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## Thirty Year Celebration of *The Color Purple* Movie

Anson and Union County organizations have organized several events in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the filming of the movie *The Color Purple* in this area in 1985. Events will take place July 13 through 18 at several locations.

*The Color Purple* movie was filmed primarily in Anson County after location scouts for director Steven Spielberg met with Ansonian Lynn Garibaldi who took them to Harry Huntley's farm and other sites in Anson County. Spielberg, who had looked at countless sites in the south, declared Anson County as the perfect setting for the movie after seeing the locations for himself, settling on Huntley's farm as the main site for most of the movie. He then determined that he could use a section of downtown Marshville for some of the town scenes.

Many locals were involved with the movie, as extras and with other contributions. They are invited to come and share their experiences at any or all of the events listed below.

- Monday, July 13 Meet and Greet reception in the Marshville Community Center at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14 Gospel Singing on the Square in Wadesboro at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15 Bach's Lunch at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro at noon. Tickets \$10
- Thursday, July 16 Color Purple Lunch Kate-Clyde Catering Creations Marshville at 11 a.m. Tickets \$7
- Friday, July 17 Screenings of *The Color Purple* at the Ansonia Theater at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free admission
- Saturday, July 18 Grand Finale Celebration in downtown Marshville with Juke Joint, band and street vendors, 6 to 11 p.m.

## Unemployment Rate at 6.6% in May

Anson County's unemployment rate for May was 6.6 percent. In April the rate was 5.9 percent. Statewide the unemployment rate for May was 5.9 percent. In May 2014 Anson's unemployment rate was 7.2%, in 2013 it was 10.4%, in 2012 it was 11.7%, in 2011 it was 11.7%, and in 2010 it was 13.6%.

Anson's total labor force in May was 11,054. Of that number 10,325 were employed and 729 were unemployed. In April the total labor force was 11,009, with 10,356 employed and 653 unemployed.

Unemployment rates (not seasonally adjusted) increased in 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties in May, decreased in two counties, and remained unchanged in one county.

Graham County had the highest unemployment rate at 12.0 percent while Buncombe County had the lowest at 4.5 percent. All fifteen the state's metro areas experienced rate increases. Among the Metro areas, Rocky Mount at 8.6 percent experienced the highest rate and Asheville had the lowest rate at 4.7 percent. The May not seasonally adjusted statewide rate was 5.9 percent.

When compared to the same month last year, not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates decreased in 87 counties, increased in six, and remained unchanged in seven. Fourteen metro areas experienced rate decreases over the year while one remained unchanged.

The number of workers employed statewide (not seasonally adjusted) increased in May by 20,877 to 4,514,502, while those unemployed increased 36,071 to 281,591. Since May 2014, the number of workers employed statewide increased 115,233, while those unemployed decreased 15,159.

## Anson Pediatrics Earns National Recognition for Patient-Centered Care

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) today announced that Anson Pediatrics of Wadesboro has received NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Recognition for using evidence-based, patient-centered processes that focus on highly coordinated care and long-term, participative relationships. Anson Pediatrics were awarded a level 3, which is the highest honor.

The NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home is a model of primary care that combines teamwork and information technology to improve care, improve patients' experience of care and reduce costs. Medical homes foster ongoing partnerships between patients and their personal clinicians, instead of approaching care as the sum of episodic office visits. Each patient's care is overseen by clinician-led care teams that coordinate treatment across the health care system. Research shows that medical homes can lead to higher quality and lower costs, and can improve patient and provider reported experiences of care.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that Anson Pediatrics has the tools, systems and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

To earn recognition, which is valid for three years, Anson Pediatrics demonstrated the ability to meet the program's key elements, embodying characteristics of the medical home. NCQA standards aligned with the joint principles of the Patient-Centered Medical Home established with the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Osteopathic Association.

Sarah P. Elliott, MD and O. Elliott Peters, MD, FAAP are the doctors at Anson Pediatrics. They are located at 904 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-2300.

To find clinicians and their practices with NCQA PCMH Recognition, visit [recognition.ncqa.org](http://recognition.ncqa.org).

About NCQA: NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's website ([ncqa.org](http://ncqa.org)) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more informed health care choices.



## SPCC Summer Camps Offer Fun and Education

"All SPCC Summer Camps are going great," said Jennifer Joyner-Talbot, the Director Apprenticeship, Professional Programs & Marketing at South Piedmont Community College. "Over 203 campers have registered to attend different sessions throughout the summer."

Students are having a great time learning about various fields and course of study at SPCC.

## Anson County 4-H Members Attend 2015 Citizenship North Carolina Focus

A delegation of Anson County 4-H members attended 4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus, which was held in Raleigh. The Anson County delegation returned home from three days in which more than 125 youth and adults representing over sixty 4-H programs across the state gathered to exchange ideas, gain knowledge and learn through hands on experiences about the importance of being an active and engaged citizen.

Katie Edwards represented Anson County at the June 15-17 conference. Through various conference sessions and facilitated discussions, delegates learned and shared information related to local, state and national government as well as learned how they could make an impact in the area of citizenship.

The highlight of the conference was the Legislative Breakfast where delegates had a chance to meet and have photos taken with their elected officials. Following the breakfast, delegates traveled to the Legislative Building in Raleigh to meet with their elected officials and their staff.

4-H Citizenship North Carolina Focus is sponsored by North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives - Touchstone Energy. North Carolina 4-H is Cooperative Extension's youth development program.

For more information on this event or other 4-H programs, please contact Roshunda Terry, 4-H Agent in Anson County at 704-694-2915.

## Carolinas HealthCare System Switching to Plain Language Emergency Alerts

On the recommendation of the North Carolina Hospital Association (NCHA), Carolinas HealthCare System is adopting plain language emergency alerts across greater Charlotte hospitals and facilities. Effective July 1, 2015, the System no longer uses color-coded alerts. This new approach will make it easier to communicate the exact nature of an emergency.

Plain-language alerts address two types of events:

- Medical Alerts ("Code blue" will still be used for cardiac respiratory events)
- Security Alerts (e.g., missing person, armed subject/active shooter, threat of violence, hostage situation, suspicious package/bomb threat, restricted access)
- Facility Alerts (e.g., evacuation, fire alarm, hazardous materials spill, mass casualty, medical decontamination, utility/technology interruption, weather)

Clear, or "plain" language, makes a big difference in an emergency. Implementing these changes addresses a number of goals, including:

- Reducing variation of emergency codes among North Carolina hospitals
- Cutting down on confusion for hospital staff working in multiple facilities
- Increasing patient, staff and public safety within hospitals and communities
- Eliminating the need for excessive overhead announcements
- Promoting transparency of safety protocols

Adoption of plain language is supported by a number of organizations, including the US Department of Health and Human Services, the US Department of Homeland Security, and the National Incident Management System.

The hospitals making this change are: Carolinas Medical Center, Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy, Levine Children's Hospital, Carolinas HealthCare System Pineville, Carolinas HealthCare System University, Carolinas HealthCare System Lincoln, Carolinas HealthCare System NorthEast, Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital, Carolinas HealthCare System Anson, Carolinas HealthCare System Union, Carolinas HealthCare System Cleveland, and Carolinas HealthCare System Kings Mountain.

## Color Purple Bach's Lunch

Two cast members from *The Color Purple* movie will be part of the next Bach's Lunch entertainment on Wednesday, July 15 at noon at the First Presbyterian Church. Sonya Ellerbe who played the piano in the 1985 church scene is still playing and Michelle Smith who sang in the choir is still singing. In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the filming of the movie, they will present a program of gospel music including some songs from the movie. Joining them will be Rev. Joann Bennett, Carolyn Hilliard and Donnie Lewis. The menu of fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, black-eyed peas, collards, cornbread and peach cobbler will be catered by Jammin Collards of Ansonville.

Everyone is encouraged to wear purple to add to the festivity. Please get your \$10 tickets in advance at the Anson County Arts Council, Lacy's, or from any arts council board member. Because of limited seating there may be no tickets available at the door. For more information call 704-694-4950.

## Compassionate Friends to Meet

The Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents, grandparents and siblings who have a lost a child of any age, meets this Thursday, July 9 at 7 p.m. in the Training Room at Pee Dee Electric on Highway 52 South in Wadesboro.

For information please call Irvin Thompson at 704-694-8774.

## Blood Drive July 14 in Memory of Shaundasia Smith

The American Red Cross, Cassandra Reid, Christine Hall and Principal Chris Stinson are working together to host a community blood drive in memory of Shaundasia Smith. You are urged to come to the First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro on Tuesday, July 14 and donate. The hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Donors can schedule a life saving appointment online by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and entering the sponsor code: Shandasia Smith. Or you can text or call Christine Hall at 704-690-2596.

## Brown Bag Book Club Meets July 20

The Brown Bag Book Club will meet on Monday, July 20 at 12 noon in the Pritchett Room of the Hampton B. Allen Library for a covered dish meal and author talk. All attending are asked to bring a dish, a friend and come enjoy fellowship with one another as Kendra T. Davis, a licensed Substance Abuse Counselor and Certified Criminal Justice Addiction Professional will speak. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

If you have any questions or need additional information please call the library at 704-694-5177.