

Young players prepare for KMLT production

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Editor

A few dozen children took the stage inside Joy Theatre Thursday night in their first run-through rehearsal of "Charlotte's Web" which premieres Nov. 6.

They have spent the past few weeks practicing lines and memorizing stage positions for the upcoming play. Although last Thursday night was their first official rehearsal, the young actors and actresses delivered most of their lines with ease.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre Director Susan Champion coached them through the practice, while Wendy Walega, another KMLT veteran, sorted the costumes.

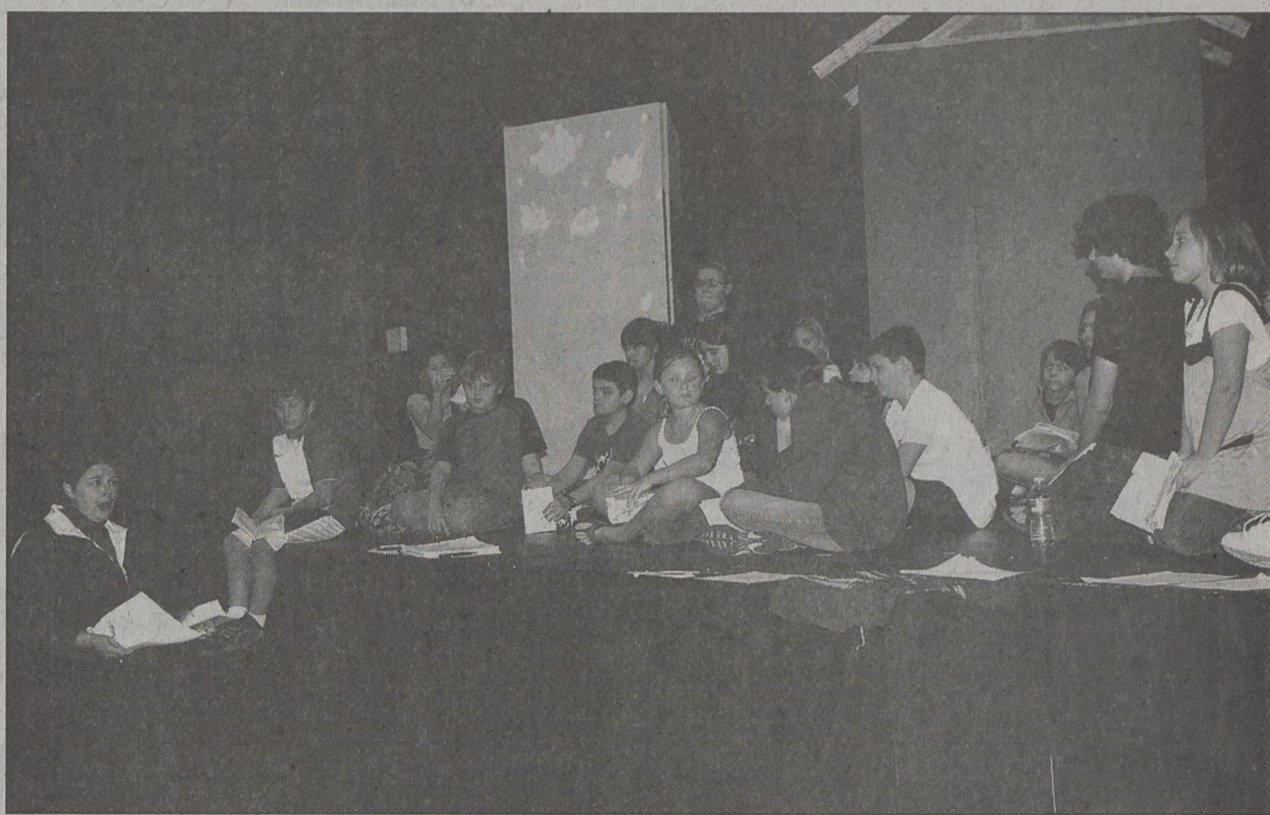
KMLT will offer special matinee showings of the play for local school children at the theatre. Walega said that they had scheduled three school field trip matinees and all three have already been sold out.

She added that they have enough interest for a fourth show, but pulling the young actors out of school to accommodate may not be possible.

However, families with children, who may not be able to take a field trip to Charlotte's and Wilbur's enchanting farm, are encouraged to attend one of the several open productions through the play's run at the Joy. We've kept our ticket prices low to encourage them to attend, Walega said.

Shows will be offered Friday and Saturday nights beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 6-7 and 13-14 and on Sunday afternoons Nov. 8 and 15.

All are welcome to attend the open showings and to see the special talent these young actors and actresses possess.



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Young actors and actresses gather for instruction by director Susan Champion, left, after last Thursday night's rehearsal of the upcoming "Charlotte's Web" at the Joy Theatre.

Scouts earn badges during fire safety week

Boy Scouts with Troop 92, First Baptist Church Kings Mountain, were working on their Fire Safety Merit Badge during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct 4-10th, promoting fire safety and prevention.

They toured the KM firehouse on Oct. 6 and were able to complete many of the requirements for the merit badge. Engineer Rocky Pack was instrumental in helping the boys understand the specifics about fire and how they may benefit the community by understanding the dangers of fire and fire prevention.

He provided a tour of the department and told the boys about the trucks and what the functions were, demonstrated the equipment they use, instructed on the use of fire extinguishers, elaborated about the education needed to become a



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In no particular order, Noah Bolin, Dylan Painter, Edward Blackburn, Ryan Perkins, Kyle Carroll, Andrew Eskridge, Dylan Graham, Gregory Grabert, Austin Anthony, Jordan Bullins, Adam Satterfield, scoutmaster Jeff Perkins, Nathan Bennett, Ross Clark, Eagle Scout William Blackburn, Steven Smith, Isaiah Cole, Chase Stirewalt, Justin Queen, Robbie Lysek, Payton Clark, Brison Barber, Andrew Gunter, Zach Smith, Austin Smith, and Hunter Cooke.

fireman and continuing education hours, and the heat sensor equipment that was donated by the KM

Woman's Club, which the boys really enjoyed.

Tanner Brown demonstrated his turnout gear

while Rocky went through the purpose of the items on the fire suit.



The Kings Mountain Historical Museum announced the grand prize winner of its sixth annual Reverse Raffle. Charles Neisler of Kings Mountain, shown here, was the last name drawn from 270 tickets sold this year. He was not present at the event on September 19, 2009 but received his prize at the museum, presented by President of the Board Stella Putnam, right.

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