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## 'Acting Up' in the 1950s

Life in the 1950s was the topic of discussion at a recent cross-generational gathering at Mason Heights Elementary School between performers from Acting Up, Young Performers Community Theater and some senior citizens who grew up during the '50s.

The reason for the discussion is that Acting Up is rehearsing its production of the 1950s rock 'n' roll musical "Grease."

That generation gap was one reason Jan and Don Fischer and Donna Manning spoke to the young audience about the era.



They explained that records contain music on both sides. The girls had no curling irons and slept in curlers. Gas used to cost 35 cents a gallon and the kids hung out at soda fountains and drive-ins. Boys used Brylcreem to mold and mat down their hair. That look is why the play is called "Grease."

Acting Up's production of "Grease" draws 55 young performers ranging in age from 5 to 18, who come from 30 different schools from as far away as Springboro and Bethel-Tate and as close as Mason, Lakota, Kings and St. Susanna.

Acting Up's performances of "Grease" will be held at the Mason High School Theater, at

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6100 Mason-Montgomery Road in Mason, at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6; at 1 p.m. (sign language interpreter provided) and 7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7, and at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 8.

Tickets are \$8 and are available online at [www.ActingUp.com](http://www.ActingUp.com). For more information, call 588-0988.

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