

Duncanville Champion



February 2003

OTHER NEWS

Mayor's Open Line Friday

Mayor Repp makes himself available on the first Friday of each month to the citizens to discuss your concerns and ideas about the direction the city is going.

You can meet with Mayor Repp on the first Friday at Duncanville City Hall in the council chambers starting at 8:00 AM. He will be available until 11:00 AM.

So come by and meet with Mayor Repp on Friday, February 7th, 2003 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Volunteers Needed

Teen Court is looking for 2 or 3 adult volunteers to assist on court night. 1st and 4th Wednesdays from 5-8 pm. Call Olivia Harrington at 972-780-5063 for more information.

Preparations Begin for 2003 City Officers Election

The 2003 City Officers election will be held on Saturday, May 3rd. This year's slate of offices includes: Councilmembers to represent Districts 1, 3, and 5; District 2 Councilmember to fill an unexpired term created by the resignation of former Councilmember Steve Hamm on November 15, 2002; and, the at-large position created by an amendment to the City's Home Rule Charter last May.

According to City Secretary Jeanne Fralicks, "This is the first year that Duncanville residents will have the opportunity to vote for the newly created at-large position. Since the creation of single-member districts in 1984, only the Mayor has been elected at large."

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Duncanville ISD Education Foundation

Black Tie & Boots Champions Ball

Saturday, February 1, 2003
6 pm to midnight

At Eddie Deen's Ranch
944 S. Lamar, Dallas

Lance & Gloria Campos Brown,
Honorary Chairs/Emcees

"An Evening in Old San Antone"

Dinner and dancing to
Linder & Brock and Co.

Ball Chair: Sheila Casey

Information: 972/708-2144

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Hook...Line...and Sinker

"Tos it" Pool Trout Fish Out presented by Duncan Disposal Service Company, Inc. & The City Of Duncanville

Join us as we bring you the 2003 "Tos It" Trout Fish-Out.

When : Sat. Feb. 1 9am-5pm and Sun Feb. 2 10am-3pm

Where: Armstrong Pool, 200 James Collins Blvd., Duncanville, TX

Registration info: Purchase advance tickets at the Duncanville Community Center until Friday, January 31st. After this date, purchase walk-up tickets at Armstrong Pool starting at 8:00 am.

Admission Cost: \$7 per person Each ticket includes startup bait, pole, cleaning of 4 fish or 50 minutes of fishing whichever comes first.

EVERYONE ENTERING POOL GATES MUST PURCHASE A TICKET.

Don't miss the opportunity to become a part of this great event.

Volunteers are needed on both Saturday, February 1st, from 9am to 5pm and Sunday February 2nd from 10am to 3pm. Earn community service hours! Sign up at Duncanville High School or at the Recreation Center Front Desk today. For more information call 972-780-5070.



www.duncanville.com

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Radio	1250 AM
Internet	www.duncanville.com
Television	Charter Comm. Cable Channel 26

SPECIAL INTEREST NUMBERS

License Plate Renewal

Dallas County Govt. Center	214-653-7811
Community Assistance	
Duncanville Outreach	972-296-4986
Chamber of Commerce	
Chamber Offices	972-780-4990

Mayor & City Council Phone Numbers

Mayor Glenn Repp	972-298-0213
District 1 - David Green	972-780-0348
District 2 - Steve Hamm	972-709-7267
District 3 - Marilyn Massey	972-296-5993
District 4 - Grady Smithy	972-298-2775
District 5 - Jim Pyeatt	972-296-0132

Duncanville CHAMPION

is a monthly joint publication of the Duncanville Chamber of Commerce, Duncanville Independent School District and the City of Duncanville. For information, call the City's Community Information Office at **972-780-5043** or e-mail at kbilbrey@ci.duncanville.tx.us

Monthly Puppet Show at the Duncanville Public Library

The *Dad's Night Out Series* will continue each first-Tuesday-of-the-month with a 7 p.m. puppet show. February 4-*Grandfather Tales*, March 4-*Mother Goose*, April 1-*Walk-About-Theater*, and May 6-*Sock Puppet Craft*. The *Friends of the Duncanville Public Library* offer these shows free to everyone.

From now through March 29, Duncanville Public Library weekly programs are *Nursery Rhyme Time* (Mondays at 10:15 AM), *Home School Videos* (Tuesdays at 2 PM), *Spanish Story Times* (Wednesdays from 10:15 AM), *Library Storytime* (Thursdays at 10:15), and *Library Storytime for Groups* (Fridays at 10:15).

Programs and tours for groups of five or more are by appointment only.

Children's Librarian, Urla Morgan says, "2003 Winter Storytime, *Somewhere in the World*, will feature stories about caves, castles, mountains, and rivers. The library's weekly video presentation on 13 different

subjects on *Animal Life for Children* will give home-school students, ages 4-10, an opportunity to observe animal behavior and habitat.



Recycling Statement Dec. 2002

Commodity	Tons
Newspaper	62.29
Tin Cans	2.19
Milk Jugs (HDPE#2)	0.78
Plastic Containers	0.69
Aluminum Soda Cans	0.67
Trash	0.71
Mixed Household Paper	8.00
Total	75.33

This month your recycling saved:
 1195.05 Trees
 288,216.97 KWH of Energy
 492,077.75 Gallons of Water
 210.89 Cubic Yards of Landfill
 Reduced Air Pollution by 4,217.81 pounds



DID YOU KNOW...

You can report someone who tosses trash out of a car, littering our Texas roadways?

The Gotcha Program is a program coordinated by the Texas Department of Transportation under the "Don't Mess With Texas" campaign. To report someone littering from a vehicle visit www.dontmesswithtexas.org, click the Report a Litterer link on the front page. To complete the report you will need to provide the following information: 1) the Texas license plate number, 2) the make of the vehicle, 3) the time of day, location and date it happened, 4) who tossed the trash (driver, etc.) and 5) what was tossed.

Please Help to Keep our City Attractive and...
KEEP DUNCANVILLE BEAUTIFUL

Duncanville

Natatorium to Close for Maintenance

The Duncanville ISD Natatorium is scheduled to be closed February 10 - March 26 for necessary equipment repair. To maintain a quality facility, the natatorium must be closed for these updates. The equipment repair was included in the October 2001 bond program.

Water Conservation Information

Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts. You can make a difference.

For further water saving tips, please call the Duncanville Public Works Water/Wastewater Division at 972-780-4900.

Parent Information Workshops

Duncanville ISD is presenting a series of informational workshops geared toward parents - - with ideas on how to deal with the different aspects of raising children in today's society. All sessions are free, but pre-registration is required. Call 972/708-2189 for reservations.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente (ISD) de Duncanville presenta una serie de talleres informativos dirigidos a los padres - con ideas sobre cómo enfrentar los diferentes aspectos de la crianza de niños en la sociedad de hoy. Es necesario pre-inscribirse. Todas las sesiones son gratis. Hay asientos limitados. Para reservaciones. Llame al 972/708-2189

Schedule of topics and locations:

Tuesday, February 4, 2003

Challenges of Different Family Structures

Janell Lawrence & Cindy Strode
Inspiring Body of Christ Church
7710 S. Westmoreland, Dallas

Thursday, February 6, 2003

Dealing with Anger

Bronwyn Lucas
Inspiring Body of Christ Church

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

ADHD

Janell Lawrence & Cindy Strode
Inspiring Body of Christ Church

Thursday, February 20, 2003

*What if This Doesn't Work?
Strategies for the Difficult Child*

Bronwyn Lucas
Inspiring Body of Christ Church

Thursday, March 20, 2003

Peer Pressure/Healthy Choices

Bronwyn Lucas
Duncanville Recreation Center

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Parenting - Help! My Teen is a Parent, Too

Bronwyn Lucas
Duncanville Recreation Center
207 James Collins, Duncanville

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

Transitions: Moving On Up

- 8th grade to 9th grade
- 9th grade to 10th grade

Janell Lawrence
Cindy Strode
Duncanville Recreation Center

Thursday, May 8, 2003

Transitions: Moving On Up

4th grade to 5th grade
6th grade to 7th grade
Bronwyn Lucas
Duncanville Recreation Center

Call 972/708-2189 for reservations.

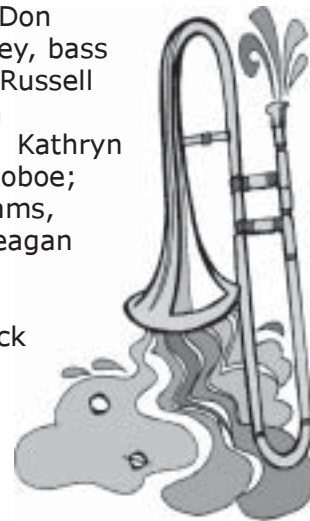
Para reservaciones. Llame al 972/708-2189

Duncanville ISD Student Awards

Two DHS students, Patrick Holcomb and Matt Butler, competed in the final round for All-State Choir on Saturday, January 11. Both made the choir, and will go to San Antonio in February for the state convention. Congratulations! Duncanville High School placed twelve students in All-State Band on January 11 and had several alternates. They are:

Jennifer Robinson, flute; Jason Ballengee, oboe; Brent Buemi, clarinet; Jon Jones, clarinet; Jennifer Virtue, E-flat clarinet; Meredith Arthur, alto clarinet; Rena McCampbell, bass clarinet; Jason Kindig, baritone saxophone; James Dillard, trombone; Joel Wren, trombone; Don Patrick Roney, bass trombone; Russell Porter, tuba

Alternates: Kathryn Hutchison, oboe; Stacy Williams, clarinet; Meagan Longoria, contrabass clarinet; Nick Shine, trombone; Daniel Brady, bass trombone



Is Auto Theft A Problem?

Is Auto Theft a problem? The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention Authority states that every 5 ½ minutes a vehicle is stolen in the State of Texas. That is roughly 10.9 vehicles in an hour. This is a major problem for not only the vehicle owner, but the police, and insurance companies as well.

I have listed some **NO COST** precautions that can help your reduce the chances of your vehicle from being stolen.

- **Take Your Keys.**
 - **Lock Your Car.**
 - **Never Hide a Second Set of Keys in Your Car.**
 - **Park in Well-Lighted Areas.**
 - **Park in Attended Lots.**
 - **If You Park in an Attended Lot, Leave Only the Ignition/Door Key.**
 - **Never Leave Your Car Running, Even if You'll Only Be Gone for a Minute.**
 - **Completely Close Car Windows When Parking.**
 - **Don't Leave Valuables in Plain View.**
- Please keep in mind that this is a problem and there are things that you can do to reduce these numbers of auto thefts in the Dallas area.
- For more information on Auto Theft please contact Duncanville Police Officer Eddie Edwards at 972-780-5027.

Fun In Duncanville

KARATE

Learn serious self-defense oriented Matsamura Kenpo Shorn Ryu Karate. Instructors for children & adults; family discounts available.

**Duncanville Community Center
Aerobics Room**

Kids age 7+: T/TH 7:15-8:15 PM

Adults: T/TH 7:15-8:30 PM

Central Gym

Open: Sat 9-10:00 AM

Cost: \$25/Month-Students, \$40/Month-Adults

Instructors: Kris Howerton @ 972-393-0782/ Bob Finley @ 972-298-2021.

AIKI JUTSU

Samurai defense based on leverage, not strength

Fairmeadows Elementary Gym

Tues./Thurs. 7:30 -9PM

Age: 10+ Cost: \$20/month

Instructor: Doug Johnson

972-283-1094

KYUDO (Japanese Archery)

Alexander Elementary Gym

Sunday's 2:00pm-5:00pm

Cost: \$18/Month

Instructor: Mark Wegmann

214-324-8906

WOMEN WARRIORS SELF-DEFENSE SEMINAR

D. L. Burt is the one to see for this exciting class. There is still time and room to sign up for the February 2003 Seminar

Class will meet on Friday evening and Saturday morning at the Recreation Center
Cost: \$60

Instructor: D.L. Burt

Call 972/780-5070 for exact date and time or E-mail Mr. Burt at crusades@gte.net.

SELF-DEFENSE/ANTI-KIDNAPPING

Class meets Monday 6p - 7p for ages 4 to 6: 7p to 8p for ages 7 to 9 , & 8p-9p for ages 10 & up

Merrifield GYM

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
Uniform is available but not mandatory.
Parents may wish to purchase an Alert Child of Texas T-Shirt for their child
For more info call 972/208-6697

Duncanville Youth Associations Contacts

Duncanville Girls Softball Association- 972-283-2195 or www.eteamz.com/dgsa
Sign-ups Feb. 8th, 2003, 10a-2pm at Duncanville Community Center; Feb 15 & 22 10a-2pm at Alexander Park.

Duncanville Youth Soccer Association- 972-709-9007 or www.eteamz.com/duncanvillesoccer

Sign-ups at Soccer Association office during open hours.

Duncanville Boys Baseball, Inc. 972-738-9322 or www.dbbi.net

JAZZERCISE

Fresh moves, new music, pure motivation.

Mon & Wed -Jazzercise Step 6:30p-7:30p

Tues. & Thurs.-Jazzercise 6:20p-7:05p

Sat.-Jazzercise 9a-10 a

MON/WED/SAT IN WEST GYM

TUE/THU IN AEROBICS ROOM

All classes emphasize low-impact, high energy moves.

Bring your own weights & mat. Tube/step/stability ball provided.

\$7 walk-in. \$70 8-wks.

\$29 Bank Draft (no contracts-no memberships)

New Clients: \$10 off first bank draft payment.

Certified Instructor: Sheilla (shay-la)

Instructor phone: 972-709-6441

More info??? www.jazzforhealth.com

MORNING YOGA

Students will learn basic yoga postures designed to celebrate the spine.

Class meets Tuesday and Friday from 10a - 11:30a

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room

Class Fee: \$14 weekly (\$7 per class)

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk

Instructor: Carolyn Smith

This class meets weekly

Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes to class.

Bring a towel and sticky mat

For more info call 972/780-5070

CROP 'TIL YOU DROP

Monthly Crop 'Til You Drop Session

Bring photos and work on your album.

You must pre-register and pay instructor by the Wednesday before the class is to meet. For more information call 972-298-4006. February 7th from 6:00pm-12am

Cost: \$10.00

Hopkins Senior Center

Instructor: Kim Spurlock

K-CHAT

Chat seminar with teens 10 to 16. Our future for tomorrow.

Enjoy Q & A, Goodies, and Door Prizes.

Alcohol/Drugs Awareness

& Driving Program

Class meets Thursday - 4:30p-6p

Class Fee: \$15 Weekly

Recreation Center - Meeting Room

Instructor: Kathryn Thompson

Register at Recreation Center - Front

Desk. For additional information call 972/572-8262

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Got a ticket? Or just want a discount on your auto insurance.

Class is sponsored & certified by the National Safety Council.

February 15, 2003

9am-3:30pm

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 13th @ 5:00 PM

(Must have 6 registered by deadline to have class)

Duncanville Community Center

201 James Collins

Cost: \$25

Instructor: Doug Rorie

ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA

Fall Back Into Fitness....

Duncanville Community Center

Aerobics Room

Mon/Wed-Muscles 'n' Motion 5:45p-6:30p

Mon/Wed- Step 'n' Motion 6:30p-7:30p

Sat.-Cardio Combo 9:00a-10:30a

Sat.-Yoga Fit 10:45a-11:45a

Hopkins Senior Center

Tues/Thurs-Yoga Fit 5:45p-6:45p

Tues/Thurs-Cardio-Quick/Low Impact

Aerobics 7:00p-7:45p

(Old moves are new again! Great feel-good workout!! Less joint stress!!!)

PLEASE ARRIVE 15-MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER @ THE CLASS.

For beginners, regular exercisers; 16+
Cost: \$5.00 walk-in; \$28/8 classes; \$65/3month/unlimited classes

Materials needed: Bring exercise mat & hand/ankle weights for aerobic & toning classes;

Bring Yoga sticky mat, folded blanket, & towel for all yoga classes.

Instructor: Roseanna Needham-Dryden, B.S. Instructor Phone: 972-709-1906

Email:

fitness_in_duncanville@yahoo.com

DRUG & ALCOHOL DRIVING AWARENESS PROGRAM

Approved for 5% Insurance Discount for Texas Drivers 18 and up.

Court Approved referrals from Municipal and JP Courts will be honored.

Program Target Youthful Drivers and Zero Tolerance Laws & more

Class meets Saturdays - 10am - 4pm

Recreation Center - Meeting Room

Each class session is for 6 hours

Class fee for insurance discount: \$40

Court Ordered class fee: \$60

Class begins: February 1, 2003

Instructor: Kathryn Thompson

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk

For additional information call 972/572-8262

February 2003

TEXAS DANCE AND CHEER

With this class the student will learn chants, jumps, dance routines and much more.

Class meets Thursday 6p - 7p, ages 4 to 7: 7p to 8p for ages 8 & up

Merrifield GYM

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
T-shirts, and shorts are available for order at class. Please wear T-Shirts, shorts or warm-ups and white-soled tennis shoes to class.

For more info call 972/208-6697

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCE POINTE CLASS

Designed for people who want to learn the basics and for those already on point.

Duncanville Community Center Aerobics Room.

Class Meets: Monday's 7:45-9:00 pm. Fee: \$47/month for 1 class/wk;

Instructor: Vicki Shamburger (214) 244-8011

RUDELYA'S MACHINE QUILTING/SEWING

Sewing and Quilting for people who don't have time to sew. This class is designed for people who want to learn or have some sewing experience. Students will bring supplies (Per supply list) and personal portable sewing machine! This class will enhance Sewing skills for busy people. Class also includes quick and easy craft projects

Tuesday class - 6p to 7:30p

Recreation Center Meeting Room

Class fee: \$35 Plus supplies

Instructor: Rudelya Porter

Minimum 5 students class minimum.

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk. Registration Deadline February 3, 2003

Class begins - February 4, 2003

For more information call 972/780-5070

TANYA FRANKLIN'S ELITE CHARM CLASS

"Be The Best You Can Be" helps build self-confidence and self esteem

in your children. This class also helps

your child to overcome shyness

and learn to really communicate in school and in everyday situations.

Class includes improved social skills.

Class meets Sunday at 4p to 5:30p.

Recreation Center - Meeting Room

Class Fee: \$99 per session (session includes 5 weeks)

Instructor: Tanya Franklin

Register at Front Desk - Minimum 5 students needed. Class begins February 2nd, 2003. For questions/info please call 972/296-8409

ADULT DANCE CLASS

Beginner Swing and Ballroom Dance I

Classes are continuing in February 2003.

Both forms of dance will attract all music lovers. Learn to dance to Big Band, 50's Rock and Roll, Contemporary Rock, to name a few.

Swing/Jitterbug: Monday 7p to 8pm (9 week sessions)

Ballroom Dance: Monday 8p to 9pm (9 week sessions)

D. L. Hopkins Center

Cost: Couples Only/\$45 per person

Instructor: Roger Chartier

Register at Recreation Center Front

Desk - Registration Deadline 3/22/03

Next session begins March 24th. Singles are welcome. We ask that you bring and register a friend to ensure you a partner for this class. 6 couples Class Minimum

For additional information call 972/780-5070

DISTINCT DANCE

This program is designed to give children the opportunity to participate in dance.

Class meets Friday 5:30p - 6:30p, ages 4 to 7; 6:30p - 7:30p for ages 8 & up

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room

Registration Fee: \$8 on first

meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Svcs.

No required uniform for the classroom. However we offer optional uniforms for

purchase through out semester.

For more info call 972/208-6697

DANIEL ESCALANTE FROM "EXODUS MINISTRIES"

Mr. Escalante will be speaking to our youth, teenagers, seniors, and center members.

This event is open to the Public and promises to be very educational and informative. Mr. Escalante's areas of expertise are Drug Prevention And Gang Intervention. Stop by the center and hear this Dynamic Speaker and learn what's really going on aroundour neighborhood and nearby cities. Mark your calendars for:

Date: Friday, February 21st, 2003

Time: 5:30pm

Where: Duncanville Center's Meeting Rooms 2 & 3

Plan to meet us here and bring a friend and family. For additional information call 972/780-5070.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

This program is held each month during the school year.

Time: Monday- Friday 3:00PM - 6:00PM. Program will not meet on school holidays and off days.

Location: Duncanville Recreation Center (Application Forms are available at front desk)

Cost: \$40 per child per month.

Program info: During this year's after-school program there are a number of activities designed to give participants a fun and educated view on many of life's valued principles. We will administer activities, host special events, take trips and invite various speakers to come and talk to all participants about life changing issues. Tutoring will be provided to assist students in education based assignments. All participants must be between the ages of 7 - 14 and live in the Duncanville Independent School District. Participants must have an original copy of the most recent report card on hand (Proper address must be on all report cards) when registering for the first time. We have limited spaces available and will register on a first come first serve basis. Don't miss the opportunity for your child to become a part of this great after-school program. Sign up today. For more information contact Jason at 972-780-4971.

PRAISE DANCING

Classes are forming for Praise or Liturgical Dance Workshop

All ages - Class meets Saturday from 3:45pm-5pm

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room

Class Fee: \$55 monthly

Instructor: Consuela Holmes

Register early - Class Begin February 8th, 2003

Please call 972/780-5070 for additional information

TEXAS STARLETS

Each Child will learn basic to advance Cheerleading, chants, jumps, Beginning stunts, and cheer dance techniques with several performances.

Group ages 4 to 18 will meet Tuesday from 4p-7p

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk

Class Fee: mini and small class - \$40/ month

Class Fee: super and varsity class - \$45/ month

Class Begin February 4th, 2003

Instructor: Jeanette Palmer

For additional information call 972/977-6920 (Charlene)

Girl Scout Cookies - An American Tradition

As American as mom's apple pie and baseball, it's time for the annual Girl Scout cookie activities.

Selling Girl Scout cookies helps girls gain real life skills such as money management, decision-making, and goal setting. The beneficial effects are evidenced by the fact that many of today's businesswomen cite selling Girl Scout cookies as their first step toward successful careers.

As Girl Scouts gear up for their annual cookie activities, Executive Director JoAnn Fogg, Girl Scouts of Tejas Council says, "This year, more than ever, girls are relying on the accepting and nurturing environment that Girl Scouts provides. We want girls to know that Girl Scouting will be here for them, no matter what, and so it is important that the community continues its tradition of strong support of the Girl Scout cookie program."

All the proceeds from this activity stay here in the Tejas Council area, directly benefiting all of the Girl Scouts in our community, including the Girl Scout troop from whom you purchase Girl Scout cookies. The troop funds are used in many ways. For instance, troops might take a field trip to study fossils or learn more about fine arts by attending a theater event.

They also use cookie sale funds to complete service projects like purchasing supplies for family violence victims, making crafts for nursing home residents or beautifying local schools. Proceeds also go to the council's financial assistance fund, which is available so any girl can participate in Girl Scouts, regardless of her financial circumstances.

Girl Scout cookie orders were taken from January 10th to 26th but you haven't missed out on your chance to participate. Cookie booth sales at local stores will begin on February 20th.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's pre-eminent organization for girls, with a membership of more than 3.7 million girls and adults. The Girl Scouts of Tejas Council serves 33,600 girls and 12,600 adult volunteers.

Girl Scouting helps cultivate values, social conscience, and self-esteem in young girls, while teaching them critical life skills that will enable them to succeed as adults. In Girl Scouting - and its special girl-only environment - girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. More than 50 million girls have grown up into confident and strong women since Girl Scouts of the USA was founded 90 years ago.

City Prepares for May Elections

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The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 17. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19. Applications for a place on the ballot are available at City Hall in the office of the City Secretary. City qualifications for candidacy include: qualified voter; resident of the State of Texas for one year; resident of the City and district for six months; and hold no other public office.

Only residents of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5 may vote for their respective candidates.

Anyone not currently registered to vote has until April 3 to register in order to cast a ballot in the May 3rd election. Voter registration applications may be obtained at City Hall or the Duncanville Public Library. Questions concerning voter registration should be directed to the Dallas County Voter Registration Department at (214) 637-7937.

Additional information regarding the upcoming election may be obtained by contacting the City Secretary at (972) 780-5004.

February

1 & 2 • Pool Trout Fish-Out at Armstrong Pool. For pre-registration, call (972) 780-5070.

4 • Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

5 • Teen Court. 5 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

6-8 & 13-15 • "A Texas Romance" presented by the Duncanville Community Theatre located at 106 S. Main Street. 8 p.m. Call (972) 780-5707 for reservations.

7 • Mayor's Open Line Friday 8 - 11 a.m. Council Chambers at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

10 • Duncanville ISD School Board Meeting. 7 p.m. at DISD Administration Building.

14 • Happy Valentine's Day.

17 • First day to file application for place on the City Council ballot. For more information, call City Secretary at (972) 780-5004. Deadline is 5 p.m. March 19.

18 • Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

24 • Duncanville ISD School Board Meeting. 7 p.m. at DISD Administration Building.

26 • Teen Court. 5 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland.

City starts wastewater monitoring

Average used will determine charge for year

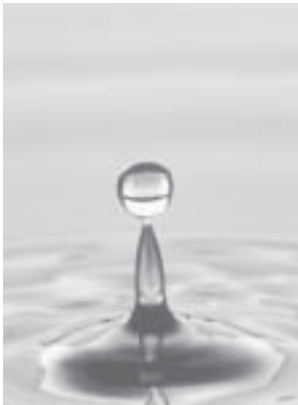
By Dana Mitchell

Utility Accounting Manager

Now is the time to shorten your showers and tighten those leaky faucets, because how much water you use over the next three months will determine how much you're going to pay for sewer the rest of the year.

From December through February, the Utility Billing department will monitor how much water is being used for all activities causing water consumption such as showering, flushing toilets and washing clothes on each metered household. *(Commercial and Apartment accounts are not included in the winter-averaging program).*

The average will determine the amount the city will charge each household, on an individual basis, for wastewater for the next 12 months starting April 1.



December, January and February are the consumption months that the monitoring will be taking place. Once the month's consumptions have been established the new average will appear on the April billing. The city uses these winter months to average the billing rates to better reflect the actual amount of wastewater a household produces, do to the drastic decrease in outside watering, filling pools, etc.

Home Heating Safety Tips

Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fires during the months of December, January and February, and trails only cooking equipment in home fires year-round.

Facts & Figures*

- In 1998, there were 49,200 heating equipment-related home fires reported to U.S. fire departments, resulting in 388 deaths, 1,445 injuries and \$515 million in property damage.
- Two of every three home heating fires in the U.S. in 1998, and three of every four related deaths, were attributed to space heating equipment.
- All types of common space heating equipment are involved in home fires: portable electric heaters, portable kerosene heaters, wood stoves, fireplaces with inserts and room gas heaters.
- Common causes of space heating home fires are: lack of regular cleaning, leading to creosote build-up, in wood-burning devices and associated chimneys and connectors; failing to give space heaters space, by installing or placing them too close to combustibles; basic flaws in the construction or design of wood burning heating equipment; and fueling errors involving liquid- or gas-fueled heating equipment.



(*From NFPA's U.S. Home Heating Fire Patterns and Trends)

Safety Tips:

- Space heaters need space. Portable space heaters need a three-foot (one meter) clearance from anything that can burn and should always be turned off when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- When buying a new unit, make sure it carries the mark of an independent testing lab. Be sure that a qualified technician installs the unit or checks that the unit has been installed properly.
- Wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, chimney connectors, and all other solid-fueled heating equipment need to be inspected annually by a professional and cleaned as often as the inspections indicate.
- Use a sturdy fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying into the room.
- Portable kerosene heaters must be fueled only in a well-ventilated area, free of flame and other heat sources, and only when the device has cooled completely. Use only the type of kerosene specified by the manufacturer for that device, and never use gasoline instead of kerosene. Also, be sure that portable kerosene heaters are legal for home use in your state.
- When turning a heating device on or off, be careful to follow the manufacturer's instructions. When buying heaters, look for devices with automatic shutoff features.
- Be sure any gas-fueled heating device is installed with proper attention to ventilation, and, if unvented gas space heaters are used in bedrooms or bathrooms, they must be small and wall-mounted. Also, LP (liquefied petroleum) gas heaters with self-contained fuel supplies are prohibited for home use by NFPA codes

Restaurant Inspection Scores

Business	Location	1st Insp	Score
7-Eleven	615 S Main	10/7/2002	97
Alexander Elementary	510 Softwood	10/22/2002	97
Best Donuts	307 S Cedar Ridge	10/25/2002	100
BK Vietnamese & Chinese Food	271 W Camp Wisdom	10/25/2002	94
Blockbuster Entertainment	607 S Cedar Ridge	10/29/2002	100
Bo Bo China	626 Oriole	10/23/2002	85
Brandenburg Intermediate	1903 Blue Ridge	10/22/2002	91
Captain D's	419 E Camp Wisdom	11/7/2002	88
Central Elementary	302 E Freeman	10/25/2002	100
Chevron Korner Food Store	103 W Daniieldale	10/28/2002	94
Chevron Station	711 N Cockrell Hill	10/28/2002	91
Clark Road Mobil	602 S Clark	10/29/2002	96
Dairy Queen	607 S Main	10/23/2002	94
Daniel Intermediate	1007 Springwood	10/22/2002	100
DHS West Cafeteria	900 W Camp Wisdom	10/23/2002	96
Dollar General Store #73925	1546 S Clark	10/29/2002	90
Domino's Pizza	402 E Wheatland	11/6/2002	97
Exxon Mobil Oil #60476	447 E Hwy 67	10/21/2002	84
Great China Restaurant	1115 S Main	10/22/2002	88
Hardin Intermediate	426 Freeman	10/22/2002	97
Hastings Elementary	602 W Center	10/22/2002	100
International Food Gallery	413 E Camp Wisdom	10/22/2002	93
Jenny Craig Weight Loss	700 S Cockrell Hill #118	10/7/2002	100
K & J Donuts	406 E Wheatland	11/4/2002	100
Long John Silver's #5038	630 Oriole	10/29/2002	88
Mrs. Baird's Bakeries	716-A N Main	10/29/2002	100
Panther Market	454 E Hwy 67	11/4/2002	95
Peaches Louisiana Fried Catfish	1426 Acton	11/6/2002	94
Pizza Inn of Duncanville	114 N Cedar Ridge	11/6/2002	88
Reed Middle School	530 E Freeman	10/23/2002	100
Shop N Go	406 W Camp Wisdom	10/23/2002	93
Smith Elementary	1010 Big Stone Gap	10/22/2002	97
Subway	107 N Cedar Ridge #136	11/4/2002	94
Taco Bell	323 S Cedar Ridge	11/6/2002	100
The Donut Palace	106 N Cedar Ridge	10/23/2002	88
The Donut Palace	1530 S Clark	11/1/2002	88
Tom Thumb/Retail Sales	633 W Wheatland	10/28/2002	93

Networking for Small Businesses and Job Seekers

The Duncanville Public Library will host a free workshop on networking geared to job hunters and small business owners on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Duncanville Library/Community Center located at 201 James Collins Boulevard.

Donna Carlson, a public relations supervisor for Golin/Harris International, will present the benefits and strategies of effective networking.

Ms. Carlson, dubbed the queen of networking, has authored more than 30 articles in trade and lifestyle magazines and speaks frequently to professional organizations and churches on networking and work/lifestyle balance.

For more information contact Donna Carlson sat (972) 308-9115.

Winter Storm Watches and Warnings

A winter storm watch indicates that severe winter weather may affect your area. A winter storm warning indicates that severe winter weather conditions are definitely on the way.

Free IRS assistance at the Duncanville Public Library

The Duncanville Public Library will offer two free sessions of IRS help beginning in February, announced Elaine Patrick, Reference Librarian. "Both sessions will be on a first-come first-serve basis. The first session will be offered on Wednesdays, from 12noon to 4pm in Meeting Room #1. The second session will be on Saturday mornings, from 10am to 12 noon in the Library's Programming Room.

The Wednesday help is provided by our wonderful AARP volunteers, and runs February 5 through April 9. This is their 19th year of free service to the community and they are greatly appreciated for their efforts.

The Saturday sessions are provided by IRS volunteers and starts February 1 and concludes April 12." For more information call the Library at 972-780-5061.



Holiday Display Contest

<p>2002 Winners</p> <p><i>Exterior Display</i> Glenda Kay's Gifts & Collectibles</p> <p><i>Window Display</i> Sonny Bryan's Smokehouse</p> <p><i>Runner-Ups</i> Dr. Ronald Dotson Remede Body & Skin Spa</p>	<p>Thank You to All Participants</p> <p>Ash Britt Jene Spa Audrey's Creative Braids Charter Cable C/C's Plaza Dobbs Dry Clean Super Center Jaynes Memorial Chapel Knick Knack's Crafts & Antique Mall New Look Hair Salon Pet Medical Center Pet Village Phenair Properties Ultimate Dance Studio Western Bank & Trust</p>
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