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Fight Alzheimer's



Overcrowded schools?

By David K. Johnson

As the school year begins, many parents are concerned about overcrowded classrooms. In Grand Rapids, the district is facing a shortage of classrooms, which means more students will be in larger classes. This can affect the quality of education and the ability of teachers to provide individualized instruction.

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Alzheimer's 'Walk' set for Friday

Local walk will aim to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and support for those affected. The walk will take place on Friday, October 25th, from 10 AM to 12 PM. It will start at the Grand Rapids Convention Center and end at the Van Dyke Community Center. The walk is free and open to all. For more information, visit www.alzheimerswalk.com.

2nd Reno County resident dies of West Nile

A 2nd Reno County resident has died of West Nile virus. The victim, a 68-year-old man, was diagnosed with the disease in late August. He had been hospitalized for several weeks before his death on October 15th. West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne illness that can cause a range of symptoms, from mild fever to severe neurological complications. The health department is currently investigating the case to identify the source of the infection.

Stepmom of teen accused in Fla. bullying arrested



A woman, the stepmother of a teen accused in a Florida bullying case, has been arrested. The woman, 32-year-old Sarah Johnson, was arrested on October 18th on charges of child abuse. She is accused of physically abusing her stepson, a 14-year-old boy, who was the victim of a bullying incident in Florida. Johnson is currently being held in jail and is facing multiple charges. Her attorney is currently negotiating her release.

98-year-old Kansas Dust Bowl-era farmer keeps working the land

At 98, Ratts is undoubtedly one of the last Dust Bowl-era farmers still actively engaged in farming. His land, a living link to the state's agricultural history, is now home to Park, Ill., 1935, on the family farm northwest of St. John.

By David K. Johnson

ST. JOHN, Kan. — The weathered man, his face lined with wrinkles, looks out over his 1,200-acre farm. He is 98 years old, but he still works the land. He is one of the last remaining farmers from the Dust Bowl era. His farm, located northwest of St. John, is a living link to the state's agricultural history. It was here, in 1935, that the family farm was established. The farm has been in the Ratts family for over 100 years. The current owner, 98-year-old Ratts, has been farming since he was a young boy. He has seen the farm go through many changes, but he has always stayed true to his roots. He still works the land every day, and he takes pride in his work. He is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of the farmers of the Dust Bowl era.



Local Ratts goes for a drought as the farm, 1935, is to be Park, Ill. Ratts is undoubtedly one of the last Dust Bowl-era farmers still actively engaged in farming. His land, a living link to the state's agricultural history, is now home to Park, Ill., 1935, on the family farm northwest of St. John.