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Painting Colorful Pictures

Rebekah Costin paints a colorful picture using watercolors during the summer enrichment arts camp held at Kenansville Elementary School. Rebekah was one of 14 students enrolled in the arts camp taught by Cathy Lee of Warsaw. Rebekah is the daughter of Bill and Cathy Costin of Warsaw.

Stretching The Body And Imagination

Sketching, mime, drama, dance, pottery and painting have all been part of summer arts camps held in Kenansville.

The On Stage theatre arts camp held by professional actors from the cast of the 1985 LIBERTY CART and coordinated by the Duplin County Arts Council featured mime, dance and drama. The summer enrichment program coordinated by Kenansville Elementary School features drawing, painting and pottery, and is taught by Cathy Lee, a certified art instructor and artist of Warsaw.

"Everyday when the parents came to pick up their children, they came in to look," Cathy Lee said. "They liked what they saw."

Looking into the future, Cathy plans to arrange an exhibit for summer enrichment art works.

"And, the children have been very serious about their work," Cathy said. "They have explored a lot of artistic mediums and the talent they have shown has been great!" The two-week art enrichment program was attended by 14 students. The program was open to kindergarten through sixth grade, and while the majority of the students were from Kenansville and Warsaw, some attended from Albertson and Rose Hill.

In the future, Cathy said, the program plans to continue offering painting and drawing and with added interest include music and

dance.

On Stage, the theatre arts workshop, was attended by 19 students from age seven to 18. Participants attended from rural Mount Olive and Pink Hill, while the majority were Warsaw residents.

"The majority of the participants have been high school students," Duplin County Arts Council Director Merle Creech said. "And, we are pleased that we are getting to our high school students with artistic programs before they leave the county."

"The parents have been well pleased and very supportive of the program," Merle said. "The participants have been very enthusiastic and lively, and that is the end result we want."

On Stage is in its last week of the two-week session. In addition to drama, mime and dance, Merle pointed out that students are also receiving instruction in auditioning, theatre as a career, costuming and make-up, clowning, set construction and design, and improvisation. Participants are groups in two age classes and each will present a night of pre-show entertainment at the outdoor drama, THE LIBERTY CART, this week.

"The instructors have done a real good job; they have taken on a good deal of leadership and required almost no assistance from us," Merle said. "We had parents calling last week asking to enroll their child for the rest of the session."

Tuition charges covered supplies, refreshments and instructors for both summer arts programs. Limited scholarships were available for the On Stage arts camp.

Plans are underway at the Arts Council to coordinate a similar week of workshops for Duplin County teachers using the talents of the professional cast of THE LIBERTY CART as instructors, Merle said. If the proposed workshop is developed, it will be conducted Aug. 19-23.

On Stage, another camp in progress at Kenansville, offers instruction in theatre arts. The theatre arts camp enrolled 19 students and was coordinated by the Duplin County Arts Council.

8,200 Students Expected On First Day Of School

The weather-delayed tobacco harvest concerns Duplin County school officials because of the demand by farmers for students to work in harvesting and curing the crop.

The expected 8,200 students will report to class Aug. 26. Officials expect 50 fewer students this year than in 1984-85.

The system's 450 teachers will report to their schools Aug. 15. The system will employ about 900 people during the coming school year.

The tobacco harvest will be in full swing when school opens. The recent rains following a dry early summer have caused the tobacco to take up fertilizer, green up and grow. Many farmers have not completed their first cropping.

North Duplin junior high school students will attend classes this year on the North Duplin High School campus. Their former school has been closed.

Supt. L.S. Guy said added material for science and mathematics classes "puts science and math in the best shape since the mid-1970s."

Another educational boost, he said, will come from the extra money allocated by the state for students this year. The state will provide \$1.75 per student for grades seven through 12 and \$2 per student for kindergarten through grade six.

A new method of teaching reading called "open court" that was applied for the first time to kindergarten and first-grade classes last year in Rose Hill-Magnolia, Chinquapin and North Duplin Elementary schools, will be extended to the second grade in those schools this year. The program is county funded. Guy said he hopes the state will eventually fund this program.

"The most exciting instructional change is the open court program," Guy said. "It appears that both the good and the poor students grasp it better than other plans."

Guy said word processors have been placed in business and office course laboratories of all high schools. He said the system has 80 computers in elementary schools.

Because of state changes, the county will gain 10 teachers despite a smaller enrollment. The ratio of students to teachers will be reduced from 31 to 26 per teacher in the seventh and eighth grades and to 27½ in the ninth grade.

Last year the basic education program brought an increase of seven teachers and a reduction from 31 to 26 students per teacher for the fourth and fifth grades.

The East Duplin High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps has 124 students signed up so far this year. Additional students are expected to enroll. Last year 150 students took the course.

The school system will operate this fiscal year on local funds of \$2,811,497 for current expense and \$347,725 for capital outlay. Guy expects the system to get about \$11 million from the state and \$3 million from the federal government during the current fiscal year.

The high schools will be in different athletic conferences this year. James Kenan, East Duplin and Wallace-Rose Hill will be in 2A competition and North Duplin will be in 1A. Guy said this will mean increased travel time and costs.

He said the 2A schools will play Carteret high schools, some 70 to 80 miles and more than two hours travel time from home.



Stretching In Dance Class

Pictured above are local children participating in the arts camp, On Stage, held by the professional actors of the outdoor drama, THE LIBERTY CART. On Stage was coordinated by the Duplin County Arts Council and

featured mime, dance and drama. The arts camp was open to students of all ages and 19 enrolled. On Stage participants will be featured as pre-show entertainment this week at THE LIBERTY CART in Kenansville.

1985 Drama Society Season In Full Swing With Two Productions

The 1985 Duplin Outdoor Drama Society season at the William R. Kenan Jr. Memorial Amphitheatre in Kenansville is in full swing with two productions.

"The season has a play for everyone in the family," General Manager of THE LIBERTY CART, Jim Johnson said. "In addition to the 10th consecutive season of THE LIBERTY CART, the Duplin Outdoor Drama Society presents an adaptation of William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

"This season our alternate show is a classic comedy," Johnson said. "Children and adults alike will enjoy A Midsummer Night's Dream. The play involves elves and fairies in an adventure of romance and comedy. And, like all tales involving fairies, magic and mischief, the show generates unlimited laughter!"

"This show is Duplin Outdoor Drama Society's first production of a play by William Shakespeare and the show has been adapted for audiences of today," Johnson said. "It only shows four more Wednesday nights, so don't wait to see A Midsummer Night's Dream until it's too late." A Midsummer Night's Dream plays Wednesday evenings through August 24.

THE LIBERTY CART historical outdoor drama by Randolph Umberger opened July 12 and plays

Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings through Aug. 24. Both shows open at 8:15 p.m.

"We have two great shows and with the cooperation of the weather, we expect one of the best seasons since the amphitheatre opened with THE LIBERTY CART in 1976," Johnson said. "Anyone not seeing this season's show will have missed some of the best entertainment and talent to be found in outdoor theatre."

New this season at the Amphitheatre are stadium-type seating and camping hook-ups for self-contained recreation vehicles.

And, returning as part of the services offered is the Liberty Tour, consisting of visits to over 15 historic homes and sites in Kenansville, a trip to a working winery in Rose Hill, with an opportunity to taste the native wines, a visit to Liberty Hall, the historic plantation home, a journey through the past in the Cowan Museum, and dinner at the Country Squire restaurant. The tour concludes with an 8:15 p.m. performance of THE LIBERTY CART or the season alternate show, A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The tour package is available to groups of 15 or more at a cost of \$17 per individual. Groups traveling by chartered bus, van or private auto

can be accommodated on the tour. For additional information on tickets, tours, or show dates, contact

THE LIBERTY CART, P.O. Box 470, Kenansville, NC 28349 or phone 296-0721.



Sketching Using A Model

John Ludlum is pictured above using pastels to draw a duck from the decoy model at his right. John is the son of Garrett and Patsy Ludlum of Warsaw. He is pictured as part of the art enrichment program held at the Kenansville Elementary School.

Duplin General Receives Grant

Duplin General Hospital has received a grant of \$30,000 from the Duke Endowment to help fund construction of a medical office building as well as some modernization within the hospital.

According to Hospital Administrator Richard Harrell: "This grant completes the funding for this two-part project. I'd like to express our appreciation to the Endowment and also to Duplin County and to the Wallace community, all of whom helped in this effort."

Plans for the medical office facility call for a 3,500 square-foot building to be located in Wallace to serve the needs of that community and surrounding area. The first physician to occupy the building will be an internist who is presently using temporary quarters.

The hospital modernization project involves relocation of the inpatient psychiatric unit to another area of the hospital. The vacated space will be used to provide 25 single patient rooms and a lobby. Also included in the project is the updating of the telephone system to provide for a telephone in every patient room.

The cost for both parts of the project are estimated at \$395,000 with funding provided by the state, the hospital and the Wallace community as well as by the Duke Endowment.

Since 1955, the Duke Endowment has awarded grants totaling over \$420,000 to Duplin General Hospital for both capital and operating support.

Founded in 1924 by Industrialist James Buchanan Duke, the Endowment is one of the nation's largest private foundations. Its assets total over \$550 million. The Endowment provides assistance to non-profit hospitals and child-care institutions in North and South Carolina; to rural United Methodist churches and retired ministers in North Carolina; and to Davidson College, Duke, Furman and Johnson C. Smith universities.

In 1984, the Endowment approved grants of over \$38 million. Awards since 1924 total nearly \$686 million.

School Starts August 26