Area governments feeling pinch of high fuel prices like everybody else

By Alan Mauldin

PHOEBE Putney Memorial Hospital and Albany Technical College are expanding their partnership to substantially increase the number of nursing students at the college. The goal is to increase the number of annual spots in the ATC Associate of Science Nursing program to 120 for those southwest Georgians who want to pursue a career in nursing.

"We worked closely with Dr. Parker and his team at Albany Tech to set some ambitious goals, and I am grateful that leaders of nursing students at the college are expanding their partnership with Phoebe for students in ATC’s emergency response program," said Velvet Poole, recreation supervisor for the Dougherty County Recreation Department. "We always look for ways to give people options," she added. "This will be an exhibition (Saturday) for people who just want to watch.

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Tournament participants will play in beginner, intermediate and advanced categories. Among the participants will be students on chess clubs at least three area schools: the International Studies Elementary Charter School, Mary Acres Elementary School and Dougherty County High School. As of Thursday, there were about 20 players registered prior to entries, from students to adults.

The tournament is open to the first 50 who register at any time.

For a virtual option, "We will set up an account and register for any other programs we have through the Recreation and Parks Department," Poole said.

Trophies will be awarded to the players who win and second and third in each category of play. In addition, area businesses have contributed prizes, including bowling tickets and T-shirts.

Sunday's chess tournament will offer an opportunity for players of all abilities to compete. The tournament is being held in partnership with the Southern Chess Tour and Albany Chess Club.

The Dougherty County Rec Department offers a drive-by chess competition for any skill level. A weekly checkers and chess venue at the Henderson Community Center offers participants the opportunity to match wits and socialize.

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