

Cybernetic Schooling?

Well, okay, it's time to start school again. The kids have not been to the school building in nearly four months and I cannot help but believe it is very doubtful they will be going any time soon. Most of my friend's school age and college age kids will be doing virtual or cybernetic learning.



Peggy's Take

I have two grandsons enrolled at Mississippi State this year and one of them will actually physically go to a class two hours a week. The rest is on-line. The other one is a drummer in the Maroon Band, and I am trying to understand how he will march when the mandate is six feet apart.

I am concerned as to how much the students will put into this type of education. Will they actually sit in front of a computer for hours a day and pay attention as they would if the teacher were in touching distance?

Will this computer-based book learning hold the attention of those whose minds wander in the classroom?

Of course, my children believe I went to school in the dark ages when we were in a one room schoolhouse, but I was in a class of twenty-five to thirty students and we had hands on teaching. And, surely someone's hands were on us if we were not paying attention!

I question the parents and if they will be regimented as needed to keep their child on course. I can readily tell you that I could not do this no more than I could do home schooling. I can see myself

in the mornings when my student would ask, "Can I sleep a little longer and then we begin school?" I always hated to wake mine up from their smooth slumber to be roused for school so I would not be a disciplined teacher.

After listening and watching my daughter, who is an educated schoolteacher get her lesson plans in order to home school her youngest, my hat is off to all of you teacher/mothers that will take on this challenge.

I love all the fresh fruits we are privy to these summer days and this is my recipe for :

- BERRY TRIFLE**
- 1 Angel food cake
- 1 flat of strawberries
- 1 flat of blueberries
- 1 box of vanilla instant pudding mix
- 2 cups of milk
- 1 package of strawberry glaze
- 1 - 8 oz package of Cool Whip.

Cut up the strawberries and add the blueberries and pour over 1/2 cup of sugar and let them marinate while you prepare the rest of the ingredients. Mix the pudding according to package and mix with the strawberry glaze. Tear the Angel food cake into pieces and place in the bottom of the bowl and spread half of the pudding and glaze and add 1/2 the fruit and 1/2 the cool whip. Repeat ending with Cool Whip.

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Might be money well spent...at the proper time
Dear Dave,

My wife and I are on Baby Step 2 of your plan. About eight months ago she gave birth to our second child, and now she would like to have a mommy makeover. I want her to be comfortable and feel good about herself, but those procedures can be really expensive. I don't know how to fit that in with trying to pay off debt and get control of our money. What do you think?

her life, it would be an emergency—a need. In a case like that, you'd stop what you're doing right now and address the issue.

This may be something you both agree is a valid expense. If it's something you've talked through together, and something you both want, that's fine. It's a reasonable goal under the circumstances. But I would wait until after you're out of debt and you have your emergency fund in place.

Being out of debt will make it so much easier to save up and take care of any out-of-pocket expenses you might have to pay.

All in all, it's money well spent to help your wife look and feel like herself again. Just do it at the proper time where your finances are concerned!

—Dave

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In Loving Memory...

Brandon (Koop) L. Cooper

Wednesday, August 3, 1988 to Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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Happy 32nd Birthday.

-Your Family and Friends

Ag Commissioner Gipson provides guidance to recipients of unsolicited seeds

Press Release

Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson instructs anyone receiving packages of unsolicited seeds from China, or any foreign country, in recent days to immediately contact the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce's Bureau of Plant Industry by phoning (662) 325-3390. Those receiving the seeds are instructed to hold onto the seeds and packaging, including the mailing label, until someone from MDAC's Bureau of Plant Industry contacts you with further instructions. Do not plant seeds from unknown origins.

indication these seeds pose a danger to human health. But any foreign seeds can have a negative impact on our environment as a threat to plant and animal health, and to agriculture. Also, foreign seeds could carry fungi or pests which could cause great destruction to our native ecosystem. So, I can't stress enough the importance of contacting our office regarding this matter. Your assistance will help us to prevent the unlawful entry of prohibited seeds into the country and protect against invasive pests and noxious weeds," said Commissioner Gipson.

"We are aware that citizens in Mississippi, as well as other states, have received unsolicited packages of seed appearing to be from China over the last few days. We are working closely with the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service on this issue. If you have received these seeds, please call the Bureau of Plant Industry, and we will send an inspector to your location to pick up the seeds from you. Please don't plant the seeds. I don't want to scare people because there is no

At this time, the USDA does not have any evidence indicating this is something other than a "brushing scam" where people receive unsolicited items from a seller who then posts false customer reviews to boost sales. That scam can involve many different random products, but foreign seeds could be an environmental threat. USDA is currently collecting seed packages from recipients and will test their contents and determine if they contain anything that could be of concern to U.S. agriculture or the environment.

MDWFP to offer full certification online hunter education class to residents 12 and above

Press Release

Beginning July 31, 2020 residents age 12 and above will be able to complete their Hunter Education requirement online. The internet course, Today's Hunter in Mississippi, which is video narrated and interactive, will be available on mdwfp.com. The certificate from the online course can be presented as a digital or paper copy to license vendors to purchase a hunting license.

The full online Hunter Education certification is now available at: <http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education/online-hunters-ed/>

This certification will be retroactive from July 1, 2019 for Mississippi residents age twelve and above. Full instructions to obtain your certificate are available here: <http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education>

Children age ten (10) and eleven (11) can obtain certification through a classroom course. Classroom courses are available statewide (courses will begin as Covid-19 restrictions are

lifted). Find a course here: <https://education.mdwfp.com/Web/Event/CountySelection>

For more information on hunter education requirements in Mississippi, visit our website at <http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education/> or call us at (601) 432-2181.

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