



Do you love a great variety show? Then you need to make plans to see "DeSoto's Got Talent" on April 30th at 7 p.m. at the DeSoto Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto Town Center.

We've got everything from hip hop dancers and rappers to a senior citizen reading her original poetry. You'll hear gospel, country, opera, jazz and classical music both sung and played on the piano, flute and guitar. There's something for every taste!!

Celebrity judges including Tonya Hall, on-air personality with Heaven 97 radio will pick their favorites from all age categories including kids aged 8-11, tweens 12-14, teens 15-18, adults and seniors +55. The winners in each age category will compete for the overall 1st place prize of \$500, \$150 for 2nd place and \$125 for 3rd place.

Tickets for the show are \$10. Reserve your tickets by calling 972.230.9648. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door.



## City Manger, Jim Baugh will retire on April 29, 2011

After nearly forty years of public service, DeSoto City Manager Jim Baugh will officially retire at the end of April. Over the

last fourteen years in DeSoto, Baugh implemented a host of strategic initiatives that included the bi-annual budget forecasting system, vehicle, furniture and computer replacement programs, a five year Capital Improvement Program which resulted in the renovation of all city parks and most city facilities and employee recognition and performance incentive programs. One of his most notable accomplishments was DeSoto's designation as a distinguished National League of Cities - All-America City in 2006.

The DeSoto City Council voted in May, 2010 to name the city hall facility, the Jim Baugh Government Center upon his retirement from public service. On Friday, April 29th at 2 p.m.



the DeSoto City Council and staff will host a retirement reception in Jim's honor at the DeSoto Civic Center to unveil the sign renaming the building. The public is invited to join us in thanking Jim Baugh for his vision, leadership and commitment to DeSoto.



## The Next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner is May 21st

Do you know your neighbors? Do you feel personally connected to the DeSoto community? Have you attended a DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event? If your answer to these questions is no, please consider this your personal invitation to attend

the next DeSoto Dining and Dialogue Dinner event on Saturday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m.

For the last seven years, DeSoto Dining and Dialogue has brought together people of various ages and backgrounds to discuss making DeSoto a more vibrant place for all. By connecting neighbors, the program seeks to build relationships among people from different backgrounds with the ultimate goal of sharing experiences and building a strong community; regardless of color, culture or class.



The purpose of DeSoto Dining and Dialogue (DDD) is to bring together a group of strangers who all have something in common. They all live or work in DeSoto and care about their community. DDD is a volunteer-run organization that provides individuals the opportunity to get to know one another at dinner events with 8 to 10 participants. These dinners are held three times a year in private homes, churches or restaurants all over town on the same night. The discussion is lead by a trained facilitator who guides participants through questions designed to elicit thoughts and opinions on issues facing our community.

To keep the program strong, we need new guests to attend the next dinner on May 21, 2011. High School students can receive five hours of community service for attending. As a guest, your only obligation is to attend the dinner and participate in the discussion. We also invite previous guests to join us on May 21st. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href="description-left">description-left</a>. All you need to do it go to <a href

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