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Dyersburg City News

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History Making Flood, May 2010

The flood of 2010 set a new record @ 31.21. It is official, The National Weather Service has confirmed through field observations that we officially set a new record. The old record was the great flood of 1937, which was recorded at 30.91.

City Employees working during the flood...while two men waded water.



Tommy Ellis



Frank Gooch



Mark Sykes



Tim Griffith—WWTP



05/17/2010



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Dale Snyder & John Damesworth



Van Hinson and an unidentified man waded water.



Lt. Jimmy DeSpain

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Monday, May 3rd 2010 will be a day etched forever in the minds of many residents of our city. We experienced the beginning of the worst flood in the history of Dyersburg when the Forked Deer River eventually rose to a record level of 31.21 feet. On Sunday night May 2nd, the Forked Deer River rose 7 feet and by early Monday morning the City of Dyersburg began the process of notifying and evacuating residents from South Dyersburg. As the water continued to rise, all city resources were directed to those affected areas in an effort to assist our citizens. City employees, business owners, concerned citizens, friends, and countless others helped in so many ways to assist those in need during this time.

Nearly 400 structures including houses, businesses, apartments, churches, and city structures were affected by this flood. There are no words to describe what our residents and business owners have gone through and will continue to deal with for many months to come. As I witnessed this devastation, I was continually amazed by the acts of kindness, support, generosity, concern, and compassion by so many in our community. Residents, both young and old, assisted their fellow citizens during this time of need. Money and items were donated, cookouts and fundraisers were held, hugs were given, prayers were said and continue to be said, and tears were shed. I am truly so thankful, to live in a community that takes care of each other in times like this. I appreciate more than you will ever know, the kindness and outpouring of support and help, given to so many people.

Last but not least, I want to recognize our Traffic Safety guards who just completed another successful school year this month. These individuals are so very crucial to our city; they work in all conditions, favorable and unfavorable, to ensure the safety of our children and our citizens. One very special lady has worked in this department since 1983, Mrs. Adelene Chambers. Mrs. Adelene is retiring this year after 27 years of service as a school crossing guard. Thank you, Mrs. Adelene, so much for the outstanding job you did and for your many years of service to the City of Dyersburg. Good luck in your retirement, we will miss you.

I appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do for our city. Stay safe and please let me know if ever I can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

Mayor Holden



Department News.....

Parks & Recreation

Four man sand volleyball will start Tuesday June 8th. Games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$11 per person. Come on out and have some fun!

For More Info Call—288-2564



LEARN TO READ LABELS

Serving Size. The serving size is the amount of food, such as 1 bar. The nutrition label tells you how many nutrients are in that amount of food. If you eat 1 bar, that is one serving.

Calories. The number of calories in a single serving is listed on the left-hand side of the Nutrition Facts portion of a food label. This number tells you the amount of energy that is in the food. People pay attention to calories because if you eat more calories than your body uses, you might gain weight.

% Daily Value. You'll see percentages on food labels that are based on recommended daily allowances—meaning the amount of something a person should get each day. This food label says that one serving of this food has 9% of the recommended daily value of total fat.

The daily values are based on an adult's needs, not kids' needs. Kids may need more or less depending on their age and size.

Nutrition Facts		Serving Size 1 Bar (72g) Servings Per Container 1	
Amount per serving		Calories from Fat 50	
Calories 260			
	% Daily Value*		%
Total Fat	0 g 9%	Total Carbohydrates	37 g 12%
Saturated Fat	2 g 10%	Dietary Fiber	5 g
Trans Fat	0 g	Sugars	26 g
Cholesterol	0 mg 0%	Sugar Alcohol	4 g
Sodium	15 mg 8%	Protein	18 g 36%
Vitamin A	25%	Vitamin C	25%
Potassium	25%	Iron	25%
Vitamin E	55%	Vitamin K	10%
Thiamin	15%	Riboflavin	20%
Niacin	15%	Vitamin B6	15%
Folate	25%	Vitamin B12	10%
Biotin	15%	Pantothenic Acid	15%
Phosphorus	30%	Iodine	15%
Magnesium	25%	Zinc	15%
Copper	25%	Manganese	6%
		Total Fat	2,000 2,500
		Saturated Fat	Less Than 65 g 80 g
		Cholesterol	Less Than 20 g 25 g
		Sodium	Less Than 300 mg 300 mg
		Total Carbohydrates	Less Than 2,400 mg 2,400 mg
		Dietary Fiber	300 mg 375 g
		Protein	25 g 30 g
		Calories per gram:	
		Fat	9 • Carbohydrates 4 • Protein 4

Fat. The number of fat grams contained in one serving of food. Fat is an important nutrient for your body, but you don't want to eat too much. Some fat is good for you, but not all fat is. You should avoid trans fats.

Vitamins and Minerals. Your body needs these for all kinds of functions, so try eating foods that have a lot of them.

Carbohydrates. This number tells you how many carbohydrate grams are in one serving of food. Carbohydrates are your body's primary source of energy. The more exercise you do, the more carbs you need.

Protein. Your body needs protein to build and repair essential parts of the body, such as muscles, blood, and organs.

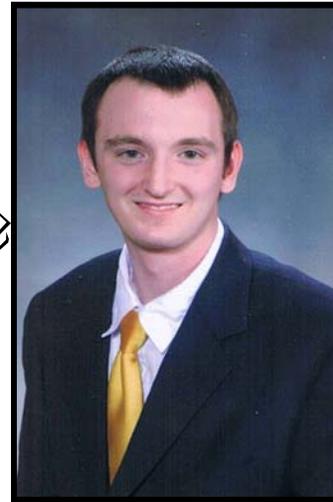
Ricky Roberts

Congratulations



Jeremy is the son of Michael (Gas Dept) and Daphne Hunter and is a student at Three Oaks Middle School. Jeremy was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society.

2010 Graduate Congrats!



Chris Jackson

Chris graduated from UTM with a degree in Health Management. He is the son of Jeff Jackson (Gas Dept.) and Michelle Jackson of Michigan



Safety Traffic Awards Potluck

June 1, 2010 the Safety Traffic Department held their annual potluck at Tucker Street Church Fellowship Hall. Lt. Rickie Tidwell and Supervisor Pat Kilzer presented Mr. YZ Lyte and Mrs. Martha Mitchell with their 10 Years of Service Certificate. Ms. Rachel Anderson received the Safety Traffic Person of the 2009-2010 School Year Award. Ms. Amy Chambers received a crystal bowl as a retirement gift from the group. Ms. Amy has served the City of Dyersburg and Dyersburg School System for over 27 years as a Safety Traffic person. Her smiling face will be missed by many.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Keith Burns — Chairperson (Fire Dept.)
 Tiffany Parker — Secretary (Water Plant)
 Sue Teague — (Human Resources)
 Conell King — (Waste Water Plant)
 Kerry Owen — (Street Dept)
 Michael Hunter— (Gas Dept)
 Mike Kesterson — (Water/Sewer)
 Kevin Joslin — (Codes)
 Greg Williams — (City Hall)
 Rickie Tidwell —(Police)
 Lloyd Stewart—(Parks & Rec)
 Brian Lucius—(Solid Waste)
 Debbie Sanders—(EOC)
 Mike Fisher — (City Shop)



If you have a safety concern, questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please speak with your department head or with one of the committee members.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with:

The family of Charlie Ketchum and the family of Thomas “Tommy” Ketchum

The family of Lynette Crossno and the family of Betty Jean Runions

The family of Marty Gibson and the family of Lucille Parmenter

The family of James Lyons and the family of Marshall Jones

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR INSURANCE CHANGES

It is once again June and that means OPEN ENROLLMENT month for making any changes to your medical/dental insurance coverage.

Please review your selections from last year and determine whether you need to add or delete anyone from your coverage. Remember – whatever decision you make now will go into effect July 1 and must remain in effect until next July.

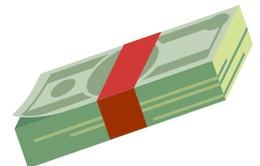
The only way changes can be made during the other months is when actual “status changes” occur such as marriages, divorces, births, loss of spouse’s job which results in loss of insurance coverage, or children who become ineligible for coverage due to their age.

SAFETY AWARD WINNERS FOR MAY 2010

We are happy to announce that we have four (4) winners for the safety incentive award for the month of April.



Ricky Davis – Street Dept.
John Sawyer – Fire Dept.
Scotty Hollis – Fire Dept.
Jim Gray –Police Dept..



For the month of April, we had three (3) more recordable accidents.

Let’s keep SAFETY foremost on our minds!
DO NOT GET HURT!!!!

Celebrating Earth Day at DMS with GIS, Storm Water, & Water Treatment

On May 13th the Dyersburg Middle School 6th grade students participated in "Earth Fest", an Earth Day Awareness project. Various booths were set up on the campus, including the Water Treatment Plant, Storm Water, and G.I.S. Department. Carmen Cupples and John Murray introduced the students to the GIS at their booth. They were educated on how everyday information can be turned into a powerful tool using a Geographic Information System. Tiffany Parker had the opportunity to spend time with and educate these children about the process of the City's drinking (potable) water. Thomas Mullins and Kevin Joslin had the opportunity to talk about storm water and the different effects it has on the environment.



911 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NEW EMPLOYEES

We want to welcome 3 new employees at the 911 Public Safety Communications Center. They are Sara Veal, Chuck Byrd and Sanou Mitchell. They will spend a total of (9) nine weeks training in-house working closely with their Team Leaders. After the in-house training they will go to Nashville to the TBI headquarters for NCIC certification. NCIC is the tool we use to check registrations, driver's license, wanted and missing people, etc. And to complete their required training they will attend an EMD class for certification. The EMD certification provides your 911 Public Safety Communication dispatchers training to determine the level of medical response needed and to give pre-arrival instructions to the caller, so they can immediately help the patient while EMS is en-route. We welcome them as new city employees and look forward to their success in their careers.

Flushing Fire Hydrants Before & After



This is a picture of the water during the first few minutes of flushing. It is orange in color. The debris that has built up in the line over the last year is being removed.



This is a picture of the water after a line has been completely flushed. It is clear in color. Looks Great!

The purpose of the Flushing Program is to provide a safe high quality water supply to the customers of the City of Dyersburg Water System and for the Fire Department to get their flow readings. We are still flushing fire hydrants....

Thanks to all who are involved.

THE NEW LOOK OF FIRE HYDRANTS

As you may have seen, the fire hydrants are changing colors. Since fire hydrants are needed during an emergency, they should be immediately recognizable to fire fighting forces as well as to the general public. The recent changes in the Rules for Water Systems (TDEC Rule # 1200-5-1-.17 (18)) in the State of Tennessee requires a water system to use a specific method of color coding certain fire hydrants. Also, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards calls for the bonnets and caps to be color coded to indicate the hydrants available flow. The City of Dyersburg's hydrants will have the bonnet/cap of the hydrant color code as follows and a chrome body.

Class C—Red—less than 500 gallons per minute

Class D— Black bonnet of covering— temporarily out of service

Class B —Orange— 500-999 gallons per minute

Class A—Green-1000-1499 gallons per minute

Class AA— Blue— 1500 gallons per minute & above

The recommended Fire Hydrant body colors are as follows

Municipal System—Chrome or Yellow

Private System— Red

Non Potable System—Violet

City Employees Helping with the Great American Clean Up!



Pictured from left to right Brian Lucius (Sanitation Dept.), Richie Anderson and Rachel Anderson (Traffic Safety), and Frank Gooch (Sanitation Dept.).

Found in a Meter Box

Much to his surprise...Jeff Jackson found this crawfish in a meter box, while getting the meter readings.



Community News.....

The Dyer County Chapter of the American Red Cross

and

*“Music on the Move”
with Dan the Man*

Presents



50's/60's Street Dance

Sat, June 19, 2010 @ 6:00 pm
At the Dyersburg Square, 2400 Lake Road

Fun for the whole family
Cars from by the Forked Deer Antique Car Club

Prizes

- the best 50's 60's costume
- the best couple dancing
- Hoola Hoop & Limbo Contests

Great food
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats.

JUNE IS: FIREWORKS SAFETY MONTH

THE DYERSBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS THAT YOU, NOT USE FIREWORKS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

HERE ARE SOME BASIC TIPS IF YOU ARE TO BE USING FIREWORKS

- 1. BUY FIREWORKS FROM A RELIABLE DEALER; BUYING THEM FROM THE TRUNK OF SOMEONES CAR IS A BAD IDEA.**
- 2. MAKE SURE YOU READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY; REMEMBER THESE ARE EXPLOSIVES.**
- 3. DON'T USE FIREWORKS INSIDE; SOUNDS SILLY, BUT PEOPLE HAVE AND DO TRY TO PRODUCE "LIGHT SHOWS" INDOORS. NOT A GOOD IDEA!**
- 4. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A WATER SOURCE NEARBY, EVEN A BUCKET OF WATER USUALLY WILL WORK.**
- 5. PLEASE! DON'T ALLOW CHILDREN TO PLAY WITH FIREWORKS AND ALWAYS HAVE A RESPONSIBLE ADULT PRESENT.**



10 Plants That Can Poison Pups

Keep this greenery out of your house and yard.

Arden Moore

For eight years, Jill Richardson, D.V.M., was the voice of safety at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center in Urbana, Ill. She fielded calls from frantic owners worried that their dogs had eaten a toxic leaf, stem, or flower. To protect her own dogs, Richardson made certain that poisonous plants never made their way into her Urbana home or her yard's landscape. "People are often surprised to learn that there are actually hundreds of plants potentially poisonous to dogs," says Richardson, who left the ASPCA to become associate director of consumer relations for Hartz Mountain Corp. in Secaucus, N.J.

Richardson identifies the top 10 most common poisonous houseplants and landscape plants dog owners should avoid:

Autumn crocus (*Colchicum*): Its active ingredient, colchicines, triggers an anti-metabolic effect that can cause rapidly dividing cells, shedding of the gastrointestinal tract, bloody diarrhea, and vomiting.

Azalea (*Rhododendron*): This popular plant can harm a dog's cardiovascular system and trigger vomiting or gastrointestinal upset.

Daffodil (*Narcissus*): Toxic ingredients in the bulbs cause convulsions, tremors, lethargy, weakness, and upset stomachs.



Hyacinth (*Hyacinth*): This popular plant can cause severe vomiting, bloody diarrhea, depression, and tremors.

Japanese yew (*Taxus*): Extremely toxic to dogs, this group of ornamental plants can cause seizures or cardiac failure. The plant and red berries are toxic.

Lily of the valley (*Convallaria*): This plant can cause heart failure, coordination problems, and vomiting.

Oleander (*Nerium*): Extremely toxic, this popular outdoor plant contains cardiac glycosides that harm the heart, decrease body temperature, cause abnormal pulse rate, and can cause death. Beware: Even people have died from eating hot dogs roasted on an oleander twig.

Rhubarb (*Rheum*): Although the stalks are used to make pies, the leaves pack the potential to cause kidney damage.

Sago palm (*Cycads*): Resembling an upside down pineapple, this plant thrives in sandy soils, especially in warmer states such as California, Texas, and Florida. A few seeds can kill a dog.

Tomato (*Lycopersicon*): Surprisingly, the greenery of this common plant, not the tomato itself, contains solanine, a toxic ingredient that can prompt gastric upset, depression, weakness, and a decrease in heart rate.



Richardson's parting advice: Keep your dog away from any mushrooms. "Always assume any ingested mushroom by a dog is toxic and will cause liver failure," Richardson says. "The problem is that many poisonous mushrooms often grow together with non-poisonous mushrooms."

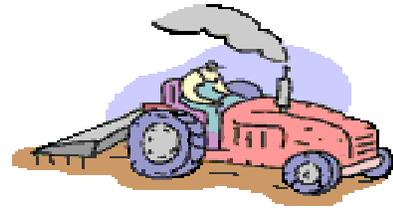
Lazy
"Bones"

FOR SALE

2003 – 100 Yr. Anniversary Edition Harley Davidson Motorcycle, Black & Silver, 57,000 miles, 103 Screaming Eagle Engine, Lots of Extra's Asking \$15,500 Call Eddie @ 676-8502 for more info...



The Farmer's Market Opens 6am, June 12th, 2010



Support your local farmers!

Farmers...creating jobs from
Main Street to Wall Street...



Dyersburg Mall Kids Club is a free monthly event geared toward teaching children about health, safety, gardening, weather, exercise and lots more. Typically on the fourth Thursday of each month, a learning presentation and a craft or activity will be offered for all the Kids Club Members. Parents can bring children to Center Court to join in the fun. Presentations and activities are geared to children between the ages of 3 and 8, but anyone interested is welcome to attend. To sign up for the Club, parents need to bring their children to Center Court at the meeting time, where each child will receive a membership card, or stop by customer service during mall hours. Membership entitles each child to participate in the monthly activities. Parents must accompany the children they bring to each Kids Club meeting.

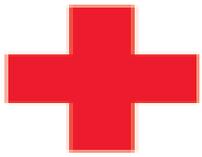
NEXT MEETING—June 24th, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.

Bruce Community Monthly Fellowship

A monthly fellowship program sponsored by the Bruce Community Center, Holy Angels Catholic Church and Tucker Street Church feeds the soul and the stomach. The program is held the 2nd Thursday of each month and includes the reading of God's Word, a video, singing, a meal, and fellowship.

Please join us at the Bruce Community Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5:30—6:30.
There is no charge and everyone is welcome.
For more information call: Stuart Edmonds

The Dyer County Chapter



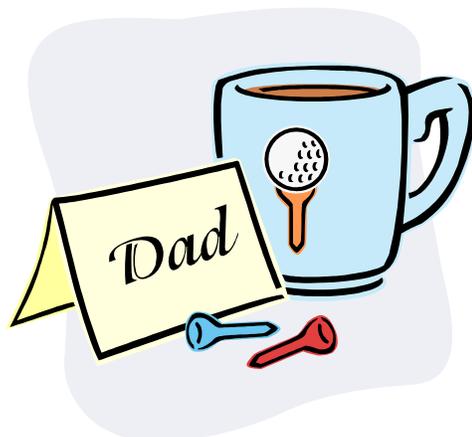
**American
Red Cross**

**Yard Sale
Saturday, June 19, 2010
7:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Dyersburg Square
2400 Lake Rd
By McDonalds and KFC
At the old "Mr. Fixit" shop**

Clean out your closets,
donate your goods to the Yard Sale
and help your neighbors by helping
the Red Cross

Happy Father's Day!



Dyersburg High School Class of 1970 40th Reunion

**June 19, 2010
Professional
Development
Center (PDC)
(old DHS)
305 College St.**

Classmates of the 1970 DHS Class

See you at the reunion, bring plenty of pictures
and a good sense of humor! Tour the building
and watch the power point presentation of years
gone by.

We are certainly looking forward to seeing you
and reminiscing about the "good old days."

Beginning at 6:30 p.m.



HAPPY EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

- Tommy Ellis—40 years
- Pam Pleasant—34 years
- Robert Simmons—31 years
- Rusty Blalock—29 years
- Diane Williamson—23 years
- James Gray—22 years
- Bobby Baker—15 years
- Pat Kilzer—14 years
- Jeff Powers—13 years
- Randall Pinkley—12 years
- Greg Campbell—11 years
- Stuart Edmonds—11 years
- Mike Kesterson—11 years
- Franklin Gooch—9 years
- Paul Braithwaite—8 years
- Richie Fowlkes—8 years
- James Mosley Jr.—8 years
- Louis Ahmad—6 years
- Kenny McLean—6 years
- Kelly Winston—5 years
- Maria Duzan—4 years
- Lois McCullough—4 years
- Perry "Pee-Wee" Cox—3 years
- Jonathan Crouch—3 years
- Paula Finley—3 years
- Lisa Hill—3 years
- James McCullough—3 years
- Christopher Simpson—3 years
- Mike Thedford—3 years
- Larry Lynn Waller—3 years
- Stuart McLemore—2 years
- Victor McLin—2 years
- Billy Buck—1 year
- Chris Hamm—1 year
- Arthur Heun—1 year

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

- Board Meetings—1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call City Hall, 286-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. www.dyersburgtn.gov
- Lifeline Blood Mobile is at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives.
Give the gift of life, give blood.
- Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course—
Every Wednesday at 9:00 am. 55 years and up.
Play from Senior Tees.
- June 5th—Humane Society Golf Scramble—Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course
- June 10th & June 11th— Matthews 25:40—Fundraiser for Flood Victims
- June 12th—Farmer's Market Opens
Annual Old Time Blue Grass Festival
Y-Knot Race
- June 14th—Flag Day
- June 19th— 50's & 60's Street Dance
DHS 40th Reunion Meeting
- June 20th—Father's Day
- June 21st—Summer Begins

NOTICE

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If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter from the City of Dyersburg, email tparker@dyersburgtn.gov

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Scott Ball
Cathy Cavness
John Damesworth
Lauren Dycus
Marty Gibson
Lee Ann Hallum
James Joyner
George McCaig

Kenneth Moody
James Mosley Jr.
Brian Peckenpaugh
Wilburn Pierce
David Rice
James Roy
Elma Ward
Bethany Watlington
John Woods



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