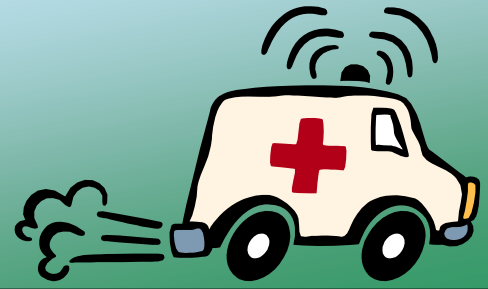


# The Siren



ECU EMERGENCY MEDICINE NEWSLETTER  
 BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY  
 October - December 2008

## Special points of interest:

- EastCare update
- Brian and Mary Dawson found charity
- Alice has lost part of herself
- Christmas festivities
- New faculty and staff
- Ginger leaves for Raleigh
- Research presented here and abroad
- Medical Simulation and Patient Safety Lab continues to grow
- Food raiser

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## What's Going on at EastCare?

JEFFREY FERGUSON, MD  
 Medical Director, EastCare



Dr. Ferguson

I have answered this question on a daily basis for the past several months. Often it is merely a conversation starter, sometimes out of genuine interest, and rarely to broach the topic of a complaint. I am happy to field them all, so when I was asked to write this article about EastCare, I thought I would take the opportunity to publicly answer the question, "What's going on at EastCare?"

The casual observer may have noticed that there is routinely a helicopter missing from the PCMH helipad. In an effort at regionalizing our resources, one aircraft has been relocated to a satellite base at the Rocky Mount - Wilson Airport (RWI). Regionalization allows for faster response times to calls in more remote locations of our 29 county response area. Faster response means earlier access to a higher level of care for our patients both through the prompt arrival of the critical care transport team and quicker delivery to their final destination. The RWI satellite will soon become a 24-hour operation to cover calls in our northwestern response area. Efforts are also underway to place a similar helicopter satellite in the southern region of our territory.



Above: Vanderbilt's EC145. Right: VCU's EC135

EastCare will soon be replacing its fleet of helicopters. Two American Eurocopter EC145s (Vanderbilt aircraft shown) and one EC135 (VCU aircraft shown) will replace the BK117s currently in service. The recent Air Medical Transport Conference gave some EastCare staff the opportunity to see similar aircraft and different interiors from other flight programs. An aircraft completion team has been tasked with choosing the layout of the new aircraft

based on their experience and feedback from other air crew members. Delivery on the first of the EC 145s could be as soon as the end of 2009.



You will see many new faces in flightsuits in the next few months. Many of these new additions are in response to the staffing required for increasing satellite base coverage. EastCare continues to recruit the highest caliber nurses, paramedics, and EMTs from our region and from across the country. Critical care transport offers a unique opportunity to care for the sickest of our patients in an environment where logistics may be minimal and backup nonexistent. Please help me welcome and engage them as they get accustomed to their new

positions. [Author's note: We did not "steal" Todd; we merely welcomed him home after his five year out source to the ED.] The expansion in our ranks has one downside. The ride-along program has been suspended while newly hired employees complete orientation. Exceptions are possible for the right reasons, so feel free to ask, but please understand if it is not currently possible.

The New Year will also bring about new EMS protocols throughout the state. EastCare will be included. The goal of these changes will be improvement of patient care by making advanced equipment, medications, and care protocols available to the crews. Information will be released as new things roll out, but don't be shocked to see a new implement or medication that doesn't fit with the old way of doing things. I hope for open minds, but I expect honest feedback from the "end users." the crews, receiving nurses, and physicians who see these changes in action.

January will also bring the first in what I hope to become a regular elective for senior medical students and residents. More than just a ride-along, the elective will be flexible to fit the interest of the candidate, but will be geared toward exposure to all facets of EMS medical direction. Please contact me if you are interested or have ideas to help make this successful.

So, that is "what's going on at EastCare." Thanks to everyone for their support in my infancy as their Medical Director. Keep asking and hopefully I'll always have something fun to share.

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## Medical Simulation and Patient Safety Lab: Approaching the New Year as a Rapidly Expanding Program!

SKIP ROBNEY, MD  
Director, Medical Simulation and Patient Safety Laboratory

- January 2009 will see the MSPSL continue to develop into a simulation-based education program involving more space, the involvement of multiple individuals and disciplines, and educational research opportunities. The simulation and skills program is now located on the first floor of the former Health Sciences Library in the Brody building within the Graduate Medical Education resident lounge area. Dr. Paul Cunningham, dean of the Brody School of Medicine, and Dr. Phyllis Horns, interim vice-chancellor for Health Sciences, and representatives from the Research Technology Institute in Raleigh, as well as ECU's Renaissance Computing Group (RENCI) recently visited our facility which includes nine rooms used for procedural skills training, computer-enhanced high-fidelity clinical simulation, and debriefing. A brief overview of the program can be accessed at the ECU Emergency Medicine website: <http://author.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/ecuem/res/simulator2.cfm>.



Above: Drs. Mazer and Corcoran in Medicine Clerkship Airway Session.

- A number of recent presentations and publications have resulted from our simulation-based activities and collaborations this year:
  - Lammers RL, Davenport M, Korley F, Griswold-Theodorson S, Fitch T, Narang AT, Evans LV, Gross A, Rodriguez E, Dodge KL, Hamann CJ, Robey WC. Teaching and Assessing Procedural Skills Using Simulation: Metrics and Methodology. *Academic Emergency Medicine*. November 2008. Vol 15(11). To access this issue click the following URL: <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/121498292/issue>.
  - Gantt L, Congdon T, Robey W, Bolin L. Improving Patient Safety Through Student Nurse-Resident Team Training: The Central Venous Catheterization Pilot Project. In: Campbell SH, Kaley KM, eds. *Simulation Scenarios for Nurse Educators: Making It Real*. New York: Springer Publishing Company, 2009;229-237.

- Musick D, Robey W, Price W, Brunk L, Toschlog E, Basnight L. The Use of Simulation Modalities to Train PGY-1 Resident Physicians to Safely Perform Central Venous Catheterization Procedures: An Exploratory Study. 2009 Southern Group on Educational Affairs (SGEA) Regional Conference, New Orleans. Submitted for Presentation.
- Kraemer S, Ramsey KM, Mazer M, Robey WC. Resident Physician Central Venous Line Placement Training Reduces Central Venous Line Associated Bacteremia at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Southern Medical Association/ Southern Section of Society for General Internal Medicine Meeting, February 2009.
- Zadeh S, Lateef M, Barchman MJ, Robey W. Placement Training for Temporary Hemodialysis Catheters using Interactive Simulation. American Society of Nephrology Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2008.
- Reality MD, Students Learn Common and Complex Care Through Simulation in *Mission, The Magazine for the Brody School of Medicine* by Crystal Baity, Fall 2008.



Above: Dr. Barchman Teaching Central Line Techniques to M-3 students.

- Gantt L, Congdon T, Robey W, Bolin L. Educational Strategies for Central Venous Catheterization Training: Effective or Not? Student Nurse-Resident Team Training: A Pilot. International Conference for Simulation in Healthcare as Work in Progress, Buena Vista, Florida, January 2009.
- Robey WC, Corcoran KJ, Brown CK, Price W, Oehler EC, Long MA. Putting Our Residents to the Task-Trainer: Simple, Inanimate Models for the Training and Assessment of Technical Skills. International Conference for Simulation in Healthcare as Work in Progress, Orlando, January 2009.

- The January schedule continues with simulation-based programs involving emergency medicine residents, residents from all disciplines taking our central venous catheterization course, EastCare Flight Nurses, Cardiothoracic Nursing, third-year medical students on medical, surgical and OB-Gyn clerkship skills and emergency medicine elective, ECU College of Nursing, Emergency Medical Services personnel and others.

Right: Jennifer Bennet and Justin Hensley, EM residents, and Alex Britt, medical student, are teaching Emergency Medicine Interest Group skills session.



We are all looking forward to the coming year!

*Anyone can carry his burden, however hard, until nightfall. Anyone can do his work, however hard, for one day. Anyone can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. And this is all life really means.*  
 ~Robert Louis Stevenson

## Brian Dawson and wife found charity

### ChooseAneed

*Identifying, Defining, Publicizing,  
and Meeting the lifesaving needs of others – one need at a time*



Have you every been inspired by a speaker or an experience and in the emotion of the moment promised yourself to care more, to give more, to do more? But often, within just hours, the emotion subsides and the promises are forgotten. Dr. Brian Dawson, a third-year EM resident, and his wife Mary have had several opportunities to travel overseas. Brian says, "On each of these trips we saw many problems that I call 'needs.' Many of these problems, or needs, were small things that I thought to myself 'I could help with that. We could meet that need.'" Unlike most, Brian and Mary didn't let the desire subside. Instead they set out to come up with a way to address some of these needs. They were in a café in Uganda when, on a napkin, they "sketched out the concept of ChooseAneed as a way to bring these kinds of giving opportunities back home." Thus, ChooseAneed was born. ChooseAneed is a 501 c 3 organization, which means all donations are tax deductible. To learn more about the many needs and about some of the wonderful things that have already been done through ChooseAneed, go to <http://www.chooseaneed.org/index.php>.

### ChooseAneed Fundraising and Awareness Dinner

January 24, 2009

Hilton, Greenville, N.C.

The program will start at 6:00pm.

Tickets are \$25 per person and can be obtained by contacting Brian Dawson or visiting the ChooseAneed website at <http://www.chooseaneed.org>.

A donor will pay for any EM resident who would like to attend. If you would like to take advantage of this free offer, contact Brian for tickets.



### Food raiser

You may have noticed two boxes labeled "Box 1" and "Box 2" as you enter the P-side of the ED from the ambulance bay. These two boxes are there to store donated, nonperishable foods which will be given to the Food Bank of Eastern Carolina. The month of December presents a major drain on the Bank's food inventory and donations at this time of year are always needed and appreciated.

Now, to get to the "Box 1" and "Box 2" part -- If you are an ED nurse or part of the ED staff, drop your donations in Box 1. If you are a resident/attending physician or part of the ED administrative staff, drop your donations in Box 2. The obvious question is -- which group will donate the most food? The deadline for donations is January 10. Selina Beauchamp and Brian Miller have promised "the winners will receive bragging rights for the year and a good feeling in their hearts." The next time you are in the grocery store, pick up a few nonperishable items and support your team. More important, you'll be helping to feed those in need.

## My next 50 years...

ALICE HUGGINS  
Clinical Academic Departmental Administrator

Wow, what a year it has been! On the verge of being diagnosed with diabetes in the spring of 2007, I began to research weight loss surgery. I was one of THOSE people who had said numerous times that I'd NEVER have THAT surgery, but when the reality of diabetes hit, I started to change my tune. A dear friend of mine (who works in the Department of Surgery) asked me if I had ever considered having gastric bypass surgery and I told her NO. She suggested that I think about it. Well that conversation marked the beginning of my journey.



Here's Alice -- before and after.

I began to read everything I could find on weight loss surgery: the good, the bad, and the ugly. I discovered that many of my fears and what I thought I knew about the surgery were totally false or outdated. After discussing the possibility with my husband, I decided to move forward. There was no question in my mind who I wanted to be my surgeon. Dr. William Chapman had been Ronnie's surgeon for his colon cancer and hernia repair and I felt totally comfortable with having him be my surgeon too. In June 2007 I attended a Weight Loss Surgery Seminar at Viquist and knew right away that this was the answer to my lifelong battle with obesity. I considered the lap band, but ultimately decided on the gold standard, the Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass. After all the workup was completed I was scheduled for surgery on October 19, 2007. The surgery went great; my recovery was quick and free of complications. I haven't been hungry at all. I followed and continue to follow the dietary plan, take my vitamins and calcium, and exercise. The pounds came off. I've now lost 120 pounds from my highest weight; my BMI has gone from 47.5 to 25.6, and I've lost over 116 ¾ inches.

The best news is that I'm off all prescription medications for blood pressure, depression, and insomnia. I've avoided diabetes and having to take cholesterol-reducing drugs. All my cholesterol levels are well within normal range. I'm only about four pounds away from having a normal BMI. My body fat percentage is within normal range. I feel better than I have in many, many years. This surgery has truly been a miracle. Without a doubt, I'm expecting my next 50 years to be much better and healthier than the first. Thanks JuneBug!

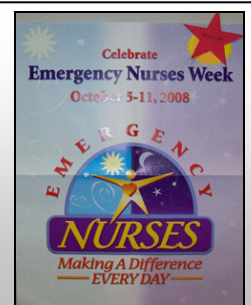


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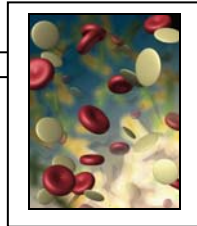
to John Meredith and his family upon the passing of his dad on  
December 4, 2008.

## Emergency Nurses Week

A week is set aside each year to recognize the dedication and skill our emergency nurses bring to the emergency department each and every day of the year. The Emergency Nurses Association established October 5-11 as Emergency Nurses Week this year. Small tokens of appreciation were given to each nurse by ED Management and ECU EM, which included gift bags containing various items that could be used on the job, and key chain flashlights. We offer a sincere "thank you" for the care and compassion you give your patients.



# Research and Scholarly Activities



## Publications

### In Refereed Journals

- **Puhr J, Hack J, Early J, Price W, and Meggs WJ:** Lithium overdose with electrocardiogram changes suggesting ischemia. *J of Medical Toxicology* 2008;4:170-172.
- **Scott L, Tintinalli J, and Brewer KL:** Lumbar punctures for suspected meningitis in adults. *Infectious Diseases in Clinical Practice* 2008;16(5):298-302.

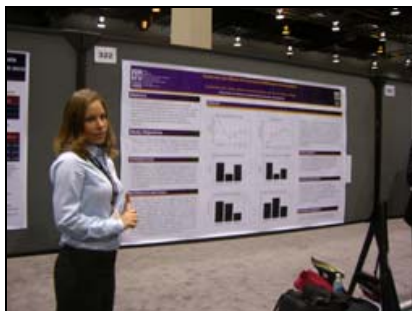
### Accepted for Publication in Refereed Journals

- **Brewer KL, Lee JW, Downs H, Oaklander AL, and Yeziarski RP:** Dermatomal scratching after quisqualate injection: correlation with cutaneous denervation. *J Pain* 2008; IN PRESS.
- **Smith K, Brewer KL, and Brown CK:** Can clinical prediction rules used in acute pediatric ankle and midfoot injuries be used in adults? *Academic Journal of Emergency Medicine* 2008; IN PRESS.
- **Shiber JR, Brewer KL, and Longley MB:** Hyperutilization in the emergency department. *Academic Emergency Medicine* 2008; IN PRESS.

## Presentations

### ACEP Scientific Assembly, Chicago, IL, October 27-30, 2008

- **Dawson B, Gough JE, and Brewer KL:** EMS “no transports” – An evaluation of ED presentations and admission rates following patient initiated “No Transports.” *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008;52:S71.
- **House J, Brewer KL, and Bourne CL:** Location of the appendix in the gravid patient. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008;52:S92.
- **Bennett J, Brewer KL, and Patterson LA:** Resident accuracy of locating the common femoral vein in normal weight versus obese patients. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008;52:S148.
- **Meggs WJ, Courtney CA, O'Rourke D, Brewer KL:** Pressure immobilization bandages for rattlesnake envenomations prevent lethal hyperkalemia from necrosis in a porcine model. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008;52:S140-S141.
- **Fish LR, O'Rourke D, Lust R, Brewer KL, Meggs WJ:** Cardiovascular effects of intravenous rattlesnake envenomation. *Annals of Emergency Medicine* 2008;52:S-140.



### Some pictures from ACEP

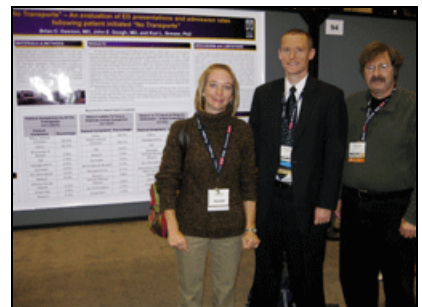
Left: **Laura Fish, MD, PGY-III**, standing in front of her poster titled “Cardiovascular effects of intravenous rattlesnake envenomation.”

Right: **Leigh Patterson, MD**, assistant professor and director of EM residency program, and **Reuben Johnson, MD**, assistant professor and director of EM/IM residency program, spend time at the residency fair.



Left: **Joseph House, MD**, 2008 EM residency program graduate, and **Christy Bourne, MD**, former faculty member and mentor on Joe's research project, stand in front of his poster titled “Location of the appendix in the gravid patient.”

Right: **Brian Dawson, MD, PGY-III** (center), stands with co-authors in front of his poster titled “EMS ‘no transports’ – An evaluation of ED presentations and admission rates following patient initiated ‘no transports.’” The co-authors are **Kori Brewer, PhD**, associate professor and associate chief, Division of Research, and **Jack Gough, MD**, professor and chief, Division of Research.





Some ECU EM residents take a moment from the busy schedule to share some food and fellowship. Pictured to the left, left to right, are **Jocelyn De Guzman, Laura Fish, Courtney Saunders, Leah Roberts, Joseph Lambert** and his wife **Melissa**. Pictured on the right, left to right are **Courtney Saunders, Brian Dawson, Eric Paulk, Laura Fish, and Matt Astin**.



*European Society for Emergency Medicine, Munich, Germany, September 13-20, 2008*  
*AMA 2008 Interim Meeting, Orlando, FL, November 9-11, 2008*  
*(Resident and Fellow Section of the Research Meeting)*

- **Dawson BC, Carter KA, Brewer KL, Lawson L:** Chart smart: A need identified for documentation and billing education amongst emergency medicine resident physicians.

Right: Dr. Dawson is seated in front of his poster titled "Chart smart: A need identified for documentation and billing education amongst emergency medicine resident physicians." Attendees at the meeting in Munich included, left to right in the smaller picture, Brian Dawson, Mary Dawson (wife), Luan Lawson, and Lee Johnson (husband).



### Scholarships Awarded

- **Drs. Matt Astin, Courtney Saunders, and Brandon Mahurin** received scholarships to attend ACEP and a pre-conference on lytic use in the ED. Former recipients in our program include **Drs. Josh Puhr, Laura Fish, and Brian Dawson**.



Left to right around the buffet: Drs. Daly, Garrison, Benson, Ferguson, and Robey.

the spot. Christmas music played as faculty and staff sampled many of the different breakfast foods and relaxed with a cup of coffee before getting to work. Kay Carney did an great job organizing the breakfast this year. Many thanks to everyone who made this year's breakfast a big success.

For ECU Emergency Medicine, the Christmas season has officially begun!

Right: Donna Morgan and Cheryl Goodwin man the grill.



### Annual Faculty Christmas Breakfast

ECU Emergency Medicine staff treated the faculty to a holiday breakfast on December 5, 2008, just prior to the monthly faculty meeting. Eighteen faculty members and 14 staff members attended this year, probably the best attendance ever. The rooms were decorated with snowmen. Snowmen were everywhere – the floor, the countertops, the tables, even hanging on the coat rack!

The table was loaded with everything from apple dumplings to breakfast pizza. Of course, the breakfast wouldn't be complete without Donna's pancakes and Cheryl's French toast, grilled on

## 2008 ECU Emergency Medicine Christmas Party

The 2008 ECU Emergency Medicine Christmas Party was held Saturday evening, December 6, at the Greenville Hilton. Approximately 150 attending physicians, resident physicians, nurses, aids, staff, spouses, and friends attended. Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner, which included beef, chicken, shrimp, vegetable lasagna, green beans, potatoes, vegetable medley, salad, cheesecake, carrot cake, and strawberry shortcake. The



Everyone had a great time.

DJ, Paul Ahearn from Greenville Fire & Rescue, played a variety of music for those gifted or brave enough to dance in public. Two gift certificates, one for the Outback Steakhouse and the other for the Olive Garden, were given away as door prizes. The winners were Dr. Kevin Carmen, a second-year EM resident, and Lisa Elks, PCMH unit secretary.

Later in the evening the Marines landed! They were having their annual Christmas Ball in an adjacent room and several found their way to our party. They invited Kay Carney, Tiffany Taylor (both pictured to the left) and a few others in the audience to the dance floor. It was one of the highlights of the evening. It's hard to beat a Marine in dress blues!

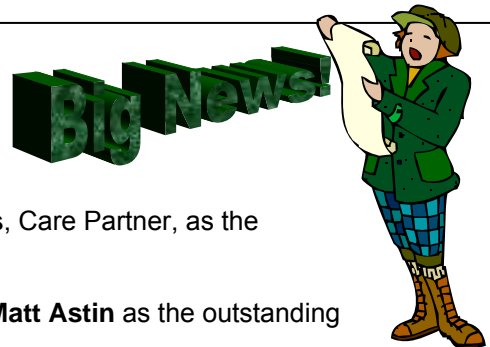


The Marines landed!

Donna Morgan and Tonya McRoy did an excellent job organizing the party this year. Thank you for all your hard work. Many thanks go to Sanofi-Aventis who donated \$500 towards expenses. We offer a very heartfelt "thank you" to the ECU Emergency Medicine faculty who covered the balance of the cost.

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The ED nursing staff selected **Drs. Michelle Huxford, Lisa Cowan, and Jocelyn De Guzman** as the outstanding residents for the month of August. Congratulations!



The ED residents selected **Selina Beauchamp, RN, and Leroy Reeves**, Care Partner, as the outstanding staff for the month of August. Congratulations!

The ED nursing staff selected **Drs. Garrett Norvell, Lisa Cowan, and Matt Astin** as the outstanding residents for the month of September. Congratulations!

The ED residents selected **Selina Beauchamp, RN, and Jennifer Wilaby**, Care Partner, as the outstanding staff for the month of September. Congratulations!

**Salim Rezaie, MD**, a fourth-year EM/IM resident, was one of three recipients of the St. Martin of Tours Award. The award is presented by Pitt County Memorial Hospital in collaboration with the Department of Pastoral Services to employees who display compassionate, quality, and culturally sensitive care to patients, visitors, and staff. The award ceremony was held on October 21, 2008, in the PCMH auditorium. Dr. Reuben Johnson, director of the EM/IM Residency Program, accepted Dr. Rezaie's award in his absence. Congratulations, Dr. Rezaie!

**Dr. Anthony Frank** successfully completed the American Board of Emergency Medicine's 2008 Continuous Certification examination. He is now ABEM certified through December 31, 2018. Congratulations!

**Ginger Richardson**, administrative support specialist in the Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program, has accepted an accounting technician position with the North Carolina Community College System in Raleigh. Her last day with us will be December 19. This career move will also mean a move from Greenville to Raleigh, which will bring her closer to her family. Thank you for your many contributions to ECU Emergency Medicine, particularly to the Eastern Carolina Injury Prevention Program. We wish you the very best!





On October 23, 2008, in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of doctor of philosophy in physiology, **Todd Nolan**, Dr. Brewer's former research technician, presented his doctoral dissertation titled "Inhibition of protein kinase C restores morphine efficacy following excitotoxic spinal cord injury: Implications for the treatment of post-spinal cord injury pain syndromes." Great job, "Dr." Nolan!

Left: Todd Nolan on dissertation day.

The Greenville Community Shelter held the kick-off luncheon for their annual Christmas fundraising campaign on September 26, and, once again, **Dr. Reeder** sponsored an ECU Emergency Medicine table. Those who represented the department at the luncheon were **Melissa Bell, Alice Huggins, Donna Morgan, Rhonda Reeder, Tim Reeder, Ginger Richardson, Lorraine**

**Riggins, and Tiffany Taylor.** The guest speaker for the event was Sharon McLaughlin. Sharon presented the work and needs of the Greenville Community Shelter from a perspective we rarely hear. Sharon arrived in Greenville by mistake. After a recent divorce, she was given a bus ticket by a family member who was trying to help her get back on her feet. Sharon thought she was going to Greensboro, but when she got off the bus, she found herself in Greenville. She had never been to Greenville and didn't know a soul. She had little to no money and for the first couple days and nights she found shelter at a convenience store. The clerk at the store told her about the Greenville Community Shelter, and she walked, luggage in hand, to the shelter. Her story has many ups and downs from this point, but, thankfully, things are looking up currently. She is working for the Greenville Community Shelter, and will be graduating from Pitt Community College next spring. Sharon hopes to begin studies at ECU in the future. Her life is back on track. Sharon's story gives us a glimpse of the good work the shelter does for so many. Of course, it takes money, which brings us back to the Christmas fundraising campaign. This year's Honor Card is titled "First Light." Every expense associated with the production and distribution of the card is either donated or volunteered, which means every penny raised stays right here in Greenville. If you would like to donate to the Greenville Community Shelter by purchasing a card or cards (\$5/card or \$4/card if purchase in units of 5), call the shelter at 752-0829.



Above: "First Light," by Greensboro artist William Magnum.



Left, left to right: **Mary Dawson** (Dr. Dawson's wife), **Kirk Jones, MD** (1998 graduate of our EM residency program), **Kori Brewer, PhD**, associate professor, **Laura Fish, MD, PGY-III**, and **Brian Dawson, MD, PGY-III** participated in the 3rd Annual OBX Marathon, held on the North Carolina Outer Banks November 9. This was Dr. Fish's first marathon! Congratulations to each of you!

Members of the Emergency Medicine Association of Residency Coordinators (EMARC) have been approved to apply for certification by the National Board of Certification of Training Administrators of Graduate Medical Education (TAGME). **Donna Morgan** is one of five EMARC Certification Taskforce members who are scheduled to

receive certification in December by TAGME. This has been no small task for Donna, who had to meet many TAGME requirements in order to be certified. Congratulations, Donna!

**Skip Robey, MD**, performed at "Songwriters in the Round" at the Topsy Teapot on November 13. It was a rainy day and wet evening, but the weather didn't scare away the crowd. Some came early and left early. Others came late and stayed late. Some enjoyed dinner during the performance, while others enjoyed just a drink or had nothing at all. The event was casual and relaxed, with much applause and lots of hoots, whistles, and hollers. One of the highlights of the evening was the performance of 15-year-old Jamie Cook, son of ECU's Drs. Paul and Fiona Cook, who played his violin as Dr. Robey played his guitar and sang one of his compositions titled "The Art of Loving You." It was awesome.



The song ended and Jamie continued playing several bars of a piece by Tchaikovsky. When the applause and cheers settled down, Jamie and his family quietly left the restaurant; after all, Thursday is a school night. He definitely left the audience wanting more. Besides Jamie Cook and our own Skip Robey, other very gifted local artists who performed that evening were Scott Pearce, Dean Tuck, and Mike Hamer. The music ranged from country, bluegrass, and ballads to a little bit of classical. There was something for just about everyone. Be watching for the date of the next performance and make plans to attend. It will be an evening well spent!



Right: **Bill Price, MD**, and **Hyman Demby, RN**, EastCare flight nurse, continue to serve Greenville and the surrounding area by providing emergency medical service at various community events this past summer and fall.

## Welcome!

### *FACULTY*

**Dawn Kendrick, MD**, joined ECU Emergency Medicine on November 1, 2008. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and worked as an RN for four years in Charlotte before attending medical school at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. Dr. Kendrick completed her emergency medicine residency at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. After residency, she went on to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to finish a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship. In her spare time she enjoys running and spending time with her family. She is married with two children, Connor and Mia. Her husband, Scott, is a nephrologist who recently joined Eastern Nephrology Associates here in Greenville. We are delighted to have Dr. Kendrick on the ECU Emergency Medicine faculty.

**Leanna Thorn, MD**, joined ECU Emergency Medicine on September 15, 2008. Leanna moved to Greenville from Florence, S.C., where she has been practicing emergency medicine for the past nine years at McLeod Regional Medical Center. Prior to working in Florence, Leanna attended the Brody School of Medicine and then completed her emergency medicine residency in Greenville. She is married with a six-year-old son, Eli, and four-year-old daughter, Olivia. Her husband Branin is also an ECU alumni. Leanna enjoys watching ECU sports with her family and stays active running, biking, and swimming.

### *STAFF*

**Stacey Bone** joined the staff of ECU Emergency Medicine on October 6, 2008. Her official title is business services coordinator-advanced, but she is more commonly called our billing manager. Stacey is originally from Rocky Mount, N.C. She graduated from ECU in 2006 with a bachelor of science degree in health services management. She got married last October to her "wonderful" husband, Larry. They have a miniature dachshund and rat terrier mix dog, "Suzie." In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the beach, and, of course, shopping! Welcome, Stacey! We are happy to have you on board!

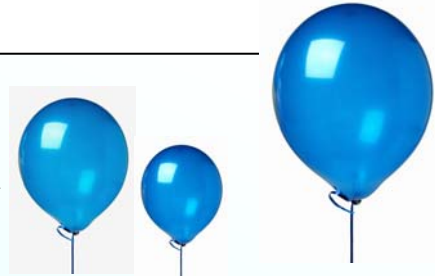


## *New Arrival*

Name: Leilani Ann Frenzel  
Born: September 12, 2008  
Length: 19 ½"  
Weight: 6 lbs. 7 oz.  
Proud Parents: Hoyt & Shirin Frenzel



# Happy Birthday . . .



## December

1	Dr. Frank	3	Alice Huggins
3	Dr. Fray	9	Dr. Insana
5	Jennifer Smith	11	Dr. Daly
10	Dr. Kendrick	15	Dr. Johnson
16	Dr. Russell	23	Melissa Bell
18	Dr. Tran	23	Dr. D'haenens
28	Dr. Gough	25	Dr. Herington
29	Dr. Ambrose	26	Cheryl Goodwin
30	Dr. Norvell	26	Dr. Carmen
		27	Dr. Corcoran
		30	Dr. Robertson

## January

1	B. Miller
2	Dr. Peart

## February

4	Dr. Sekhon
9	Dr. Mahurin
9	Dr. Patterson
12	Dr. Robey
13	Dr. Cosenza
18	Dr. Bernard
18	Dr. Roberts
21	Dr. Brewer
26	Dr. K. Miller

## March

5	Dr. Patel
10	Dr. Huxford
11	Dr. Vaughn
12	Dr. Thorn
22	Dr. Warden
23	Dr. Solberg-Shankle
27	Tiffany Taylor

. . . **to you!**

You must have been a beautiful baby. . .



**Answer: Lisa Cowan, MD**

The results of those who responded with a guess:

3 – Dr. Lawson; 1 – Dr. Courtney; 1 – Dr. Fish; 3 – JoAnna Waters; 1 – Dr. Kinney; 1 – Samantha Monteith; 1 – Dr. Solberg; 1 – Meagan Motteler ; 1 Teresa Anderson



I bet you drove the little boys wild. . .



To the left is a picture of someone in ECU Emergency Medicine. It could be of a faculty attending, resident physician, or a staff member. Who do you think it is? E-mail Lorraine with your guess. (Answer in next issue.)

## Upcoming Events

### COURSES

#### **ACLS Courses, 2008**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider: Nov 6-7

Renewal: Dec 2

#### **ACLS courses, 2009**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider: Jan 29 & 30 • Mar 26 & 27 • Apr 21 & 22  
• May 9 • May 21 & 22 • July 16 & 17 • Aug 4 & 5  
• Oct 15 & 16 • Nov 3 & 4 • Dec 3 & 4

Renewal/Refresher: Feb 10 • Apr 9 • Aug 21 •  
Sept 11 • Nov 20

Renewal/Refresher Saturday Classes: Feb 21 •  
May 9 • Sept 19

Contact: Angel Wiggins @ 847-4904

#### **ATLS Courses, 2008**

DEPARTMENTS OF SURGERY AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICINE

BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EAST CAROLINA  
UNIVERSITY

Nov 3-4

To register contact Carolyn S. Vines @ 847-6957

#### **ATLS Courses, 2009**

DEPARTMENTS OF SURGERY AND EMERGENCY  
MEDICINE

BRODY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EAST CAROLINA  
UNIVERSITY

Provider: Mar 23-24 • Jun 22-23 • Aug 24-25 •  
Nov 9-10

Instructor: Dec 10-11

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#### **BLS Training, 2008**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider Renewal: Oct 13 • Nov 10 • Dec 5

Refresher Course: Nov 5 • Dec 8

#### **BLS Training, 2009**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Renewal: Jan 21 • Feb 4 • Mar 4 • Apr 1 • May 13  
• Jun 3 • July 1 • Aug 11 • Sept 17 • Oct 14 •  
Nov 11 • Dec 21

Refresher: Jan 6 • Feb 16 • Mar 20 •  
Apr 2 • May 27 • Jun 9 • July 30 • Aug 18 • Sept  
10 • Oct 21 • Nov 23 • Dec 15

First Timers: Jan 8 • Apr 30 • Aug 13 • Nov 17

#### **NRP Training, 2009**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider: Jan 22 • Feb 17 • Mar 18 • May 14 •  
July 9 • Sept 3 • Nov 6

Renewal: Jan • Mar 5 • Apr 24 • May 19 •  
July 22 • Aug 19 • Sept 15 • Oct 20 • Nov 19 •  
Dec 2

#### **PALS Courses, 2008**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider: November 18-19

Renewal: December 12

#### **PALS Courses, 2009**

PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY TRAINING CENTER

Provider: Jan 15 & 16 • Mar 10 & 11 •  
May 5 & 6 • Sept 24 & 25 • Nov 12 &  
13 • Dec 17

Renewal/Refresher: Feb 19 • Apr 16 •  
July 24 • Oct 29

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### MEETINGS

#### **ACEP Scientific Assembly 2008**

Chicago, IL  
October 27-30, 2008

#### **NAEMSP Annual Meeting, 2009**

Hyatt Regency  
Jacksonville, FL  
January 22-24, 2009

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Neuroscience Symposium, 2008**

EAST CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY FOR  
NEUROSCIENCE

The Monroe Center  
November 25

Deadline for abstract submission is Friday,  
October 17, 5pm.

For details: <http://www.ecu.edu/neurochapter/>

We want to thank each contributor to this issue of *The Siren*. We welcome and encourage all of you to participate in future publications. Please e-mail your suggestions and/or contributions for the next issue by March 1 to [rigginsL@ecu.edu](mailto:rigginsL@ecu.edu) or send them to Lorraine Riggins, Emergency Medicine, 3ED-315, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27834.

