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Y's plan to use school

lost in maze of regulations

From 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., the state of Virginia considers Grandin Court Elementary a perfectly safe school for the more than 200 youngsters who walk through its doors dai-

But one minute after that 3:15 bell rings, something amazing happens.

The Southwest Roanoke school that was safe and sound for 200 children all day is not good enough to house 20 of them for an extra three hours.

Under a contract with the YMCA, Grandin Court school offi-

all the doors, even though the children won't be using those rooms."

Johnson said that according to the inspector's report, the school will need stronger fireproof doors and manual fire alarms in the all-purpose room, library and classrooms lining the hall. Those rooms also will need emergency lighting for all exits.

"Those are just the majors," he said, a note of exasperation in his voice. "We've still got to go by the electrical inspector and the plumbing inspector. We haven't even gone to those guys yet, because we don't know whether we can get past this one.'

Worse still, YMCA officials re-

cials had planned to unveil an afterschool program on Sept. 5, the first day of class.

The program, aimed at the growing number of working mothers in the area, would have provided games, educational activities, structured homework time and tutoring for 20 to 30 children, all for a modest \$20 a week.

Cal Johnson, executive director of the Roanoke Valley Young Men's Christian Association, said that negotiating the complex maze of regulations dealing with the program's content was a cinch.

Instead, it was a routine building inspection that brought the project to a halt.

cently were notified that they also have to appear before a zoning commission because Grandin Court which holds nearly 250 children is not zoned for a day-care program of more than 15 children.

"Anything over 15 you have to get a special variance," Johnson said. "Even if you're a school. Can you believe that? And the hearing's on Sept. 5, the day we wanted to

Johnson said the YMCA had been planning to make the program a low-cost one, so there is no money budgeted for capital improvements.

"We wanted this to be an economical way for folks to have kids under good quality supervision after

"I couldn't believe it," Johnson said. "The doors that are appropriate from 8 to 3 are not appropriate for after school. The fire alarm that's OK for the school day is not OK after 3 o'clock. It's absurd."

Johnson said that he had planned to use Grandin Court's all-purpose room — where the children eat lunch daily - for most of the after-school activities. In addition, the children would use the library across the hall to read books and watch films on the videocassette recorder.

"Well, the instant those kids take a step into that hall," he said, "all the classrooms that line the hall come into play. We have to replace

school," he said. "The school was there and empty, so it made sense to use it. We surveyed the parents, and they were delighted. School officials were very helpful. Everything looked great until this happened.

Johnson said that if the Grandin Court program proved successful, YMCA officials had planned to expand it to other schools in the Roanoke Valley.

"There's a tremendous need for high quality after-school care in the valley," he said. "Parents don't have a lot of options.

"But right now, I've got to tell you, this whole program is in jeopar-

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"We have so many working parents," she said. "And it's such a wonderful idea. It's just what these she is dismayed by the problems the YMCA has encountered, because the program is needed desperately. children need. I'm just hoping that things will work out. I'm being real optimistic because I'd really like to Principal Marsha Christy said dy. We've come to a complete halt. see it happen.

when the school failed to pass "I guess the standards for building inspection.

Christy said she was astonished

But city Building Inspector Donald Gray said that's not it. care are much more stringent than for schools," she said.

"It's just the way they write the codes," he said. "It's like you start using your house for a garage. Well, it was OK as a house, but if you want to make a garage out of it, we've got to come in and inspect it and it's got to meet all the new codes that your If it's going to be used for something house didn't. Same with the school All of which matters little other than school, it's got to the new codes.

"All I know is we had a great program going and now I don't know what's going to happen," he said. "The real losers in all this are children and the families.

Johnson.





Bowers to seek waiver for after-school program

By JOEL TURNER MUNICIPAL WRITER

Roanoke City Councilman David Bowers said Friday that "it's absolutely preposterous" that the Grandin Court Elementary School can't be used for an after-school program without expensive new fire protection features and a zoning variation.

"I think this is bureaucratic overkill and I am going to ask city administrators for a report on it at council's meeting Monday," he said.

Bowers said the city should try to grant a waiver of the fire safety and zoning regulations so the after-school program can begin Sept. 5, the first day of school, "and then change the building code if that is needed."

"It doesn't make sense that it's not safe for the after-school program if it's safe for the children during the school day," Bowers said. Under a contract with the YMCA, Grandin Court school officials had planned to begin an after-school program that would provide games, educational activities, structured homework time and tutoring for 20 to 30 children. It would be aimed at working mothers in the neighborhood and cost \$20 a week.

But city building inspectors said that the school will need stronger fireproof doors and manual fire-alarms in the school's all-purpose room and library where the after-school program would be held. The rooms also will need emergency lighting for all exits.

"If it's going to be used for something other than a school, it's got to meet the new codes," said Donald Gray, a city building inspector.

A spokeswoman for the city schools said Friday that the administration will look into

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Day care resolution in works

City, schools, YMCA aim to start program on time

By JOEL TURNER MUNICIPAL WRITER

Roanoke officials hope to work out an agreement that would allow the Grandin Court Elementary School to be used for an after-school day-care program next week when school opens, Assistant City Manager Earl Reynolds said Monday.

Reynolds told City Council that city building inspectors, school officials, the YMCA and the city attorney's office hope to resolve the controversy so the day-care program can start by Sept. 5, the first day of school.

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But city building inspectors have said that expensive new fire protection features must be installed and a zoning variance would be required before the school could be used for the program.

Councilman David Bowers said that 'it's absolutely preposterous" that the school is safe for children during school hours, but not safe for youngsters in the program.

Bowers raised the issue at council's meeting Monday. He said he had discussed the issue with Reynolds and Richard Kelley, executive for business affairs for city schools, after a newspaper story about it last week.

"We are working with the school system and the YMCA to reach a positive conclusion. We are mindful of the Sept. 5 date," Reynolds said.

The building inspectors had said that the school would need stronger fireproof doors and manual fire alarms in the school's all-purpose room and library, where the after-school program would be held. The rooms will also need emergency lighting for all exits.

The YMCA also was told that it needed a zoning variance to use the school for the day-care program be-

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cause it will involve more than 15 children. The city Board of Zoning Appeals, the body that can grant a variance, does not meet until next week.

Reynolds told council that the fire protection features are required by the state building code and state regulations. But he said that he's optimistic that an agreement can be reached so the after-school program can start next week.

Even if a compromise can be reached so that the program can begin next week, Bowers said he thinks that the city should seek a change in state regulations so the problem will not occur again.

Cal Johnson, executive director of the Roanoke Valley YMCA, said earlier that he "didn't believe it" when the inspectors' report indicated that the school did not meet safety guidelines.

School's day care problem resolved

By PATRICIA LOPEZ BADEN **EDUCATION WRITER**

Thanks to some high-level meetings and fancy footwork by Roanoke city and school officials, Grandin Court Elementary's afterschool program will open Tuesday as planned.

The program was on the brink of being scrapped last week after the YMCA — which will operate it was told that the school did not meet code requirements for an afterschool facility.

Earlier, city building inspectors had told the Roanoke Valley Young Men's Christian Association that because the program was not an official school activity, it changed the use of the building - from school to day care - and fell under different code requirements.

YMCA Executive Director Cal Johnson said that to bring the school up to code for day-care centers, the organization would have had to pay for costly improvements, including stronger fireproof doors and manual

After learning last week of the YMCA's predicament, City Councilman David Bowers said it was "absolutely preposterous" that the school was safe for children during

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school hours but not for those in the program.

That began off a round of hurried meetings among the city attorney, director of public works, assistant city manager, school officials and the YMCA.

Thursday, Johnson said, a compromise was reached.

"We will technically be part of an extended day program working under the auspices of the school, rather than an independent contractor operating an after-school program," Johnson said.

Essentially, much of the program remains the same, with a stronger emphasis on educational activities, homework and tutoring, he said. In addition, the program still will offer snacks, games, hobbies and arts and crafts for the children.

"It will be geared a little more as an extension of the educational day, rather than just an after-school day-care program," Johnson said.

By not classifying it as an afterschool program, he said, the YMCA can avoid having to meet the code requirements for day-care centers.

"I'm very excited," he said Thursday. "Now we can do what we wanted to do all along - help famihies with their after-school needs without expending a lot of capital. A

week ago, I didn't think we'd be able to."

Bowers said he was pleased with the quick resolution.

"This is an important issue for working mothers, one in which the city, appropriately, should have in-tervened," he said. "Fortunately for the 20 children involved, and their parents, it looks like we're going to have a happy ending. Actually, a happy beginning."

One of those looking forward to that happy beginning is Ann Staley, whose 9-year-old daughter will be among the first to join the program.

"I'm so thankful they have pulled this off after all," Staley said Thursday, relief in her voice.

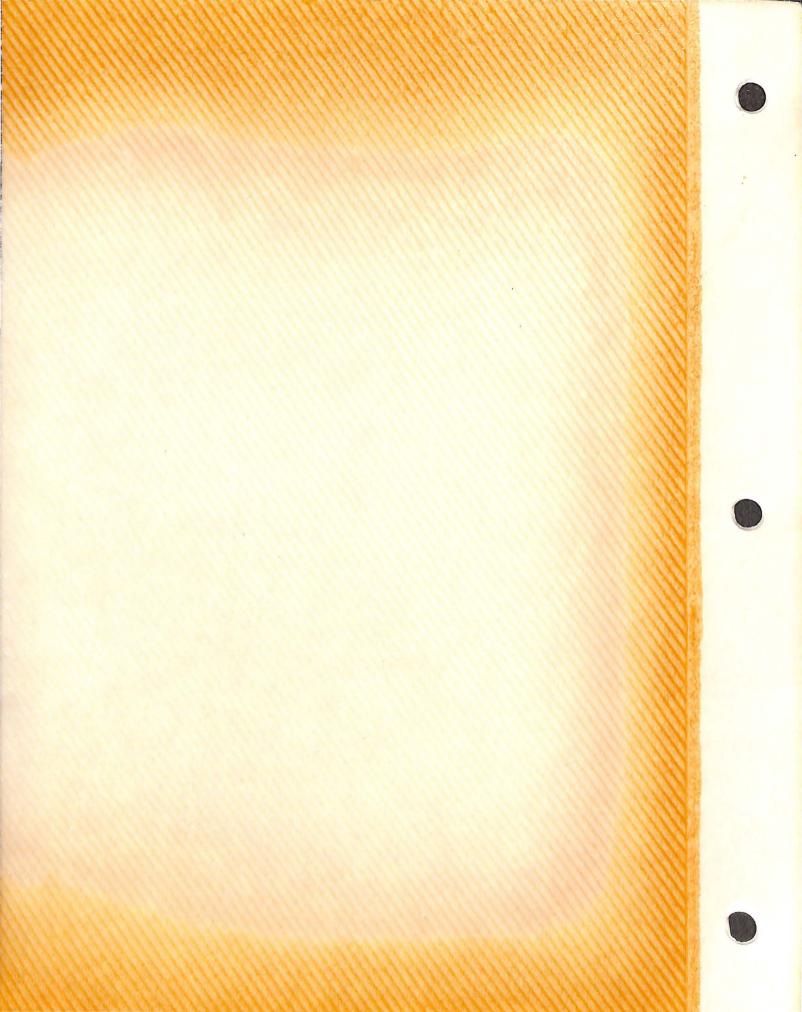
"I was ready to switch my daughter's school because of the day-care situation," she said. "Last year it had me just crazy. When this came along, it seemed like a godsend. I was so disappointed to think it wasn't going to happen because of these silly regulations."

Staley said that for the last two years, her daughter has been riding the bus to a variety of baby sitters.

"It's so tough to find baby sitters, and the only alternative is private day-care centers, and there aren't that many of them," she said. "This will make my life a lot easier."

Staley said her only hope now is that the program spreads to other schools.

"I'm sure ours is not the only school with a shortage of baby sitters and day care," she said. "This kind of program is badly needed."





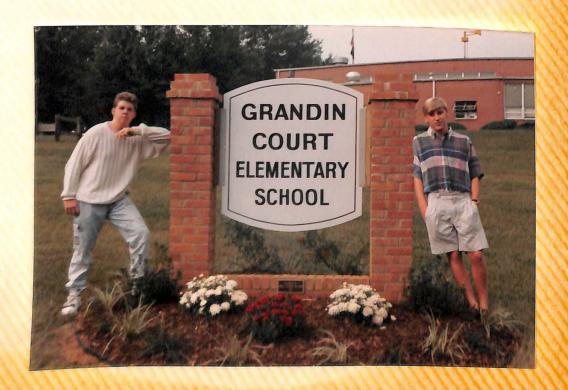




Dedication for Grandin Court Elementary School Sign in memory of Miss Corrine Williams. Sept. 15, 1989



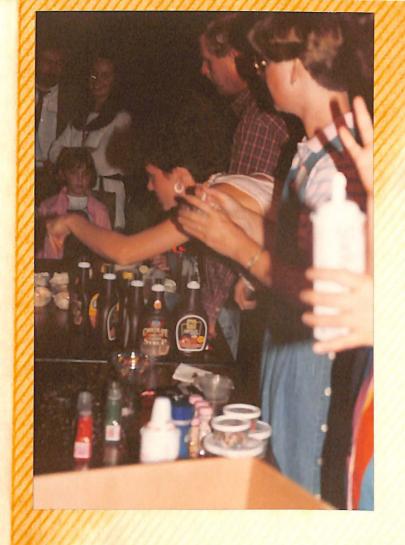


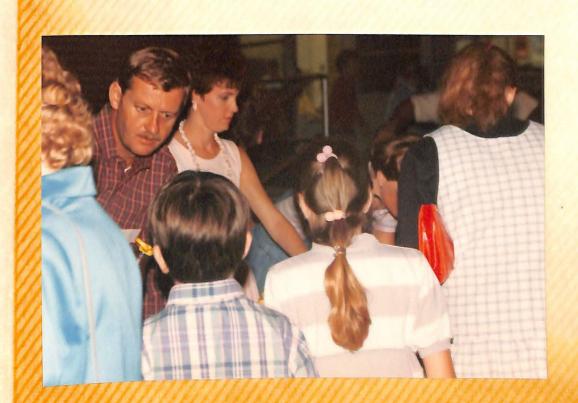






BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT SUNDAE SOCIAL Sept. 18, 1989





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ANN MANSFIELD/Staff Glasses are great on (from left)
Staci Feagin, Sally Snapp, Erin
Aukward, Jamar Bennett,
Kimberly Cuadrado and
Jessica Crouch (center), all of
whom are pupils at Roanoke's
Grandin Court Elementary
School



Glasses may be the answer

Do you squint to see something far away?

By ANN MANSFIELD NEWSFUN EDITOR

AYBE you mistook that 9 for a 7 on the homework assignment the teacher wrote on the chalkboard. Time to move your seat from the back of the classroom.

Or your mother has commented on how close you have to sit to watch television. Well, you shouldn't watch so much TV, anyway.

More than likely, it's time for an eye examination.

Kids often don't notice when their evesight isn't perfectly clear, said Dr. J.B. Rapoport, a Roanoke optometrist (ahp-TAH-meh-trist, a professional who examines eyes and prescribes glasses).

be," he said.

Kids' bodies are growing so fast that they don't notice such changes as blurring evesight, Rapoport said.

That is, until they have their vision corrected. So, maybe glasses will be the answer for you. Well, join the club.

According to the American Optometric (ahptoe-MEH-trik) Association, more than half of all Americans wear corrective lenses. C 3.474 F44 (1.272 (1.274 (1.2

Look around you. See?

Rapoport said many of his younger patients "They just think that's the way it's supposed to come to him after having their eyes examined at school.

> "The vision screening in the schools is excellent," he said.

> Some kids may come in for a checkup even before they start school, especially if their parents wear glasses. Those parents are more alert to signs of vision problems in their kids, such as squinting to see something far away, or sitting too close to the

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Glasses

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The optometrist took News-Fun through a mini-eye examination.

To begin with, he introduced us to his office's computerized refractor.

Refraction takes some explaining:

Your eyes are refractors. When light enters your eyes from the objects you see, it is bent in such a way that an image is formed on the RETINA (RET-in-uh, a layer of cells at the back of your eyeball that is sensitive to light.) The image that is formed on your retina is relayed to your brain. This is how you recognize what you see.

Rapoport says the computerized refractor is especially helpful with kids, some of whom are so young they can't read the numbers and letters of an eye chart. He says it's also been helpful with people who are deaf or mute.

As a patient, you have a seat on one end of the refrigerator-size computer. Then you put your chin into a plastic rest and look straight ahead at a picture of Paris, France.

A few seconds later, don't blink! — the refractor has tested your eyes. The computer spits forth a computer readout that tells the optometrist whether your eyes are focusing properly.

Rapoport says he will chat with your parents and get your case history.

He will ask you to sit in his examination chair so that he can look into your eyes. Relax, this is painless.

An instrument called an ophthalmoscope, which looks like a flashlight, is used to look right into your eyes. He may shine the light on your hand to demonstrate how painless this is.

It's important to relax. Some people are very sensitive about their eyes, he said. "The strongest man in the world couldn't examine a kid's eyes if he didn't want them examined," Rapoport said.

So, what is he looking for? Anything unusual, he said.

"It's easy to recognize a normal eye," Rapoport said.

Your eyes say a lot about your general health. A doctor can check for serious diseases, such as diabetes, by examining your eyes.

After finishing your examination, the optometrist will discuss your situation with your parents.

The optometrist said one of the most important things he tries to do is reassure parents about their kids' vision as they grow up. Sure, your vision may weaken as you get older, but that's to be expected.

He says he wants to encourage kids to ask questions.

You may ask him why you don't have perfect vision, for instance.

"I tell kids, 'the apple doesn't fall far from the tree'," Rapoport said. This means that if your parents have to wear corrective lenses, you probably will, too. It's all a part of heredity (huh-REH-dih-tee, the characteristics you get from your parents).

"Most kids actually want to get glasses," he said.

Glasses are so fashionable today, "some are actually unhappy when I don't prescribe them."

How do glasses improve your vision? The glass or plastic lenses bend light rays so they will fall

properly on the retina and form a clear image.

If you are nearsighted, or myopic (my-OH-pik, cannot see objects at a distance), the light rays meet before they reach the retina. So faraway objects are blurry.

Fitting your new glasses is the job of a licensed optician.

NewsFun asked Robin Thomas, the licensed optician (ahp-TIH-shun) at Rapoport's office, for a few hints for kids who are getting glasses for the first time.

"I would tell parents to be sure to have kids' lenses made of plastic," she said.

Once glass lenses are scratched, they're too easily cracked, and that's dangerous.

She has a straightforward answer for kids who wonder how they will get used to wearing glasses.

"Leave them on," she said.
"Most kids, once they get their glasses, won't take them off. They like seeing well better."

Thomas says kids need to have an opinion on style of glasses.

It's easy to be fashionable in glasses now because there are so many designers making them for kids.

In fact, if you look in fashion magazines these days, both male and female models are wearing them. Some people even buy nonprescription lenses just for the look.

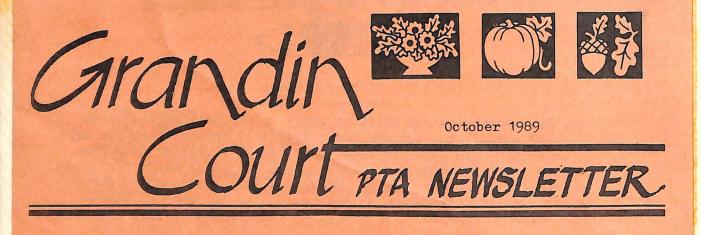
For those of you who are dying to try contacts, Thomas said she would recommend that a child be at least 10 years old. There's a lot of responsibility involved in cleaning contact lenses, as well as putting them in and out daily.



Hooping it up

DON PETERSEN/Staff

Jamie Saunders, 5, tries to master the Hula-Hoop during a gym glass at Grandin Court Elementary in Roanoke on Tuesday. The kindergartner and his classmates use the toy to help develop and improve their motor skills.



P.T.A. Meeting-Monday, Oct.16th 7 o'clock

OCTOBER MEETING TO FEATURE PARENT WORKSHOPS

The October 16th meeting will feature a workshop format for parents. Three different workshops will be held concurrently, and parents will select the one that is most interesting to them.

One workshop will outline and discuss the DARE program currently in place for our fifth graders. Officer Laytham of the Roanoke Police Department will make this important presentation.

Ms. Lois Trent of the Roanoke City Schools will present our second workshop, this one dealing with study skills. She will be discussing how parents can best help their children with homework, how to help them study for atest, and how to best encourage children to do quality work.

Our third seminar will be done by Ms. Johnson of the Roanoke Valley Mental Health Society. Her topic will be substance abuse awareness and prevention.

We believe that there is something here of interest to all parents. We hope that all of our parents will attend the workshop of their choice.

MEETING. THERE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN DURING THE PTA MEETING. THERE WILL BE TWO GROUPS 0-3 years, AND 4 years AND ABOVE. THERE WILL BE SNACKS AND MOVIES FOR THE OLDER GROUP.







ADOPT-A-STUDENT

Many thanks go out to those families who have signed up to adopt a student. Students needs are still coming in and we will be calling you soon for assistance. Adopt-a-student is a program where PTA families help supply educational needs for those less fortunate students in our school. All students recieving aid are kept anonymous. If you would like to join the Adopt-A-Student Honor Roll, please give Cindy Dossett a call 342-3136.

- Adopt-A-Student Honor Roll-(Thanks to all of you)

Kathryn Barberie
Lindsey& Mary Hunter Barrows
Robert & Marcia Carter
David Damico
Beverly Day
Jim & Cindy Dossett
Pat & Dinah Ferrance
Elizabeth Green
David & susan Haynes
Tom & Karen Haynie

Anne Hutcherson
Corky Kidd
Sarah Land
Jack & Carol Lunsford
Lynne Overstreet
Hunt & Annette Ozmer
Mr. & Mrs. Padgett
Rob & Becky Robertson
Hamid & Marie Sasaninejad
Joan Turner



SCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARTY!



Grandin Court School and PTA are going to have a Halloween Party, ON Tuesday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00pm at Grandin Court School. This party will be for any child 11 years old or younger. A night of games, treats, and a "Haunted House" seems like a fun alternative to trick-or-treating. The Halloween Party is open to the community-so bring a friend for fun, laughter, and doing the Monster Mash! P.S. Any parents who would like to help please call









From our co-presidents.....

Hello everyone!

Our year is off to a busy start and what looks like to me as an exciting one, I hope you all enjoyed your ice cream sundaes. We sure did enjoy seeing the wonderful parental support we had at our first PTA meeting. I hope that type of support continues all year long. Grandin Court parents are challenged this year to make as strong an effort as we can to increase pride in our children, to enrich our children's learning environment, to reach those children who so often are left untouched, and to make the community aware of the wonderful minds that are growing in our school. We as parents brought into this world the future of our country; therfore we as parents must take the responsibility to give all children the best educational opportunities possible, and the confidence to know they can achieve their dreams.

The PTA is only as good as it's members. From the many parents I have met, it appears to me that Grandin Court's PTA is going to be just great. WE need the support of all members and hope to see your faces many times this coming year. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely, Cindy Dossett (342-3136)

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, and Friends,

We're off to a "GRAND" start. Back to School Night was a great success! It was good to see familiar faces and greet new ones. Several new programs were introduced and recieved a great deal of support. And everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Social. Many thanks to the "Ways and Means" and "Hospitality" committees.

Plan to attend "Dad's Spaghetti Dinner" on Oct. 20th. Money raised will help fund our new playground equipment. Keep an eye out for information on more school events. We need your support to keep the GRAND in Grandin Court.

Pat Evans Co-President

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******GRANDIN COURT IS NOW A SMOKE-FREE SCHOOL!! Smoking will NOT be permitted at any time on school grounds. We hope that everyone will cooperate with us---Thanks- Marsha Christy

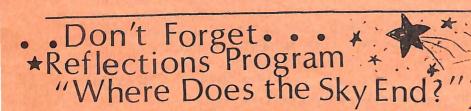
***** "THANK YOU" from Alice Lamdon to all the volunteers at last months PTA meeting! You did a great job!



***** Grandparents and Older Neighbors Day at Grandin Court will be on October 27th this year. More information will follow soon, watch those backpacks!

******Grandin Court has 7 delegate to the PTA Central Council.

2 more delegates are needed for the Oct. 19th meeting that
will meet at Lord Botetourt High School. Help decide on the
issues the PTA will support in the General Assembly. If you
have any question s, contact Cindy Dossett.



Your child may be a writer, a photographer, or

a composer. ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY! Enter original

works in the PTA Reflections Program-Oct.13-Nov.13.

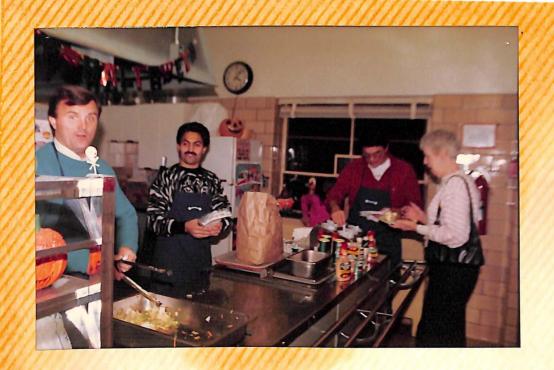
Call Karen Haynie 989-3185

*Dads Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday evening, October 20, 1989, Grandin Court Dads will be cooking a "GRAND" spaghetti dinner as part of our "GRAND" fall fund raising events. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. you can enjoy spaghetti made with an exclusive

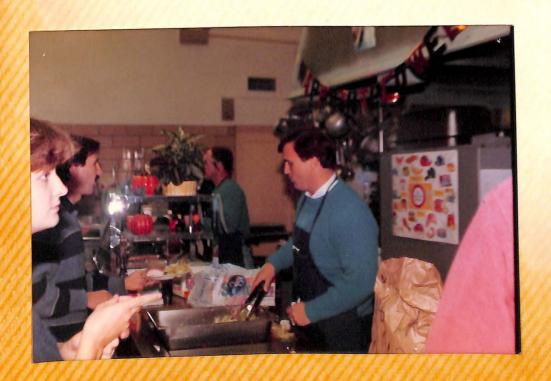
"GRAND" sauce. A Family Ticket (2 adults & 2 or more children) will be \$10, Individual Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Help make this a "GRAND" occasion at Grandin Court.
Invite all your friends and relatives.

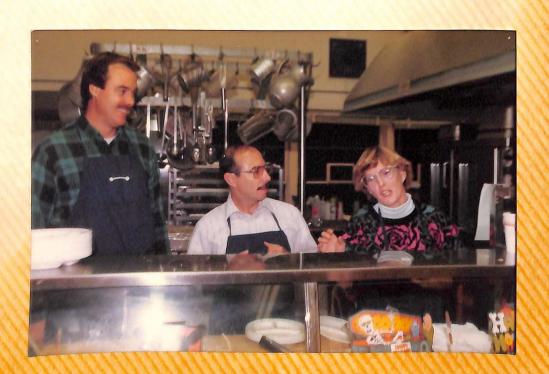


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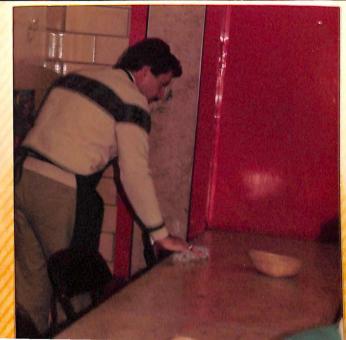


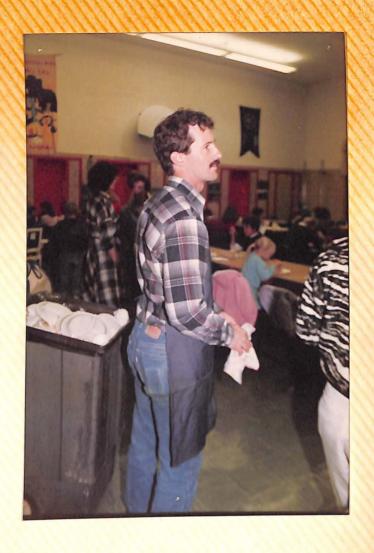


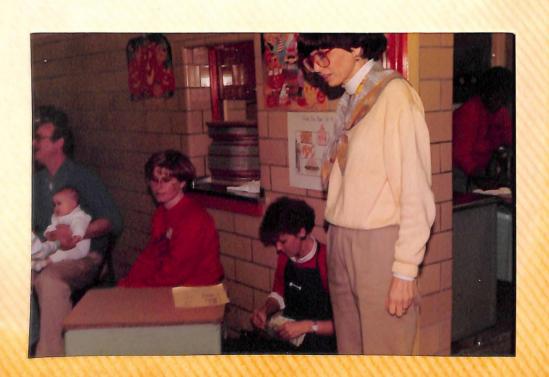


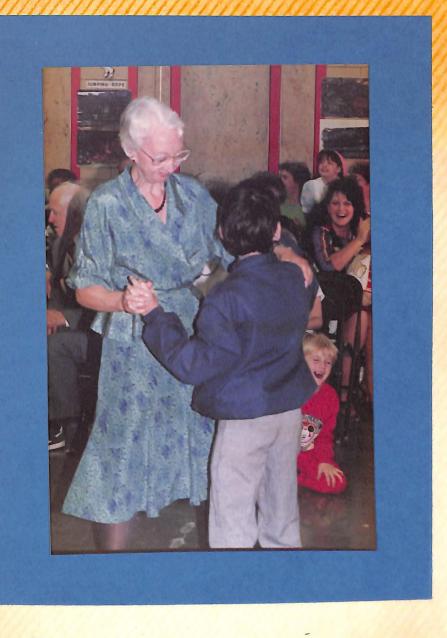












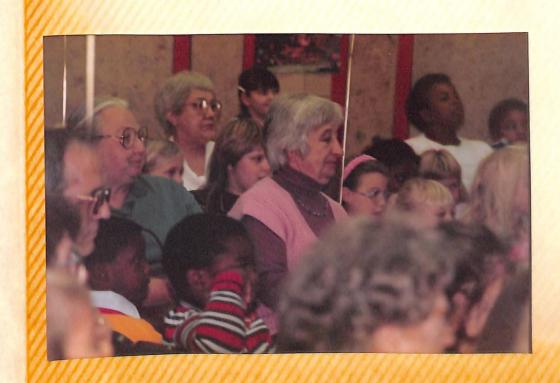
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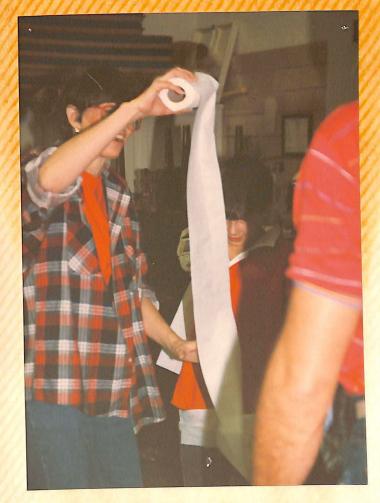








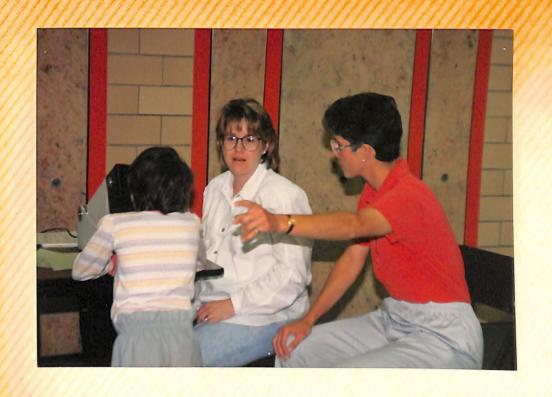




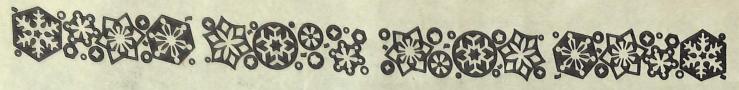


Health Screening Nov. 2, 1989









PAT'S PAGE

P.T.A. Memberships will be available at the December general meeting. It is not too late to join. Your \$2.00 membership fee supports local, state, and national programs that will benefit our children. If you have not joined our PTA, please take the time to stop by the membership table and join. Every membership COUNTS:

Dat Evans, Co-President



Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, & Friends,

The last few weeks have been busy. The support given "Dad's Spacketti Support" was overwhelming. A special thank-you to Leslie

Happy Holidays! Grandin from your P.T.A.! December 89 COUIT PTA NEWSLETTERS

December 18th - 7:00 - P.T.A.

A Holiday Musical-featuring our favorite stars!! After a short business meeting our kids will present a musical program-See you there!!!

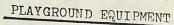
Everyone is invited to go caroling in the surrounding neighborhoods on Mon Dec. 18, at 7:00P.M. Refreshments will be available at the schiol afterwards. Children must have a signed permission slip, if not accompanied by an adult(available in office)Come join in the fun and good cheer!

HO-HO HOTTINE

Young children who dial the HO-HO Hotline don't get a recorded voice. They talk to a real live "Santa" or "Mrs. Claus", who have attended a Ho-Ho Academy to perfect jolly laughs and receive guidance on how to a-void making promises to kids with long lists of requests. These voulunteers are the many residents of Hillhaven nursing homes from across the nation. Parent of youngsters who celebrate Christmas can call this toll free number: 1-800-77-SANTA. The hotline operates Dec. 8-24. The Ho-Ho Thank-You Line is open Dec. 26-27 for kids who want to thank Santa.

congratulations to all Reflections participants, you did a great job!

The names and places of the winners in each catagory will appear in the next newsletter!!



We are finally in the "swing" with our new playground equip ment.Look for the display at the PTA meeting for the set we are in the process of purchasing. We are now waiting for the city to finalize a site and do the grading so the set can be installed. The eqipment is from the same com pany that built the units at Lakewood Park, and may be add ed to as we get additional funds. Thanks for your support, we know the kids will enjoy it!!!

Consolidation

Do you want to find out more about Roanoke City and county consolidation? The following workshops will be held for the public to attend-



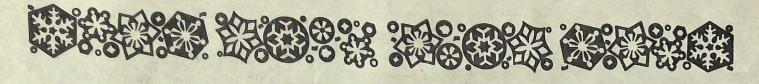
Dec. 12- Glenvar High School 7-10p.m.

Dec. 13- Roanoke Civic Center 7-10p.m.

Dec. 14- Cave Spring High Sch. 7-10p.m.

Dec. 16- William Fleming High 9-12a.m.





PAT'S PAGE

P.T.A. Memberships will be available at the December general meeting. It is not too late to join. Your \$2.00 membership fee supports local, state, and national programs that will benefit our children. If you have not joined our PTA, please take the time to stop by the membership table and join. Every membership COUNTS!

Pat Evans, Co-President



Dear Parents, Students, Teachers, & Friends,

The last few weeks have been busy. The support given "Dad's Spaghetti Supper" was overwhelming. A special thank-you to Leslie Adams and her committee for a GRAND meal. Our children enjoyed showing off their school to family and friends on Older Neighbor and Grandparents Day. Alice Lambdon, Mary Lowell Watkins and committee deserve to be proud of the program put on that day. The Halloween Party was fun for children and adults. Cindy Dossett and committee did a GRAND job of bringing SAFE Halloween fun to the children in the community. Our Fall Raffle is now going on. If every child sold one \$10.00 book, we'd net well over \$2,000. This money funds the playground equipment we are trying to have installed by Spring.

If you have not joined the PTA it's not too late. If you have joined don't stop there. Volunteer to serve on a committee, to chair a committee, to ask questions. Any PTA board member will happy to suggest ways to become involved. Let's work together to keep the Grand in Grandin Court.

Pat Evans, Co-President 989-7809



Boy hopes for rebuilt heart

By JENNIFER BULAT

Joshua Gibbs zooms his toy cars along the living room rug like any 3year-old at play. He clutches a stuffed raccoon when he wanders around the house. He likes to color, too.

But unlike other kids his age, at the sight of a stethoscope, he automatically lifts his shirt.

Josh lives, in simple terms, with half a heart.

A normal heart has a two-thump beat, but Josh's makes but one steady, single thump.

His parents, Irving and Margaret, hope this will change today at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. If his health permits, he will undergo corrective open-heart surgery.

Josh's parents were told in September that he should have the surgery within a few months. His heart muscles have been weakening all his life because they have to work so hard to keep him going.

Twelve days after Josh was born, he was taken back to the hospital with severe congestive heart failure. Doctors discovered that he was born with less than a four-chamber heart, which has two atria and two ventricles.

Tests showed that his right ventricle was missing, the wall separating the right and left atria had several holes, the two major arteries were connected to the wrong chambers and two valves had been malformed.

These compounded defects mean Josh has been functioning with, more or less, half a normal human heart.

So today, doctors will try to correct nature's mistakes. They will patch the holes between his atria, reattach the two arteries close to their normal positions and repair the two malformed valves.

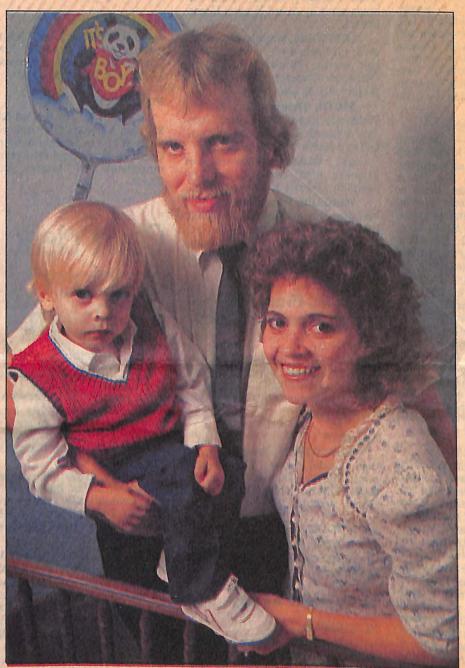
This six-hour surgery should remedy, as much as possible, the defects in Josh's heart. After the operation, he will still lack some of the endurance of normal children but will be able to participate in most school activities, said Margaret Gibbs.

The surgery does carry a significant mortality rate, but the surgeons at Mayo are very optimistic about the operation.

Josh's illness is a very serious defect, said Dr. Douglas Pierce, Joshua's pediatrician in Roanoke.

"But we've had children with similar problems in the Roanoke area who've been fine" after surgery, Pierce said.

Josh will be hospitalized for two to



DON PETERSEN/Staff

Irving and Margaret Gibbs may be spending the holidays at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota awaiting the recovery of Joshua, 3, after his surgery

three weeks after the surgery, so the Gibbses may have to spend the holidays at the Mayo Clinic.

Josh was born March 8, 1986, in Albany, N.Y., after what Margaret Gibbs called a "perfect pregnancy." Like many congenital defects, his is one that happened for no apparent reason.

Josh underwent his first surgery at 5 weeks of age. Doctors attached a Teflon band around his pulmonary artery

to restrict the blood flow to his lungs.

He has been hospitalized for other illnesses 11 times, in Albany, N.Y., at Roanoke Memorial Hospital and the University of Virginia Medical Center. He has had four heart catheterizations and has suffered from stomach ulcers, the side effects of his medication. He also has a hernia, which will be repaired

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sometime in the future.

His development was slowed by his heart defects. He sat up for the first time at 14 months, while most children do so at about 6 months. He didn't take a step until he was almost 2, about double the time it usually takes to begin walking.

Josh also is small for his age because he burns off calories fast. He weighs only 25 pounds, about 15 pounds below a normal 3-year-old.

"He has no energy to grow or play," Margaret Gibbs said.

Josh's heart is the size of a melon because it has been overworked. The surgery should bring it back to its normal size.

His appetite is poor because "his heart takes up so much room that he just gets full quickly," Margaret Gibbs said.

He tires easily and his parents can tell it when his big, brown eyes start to droop.

"Most of the time he sets his own limits. I'll know he's tired when he lies down on the floor and plays with his cars," Margaret Gibbs said.

Even a sniffle can turn into pneumonia for Josh. He gets it three or four times each winter, and his last bout with it came in mid-Octo-

He has been in isolation since the pneumonia because his doctor wants him in perfect health for the surgery. If Josh gets sick any time before today, the operation will be postponed until he is healthy. So, few people have been in the Gibbses' house in recent months.

"He doesn't understand that he can't be out with people," Margaret Gibbs said.

Before his isolation, he was in the Roanoke REACH program for handicapped preschoolers.

Despite his illness, Josh is alert and has terrific motor skills, his mother said. And he has an exceptionally long attention span.

"He can watch TV for hours because he has no energy to run around," she said.

After the surgery, he'll stay in isolation "at least until spring, when the cold season is over," his mother said. She plans to stay home with Josh and also take classes at Radford University next semester if Josh's health permits.

The family moved to Roanoke three years ago when Irving Gibbs, an engineer at General Electric, was transferred here from Schenectady, N.Y.

Roanoke Times & World-News, Friday, Dec. 8, 1989

Tot in fair condition following 6-hour open-heart surgery

Also, his two major arteries were connected to the wrong chambers of his heart, and two heart valves were malformed. Doctors hoped to correct these problems during Wednesday's surgery.

A Mayo Clinic spokesman said the six-hour operation was a success and that being listed in fair condition was normal after the type of surgery Gibbs underwent.

Joshua Gibbs was born with essentially half a heart. He was missing his right ventricle, and the wall separating his right and left atria had

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Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on Wednesday, was listed in fair condi-

severe heart defects, who underwent open-heart surgery at the Mayo

A 3-year-old Roanoke boy with

several holes.

His parents are Irving and Margaret Gibbs.

Gibbs has been hospitalized 11 es. He suffers from stomach ulcaused by his medication. He

Roanoke boy, 3, dies 10 days after open-heart surgery

A 3-year-old Roanoke boy who underwent open-heart surgery Dec. 6 for severe heart defects died early Saturday, according to officials at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Authorities had hoped Joshua Gibbs, who was born essentially with half a heart, would recover from the surgery.

But complications arose Friday night, shortly after the boy's parents, Irving and Margaret Gibbs, had left the hospital.

"He was improving," Irving Gibbs said Saturday. "It looked like he was going to make it."

Joshua underwent a six-hour

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operation that surgeons had hoped would repair defects in his heart.

He was missing his right ventricle, and the wall separating his right and left atria had several holes. Also, his two major arteries were connected to the wrong chambers of his heart and the valves were male formed.

Although the operation that Joshua underwent had a significant mortality rate, doctors had been optimistic of his chances.

Irving Gibbs said he and his wife have been especially appreciative of the many cards and supportive messages sent by Roanoke residents after a newspaper story about their son appeared earlier this month.

On Thursday, Joshua had improved enough to leave his bed for a meal in a high chair and had watched television, his father said.

Even though he seemed tired the next day, Joshua was in good spirits and did exactly what doctors and nurses told him to do.

The last time Irving Gibbs saw his son alive Friday "he smiled at me," as they left the hospital room after a visit, Gibbs said. "He was just a really good boy."



Dedication of tree for Joshua Gibbs April 23, 1990







Small schools targeted

Baliles budget bill would force consolidations

By MARGIE FISHER

PICHMOND — A total of 125 public schools, many of them in Southwest Virginia, could be forced to consolidate with other schools in 1991 by a provision in former Gov. Gerald Baliles' two-year budget bill.

Del. Thomas Jackson, D-Hillsville, called it "another example of a bureaucratic quota being imposed on counties" by Richmond. Rural legislators are "up in arms about it," said Jackson, who took credit for discovering the requirement and alerting rural colleagues.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

Bent Mountain Elem. (54), Clearbrook Elem. (125), Fort Lewis Elem. (156)

schools have enrollments below the listed cut-offs.

The budget language submitted by the Baliles administration says elementary schools with enrollment below 200, middle schools with enrollment below 300 and high schools with enrollment below 400 are presumed to be operating inefficiently.

If they cannot justify the below-par enrollment, they must be consolidated with other schools in their division or risk a reduction of state money in the second year of the 1990-1992 biennium.

The school proposal would have to be included in the budget passed by the General Assembly to become effective. Before that happens, Gov. Douglas Wilder will be able to propose changes in the Baliles budget.

Schools that could be affected include Bent Mountain, Clearbook and Fort Lewis elementary schools in Roanoke County and Grandin Court Elementary School in Roanoke, according to a list Jackson obtained from state school officials. That list was based on enrollment figures from fall 1988.

The budget amendment would affect the most schools in one locality in Carroll County, where 11

It also could affect five schools in Pulaski County; six in Rockbridge County; three each in Henry, Giles and Bland counties; two in Smyth County; and one each in Franklin, Wythe, Patrick and Bath counties.

Far Southwest Virginia schools could be particularly affected. The list contains seven schools each in Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties, six in Scott County, two each in Washington and Wise counties, and one each in Buchanan and Dickenson counties.

Jackson said he called the state Board of Education for an explanation and a spokesman said officials had toured the state and determined the enrollment levels at which they thought schools could operate efficiently and had set the standards accordingly.

He noted that several schools were put on the board's list even though their enrollment falls short by only one or two students.

The Hillsville legislator, serving his first term in the General Assembly, said he was angry because he feels the proposal would essentially override the longstanding tradition of local control over schools and let the state dictate to localities which

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schools would close.

"I thought that was a local decision, subject to the will of the people," Jackson said.

Jackson said the Richmond bureaucracy is using the state budget "to make a major policy statement about where we're going in education."

Jackson said he and Del. Roscoe Reynolds, D-Martinsville, intend to introduce an amendment to try to delete the school-consolidation order. But Jackson conceded there may be no stopping it.

Once something is put in the budget, it is much more difficult to debate it and halt its passage, he said.

And, the tight budget situation facing the state does not bode well for his efforts, Jackson said. "I'll be frank with you: Under the current funding formula, you are actually rewarded as a school division if you have a lot of small schools."

But while he recognized that consolidation of some schools could be a money-saver for the state, Jackson also said it could not possibly have come at a worse time, from the localities' standpoint.

Consolidation almost invariably involves some construction, the legislator said, yet the state wants to force consolidations at a time when Literary Fund loans to localities for school construction are being frozen to ease the state's revenue deficit.

"Some of these folks could not possibly stand the penalty provided in the second year" if they refuse to consolidate, Jackson said.

Lee and Scott counties, for instance — two of the state's poorest — could lose \$1,038,599 and \$795,737, respectively.

Roanoke could lose \$783,468 and Roanoke County \$520,729.

Vincent Cibbarelli, a deputy state superintendent of schools, stressed that consolidation is "not going to happen ipso facto." In many cases, he said there may be good reasons a school cannot be consolidated with another. For example, if closing a school would necessitate long-range busing of students, that could justify keeping the school open.

The Department of Education would take such factors under consideration, Cibbarelli said. He also noted the budget language makes clear that school divisions that have only one school of a certain type—a single high school, for example—are not affected, regardless of the size of that school's enrollment.

Also, it is possible some of thes schools could be taken off the list if their enrollment increases to the established levels in the second year of the budget period.

Nonetheless, Jackson said his constituents are "shocked and appalled by this."

Rockbridge County School Superintendent Glen Stark said Rockbridge is already building a consolidated high school that will open in 1992, so Rockbridge and Natural Bridge high schools would have closed anyway.

But under this proposal the state also would reduce money for two middle schools and two elementary schools. That, Stark said, would be a problem.

"We don't have any more space in our other elementary schools," he said. "We're over-enrolled as a division in the space we have now. The other schools could not absorb the overflow. If the state is going to say we have to close those schools, I want to know who's going to pay for the new, larger schools these kids will go to?"

Roanoke County School Superintendent Bayes Wilson said that if the county lost \$520,000 in the budget period's second year, "the decision would have to be made whether to make it up out of local taxes or close the schools. Or we can try to justify to the state board why we're operating a small school."

If there is no room for students at other schools, Wilson said, or if a school is so isolated its closing would force the children to make long bus trips, the school district can file an appeal.

"We've studied and studied Bent Mountain and there's no room for those students at Back Creek, which is the nearest school."

Wilson said there is "a lot more to consider here than the numbers on paper when you're talking about small schools. These schools are not just educational facilities but in many cases are the hub of the community. Hopefully, the state would accept those reasons."

Wilson said the district just started a \$1 million renovation of Bent Mountain, which has about 54 pupils.

Wilson said Fort Lewis and Clearbrook are both small, but there is no room at nearby schools if they were to close.

Clearbrook also functions as a special ed center, he said.

"This is a new approach for the state," he said. "They have never tied funding directly to the size of individual schools. If they hold to it, it will mean massive consolidation of schools throughout this part of the state."

Wilson said he doesn't think that will be necessarily beneficial. "Strictly from an economy scale, it's always more efficient to operate larger schools," he said. "But it's not necessarily an educational advantage."

Wilson said he didn't think it would be practical to expect the county to come up with an additional \$500,000 to replace state funding.

Franklin County officials said they were baffled by the proposal, which they said runs counter to another recent state directive toward the formation of middle schools.

One Franklin County elementary school, Snow Creek, falls under the 300-pupil minimum because the county transferred sixth-graders to a new middle school.

"We made the schools smaller at the state's request, and now they're coming back and penalizing us," Franklin County Administrator Richard Huff said. "How do we get 50 more kids at these schools and make them 'efficient'?"

As for where the move came from to force some school consolidations, that was not immediately clear.

Cibbarelli said he didn't know whether it came from the Board of Education or the legislature. "I'm not sure of the genesis."

Jackson said he thought it might have been an outgrowth of a special study commission on school efficiency that was set up and headed by Sen. Dudley Emick, D-Fincastle. Emick said it did not come from his commission but follows the same line of thinking in his commission's final report, which is still being drafted.

In terms of getting more efficiency out of the schools, it's "an approach I favor" and one that "makes a lot of sense," Emick said.

He added that it is difficult for him to understand how some rural areas can complain they are victims of disparities in the quality of education "and still admit they are not operating efficiently."

If they want to the state to do something about the disparity issue, they should recognize that the efficiency issue must also be addressed, Emick said.

Jackson's revelations about the school consolidation plans came, coincidentally, on the day that Gov. Wilder went to the 19th annual Virginia Agribusiness Conference and pledged unswerving devotion to advance the interests of rural Virginia.

School consolidation plan tied to state aid

By DAVID M. POOLE

RICHMOND — Some Southwest Virginia legislators said Thursday that they would go along with a plan to close 125 public schools with dwindling enrollments if the General Assembly provided school districts with construction grants.

"I'm for this because I think rural schools should consolidate, but I really think we're leaving them out there hanging," said Del. Ford Quillen, D-Gate City.

Though consolidating small schools would be more efficient, Quillen said some localities might be forced to add classrooms at schools that remained open in order to accommodate the students whose schools closed.

The problem, Quillen said, is that many school districts in Southwest Virginia simply do not have money for expensive building projects.

Quillen and other members of a House Appropriations subcommittee were briefed on the school consolidation plan, which was included in the proposed 1990-92 budget that former Gov. Gerald Baliles submitted before he left office last week.

Donald J. Finley, who was secretary of education under Baliles, told panel members that the plan sought to put local school districts on notice that small schools — some with no more than a few dozen students — would no longer be subsidized by the state.

Under the current funding for-

mula, school districts with a large number of small schools receive more than their fair share of state education aid.

"The state system should not unduly reward them for being inefficient when they could consolidate," he said.

The plan, which is subject to review by the General Assembly, would eliminate state subsidies for 75 small elementary, middle and high schools in Southwest Virginia.

The budget language submitted by the Baliles administration says elementary schools with enrollments below 200, middle schools with enrollments below 300 and high schools with enrollments below 400 are presumed to be operating inefficiently.

If they cannot justify the below-par enrollment, they must be consolidated with other schools in their division or risk a reduction of state money in the second year of the 1990-1992 biennium.

Roanoke School Superintendent Frank Tota said he was not overly concerned because he doesn't think any city schools are in jeopardy. Grandin Court Elementary—the only city school to appear on the state's hit list—now has more than 200 students, he said.

In addition, renovations that will close other city schools temporarily over the next several years will allow the city to boost enrollment at schools that need it.

Tota said he saw Baliles' proposal as a "potential warning that schools will be measured according to their efficiency." But, he cautioned, "I hope the state realizes that when you look at schools, you have to look at more than just efficiency.

"Will you improve the educational quality by closing a school? What will be the impact on the neighborhood? Are there other mitigating reasons to keep it open?"

In the case of Grandin Court, he said, the school is home to special program for handicapped children that serves only a small number of students, but requires up lots of space.

Schools that could be affected include Bent Mountain, Clearbook and Fort Lewis elementary schools in Roanoke County, according to a state Department of Education list based on 1988 enrollment figures.

The list includes Grandin Court Elementary School in Roanoke, but city school officials said Thursday that enrollment at the school is now above 200

Far Southwest Virginia schools in particular could be affected. The list contains seven schools each in Lee, Russell and Tazewell counties, six in Scott County, two each in Washington and Wise counties, and one each in Buchanan and Dickenson counties.

Carroll County — with 11 — has more schools on the list than any other locality.

Quillen and other rural legislators have been pushing for construction money to be included in the basic aid formula.Yes Parents, There is still a P.T.A Newsletter!!!!

FEBRUARY 1990

PTA NEWSLETTEI

Grandin Court PTA is looking forward to Spring---FLING , that is!!!Yes, it's not too early to start preparing for this BIG dayin our school. The date has been set-MAY 12th-and we will be needing every Grandin Court parent and student to help make it a "GRAND " success!!!!

A LETTER FROM OUR SPRING FLING CHAIRMAN

Dear Parents.

Just a note to let you know that SPRING FLING '90 is now being organized. It is scheduled for May 12, 10am-3pm, so mark your calendars now! This is Grandin Court's BIGGEST fundraiser and requires EVERYONE'S participation and support. Our new playgroung equipment is on order because of the money raised from previous Spring Flings!But we're not through yet- we want to be able to add new equipment to the playground and make it even better for our children.

So when the phone rings and you are asked to volunteer-Baked goods, glass jars, art supplies, picnic tables, or your time-PLEASE REMEMBER- this carnival is for OUR CHILDREN and it's SUCCESS depends on YOU-the parents! All of us working together can help make SPRING FLING '90 the "Grandest" ever! A "GRAND" Spring Fling means more "GRAND" equipment for our children's playground. So be on the lookout for more information and "want" lists in upcoming newsletters and plan now how YOU can help make SPRING FLING '90 a HUGE success!!



Thank you, Mary Hunter Barrow Spring Fling Chairman 342-0843



HAVE YOU HEARD?

Spring Fling preparations have started....

Cake Walk

 Art Room for kids

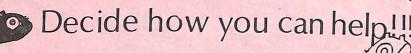
 Art Room for kids

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★ Haircuts ★ Flea Market ★

Dunking Machine * Games ★
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 Dunking Machine * Games Machine *

☆Silent Auction *Bake Sale ☆



Nominations for '90-'91 School Year

The Nominating Committee has proposed a new slate of Officers for the next school year. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the March meeting-

* PRESIDENT- Co-Chairmen-Leslie Adams & Diane Hayslett

*1st Vice-President--Programs-Gary & Susan Fleming

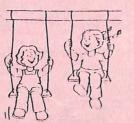
*2nd Vice President--Membership-Cindy Dossett

*3rd Vice President--Welfare-Dr. Christy

*Corresponding Secretary -- Judy Aukward

*Recording Secretary--Vicki Domico

*Treasurer--Dinah Ferrance



-NEW FOR SPRING FLING-

A SILENT AUCTION!

shhh!



• What's a Silent Auction?

A silent auction is different from a regular auction in that ther is no auctioneer, no numbers to raise in the air, and it will last from 10:00 to 2:30 instead of just a couple hours.

• So how does it work?

Items that have been donated for the auction will be displayed on tables or the floor. In front of each item will be a sheet of paper on which bids will be written. A person wishing to bid will write down their name and the amount they wish to bid. If someone else wishes to bid on the same item, they write down their name and a higher amount that they wish to bid. If you come to check on an item and someone has overbid you, then you write your name again and bid higher than their amount. At 2:30 all bidding will be stopped. The last name and amount written on each sheet will be the buyer of that item.

To make this auction a "GRAND" success we need all the donations we can get! We are depending on \underbrace{ALL}_{the} parents to help get items donated to \underbrace{the} auction.

•What type of items do we want?

-ANYTHING that people would like to buy-

	ITEM: 12'x14'	Ivory Carpet
	Name-	Amount-
t	1. Jane Dec.	10.00
-	2. Tem Smith	12.00
	3. Mary Jones	15.00
	4. Jane Doe	17.00
	5. Hary Smith	20,00
	6. Jane Dec	25.50
	7.	
-	8.	

GIFT CERTIFICATES

- -to restaurants
- -for educational classes
- -to gift shops
- -ANY type

SERVICES

- -lawyers have donated wills
- -tutoring services

Example:

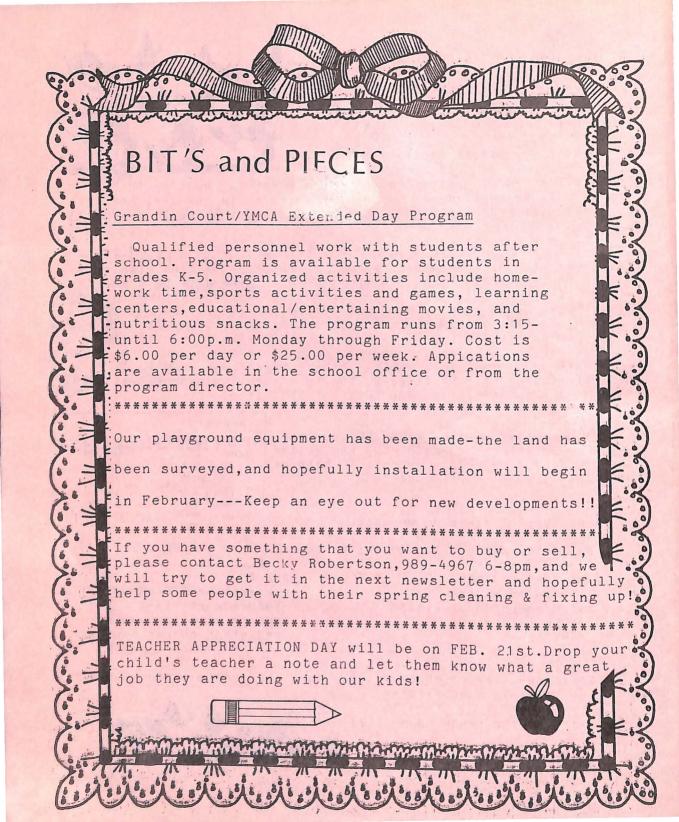
-any service you can do and other people can use

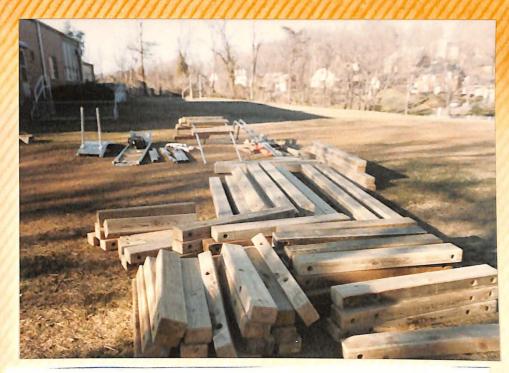
CRAFTS-Any type of craft you can make and donate would be GREAT.

People love crafts!

ANY TYPE ITEM-LARGE OR SMALL!!







Play ground Installation Jeb. 21 st, 1990 Landscaped March 3









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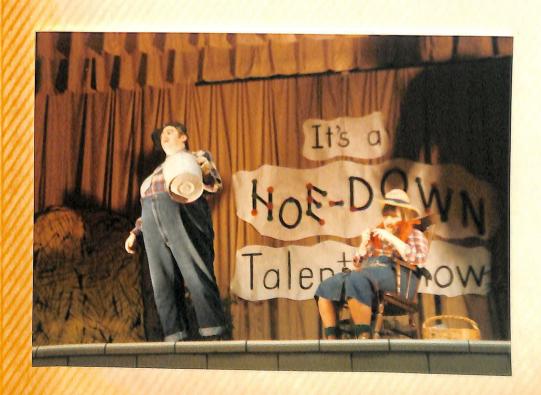
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March Meeting Monday, 12th 7:00

There will be two programs to chose from after a short business meeting at our PTA meeting Monday evening.

Option I- Focus- The New Family Life Curriculum --Sandy Moore and Norm Michael will be available to answer question on content and materials related to the ramily Life Curriculum being taught in the school.

Option II-Focus-The New Reading Series --Pandora Lewis, the Reading Resource teacher for City Schools, will speak on the new reading series being used in the school this year. WE HOPE WE WILL SEE EVERYONE MONDAY NIGHT!

FROM THE VOLUNTEER CORNER---

"BATMAN"

SHOWING: Monday, March 12th

TIME: 7:00pm

ADMISSION: 1 Parent attending PTA

REFRESHMENTS: Popcorn and a drink

for baby brother or

**Make this a family outting-

**ALSO--Care will be provided

Millian Marian Company Company Do I have any volunteers? We will need popcorn and drinks-(juice, Kool-Aid, Lemonade) also cups. Are there three adults that would like to see "Batman"? Call me, Alice Lambdon-989-8816, prior to the show!

Pats' Page

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students, and Friends,

The new piece of playground equipment was installed last month. In the words of my own third grader, "It's AWESOME".I was happy when the Board decided to buy it, excited when the order was placed, thrilled when it was installed, and very, very satisfied when I saw the children playing on it.

You deserve to be proud--because you are the ones who made it possible. Every ticket bought or sold at last years "Fling", every PTA membership, every ice cream sundae, every spaghetti dinner ticket, every Fall raffle ticket, every donation brought us closer to our goal. And now our goal is realized. I thank you, the entire membership of the Grandin Court PTA, and I'm sure the children do too!

Pat Evans Co-President

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

The playground equipment purchased by the PTA was installed on Feb. 21st. ON March 3rd a work crew placed landscape timbers and spread mulch.'Thanks' to the following for donating a Sat.-

Herb & Mary Snapp, Sally & Phillip

Marsha Christy

Jim & Cindy Dossett, & Travis

Corky Kidd Harry White

Jim Brown & Denise Harry White David Guerrero & Carol Murphy-Guerrero & Galen

Fred Palmer

Alice Lambdon & Tony Dick Hammerstrom & Meg

Cory Evans

Jason Green

Thanks also to Warren Staley for the mulch, to Fred Palmer for bringing his tractor, and to Johnny Mercer for delivering the timbers and hardware.

Very special thanks go to Herb Snapp for his "GRAND" job of heading up the equipment selection committee and co-ordinating the work day.

Pat Evans Co-President Spring Fling Update * * *

Dear Parents,

The Spring Fling Committee has been working hard to get things rolling! Games are being planned (Bingo, Bean Bag Toss, Sponge Throw), special activities are being booked (Moonwalk, Ponies, Dunking Booth), and special people are being invited (CiCi the Clown, Billy Bob). Items and services for the Silent Auction are being donated, but we need MORE. Please contact Cindy Dossett at (342-3136) if you have anything you can donate.

Over the next several weeks your child will be bringing home important information on the Spring Fling-so be sure to go through those backpacks! We need all the support we can get to make Spring Fling a FUN DAY for EVERYONE!

Thank you,
Mary Hunter Barrow
342-0843

IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY 1990

MONEY RAISED = L'AND SAVED

The third grade class at Grandin Court School is inviting all of their friends to collect pennies from around their house in an effort to save the Earth's rainforest. For each \$35.00 worth of pennies 1 acre of rainforest will be saved and added to a special children's rainforest in the region of La Ruta Maya in Central America. This is an opportunity to contribute directly to the health of our planet. Some environmentalist feel there is no more serious threat than the destruction of the world's rainforest. The U.S. Treausury estimates 92 billion pennies are sitting uncirculated around the country. Please send all the pennies you find to Grandin Court's third grade by April 19th.

Your support is needed!!

third grade friend of the Earth.



Bits and Pieces

- * Keep saving those Campbell Soup Labels and Send them to school.
- * Please save glass jars (mayonaise, spaghetti sauce, jelly) to use during the Spring Fling-Hore into will follow.
- * Ask everyone for donations for the Silent Auction. We can pick up from you or the donator. We can use anything and everything.
- * If you want to contribute anything to the Newsletter please call Becky Robertson, 989-4967, 5-9pm.



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2 It's Spring Fling Time. Everyones HELP is needed to make it a GRAND success!

THERE WILL BE SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!!!!

MOONWALK....PONIES...DUNKING BOOTH... RENT-A-SPACE FLEA MARKET...

BAKESALE ... CAKEWALK ... HAIRCUTS ... AN ART ROOM ... SILENT AUCTION .



GAMES GALORE ...





DART GAME...WHEEL OF FORTUNE... TOSS GAME...BINGO...HAT PAINTING.

FACE PAINTING... SPIN ART...SPONGE THROW... DUCK POND...GOLF GAME..

BEAN BAG TOSS...DANCE ROOM...BASKETBALL SHOOT....



PLUS FOOD....



HOT DOGS...DRINKS...CHIPS...SNO CONES... AND BAR-B-QUE(N.C. STYLE)

* SATURDAY, MAY 12*







FROM SPRING FLING CHAIRPERSON Mary Hunter Barrow 342-0843

SPRING FLING-SATURDAY, MAY 12th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.-See You There!

Werkers are NEEDED!!!! If you can spare an hour or two PLEASE give me a call. We still need volunteers to work Ponies, bingo, Bake Sale, Guess Jars, Auction, and Food Wagon.

We also need pick-up trucks to transport games to the school. If you have a truck (also a trailer hitch) and can help us out Friday evening and Saturday morning, please give me a call!

We still need items for the Auction and will need baked goods for the Bake Sale. We also need...picnic tables.."D" batteries... 50 ft. indoor/outdoor extention cords...empty Windex spray bottles Q-tips...tissues...paper towels...balloons...And wallet size pictures of your children for a special banner we are making.



Fun for Young and Old !!

- * SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT is planned throughout the day....
- BILLIE BOB will stop by between 12:30 and 2:00.
- ★ CI CI THE CLOWN will be there to delight young and old alike with her pocket magic, juggling, and balloon animals. CiCi has
- donated her time for Spring Fling. If you ever need a clown, be sure to call CiCi at 989-8281.

We also will have a magician MARK FULLER, who will help add a little MAGIC to the day. Mark has also generously donated his time, so if you ever need a magician, give him a call at 345-5995.

- THE KAZIM CLOWNS will also stop by from 1:00-3:00
- Also a SPECIAL THANKS to Moore's Quality Snacks for donating 300 bags of chips to our Spring Fling.

Cross fingers
for PRETTY WEATHER!!



CAKES, CAKES, CAKES

Your cake is needed for the CAKE WALK for Spring Fling Cakes do not need to be fancy--box mixes and canned icing are fine. We welcome cake donations from Grandparents too!

Please get your cakes to school Friday (May 11) or Saturday (May 12) by 11:00. Label cake for CAKE WALK for easy distribution. Bring your cake in a disposable, non-returnable STURDY paper plate or plate wrapped in plastic wrap.

If you have any questions about donating cakes or information about the Cake Walk, please call Shiela Cuadrado at 989-1758, anytime. A big THANKS for your committed donations!



ROANOKE CITY BOOKMARKER CONTEST



Congratulations, Degra Nofsinger, third grader at Grandin Court. Her bookmark entry was chosen as one of the winning entries in the 1990 "Design a Bookmark" contest sponsered by the Roanoke City Public Library System. She recieved a gift book certificate from Books, Srtings, and Things.

Sell those Raffle Tickets-Help us add to our Playground Equipment next year- and support your P.T.A.'s efforts to provide

for our Kids and our school!



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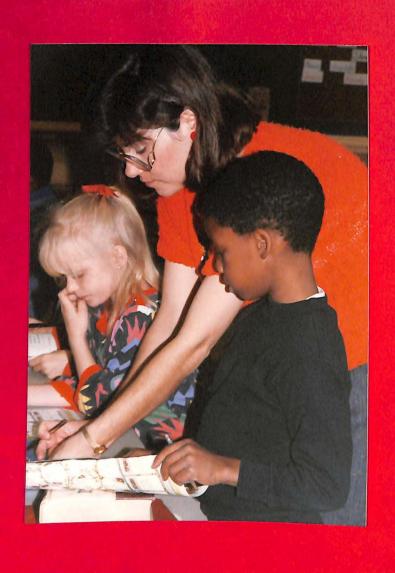


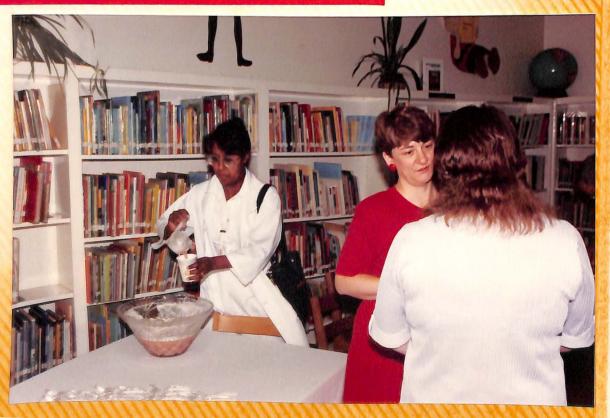






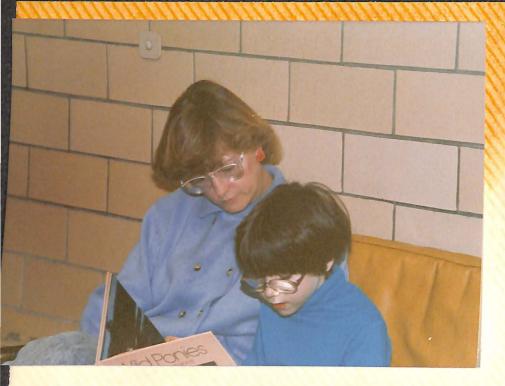








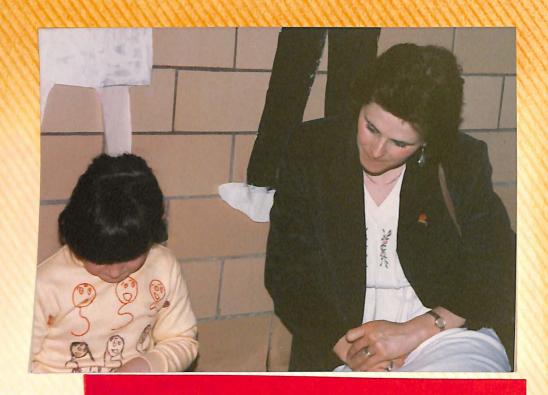














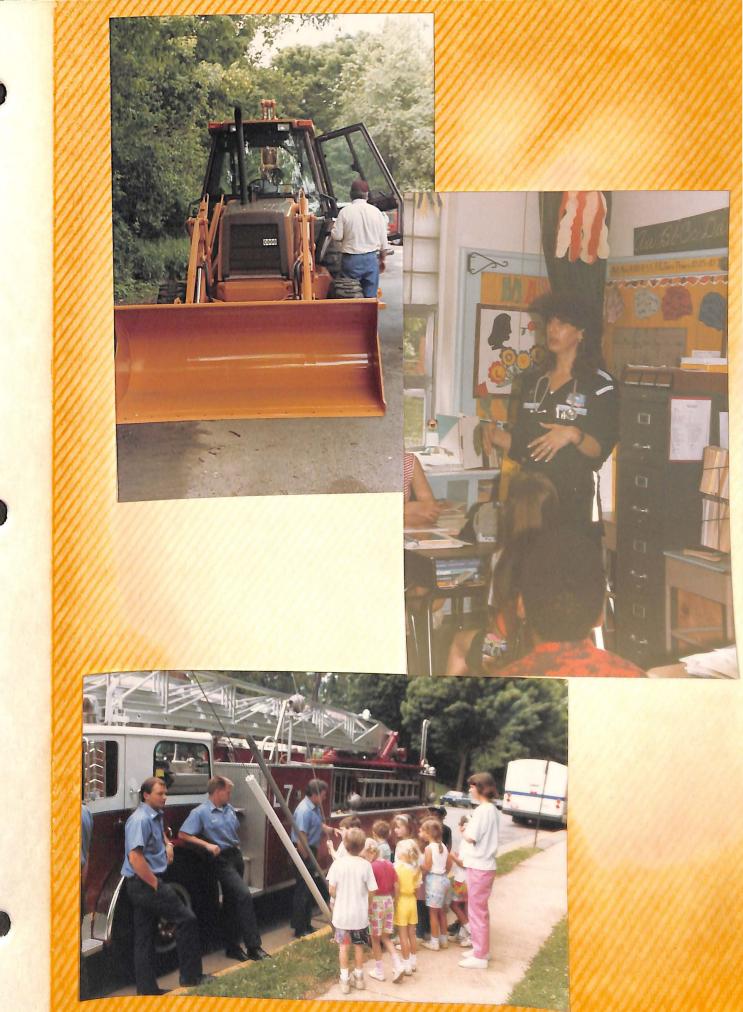


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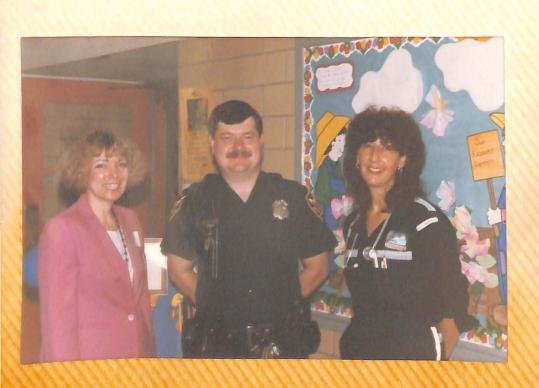














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The new playground equipment was purchased and installed. I am especially proud of this PTA accomplishment. This year's Spring Fling was the BEST ever!

This year our theme has been "Grandin Court is GRAND". Keep the GRAND in Grandin Court by supporting the 1990-91 PTA officers.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Pat Evans Past Co-President

RAFFLE NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were the top 5 raffle ticket sellers. They

participated in the "Money Grab" at Grandin Court on May 21....

ERIN SASANINJAD, sold 40 tickets, grabbed \$1.60

TONY LAMBDON, sold 30 tickets, grabbed \$1.77

GARY FAW, sold 30 tickets, grabbed \$1.76

ERIK EVANS, sold 27 tickets, grabbed \$1.64

BILL BOVA, sold 22 tickets, grabbed \$2.55 The raffle portion of the Spring Fling made \$901.00 for Grandin Court School. Thanks

to all of you who sold tickets. RAFFLE WINNERS--.

Pool Membership-Thibodeaux Family

Kings Dominion Tickets-Jerry Arnold

Pat Evans Raffle Coordinator

1990 Spring Fling Donations

Floral Renditions Floral Renditions
Landsend Gardens
Harris Teeter- Towers
Air Products& Chemical, Inc
Burger King
Garden Arts, Chris Barlow
Roanoke Pediatric Center(Dr. Michael Meyer & Dr. William Jacobs)
High Point Furniture
Lee-Hi Lanes Lee-Hi Lanes
Roanoke Chiropractic Center(Dr. Mowles)
Office Supply Center of Roanoke
Hills- Cave Spring McVey's Hardware Wilson's Restaurant Charley's Restaurant Mac&Maggie's Restaurant Cox Cable Sherwin Williams-Towers Sherwin Williams-Tanglewood Charlotte Strickler
Norfolk/Southern Credit Union- Stafford & Temika Bennett
Curry Copy Center-Tim & Teresa Parry
Beth Tritsarolis Christie Barlow Alfred Dowe Bill Bova Debbie Rains
Laurie & Don Padgett
This & That By Tanya- Tanya & Owen McGuire
Roanoke Times&World News- Dick & Anita Hammerstrom Charlie Hinches Peggy Evans Little Destric Cales - Im & Deb Kingery Woolworth's

Moore's Quality Snacks Super-X- Cave Spring Corners Brambleton Drug Store Brambleton Drug Store
Copy Cat
Wheeler's Fast Service Laundry
Wal Mart
7-11 Brambleton
Central YMCA
Leisure Publishing
Skate Center of the Roanoke Valley
Mitchell's Furniture
Pizza Hut
Baskin-Robbins Baskin-Robbins Soccer Stop, Inc. KIS Quality Photo Dollywood Corned Beef&Co Gantner Swimwear Magic Lube Kings Dominion Heironimus Szechuan Restaurant Szechuan Restaurant
The Homeplace Restaurant
Dixie Caverns & Pottery, Inc.
Hunan Cottage Chinese Restaurant
Buy the Yard
Harwood Paint & Wallpaper
E-Z-N Food Mart
Binky's Deli
Dillard Paper Co.
Kazim Clowns
Mark Fuller Magacian-The Magacia Kazim Clowns
Mark Fuller, Magician-The Magic Connection
Strip-Ease of Roanoke
Grandin Road Texaco
Roanoke City Crime Prevention Bureau
Waldenbooks- Tanglewood
Grand Piano & Furniture Co.
Imagination Station
Dental Associates (Drs. Dickey, Levicki, Lynch, Dickey & Singleton)
Morgan Discount Drapery

Morgan Discount Drapery Advance Auto Parts

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Lillian Carter, Artist Fink's Jewelry Fisher Jewelry Montano's Quilters Quarters Quibell Corp. Quibell Corp.
Hub Furniture
Almost Florida
Perfect Ten Nail Salon
Clay Cottage Ceramics
Salem Home Decorating
K-92 RAdio
WYYD FM Radio Avon Frame One
J-93 Radio
Mac & Bob's Restaurant
Billy's Ritz
Roanoke Memorial Hospitals
Julien's Shoes Rainbo Bakery WROV Radio Dominion Bank People's Drug Store Clifton Floor & Tile Clifton Floor & Tile Swift
Earth Baby Diaper Service Webber
Bear Trap Inn K-Mart
Roanoke Comedy Club Obench
Williams Supply Kroger
Lighting Gallery
KCI
John Higgins, DDS
Roanoke Valley Psychiatric Center Ina McDonald
Sam Hollingsworth/Hollingsworth Food Brokerage

Grand Interiors
U.S.Air
Clean Valley Council
Accents for You-Priscilla Varney
Jumbo's 17220s & Subs Science Museum of Western Virginia
309 First Street Restaurant
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Cindy's Greenery
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Robert Poore
Nancy Poore
Jay Thompson
Mae Saunders
Athlete's Foot-Towers
Salem Buccaneers
Misty Meadows
Charlotte Ferguson Charlotte Ferguson
Lampworks
Andy Roberts
Omni Video Center
American Video
Mike's Market
Pat & Charlie Poff Courney
Leon P. Ferrance, Attorney
CiCi the Clown, Cecille Wright
Sara Beth Katz
Chris Sullivan
Pat Stoner Pat Stoner Pat Stoner
Designs by Marie- Hamid&Marie Sasaninejad
Judy & Steve Aukward
Shiela & George Cuadrado
Mary Hunter & Lindsey Barrow
Sally & Jim Gear
Patrick's Mane Event- Patrick & Leslie Adams
Southern Bell- Mary Kyger
Norva Dickerson Southern Bell- Mary Kyger
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Lynn & Mike Overstreet
Cindy & Jim Dossett
Becky Robertson
Sarah Land & Joe Alisauskas
Ron & Kathryn Barberie
Blue Ridge Floors- Bob & Peggy Evans
Jabar Builders- Jerry & Brenda Bryant
Susan Fleming
Marie Casey
Munju Lee
Diane Lawson
Beth Sellers Beth Sellers Barbara Peters Barbara Peters
Lynn Meador
Peggy Templeton
Karen Carroll
Steve White
Academy Of Real Estate- Tom & Karen Haynie
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Quaker Oats- Alice Lambdon 7-11 Guilford&Grandin
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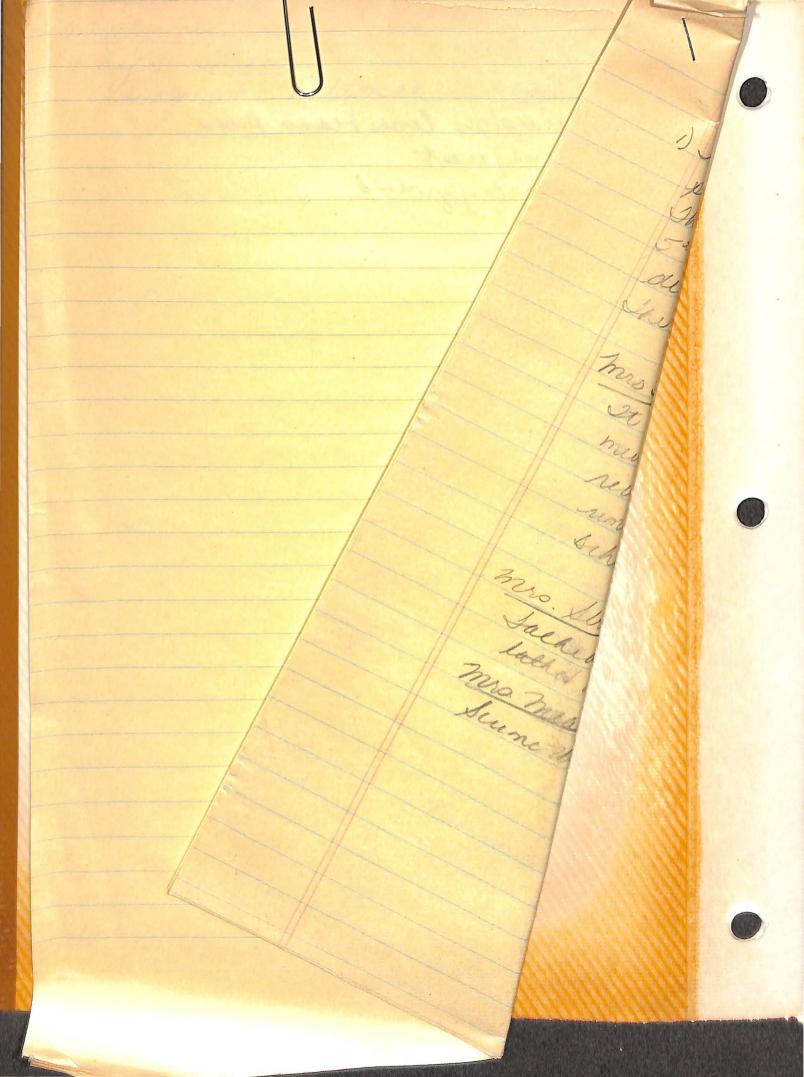
From MARY HUNTER BARROW....

I would like to thank all the staff and parents of Grandin Court in helping us make Spring Fling fun and successful. All donations-items for the auction, cakes, baked goods, and most important of all-your time- were very much appreciated by the committee. I also want to thank the Room Mothers for helping me with all those phone calls needed to schedule game workers and solicit cakes. And I wou; d especially want to acknowledge those people who helped with transportation, setting up, and cleaning up!

Leslie and Patrick Adams Judy and Steve Aukward Brenda and Jerry Bryant Marsha Christy Lindsey Barrow Şr. Sheila Cuadrado Cindy and Jim Dossett Sally Gear Charlie Hinchee

Barry Hubbard Alice Lambdon Glenn and Mary Metheney Annette Ozmer Don and Laurie Padgett Barbara Peters Becky Robertson Hamid Sasaninejad

THANKS TO EVERYONE!!!!!!



Grandin Court School's Earth Day Plans

Dhe PTA donated a tree which was
planted on 4/23 in honor J Earth Day.
The tree was dedicated to the
the grade graduating Class. The PTA
decided to plant a tree each lath Day
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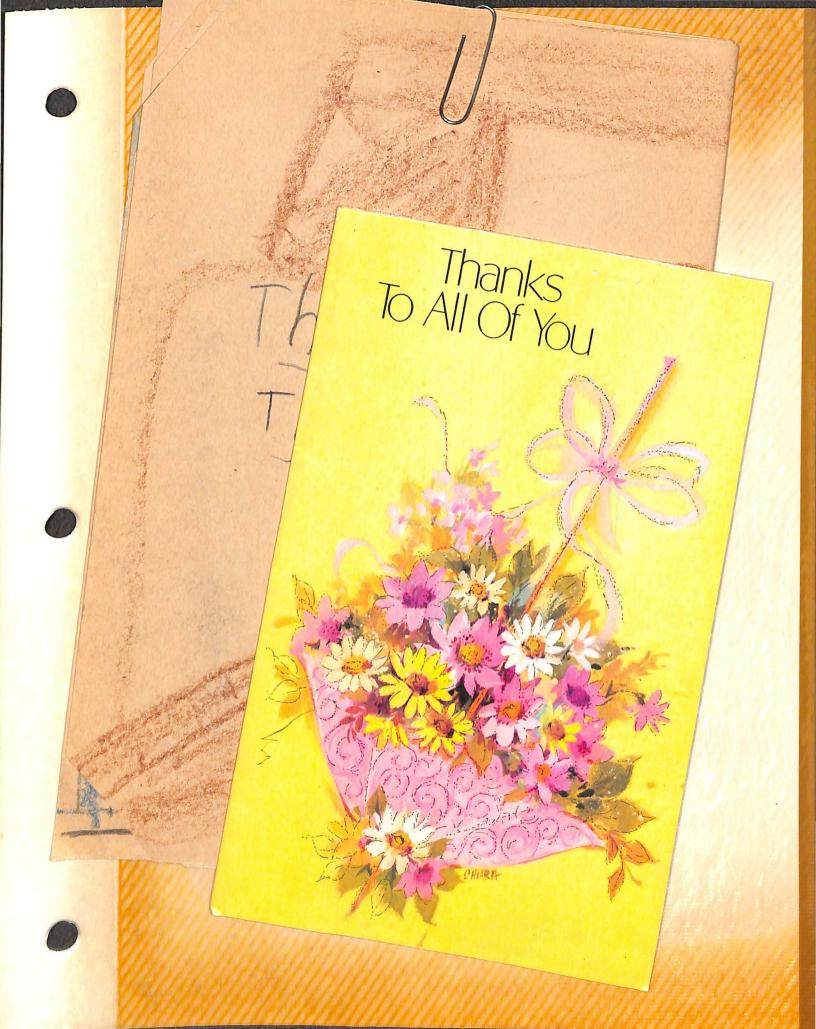
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Can't thank you each in person
(Though that's what I'd like to do)
But I can say
"Thanks a million"
To each and all of you!

Love

Lucy Surner + Metchell Family

Richy & Beth Reynolds

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