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Seminar to focus on benefits of rainwater harvesting

Conservation-minded residents can learn how to capture and use rainwater for residential and rural landscaping uses during a seminar this Saturday at the home of Sara SoRelle in Clarendon.

The educational rainwater harvesting seminar, complete with a hands-on installation demonstration, is being hosted by SoRelle along with Donley County AgriLife Extension Service, Greenbelt Water Authority, and the City of Clarendon.

"The hands-on installation demonstration will be led by the world-renowned rainwater harvesting expert, Billy Kniffen, who has

presented this topic at several locations across the United States," said Extension Agent Leonard Haynes. Kniffen is the AgriLife Extension state rainwater harvesting specialist.

The seminar will begin with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Sara SoRelle, 507 W. 5th Street. Following the hands-on portion, a meal will be provided along with an educational program at the Donley County Activity Center, 4437 N. State Highway 70. The program will end around 3 p.m., Haynes said.

Alanreed rancher Delbert Trew is also going to be on hand to talk

about his own experience with rainwater harvesting.

There will be a \$10 registration fee per person. Checks should be made payable to Donley County Texas AgriLife Extension and mailed to Box 682, Clarendon, Texas 79226. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP by July 25 to the AgriLife Extension office in Donley County at 806-874-2141 or 806-282-7680, Haynes said. Call the same numbers for more information or directions.

"Not only has the Greenbelt Water Authority identified depletion of water resources as a major concern, but the Texas water-supply

planning process has identified that surface and groundwater supplies will not be able to meet future water demand," Haynes said.

Water conservation and development of alternative water supplies is necessary to meet the growing demand for fresh water, according to Kniffen.

Rainwater harvesting is an innovative alternative water supply approach anyone can use. Rainwater harvesting captures, diverts, and stores rainwater for later use.

Captured rainwater is ideal for use in landscaping, because the water is free of salts, minerals and

chlorine and it adds water back into the ground and aquifer, Kniffen said. It is also useful in attracting and providing water for birds, wildlife and livestock and brought into the home for non-potable or potable use.

Implementing rainwater harvesting techniques directly benefits local communities by reducing demand on water supplies, and reducing run-off, erosion and contamination of surface water, he said.

Capturing rainwater for use in the landscape makes efficient use of a valuable resource, reduces water bills and reduces demand on the water supply.

Windstream makes fiber optic upgrade

Several Clarendon residents have noticed crews running an underground line in town over the last couple of weeks, and a Windstream representative tells the Enterprise that line is a fiber-optic cable upgrade for the phone company.

Windstream says its customers in the city are currently connected to the Internet through long-haul fiber networks the company leases from other carriers.

The project now underway will connect Clarendon to Windstream's own long-haul fiber network, which has expanded as it has acquired other telecommunications companies over the years. This change will mean a more reliable experience for Windstream's customers in Clarendon since the company will own the Internet connection from end-to-end and will be able to monitor it and address any network issues without having to work through other carriers.

USDA okays CRP haying and grazing

CRP emergency haying/grazing has been authorized for fiscal year (FY) 2012 for Donley County. Based on a decision made by the Texas FSA State Committee, CRP emergency grazing/haying approval will only be available for those CRP lands that were not utilized for haying or grazing during the previous 12 months.

The CRP emergency grazing authorization ends 90 calendar days from the date each county received authorization, not to exceed September 30, 2012. The Emergency haying authorization ends 60 days from the date each county receives authorization, not to exceed August 31, 2012. Eligible producers interested in emergency grazing of CRP acres must request approval before grazing/haying eligible acres and obtain a modified conservation plan from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) that outlines permitted haying/grazing practices.

Additionally, there will be a 10 percent CRP payment reduction for CRP acres used for grazing under these emergency provisions.

To take advantage of the emergency grazing provisions, authorized producers can use the CRP acreage for their own livestock or may grant another livestock producer use of the CRP acreage. Eligible CRP acreage is limited to those acres located within the approved counties.



Vern Hammett and Dennis and Marilyn Boots stand before the Boots' "command quarters" - a restored and refitted Vietnam-era Army truck. The members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association spent the night in Clarendon last week on the first leg of a journey that will take them to the Arctic Circle before coming home to Texas.

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History in Motion

Preservationist convoy stops in Clarendon

By Roger Estlack, Clarendon Enterprise

A group of military vehicles that rolled into Clarendon last week wasn't part of an invasion or troop movements but were instead part of a convoy on its way to Canada to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Alaska Highway.

Members of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association (MVPA) spent the night in Clarendon last Wednesday, July 18, as they began what will be a 10,000-mile round trip from Texas to the Arctic Circle and back, riding in refurbished and restored vehicles.

Dennis and Marilyn Boots of Denton and their friend Vern Hammett of Cornith stayed in their vehicles overnight on the Clarendon College campus while other members of their association stayed at the Best Western Red River Inn.

Mr. Boots, a Vietnam veteran and former member of the Army Corps of Engineers, joined the MVPA in 2009 when the association made a transcontinental convoy from Washington, DC, to San Francisco to commemorate the construction of the Lincoln Highway.

"It was 30 days at 30 miles per

hour," Boots said of the convoy that started with 40 vehicles and grew to as many as 150 vehicles along the way.

Their present journey is to head to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, where they will meet up with about 75 other antique military vehicles and travel along the Alaska Highway (or AICan) to Delta Junction, Alaska, with one detour to drive up north to the Arctic Circle.

Boots and his wife travel in a 1960s cargo truck that originally was a portable laundry unit for the Army. Boots, however, has transformed the cargo hold of the truck into a luxurious command post with handcrafted wooden cabinets, a shower, a toilet, and bunk beds. The air-conditioned quarters also sports the trucks original mahogany floor planks that have been polished to a beautiful shine.

Towed behind the Boots' command truck is a Vietnam-era Jeep, named Jezebel, that will serve as the last car in the AICan convoy, the same as it did for the Lincoln Highway trip three years ago.

Hammett met Boots and his wife when he joined the Lincoln convoy after it had started, and they



Dennis Boots shows the flag and pins he received during the MVPA's Lincoln Highway convoy in 2009.

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became fast friends after learning that they lived very near each other.

"We traveled 800 miles to meet each other," Hammett said.

Hammett drives a retired Air Force truck that has been outfitted with a camper.

Boots said the convoy is entirely self-sufficient when it is underway, and the breadth and depth of experienced military veterans and engineers that travel with the MVPA mean that all equipment can be repaired on the road if any of it breaks down. But just because

these trucks are old doesn't mean they are decrepit.

"Most of these vehicles are in as good or better shape than when they were in the service," Boots said. "We're serious about this."

Established in 1976, the non-profit MVPA is dedicated to providing an international organization for military vehicle enthusiasts, historians, preservationists and collectors interested in the acquisition, restoration, preservation, safe operation and public education of historic military transport.

Hedley ISD looking for new super

Hedley School Trustees was interviewing candidates for superintendent this week after Eric Hough vacated that position on July 5.

School officials said Hough accepted a position in Gordon, Texas, and Jimmy Hoyle is serving as interim superintendent until a replacement can be found. Mr. Hoyle, a former Hartley school administrator, previously served as interim in Hedley when Hough was hired in 2009.

Trustees met Monday for one interview and were scheduled to interview a second candidate as the Enterprise went to press Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the school has announced the hiring of three new employees this month.

Darrell and Suzanne Wallace both have 15 years of experience and are coming to Hedley from Covington ISD. Coach Wallace has spent his career in six-man football and girls' basketball, and Mrs. Wallace will be teaching first grade.

Coach Garrett Bains will also be joining the faculty. He is a Clarendon native and got his first year stripes in White Deer last year coaching football and boys' basketball.

Both coaches will hit the ground running when the Owls begin football practice on August 6 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Runoff votes being cast next Tuesday

Early voting is underway this week and continues through Friday as Democratic and Republican voters cast ballots to determine run-off elections. Early ballots can be cast at the clerk's office at the Donley County Courthouse Annex.

Next Tuesday, July 31, will be the actual date of the run-off election from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Democrats will cast ballots in the following locations Precincts 101, 102, 201, 301, and 401 at the Courthouse Annex and Precincts 303 at the Hedley Lions Club.

Republicans will vote at the following locations Precinct 101 - Bairfield Activity Center, Precinct 102 - Howardwick City Hall, Precincts 201 and 301 - Donley County Courthouse, Precinct 303 - Hedley Senior Citizens, and Precinct 401 - Clarendon Church of Christ Family Life Center.

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WARNING: The following column is an editorial (i.e. an opinion, a point of view) and may contain ideas with which some readers may freely disagree. It could be harmful to liberals, socialists, and other small mammals. Read at your own risk.

Government didn't build this

The President of the United States set off a fire-storm several days ago during a campaign stop in Roanoke, Virginia, when he stepped on the toes of American entrepreneurs by telling them they owe their success not to themselves but to the government.

Obama – the man who has never worked in the private sector – pontificated before his faithful followers about all the benefits of government and then decided it was as good a time as any to stomp on the American Dream.

“Look, if you’ve been successful, you didn’t get there on your own,” the president said. “I’m always struck by people who think, well, it must be because I worked harder than everybody else. Let me tell you something there are a whole bunch of hardworking people out there.”



editor's commentary
by roger estlack

He then prattled on about roads and bridges and teachers before dropping this bit of wisdom:

“If you’ve got a business, you didn’t build that. Somebody else made that happen.”

Speaking as someone who has owned his own business for going on 17 years now, your humble editor emphatically disagrees with the occupier of the White House.

Entrepreneurs typically have supporters – friends and families – and they often surround themselves with good people – advisors and employees, but at the end of the day it is the owner of that business who is the driving force and the one responsible for the success – or failure – of any business.

My parents, my brother, and later my wife and sisters-in-law have all supported this newspaper. A small group of very loyal current and former staffers have done excellent work on this newspaper, and we do it all with the support of our advertisers and readers. But it was my name on the line. It was me who stayed at the office 60 or 70 hours a week in the beginning. No government agent was present. No one from Washington was helping out. It was ultimately my ideas and my hard work that made this newspaper one of the best community newspapers in this state.

That may sound a bit conceded, but anyone who has had their own business understands that while you have support, it all comes down to you – the owner of the business.

Growing up I saw this first hand with my father's business as he worked – many times until his hands literally bled – doing electrical and heating and cooling work. The government wasn't crawling in those hot attics in the middle of the summer. It was my Dad working his tail off to provide for his family. He was a success because he got out and worked by the sweat of his brow using his skills and time and talent.

Barack Obama's comments are an insult to me, to the memory of my father, and to every self-employed person in this country. Sure the government plays a role in our businesses. Unfortunately the biggest role is that of an adversary – a behemoth that puts up barriers in the forms of costly regulations and a blood-sucker that eyes your success and then robs your money through taxes.

But the president's comments are about more than just him insulting the businesses that drive the American economy; they reveal his very different vision of what this country should be. In American, we've always believed that you can make yourself successful if you put your nose to the grindstone and pull yourself up by your own bootstraps. You can chart your own destiny. That's what we preach to our kids – stay in school, get an education, and work hard. Some folks are able to do this. Some folks don't have it in them. And some folks are just plain lazy.

Obama has a different outlook. You can do nothing without the government, he says. And since it is the government to which you owe your success, the government is entitled to the fruits of your labors. He says “the rich” should “give something back.” And by that he means they should pay more taxes. Everyone is paying plenty of taxes. It is the government that spends too much money.

Obama and his minions seek to build up the government and tear down the achievement of individual. This is an anathema to the spirit of America, and it is yet another example of why Obama must be defeated in November if this Republic is to survive as we have known it.

Meanwhile...

Early voting is underway in the Republican runoff election between State Rep. Jim Landtroop and Canadian, Texas, challenger Ken King. Next Tuesday, voters will decide which of these men will get the party's nomination to represent this area in the State House of Representatives; and since there is no Democratic candidate, the winner will win the General Election in November.

Mr. Landtroop is a social conservative on the Religious Right, no doubt; but a true conservative wants the government to stay out of our personal lives and our personal business and wants a smaller role for government.

Jim Landtroop, however, co-sponsored a bill requiring Texans to show a state issued photo ID before they can vote. Bunny Owens – a frequent local election judge – has known me my whole life. Why should I have to show her my driver's license before I can vote? There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in this state. Landtroop's bill is purely political, unnecessary, and will suppress votes of the poor and minorities. Landtroop also spends too much time focusing on social issues rather than real issues and is way too proud of the budget cuts last year that were costly to this area.

Mr. Landtroop has had his trip to Austin. Let's try someone else this time. Vote for Ken King.

The Earth's temperature is rising

Texas and Oklahoma have bickered for years about which has the superior college football teams, whose oil fields produce the best crude, and even where the state border should be.

However, in a result that no one wants to win, Oklahoma reclaimed a crown in 2011. After recalculating data, climatologists have declared that last year Oklahoma suffered through the hottest summer ever recorded in the United States – not Texas as initially announced.

In the new tally by the National Climatic Data Center, Oklahoma's average temperature last summer was 86.9 degrees, while Texas, enjoying a cooler period, finished at 86.7 degrees. The previous record for the hottest summer was 85.2 degrees set in 1934 – in Oklahoma.

The switch happened after extra data flowed in from weather stations, and as field reports were filed across both states. So, Texas may not be Hell, but you can see Hell from here. Just look north and east.

In short, global warming is happening. The average temperature of Earth's atmosphere and oceans has increased since the late 19th century, and is projected to continue rising. Even though Governor Rick and other folks don't want to believe it, since the early 20th century Earth's mean surface temperature has increased by about 1.4°F, with approximately two-thirds of the increase occurring since 1980.

Regardless of what people want to believe, warming of the climate systems is unequivocal, and scientists are more than 90% certain that it is primarily caused by increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases produced by human activities such as deforestation and the burning of fossil fuels. These findings are recognized by the national science academies of all major industrialized nations.

Sure, there may be other causes of global warming. We are coming out

of an ice age. Naturally, the ambient temperature of the earth is going to rise while coming out of an ice age. I expect that it will go back down when we enter into another ice age, probably long after I've departed this earth. Another cause of global warming may be the natural cycle of the Earth's rotation around the sun, along with the occasional wobble as the earth revolves around its axes.

For whatever reason, future global surface temperature is likely to rise an additional 2.9°F to 5.2°F for the lowest emission scenario, and 4.3°F to 11.5°F for the highest emission scenario.

We're now in the midst of the nation's worst drought in 60 years, encompassing 29 states and threatening farmers, their crops, and livestock. There is also another risk as water becomes scarcer. Power plants may be forced to shut down, and oil and gas production may be reduced.

Amazingly, our energy system depends upon water. Nearly half of the nation's water withdrawals each day are used for cooling water plants. Also, the oil and gas industries use tens of millions of gallons a day, injecting water into depleted oil fields to improve production, and to free natural gas in shale geological formations through hydraulic fracturing. Such usage can have significant local consequences.

Surprisingly, each year we withdraw more water for the energy sector than for agriculture. This means that water problems become energy problems that are serious enough to require high-level national attention.

In Texas, some cities are forbidding

the use of municipal water for hydraulic fracturing. The multiyear drought in the West has lowered the snowpack and water levels behind dams, including Greenbelt Reservoir. The United States Energy Information Administration recently issued an alert that the drought was likely to aggravate challenges to California's electric power market this summer, with higher risks of dependability issues and shortage-driven price increases.

In the Midwest, power plants are competing for water that farmers need for their shrinking corn crops.

Unfortunately, trends indicate that this water scarcity will become more acute with time. Population growth will mean over 100 million more people will live in the United States in the next 40 years. Many more people will need energy and water to survive and prosper. Economic growth compounds this problem, as per-capita energy and water consumption tend to increase with wealth. Climate change models also indicate that droughts and heat waves will be more frequent and severe.

There are solutions to these problems but they will require the Congress to work together in order to properly address them. And, as well know all too well, the Congress is not particularly functional these days.

Water resources in the Texas Panhandle have also been adversely affected by global warming and this nasty drought. At Greenbelt Lake, even the fish are beginning to feel overcrowded. We need some serious rain, or we will be totally dependent on well water.

Drill baby, drill. And pray for rain – a 100 year rain.

Meanwhile, the fishing out at the lake is great. With the water levels dropping, the fish have less room to hide and maneuver and are, therefore, easier to catch.



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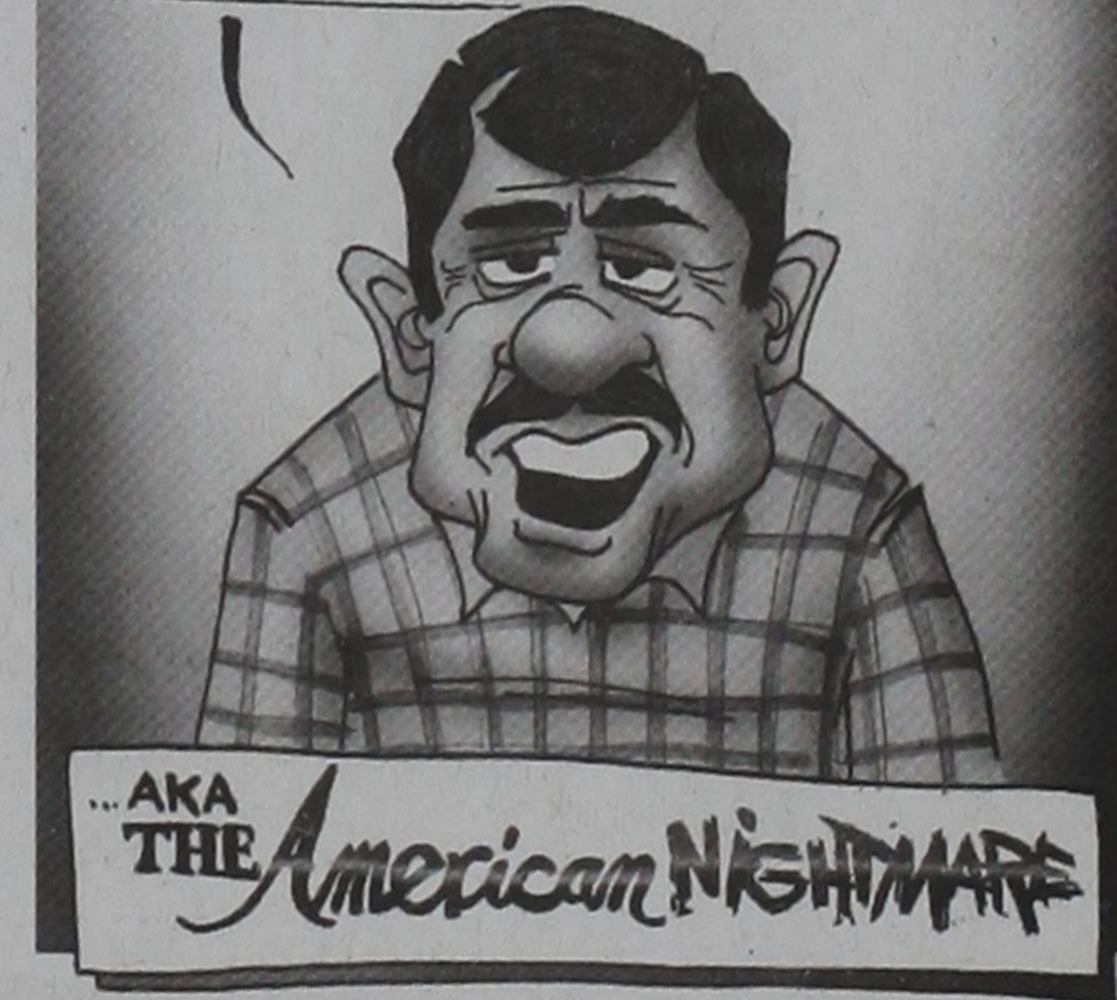
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...AKA THE AMERICAN NIGHTMARE

Don't mess with Texans' success

By US Sen. John Cornyn

Texans have long prided ourselves on a strong spirit of independence and a can-do attitude. We think big; we set ambitious goals; and we work hard to accomplish them. That's why many Texans did not take too kindly to words spoken by President Obama earlier this month. In a speech that highlighted ways the government has helped Americans to achieve success, he said, “If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen.”

To the contrary, I've heard from and met with a number of Texas business owners who can claim, “I built this.” These entrepreneurs credit hard work and personal creativity—not government assistance—as the keys to their individual success.

These are folks like Frank Scantlin,

whose story is a true example of the American Dream. As a child, Frank was so poor that at times he could not afford to buy new shoes. Times were so tough that Frank had to quit school in ninth grade to help his mother put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

Despite such challenges, Frank persevered. Through hard work and determination, he founded Sunbelt Machine Works in 1978, with his wife Mary, in Stafford, Texas. With a staff of just three individuals, Mary occasionally had to drive the trucks, in addition to serving as bookkeeper and secretary. What began with only 2,100 square feet of work space today has evolved into a full-scale business that manufactures precision-crafted components, employs 90 Texans, and has a combined footprint covering almost 60,000 square feet.

Of course, not every company sees the same success Frank has experienced. But that is the nature of free markets.

Texans understand this. We also understand the proper role of government in fostering entrepreneurship and job creation. Our pro-growth agenda of low taxes, limited government and sensible regulation provides all the “stimulus” job creators need.

You can see more stories like Frank's on a new site I've created called “I Built This.” If you would like to share your entrepreneurial success story with the President and claim “I built this,” please visit www.cornyn.senate.gov to submit your story. I will post your story on my website, send it to the White House and let President Obama know that the government is not responsible for your success – you are.

Shame on Rep. Landtroop for comments

It's upsetting that Jim Landtroop lies about Ken King and the record of the Canadian ISD school board.

Here are the facts: When Ken King was elected, the school's tax rate was \$1.29. Over the next three years, we lowered the tax rate to \$1.25, then to \$1.23, and then to \$1.16. Last year we raised the rate up to \$1.21. That's the one tax increase Landtroop wants to talk about. He doesn't want you to know that Ken King voted to reduce taxes three times and that the tax rate today is lower than it was when Ken came onto the board.

Landtroop also says, “King increased government spending by \$26 million in just four years.” I don't know what planet Landtroop is living on, but the facts are that our budget today is about what it was five years ago! The state pretty much tells schools what they can spend anyway. Of course since Landtroop sends his own kids to a private school he doesn't need to bother to learn about what is happening in public education. Ken King understands the challenges rural schools face. He knows that rural schools don't get enough

funding to offer the same vocational technology, fine arts, foreign language, or advanced courses that the big city schools offer.

Ken King understands how rural schools are being short-changed by the school funding formulas.

Maybe if Landtroop had kids in public school, he might pay more attention to funding formulas. Either way, I wish he wouldn't tell lies. Shame on him!

Salem Abraham,
Canadian ISD Board Member

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Range Riders rope for a cure

The Range Riders are raising funds to help find a cure for Type 1 Diabetes at their fourth Annual Rope for a Cure that includes a Cowboy Ball and Dinner Range Riders is roping together their fourth annual Rope for a Cure event to benefit kids with Type 1 Diabetes and the Panhandle Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

On Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12, Range Riders welcome young and old to experience the art of roping at the Range Rider Indoor Arena at 313 W. Loop 335 South, Amarillo.

Roping Schools will be avail-

able for beginning ropers and open roping contests will take place for professionals and amateurs who want to put their roping skills to the test.

The week will also include a Cowboy Ball and Dinner on Saturday, August 11. Music for the Cowboy Ball and Dinner will be provided by local singer - songwriter, Matt Martindale, with entertainment by Casey Berry and the Live Texas Mosquitoes.

The evening will also include the Manager of Rascal Flatts, Jake LaGrone. Jake is a legend in the music business and worked with the

likes of Reba McEntire, Lonestar, Alan Jackson, and more.

To purchase tickets for the Cowboy Ball and Dinner, call Jerry, Don Thompson at (806) 681-3171. Event planners are also holding a raffle for an outdoor kitchen valued at \$5,500 and a Hughes Trailer valued at \$11,000. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Citizen's Bank, 4117 S. Georgia Street in Amarillo.

All proceeds for the event will go to the Panhandle chapter of JDRF and to send local children with Type 1 Diabetes to specialized camps throughout the region.



Walk Across America

Local Pizza Hut workers Destiney Pate and Brandi Mays spend the day with Walking Across America Nick Kleckner as he rested up for the rest of his long journey. Hobo Nick is attempting to walk from the Atlantic Ocean in Florida to the Pacific Ocean in California. Nick started his journey without food, water, or money and has been living off the generosity of others. He arrived in Clarendon on Thursday and was welcomed by many in the Clarendon Community; several people gave him money, food, and toiletries. Nick's goal is to find purpose in his life.

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July 28
Rainwater Harvesting seminar •
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July 30
One Mammogram • Lowe's Family
Center • 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

July 31
Runoff Election • 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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Menus

July 30 - August 3

Donley County Senior Citizens
Mon: Ham sandwich, tomato & lettuce, broccoli & raisin salad, pineapple delight, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Navy beans w/ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cornbread, apple cobbler, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Chicken Enchilada, picante sauce, pinto beans, fiesta corn, fresh fruit, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Braised Pork cutlet, seasoned butter beans, greens, wheat roll, peaches/whipped topping, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Macaroni/beef/tomatoes, garden salad, green beans, cornbread, applesauce, iced tea/2% milk.

Hedley Senior Citizens
Mon: Salisbury steak, diced potato/skin, English peas, wheat rolls, banana pudding, iced tea/2% milk.
Tue: Chicken & dumplings, biscuit, tosses salad, winter fruit cup, iced tea/2% milk.
Wed: Beef tips & noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, wheat roll, chocolate cake/strawberries, iced tea/2% milk.
Thu: Meat loaf, red bliss potatoes, bread stick, mixed vegetables, country apple crisp, iced tea/2% milk.
Fri: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, country gravy, seasoned corn, pumpkin square, iced tea/2% milk.

Cornyn unveils website for entrepreneurs

WASHINGTON – In response to President Obama's statement, "If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen," U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R-TX) is highlighting Texas entrepreneurs who have built businesses and contributed to the state's strong economy, recently rated #1 in the country for business by CNBC.

On a new website entitled "I Built This" and on Pinterest, Sen. Cornyn shares the stories of successful Texas business owners and how, despite what the President says, they succeeded on their own through hard work and determination.

"The reason why businesses and job creators are coming to Texas from all over the country is because in Texas we always ask the question, 'how can we make it easier for you to start your business and grow that business?'"

"Texans know – but the President doesn't understand – the recipe for success is limiting government intervention, keeping taxes low and reducing harmful regulations that threaten innovation."

You can read about the hard work of Texas entrepreneurs on "I Built This" here, and on Pinterest here.

Senator Cornyn serves on the Finance, Judiciary, Armed Services and Budget Committees. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Refugees and Border Security subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Watch out for fake Target gift cards and science myths

Well, now the scammers are using your cell phones. Cell phone users nationwide are receiving suspicious text messages that claim to be from Target. The texts tell consumers they won a drawing for free gift card and all they have to do is click a link and enter their address and phone number. Unfortunately, the gift card drawing is fake. And the texts are just a way to collect personal info for shady advertisers.

About the scam:
Fake gift card website. The text messages vary, but all contain an offer of a gift card, a URL to visit and a PIN to enter on the website. A typical example is: "Your entry in our drawing won you a free \$1000 Target gift card! Enter '917' at www.target.com.tgrz.biz to claim it and we can ship it to you immediately." The text's URL leads to a website that is branded with Target's colors and its mascot dog bull's-eye. You are asked to enter the PIN and an

email address. Then, you are taken to a form and instructed to fill out your name, cell number and mailing address. One recipient reported completing the form and receiving a second PIN in return. The confirmation message instructed her to wait for a follow-up text and enter that new PIN at the website address she received. The text turned out to be promoting a horoscope website, and no mention was made of the Target gift card.

See BBB.org's complete scam directory for more information about breaking scams in your area.

Three Sneaky Science Myths
You might be surprised to learn how many things taught as scientific truth are actually science myths. Here are three. Science myths can be surprisingly sneaky, penetrating popular culture in subtle and surprising ways.

Remember Popeye the Sailor singing "I'm strong to the finish

'cause I eats me spinach'?" That's one example of a science myth. Um, excuse me? Back when the iron content of spinach was calculated, about a century ago, it was reported to be about ten times higher than it actually is, a mistake repeated *ad nauseum* by subsequent researchers who cited the original study.

When Popeye's creator needed a gimmick to pump up his muscles, he chose iron-rich spinach (no one had heard of steroids back in 1929). It wasn't until the late 1930s that scientists corrected the error; and in the 1990s, others discovered that spinach's iron absorption rate was just 2-5% of the cited figure. Oops. But many of us still think spinach is

awfully high in iron, all because of an error that led to a cartoon that still influences people today. So, what other fun myths can we be party poopers about today? Let's look at a few.

Myth #1: No Two Snowflakes Are Alike The short answer to this one is, has anyone checked every single snowflake yet? Of course, not. This is an assumption, based on a claim made by scientist William Bentley. Back in 1931, he published a book of 6,000 snowflake photos, no two of which were alike. But many were retouched, and they were far from a representative sample. Other researchers have claimed to have found identical snowflakes, while still others have countered with the argument that, at the molecular level, the flakes really are different, so any similarity in shape doesn't count. By that argument, identical twins are completely different, and so are all mass-produced items. As Bugs

Bunny once said, "Let's not go splitting' hares."

Myth #2: The Tongue Map. We've all seen the tongue map showing how various parts of the tongue detect sweet, sour, bitter, or salty flavors. But this map is just plain wrong, based on a research error dating back to the late 1800s. All tastes can be detected by all regions of the tongue, as you can tell if you'll just test this on yourself.

Myth #3: Columbus Proved the Earth Was Round. Nope. By the late 15th century, scholars had known that the earth was spherical since the days of Eratosthenes of Alexandria, who had measured the Earth's diameter with surprising accuracy more than 1,500 years before. Columbus simply thought that the Earth was smaller than it was – due to a mis-translation of Eratosthenes – and believed he had sailed to East Asia until his dying day. Don't let science myths like this one steer you wrong!



bob's whittlin'
by bob watson

Freezing, canning seminar to be held

AMARILLO – Three different sessions of "Preserving the Harvest – Food Preservation Class" will be presented in August by Amy Wagner, Texas AgriLife Extension Service family and consumer sciences agent in Potter County.

Those attending the sessions will learn the basics of water-bath and pressure canning, freezing and dehydrating foods, and about home food preservation safety, Wagner said.

Each session will run from 9 a.m. until noon in the AgriLife Extension office for Potter County, 3301 E. 10th Ave. The session schedule is: Aug. 9 – Freezing and Dehydrating; Aug. 16 – Water-Bath and Pressure Canning; and Aug. 23 – Water-Bath and Pressure Canning.

The fee for the three sessions will include a training notebook, along with the University of Georgia's "So Easy to Preserve" book, snacks and preserved products, Wagner said.

Space is limited to 15, so those planning to attend should RSVP by Aug. 6. For more information and to preregister, contact Wagner at 806-373-0713 or AEWagner@ag.tamu.edu.

"We will be canning salsa, jams and jellies, freezing beans and dehydrating bananas," Wagner said. "If time permits, we will preserve more products."

Lichtie team turns in ten under par

By Sandy Anderberg
The four-man Lichtie team turned in a 10 under par to win the nine-hole scramble at the Clarendon Country Club Friday night.

Members on that team were Matt Lichtie, Raymond Lichtie, Keith Lichtie, and Harrison Grantham. Four other teams participated in the tournament and came in at six and three under par. Last week's winner of the scramble was the team of Mike Santos, Sandy Anderberg, Redell Johnston, and Danny Sides.

Redell Johnston won the weekly men's game with a net 63. Jerry Gage was second with a 65 and Toddy Curry was third with a 67. Sherol Johnston won low gross in the weekly women's game on Thursday with a score of 83. Gayle Rogers won low net with a 64 and Gail Leathers was second low net with a 69.

There will be a night scramble on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 6:00 p.m. You may call the Pro Shop for more information.

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National association to advocate for research funding of animal sciences

COLLEGE STATION — A group of university department heads from across the nation have come together to establish an association focused on advocating increased federal investment in animal science.

The National Association for the Advancement of Animal Science is comprised of representatives from animal, dairy and poultry science departments from colleges and universities across the U.S. who are dedicated to improving overall federal funding for animal agricultural research.

Dr. Russell Cross, head of the department of animal science at Texas A&M University, serves as president of the association.

"Federal funding for research, education and extension in the animal sciences has remained stagnant over the last 30 years, both in terms of real dollars invested and as a percentage of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's overall investment in science," Cross said.

"While there have been numerous efforts to address overall funding for agricultural research, there has not been a concerted effort to specifically advocate for funding of the animal sciences. In order to address funding inequities and build support for increasing the federal investment in the animal sciences, bold new steps need to be taken."

The association will serve as a common voice for animal agricultural researchers who play a critical role in maintaining the nation's status as a world leader in safe, abundant and efficiently produced animal products, according to officials. It intends to work closely with like-minded groups such as the Federation of Animal Science Societies, the Animal Agriculture Coalition to complement their activities by providing focused advocacy to increase funding for the animal sciences.

The association will actively work with Congress and the Administration to promote the importance of investing in animal science. Its members will benefit from regular updates on policy developments and be alerted to opportunities to communicate with policy makers about the animal sciences, he said.

As the world's population grows and natural resources become limited, agricultural research is necessary to improve efficiency in order to sustain food supplies for the growing global community.

"Demand for agricultural products is expected to increase 70 to 100 percent by 2050," Cross said. As global economies develop, the demand for animal products is projected to grow most rapidly. Funding support at the federal level is a must in order for our nation's top researchers to continue making discoveries and advancements in agricultural research in order to increase agricultural productivity and meet this projected growth."

All departments of animal, dairy and poultry science in the U.S. are encouraged to join the association. National, regional and state commodity, industry and other organizations allied with animal agriculture are also encouraged to become associate members.

For more information on the association or to join, contact Cross at hrcross@tamu.edu, Walt Smith at wsmith@lockelord.com or Lowell Randel at Lowell@therandelgroup.com.

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Tues	17	97°	65°	.04
Wed	18	99°	86°	.13
Thur	19	102°	70°	-
Fri	20	102°	70°	-
Sat	21	104°	69°	-
Sun	22	107°	70°	-

Total precipitation this month: .0
Total precipitation to date: 14.66"

weekend forecast

	Fri., July 27 Partly Cloudy 98° / 70°
	Sat., July 28 Mostly Sunny 100° / 70°
	Sun., July 29 Sunny 101° / 70°

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Emergency Farm Loan applications being accepted

Applications for emergency farm loans for losses caused by drought are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in Clarendon, Farm Loan Manager Tonya Watson said today.

Donley, Armstrong, Collingsworth and Hall Counties are included in the 252 counties in Texas recently designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting from the drought.

Tonya Watson said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 2.25 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of crop production or suffered any physical loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan under this disaster designation", Watson said.

Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds received by producers as a result of the physical loss will have to be considered in determining their total loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 12, 2013, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season", Watson said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in Clarendon is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Additional Information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

TxDOT to overlay US 287 & SH 70 in Donley County

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hosted a pre-construction meeting on Friday, July 13, 2012, at TxDOT's Donley County Maintenance Office in Clarendon. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming project for an Asphalt Pavement Concrete Overlay on US 287 and SH 70 in Donley County.

The US 287 portion of this project will begin at the west city limits of Clarendon and continue through the city to the east city limits of Clarendon. The SH 70 portion will begin at Howardwick and continue to Interstate 40. The total length of both projects is 12.73 miles.

The \$2.889 million contract, awarded to J. Lee Milligan, Inc., of Amarillo, TX will begin on July 30, 2012. There are 45 working days scheduled for this project or 3 months of barricades. Weather permitting, the completion date is scheduled for August 31, 2012.

This is a mill and fill project. The contractor will begin in Clarendon by milling the north and southbound driving lanes only and filling with an asphaltic concrete pavement. Traffic will be moved to the inside lanes in each direction for the duration of this project. When the town portion is complete, the contractors will move to Howardwick and continue to work towards Interstate 40.

For more information contact Barbara Seal, TxDOT Public Information Officer (940) 937-7288.

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Sheriff's Report

July 16, 2012

6:42 a.m. - Report of Donkey out by Monroe's Peach Ranch
 9:06 a.m. - EMS assist 4600 block CR 13
 12:05 p.m. - Welfare check 1100 block West 8th
 12:18 a.m. - Units dispatched for possible fire 900 block West 8th
 1:23 p.m. - Minor fender bender 287 & Parks
 2:48 a.m. - Report of fire @ CO RD 1
 5:34 a.m. - Donkey out near Co RD 21
 8:17 p.m. - Units paged for house fire 500 block West 5th

July 17, 2012

12:09 a.m. - Report of kids knocking over dumpsters on Browning St.
 10:48 p.m. - Dispatched to minor accident 300 block West 5th

11:12 p.m. - See caller 400 block West 2nd

July 18, 2012

4:48 p.m. - Dispatched to 300 block Rosenfield

July 19, 2012

9:08 a.m. - Checking on illegal dumping 1260 South
 10:24 a.m. - See caller 500 block South Parks
 7:13 p.m. - EMS Assist 500 block South Parks

June 20, 2012

4:05 a.m. - Deputy dispatched to check on 2 stranded vehicles South of Rest Area
 9:00 a.m. - Units dispatched 700 block West 5th
 10:36 a.m. - Units dispatched to a vehicle accident Kearney & 4th
 1:10 p.m. - Out @ Annex
 5:41 p.m. - To jail one in custody
 9:02 p.m. - EMS Assist 1100 block West 8th
 10:40 p.m. - Report of suspicious vehicle in front of Medical

Center Nursing Home
 10:43 p.m. - To jail one in custody

July 21, 2012

6:49 a.m. - Out @ 4th & Faker checking on dog situation
 7:02 a.m. - Report of alarm 200 block Sadie Drive
 7:12 p.m. - Dog has man cornered 3rd & Faker
 4:15 p.m. - EMS Assist 1100 block West 6th
 8:23 p.m. - EMS Assist- Medical Center Nursing Home
 8:25 p.m. - EMS Assist 600 block Plainview St

July 22, 2012

12:40 a.m. - EMS Assist 200 block North Sully
 3:53 a.m. - Report of pick up racing around City Park
 4:27 a.m. - loose livestock Co Rd R
 5:02 p.m. - Report of accident 600 block West 2nd
 9:19 p.m. - See complainant 800 block Allen St
 11:00 p.m. - Report of alarm 800 block West 2nd

Obituaries

Bryan

Joanne (Jo) Lotz Bryan, age 86, formerly of Canyon, TX, current resident of Dallas, TX, passed away on July 22, 2012. She was born on July 11, 1926 in Roanoke, VA, the daughter of James Milton Lotz and Ethel Carolotta Eberely Lotz.

Jo graduated from Shaker Heights High in Shaker Heights, OH, in 1944. From 1944 to 1948 she attended and graduated from The University of Colorado at Boulder where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Art. She met and later married John Manly Bryan, MD (Manly) from Clarendon, TX, on December 27, 1950, in Metropolis, IL.

Jo joined Manly in Galveston, TX, where he finished medical school and then spent time in Denver, CO, Silver Spring, MD and eventually settled in Canyon, TX in 1957.

During their time in Canyon, Jo and Manly raised their two sons, Jay and Denny. Jo was a member of the First Presbyterian Church,

the University Study Club and the Women's Bridge Club. She was an active member of the Potter-Randall County Medical Society Auxiliary and worked many hours with the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum as a volunteer historian in the museum archive. She served for many years on the Chi-Omega Society Alumni Board.



Bryan

In 1988, she and Manly relocated to the Dallas area where they met and established loving relations with many more individuals and couples. They were married for 61 years. Manly preceded her in death on April 27, 2012.

She is survived by her sons, Jay Bryan (Susan) of Pentwater, MI and Denny Bryan (Leanne) of Graham, TX; her six grandchildren, Bradley and Ashley Bryan, Abbott and Colby Oates, Aaron and Joanna Richison; four great-grandchildren, Jacob and

Jocelyn Richison, Calvin Robrahn, and Hunter; her sister-in-law, Betty Moore (Billy); her nephew, Craig Bryan (Vicki); and her niece, Lynn Rosa (Duane) of Amarillo, TX.

Jo and Manly loved to travel and cooked extensively with an eye for unique culinary ports of call. They counted themselves fortunate to have formed lifelong friendships with wonderful people wherever they lived or traveled.

Memorial services for Jo Bryan will be Thursday, July 26, 2012, at 2:00 pm at North Dallas Funeral Home, 2710 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75123.

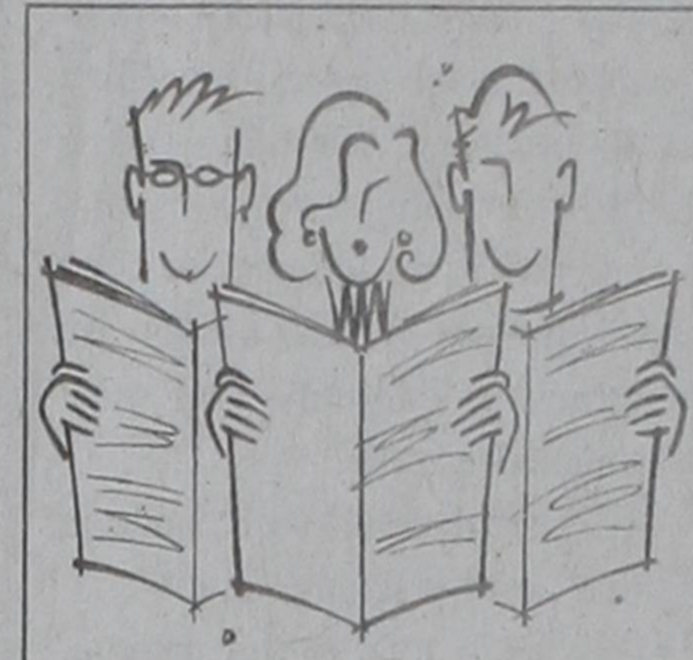
For those wishing to remember Jo, donations may be made in her name to your favorite charity or to either of the following associations:

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Drugs in the News

Medication Approved for Pain of Shingles
 Postherpetic neuralgia (PHN) is a specific nerve pain that occurs after a previous outbreak of shingles (herpes zoster). Shingles is caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox and occurs most commonly in persons over the age of 60. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that about 1 in 3 persons develop shingles. PHN occurs generally in the same location of the shingles rash. While it usually goes away in a few weeks the pain may continue for years. Not every individual who develops shingles will develop PHN.

The FDA recently announced the approval of Horizant (gabapentin enacarbil) extended release tablets for use in adults with PHN in the United States only. Horizant was also approved in 2011 by the FDA for use in the United States for treatment of restless leg syndrome. Horizant may cause dizziness and sleepiness and is not to be interchanged with other gabapentin drugs. The prescribing information for Horizant indicates this medication is to be taken whole by mouth (not crushed or chewed) and with food.

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KEN KING
Fact: Ken King said, "revenue shortfall will be an issue."
(source: Spearman Candidate Forum, 2012)

Fact: King increased government spending by **\$26 million** in just four years for a school district with 907 students.
(source: Empower! Texans, It Comes Down To Leadership, July 2, 2012)

Fact: King raised taxes to pay for the increased spending. He even said at a recent Candidate Forum, "I'm the Guy Who Raises Taxes."
(source: Canadian ISD Board Minutes, August 31, 2011; Spearman Candidate Forum, 2012)

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TxDMV releases new general-issue plate

What's black and white and read all over? "The Texas Classic," the new general-issue license plate released by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV).

The Texas Classic is white with black lettering, and features the Texas star, state silhouette, and "The Lone Star State" slogan. It also comes with a new security feature.

The TxDMV is currently shipping The Texas Classic plates to the state's 254 county tax offices. But don't rush out to get it. To save taxpayer money and avoid waste, counties must first exhaust their inventory of the current general-issue plate before issuing the new one.

For the fashion conscious, the black and white plate's classic design will go with any color car or light truck. If you think of yourself as a little retro then this plate is sure to match your taste. And if you just want a simple, easy-to-read license plate, this is the one for you.

While the TxDMV does not expect any license plate design to please everyone, The Texas Classic offers something for all Texans: Public safety.

"The TxDMV Board unani-

mously approved this plate design because it meets high standards for public safety, and that is our first priority," said TxDMV Board Chairman Victor Vandergriff.

"The majority of the almost 22 million registered vehicles in Texas display the general-issue plate," Vandergriff added. "The Texas Classic plate design isn't colorful like some of the specialty plates or the current general-issue plate, but it is a purposeful license plate that is supported by law enforcement."

The Texas Classic includes:

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- Bigger plate numbers. The plate letters and numbers are a full inch wide and just over 2 1/2 - inches tall.

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The TxDMV believes many Texans will embrace The Texas Classic. The top-selling license plate design for the state's specialty plate marketing vendor, My Plates, is a black and white design.

Texans who prefer to have a different plate design may choose from a variety of specialty license plates available from the TxDMV or My Plates. Currently, there are about 1.2 million Texas vehicles with specialty license plates. Specialty plates have the added advantage of personalization, which is not available on the general-issue license plate.

Those who like the current multi-colored, general-issue plate can keep those plates until they are due for mandatory replacement. All state license plates are replaced every seven years due to a loss in reflectivity.

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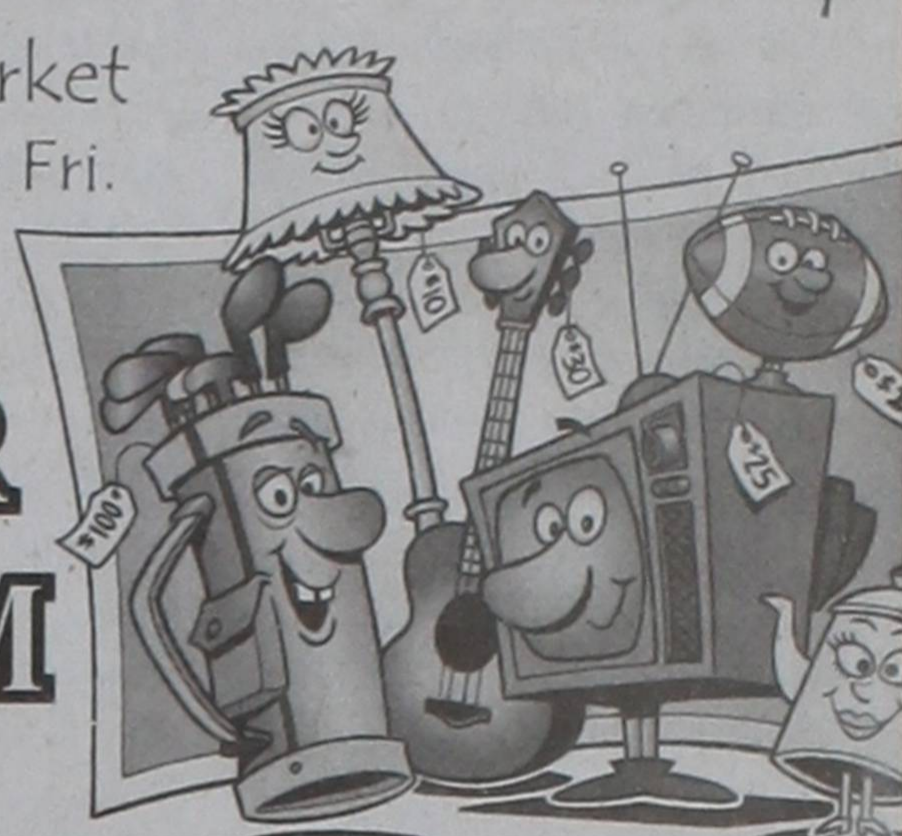
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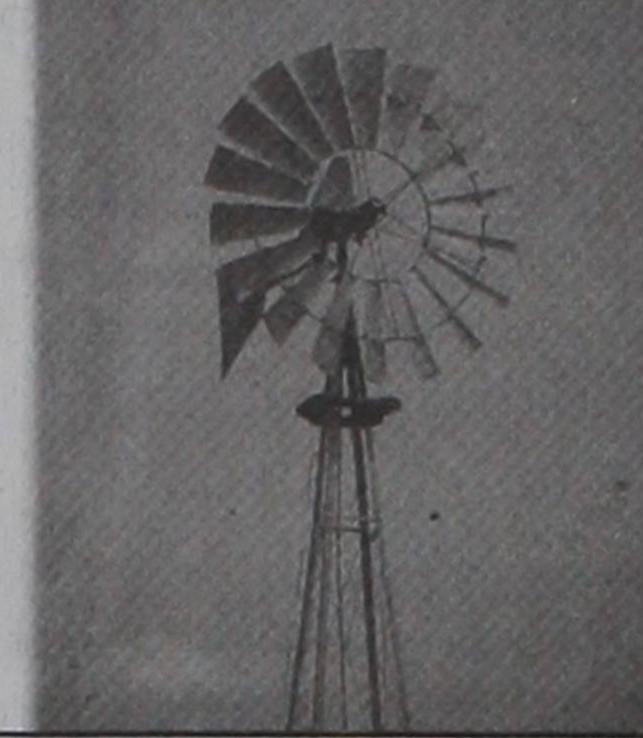
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The Amarillo Tri-State Fair and Rodeo is hosting its first sidewalk chalk art contest. Entries will be drawn at home and submitted through a digital photo on the Tri-State Fair website. The contest includes multiple age divisions and a professional category. A panel of judges will place the entries based on first impression, creativity, originality, skill and use of color. All entries will also be posted on the Amarillo Tri-State Fair Facebook page for a “People’s Choice” contest where “Fans” can vote for their favorite entry by clicking “like” under the photo. All entries must follow the 2012 Fair Theme, “Along for the Ride” and be drawn within a 5ft. by 5 ft square. Prizes will be awarded in each age division for the Judges Choice and the People’s Choice. One entry cannot win both prizes. Winning People’s Choice entries must have a minimum of 100 votes to win. For a complete set of rules and a list of prizes, please visit www.tristatefair.com and choose Chalk Art Contest under the Events Tab. Entries must be submitted online between July 19 and August 10. Public voting will begin on the Amarillo Tri-State Fair Facebook Page August 15th and conclude August 31st. Winners of both contest will be announced on the website, Facebook page, and Twitter September 5th at noon. For more information on the Chalk Art Contest, other 2012 Fair Events and results, visit the official fair website www.tristatefair.com, or contact the Exposition Office at (806) 376-7767

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I love the jokes that were told by Jerry Clower. He was a superstar to native Mississippians like me. He told jokes that were funny because they had enough truth in them that we could all identify. One joke he told was one of my favorites. It went like this: A farmer was feeding slop to his hogs when a salesman walked up. He introduced himself and allowed that he represented one of the finest hog feeds in the world. He asked the farmer what he fed his hogs and the farmer replied, “Slop.” The young man then told him of all the fine ingredients in his hog feed and that if the farmer had used this brand his hog would have grown twice as big in half the time. To which the farmer replied, “What’s time to a hog?” It’s funny as the hog has no sense of time and the farmer assumes there will be time to get the hog to market weight just feeding slop. What none of us can depend on, spiritually speaking, is time. The horrible tragedy at Aurora, Colorado proved that! (James 4:13-14) “Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit”; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” As James tells us, it is common for us to assume we have years to live, to make plans and goals. Yet, we don’t know how much longer we will be on this earth. There is nothing more pressing or important than making sure that our spiritual safety is taken care of. If we live this life on earth and miss heaven, we lost everything. Even if I became president, earned billions of dollars, and became famous, it would all be for nothing if I am judged by God to not be able to go to Heaven. When it comes to hog feed, you might can skip and get by, but when it comes to what you feed yourself spiritually, it had better be the best, and you better eat often!

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59% of adults rank newspapers first as the media used to help plan shopping or make purchasing decisions in the past 7 days. 80% of newspaper readers report looking at advertising when reading the paper.

41% say newspapers are the medium used most to check out ads, more than all electronic media combined (TV, radio, Internet)

77% of newspaper readers took an action as a result of a print newspaper ad in the past 30 days. 59% clipped a coupon, 52% bought something advertised and 45% visited a store.

60% of newspaper readers followed up a newspaper ad online in some way. 44% went to a website after seeing a print newspaper ad and 28% conducted an online search after seeing a newspaper ad.

82% of readers used a preprinted insert in the past 30 days. On average, adults keep inserts 4.4 days. 59% used to compare prices, 55% used to compare one circular to another, 55% saved until visiting the store and 43% used to make an unplanned purchase.

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Agape Christian Church: 712 E. 2nd (Hwy. 287)
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Calvary Baptist Church: US 287 E. • 874-2156
Rev. Rob Seal • Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 7 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Church of Christ: 300 S. Carhart • 874-2495
Minister: Chris Moore • Sun. Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Sun. Service: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Church of Nazarene: 209 S. Hawley • 874-2321
Pastor: Bill Hodges • Sun. School: 9:30 a.m. • Sun. Service: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • Wed.: 7 p.m.

Community Fellowship Church: 12148 FM 2162
874-0965 • Pastor: Larry Capranica
Sun. School: 10 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.

First Christian Church: 120 E. Third St.
874-3212 • Pastor: Darrell Burton
Sunday Service: 5 p.m.

First Assembly of God • 4th St. & Hwy. 70 South
Pastor: Matthew Stidham • Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Service: 10:40 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed. Youth: 6:15 p.m. • Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church: 300 Bugbee Ave. • 874-3833
Rev. Lance Wood • Sun. School: 9:45 a.m.
Sun. Service: 10:55 a.m. • Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. • GA & Team Kid Ministry: Wed. 5:30 p.m. • Adult Bible Study: Wed. 6:30 p.m. • Youth Study: Wed. 7 p.m.
College Ministry: Wed. 9 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church: Fourth & Parks
874-9269 • Pastor: Rev. Robin Gantz
Fellowship: 10:30 a.m. • Sun. Service: 11 a.m.

First United Methodist Church: 420 S. Jefferson
874-3667 • Pastor Lloyd Stise
Sun. School: 11 a.m. • Sun. Service: 9:45 a.m.

Jesus Name Apostolic Church:
720 E. Montgomery • 874-2388 • Rev. Calvin Burrow
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Body of Christ Ministries
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Sun. Service: 11 a.m.
Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed.: 7:30 p.m.

First Methodist Church
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Sun. Service: 9:30 a.m.
Sun. School: 10:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
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Sun.: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed.: 7 p.m.

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First Baptist Church
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Sun. Evening: 6 p.m.
Wed.: 6 p.m.

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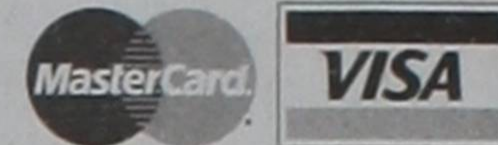
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The Lone Star FFA Degree recognizes FFA members who have received the Chapter degree, been active FFA members for at least two years, complete at least four semesters of agricultural science at or above the ninth grade level, maintain a supervised agricultural experience (SAE) program, demonstrate their leadership skills and show a commitment to the FFA through involvement at the chapter level and above. Adams was one of more than 1,500 FFA members receiving this esteemed degree.

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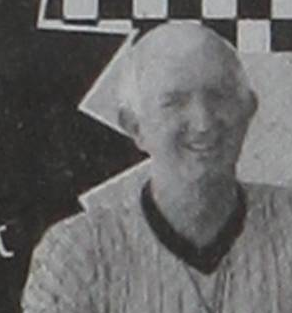
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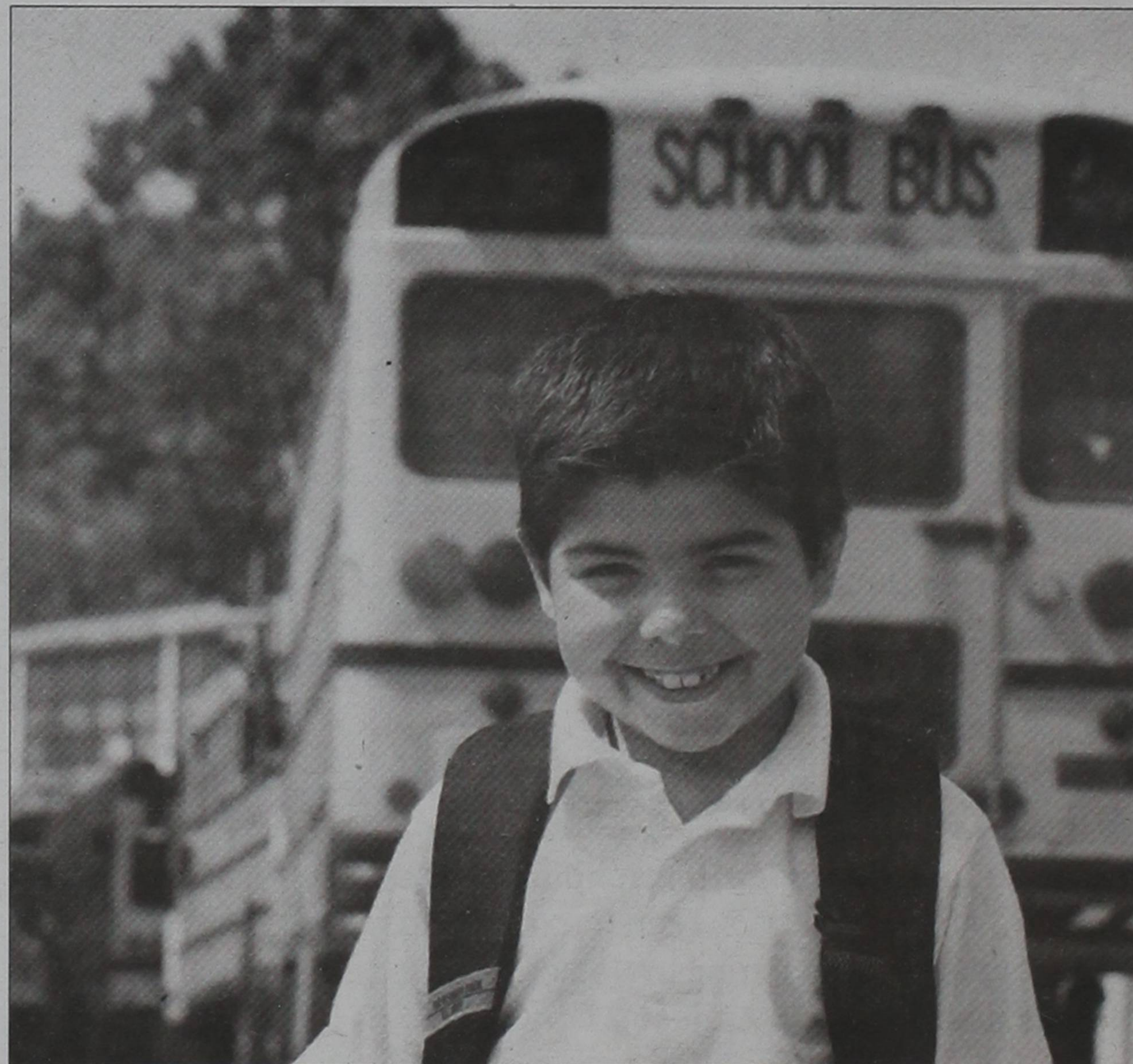
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There are many ways parents can help nervous youngsters get over the first day of school jitters.

ALLEVIATING FIRST DAY-OF- SCHOOL JITTERS

A child's first day of school is a momentous occasion, one that parents and children alike will never forget. For parents, the day might stir memories of their own first day of school all those years ago. For youngsters, the excitement of the first day of school might be accompanied by a little anxiety, as kids don't know what to expect.

Anxiety may decrease as kids grow more acclimated to their school and their classmates, but that first day can be difficult for some youngsters. Here are a few steps parents can take to prepare their children for school.

*** DISCUSS THE SCHEDULE** with your child. Having a schedule can be a difficult adjustment for youngsters, especially those who have never attended preschool or another

structured program. To help kids handle this adjustment, discuss the schedule with your children ahead of time, explaining when school begins and ends each day and how activities are likely to be scheduled during the school day. In the weeks leading up to the first day of school, help kids get in the swing of things by waking them up earlier and scheduling some activities so kids can get used to a more structured environment.

*** VISIT THE SCHOOL.** The school itself might also be a cause for anxiety. Kids who have never been inside of a school might benefit from a visit to the school in advance of their first day. Arrange a tour with the local school district so kids can see the bright classrooms and the playgrounds, which should settle any fears they might



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have about leaving the comforts of home for the classroom.

*** LET KIDS KNOW** their classmates will likely be nervous as well. For youngsters who seem especially nervous about their first day of school, parents can point out that other kids are likely just as nervous. Parents can even share stories of their own anxiety with regard to school and explain to kids how the nervousness was quickly calmed.

*** REMIND KIDS** you're just a phone call away. Going to school and becoming independent is an important step for kids, but children might be reassured if their parents remind them Mom and Dad are just a phone call away. Soon enough, kids will adapt to the classroom and won't need that reassurance, but those initial nerves might be calmed if kids are reminded that their parents are still nearby.

*** CONSIDER CARPOOLING** with another family. One thing that's certain to calm a youngster's first-day-of-school jitters is the presence of a fellow friend or neighbor who is also going to school for the first time. Consider carpooling with another family so children forget about their anxiety and spend their school day mornings talking or playing with a friend. While this might not be feasible on the very first day of school when parents want to cherish the occasion by dropping their kids off themselves and watching them walk into school, it can help going forward.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE IF YOUR CHILD HAS A VISION PROBLEM



Parents want their kids to be as healthy as possible. Whether tailoring kids' diets to include healthier foods or encouraging their youngsters to be physically active, parents often go the extra mile with regards to the health of their children.

But as hard as parents may try, some health-related issues are difficult to avoid or prevent. For example, even the most conscientious parents might have little influence over their children's vision. Many children have a form of myopia, commonly known as nearsightedness, which progressively worsens as kids get older but eventually stabilizes when their eyes have stopped growing, typically in a young adult's early 20s. Myopia is common and treatable, but parents should still educate themselves about it so they can better respond should they suspect their child is suffering from nearsightedness.

WHAT CAUSES MYOPIA?

When a person has myopia, light entering his or her eye is focused incorrectly. Nearsighted people usually have an eyeball that is slightly

longer than normal from front to back, and the light rays that make up the images a nearsighted person sees focus in front of the retina instead of directly on it. The result is that objects that are far away appear blurry.

ARE THERE INDICATORS THAT A CHILD IS NEARSIGHTED?

Kids likely won't tell their parents that they are struggling to see distant objects clearly, so it's important for parents to look for indicators that a child might be struggling with myopia. Kids who are nearsighted might squint to see objects that are far away, including the television.

One of the telltale indicators is how a child behaves in the classroom. Children who tell their teacher they need to move closer to the chalkboard should be taken to the eye doctor. Parents who suspect their child might be nearsighted can talk to their child's teacher and ask if the teacher feels the child might be struggling with his or her vision. Such struggles can affect how a child performs in school.

Children who get frequent

headaches might also be suffering from nearsightedness.

Doctors recommend that kids have their eyes examined at six months, three years of age and prior to entering the first grade. But even if kids have passed previous eye examinations at each of those benchmarks, it's best to take them for another exam the moment a vision problem is suspected.

IS MYOPIA PREVENTABLE?

Since it is often inherited, myopia is not preventable. However, treatment can significantly minimize its effects. Children who appear to be struggling to see distant objects clearly should be taken for an eye exam. That exam may include an eye pressure measurement; a refraction test, which is used to determine a correct prescription for eyeglasses; a retinal examination and a visual acuity test, which measures sharpness of vision at close and far distances.

When a child is diagnosed as being nearsighted, the doctor will likely prescribe eyeglasses or contact lenses. LASIK surgery can correct vision, but many surgeons are reticent to recommend such surgery until a patient's eye has fully developed, which does not occur until after childhood.

ARE THERE OTHER SYMPTOMS OF CHILDHOOD VISION PROBLEMS?

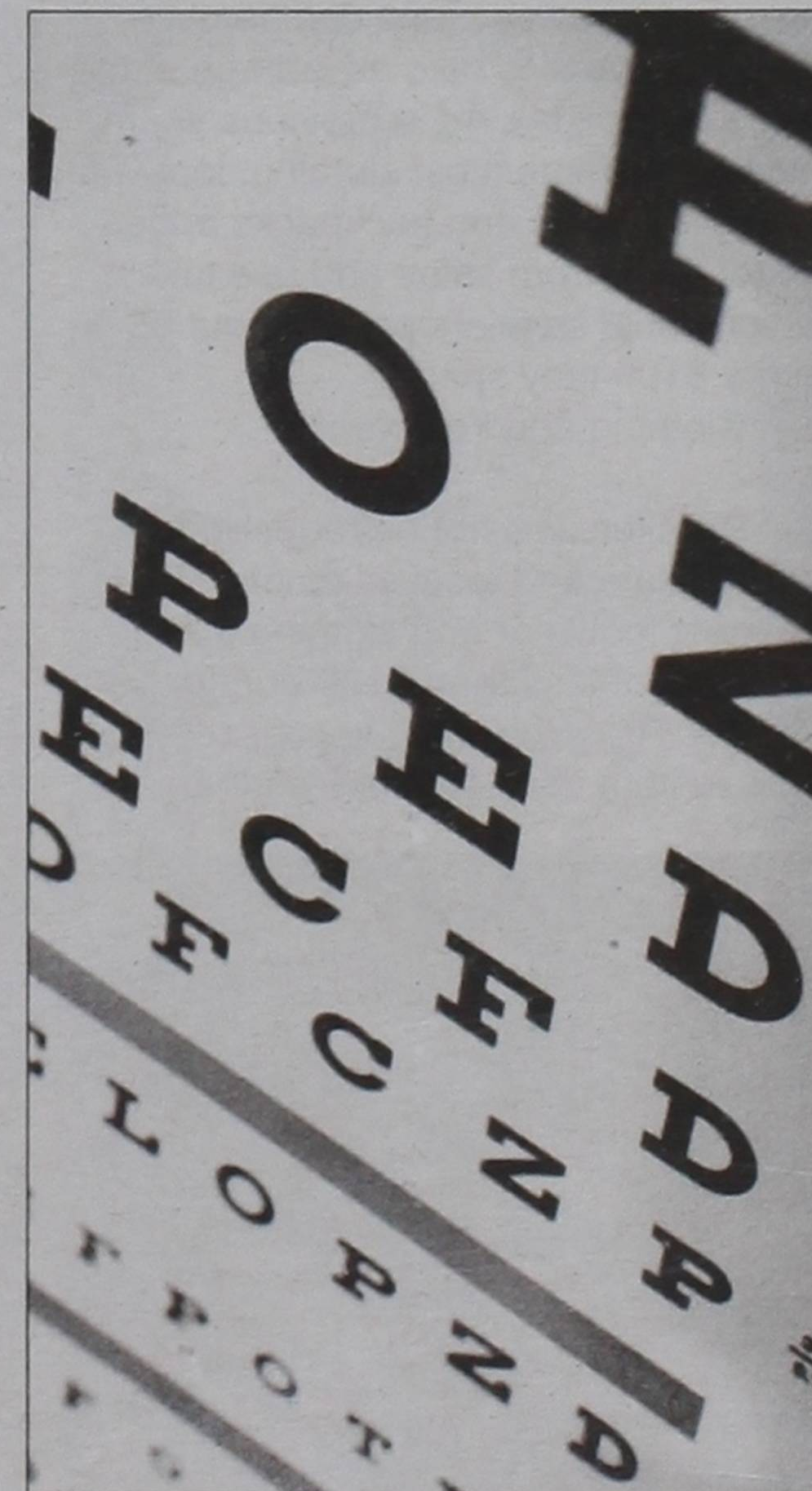
There are additional symptoms of childhood vision problems that might not indicate nearsightedness, but

might indicate another problem that should result in a trip to the eye doctor. For example, a child might close one eye when watching television or reading. This could be indicative that vision in one eye is poorer than the other.

Young children who struggle to color within the lines might have an issue with their hand-eye coordination. Poor hand-eye coordination could be the result of a vision impairment.

Children who tilt their head to one side to improve vision might be suffering from a vision problem that makes it difficult for them to look directly down.

Vision problems can negatively affect how a child performs in school as well as in social situations. Though such vision problems are not always preventable, parents who can identify them can greatly minimize their effects.





TEXANS CAN \$AVE BIG DURING SALES TAX HOLIDAY August 17-19

In 2012, Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on Aug. 17, 18 and 19 — the state's annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

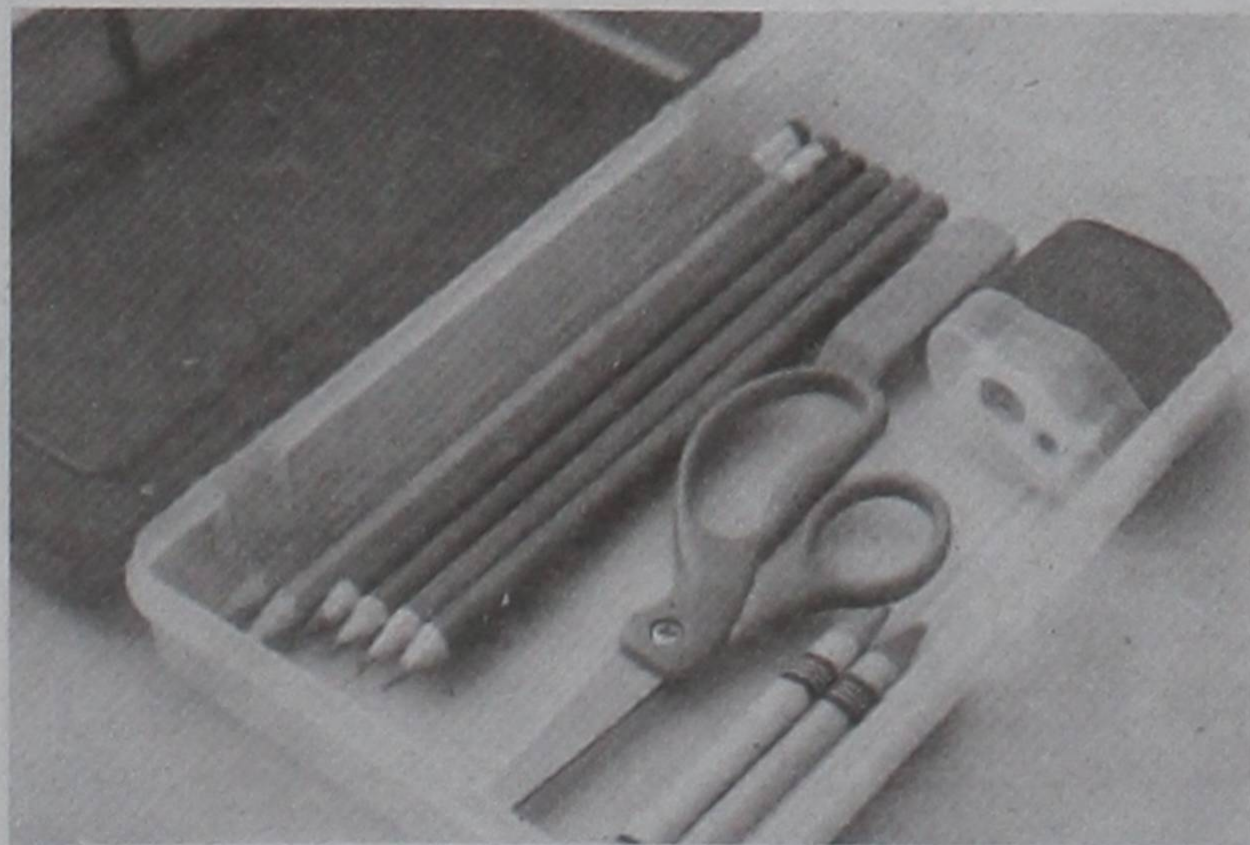
Clothing and Footwear

Retailers will not be required to collect state and local sales or use tax on most footwear and clothing that are sold for less than \$100 during the holiday. The exemption applies to each eligible item that sells for less than

\$100, regardless of how many items are sold on the same invoice to a customer. For example, if a customer purchases two shirts for \$80 each, then both items qualify for the exemption, even though the customer's total purchase price (\$160) exceeds \$99.99.

The exemption does not apply to the first \$99.99 of an otherwise eligible item that sells for more than \$99.99. For example, if a customer purchases a pair of pants that costs \$110, then sales tax is due on the entire \$110.

The exemption also does not apply to sales of special clothing or footwear that the manufacturer primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and that is not normally worn except when used for the athletic activity or protective use for which the manufacturer designed the article. For example, golf cleats and football pads are primarily designed for athletic activity or protective use and are not normally worn except for those purposes; they do not qualify for the exemption. Tennis shoes, jogging suits and



swimsuits, however, are commonly worn for purposes other than athletic activity and thus qualify for the exemption.

Additionally, tax is due on sales of accessories, including jewelry, handbags, purses, briefcases, luggage, umbrellas, wallets, watches and similar items.

The sales tax holiday exemption does not extend to rental of clothing or footwear; nor does it apply to alteration or cleaning services performed on clothes and shoes. These items continue to be subject to state and local sales or use tax.

BACKPACKS

Backpacks under \$100 and used by elementary and secondary students are exempt. A backpack is a pack with straps one wears on the back. The exemption during the sales tax holiday includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back like a traditional backpack, and messenger bags. The exemption does not include items that are reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, athletic/duffle/gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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The following is an all-inclusive list of qualifying school supplies (if priced less than \$100):

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- Pencil boxes and other school supply boxes
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencils
- Pens
- Protractors
- Rulers
- Scissors
- Writing tablets

No exemption certificate is required - with one exception. If the purchaser is buying the supplies under a business account, the retailer must obtain an exemption certificate from the purchaser certifying that the items are purchased for use by an elementary or secondary school student. "Under a business account" means the purchaser is using a business credit card or business check rather than a personal credit card or personal check; being billed under a business account maintained at the retailer; or is using a business membership at a retailer that is membership based.



\$AVE ON BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHES SHOPPING

The back to school season can be bittersweet. Parents may miss having their youngsters around the house when summer officially ends, but it's also fun for parents to watch kids partake in all that school has to offer.

One of the things few parents look forward come the end of summer vacation is back-to-school shopping. Such shopping can be costly, especially when it's time to outfit kids with new wardrobes. While a complete wardrobe overhaul might not be necessary, kids typically need to replace a few items they've outgrown since the start of summer break. There are several ways parents can save on back-to-school clothes.

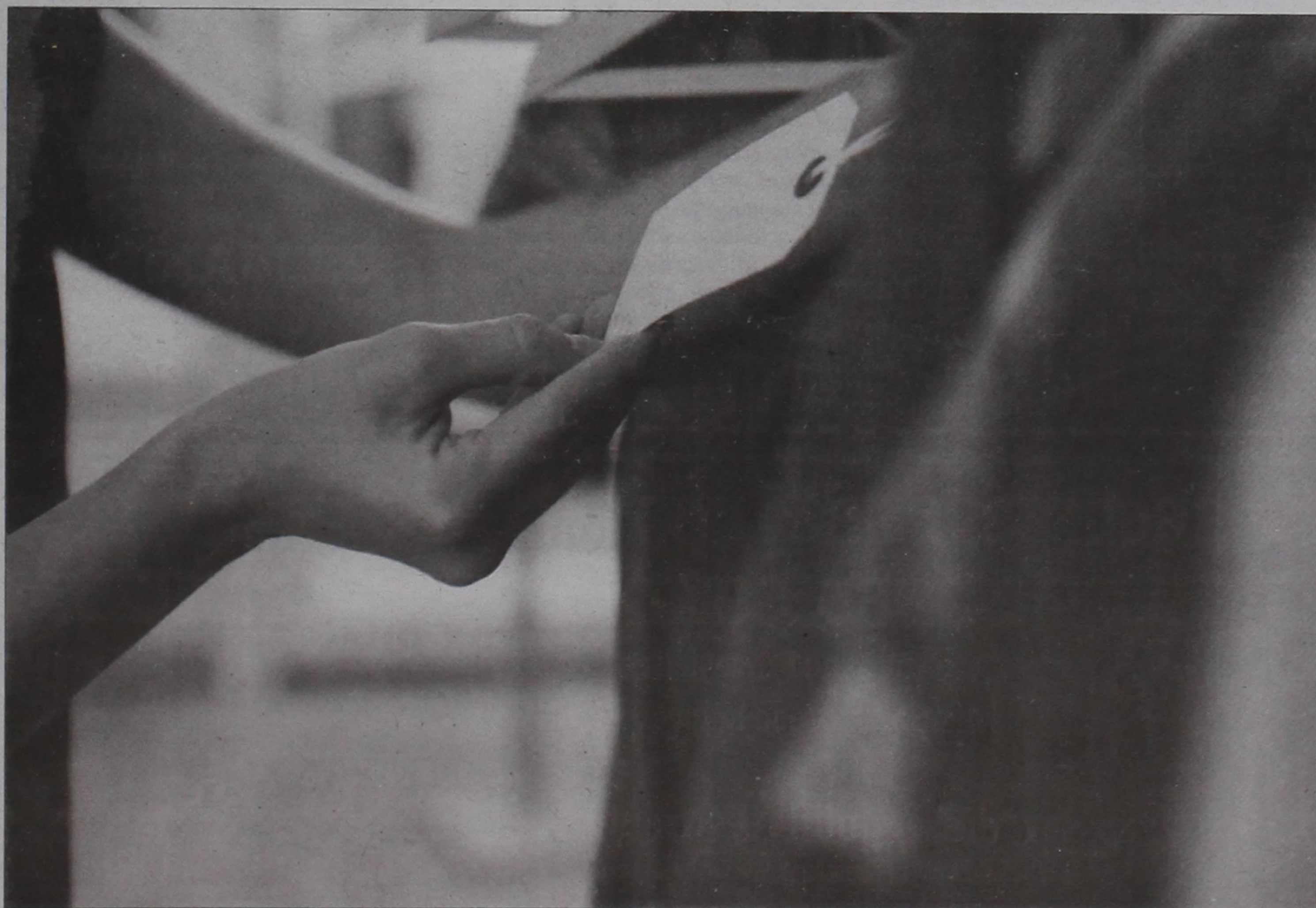
* Get a head start. Parents can save themselves some money by shopping early for their children's back-to-school wardrobes. Though kids may experience a growth spurt during the summer, shop for items, like socks, that they aren't likely to grow out of before the back-to-school season begins. This

affords you time to comparison shop and spread out the cost of replacing your child's wardrobe instead of being hit with one big bill all at once.

* Establish a budget. Without a budget, it's easy for parents to overspend on back-to-school clothing, especially for those parents who wait until the last minute and simply buy the first things they see. Establish a budget, ideally several weeks before your child's first day of school. Having a budget in place reduces the likelihood that you will overspend, and developing the budget early helps you spread out your spending.

* Swap clothes with other families. Clothing swaps between families have grown increasingly popular as more and more parents look to save money on rising clothing costs for their kids. Typically, families will swap clothes, including

jackets, if their kids are similar in age and one youngster has outgrown his or her clothes. If you can't find a family to swap with, visit your local community center or church to see if it has a clothing swap program.



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HOMework HELP MAY FORCE PARENTS TO REFRESH SCHOOL SKILLS



Homework time often becomes a family affair. Many parents are finding they need to brush up on basic skills to offer adequate assistance.

Your fifth grader brings home math homework and asks for your assistance. The class is up to multiplying fractions, and it's been years since you've done this type of work. Never mind numerators and denominators, the most you know about fractions at this point is how a pizza is cut into eight slices. What are you going to do when your child is a teenager bringing home even harder homework?

Although they are routinely the first people students ask for homework help, many parents confess they are flummoxed by algebra equations and can't tell a preposition from a participle. Whether they earned straight As when they were students or not, lack of practice means parents may no longer

recall the lessons of their youth.

In a 2010 Encyclopedia Britannica survey, researchers tested 500 British parents who had children under the age of 16 at the time. The parents took a quiz based on lessons studied for General Certificate of Secondary Education, or GCSE, exams. The survey found that mothers struggled, answering 12.3 percent of questions correctly, while fathers (27.8 percent) did not fare much better.

Many North American parents struggle to help their students with homework as well. Immigrant parents have the most difficulty, likely due to language barriers. In addition, immigrant parents were likely schooled in different education systems in

another part of the world, making homework assignments seem foreign even for those parents who speak English well. Parents who understand the homework may be confusing their children by assisting them in a manner that is inconsistent with the way the students are now being taught. So what is a parent to do?

Some school districts are aware of the problem and provide solutions. Jill L., a parent in New York, says that her son's school sends home a parental instruction book that explains the basics behind subject matter and illustrates how to explain it to children. Other parents are left floundering to figure out the best way to be of assistance to their kids. These are some of the steps they can take.

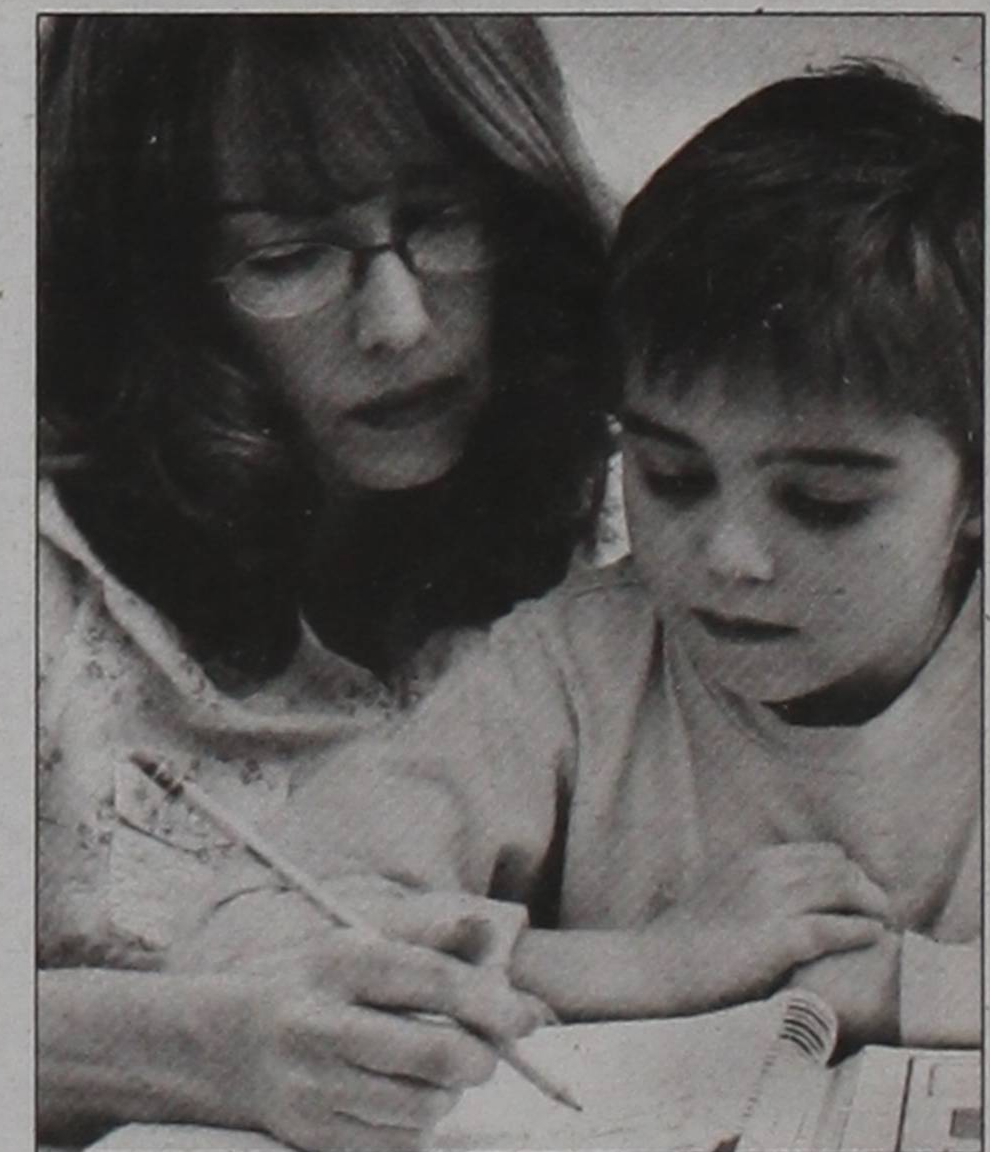
* Contact the teacher and find out if you can purchase or borrow a copy of the teacher's edition of the textbook. This way you can keep abreast of the lessons and instruct in the same way that the lessons are being taught in school. If a book is not available, find out if instructional materials can be assembled to assist you in mastering the concepts.

* Log online to search for the subject matter and refresh your memory. Many teachers or experts volunteer information online to help educate students (and parents) about math, science, reading, and other subjects. Parents looking to double-check their math and science work can use a Web site like Wolfram Alpha, which is a computational knowledge engine.

* Hire a tutor if you find you're doing more harm than good when assisting

with homework. If lack of personal knowledge about the homework or simple frustration over your child's inability to grasp the lessons is making homework time unbearable, and ending in a shouting match, consider the use of a tutor. Students a few years older than your child might be able to help with homework because it is more fresh in their minds. Plus, your child may feel less pressure when learning from a peer or older sibling.

The "MetLife Survey of the American Teacher: The Homework Experience," a 2007 survey which polled teachers, students and parents, found that almost everyone believed in the value of homework. Homework was viewed as an essential part of student learning. Because it is an integral part of a child's learning experience, it behooves parents to find ways to assist with homework questions, no matter the method.



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PARENTS CONNECTING WITH SOCIAL MEDIA



Parents are increasingly relying on social media sites to communicate with others and learn about school happenings.

There is a power outage, and your child's school is dismissing students early, requiring you to arrive quickly for pickup. Your kid will not be left waiting for you because you got this information immediately after a quick log-in to the social media site you use to connect with other parents. Some other parents may be delayed in receiving this important information because they rely on phone alerts.

Social media has changed the way people communicate. Whether through tweets or status updates, information shared through social media avenues is often instantaneous and can reach a large number of people, which is why many parents have turned to social media to learn about events at school.

According to a study by Nielsen McKinsey Company, parents are more likely than adults without children to play games, engage in creative pursuits, and look for entertainment on Facebook, blogs and other social sites. The data collected from 2,000 adults (both parents and nonparents) who frequently use social media found 88 percent of users rely on social networking sites for communicating with family and friends. The next most popular activity is connecting with new friends, followed by accessing product reviews and online entertainment. Reports show that adults devote a quarter of their time spent online to social media sites. Parents, in particular, are finding new ways to put these sites to use.

Social media is helping parents in a

variety of ways, even enabling them to keep an eye on their children when they go online. According to a survey from Laptop magazine, 55 percent of parents are using social media to watch their kids' online activities. Of that 55 percent, one-fifth indicated they only use social media to monitor their child's online activity.

However, social media has other handy purposes. Many parents use it as they would a bulletin board -- posting all types of information. Some parents use social media to stay abreast of school happenings, asking questions about when fundraiser money is due or if anyone got the spelling words for the week. Others find it is a good way to meet parents or speak with the parents of their child's classmates. Some moms and dads use it to set up parents' nights out, advertise things for sale or ask for recommendations on contractors.

Parents also use social media to invite people to special events, including birthday parties. Others can see who was invited and decide if they're going to come, too.

More parents are turning to social media sites for advice and information, to stay in touch or simply to share a good laugh.



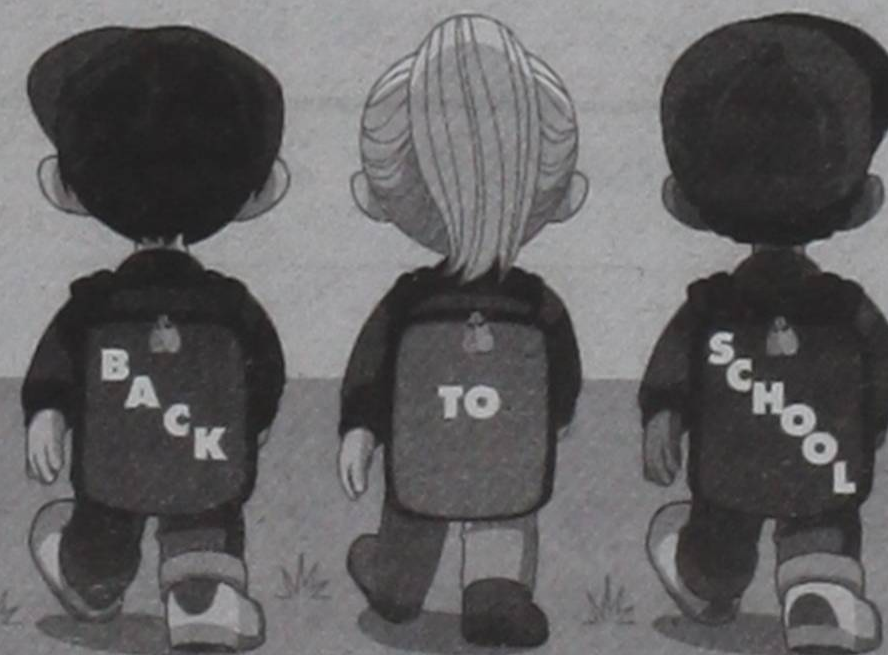
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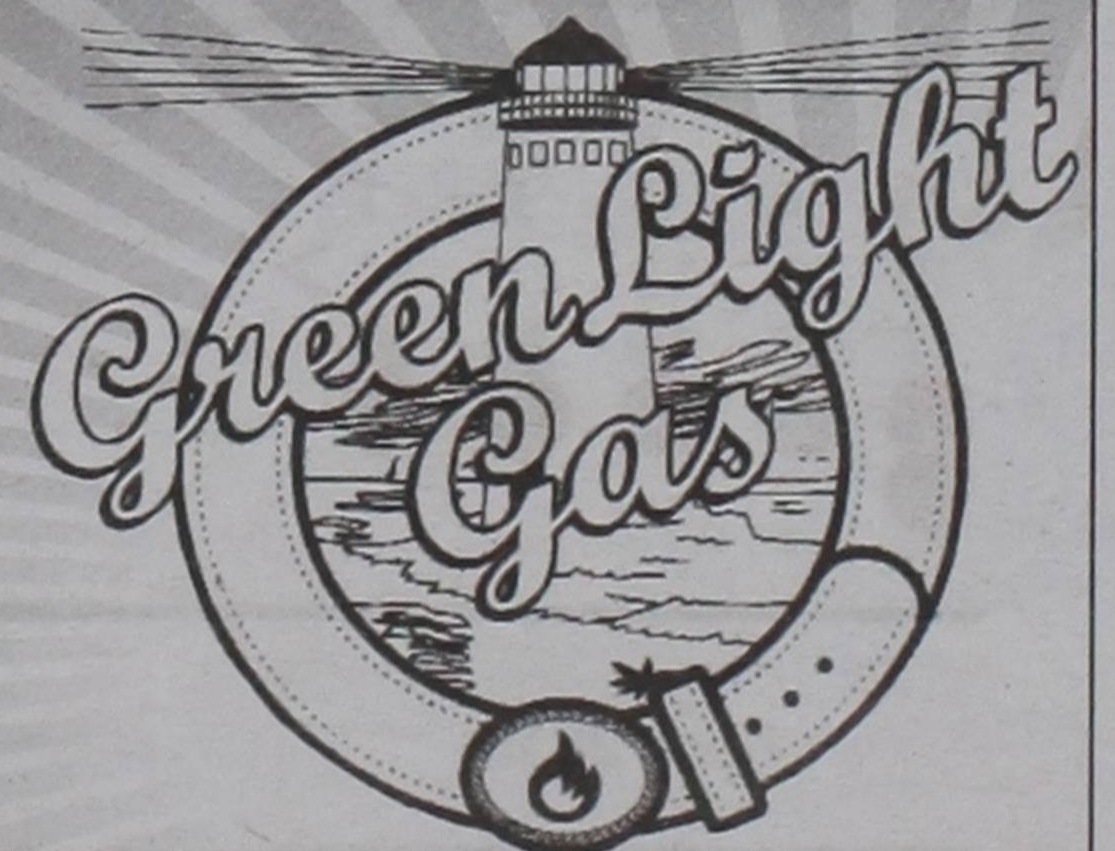


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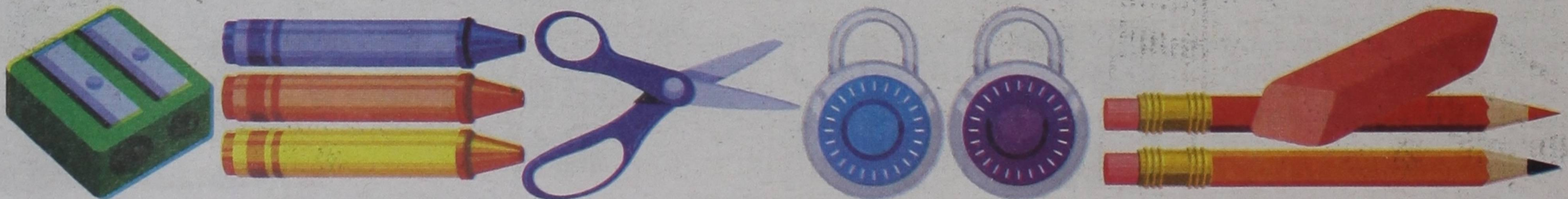
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Registration - August 13 & 14; New Students - August 15
 Graduation - May 31
 Early Release Dates: November 21; December 21; May 30, 31

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- Staff Development / Inservice Day
- Staff Preparation
- School Holiday; / Over Date = Early Out
- Bad Weather Day
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First Six Weeks:	29
Second Six Weeks:	32
Third Six Weeks:	24
First Semester:	85
Fourth Six Weeks:	34
Fifth Six Weeks:	29
Sixth Six Weeks:	29
Second Semester:	92
Days Total	177
Teacher In-Service/Workdays:	10 Days
TOTAL	187 Days
Adopted Feb. 20, 2012	

SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

CLARENDON

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand)
 1-box of 8 large primary colored crayons
 1-box of 10 primary color, washable markers
 4-glue sticks
 1-Elmer's school glue, small
 1-plastic box to hold supplies
 1-spiral notebook
 1-plastic folder (more durable and lasts longer)
 1-box of Kleenex
 1-water color set, primary colors
 1-small backpack, no rollers please
 1-container of wet wipes for cleaning hands/face
 1-bottle hand sanitizer (boys)
 1-container Clorox wipes (girls)
 1-complete change of clothing including socks & underwear with student's name labeled on all items

KINDERGARTEN

1-small school box (8" x 6")

1-box of 16 crayons (basic colors, standard size)
 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand)
 1-Elmer's school glue white only
 1-box of #2 standard pencils (yellow, sharpened)
 1-box of 8 large markers (broad line, classic colors)
 2-spiral notebooks
 6-two-pocket folders
 1-box of Ziploc bags (boys - gallon, girls - quart)
 1-box of tissue
 1-pull-top water bottle
 1-water color set
 1-large towel for resting (no mats please)
 10-glue sticks
 \$1.50 for AR folder

FIRST GRADE

2-large box tissues
 12-six-sided #2 pencils (yellow)
 1-box of 24 crayons
 4-glue sticks
 2-Elmer's school glue
 2-pkgs dry erase markers, 4 colors / pkg
 1-water color set

2-erasers
 1-box of 8 washable markers
 5-folders with pockets (solid color)
 1-school box
 2-spiral notebooks (70-80 page, 10 1/2" x 8")
 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)
 1-paint shirt
 1-water bottle (pull-top)
 1-backpack
 1-box Ziploc bags (quart or gallon)
 1-ruler with inch and centimeter markings
 \$1.50 for AR folder

SECOND GRADE

Please put student's name on each item
 12-#2 pencils
 1-box colored pencils
 1-set of watercolors
 2-pink erasers
 2-Elmer's glue (white only)
 4-glue sticks
 1-box crayons (24 ct.)
 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand for

kids)
 1-school box (small only, large won't fit in desk)
 2-boxes tissue
 3-folders with pockets (no brads, plain and inexpensive)
 3-spiral notebook - single subject
 1-box markers (broadline, primary colors)
 4-red pencils
 1-water bottle (pull-top)
 \$1.50 for AR folder
 Please do not send 3-ring binders/notebooks

THIRD GRADE

Please put child's name on each item
 1-pkg. red pencils / pens
 1-box of 12 map pencils
 2-pkg. #2 pencils
 1-pink eraser
 1-pkg. notebook paper (regular width lines)
 3-folders with pockets
 1-box Crayola brand crayons
 1-box Crayola brand markers
 1-pair Fiskars brand pointed school scissors
 2-boxes tissue (large)

2-containers antibacterial wipes
 1-ruler (with inch and centimeter markings)
 1-Elmer's glue (white only)
 2-glue sticks
 1-box Ziploc baggies (quart or gallon)
 1-school supply box (small)
 1-3-ring binder not to exceed 1 1/2 inches in width
 1-pouch to be kept in 3-ring binder
 2-one subject spiral notebooks
 2-one subject composition journals (wide ruled)
 \$1.50 for AR folder

FOURTH GRADE

Please put child's name on each item
 1-three-ring binder, no larger than 2"
 1-pkg. loose leaf notebook paper
 4-folders with pockets & holes for inserting in binder
 1-small spiral notebook
 8-#2 pencils (NO MECHANICAL)
 1-pair scissors (Fiskars brand for kids)

1-Elmer's school glue
 1-large glue stick
 1-box crayons
 1-12" wooden ruler with metric markings
 2-red pencils
 1-pencil bag with zipper & holes for inserting in binder
 2-boxes of tissue
 1-box markers
 1-box colored pencils
 1-eraser
 \$1.50 for AR folder

FIFTH GRADE

2-pkg. loose leaf notebook paper
 2-ink pen, blue or black
 2-red ink pen
 10-#2 pencils
 1-box of map pencils
 1-box of highlighters, multicolored
 1-pkg Post-It page markers
 1-pencil bag (no boxes please)
 1-eraser
 1-pair scissors
 1-pkg. Elmer's school glue sticks
 1-12" ruler
 2-boxes of tissue

1-box colored markers
 4-spiral notebooks
 1-pencil sharpener, personal
 2-folders with pockets and fasteners
 \$1.50 for AR folder

CLARENDON JR. HIGH

Pencils
 Pens (black or blue) and red
 3 composition books
 3 folders w/pockets
 Scissors
 Bottle glue
 Notebook paper
 Colored pencils
 Markers
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 1 ruler
 5 tabbed dividers for English
 1 pkg. ruled 3x5 index cards
 Large spiral notebook
 1 Three inch zipper binder
 2 Ziploc baggies (quart size)
 Box of Kleenex

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2 plastic folders with pockets (no brads)

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Small school box
1 large box of #2 pencils (Eagle)
24 count
8 count Crayola crayons
18 count Crayola crayons
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 (Fiskars) scissors
2 plastic pocket folders (no brads)
1 box Ziploc bags with zipper top
1 paint set
2 spiral notebooks
\$5.00 for Weekly Readers
6 small glue sticks

FIRST GRADE

1 small school box
2 boxes of No. 2 Pencils/ 12 ct.
2 boxes of 24 count crayons
2 glue sticks
1 5" blunt (Fiskars) scissors
1 plastic ruler
1 package of pencil top erasers
3 wide ruled spirals/one subject
8 green pocket folders with brads
2 boxes of Kleenex

SECOND GRADE

3 pocket folders with brads
1 small school box
1 box of 24 count crayons
1 package of markers
1 (Fiskar) scissors
3 glue sticks
1 bottle Elmer's glue
24 #2 pencils
3 boxes of Kleenex
1 package of pencil tip erasers
2 package wide ruled notebook

paper
1 box gallon Ziploc bags with zipper top
1 box quart size Ziploc bags
1 large container disinfectant wipes
\$5.00 for Weekly Reader & Science Spin

THIRD GRADE

Small school box (not a large one)
12 #2 pencils
24 count crayons
1 box washable markers
12 count map colors
Scissors
4 glue sticks
6 folders with pockets and brads
1 package pencil tip erasers
2 large boxes of Kleenex
1 package wide rule notebook
paper
\$5.00 for Weekly Reader magazine

FOURTH GRADE

Notebook paper (wide rule)

6 pocket folders with brads
1 spiral notebook
12 #2 pencils
3 red grading pens or pencils
1 box of map colors
1 box crayons
1 box of markers
Glue
1 zippered school bag or school box
Scissors
3 large boxes of Kleenex
\$5.00 for Time for Kids

FIFTH GRADE

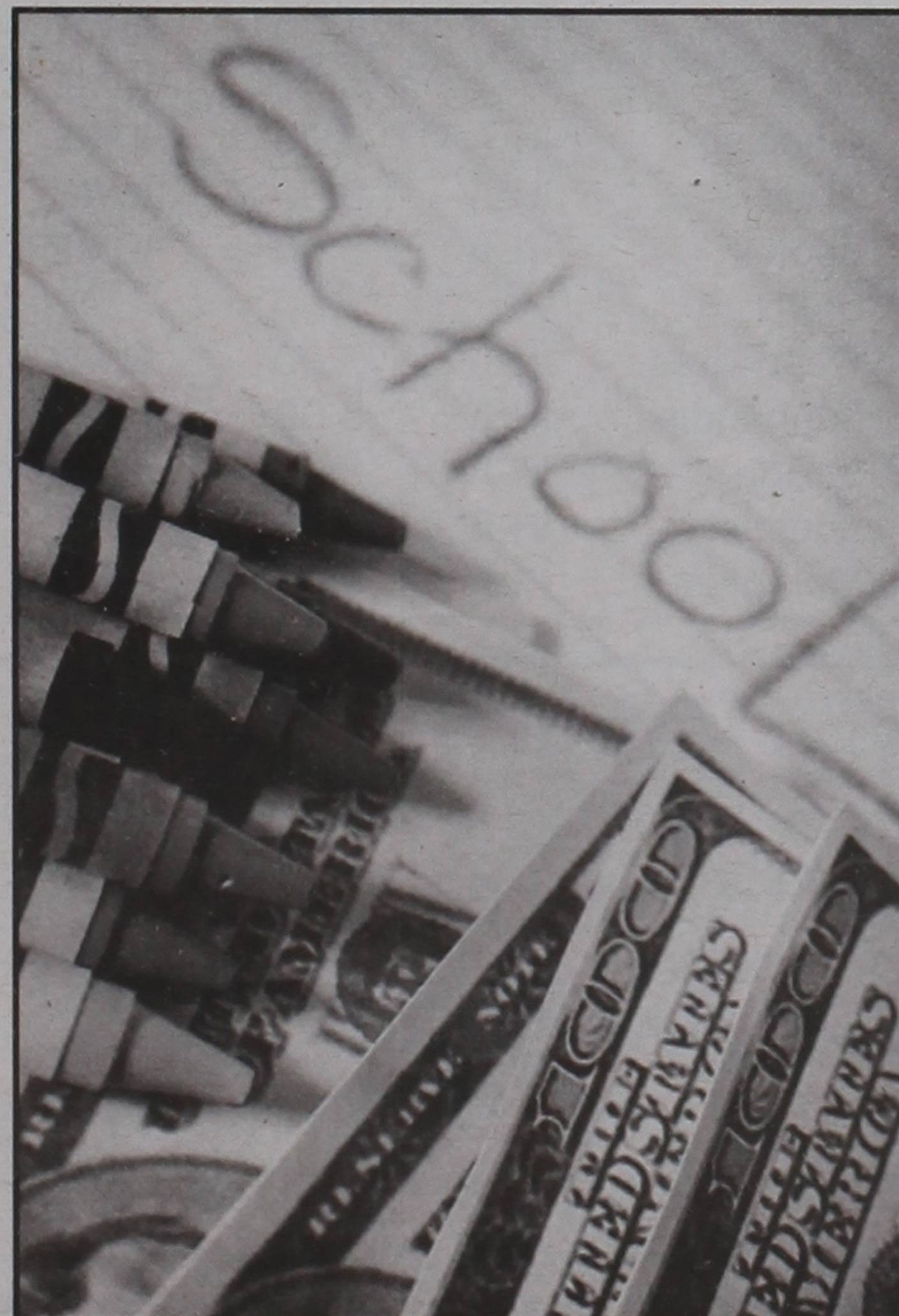
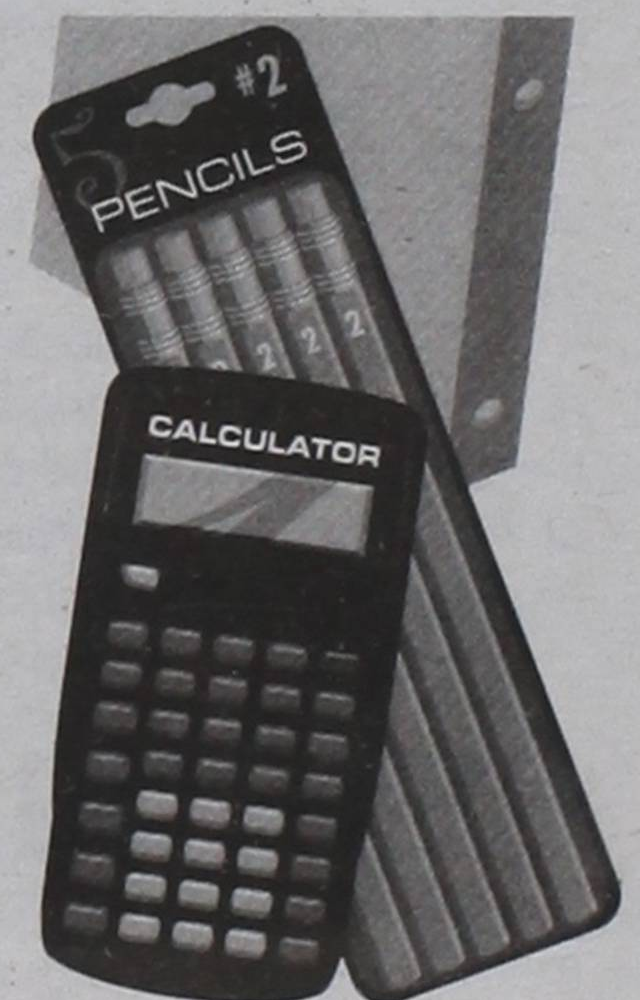
Scissors
2 glue sticks
1 small bottle school glue (Elmer's, etc)
6 folders with pockets and brads (various color if possible)
1 box washable markers
1 box colored pencils (long colored pencils)
2 pkg. notebook paper (wide rule only)

2 spiral notebook (appx. 70 pages each)
2 red pens
2 pens (black or blue)
12 #2 pencils
3 large boxes of Kleenex
1 12" ruler with inches & centimeters (wooden or hard plastic)
1 pencil box or pencil zipper bag
1 small clear water bottle (optional)
1 big eraser
1 pencil sharpener with cavity for shavings
2 yellow or light colored highlighters
\$5.50 for Science Studies Weekly subscription

SIXTH GRADE

1 package of long map colors
1 small package of markers
1 large package of markers
1 1-inch binder (not a notebook)
5 1 1/2 inch 3-ring binders (not a

notebook)
1 3 inch binder (not a notebook)
1 package wide ruled notebook paper
12 #2 pencils
1 protractor
1 compass
1 pair of scissors



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CLARENDON NOTES: BRONCOS TO ISSUE ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT

Athletic director Gary Jack has announced that Saturday, August 4 will be the day that equipment will be issued to those who will be playing Bronco football for the 2012-2013 season. The hand out will begin at 9:00 a.m. with seniors and end with the incoming freshmen. Practice will begin on Monday, August 6 at 7:30 a.m. "All athletes are expected to be on time, clean shaven, have a good short haircut, and be at all practices and meetings," Jack said.

Girls and boys cross-country athletes grade 9-12 need to report to the Broncos gym Monday, August 6 at 7:30 a.m. All girl athletes playing basketball are highly encouraged to

participate in cross-country. Also, all athletes will receive any paper work still needed on August 6.

All incoming seventh, ninth, and eleventh grade athletes have to have a doctor's physical prior to practice. "We have already had our physical day so if you do not have your physical yet, you need to get it by next week and the forms will be at the clinic," Jack said.

Jack is ready to kick off the new season and hopes each athlete is ready to go as well. "I hope each of you is as excited as I am about this season," he said. "My expectations are very high for each of you and our teams. I am expecting to be in the playoffs in every sport once again."

SEASON TICKETS

Clarendon CISD will begin selling reserved seating/season tickets to the public at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, August 13, 2012. Reserved seating/season tickets can only be purchased at the Administration Building, 416 South Allen Street. The cost of each football reserved seating/season ticket is \$25. This price allows admission into five regular season home games and reserves your seat in the prime viewing location.

SENIOR PARENTS

The Clarendon Senior Class Parents will meet on Monday, August 13, at 6 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium to discuss activities for the year.

LITTLE MISS CHEERLEADERS

The Clarendon High School Bronco Cheerleaders will be hosting "Little Miss Cheer Camp" for Kindergarten - 5th grade girls on Saturday, September 1. The young cheerleaders will then perform at the next week's Pep Rally and Home Game.

CLARENDON BRONCOS FOOTBALL 2012

Aug. 17	Bovina-(scr)	5:00	HOME
Aug. 23	White Deer-(scr)	5:00	AWAY
Aug. 31	Tulia	7:00	HOME
Sept. 7	Vega	7:00	AWAY
Sept. 14	Wheeler	7:00	AWAY
Sept. 21	GRUVER***	7:00	HOME
Sept. 28	Booker	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 5	OPEN		
Oct. 12	West Texas*	7:00	HOME
Oct. 19	Panhandle*	7:00	AWAY
Oct. 26	Stratford*	7:00	HOME
Nov. 2	Sunray*	7:00	HOME
Nov. 9	Memphis*	7:00	AWAY
*District	***Homecoming		

CLARENDON JV & JR. HIGH FOOTBALL 2012

Aug. 30	Tulia	JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 6	Vega	JV	5:00	HOME
Sept. 13	Wheeler	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Sept. 20	Gruver	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Sept. 27	Booker	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 4	OPEN			
Oct. 11	West Texas	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Oct. 18	Panhandle	JH-JV	5:00	HOME
Oct. 25	Stratford	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Nov. 1	Sunray	JH-JV	5:00	AWAY
Nov. 8	Memphis	JH-JV	5:00	HOME

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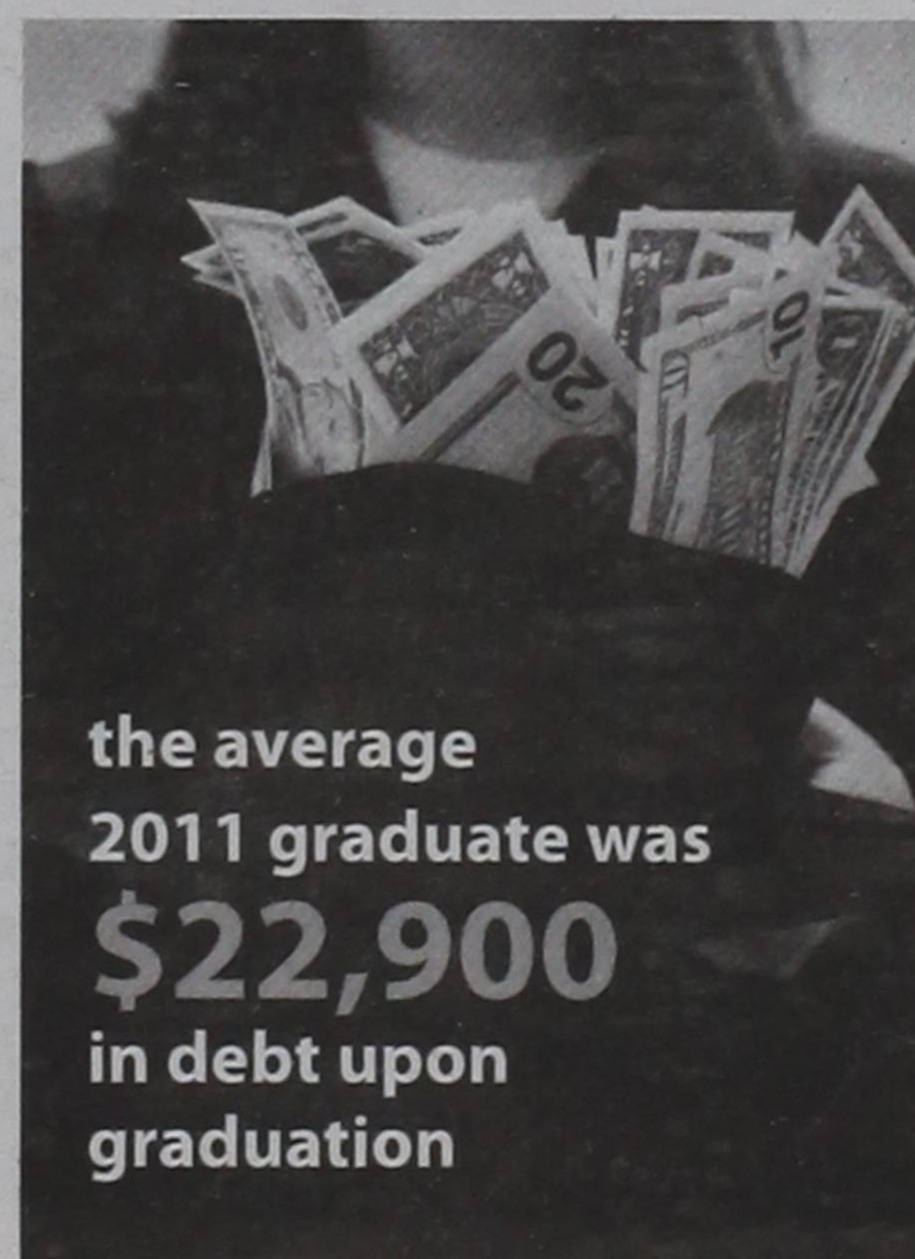
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Aug. 24	Chillicothe-(scr)	Away	TBA
Aug. 31	Groom	Away	7:30
Sept. 7	Lefors	Away	7:30
Sept. 14	McLean	Away	7:30
Sept. 21	Hart	Home	7:30
Sept. 28	Happy	Away	7:30
Oct. 5	Plainview Christian	Home	7:30
Oct. 12	Kress***	Home	7:30
Oct. 19	OPEN		
Oct. 26	Motley County*	Home	7:30
Nov. 2	Groom*	Home	7:30
Nov. 9	Silverton*	Away	7:30

*District ***Homecoming

HEDLEY JR HIGH FOOTBALL 2012

Sept. 13	McLean	Home	5:00
Sept. 20	Darrouszett	Home	5:00
Sept. 27	Happy	Home	5:00
Oct. 4	St. Andrews	Away	5:00
Oct. 11	Kress	Away	5:00
Oct. 18	OPEN		
Oct. 24	Motley County	Away	5:00
Nov. 1	Groom	Away	5:00
Nov. 8	Silverton	Home	5:00

HOW TO HANDLE STUDENT LOAN DEBT AFTER COLLEGE



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graduation

Today's college graduates face numerous challenges. With the global economy still struggling, the job market for recent graduates is less than ideal. Competition for jobs is also heated, as high rates of unemployment have created a job market in which out-of-work yet experienced professionals are routinely competing over entry-level jobs with recent graduates, many of whom have little or no experience in their chosen fields.

But the difficult job market is only part of the troubles recent graduates must face. Mounting debt is a major issue for many college grads. In Canada, for example, the average debt for a university graduate more than doubled between 1990 and 2000. By the 2009, Canadian students' collective debt from the Canada Student Loan Program exceeded \$13 billion for the first time in history. Across the border in the United States, the Class of 2011 earned the distinction of being the most indebted graduating class in the country's history. According to estimates from student-aid Web sites Fastweb.com and FinAid.org, the average 2011 graduate was \$22,900 in debt upon graduation.

In addition to finding work in a job market that's overcrowded with applicants, recent graduates must also find a way to handle their now historic amount of debt. Those facing loan repayment while struggling to find a job should consider the following tips.

* DON'T DELAY REQUESTS FOR HELP.

Procrastination isn't a good approach to dealing with debt, whether that debt is from student loans, credit cards or personal loans. Recent graduates who cannot find work or who were laid off should contact their lenders right away and inquire about lowering or postponing monthly payments. It's never good to miss a payment, which will negatively impact an individual's credit rating and is almost certain to draw a financial penalty. If trouble is on the horizon, consult the lender as early as possible. The lender will likely grant a deferment or forbearance, neither of which will tarnish an individual's credit.

* DON'T IGNORE IT.

Simply ignoring a student loan and not repaying it is not a good approach. The loan will still be there, and even bankruptcy court is not likely to discharge a student loan. In other words, individuals are going to have to repay their student loans, so ignoring them is not going to work. If an individual stops repaying his or her loan without being granted a deferment or forbearance, eventually wages might be garnished and private lenders might even sue their borrowers.

* DON'T PANIC.

The current economy could seem daunting to recent graduates. Some may wonder if they will ever find work in their fields or if they will ever be able to repay their loans. But panicking won't help. Lenders will be willing to work with borrowers who are honest and straightforward. Avoiding lenders and missing payments will only make the situation worse.

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PLANNING IS KEY TO AFFORDING COLLEGE

Setting goals is often the first step to achieving your hopes and dreams for yourself and your family. Making a plan, however, is crucial to making those dreams a reality. This is especially true when it comes to a college education for your children. Starting a college savings plan when your children are young sets you on a path for success and can help you reduce the need for expensive student loans down the road. Establishing a college savings plan early and contributing to it often is the key to reducing, or even eliminating, student loan debt. According to the Project on Student Loan Debt, the average student-loan debt increased 24 percent to \$23,200 in 2008, up from \$18,650 in 2004.

According to FinAid.org, parents who put aside just \$50 per month from the time their child is born can grow a nest egg of more than \$20,000 by the time that child turns 18, assuming a 7 percent return on investment. Increasing those contributions to \$100 per month

can yield more than \$43,000.

While there are a number of college savings vehicles to choose from, savers should keep in mind that a 529 plan is a tax-free and, in some cases, state tax-deductible option. Operated by a state or educational institution, a 529 plan is an education savings plan designed to provide families with an easy way to save. Most offer online enrollment with minimal initial investment, as low as \$25. Additionally, contributions can be made by more than just a child's parents. Anyone can contribute to an account or open one on behalf of a child.

Many states offer a 529 plan and each state's plan is different. Morningstar, a leading provider of investment research, provides analysis on the majority of the nation's 529 plans and rates them based on a variety of key factors. Additional sources for information on 529 plans are SavingForCollege.com as well as CollegeSavings.org.

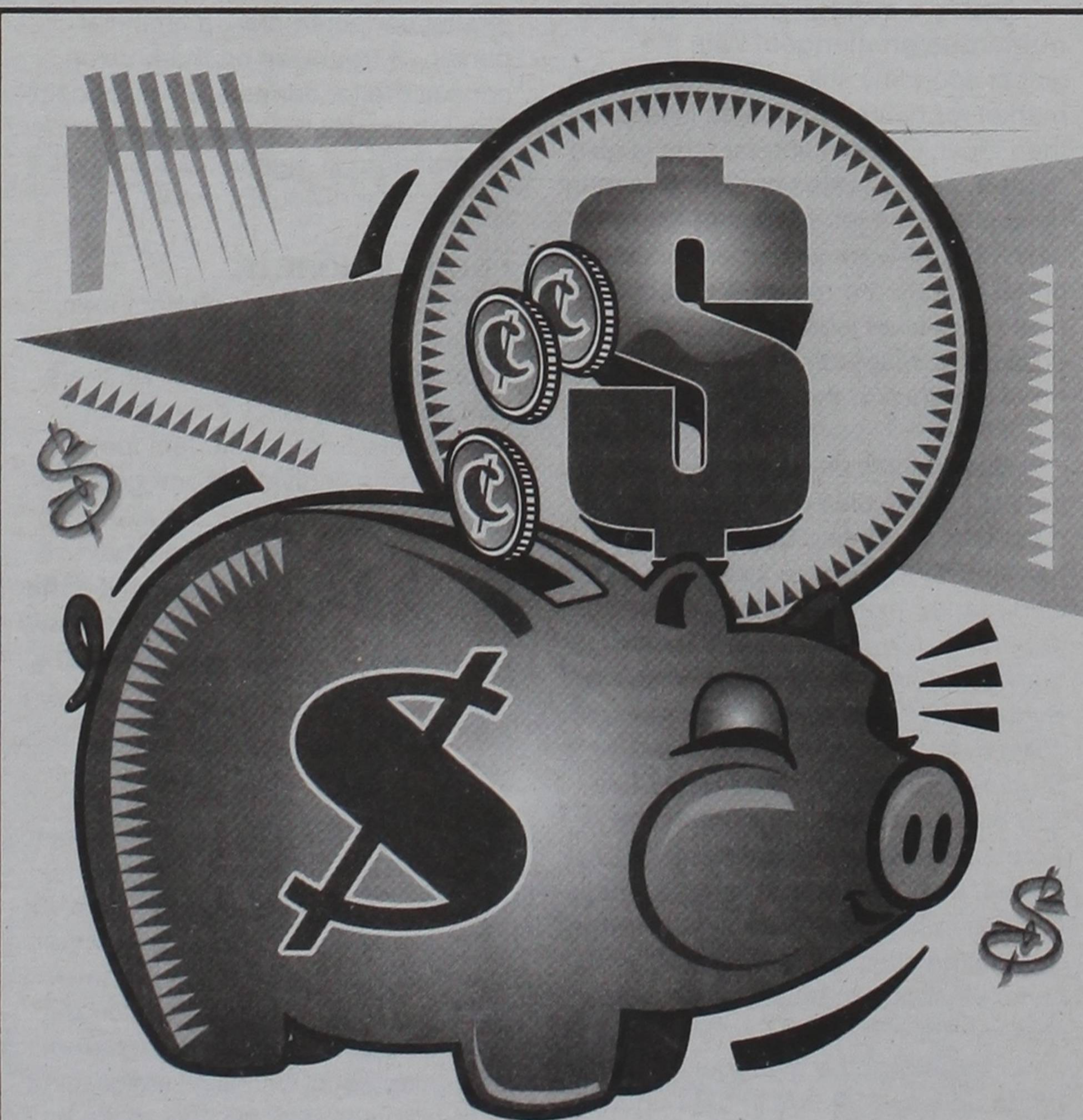


An example of a top-rated Morningstar 529 plan is CollegeAdvantage, Ohio's college savings plan. Account owners can contribute to a CollegeAdvantage account for as little as \$25 and accounts are available to any U.S. resident and funds can be used at any college in the country.

"Saving with a 529 plan offers parents, friends and family members an affordable and attainable way to

save for their loved one's future college expenses," said Richard Norman, interim executive director of Ohio Tuition Trust Authority. "Many times, just beginning the process can help families feel like college is a realistic and achievable goal."

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POOR JOB MARKET LEADS TO SURPLUS TEACHERS

In response to teacher shortages in school districts across the country, many college students decided to earn degrees in education and graduate ready to fill the deficit. However, the tides have quickly turned, and now there are more teachers than there are jobs available. Even substitute teaching positions have dried up.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate in the education sector now hovers around 9 percent. Since autumn of 2008, school systems, state education agencies, technical schools, and colleges have shed about 125,000 jobs. Even teachers who specialize in math and science – subjects that tend to have the largest number of shortages – have found fewer and fewer opportunities. Schools simply are not hiring.

School closings are one reason for the loss of jobs in all areas of education. New York City was recently in the spotlight after Mayor Michael Bloomberg suggested some schools be

closed. New York City's Panel for Educational Policy voted to shut down 19 of the city's public schools due to underperformance.

Budget shortfalls and poor performance has also jump-started school closings in Illinois, Ohio and Rhode Island. School closings are often based on poor performance on standardized tests, declining enrollment and outdated facilities.

While closing and consolidating schools may or may not help students in the long run, it doesn't bode well for teachers trying to find jobs. Fewer opportunities and more applicants have combined to make the current job market for teachers less than bountiful.

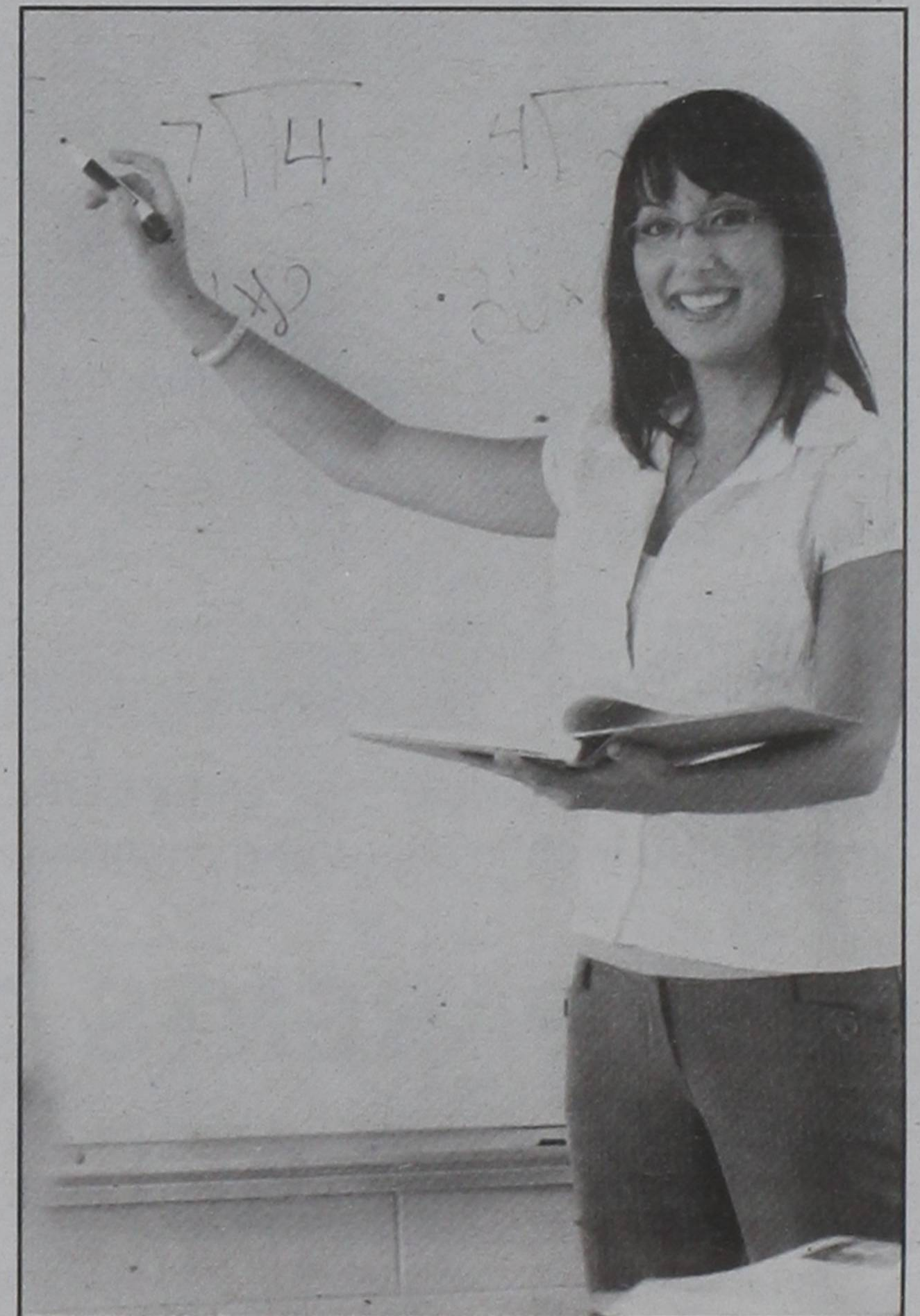
And that problem is not uniquely American. According to TeachNZ in New Zealand, the number of school teachers leaving the profession is at its lowest point in a decade. And the number of teaching vacancies is also the lowest it has been in a decade.

A Nova Scotia report detailed a "critical" overabundance of qualified teachers in that province.

Furthermore, the Ontario College of Teachers published an article in its in-house magazine about a dire surplus situation in the province, which is expected to continue for years.

Some students are taking notice and making changes with regard to their education. Though a degree in education once nearly guaranteed a job, that is no longer true. Some teachers are electing to specialize in certain subjects that generally offer the most amount of vacancies. Others are considering relocation to different areas of the country in an effort to find jobs. Some teachers have decided to travel overseas and teach English to others until the job market at home levels off.

Teaching was once a profession seemingly immune to the ups and downs of the economy. Today, budget constraints and other factors have greatly diminished the number of employment opportunities for teachers, leaving a surplus of teachers out of work or working in another field.



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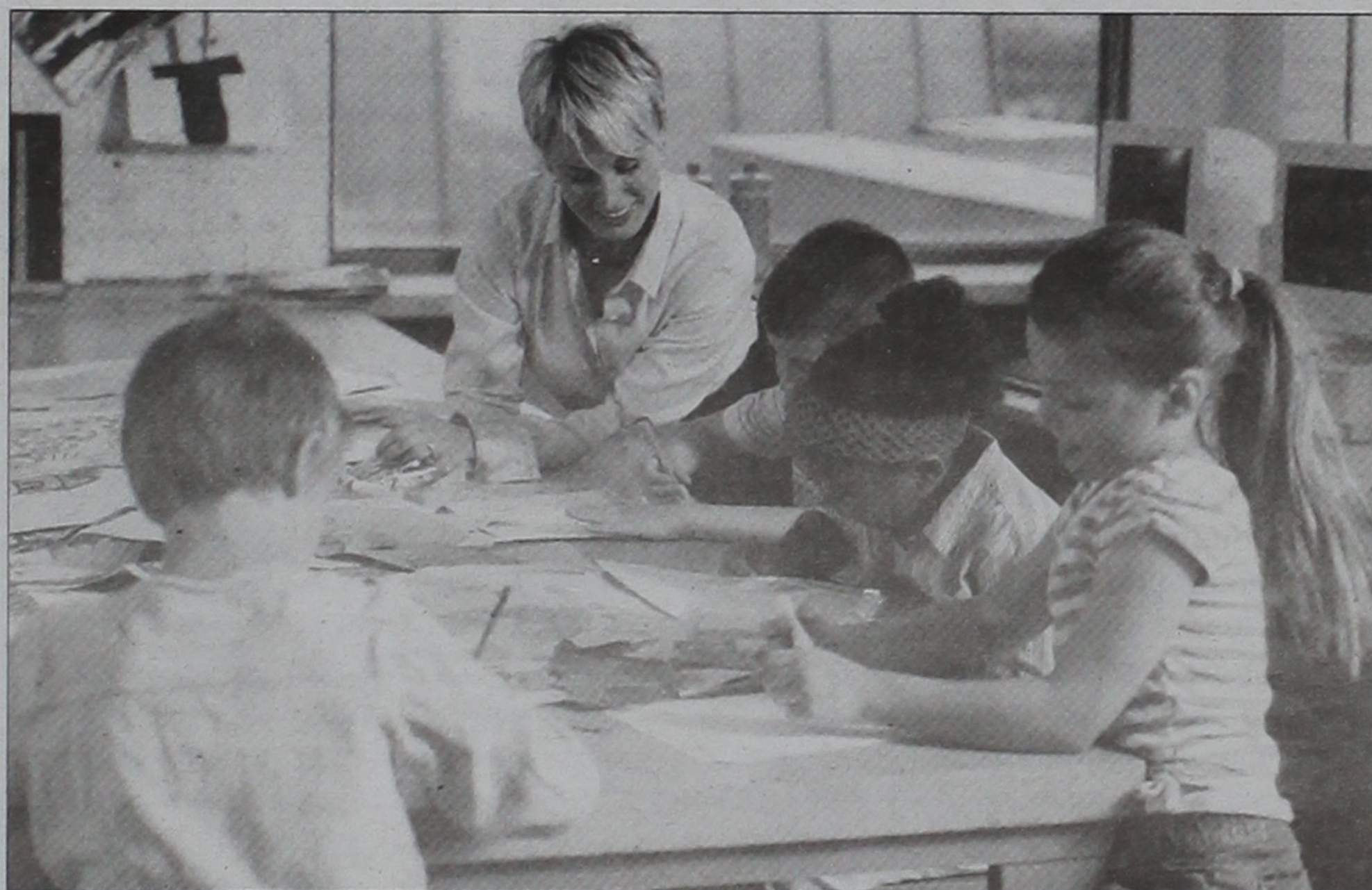
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HOW PARENTS CAN GET INVOLVED AT SCHOOL

Research indicates that children whose parents get involved with their education are more likely to earn better grades and less likely to have behavior problems in the classroom.

The concept of parents working in conjunction with schools is nothing new. A 1987 study by Paul G. Fehrmann and colleagues documented the importance of parental involvement on their child's grades. Published in the *Journal of Education Research*, the study found that when parents stayed directly involved in their child's studies throughout high school, the child's grades improved.

There are many different reasons

for parents to get involved with their child's school and the community. Helping their children succeed is just one of them. The choice is just how to go about connecting with the school. Here are a few ideas.

WORK WITH THE TEACHER

Teachers are increasingly facing obstacles with regards to time and funding. Many must preside over large classes and are responsible for outfitting their classrooms with certain supplies. This presents ideal opportunities for parents to step up and pitch in.

Volunteering in your child's classroom is a good way for you to help his or her teacher and get a firsthand

account of what your child is doing in class. You may be asked to prepare and package homework assignments or put together materials for craft projects. Some teachers welcome parents who come in to read books to the class or even give spelling tests. Think about chaperoning a field trip or helping with the set-up and clean-up of class parties. If you keep an open dialogue with the teacher through phone calls or e-mail, you may be presented with plenty of opportunities to get involved.

ATTEND MEETINGS

Parent-teacher associations or organizations are often instrumental in helping a school to run smoothly. They are the people behind fundraisers and special activities outside of the classroom. The PTA is also privy to information on upcoming events before the rest of the school community.

Attending monthly meetings can keep you up to speed on the goings-on at your child's school. It will also ensure your voice is heard with regards to school policy. Showing your face at meetings will also give you the opportunity to meet other parents.

ATTEND SPECIAL EVENTS

Not every parent can serve on the PTA or be present in the daily activities of the classroom. However, you can

show your support by attending special events hosted by the school -- such as fundraisers or field-day activities.

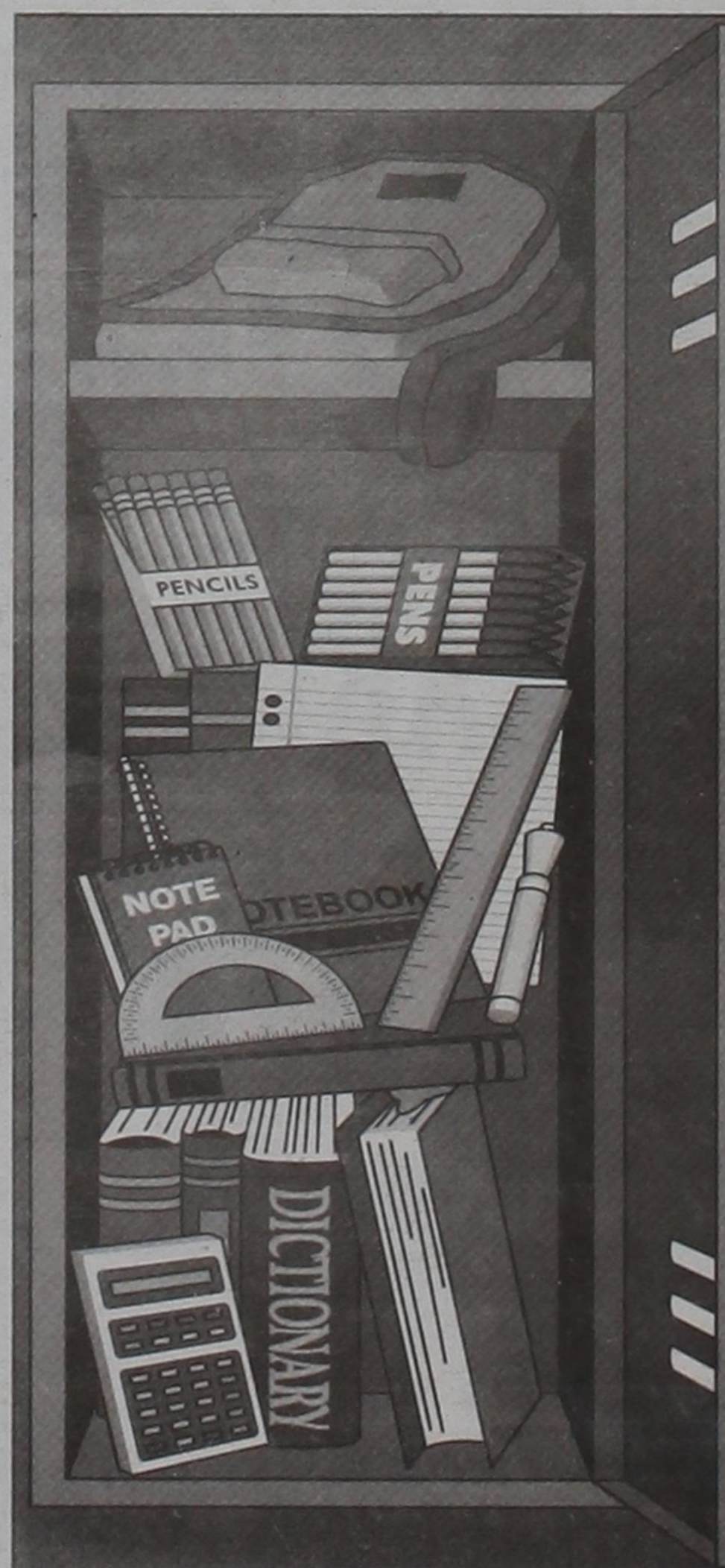
Volunteer your time with the setup of teacher-appreciation lunches and bake sales, serve as a tour guide for the school when new parents are invited, build sets or make costumes for a school play, or take pictures of events and create a collage to be put on display in the school.

VOLUNTEER YOUR SKILLS

Some schools can benefit from the specialized skills of parents. Ask if you can come in and talk about your job or hobby and demonstrate it to the class. Individuals who have technology skills can volunteer to install computer software or to run networking throughout the school. If you have a background in print layout, find out if you can help design and publish the school newsletter or yearbooks.

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