

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dealing with loved ones can be difficult sometimes and that only gets harder when they have a problem with drugs and alcohol. A big part of dealing with a loved one's addiction is getting them into treatment. But what if they are unwilling to go? Intervention is the next logical step, however what is an intervention and how you pull one off?

Contrary to popular belief, successful interventions usually aren't like the ones you see on TV or in the movie Hangover 3 with the family sitting around and reading off of notecards. Interventions that are successful usually consist of several different techniques. I hope they help you and your family to have the best chance of saving your loved ones.

The first thing is to do your research on a treatment facility. Before an intervention takes place, you need to know where they are go-

ing. Once you get someone willing to go to treatment it is imperative that they go straight in. When someone is struggling with substance abuse they can waffle on the idea of treatment, so you have to have the facility already picked out so there are no slows or stops on which facility. Adding time in-between when your loved one becomes willing to go and them getting into treatment is deadly.

Number two is building your team. An intervention can either be done by the family or by a professional interventionist. A family can choose the family or friends of the addict that the addict will most likely listen to so it is important those persons are at the intervention. On the other hand, an intervention done by an interventionist is usually conducted on a one-on-one basis, where the interventionist works with the addict alone to get their

agreement to go to treatment. Since a lot of interventionists are ex-addicts themselves, they will have a point of reality with the addict which may facilitate the reach for treatment. In some cases, the interventionist may decide to call in family members but that will be decided by the interventionist.

Once you have decided on your team, get them together and go over all the details so everyone is prepared to pull off the intervention. Make sure any family or friends who are involved are all on the same page and have the same goal; getting the addict into treatment.

With everyone on the same page, you would then bring in the addict. Approach them kindly and at first try to get them to see how treatment will benefit them. Show them the website or brochure of where they are going. It is also a good idea to have someone ready to talk to them from the center to answer any questions they may have.

If this doesn't work, you should be prepared to bottom line them (give them an ultimatum). An example of a bottom line is, "If you don't go to treatment you aren't staying here anymore." If they run off and refuse to listen, do not give in. You must hold strong or they won't take it seriously. Even if they

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To the Editor of the Holmes County Herald:

I wrote last week to report that earned leave days had been stripped from the 473 employees of the Holmes County School System.

The leave days have not been restored to said employees.

In working through the in's and out's of this situation, I have found that the value of these benefits in \$3,000,000. Yes, 3 million.

It turns out that a 5 member board plus one superintendent have this kind of unbridled power - power to take \$3,000,000 in benefits from 473 people.

I admit I have not paid do run, most of the time they will come back and listen and then agree to go to treatment.

If you have more questions or want to find out more about getting someone into treatment, read here: <https://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/blog/intervention-101.html> or call 1 800-431-1754 to get help for your loved ones.

Luke Nichols
Denham Springs, LA

enough attention to the election of school board members. We all need to recognize the power they are given, study their character, study their independence and realize the harm they can wield.

Jane P. Smith
Lexington



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October 20, 2018*

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Jim sat out to harvest a doe on opening day. It's always good to get the first deer under the belt, and it would provide some delicious meat for the family. Normally, the sight of a doe under his tree-stand wouldn't provide any extra adrenaline; after all, he's usually after a buck. But the mind works differently when that doe becomes the game one is pursuing.

He settled in that morning about twenty minutes before shooting light. He is anxious after nearly nine months of being out of a tree stand. The temperature is cool, but it will warm up quickly. As soon as the sun began to rise Jim saw in the distant a few does in the field above the woods where he was waiting. He wondered if they might make their way down the trail that lingered below his stand. He already felt like his scouting had paid off simply because he was looking at what he had come after. His daydreaming came to a sudden halt when he glanced slightly ahead and to the right. There she was. It was big lone doe that was winding down the path toward him. Now, she was only forty yards away. Immediately Jim's heart went into another gear. He knew it would happen, so he calmed himself by taking a deep breath and concentrating on the task at hand. Since he was sitting he would need to stand up, turn slightly to his right, and turn his bow upright, all without being seen. As she went behind a tree, he made each move in one slow

but sweeping motion. He kept telling himself to be patient. He snapped his release on the loop of his bow and began to view each shooting lane that could be used. As the deer came closer, Jim stood perfectly still. His leafy suit gave him satisfaction that even if she looked his way she would not be able to make out the odd shape of leaves. He picked out another tree and decided that when the doe moved behind it he would draw his bow. When her vitals cleared the tree, he would fire. She moved as if she knew the scenario going through Jim's mind - that is until she came to that tree. Instead she decided to stop and turn around. She was only twenty yards away. Jim panicked slightly but watched to see where the next shooting lane would be. He pinpointed it as she moved back in the direction she came from. The shot would now be quartering away. She moved into the opening and Jim released his arrow. It looked like a good hit. As she sprinted away, he watched her every move and marked the last spot he saw her, by a downed tree.

As Jim realized what had just happened, a smile crossed his face. His lower back began to throb, his body began to shake, and his legs went weak. He quickly set down, afraid his trembling body was going to cause him to fall from his stand. He took a deep breath and set the timer on his watch to remind himself not to push the fatally wounded doe too

Application period for 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program is open

United States Representative Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) announced the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) opened on September 24. The application period for the FY 2018 AFG Program closes on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 5:00 PM (Eastern). The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and

firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards.

The program provides direct financial assistance to eligible fire departments, nonaffiliated emergency medical service (EMS) organizations, and State Fire Training Academies (SFTA).

For fire departments / applicants requiring assistance please visit www.fema.gov/grants, or contact the AFG Help Desk at firegrants@fema.gov or 1-866-274-0960.

Inspire Brands buys Sonic burger chain for \$2.3 billion

Associated Press

Arby's owner Inspire Brands is buying the Sonic drive-in hamburger chain.

Inspire is paying \$43.50 per share cash, or \$2.3 billion, for Sonic, which has 3,600 restaurants in the U.S.

Inspire expects the deal to close by the end of this year.

Sonic will operate as a separate business unit within Inspire and remain based in Oklahoma City. The first Sonic opened in Oklahoma in 1953.

Inspire says Sonic's management team will also remain in place.

Sonic earned \$63.7 million in its 2017 fiscal year, which ended Aug. 31. That was down slightly from the previous two years.

Atlanta-based Inspire was formed earlier this year when Arby's acquired the Buffalo Wild Wings chain.

Inspire said Tuesday, September 25, owning multiple chains will help it share resources, including customer loyalty data and suppliers.

soon. His knees continue to knock together. He takes his water bottle from his fanny pack and relives what had just happened. Jim is sixty-five years old.

And you wonder why we go hunting.

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Sept. 28 Players of the Week

H. C. Central

**Justin
Smith**

**JUNIOR
QUARTER BACK
10 FOR 18 PASS-
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TOUCHDOWNS, AND 0
INTERCEPTIONS**

CHCS

**Wykeece
Johnson**

**JUNIOR
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AND
SEVERAL TACKLES**

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Child Find

The Holmes County Consolidated School District will continue its efforts to search for unserved children to identify, locate and evaluate children birth through the age of twenty-one, who are in need of special education and/or related services as defined under Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B. In accordance with IDEA, Part B, the district will conduct Child Find activities for children who reside in the district's jurisdiction and who are enrolled in the District. Similar Child Find activities undertaken for the public school children enrolled in the district will be conducted with respect to the identification, location and evaluation, for those children with disabilities who are enrolled in private, including religious, elementary and secondary schools located within the boundaries of the district may also be identified and evaluated for services.

Once a referral is made, it is the responsibility of the Child Find Person to ensure that the Referral-To-Placement process is implemented. The Child Find Person works with the Local Survey Committees (LSC) at each school to implement this process. Prior to evaluation, Notice of Committee Meetings for Initial Evaluation, as well as, a copy of the Procedural Safeguards is given to parents. District personnel explain the Procedural Safeguards to the parent and/or legal guardian. After parental consent for an evaluation is obtained, a nondiscriminatory evaluation is conducted. Students are evaluated by qualified personnel in all areas related to the suspected disability.

When a student, ages 3 through 21, is determined eligible to receive special education services, parents are notified. Before the student receives special education services, an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) is developed for the student, and parents sign consent for placement. Parents, Teacher(s) and students, when appropriate, participate in this process. All students receiving special education services are reevaluated at least every three years, and their IEPs are reviewed/revised at least annually.

Please contact The Office of Special Services at the following address and telephone number if you know of any individuals who need to be referred for special services: Ms. Lynette Banks, Coordinator of Special Services, Holmes County Consolidated School District, P. O. Box 630/313 Olive St. Lexington, MS 39095, (662) 834-2175.