

Bravo Buggy Malone Jr.!



The cast of the Veronica Connor Middle School production of "Bugsy Malone Jr." perform the final song from the musical, "You Give a Little Love," during Tuesday's performance at the Grand Island High School auditorium. A packed auditorium gave the performers a standing ovation. (photo by Larry Austin)

Lions Club dishes up the spaghetti



The Grand Island Lions Club held its 40th annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center on Monday. The event raises money for the Special Kids Picnic, which the Lions hold over the summer at the Buffalo Launch Club. This year's picnic will take place July 15. An estimated 800 dinners were served.

In the kitchen preparing some of the estimated 250 pounds of spaghetti for the event were, above, from left: Tony Dragomette, line chef at the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center; Lions Dick Crawford and Donna Lavallee; Chef Arnold of the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center; Lions Tom DeCarlo and Dan Morabito; Kelly McGinty, assistant banquet manager of the Grand Island Holiday Inn Resort and Conference Center; and Lion Fred Ruocco.

At the dinner Monday, Kristina Clendening and her boyfriend Justin Frenznel, at top, recreate the famous scene from Disney's "Lady and the Tramp."

See page 7 for details about the dinner and a special award presented that night. (photos by Larry Austin)

Easter is coming



Carla Rader Gasiewicz's daughter Leah, age 19 months, didn't quite like her visit with the Easter bunny at Kelly's Country Store as much as did her brothers Aaron, 4, right, and Colin, 6.



The Easter bunny greets children at Kelly's Country store (3121 Grand Island Blvd.) every Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. No doubt Leah did enjoy some of the candy at Kelly's, where customers found Western New York's largest display of homemade Easter chocolates, below. Kelly's Country Store is also at the Broadway Market in Buffalo. See a story about Easter chocolate in the March 31 issue of *The International*, found as an insert in the March 31 Grand Island *PennySaver*. (photos by Larry Austin)



Grand Island's greatest recycling project



Patrons browse the remaining books from the weekend's used book sale, a fundraiser held by the Friends of the Grand Island Memorial Library. The event, held Friday and Saturday at the library, is made possible because of both generous donations of used books from the public and the volunteer work of members of the Friends. See page 3 for details. (photo by Larry Austin)