



# Draper Notes

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The Arcadian

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## Need to Address Hospital, Schools

Editor:

Right now we have two issues that are of grave concern to our community, the hospital and the school system. We need to pull together and try to fix these two DeSoto County institutions so our community has the opportunity to thrive and grow and our children can have a future.

Not having a local hospital would be absolutely crazy and kill all hope for economic development.

In terms of our school system, we have issues such as failing schools and extremely low reading scores throughout the district. I would like to encourage our friends in Lake Suzy to see the overall picture that is based on all of the DeSoto County Schools being quality and producing citizens that have the educational training to continue to college or be prepared to contribute to the workforce. All of the 4,500 DeSoto County students deserve a first-rate education, not just the 155 in the Leadership Academy. I would encourage Dr. Gary to use common sense and leave this issue at rest.

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