

Anderson takes the lead in Shakespeare show

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Elizabeth Anderson, left, a Newton High School graduate, is portraying Kate in Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew."



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WICHITA — Newton High School graduate Elizabeth Anderson is playing a lead role in the Wichita Shakespeare Company's summer Shakespeare-in-the-Park production of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Anderson plays Kate, the character who is "well known in Italy for her scolding tongue, who is courted by a raucous gentleman by the name of Petruchio. This is much to the pleasure of Kate's family and friends," a WSC news release stated.

Anderson, who graduated from NHS in 1995 and is the daughter of James and Donna Anderson, enjoys acting.

"My favorite things are pretending for a while, just to be somebody else ... (It) can be cathartic," Anderson said. "In this particular situation, I yell a lot, but it's OK. ... It really helps to relieve stress."

The Shakespeare production has been traveling to a variety of area towns since June 3. Upcoming shows, which start at 7 p.m., include College Hill Park in Wichita on Friday, Andover Sports Park on Saturday and Hand Park in Derby on Sunday.

"We do entirely free shows," Anderson said.

In addition to acting, Anderson also is on the WSC board, which she's been on for two years. She did her first production with WSC in 1999, she said.

Anderson has been acting since 1983 when she was in a Newton Community Theatre production of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."

People attending are encouraged to bring bug spray, blankets and lawn chairs.

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