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# The Scholar's Chronicle

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## Annual Prairie Party - 2008

Mark your calendar now to attend the Annual Prairie Party on Friday, November 14, 2008 @ 6:30 pm at Hephzibah Children's Home, Zebulon Road. Each family needs to bring at least one main dish and a side dish or dessert plus drinks to share. You are invited to dress for the occasion in your finest prairie clothes for which prizes will be awarded. We will play the all-time favorite musical chairs as well as have other special treats. Admission will be \$7.50 per family with additional donations accepted toward a worthy cause. More information will follow in next month's newsletter. You won't want to miss this year's Prairie Party! Questions: Marcia Robbins, 478.475.0820.

### MGCHSA

## GA High School Mock Trial



Attention all 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students aged 14-19

An informational meeting about the MGCHSA High School Mock Trial Team will be held on Thursday October 2, 2008 at 7:00 PM (location: Mercer University Campus). We had a great season last year and are expecting to have an even better one this year. A prominent Atlanta attorney involved in the program for over 14 years stated that "this was the best extracurricular program in which a high school student could be involved." For more details about the program, please visit the State Bar of Georgia online at [www.gabar.org/young\\_lawyers\\_division/high\\_school\\_mock\\_trial\\_program/about\\_georgia\\_mock\\_trial](http://www.gabar.org/young_lawyers_division/high_school_mock_trial_program/about_georgia_mock_trial)

For more information and specific meeting location, please give me a call or email.

Richard Ricks [Richard@RichardRicks.com](mailto:Richard@RichardRicks.com) 478/335-7777 ~ cell

## The Future's Not Ours to See

*"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6*

I've been decluttering lately. All the paper work I no longer need to save, I've been shredding. Well, Austin, who loves anything loud and mechanical, came up to investigate. Finally he could stand it no longer and decided to help shred. Well, he was pretty good at feeding the paper into the shredder (with my supervision but not helping). One of my older daughters comes in the doorway to watch. I expected a lecture for letting a four year old with Down syndrome do something dangerous like play with a paper shredder, instead she says, "OH... awesome OT (occupational therapy) skills."



When Austin was a baby I used to pray and weep over this child. I'd pray that he would grow up and at least be able to know that I was his mother. I'd beg God to allow Austin to be aware of the world around him. I never even contemplated that he would be the independent, willful, funny, mischievous, clever child that he is today. Is he different? **Yes**. Is he a burden to his family? **No**. Has he taught others to be compassionate, loving and accepting (not just tolerating) people who are different? **Yes**. Especially those of us who live in his own home, God has changed us.

I've learned to not let go of my expectations for Austin, just my timetable. And I've also learned to just love HIM, as he is. I have to leave the "what if's," and the "if only's" at the door. They have no place in our lives anymore. When I was little I used to love watching Doris Day movies. One of the songs she sang in Alfred Hitchcock's movie, "The Man Who Knew Too Much," was *Que Sera Sera, Whatever will be, will be*.

I believe that whatever will be with Austin, with **any** of my children's future, is really up to God. I have to accept that what Rusty and I can do for our children is really fairly limited. We have to get them ready to fly, but ultimately they are the ones who take off out of the nest. With Austin, I'll have a bit more time to help him prepare to fly, but ultimately, he will take off. And he'll have an entire flight crew waiting in the wings in case he needs assistance.

*"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34*

Keep the Faith, Amy

## 2009 Graduating Class



Graduation Planning Meeting will be on Mon. Oct. 13, 2008 at 6 p.m. at Emmanuel Church located on 621 Foster Road in Macon. For any questions call: DeLayne Ziglar at 478-994-3368.

## It's A Fair DAY!

Come enjoy a day at the fair. You can milk the cow, see the pigs race, pet the horses, rabbits goats, eat candy apples, popcorn, cotton candy, and even ride the rides after lunch. Sounds like an awesome school day to me. How about you?

When: Tuesday, October 7, 2008 @ 10:45 A.M.

Where: Meet at the WEST GATE PROMPTLY @ 10:45

We MUST enter together to get the free admission.

Cost: K4- 12th grade FREE

Adults \$ 7.00

**For \$15.00 there is unlimited riding after lunch.**

DEADLINE: Thursday, October 2, 2008

\*\*\*\* VERY IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*

You MUST call or email me @ [votaryfamily@bellsouth.net](mailto:votaryfamily@bellsouth.net) (788-1329) to register. If I do not email you back you are not signed up. I need to know number of school age children and number of adults. All under school age are also free, but they do not count in the number that I have to turn in. There will ONLY be (1) field trip allowed for MGCHSA. According to the office at the fair we have had multiple ones in the past, but the rule is (1) per school.

## POSSIBLE CO-OP

The members of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity and Trinity Woods would like to make their camp property available to be utilized by the home school families in the area or any other interested groups. I'm trying to determine if there is a need for co-op classes and how we can work together to accomplish this without making our lives any busier than we are already. The term co-op classes would be classes that would supplement and complement our home studies. For example possible classes maybe as follows: Nature classes, Winter Gardening, Arts and crafts, P.E., Creative Writing, and Chorus to name a few. If anyone is proficient in high school math or foreign languages, those are classes that could be included to benefit others less proficient in those subjects.

Yes No

1. Do you think there is a need for these classes?
2. Would you be open to helping or participating in co-op classes?
3. Would you like to visit the campus?

I know the school year has already started and we are already in a routine, but we still have at least seven months that we can do something. If anyone needs help with lessons this could be a way to work together and help our children with their academics. Please prayerfully consider the possibilities. The church is located at 1899 Tucker Road in Macon. The campus is also available if anyone needs a place to have a birthday party, etc.

If anyone is interested or have any questions, please call me at 478-397-7438 or email me at [peeweethern@yahoo.com](mailto:peeweethern@yahoo.com)

Dorothy

## Peace Poster Contest



The Lions Clubs International encourages youth to think and work toward the goal of worldwide peace with an annual Peace Poster Contest. The Lions Club of Monroe County sponsors the contest locally each year for residents who are 11, 12, or 13 years of age. Posters are judged within each of the public and private schools in the county as well as in a homeschool division. The top four entrants receive cash prizes with the first place receiving \$100 and the opportunity to compete and win more at the regional level. We have had two posters from Monroe County go all the way to the international level, one of which placed within the top 24 posters in the world! This is an excellent opportunity to be involved in a world-wide project, to practice your artistic skills, and maybe even win some money. To view posters from previous years, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org), click on ENGLISH, then youth programs, then Peace Posters. This year's theme is "Peace Begins With Me" and the posters will be due on **October 31, 2008**.

Contact Mary Ellen Strickland for detailed information and assistance in completing the contest requirements. (478) 994-6654 or email [LSTRICKME@bellsouth.net](mailto:LSTRICKME@bellsouth.net)

## MAS Passes

The Museum of Arts and Sciences is once again offering our group Student Passes along with other school children. For \$1.00 each student K-6th grade can have free admission to the museum for one year. Along with the passes they will often include two free one-time passes so we can take a friend. Last year we also received a pass to the African-Tubman Museum and a one-time visit to the Douglas Theatre included with our \$1 student pass for free. The museum no longer offers free admission on Mondays. They do offer free admission after 5 p.m. on Fridays however. This often encompasses a planetarium show and the opportunity to see night sky from their observatory deck. If you are interested in getting passes for your children, please send \$1 made payable to the museum, a self addressed stamped envelope, and the names and ages of each child (K-6th grades only), to Corina Tweddle, 3014 Clairmont Avenue, Macon, Ga. 31204. I'll send the passes back to you as soon as they issue us a group packet. If you have questions you may call me at 478-471-8920.

### Joyful Heart Books



Joyful Heart Books is a local consignment e-store and is now accepting curriculum and books that you no longer need. Jane Ann Bonbrake is the contact person. For more information or if you can't open the attachment please call her at 477-3010.

cell: 960-7371 email: bonbrake92@aol.com

### High Time for a Field Trip

Come and join us as we travel to the High Museum in Atlanta on December 10, 2008 to view two very exciting exhibits. Our visit will begin with an audio tour of the newest Louvre exhibit. The third year of the three year project between the High Museum and the Louvre in Paris begins in October. This last year of the project is entitled "Louvre and the Masterpiece".



Evolution and Exploration of the "Masterpiece"

Come explore how the definition of a "masterpiece," as well as taste and connoisseurship, have changed over time. The exhibition will feature ninety-one works of art drawn from all eight of the Musée du Louvre's collection areas, spanning 4,000 years. Paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and drawings will reflect three major themes.

[Learn more >>](#)



## CLUBS AND GROUPS

### MOTHERS' MOMENTS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Attention Ladies! Make plans now to attend the first (for the year 2008) Mothers' Moments of Encouragement meeting. Mothers' Moments is a support group meeting that many of our oldie goldies (you know who you are!) will remember. We will gather together to share our victories and defeats in relation to homeschooling. This group is for you whether you've been homeschooling 20+ years or just a couple of months!

Theme for our first night: "This works!" (Let's hear what has worked for you: curriculum/home management/discipline, etc.)

Date: Thursday, October 23 Time: 7:00-8:30

Place: 2995 Woodhaven Circle, Macon. (Turn onto Wimbish Road from Riverside Drive. Go past Ingleside Baptist Church. Turn left onto Windsor Road. Woodhaven is the second right. 1<sup>st</sup> house on left facing Woodhaven.)

RSVP: Julie McGaughey, 320-4743 or 471-1180— (Call so I can plan drinks and snacks.)

### C<sup>2</sup> = CHESS AND COFFEE

If you are interested in learning how to play chess or if you love the game then come down to Joshua Cup in Downtown Macon at 6:30 every Friday evening and join the fun. If you have any questions call Meredith Barrington, at (478) 318-3588



### Keeper's At Home

Please join us and invite your friends to Keepers At Home. We will meet at **Wesley United Methodist Church** on 4256 Hartley Bridge Road on Monday, **October 27**. Both meetings will be devoted to learning quilling and completing a quilling project. Meetings are held at Wesley United Methodist Church on Hartley Bridge Road at **1pm** and last 2 hours (1-3pm). Please arrive on time so that we can jump right into this fun craft!

Keepers at Home is an organization for girls in the first through twelfth grades. The girls gain knowledge and learn crafts and skills that will help them become Godly wives and mothers. The mothers are encouraged to stay for the meetings to enjoy and help their daughters with the projects.

**From the President, Jerry Johns:**

If you are organizing or coordinating a club or group this year, please send me an email. Sponsored and affiliated groups need to provide information to the board each year. I'll send you the form when you contact me at [jljohns@gfb.org](mailto:jljohns@gfb.org)

**IT'S TIME for a BEE!**

**MGCHSA** needs a Coordinator for the Scripps Spelling Bee. It's time to start enrollment for the 2008-9 year. If you are interested in getting homeschoolers enrolled and coordinating the event, please contact the Browns at [quietrest@cox.net](mailto:quietrest@cox.net)



# ***Sadie Hawkins Dance***

***Come out and join us for a night of fun  
and dancing on November 8, 2008***

***6-10pm***

***Howard Community Center***

***Ages 12 and up are invited to attend.***

***Dress is casual, but modest.***

***Admission \$10***

***Girls don't forget to invite your  
favorite dance partners.***

***For information, contact Lisa Johnson or  
Thomas Johnson at 478-477-3149***

**MGCHSA**  
**P.O. Box 546**  
**Forsyth, GA**  
**31029**

# ***Holiday Dance***

***December 30, 2008***

***6-10pm***

***Howard Community Center***

***Ages 12 and up are invited to attend.***

***Dress is semi-formal***

***Admission \$15***

***For information, contact Lisa Johnson at***

***Thomas Johnson at 478-477-3149***

