



# Living With Children

By John Rosemond

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This is the last (for a while, anyway) of three columns in which I take on the absurd notion that punishing children for bad behavior is bad parenting. (The previous are on my website at johnrosemond.com.) There is commonsense and there is nonsense and the absurd notion in question belongs squarely in the latter category.

Paradoxically, the average person would place the idea that punishment per se warps a child's psyche somewhere

between stupid and crazy, yet the mainstream of my profession, supposedly qualified to treat people who express crazy ideas, has spent fifty years trying to prove this crazy idea. What does that tell you? It should tell you what is often true: mental health professionals believe the capital letters after their names entitle them to make things up. They then fashion studies to "prove" that what they have made up is true. It should shock no one that

said professionals almost always succeed at "proving" that what they are convinced is true is, in fact, true.

Especially concerning childrearing matters, said professionals must ignore historical fact because historical fact always (I can think of zero exceptions to the following) contradicts what they claim as truth. Taking the present issue, for example, punishing children for misbehavior has been the norm since the dawn of human history. The first story of a parent punishing children was written more than three thousand years ago. It was not until the late 1960s that American mental health professionals pulled out of thin air the notion that punishment was bad, that it was psychologically warping of a child and that said child would probably never recover unless he goes to see a psychologist. Huh?

Unfortunately, professional parenting pundits succeeded at convincing a significant number of parents of this fiction and child mental health has been on the decline ever since.

Punishment causes a child to think before he acts. The person who thinks before he acts is going to enjoy life to the fullest - for the most part, at least. The person who thinks before he acts is going to accept full responsibility for everything he does and the things that happen to him.

The person who doesn't think before he acts can't figure out why he does bad things and bad things happen to him. He maintains, therefore, that his bad behavior was an accident, he didn't mean it, and usually blames whatever it is on someone else. Blaming and complaining are his specialties. He's a victim, and by definition, victims are not happy people. By the way, victimhood is always a choice. The reason one is a victim is not to be found either in his body or out there in the world. Victimhood is in one's head. Always.

Above all else, parents do not want their kids to ever become victims. Being a victim is perhaps the worst state of mind that mankind has ever invented.

Not to complicate the issue, but there will be times when a child misbehaves and parental punishment would be unnecessarily redundant. If a child does something wrong, and the natural consequence of whatever he did is suf-

ficiently punishing, for example, then parents can usually end the matter by simply discussing it with the child: reviewing what happened, making sure the child understands why it happened, and ensuring he has "learned his lesson" and knows he is still cherished.

It's important, regardless, that parents not buffer natural consequences unless they threaten a child's physical or emotional health. Fifty-plus years ago, that's what parents referred to when they said, "You made this bed, kiddo, so you're going to have to lie in it." That relatively few children today hear what every child once heard is a marker of where childrearing has gone over the past couple of generations. All too often in these topsy-turvy times, parents lie in the beds their kids make.

That looks like good parenting only to the nearsighted.

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# MDA director to step down

Associated Press

The director will leave a state agency that tries to create jobs in Mississippi.

Glenn McCullough said in a statement Thursday that he will step down as head of Mississippi Development Authority at the end of January.

He is one of several state agency directors who are leaving as Mississippi prepares to inaugurate a new governor. Republican Tate Reeves won the governor's race in November and he will take office Jan. 14.

New governors typically keep some agency directors and replace others.

McCullough is a former Tupelo mayor and former chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Republican Gov. Phil Bryant chose him to lead MDA in May 2015.

# LEGALS

## SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2016, Lillian H. Ware executed a Deed of Trust to Thomas R. Hudson, Trustee, for the benefit of BankPlus, as recorded in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 2016 at Page 4015, reference to which is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, BankPlus, under the power granted to it in said Deed of Trust, by instrument of date November 12, 2019, duly spread upon the record and recorded in Misc Book 2019 at Page 819 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk aforesaid, did substitute the undersigned J. David Wynne in the place and stead of the original Trustee and of any other Substituted Trustee; an

WHEREAS, default having been made by said Lillian H. Ware in the payment of the above-mentioned indebtedness as it fell due, and payment having been requested by BankPlus, the legal holder of the indebtedness secured by and described in the above-mentioned Deed of Trust; an

WHEREAS, the undersigned was called upon to execute the Trust therein contained, the owner of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust having declared it due and payable, and to sell said property under the provisions of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising said sum so secured and unpaid, together with the expenses of selling same, including Trustee's and attorney's fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the undersigned J. David Wynne, being the Substituted Trustee, do hereby give notice that on January 21, 2020 between 11:00 o'clock a.m. and 4:00 o'clock p.m., being legal hours of sale, I will proceed to sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the north front door of the Holmes County Courthouse in Lexington, State of Mississippi, the following real property described and conveyed in said Deed of Trust, lying and being situated in the City of Lexington, Holmes County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

From the Northeast corner of Lot 137 in the City of Lexington according to the official plat of said City of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Holmes County, Mississippi, being the point of intersection of the South line of Clifton Street and the West line of North Street run West along the South line of Clifton Street for 135 feet to Starting Point at the Northwest corner of the Terry property, thence South, parallel to North Street, and along the West line of the Terry property for 200 feet to the North line of the Thurmond property, thence West along the North line of the Thurmond property approximately 40 feet to the West line of Lot 137, thence Northwesterly along the North line of said Lot 137 to the South line of Clifton Street, thence East along the South line of Clifton Street for 379.8 feet to Starting Point and close, and being a part of Lot 137 in the City of Lexington. The property herein conveyed is commonly known as the Ida Rayner Ruff Homestead Property and said property is hereby conveyed whether correctly or specifically described herein or not.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 16th day of December, 2019.  
/s/ J. David Wynne, Substituted Trustee  
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## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTINE MAYFIELD STOKES, DECEASED CAUSE NO.: 19-142  
STEPHANIE DESIDERIO PETITIONER  
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: The Heirs-at-Law of CHRISTINE MAYFIELD STOKES, DECEASED, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry

You have been made a defendant in this suit in this Court by Petitioner STEPHANIE DESIDERIO, in the Estate of CHRISTINE MAYFIELD STOKES, Deceased, seeking a judicial determination that ANDREW STOKES, SR., STEPHANIE DESIDERIO, ARNETTA SMITH, ANDREWETTA MONTGOMERY, NAYDEAN ROZELL, ANDREW STOKES, JR., CASSELL STOKES, MANUEL STOKES AND DAVID STOKES are the sole and only heirs-at-law of CHRISTINE MAYFIELD STOKES, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 13th day of February, 2020, before the Honorable Robert G. Clark III, in the Yazoo County Chancery Courthouse, at 211 E Broadway St., Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this 16 day of Dec, 2019.

HENRY LUCKETT,  
CHANCERY CLERK  
BY: /s/ Charlie Luckett, D.C.

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## NOTICE OF SALE

CDE Storage, 109 E. Cedar Street, Durant, MS, will sell the contents of Unit #6 leased to Reginald White, 412 Vining Court, Byram, MS, on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

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## IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HOLMES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA SOLOMON, DECEASED CAUSE NO. 19-0128

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Administration having granted on the 18th day of November, 2019, by the Chancery Court of Holmes County, Mississippi to the undersigned, Jennifer Solomon, on the Estate of Martha Solomon, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this Notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 3rd day of January, 2020.  
/s/ Jennifer Solomon  
Jennifer Solomon,  
Administratrix

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IN AND AROUND  
**LEXINGTON**  
BY  
**LEONA (LENA) FIELDS**

Gloria Benson is sick. Michael Benson also fell and broke his arm. He went to the hospital in Greenwood over the Christmas holidays.

Joe Morgan, Jr. had the flu. His sister Jan came home for the holidays and had the flu while she was here.

My brother Raymond spent a few days in the hospital recently. He spent Christmas Day in the hospital in Oxford.

Ex-mayor Clinton Cobbins is or has been sick.

Mary Redmond Reed's daughter cam to visit her recently.

I went home for the Christmas holiday and stayed until after the New Year.

Holmes County Deputy Kenny Wilson passed recently. He was in the University hospital in Jackson. He was in a coma.

I went to visit Ethel Cobbins at the hospital in Lexington. She's doing pretty good. But she gets confused at times.

Pray for Ashley Montgomery's new baby. Ashley is at home but her baby will have to stay in the hospital for a while.

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