

TROUTVILLE Tidbits



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Troutville Elementary School Has Great Success with 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast

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On April 4th, Troutville Elementary School held their first "All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast" at the Applebee's in Bonsack. This event was designed to raise funds for the school and to bring the community together for a wonderful cause. A total of 26 volunteers got up early that morning, dressed in TES "Spirit Wear", to serve family, friends and members of the community pancakes and sausage.

As a parent volunteer and co-chair of the Ways and Means Committee for the TES Parent Teacher Association, I searched for a fundraising event that had as much community involvement as possible. When I learned of selling pancakes, I thought this could be lots of fun. As it turns out, we all had a blast! It has been two weeks & people are still talking about it.

Thanks to our sponsors: Kroger, Food Lion, Pepsi, Lowe's, and especially Applebee's, for their generous donations and support. Great big **THANKS** to all of the volunteers and students who helped to make this possible.

Let's Picnic & Pray at the Park!

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 7, 2009 – 12:00 Noon

Prayer...America's Hope is this year's theme for the 58th Annual Observance of National Day of Prayer. Botetourt County has nine (9) locations for this non-denominational event of "Uniting in Prayer for our Country and its Leaders."

The Troutville Park prayer location is sponsored by Troutville Church of the Brethren and will be led by Pastor Chris Foster.

Bring a packed lunch and we will eat together afterwards. If you would like to purchase a lunch, call Vickie @ Kountry Katering (520-4534) – chef salads and sandwiches are \$3.00 and up. Your lunch will be delivered to the Park at noon.

Note: This is an important event that will be held rain or shine...don't forget to bring an umbrella.

The Priceless Bouquet

By Lee Minnix

This may be my last Mother's Day with my son. He's going off to college in August, and I can't believe that time is already here. When he was little and in the "terrible two's" (which was really at the three's), I was told by so many, "Enjoy every moment....they grow up so fast."

My best Mother's Day was in 2000. It was the first spring in our new home, which was owned by farmers with green thumbs who spent many hours in the garden. As the season approached, we watched with excitement as beautiful flowers would pop up from the ground each morning. I even bought a book so I could learn what all the flowers and bushes were.

On this particular Mother's Day, we decided to have dinner at the Roanoker Restaurant. My son spent time in the yard before we left, and came to the car with two plastic grocery bags. I didn't dare ask what was inside as he carried them into the restaurant. We placed our order with the waitress, and as soon as she left the table, he opened one of the bags he had placed on the adjacent seat. He pulled out one of my glass vases from home and put it on the table in front of us. As he did, I was wondering how he got the vase to the restaurant without breaking it! Next, he took out a very lovely daffodil, then another, and then several tulips and other flowers I had never seen before. I then realized what he had been doing in the yard before we left.

I didn't say a word as he went about creating this beautiful arrangement right before my eyes. The waitress and other dining guests stopped and watched this nine year-old designer at work. He then said, "Happy Mother's Day Mom," and proudly pushed the vase of flowers to the center of the table. It was all I could do to hold back the tears!

My son is now 18 and has given me the best years a mom could ask for. Today I'm cutting the daffodils and tulips from our home in Troutville and thinking about that day....I will always cherish those memories. Now I find myself telling younger mothers to enjoy every year – they grow up so fast!

"Mothers have as powerful an influence over the welfare of future generations as all other earthly causes combined."

John S.C. Abbott

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