



Harris named Doctor of the Year at Scotland Memorial Hospital

With 66 doctors on staff it's extremely hard to select just one as Doctor of the Year. However, the comments written on one nomination quite succinctly sums up the qualities of Dr. Glenn Harris, this year's award recipient. "In an often-impersonal world, Dr. Harris reminds me of the 'old-time family doctor' for he is not only a fine diagnostician, he is a compassionate person who is interested in the whole person. He deals in a fair manner no matter what a person's economic status and manages his office well. Reared in Scotland County, he chose to come 'back to his roots' and to share his expertise. He is highly community minded and a leader in his church and a role model for our youth." Dr. Harris was honored at an award ceremony Tuesday evening at the monthly medical staff meeting. Special invited guests included his wife Becky; his son Aaron; daughter Andrea; and his parents Mr. and Mrs. Daris Harris. Members of his office staff were on hand to cheer their favorite physician. Special guest speakers were Rob Richardson, lifelong friend, and Dr. Lloyd McCaskill, the System's first Doctor of the Year. Dr. Harris was presented a plaque for his office and his name will be added to the large Physician of the Year plaque, which hangs in the hospital's lobby. He will have a designated parking place for the year and a \$500 donation will be made by the System to the non-profit charity of his choice.

"The selection committee considered the quality and quantity of nominations, as well as the nominees' commitment to quality patient care, compassion for patients, leadership, work ethic, and reputation among peers, hospital staff, and the community," said Greg Wood, Scotland Memorial's CEO. "Dr. Harris is another fine example of a doctor who exhibits these qualities and much more."

As a board certified family medicine physician, Dr. Harris has practiced in Laurinburg since 1993. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and completed an internship and residency at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. Last year Dr. Harris served as the hospital's chief of staff and was the Chair of the Medical Executive Committee. He has served on numerous performance improvement committees and as a member of the Hospital's Board of Trustees. This year he serves as Chair of the Credentials Committee.

Dr. Harris received nominations from his patients and staff, the community, and hospital associates. Another nomination states, "I know about his caring qualities and commitment to his patients! He is a doctor who spends time with each patient no matter how busy he may be. He is very knowledgeable in the medical field and always realizes that each person is special and is someone's mom, dad, sister or brother! Here are just a few of the other comments from Dr. Harris' nominations:

- Dr. Harris is a compassionate doctor who believes in having a conversation with his patients. He treats you with respect and cares how you feel. I believe he's committed to giving his patients a better quality of life.
 - He is sympathetic, empathetic, a good listener, cheerful and knowledgeable. He also has a great sense of humor.
 - Knowledgeable, listens to patients, accurate diagnoses, willing to explain findings and diagnoses in detail. I've been his patient for 9 years and never even thought of changing.
 - He is down to earth, friendly and always smiling. He treats you as if he's known you all his life whether you're his patient or not.
 - Not enough words can express how my family cares for Dr. Harris. He's honest, caring and dependable.
 - Good, hardworking man. Cares a lot for his patients.
- Dr. Harris is very active at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church, where he has also served as interim pastor. He also enjoys spending time with his family. He is married to Becky and the couple has three children, a daughter and son in college, and a son in the fifth grade at South Scotland School.

Tribal Election Certified

The Lumbee Tribal Elections Board certified the Lumbee referendum votes on Tuesday, March 11. The results are: 2,064 vote for and 143 against. A total of 2,280 were cast in Saturday's referendum. The newly adopted amendment states, "The territory of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina shall include Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland counties."

Previously, the Lumbee Constitution identified the tribal territory as the state of North Carolina. The new constitutional amendment will not affect services to the Lumbee people, however, it does mean that Tribal Council members and the Tribal Chairman must now reside within the four counties.

"Today is a great day with the certification of this amendment. I believe that this is another significant step forward for Lumbee people," stated Chairman Hunt. "We look with great anticipation to the future in what this means for our people."

There are six state-recognized tribes in North Carolina and one federally recognized tribe. The vote on the amendment was held because it was believed that the territorial designation could have hindered the recognition efforts. Narrowing the territory should increase the support from the other tribes in North Carolina because there are no longer any territorial issues. Linda Hammonds, tribal council member and chairwoman of the tribe's Constitution Committee, agreed, "Those tribes... I think they'll look more favorable to adding their support to us, or for us."

Members may review the new amendment at the Tribal Office on Union Chapel Road in Pembroke from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Saddletree Precinct elects new officers

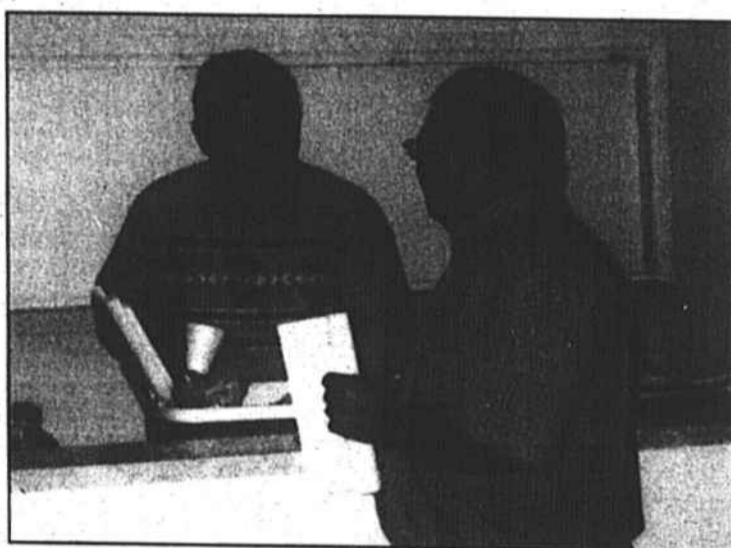
The Saddletree Precinct meeting was held Tuesday, March 11, at the Saddletree Community Center. Former elections board supervisor, Pearlene Revels, spoke to the group about the importance of being involved in the electoral process. She specifically encouraged women to become more involved. She stated that out of the forty-one precincts in the county at least twelve of them were inactive.

Also speaking was school board member Severeo Kerns who represents district 3. He stated that his decisions were based on what is best for children and he would not be dictated to by politics. He said he was not trying to win a popularity contest.

Ronald Hammonds addressed the group and encouraged the community to work on the clean up of the Saddletree Swamp as a project. Election of precinct officers were held. Lance Harding was elected Chairman of the Precinct. In addition the attendees elected Pearlene Revels as Vice Chair, James Thomas as 2nd vice chair, Henry Brewer as third vice chair, and Margaret Lowry as Secretary/treasurer.

Delegates to the County Convention included Ronald Hammonds, Bud Brewer, as well as the five elected officers.

Henry Brewer, Advocate for the use of the Saddletree Community, announced upcoming events at the schedule and encouraged everyone to respond to a survey from the court house to express the opinion on the operations of the court system.



Ronald Hammonds and Henry Brewer (right) are shown at the Saddletree Precinct meeting held in the Saddletree Community Center.

American Indian Mothers Fundraiser and Memorial Scholarship Banquet

American Indian Mothers will sponsor the annual memorial scholarship and awards banquet on Friday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Southeastern Farmers Market. Tickets are \$35 single and \$50 for couples. Contact 843-9911 for further information and dinner reservations.

Memorial scholarships available

American Indian mothers is accepting applications for memorial scholarships in honor of Brenda Brewington Brooks, Delora Jane Brewington Locklear and Brigette Brayboy Cummings. Scholarship application forms are available by calling the American Indian Women's Rueben Center at 843-9911 and must be completed and submitted by April 1st.

In addition to these three memorial scholarships, three new memorial scholarships will be established and announced at the second annual American Indian Mothers Memorial Scholarship and fundraiser banquet on Friday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the southeastern Farmers Market. Nominations for 2003 memorial scholarship honorees will be accepted through April 1st. Nomination forms can be obtained from the American Indian Women's Rueben Center by calling 843-9911.

American Indian Women Award

Nominations for service award in leadership, education, government, business, health, public service and cultural awareness are being accepted by American Indian women scholarship and awards banquet scheduled for Friday, May 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Southeastern Farmers Market.

The ambassador award will be awarded to a spokesperson for American Indian families who demonstrates leadership and serves as role model for American Indian women.

The Education Award will be presented to an educator who has demonstrated leadership and made significant contributions in the field of education through volunteer service in community education programs and activities.

The Government Award will honor an individual from either a local, state or federal government agency who has been involved in change while demonstrating compassion and support for American Indian families and communities.

The Business Award will recognize an individual business person who has given support back to the American Indian community and has been involved in American Indian community issues and activities.

The Health Service Award will honor a doctor, nurse, dentist or other health professional who has demonstrated a commitment beyond the call of duty and who has contributed to a balanced approach to physical, mental and spiritual development.

The Public Service Award will recognize an individual from a public service agency who has been involved in program development and exemplary service to American Indian families that have improved the quality of life in American Indian communities.

The Cultural Awareness Award will be presented to an individual who has demonstrated a high level of involvement and commitment to promoting American Indian culture and in educational programs and activities designed to educate others about traditional American Indian culture.

Nomination forms can be obtained by contacting The American Indian Mothers Organization at 910-843-9911 or sending written nomination to American Indian Mothers, Post office box 425, Shannon, N.C. 28386.

Spring Revival

Where: Ashpole Center UMC
 When: April 6-9, 2003
 Time: Sunday 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
 Speaker: Evangelist Kenneth Locklear
 Directions: Directly across from South Robeson High School; if traveling I-95 S. Take exit 7, right at stop sign, 1st left. Church is located about 3 miles down on left.
 Everyone is cordially invited!



5 Local Lumbee Ladies Win State Titles

Five local Lumbee Ladies recently won state titles in Clinton. The state pageant was held on Feb 21-22, 2003.

The first of the five to win was Evita Saybrianna Sanderson. She was crowned as the Wee Miss N.C. America's Sweetheart State. She also won Talent, Best Personality, Best Hair, Best Smile, and best model in her age division. She also won Overall Sportswear.

Evita is the five year old daughter of Sabrina Sanderson and Michael Floyd. The grand daughter of the late Sylvia L. Sanderson and the late James Edward and Mary Frances Floyd. The great-granddaughter of the late Gus Howard and Eva Mae Locklear and the late Ira and Nancy Sanderson.

She is in Kindergarten at Rosenwald Elementary. The second young lady to win was Marlita Danielle Hunt. She was crowned Miss N.C. America's Sweetheart State. She won casual wear, swim wear, Photogenic, Best Smile, Best Model and Best Hair in her age division. Marlita is the 7 year old daughter of Lillie and Marlin Hunt. The granddaughter of the late bill and Mary Lois Jones. The great granddaughter of Maude Cummings. She is in second grade at Mt. Zion Christian Academy.

The third young lady to win was Ashley Haywood. She was crowned Miss N.C. America's Sweetheart State. She also won Best Hair, Eyes, Best Smile, Best Model, Formal wear, Photogenic and Print model in her age division. Ashley is the 16 year old daughter of Barbara Cummings. She is in the 11th grade at Purnell Swett High.

The fourth young lady was Renee Oxendine. She was crowned as Ms. N.C. State. She also won Best Hair, Prettiest Eyes, Formal Wear, and Casual Wear in her age division.

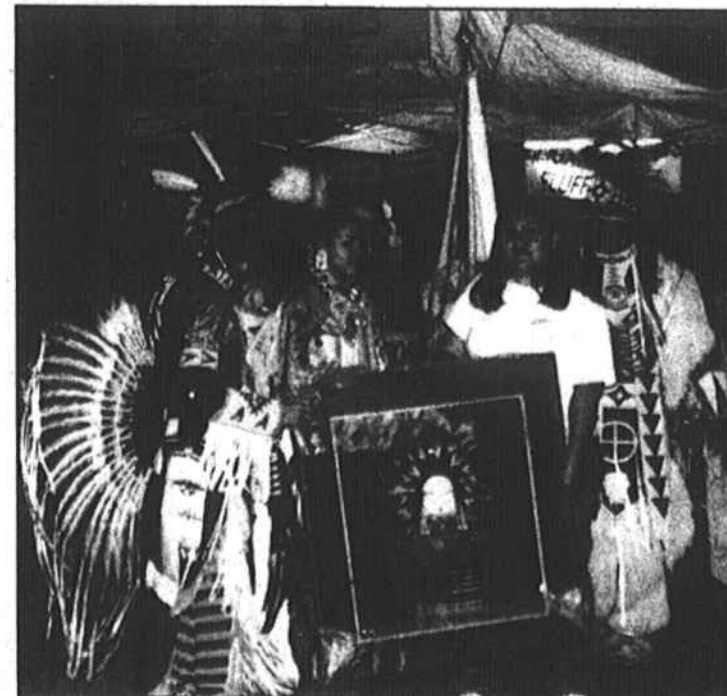
Renee is the daughter of the late Lettie Pearl Emanuel and Wilbert Strong. She is currently attending RCC.

The fifth win was India Rose Locklear. She was crowned as 10 and up Majestic N.C. America's Sweetheart State. She also won Formal Wear, Best Eyes, Best Hair, Best Model and Best Smile in her age division. She also won Overall Most Beautiful, Overall Casual Wear.

India is the 15 year old daughter of Guenivere and Belton Locklear. She is in the 9th grade at Purnell Swett High School.



April Whittemore, Head Lady at first Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. State University held its first inaugural pow-wow Feb 14, and 15, 2003- April Whittemore and Marty Pinnesosse were the head dancers. Host drum was Cozad. Others included White eagle and Medicine Wheel.



Nicki Bell, President of the American Indian Student Union was presented with a painting of Osceola to hang in the Native Student Union center by April.