

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE:
4 P.M. FRIDAY

HOMECOMING SET AT OREGON MEMORIAL

Oregon Memorial Church in Lexington will hold its 78th Annual Homecoming Celebration on Sunday, September 17 with the message delivered at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

9-7,14

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LEX. FALL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE TO MEET

The City of Lexington Fall Festival Planning Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 12 in Lexington City Hall at 5:30 p.m. All those interested in helping with the planning and organizing of the October 7 fall festival should attend.

8-31;9-7

APPRECIATIONS SET AT MACEDONIA M.B.C.

Macedonia M.B. Church in Lexington will hold a Musicians Appreciation on Saturday, September 9 at 6 p.m. All performance groups are invited to attend.

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APPRECIATION SET FOR SEPTEMBER 10

Good Hope M.B. Church in Mileston will hold its pastor's appreciation service on

Sunday, September 10 at 11 a.m. 8-31;9-7

HOLMES JSU ALUMNI TO MEET ON SEPT. 10

The Holmes County chapter of the Jackson State University Alumni Association will meet on Sunday, September 10 at 5 p.m. in Lexington at the former circuit office, next door to Fred's Dollar Store. Call 662-392-7725 for more info. 9-7

CHOIR NIGHT SET AT SWEET HOME M.B.C.

Sweet Home M.B. Church will celebrate its Choir Night on Saturday, September 16 at 5 p.m. Interested choirs and soloists are invited to perform.

9-7,14

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR SET AT LEX. LIB.

Families First will present a preschool story hour at the Lexington Public Library on Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m. Call the library for more information at 662-834-2571.

9-7

DPS PTO MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 11

Durant Public School PTO will hold a meeting on Monday, September 11 at 6 p.m. in the DPS auditorium about raising money to improve the school auditorium.

9-7



Living With Children

By John Rosemond

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Responding to my recent columns on video games and smart phones, a reader asks what the problem is, thus proving that these devices can and do cause serious harm to one's cognitive hardware. He, the father of two boys and a gamer himself, in effect claims that parents are imagining things and researchers are not finding what they are finding.

He proposes that video games and smart phones do not make people play them or stare at them obsessively; rather, that some parents are simply not providing proper supervision. That's true, as far as it goes. He then offers that nothing is bad in moderation, which is one of the stupidest adages ever conceived. The list of things that are bad/evil in moderation include pornography, heroin, cocaine, arsenic, assault, murder, rape, armed robbery, lying, cheating, child abuse, and cruelty to animals. Need I go on?

Furthermore, if an addiction is defined as a self-destructive obsession over which an individual seems to lack control, then video games and smart phones do indeed "make" some people play them and stare at them as if their very lives depended upon it. Furthermore, the force of that effect appears to be inversely proportional to the age of the individual in question. As such, what a 40-year-old may be able to do—that is, fit playing video games into an otherwise responsible and richly varied life—a 13-year-old boy may

not be able to do. One of my grandsons is a case in point. After I expressed concern to his parents that his obsession with playing video games bordered on unhealthy, they took his game controller away. A year later, at age 14

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DURANT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING

The Durant Public School District is preparing its IDEA Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018 Project Application for children with disabilities (Exceptional Education). All children with disabilities ages 3-21 will be served. The district has scheduled a public hearing to allow parents of children with disabilities to review and make comments on the plan. The project application will be available for review and comment at 65 W. Madison, Durant, Mississippi during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Office of Exceptional Education.

Public comments on the plan are requested and will be reviewed, and consideration will be given to suggestions for changes in the plan. Written comments should be submitted to Dr. H. Robinson, Director of Exceptional Education, Durant Public School, P.O. Box 669, Durant, Mississippi 39063 by 4:00 p.m., September 8, 2017.

Following the public hearing the district will submit the IDEA FY17 - FY18 Application to Mississippi State Department of Education, Office of Special Education for approval.

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