the inappropriate placement of children from diverse backgrounds in special education is of utmost importance," says Nancy D. Safer, CEC's executive director. "To ensure this practice does not continue, we must look at general and special education practices as well as provide funding for strategies to help at-risk students in early childhood."

To eliminate misplacement of minority children in special education, CEC recommends:

- Implement intervention strategies for at-risk students in general education classes. This should prevent students from diverse backgrounds from being inappropriately referred to special education as well as their misclassification as disabled.
- Ensure teachers use culturally sensitive materials and instructional strategies.
- Prepare, recruit and retain qualified teachers from culturally



THE NUMBERS SAY YES: A recent Harvard study showed that African-American children were almost three times as likely as Caucasian children to be identified as mentally-retarded, two times as likely to be identified as emotionally disturbed.

diverse groups.

- Provide full funding for high-quality early childhood intervention programs that focus on children who are at-risk, such as Head Start.

CEC also recommends that Congress implement these recommendations in the coming year as part of its reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the law affecting special education. CEC has also called for the U.S. Department of Education to create a task force to study misplacement of minority students in special education, recommend ways to improve educational practice, and disseminate the information.

CEC is the largest professional organization committed to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. For more information about this issue, visit www.cec.sped.org.

NCICC to Hold First Annual Golf Tournament

The North Carolina Indian Cultural Center is proud to announce that will hold its very first golf tournament on November 9, 2002. The tournament will consist of 4 man teams will be held at the Riverside Country Club at the NCICC. There is an entry fee of \$40 for each player. Although sponsors have already been secured for this event. Any business who wants to become a sponsor is welcome. All proceeds will go directly to the NCICC.

For more information contact Corbin Eddings, Site Administrator at (910)521-2433

**Annual Homecoming
AT
Hopewell Methodist Church**
Date: October 20, 2002

Schedule for the Day
Sunday School--9:45 A.M.
Worship Service--11:00 A.M.
Country Dinner--12:00 Noon
Afternoon Singing--1:30 P.M.

A cordial invitation is extended to all who made Hopewell Church their place of worship at some point of time in the past!