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The Glamour Age of Hollywood

The honor of your presence

is requested at

PROM 2008

"Old Hollywood's Glamour Days"

On Friday, the eighteenth of April

Two thousand eight

At seven thirty in the evening

The Armory Ballroom

484 First Street

Formal Attire Required



All homeschoolers and their guests age 14 and up are invited to attend. Tickets are \$25.00 and \$35.00 at the door and may be purchased by calling Alexa Hunt at 478 994-0028 or 478 361-6678 or e-mailing lexleighand6@aol.com. You may also order a ticket by mail by sending a check to Alexa Hunt - Formal Dance Account, 9183 Zebulon Rd. Macon GA 31220.

From the Editor

A Typical Day in the Life of a Homeschooling Family

One school morning recently, I was on my way to the shower when I got distracted. I walked through the den and realized... my children aren't really children at all..they're pigs. So I decided to do a quick cleaning of the room. Next thing I know, I'm vacuuming under the couch, the chairs and the TV cabinet. Then, because I completely lost my mind, I decided to clean off the tops of all the tall pieces of furniture in the den. This is where I got into trouble. You see, on the wall above one piece of cabinetry, is the fire alarm, which is hooked up to the central alarm system, which is telephonically connected to a central alarm monitoring system somewhere in I have no idea where.

After getting on a step ladder, still wearing my pajamas, jug of Lysol wipes in one hand and a dust mop in the other, I decide that cleaning off the tops of the furniture just isn't enough. Oh no... I need to clean off the fire alarm and the housing for the door bell too. They **were** really dusty. After dusting, I noticed a little red light on the fire alarm is blinking rapidly. Fascinated, I thought to myself, "I've never seen it do **THAT** before." Suddenly it stopped blinking and started beeping, then screeching. I skidded over to the alarm pad and punched in the numbers, reset the alarm and thought, "Well that was enough excitement for one day."

The children raced into the den apparently deciding that the fire drill was worth risking an attack of the dust allergens. "It's gonna go off again," said Hunter, my eight year old. Sure enough, beep, beep, beep....screech. I race back over and turn off the alarm. About that time my cell phone goes off. It's my husband. "Is the house on fire?"

"Are you spying on me?" I asked, "How could you know that?"

"The monitoring people called me. I told them the house wasn't on fire...but you probably need to call them before the fire trucks show up."

Looking down at my jammies, I start to panic. I hang up on him just as the phone goes off again. "Is the house on fire?" asks my mother-in-law. Meanwhile the fire alarm goes off again. Pulling my hair out, I yell for Rebecca to reenter the number on the key pad. I head for the kitchen where the phone book is to look up the alarm company's number. Assured by the nice lady at the alarm company that all was well and an alarm technician would call me as soon as possible, I headed to the shower. After lathering up my hair to get rid of the dust mites, I'm shocked to hear my daughter banging on the door yelling, "The fire trucks are coming down the driveway, along with the posse."

"Tell them we are having alarm technical difficulties! There is no fire and they should go home!" I yell back.

Dripping wet, I threw on some of my husband's warm-up clothes, (I'm 5'3" and he's 6'3") slick back my wet, soapy hair, and head out to greet the volunteer fire department of our ENTIRE county. Rebecca wasn't exaggerating. There were three fire fighters in the house and about 12 in the yard along with various and sundry fire trucks, emergency vehicles and private trucks with their little red emergency lights blinking away.

After several minutes of Hunter explaining the impromptu multiple fire drills, we finally ushered them all out of the house. They sat outside for about 10 minutes, loitering in our yard, eyeing the roof of the house suspiciously as if it would explode in a flaming conflagration in any second. Disappointed, the posse slowly drove back up the driveway. As I got dressed I realized that I hadn't seen our three year old during all the panic. With visions of him running out the open front door when the firemen came in, I ran through the house screeching Austin's name when I bumped into Sarah who calmly said, "He's in the bed. The fire alarm scared him and he climbed back in bed." Smart kid. That's what I should have done. Keep the Faith and your sense of humor—Amy

*"A cheerful heart is good **medicine**, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. "Proverbs 17:22*

Keepers At Home

Join us March 24th from 1-3pm for Keepers At Home. Brush up on your "horse sense" for this one. We will take a field trip to Hearts and Hooves Horse Stables located at 7460 Thomaston Rd in Macon, GA. Be sure to wear closed-toed shoes. In case of rain, we will meet at Wesley United Methodist Church, 4256 Hartley Bridge Road. For More information contact: Tamie Esmond 738-9568.



Mercer "Grand Kids"

Billy Jonas - part of the 2007-2008 GrandKids Arts Education Series
Monday-Wednesday, March 10-12, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

\$6. Tickets available by phone through Mercer Ticket Sales (478) 301-5470.

A Billy Jonas performance is an explosion of energy! In singalongs, bangalongs, whisperalongs, as well as improvised songs, his primary instrument is the audience. Everyone becomes part of the performance. His work is born out of respect and reverence, and seeks to honor the creative energy in everyone.

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Part of the 2007-2008 GrandKids Arts Education Series

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Alexander wakes up with gum in his hair, he trips on a skateboard, and then he accidentally drops his sweater in the sink - all before breakfast. Alexander can already tell - it's going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day! Laugh and sing along with Alexander's misadventures in this hilarious musical from the author of the best-selling classic book. Discover along with Alexander that sometimes everyone has a terrible, horrible no good, very bad day.

“Beauty and The Beast”



American Theatre Arts for Youth will be coming to Macon again this school year with some great musical productions. I would encourage anyone whose has never been to one of their productions to attend one this year. The productions are usually very well done. They are performed at the Macon City Auditorium and are about 70 minutes long. The group price is \$7.25 per person (with groups of 10 or more). They also offer a 2 show discount rate of \$12.90 per person if anyone is interested in seeing more than one show this year. This years offerings are as follows:

May 13th (Tues), 10am - **Beauty and the Beast**
(deadline to sign up is April 13th)

This is a portrayal of the children's classic There are no age ranges listed in the brochure for these shows; but from past experience, Beauty & the Beast will probably appeal more to younger children.

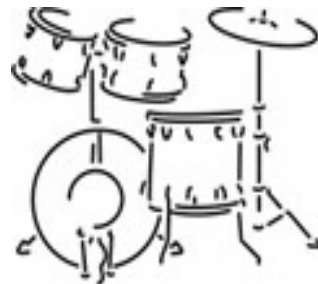
To sign up, please mail a check along with a note listing who will be attending to the following address:

Lisa Johnson
966 Santa Fe Trail
acon, GA 31220

If you have questions, call me at 478-477-3149 or email me at johnsonllk@yahoo.com. One question frequently asked in the past has been about very young children. If your child is small enough to sit in your lap for the 70 minute show, then they can get in free. Otherwise, if they take up a seat, you will have to pay for them.

[To the beat of a different drummer](#)

Music Lessons



Lisa Johnson recommends: Drum lessons with Mr. Mark Williams. Lessons are available for students of all ages and all skill levels. You can learn snare drum, drum set, or hand percussion instruments. Learn to read music and/or play by ear on school music, church music, or something just for fun. Contact Mr. Williams at 737-7410.

Time for ITBS Testing

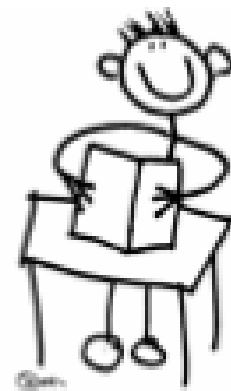
It is time to register for the 2008 ITBS testing schedule! Testing will be held May 5th - 7th, from 9:00a to 12:00pm, all three days for grades 2 through 8, and from 1:00p - 4:00p on Monday and Tuesday only, for grades 9 - 12. Bring #2 pencils and scratch paper. Third graders need to bring a ruler. Children, grades 2 through 8 may bring a 10 minute snack each day. (Please, 6-8oz beverages, only!!)

The location will be Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, located on the corner of Pierce and Ingleside Avenues in Macon. Cost should be around \$55.00 per student, which includes test, tax, shipping and handling for all phases, contribution to Redeemer for the use of its facilities, and a small administration fee. The firm deadline for payment will be Monday, March 31st, 2008.

I seek compliance with the Georgia State Home schooling laws and remind every home schooling family that standardized testing using a qualified tester of your choice is required by Georgia law beginning in the 3rd grade and continuing every three years, thereafter. Call 743-2218 to register your child(ren).

This registration is open only for current 2008 MGCHSA members. Non-members may call to set up independent schedules, times, and charges. I am a registered tester with Bob Jones University Press, a graduate of Wesleyan College, and a former home schooling mom, myself!!

When mailing your check, please include your return address, child(ren)'s name(s), grade(s), and your phone number. My address is Jo-Ann Beitz, 222 Corbin Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31204. Looking forward to seeing your children again this year.



2008 HOME SCHOOL

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE

The 2008 Boy's Baseball, ages 6-12, and Girl's Softball Leagues, for ages 6-18, will start on Monday March 3rd and end Friday May 9th. The practices and games will be held at the Hephzibah Children's Home sports facility on Zebulon road in Macon. The fee this year will be the same as last year, only \$25. This fee helps to cover field rental, equipment, and player's uniforms. Fees will be collected when the league practices begin.

During March, practices will be held on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 (or dark). Games will also be held on Mondays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6:00 (or dark). Practices for both boys and girls will be held on the same day at the same time. Each group will alternate practicing on the baseball field and the soccer field as done last year.

Please contact us with any questions and /or your child's name and age as soon as possible. On-site registrations are also welcome.



Girls Softball Contacts: Deborah Stanfield at deborah.stanfield@gmail.com or Michael Kilpatrick at withoutguile@cox.net to sign up.



Boys Baseball Contact: Richard Ricks at Richard@stratpix.com or call 478/335-7777

CONTACT INFO: Richard Ricks, P.O. Box 26117, Macon, GA 31221

Eek! An Essay!

~ what to expect in college English classes ~



~ a free workshop ~

(especially designed for students in the Home School program)

- WHERE:** Macon State College
Learning Support building, Room 209 (West Campus)
- WHEN:** Friday, April 25, 2008
10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. (Box lunch provided courtesy of the Macon State College Office of Admissions)
- WHAT:** writing and grammar overview, college testing procedures, diagnostic grammar test, evaluated essay, MSC information (Please bring a self-addressed envelope and two stamps to receive individualized feedback.)
- INSTRUCTOR:** Susan Phillips
Assistant Professor of English & Reading
Macon State College
- REGISTRATION:** Call 478/471-2812 to reserve your seat. Space is limited to 20 partici-

Fiddle and Piano Lessons

In addition to teaching music at his home studio, Mark Leatherwood will be teaching piano and fiddle lessons at the Young America Music School on Zebulon Road in Macon on Wednesday's and Thursday's from 1:00 - 8:30. You can call the school at 478-474-4264 and they will set up a time to meet with him or contact Mark at 478-994-6805 .e-mail : mkleatherwood@earthlink.net.

