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## Four Men Charged with Murder of Phillip Burgess on July 7

On Friday July 10 the Wadesboro Police Department, with assistance from the North Carolina SBI, was able to make an arrest in the case involving Phillip Burgess who was found deceased in the parking lot of the Hair Shack, located on Highway 74 East. Burgess was discovered on Tuesday, July 7 by a citizen, and initially it appeared that he was the victim of a hit and run. Upon further investigation it was determined that the fatal injuries Burgess suffered were the result of a severe beating, and that Burgess had been robbed.



Quentin Teal



Demetrian Teal



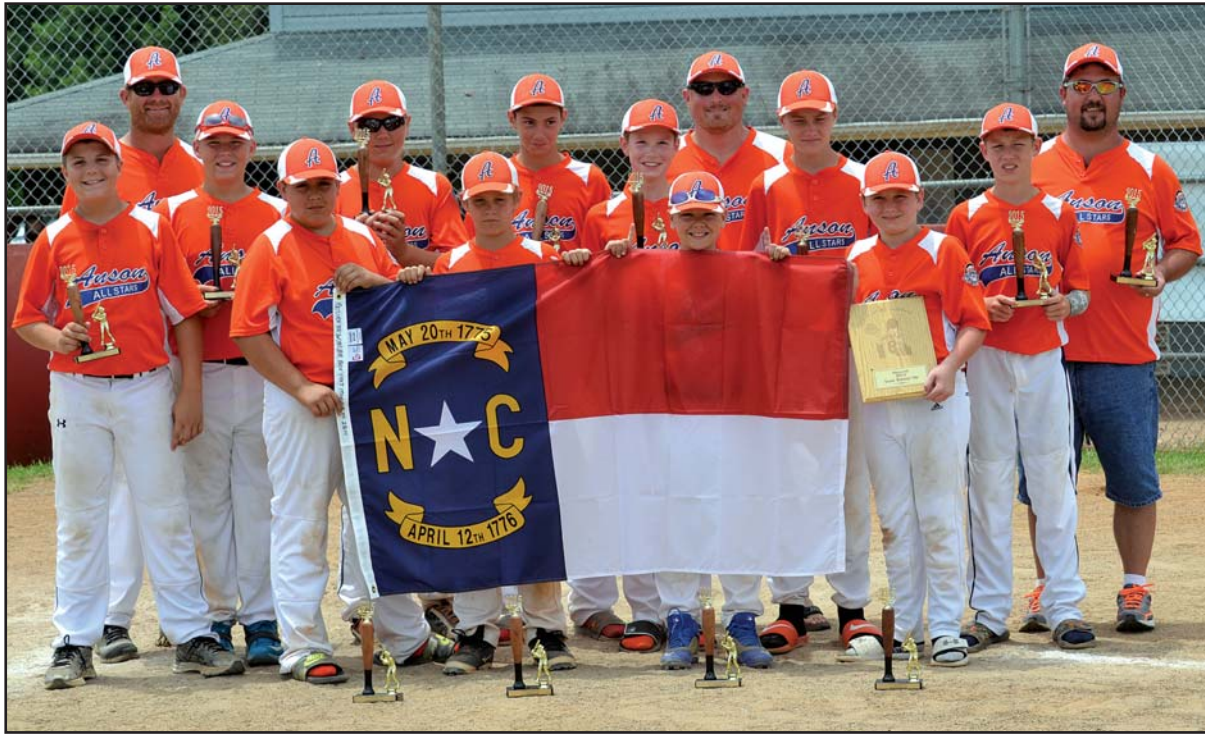
James Henderson



Reginald Jenkins

After many hours of investigation by Wadesboro Police Department investigators and the SBI arrests were made on the following men: Quentin Cornelius Teal, age 22, of Wadesboro; Demetrian Teal, age 19 of Wadesboro; James Edward Henderson, Jr., age 19, of Cheraw; and Reginald Lamont Jenkins II, age 19, of Morven.

All Suspects were charged with First Degree Murder. They are being held at the Anson County Jail with no bond. The motive of this crime was robbery "I would like to send my condolences to the victim's family, and thank them for their patience and trust they had in us during this investigation," said WPD Chief Thedis Spencer. "I would also like to thank the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and Anson County Emergency Services for their assistance with this investigation."



## Anson All Stars Headed to Regional Tournament

The Anson All Stars finished second in the 2015 NC Babe Ruth Major 46/60 State Tournament this past weekend in Statesville. The team advances to the Southeast Regional Tournament in Kinston, NC on July 22.

With only one week to raise the money necessary to move forward, the team needs your help! Contributions are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Anson Athletic Youth Association. Contact Kim Wilson (704-475-0939) or Susan Thomas (704-695-4173) for more information or to have someone pick up your contribution.

The team is pictured here, from left, front row: Bryce Wilson, Chase Kearney, Bryson Jackson, Hunter Haney and Brady Ross. Second row: Austin Burns, Gavin Smith, Tyler Lowery, Mason Hyatt, Sam Ingram and Drew Thomas. Back row: Coach Shane Thomas, Coach Kris Jackson and Coach Jerry Langley.

## Town of Wadesboro 2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The Town of Wadesboro's recently released Annual Drinking Water Quality Report found no violations for 2014. This report is designed to keep customers aware of drinking water quality, including details about water sources, containments, and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.

Customers can view the Report at Town Hall or by following the link listed on their next August water bill. The report can be viewed directly at [www.townofwadesboro.org](http://www.townofwadesboro.org).

For more information contact Hugh James, Public Services Director, at (704) 694-5171.

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

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.

- 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 Screening of *The Color Purple* at the Ansonia Theater at 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.
- Sunday, July 19 Screening of *The Color Purple* at the Ansonia Theater at 3 p.m. Free admission

## Producer Maurice Moore to Appear at Meet and Greet Color Purple Party

Got purple? Then dare to put on your best and most purple outfit and join other locals who starred in the *The Color Purple* at the Color Purple Party on Thursday, July 16, from 6 to 9 p.m. The party is being hosted by the Holla Center in Morven and will feature special guest, film producer Maurice Moore.

Moore, a Wadesboro native, started his career as a child actor in Steven Spielberg's classic drama *The Color Purple*. He starred as one of the children of Mister, played by acclaimed actor Danny Glover.

Being part of a historic film and working with such giants in the business is what gave Moore the motivation to pursue a career in the film industry. After graduating with a degree in theater Moore went on to make a name for himself in almost every facet of filmmaking and television. He's a writer, director, producer, actor and reality show creator who has worked with a number of artists who have been instrumental in his success and growth.

Another highlight of the event will be the star look-a-like contest. Since Sophia (Oprah Winfrey), Mister (Danny Glover) or Celie (Whoopi Goldberg) will not be making any special appearances at the party, the public is invited to join the competition to look like them.

This event is free to the public. The Purple Punch will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Moore will make several other appearances during his visit to Anson County including a 9 a.m. workshop for youth on acting and the film industry on Friday, July 17, at the Holla Center.

## Back To School with Pride's 14th Annual Event Scheduled for Saturday, August 15 at Hatcher Park

The Faith Based Center of Hope will host their 14th annual Back to School with Pride event on Saturday, August 15 at Hatcher's Park in Lilesville, beginning at 11 a.m. Each year Anson County Commissioner Vancine Sturdivant, CEO and Founder of Faith Based Center of Hope, hosts the annual "Back to School with Pride" project to help parents obtain school supplies and uniforms.

Mrs. Sturdivant stated, "Each year the needs grow greater. During our 2014 project we were able to supply school supplies and uniforms to over 300 kids and to every school in Anson County. Through the contributions of great friends, businesses, officials, pastors and churches and community leaders, I know we will be able to bless more families this year."

The Back to School with Pride program is open to everyone, especially the less fortunate youth of all diversities. Also, community leaders, officials, pastors, ministers and medical advisors are invited to please come. Entertainment will be rendered by Little's Trucking Inc. (Tracy and Hattie Little, owners) and DJ Phatt (Jasper Evans) of Richmond County. "I humbly ask for your support as we endeavor to do God's will and help our kids go back to school with the supplies needed," concluded Sturdivant. "All contributions, whether monetary, school supplies or uniforms will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will be used for supplies and given out in OUR county."

For more information or to contribute, please contact Vancine Sturdivant 704-848-4412; Dr. Bernice Bennett 704-848-4085; Jennifer Tarlton 704-694-3115 or Tracy Little 704-695-2959.

## Stride with Pride Tennis Shoe Drive Kicks Off

Event named in honor of Shaundasia T. Smith this year  
Donations sought from the community

The annual Stride with Pride Tennis Shoe Drive has been renamed in memory of Shaundasia T. Smith. Shaundasia, the granddaughter of Stride with Pride founder, Sheriff Landric Reid, died on March 29, 2015. "Shaundasia was always involved with the shoe drive," said Sheriff Reid. "She will be missed throughout the community."

Collections of shoes and donations have begun, and will run through August 16. Through the generous contributions of the community Stride with Pride was able to give away over 300 pairs of tennis shoes to underprivileged youth of all diversities last year. However, the need in Anson County is so great that their goal this year is to put a smile on at least 350 faces! These new tennis shoes will benefit children from kindergarten through 12 grade, and all sizes are needed.

Joining in the effort again with Sheriff Reid is Patti Poulcott of Judy's Tax Service in Wadesboro. Together, Patti and Sheriff Reid will be working to collect donations of new shoes and monetary contributions from area supporters. They hope that you will consider joining them in this important effort to help a child walk the halls of success this new school year.

"Though your generosity we can help our youth 'Stride with Pride' this coming school year," Patti said. "Collections are going on now through August 16. We hope you will consider joining us to help our local children."

Stride with Pride will be a part of the Back to School with Pride event to be held on Saturday, August 15 at Hatcher Park in Lilesville. At that event hundreds of area students will be provided with free school supplies.

For more information or to make a contribution to Stride with Pride, please contact Patti Poulcott at 704-694-8386 or email [ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ppoulcott@carolina.rr.com).

## SHIIP Announces Annual Regional Award Winners

Thomasina Spencer recognized for outstanding service to Medicare beneficiaries in North Carolina

North Carolina Insurance Commissioner Wayne Goodwin is pleased to announce that Thomasina Spencer of Anson County is the recipient of the 2015 regional award, Central Volunteer of the Year, from SHIIP, the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program. Goodwin congratulates Spencer and other regional honorees.

SHIIP is a division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance that offers free, unbiased information about Medicare, Medicare prescription drug coverage, Medicare Advantage, long-term care insurance and other health insurance issues. While SHIIP has a small paid staff, it relies on county coordinators to help organize nearly 1,000 trained volunteers to provide Medicare counseling in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

"SHIIP would not be able to serve our state's 1.5 million Medicare recipients without the help of our network of volunteers and coordinators," said Goodwin. "While all of our partners do an outstanding job, we are proud to honor those who stood out for their service this past year. These award winners provide excellent service to North Carolinians, and I'm honored they are a part of our SHIIP family."

This year's awards were presented by Goodwin and SHIIP Deputy Commissioner Van Braxton on June 25 at the 2015 SHIIP Coordinators' Training Conference in Greensboro. "I congratulate all of the 2015 award winners," Goodwin said. "SHIIP provides a valuable service across the state, and the need for our Medicare counseling will only grow as North Carolina's Medicare population expands."

For more information about SHIIP or to get answers to Medicare questions, call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616. Or you can call SHIIP directly at 855-408-1212 or visit [www.ncshiiip.com](http://www.ncshiiip.com).

## Healthy Living and Eating Seminar is July 19

Pathway to Peace Ministries presents ANEW-START, healthy living seminar and cooking class on Sunday, July 19, from 3 to 5 p.m. Learn how to cook plant-based foods that will heal you. Learn how to lose weight, have more energy, reduce cholesterol, reverse diabetes, lower blood pressure, and much more.

Interested? Come! Seminar and cooking class is FREE! It will be held at 11775 Highway 109 South in Peachland. For more information call 704-695-1441.

## 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. Davis is currently pursuing a Doctorate Degree at Apex School of Theology where she will obtain a Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Studies. She is the author of two books, *Rivers of Life* and *No More Discounts*, and will talk about them and have these books for sale. 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.

## Trip to Shatley Springs

Grace Senior Center: Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a one day trip to Shatley Springs on Wednesday, September 30. The package includes your meal at Shatley Springs Restaurant in Crumpler, NC. You will visit the Cheese Factory in West Jefferson, NC and the Ashe County Farmer's Market. Enroute to West Jefferson you will tour the foliage of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The cost of the trip is \$60 per person. They are accepting deposits for the trip now, and the final date to pay is September 24. For more information or to register please call 704-694-6616.