

## WinkWorld August 2008

### ***Sights and Sounds of Summer 2008 - Special Issue***

Dear Friends,

If you are a long-time reader of this electronic newsletter, you know that the primary purpose of *WinkWorld* is to share ideas with teachers and learners. Approximately 90% of the readership of *WinkWorld* is comprised of classroom teachers and teacher educators.

However, there is a small group of family/friends, who are avid readers of *WinkWorld*. They mainly scroll rapidly through all of the resources for teachers and read only *Notes from the Real World* and/or *Prairie Pedagogy*. It is for this small group of treasured people, that I am deviating, only for this issue, with a *Sights and Sounds of Summer 2008* edition.

Teachers, teacher educators, and colleagues, I'll be back next month with more ideas and resources for your classrooms. At this moment, creating this *WinkWorld* feels very much like an assignment of, "What I did during my summer vacation."

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#### **The 8 year drought ends on the ranch.**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/joan.julie/Flood?authkey=5OotfrxhpeA>

#### **Julie from CA came to visit.**

She helped us mow. [Mowing pix](#)

She helped us with the horses. [Horses pix](#)

#### **Cousin Kurt and Barbara from PA came to visit.**

We went birding.

[Birding pix 1](#)

[Birding pix 2](#)

#### **5 wonderful ~grands~ came to the ranch with their Mommies:**

During the first hour the kids were here, we

Swam [Pix](#)

went boating [Pix](#)

mowed [Pix](#)

played ball [Pix](#)

played in the water [Pix](#)

hung out on the floor [Pix](#)

fed the horses [Pix](#)

road the horses [Pix](#)

visited (Grammie and Garrett). [Pix](#)

#### **After the first hour, we found lots to keep us busy:**

5 Cousins [Pix](#)

5 Cousins & families [Pix](#)

5 Cousins, Grammie and BopBop [Pix](#)

The Gang and Grandma Mickie [Pix](#)

Cuddling on the Couch [Pix](#)

BopBop and Wynn at the carnival. [Pix](#)  
Joan, Wynn, and Betty. [Pix](#)

### **After the grandkids left, we branded:**

Cousin De [Pix](#)  
Dean branding [Pix](#)  
The crew coming to eat [Pix](#)

### **Next we hurried off to be with dear friends of 40 years at the Yankton College Reunion**

Friends of 40 years [Pix](#)  
I was honored to receive the college Achievement Award.  
[Award pix 1](#)  
[Award pix 2](#)

### **University of Arizona Plaza of Honor**

My friend, Mary Ann, honored me, when I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Now, I'm well and still among these fabulous women of Arizona.

[Plaza of Honor pix 1](#)  
[Plaza of Honor pix 2](#)

Forever on my dear desert:

[Joan and her brick pix](#)  
[Joan's brick pix](#)

### **Whole Language Umbrella/National Council of Teachers of English Tucson**

Janet Towell (Florida Atlantic University) and Joan [Pix](#)  
Priscilla Gutierrez (New Mexico School for the Deaf) and Joan [Pix](#)

### **Cousin Ace and Aunt Essie, age 92, came to visit the ranch.**

Ace and Aunt Essie, age 92 [Pix](#)  
Ace, Aunt Essie, and Dean [Pix](#)

### **We spent one day at the Sturgis Rally**

<http://www.sturgismotorcyclerrally.com/>

### **And, we attended the Faith Stock Show, and cheered our favorite pol:**

[Pix](#)

### **Sue, the T Rex, came home to visit; she was in the Faith Community Center for the entire summer - pretty darned amazing.**

<http://www.fieldmuseum.org/sue/>  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjqNtcXa3zQ>  
<http://www.leechevideo.com/video/view1375673.html>

And, to see even more of Sue, the T Rex, look at Austin's t-shirt.

[Pix](#)

### **Idaho**

A Cute Zucchini [Pix](#)  
A Big Bean [Pix](#)  
A Big One and a Little One: Bo and Garrett, July 08 [Pix](#)  
A Cute Zucchini & A Big Bean meet Miss America [Pix](#)

## **New Mexico**

Lukie finds a double rainbow. [Pix](#)

Wynn [Pix](#)

Wyatt [Pix](#)

Wynn, celebrating herself and her 9th birthday [Pix](#)

**Dean & Joan:** Note the rich diversity of grasses.

[Pix](#)

The Ranch house in June

[Pix](#)

**My two favorite birds of the summer:**

### **Red-headed Woodpecker**

[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/678/overview/Red-headed\\_Woodpecker.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/678/overview/Red-headed_Woodpecker.aspx)

We found them down on the Cheyenne River

### **American Avocet**

[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/213/ /American\\_Avocet.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/213/ /American_Avocet.aspx)

The beautiful avocets have a nest over by the truck washout, and they fly aggressively and call at us, when we go near.

**Garrett: Signing the ABCs.**

<http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/photo/E7YrahKdsfQ2n5gi5ovb0A>

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## **FVR - Free Voluntary Reading, a.k.a., Joan's Book Store**

I have changed the names of the categories slightly, but not the content; basically, I am suggesting books for teachers, books for pleasure reading, and books for kids.

How about a \$50 Amazon gift certificate for your favorite students returning to class?

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## **Books for Teaching/Learning**

My CSU classes this year will be using:

*English Learners in American Classrooms: 101 Questions & 101 Answers* by Crawford and Krashen

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*Myths and Realities, Second Edition: Best Practices for English Language Learners* by Katharine Davies Samway & Denise McKeon

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*English Learners Left Behind: Standardized Testing as Language Policy (Bilingual Education and Bilingualism)* by Kate Menken

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*English Language Learners: The Essential Guide* by David and Yvonne Freeman  
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*A Course for Teaching English Learners* by Lynne Diaz-Rico  
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### **Books for Pleasure Reading**

*My Sister's Keeper* by Jody Piccoult  
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*Damage Control* (Joanna Brady Mysteries, Book 13) J.A. Jance  
[Click for Details](#)  
Available August 21

*Dead Wrong* (Joanna Brady Mysteries, Book 12) by J.A. Jance  
[Click for Details](#)

*Desert Heat* (Joanna Brady Mysteries, Book 11) by J.A. Jance  
[Click for Details](#)

### **Books for Kids and Grands**

Reserve your copy here:  
*The Tales of Beedle the Bard* by J. K. Rowling  
(to be released Dec. 4, 2008)  
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*Amigo* by Byrd Baylor and illustrated by Schweitzer Garth Williams  
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