

### Toad Holler Creekfest is Back With A New Date and a New Location!!!

Toad Holler Creekfest is back again this year and the City of DeSoto invites you to join us as we step back in time to the days of the old Toad Holler School named for all the toads and frogs that hopped through the hollow where it was built. This school is said to have been located near the corner of Pleasant Run and Cockrell Hill Road just behind the Dallas First Church of the Nazarene and was attended by local kids in the early 1900's. Today, Toad Holler Creekfest is the name of a fun, family event that has always taken place on the banks of historic Ten Mile Creek at DeSoto Town Center. However, since Town Center is right in the middle of a huge construction project, Toad Holler Creekfest has a new location and a new date. It will be Saturday, October 4, 2008 from noon to 7pm and it will be hosted at the new First National Bank Building located at 2010 N. Hampton Road.

Even though the date and location are different, we will still have all the fun activities we've always enjoyed. There will be lots of food, craft and gift booths, children's activities and great entertainment throughout the day

You'll want to see the Annual Mayor's Cup Invitational Cow Chip Toss which takes place at 4:00 p.m. during Creekfest. Our Mayor, Bobby Waddle issues personalized invitations to members of our community to take part in this most prestigious competition of skill. Competitors are allowed to choose their projectile from a pile of cow chips produced by DeSoto Cows from Mayor Waddles' own farm. All competitors are issued official rubber gloves to be worn to during their toss. The coveted Mayor's Cup (a loving cup with a gold cow chip in the top) is awarded to the competitor with the longest toss. There is also a Showmanship Award. Mayor Waddle will preside over this event each year with his tongue firmly implanted in his cheek. You won't want to miss the fun!!

A great entertainment line-up is planned beginning at 12:30 p.m. with a performance by Konnect 4 and followed at 2:00 p.m. by our very own, Cathy Garner and her Jazz Trio. All this great entertainment will lead up to the highlight of the day. At 5:30 p.m., back by popular demand, we'll go back in the day with the Mighty Marvelous 4 as they pay tribute to some of Motown's finest acts including the Temptations.

Make plans to bring your lawn chair and spend the day at Toad Holler Creekfest. For more information, please call 972 230-9651.



Week of September 15th, through September 19th, 2008

## AO2d Holler Creekfest october 4, 2008 Noon - 7:00 pm









Browse through our craft & gift bazaar, enjoy lots of delicious foods and great entertainment. Children's activities include bounce house, face painting, games and more.

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#### What's Happening At The Library

"How to Talk to Your Child's Teacher" will be presented at the DeSoto Public Library, on Tuesday, September 23, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the library's Quiet Reading Room. Dr. John Ringhauser, DeSoto resident and educator with 31 years of experience, will share ideas and strategies on how to talk to your child's teacher and how to have a positive conference. For children to be truly successful in school, it is important for parents and teachers to communicate regularly. One such form is parent conferences, which are just around the corner.

This free workshop is open to everyone, whether your child is in public or private school. Seating is limited, so register early by calling 972.230.9661 by September 19th.

In observance of Fire Prevention Week, Professor Safety" from the DeSoto Fire Department will be at the DeSoto Public Library on October 8 at 10:30 a.m. during the regular story time. Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11, 2008, and Professor Safety will explain safety procedures to the children in a fun and exciting manner.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road in DeSoto's Town Center. Park behind City Hall and come to the library through the Recreation Center and the Civic Center.

# The DeSoto Recreation Center Will Close for Cleaning

DeSoto Recreation Center will be closed for a thorough cleaning and routine maintenance on September 22nd and 23rd. The library will remain open and can be accessed through the Recreation Center. The Recreation Center will re-open for normal business on September 24th at 5 a.m. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your cooperation as we move forward to serve our citizens.



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#### This is the Final Weekend to Catch A Performance of "A Soldier's Play"

Final performances of "A Soldier's Play take place this weekend. You can still see "A Soldier's Play", winner of the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, presented by the African American Repertory Theater on Thursday, September 25th at 7:30 pm, Friday the 26th at 8 pm, Saturday the 27th at 3 pm and 8 pm and Sunday the 28th at 3 pm.

The play is set in a Louisiana camp in 1944 where Captain Taylor, the white commander officer has a problem. He commands a Black company whose sergeant has been murdered and he's concerned the murderer may be a white officer or local Klansman. The New York Times said this play is "one of the contemporary American Theatre's most forceful and original voices" when it was first released nearly 30 years ago.

For tickets or more information check out their website at <a href="www.aarttheater.com">www.aarttheater.com</a> or call 972.572.0998.

"Neat" by modern day storyteller, Charlayne Woodard, is the next compelling production to be presented by the African American Repertory Theater opening October 30th. It is a magnificent story about the author's real-life remembrances of her brain-damaged Aunt Neat and the profound change the Aunt brings to her life. On a bare stage, Aunt Neat shows her enormous love, energy, simplicity and clarity and teaches the young Charlayne what it is to cherish life. "Neat" is the story of an urban African American girl bursting into adulthood while experiencing first love and embracing both Black pride and feminism. Neat is an inspiration for all families.

The preview of "**Neat"** will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2008. The play opens Saturday, November 1, 2008 and closes Sunday, November 23, 2008.

Why drive to Dallas when we have great live theater right here in DeSoto. For tickets or more information check out their website at <a href="www.aarttheater.com">www.aarttheater.com</a> or call 972.572.0998.