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Mr. Joel Audrey Leonard

Mr. Joel Audrey Leonard, 83, died Saturday, September 17, 2011, at Anson Community Hospital. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, at Long Pine United Methodist Church with Rev. Stephen Shytle officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery. Audrey was born January

Obituaries

11, 1928, in Anson County, a son of the late Joel Frank and Daisy Marze Leonard. He was a life-long member of Long Pine United Methodist Church, a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean Conflict, and was retired from Hornwood in Lilesville with more than 39 years of service.

Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Marjorie Mathis Leonard; his children, Wayne (Teresa) Leonard of Hillsborough and Dianne Dawkins of Wadesboro; his sister, Clarice Lowery of Rockwell; his grandchildren, Alisha and Tiffany Dawkins and Joel and Davis Leonard; and his six great-grandchildren.

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude first to Dr. Elena Sutton for her wonderful care and diagnosis of Audrey's cancer, along with Dr. Gregory Brouse and staff, Dr. Thomas Troutman and staff, Anson Community

Hospital and staff and Jessie Helms Nursing Center, both Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments for the excellent care and services given to both Audrey and his family.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6000 Fairview Rd., Suite 200, Charlotte, NC 28210 or the charity of the donor's choice.

The arrangements were in care of Leavitt Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfuneralhomewadesboro.com.

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Spencer Walters

Mrs. Nellie Ruth Spencer Walters, 75, died Thursday, September 15, 2011, at Cary Rehabilitation Center in Cary.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, in the Chapel of Leavitt Funeral Home in Wadesboro. Interment will follow in Anson Memorial Park.

The family will greet

friends one hour before the services at the funeral home.

Nellie was born April 5, 1936, in Anson County, a daughter of the late Lee and Georgianna Brown Spencer. She was a homemaker and a member of Forestville A.M.E. Zion Church.

Surviving are her children, David (Clara) Walters of Pineville, NC, Michael Walters of Pageland and Debbie (Albert) Montgomery of Wingate; her grandchildren, Tyrail, Monica, Mikey, Kendall, Stacey and Jada; her great-grandchildren, Arianna, Brianna, Deianna, and Shania; and her sisters, Kathleen Spencer, Louise Smith and Connie Teal, all of Lilesville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas "Jimmy" Walters, by children, Leroy, Anna, Alexander and Georgianna, and her sisters, Mary Lee (Sam) Rivers and Dorothy Rorie.

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SPCC Schedules Early Educator Renewal Courses

South Piedmont Community College will offer Early Educator Certification (EEC) mandated renewal credit courses at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington Street, Wadesboro, beginning in October.

Classes are for educators working with or on behalf of children from birth to 12 years old. The sessions were developed by the N.C. Institute of Child Development Professionals and are taught by childhood educator instructors with appropriate credentials.

The multi-entry series will consist of three five-hour courses: "Challenging Behavior" on Oct. 3 and 17; "Family-Staff Partnerships" on Oct. 20 and 27 and "Creative Activities" on Nov. 10 and 17. The Corporate and Continuing Education courses will meet 6-8:30 p.m.

There is a one-time fee of \$65 for one or all three of the courses. Each course earns (.5 CEUs).

Students must register at the Lockhart-Taylor Center before the first day of class. For more information, contact Sandy Huntley at 704-272-5456 or shuntley@spcc.edu.

Nominations for NC Small Business Person of the Year & Champion Awards

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is seeking nominations for the 2012 North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year and Small Business Champion awards. Each year since 1963, the President of the United States has designated a National Small Business Week. The highlight of Small Business Week activities is the presentation of awards at the state and national levels. The 2012 Small Business Week celebration next year will honor the small business community's many contributions to the American economy and society. National Small Business Week will be observed May 20-26, 2012.

"You can be part of this celebration by nominating an outstanding small business owner or small business champion in your community for one of these awards," said Lynn L. Douthett, SBA North Carolina District Director.

In North Carolina, the SBA District Office selects the 2012 North Carolina Small Business Person of the Year. That individual will attend the national celebration in Washington, DC to compete for the National Small Business Person of the Year award. At this celebration, a national winner is selected from all the winners from across the country.

Small Business Champions of the Year award categories are for those who promote small business, including volunteering time and services to small business interests and groups. Champions may or may not be small business owners. Some of the award categories include:

- Minority Small Business Champion
- Veteran Small Business Champion
- Financial Services Champion
- Home-Based Business Champion
- Women in Business Champion
- Small Business Exporter of the Year
- Jeffrey Butland Award for Family-Owned Small Business of the Year
- SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Nomination packages must be received at the North Carolina District Office in Charlotte on or before Thursday, November 10, 2011. To find nomination guidelines and information for these and other awards visit the SBA North Carolina website: www.sba.gov/nc. Look under "What's New."

The Ultimate Beatles Experience Comes to Wingate University

In 1964, the Beatles landed in the U.S. taking the country by storm and creating a pop culture sensation. Today, The Return: The Ultimate Beatles Experience brings back the energy of Beatlemania to the The Batte Fine Arts Center on the Wingate University campus. The band's performance will be Saturday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The Return has performed all over the world including the Cavern in Liverpool, Abbey Road Studios in London and headlining the 40th anniversary celebration of the Beatles visit to Tokyo. Their "Sgt. Peppers & Beyond" show debuted in front of over 10,000 fans in Hermosillo, Mexico.

In the U.S., they were the official tour band for the Hard Rock Café's 30th Anniversary Celebration in which they traveled the east coast with the Beatles' original Magical Mystery Tour bus. They also performed a live show on air for XM Radio commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Beatles "invasion" of America. Recently they were named the Atlanta Braves "Band of the Year."

The Return are faithful to the Beatles live concert formats which contained a mixture of the #1 hits: (I Want To Hold Your Hand, A Hard Day's Night, Daytripper), rock and roll cover tunes (Long Tall Sally, Rock And Roll Music, Twist And Shout), as well as a few B-sides and lesser known album cuts.

Tickets are \$25 and on sale via the Batte Center box office, Batte Center website and the CarolinaTix phone room and website. Visit www.battecenter.org for a complete schedule of events, ticket prices, as well as subscriber and membership information or call 704-233-8316 or 704-233-8300.

Opened in 1999, the George A. Batte, Jr. Fine Arts Center presents events in the McGee Theatre, Plyler-Griffin Recital Hall and Austin Auditorium. Located just a short, 5 minute drive from Monroe, The Batte is just two blocks off of Highway 74 and 30 miles east of Charlotte. Free parking is plentiful and all three performance spaces offer full wheelchair accessibility.

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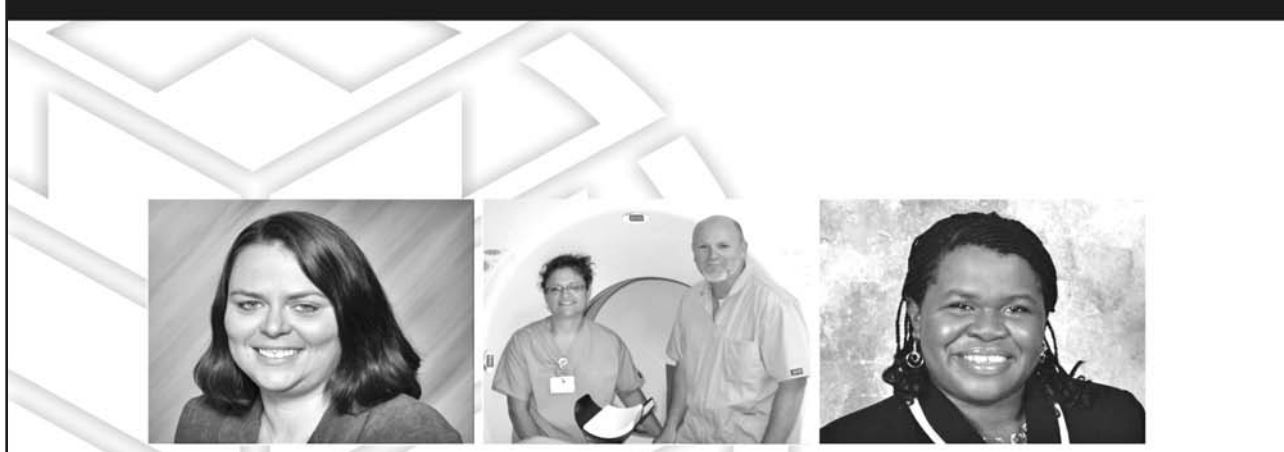
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