DeSoto News Flash

Week of April 28th
through May 2nd, 2008

Additional Parking For The Library Now Available

Three new handicapped spaces and one 15 Minute Parking space have been added on the north side of the Library to accommodate those who have difficulty walking from the east parking lot. You can access these spaces from Pleasant Run Road by following the pavestone drive around the building to the north side of the Library facing Ten Mile Creek near the book drop. You can enter the Library through the north entrance with the black awning near the new parking spaces.

The Library staff realizes that the walk from the east parking lot may be too much for the elderly or moms with small children and they are willing to help. If you need extra assistance, please call the Library at 972.230.9656 in advance. Library staff will collect the materials you need and arrange to meet you at the 15 Minute Parking space with your materials.

Regional Wireless Broadband Study – Tell Us What You Think!

DeSoto and Cedar Hill have joined forces and are working with a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study to assess needs, expectations, services and other requirements of the communities as relates to broadband Internet access in general and municpal Wi-Fi in particular. In addition to community responses, the final report will include a technical analysis and asset inventory, including physical properties, environmental concerns and topography; a review of municipal best practices and total community value; and a business model assessment and recommendations tailored to the DeSoto and Cedar Hill area. Go to the city's

homepage at www.ci.desoto.tx.us and click on "Citywide Wireless Broadband Assessment survey" under News & Events. For those that would like to hear about the study in person, the Consultant will hold a community meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on May 7 at the Cedar Hill Recreation Center located at 310 E. Parkerville in Cedar Hill. Everyone is invited to attend.

Now Accepting Applications to Fill an Opening on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board

The DeSoto City Council is currently accepting applications from volunteers interested in filling an unexpired term on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors. This board is composed of 5 members serving three-year terms which expire on December 31st. The board meets on the third Monday of each month at noon at DeSoto City Hall. The board's primary function is to promote quality development within the City of DeSoto and oversee funds earmarked for improving and developing DeSoto's commercial and industrial base.

The City Council will consider an individual's experience, accomplishments, and educational background when appointing members to the Board. The Board may also make recommendations of individuals to the City Council for appointment to the Board. Each Director shall meet at least one (1) of the following four (4) qualifications and must be bondable:

- Serve, or have served, as Chief Executive Officer of a Company; or

- Serve, or have served, in a position of Executive Management of a Company; or

- Serve, or have served, in a professional capacity; or have experience equivalent to any of the above qualifications

If you would like to request an application to serve on the DeSoto Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors or for more information, please call the City Secretary's office at 972.230.9646 or it can be downloaded on the city's website at www.ci.desoto.tx.us. Completed applications must be received by May 2, 2008.

DeSoto Star Search Winners

Kid's (ages 8, 9 & 10) Division
1st Place - Allisa Anderson of DeSoto
2nd Place - Caleb Young of Lancaster
3rd Place - Kelsi Harris of Dallas

Tween's (aged 11, 12, & 13) Division
1st Place - Rachel Davis of Red Oak
2nd Place - Ashlyn Mack of DeSoto
3rd Place - Heather Jones of Venus

Teen (aged 14 to 18) Division
1st Place - Crishelle White of Lancaster
2nd Place - Jazmin Larkin of DeSoto
3rd Place - Allison Hankins of Midlothian

Adult Division
1st Place - Angie Landers of Garland
2nd Place - Eric McNair of DeSoto
3rd Place - Preston Malone of Dallas

African-American Repertory Theater to Present Staged Reading of Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West*

Set in 1898, Pearl Cleage's *Flyin' West* is the story of a small group of Black women, full of vitality and humor, whose lives changed forever when The Homestead Act opened up the American West for people wanting to build new lives for their families. Don't miss this gripping and inspirational performance presented by the African-American Repertory Theater. African-American Repertory Theater website at http://www.aareptheater.com

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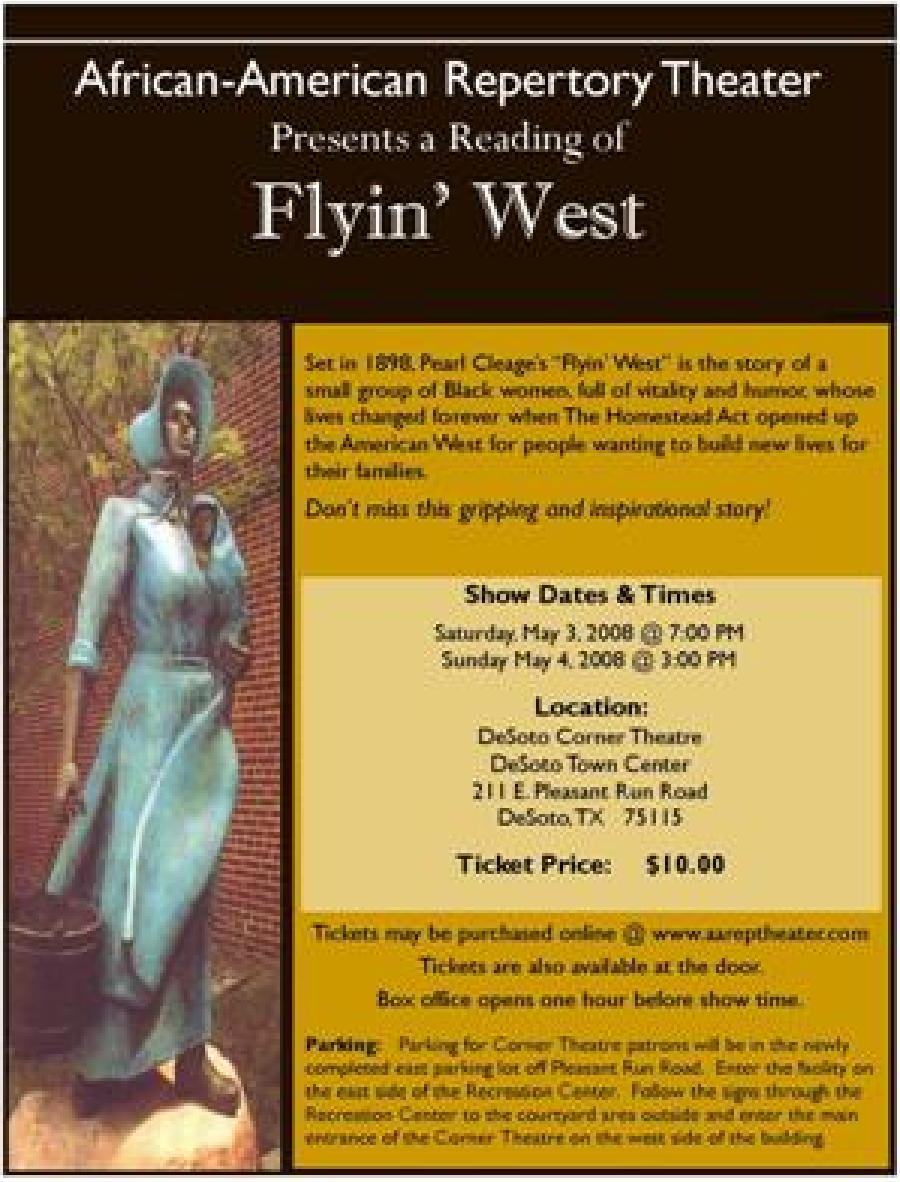
Performances will take place on Saturday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. and May 4th at 3 p.m. at DeSoto's Corner Theatre, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road located in DeSoto Town Center. Tickets are $10 and may be purchased through the African-American Repertory Theater website at http://www.aareptheater.com