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ood, fun, and art — the 21st annual Colleton County Rice Festival kicked off on April 21, 1996. From the chorus performing to crafts being sold, there was fun for everyone.

The chorus performed Friday afternoon, but was unable to complete its performance with scenes from *Carousel* because of rain showers. Even though it rained, the festivities went on into the evening.

Bright and early Saturday morning the parade strolled down Hampton street. Everyone from Mayor Harry Cone to the Band of Blue participated.

The student art exhibit on Mainstreet gathered attention. Works from kindergarten to high school students were exhibited. Mrs. Charlise Vorwerk, professional artist, judged the student work.

The Rice Planters for this years festival were Ashley Heaton, Robin Bullock, Samantha Waldrop, Leah Steele, Caroline Powers, Jenny Shomber, April Pierce, Muriel Fryar, Stacy Davis, Nicole Constantine, Erin Culpepper, Sarah Keith, Courtney McDonald, Margaret Young, Jennifer Babilon, Kristen Kauffield and Kimberly Shell from WHS. From Colleton Preparatory Academy were Cara Valentine, Jennifer Beach, Stephanie Baily, and Ashley Padgett.

— Faith Knudsen

Presenting the colors, the NJROTC marches in the parade. The NJROTC marched in many parades throughout the year.