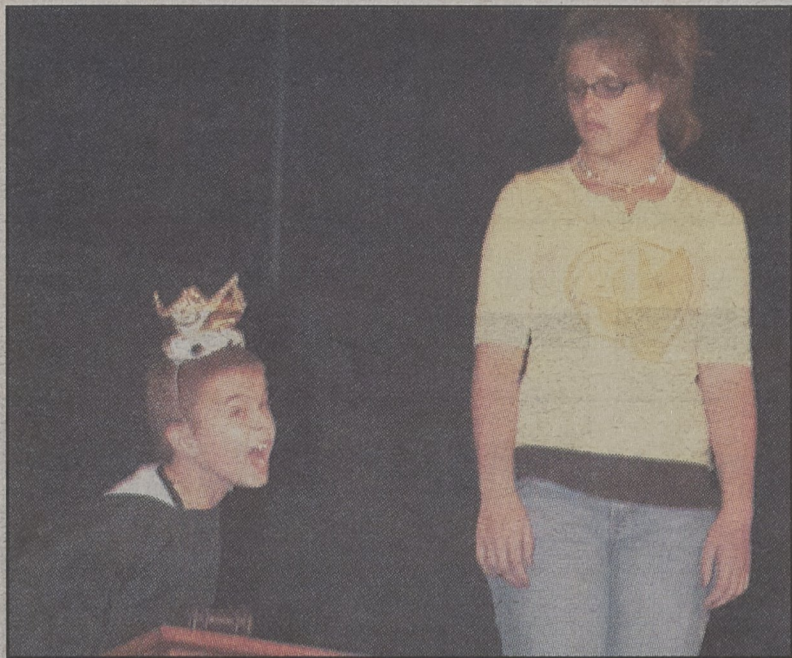


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"Off with her head!" yelled Matthew Brown (playing the King of Hearts) to Jesse Gregory (playing Alice) during a rehearsal for the KMLT summer drama camp's upcoming production of "Alice in Wonderland."

KMLT Drama Camp presents 'Alice in Wonderland' Friday

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The Kings Mountain Little Theatre's Summer Drama Camp will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th at the Joy Performance Center.

This cast of talented young actors has been rehearsing this week for a show destined to be "curiouser and curiouser." Tickets will be sold at the box office for \$2 each.

Twelve kids started the camp on June 30, 2008 under the direction of Kings Mountain High School Drama teacher Dan Treharne and KMHS' newest theatre teacher Traci Morrison.

Treharne said that the kids have learned or caught a glimpse of nearly every aspect of theatre. But one of the most important things they stressed during camp was getting the kids comfortable on stage and having them learn the whole process of theatre from casting to rehearsing, he said.

"We've shown them everything we do in theatre has a purpose," he added. "At the beginning of camp, we show them, theatre is one of the few places where you can work really, really hard, but also get to have a lot of fun at the same time."

Through games and techniques children learn about the different forms of acting, like improvisation or script-acting. Some of the older campers are learning about the technical aspects of theatre. Chandler Champion will be running the sounds and lights up in the booth for the upcoming shows. Abigail Mansfield will be handling the costumes back stage. Some of Treharne's current and former students at KMHS have been helping out at the camp as counselors, in charge of warm-ups.

But no matter what their position or which part of theatre campers like best, Treharne said that each one of them "walk out everyday with smiles on their faces."

He added that people are often surprised to see what the young actors can do. During rehearsals on Monday, young Matthew Brown (the King of Hearts) belted out the words "Off with your head!" with all of the gusto a mad man could muster. The hatter, march hare and mouse were perfectly insane for their delightful tea party. Aubrey Hallman played the cool caterpillar well and Jesse Gregory and Kyra Howard made wonderfully confused big and little Alices.

SOCIAL BRIEFS

Broad River Genealogical Society to meet July 13

The Broad River Genealogical Society will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 13, 2008 in the Performing Arts Area of the Neal Senior Center, H.T. Harris Drive, Shelby.

The speaker will be Ned Cash, a Civil War reenactor, who will give a presentation on Civil War Soldiers

from Cleveland County. He will also talk about his interest in genealogy and how to get your genealogy information published.

Monthly meetings are open to anyone interested in local and family history in the surrounding area.

CC Arts Council to feature 'Baseball as Art'

exhibit July 10

The Cleveland County Arts Council, 111 S. Washington Street in Shelby, is hosting a new exhibit titled "Baseball as Art" on July 10, 2008, with an opening reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The exhibit will run until August 28, 2008 and will feature over 50 pieces of artwork by local and national artists. For more information, call 704-484-2787.



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