



February 2005

Duncanville Digest

**Duncanville Colts
Cheerleaders**

The Duncanville Colts Youth Organization has begun recruiting for the Cheerleader squads for the 2005 season. The earlier that you sign up, will give you time to participate in fundraisers to go towards the cost of your uniform package. You will also have an opportunity to participate in the group gymnastics class. Ages for participating are from 5-13. For more information, contact Gail Pearson at 214-886-8297 or gailpearson1@yahoo.com.

**Boy Scouts Canned
Food Drive**

The Boy Scouts of America will be out in our neighborhoods collecting food for the local food pantries. After the holidays pantries are very low. won't you help on February 5th when the scouts will be placing yellow grocery bags on your door? Please help the scouts help the community by donating non-perishable items and place them back on your front door stop on February 12th. Please be as generous as you can. The scouts will pickup your donations and deliver them to the local food banks.

Preparations Begin for 2005 City Officers and Charter Amendment Election

The 2005 City Officers election will be held on Saturday, May 7th. This year's slate of offices includes Councilmember at large as well as Councilmembers to represent Districts 1, 3, and 5.

According to City Secretary Jeanne Fralicks, the City Council is also considering a charter amendment election. During the City Council retreat in September 2004, the Council expressed an interest in conducting a charter amendment election in conjunction with the general election. "The City's home rule charter was last amended in 2002. Due to several legislative changes, some provisions require amendment to be consistent with State law," Ms. Fralicks stated.

The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Monday, February 7th. The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7th. 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.

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VOTE

Crime Down in 2004

While Duncanville Police set an aggressive goal of a 5% reduction in crime during 2004, they are pleased to announce a 14% reduction in Part 1 crimes.

"The FBI designates which crimes are considered 'Part I' crimes," said Duncanville Police Chief Jack Long. "These crimes include auto theft, theft, burglary, aggravated assault, robbery, sexual assault, involuntary manslaughter and murder/negligent homicide."

Chief Long points to a combined effort between law enforcement and the community for the overall crime reduction.

"The large number in reduction of Part I crime is a combination of a highly dedicated law enforcement officers and the community working together to reduce crime," said Long. "The 12 months running figures shows a very steady pattern of reduction in crime."

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Health Officer	972-780-4963

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
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Community Assistance

Duncanville Outreach	972-296-4986
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Chamber of Commerce

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Mayor & City Council Phone Numbers

Mayor - David Green	972-780-0348
Mayor Pro-Tem- Dorothy Burton	972-296-8844
District 1 - Ken Weaver	972-780-9810
District 2 - Scott Cannon III	972-298-8098
District 3 - Marilyn Massey	972-296-5993
District 4 - Grady Smithey	972-298-2775
District 5 - Jim Pyeatt	972-296-0132

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is a monthly publication of 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

Election set for May 7th

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All registered voters residing within the City of Duncanville may vote for the Councilmember at large position as well as the charter amendments. Only residents of Districts 1, 3 and 5 may vote for their respective candidates.

Anyone not currently registered to vote has until April 7th to register in order to cast a ballot in the May 7th 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. Election details will also be available at www.duncanville.com.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

In the past decade, people have become more aware of the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning in the home. Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Facts & figures

- According to the National Safety Council, 400 gas-poisoning deaths occurred in 2000, 300 of them in homes.
- The risk of unintentional CO death is highest for the very old (ages 75 or above).

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DID YOU KNOW...

It takes lots of volunteers to Keep Duncanville Beautiful?

Individuals or organizations looking for volunteer service opportunities are encouraged to contact Keep Duncanville Beautiful. Keep Duncanville Beautiful will help find the perfect project for you or your group. Need ideas?

Go to www.duncanville.com/greencity or contact Angie Henley at (972) 780-5086.

Please Help Keep Our City Litter-Free
KEEP DUNCANVILLE BEAUTIFUL

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Mayor's Open Line Friday

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

The schedule for December:

February 4, 2005 - 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Water Conservation Information

Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home.

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

Duncanville ISD Education News Briefs

Fairmeadows 4th Grade Student Wins Area "I Can Achieve" Essay Contest

In October, the Neighborhood Credit Union conducted an "I Can Achieve" essay contest for the entire DFW metroplex. Neighborhood Credit Union awarded 4th grade student, Luis Zapote, as the first place winner of the essay contest. Luis was presented with a \$50 gift card to Target. His essay will be published in the Neighborhood Credit Union newsletter, which is mailed to over 45,000 households!

District Geography Bee Results: Byrd MS Captures Top Three Places

Picture of winners available upon request.

The Duncanville ISD District Geography Bee was held Friday, January 21. The winners are as follows:

1st Place - Blake Hulse - 7th Grade, Byrd Middle School

2nd Place - Stephen Cahill - 8th Grade, Byrd Middle School

3rd Place - Chance Bryant - 8th Grade, Byrd Middle School

A very special expression of gratitude and appreciation is extended to the Darrell Mangum family and the Oaks Baptist Church for the generous contribution of geography related books for the first, second, and third place winners.

Special Olympic Sailing Team Heads to Nationals

The Duncanville ISD Special Olympic Sailing Team qualified to compete in the National competition that will be held in Houston on July 24, 2005. Our Special Olympians will be competing in the National Regatta Flying Scotts. SPO sailors from all over the United States will be attending with their host sailing clubs. Our host club is the Corinthians of White Rock Lake.

Production of "Annie Jr."

Daniel Intermediate will present "Annie Jr." on February 1, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Daniel cafeteria. Admission is free.

Former DHS Student in Phuket Reporting on the Tsunami Disaster

Doualy Xaykaothao, a former DHS newspaper staffer has been in Phuket covering the tsunami for National Public Radio since December 27, 2004. She is a reporter/producer for NPR and has been working cooperatively with the DHS journalism class on a story about her experiences. The article will appear in the next "Panther Prints." Doualy was on newspaper staff and in media tech when she attended DHS. To hear her reports, go to npr.org and type in Doualy.

Two DHS Student Council Members Selected to Serve as Junior Counselors

DHS juniors David Boswell and Torrey Eason were selected to serve as a Junior Counselor (J.C.) for a Texas Association of Student Councils summer leadership workshop. David Boswell will J.C. a workshop at Austin College, and Torrey Eason will J.C. a workshop at either Texas A & M Corpus Christi or Angelo State University. Students from across the state apply for this position, and only about 63 students are selected to J.C. at one of T.A.S.C.'s fourteen summer workshops. This will be the second summer for David and Torrey to J.C. David and Torrey will also represent Duncanville High School at the National Association of Student Councils Conference in Collinsville, Illinois this June.

Hastings Elementary: 100 Acts of Kindness Honoring Martin Luther King

Students at Hastings Elementary have been studying Dr. Martin Luther King during the first few weeks of January. In celebration of Dr. King's birthday and his dream where everyone would be kind, helpful, and respectful of others, the campus is recording 100 acts of kindness now and February 14, 2005. At school, children are going to be watching one another to look for acts of kindness. Parents, grandparents, friends, and neighbors are invited to participate. For example, if a child helps his mother fold clothes, carries out the trash without being asked, or does an especially nice thing parents are asked to simply write a note and send it to school with the student. Hasting Huskies are looking for those loving things that warm our heart and make our community shine. In addition to logging acts of kindness, Hastings Elementary will also collect monetary donations for the UNICEF tsunami relief fund until February 14, 2005.

Two Duncanville ISD Schools Recognized by the Division of No Child Left Behind Program

Duncanville, TX (January 24, 2005) - The Texas Education Agency has announced that two Duncanville ISD elementary schools are being recognized by the Division of No Child Left Behind Program Coordination for outstanding academic performance. Central Elementary and Acton Elementary have been selected in the Title I, Part A category. Each campus will be recognized later this spring for their accomplishment by the Region X Education Service Center.

Central and Acton are part of a group of 106 Distinguished Performance Texas schools, whose membership is based on school accomplishment in many areas, including 95% TAKS/SDAA participation in reading and math (Spring 2004); 40% or more low-income in 2003/2004; met AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) in 2003; Exemplary rating in Spring 2004; greater than or equal to state average for Commended Performance in reading and math for Spring 2003; and a rating of Exemplary, Recognized, or AE: Commended in Spring 2002.

Fun In Duncanville

3RD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST

The contest is divided in 3 age groups, 6-10, 11-13, and 14-17. Each contestant must be a student (home school or DISD). Your Black History poster can be a past or current day hero. There must be 2 pictures of your hero on the poster. Both pictures must be of the same person. The poem must be completed by the child. Length of poem must be at least 1 paragraph, but no more than 6. The poem must be about your favorite Black History Hero- past or present. Winners will be recognized at the Black History Program. Posters and Poems must be submitted to Ms. Benjamin at the Center by February 21st, 2005. For additional information for this contest call 972/780-5070 or 972/780-4970.

3RD ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

The Duncanville Community Center will host our 3rd Annual Black History Program. Winners of our Black History Poster Collage and poetry contest will be announced. Come and join the fun. We will have a special guest speaker and various performers. Our special guests include Mayor David Green, Carter High Beta Sigma Steppers, Local Poet Sandra Martin Benton, Dallas Black Dance Theatre, Comedian CoCo, MFBC Sacred Dancers, Mama Mime and more.

When: February 28th, 2005 at 6:30pm

Where: D.L. Hopkins Senior Center - Parkview Room

Please come celebrate with us as we become a part of Duncanville History. ASL interpretation is provided. For additional information please call the Center at 972/780-4970.

MORNING YOGA

Learn basic yoga postures designed to celebrate the spine. Class meets Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10a - 11:30a.

A class for Restorative Yoga will be taught on the last Wednesday of every month.

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room
Class Fee: \$7 per class

Register at Center - Front Desk

Instructor: Carolyn Smith

Attire: Comfortable clothes & tennis shoes. Bring a towel and sticky mat. For more info call 972/780-5070.

TEXAS DANCE AND CHEER

Learn chants, jumps, dance routines & more.

For ages 4 to 7: 1st session meets - 6p-7p.

for ages 8 & up: 2nd session meets - 7p-8p.

Class meets every Thursday & Saturday

Saturday class meets from 1p-3p

Location -West Gym on Thursday nd Aerobics room on Saturday

Registration Fee: \$10 on first meeting
Class Fee: \$8 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
T-shirts, & shorts are available for order at class.

Attire: T-Shirts, shorts or warm-ups and white-soled tennis - For more info call 972/208-6697.

ADULT DANCE CLASSES ARE BACK!

Beginner Swing and Ballroom Dance I
Swing/Jitterbug: Monday 7p to 8pm
(9 wk sessions)

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

D. L. Hopkins Center

Cost: Couples Only/\$45 per person

Instructor: Roger Chartier

Register at Center Front Desk

Singles are welcome. Register today for new session.

We ask that you bring and register a friend to ensure

you a partner for this class. 6

couples Class Minimum

Registration deadline - February 5, 2005.

Class begins - February 7th, 2005

Instructor: Roger Chartier

For additional information call 972/780-5070

SHINING STARS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Parents are you looking for a safe and well-structured environment for your child after school? Then look no further, because the Shining Star After School Program is here for you.

When: Monday - Friday

Time: 3:15p - 6:00p

Cost: \$60 per child/ per month

Where: Duncanville Community Center

Ages: Children entering the 1st - 6th Grade Fall 04

We offer homework assistance, tutoring, special activities, and much more! For more info on how to register your child please call Dwalan at 972-780-4971.

SELF-DEFENSE/ANTI-KIDNAPPING

For ages 4 to 7: 1st session, meets 6p-7p

ages 8 and up: 2nd session meets 7p-8p

Class meets every Tuesday & Friday
Location - Recreation Center West Gym

Registration Fee: \$10 on first meeting
Class Fee: \$8 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
Uniform is available but not mandatory. An Alert Child of Texas T-Shirt is available for purchase. For more info call 972/208-6697.

KNIT N' KNEEDLES CLASS

Pre-teens, teen, and students of all ages! Are you interested in a class that teaches knitting or cross stitching? Sign-up at the front desk for this upcoming class in 2005. Let's start stitching Duncanville! For more information, please call 972/780-5070.

DISTINCT DANCE

Class meets Friday 5:30p - 6:30p,
For ages 4 to 7; 1st session. 2nd session meets at 6:30p - 7:30p for ages 8 & up

Special Dance Group 7:30p-8: 30p

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room

Registration Fee: \$10 on first meeting
Class Fee: \$8 each class meeting

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services.
No required uniform for the classroom. We offer optional uniforms for purchase. For more info call 972/208-6697.

KIDZART CAMPS

Creating confidence through drawing!!! Gain valuable drawing skills in a fun, safe comfortable environment & learn to draw naturally. Children leave with artwork. Plus have a great time!!! Sign up at the center for this great class.

Class meets Mondays,
February 7-14-21-28

4-5pm

Fees: \$60 includes all supplies and cost for 4 days.

Ages: k-6th grade

Where: Duncanville Community Center

Instructor: Laura Brooks

For more info: 214-683-2939

Email: kidzartdfw@yahoo.com

Website: www.kidzart.com

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ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA

Fight Fat! Get Fit!

It's good to feel alive! ... Ages 16+
Duncanville Community Center
Aerobics Room

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

Mon/Wed: Step 'n' Motion 6:30p-7:45p

Mon/Wed: Yoga Fit 7:45p-8:45p

Sat.: Yoga-On-The-Ball 9:15a-10:15a

Sat.: Cardio-Challenge-Mix 10:30-12:00p

Hopkins Senior Center-Northside Room

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

Tues/Thurs: Cardio-Quick 7:00p-7:45p

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

For beginners, regular exercisers;
Cost: \$7.00 walk-in; \$110/Season Pass unlimited; \$70/3-month unlimited; \$30/8 classes;

Cardio/toning classes: Bring exercise mat/hand/ankle weights/towel/aerobic shoes/socks

Yoga classes: Bring Yoga sticky mat, small blanket, towel & no shoes.

*All other equipment available 1st come/1st served basis. Classes are geared for most fitness levels....

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

Email: fit_in_duncanville@yahoo.com

JAZZERCISE

Aerobics, Tone, Stretch

Mon/Wed/Thu Jazzercise Lite

8:45-9:45 a.m.

Mon & Wed Jazzercise Step

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tue & Thu Jazzercise 6:20-7:05 p.m.

Sat Jazzercise 9:15a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Mon/Wed/Thu a.m.: Aerobics Room

Mon pm/Wed pm/Sat am in West Gym

Tue/Thu in Aerobics Room

All classes emphasize low impact, high energy moves.

Tuesdays and Thursdays classes are great for beginners.

On Mon/Wed/Sat we strengthen and tone our muscles. Bring your weights and mat. Tube, step and stability ball provided.

Newcomer's Special: 1 week free

\$8 walk-in.

Certified instructor: Sheilla (SHAY-la)

Instructor Phone: 972-709-6441

Need More Info? Go to

www.jazzforhealth.com

BRIGHTER FUTURES PRESENTS:

One to One Learning Program

Student testing must be scheduled
New class sessions forming

This program is for Pre-K to Adults.
Assessment testing is included in learning program.

Register for this class and schedule testing-day by calling Ms. Logan at 214/597-0101.

Program Fee: \$28/class meeting

Class meets: Monday 5p-6p and Saturday Session from 10a-11a.

In a scheduled Center Meeting room
Instructor: Donya Logan

For additional information and concerns, please call 214/597-0101.

KARATE SCHOOL

Learn serious self-defense oriented
Shorin Ryu Matsamura Kenpo Karate.

Instructors for children & adults;
Duncanville Community Center
Aerobics Room/East gym

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

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

Open: Sat 9-10:30 AM

Cost: \$30/Month-Students, \$45/Month-Adults. Family discounts are available.

Instructors: Kris Howerton, & Brady Cooper.

For Additional info: 972-393-0782 or 214-789-3433.

Email: krishowerton@comcast.net

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.

Friday, February 25

Parkview Room

6:00pm-12am

Cost: \$10.00

Hopkins Senior Center

Instructor: Kim Spurlock

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Got a ticket? Or just want a discount on your auto insurance. Class is sponsored & certified by the National Safety Council. Date to be announced.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday before the class meets.

(Must have 6 registered by deadline to have class)

Duncanville Community Center

201 James Collins

Cost: \$25

Instructor: Doug Rorie

For more info call 972-780-5070.

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 targets: Youthful Drivers & Zero Tolerance Laws & more

Each Class meets Saturdays - 10am - 4pm (6-hours)

Recreation Center - Conference Room
Senior Insurance Discount Class Fee: \$35/class

Insurance Discount Class Fee: \$40/class

Court Ordered Class Fee: \$60/class

Instructor: Kathryn Thompson

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk. For additional information call 972/572-8262.

DUNCANVILLE DAMSELS DRILL TEAM

The Drill Team will perform a variety of dances, such as: Modern, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, and Marching Technique.

Each student will learn the proper stretching exercises.

This class is for girls ages 8 to 13.

Class meets on Monday and Saturday.

When: Monday, from 6:30p to 8:00p and Saturday from 12p to 1:30p

Where: Community Center Teen Room

Fee: \$15/weekly

Register at Center Front Desk
Student minimum: 5 to conduct class.

Instructors: Student teachers
For additional information call Jaleesa at 972/780-7963

or Sherrelle at 214/738-9193.

VOLUNTEERS

We still need volunteers for City Events and Special Center programs.

Community Service Hours are available for students who need hours for School, Church, or Teen Court. For additional information on how to sign-up for community service hours, please call the Center front desk at 972/780-5070.

High School Seniors, now is the time to sign-up and complete your hours by April 2005. We do have openings for after school program volunteers, hours between 3p-7p. Regular evening volunteer hours from 5p to 8p are also available.



Carbon Monoxide

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Safety tips

- Install CO alarms (listed by an independent testing laboratory) inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO.
- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area.
- After purchasing an alarm, call your local fire department's non-emergency telephone number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds. Post that number by your telephone(s) and make sure everyone in the household knows the difference between the fire emergency and CO emergency numbers (if there is a difference).
- Test CO alarms at least once a month, and replace CO alarms according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle, generator, or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Never leave your vehicle running when it is parked or covered in snow.
- Have fuel-burning household heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood and coal stoves, space or portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Only use barbecue grills - which can produce CO - outside. Never use them in the home or garage.
- When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested and labeled by an independent testing laboratory.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.
- When camping, remember to use battery-powered heaters and flashlights in tents trailers, and motor homes.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home and in or outside all sleeping areas.
- Know the difference between the sound of the smoke alarms and the sound of the CO alarms.

If your CO alarm sounds

- If it is a battery-powered intermittent alarm, check the battery.
- If it is a steady alarm or you are unable to determine, evacuate the dwelling. Do not re-enter until the responding agency says it is ok.
- Report the CO alarm warning by calling the appropriate phone number.
- Call a qualified technician to inspect all equipment.

Symptoms of CO poisoning

Severe headache, dizziness, mental confusion, nausea, or faintness. Many of these symptoms are similar to the flu, food poisoning or other illnesses.

Duncanville Public Library Celebrating 50 years of Library Service Presents 2005 Winter Programming

NURSERY RHYME TIME

Head to Toe-10:15 AM

Every Monday

(except March 21)

February 7 Noses, 14 Eyes, 21 Mouths, 28 Backs,

March 7 Ears, 14 Whole body, 28 Colors,

April 4 Going places, 11 Working

HOME SCHOOL VIDEOS

Explorers Every Tuesday, 2:00 PM

February 1-Ferdinand Magellan, 8-Cortes & Pizarro,

15-Henry Hudson, 22-Lewis & Clark

March 1-Vikings, 8-Portuguese Explorers,

15-Spanish Explorers, 22-French

Explorers,

March 29-English Explorers,

April 5-American Frontier, 12-Pocahontas

STORYTIME -10:15 AM

Picture People Every Thursday

February 3-Noise makers, 10-Trouble makers,

17-Travelers, 24-Wild Ones

March 3-Bossy ones, 10-Little & big ones,

17-Half-dressed ones, 24-Dressed-up ones,

March 31-You & me April 7-Just me, 14-All of us

Dad's Night OUT (WITH THE KIDS) ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Entertainment provided by Friends of the Duncanville Public Library

Every-first-Tuesday-of-the-month - 7 PM

Feb. 1- Mother Nature Xtreme Kidz Ntertainment

March 1 - Hula Lula Xtreme Kidz Ntertainment

April 5 - Spring Fling Puppet Show

Spanish Storytime- February 3, March 3, & April 7 - 2 PM

For More information call Urla Morgan, Youth Services Librarian at 972-780-5044



February 2005

February 1 - Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

February 2 - Teen Court. 5:00 p.m. at City Hall

February 3 - 5 - Duncanville Community Theatre production of Educating Rita at 106 S Main St, 8:00 pm curtain (972) 780-5707, www.dctheatre.org

February 4 - Mayor's Open Line. 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

February 4 - DHS Senior Bowling Party. at Triangle Bowl in Irving at 12 midnight.

February 4 - DISD Spelling Bee. at DEC at 9:00 a.m.

February 5 - DHS Student Council Highway Clean-Up

February 9-12 - Duncanville Community Theatre production of Educating Rita at 106 S Main St, 8:00 pm curtain (972) 780-5707, www.dctheatre.org

February 11 - Staff Development. No classes.

February 14 - Planning & Zoning Commission. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

February 14 - DISD Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at DISD Technology Center

February 15- Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

February 28 - Planning & Zoning Commission. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. 203 E. Wheatland Rd.

February 23 - Teen Court. 5:00 p.m. at City

February 28 - Teen Court. Austin

Black History Celebration at the Duncanville Public Library

Esther Malone, professional actress, will perform "The Storyteller" at the Duncanville Public Library on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the library program room.

Folktales and fairytales will be presented from an African American perspective.

Bring the entire family to this fun-filled unique storytelling experience.

Spring Citizen Police Academy Announced

The Duncanville Police Department is happy to announce that we have just finished our 30th session of the Citizens Police Academy.

The next Duncanville Citizens Police Academy will be held on a Tuesday for 11 weeks. During those 11 weeks you will be introduced to several topics of instruction such as Criminal Investigations, Traffic Enforcement, K-9, and Firearms to name a few. There will be a couple of special hands on sessions to where you get to experience what it is like to be a police officer on a traffic stop, or find out what it might be like to be a crime scene investigator.

There will be a graduation ceremony at the end of the session to honor those who have braved those 11 weeks. This is a great time to be held and a great opportunity to meet the officers that work for you. The spring session starts Tuesday, February 22nd, so please come by or call 972-780-5027 for an application. Deadline for the applications to be turned in is on February 20th.

Crime Down in Duncanville

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Also included in the crime prevention effort are the Citizens on Patrol program through the police department.

"Our group of volunteers does a wonderful job of assisting us. They volunteer not only their time, but their vehicles to check our shopping and residential areas and call in suspicious persons and vehicles."

A crime prevention tool that is seeing some resurgence is the Neighborhood Crime Watch program.

"During 1970 and 1980 the Neighborhood Crime Watch had its peak involvement. Since that time society has gotten faster paced and extra time spent getting to know our neighbors has diminished. But, we have at least two neighborhoods have taken the initiative to reintroduce the Neighborhood Crime Watch Program," says Long.

Those two neighborhoods are Hollywood Park and Greenway Estates. Both have contacted the police department and shown a real interest in reducing crime in their respective neighborhoods.

"The Duncanville Police Department is committed to working with any neighborhoods to start a watch program," said Long.

If anyone is interested in starting a program they can contact Officer Eddie Edwards at 972-780-5027.

But, Chief Long and the members of the Duncanville Police Department are not satisfied to rest on their laurels; they are seeking a 5% reduction in 2005.

"I have asked my staff to form a plan to reduce two crimes in particular," said Long. "We feel that we can further reduce the number of robberies and commercial burglaries."

Commercial burglaries are businesses that are usually broken into over night and property is taken.

"We have been very fortunate that we have not had any serious injuries or deaths during the commission of a robbery. The Crime Prevention Division of our department will be making visits to businesses offering to

perform a security inspection to help prevent these types of burglaries," said Long.

In reviewing the 2004 year-end report, there was one murder in 2004. The suspect was arrested early in the investigation, murder charges were filed and the trial is pending.

Sexual Assault is down 29%. "We have seen an unusually high number of sexual assaults where the offense occurred several years ago when the victim was a child, but the victim is just now reporting the crime. In most sexual assault cases, the defendant is a family member of a close friend of the victim," said Long.

Robbery is up 3% and

Commercial Burglary is up 9%. Both are targeted offenses for 2005 and a plan should be in place in early February.

Aggravated Assault is up 3% for 2004. "In most cases Aggravated Assault is case linked to domestic violence. Domestic violence is a crime that is on the increase nation-wide. It is very difficult to impact because of the high emotions of the crime and education is the best method to use in reducing the number of incidents," said Long.

For more information on how you can become involved in this crime reduction effort, call the Community Relations Division of the Duncanville Police Department at 972-780-5027.

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Part 1 Crimes	2003	2004	% Change
Murder/Negligent Homicide	0	1	100%
Involuntary Manslaughter	0	0	0%
Sexual Assault	17	12	-29%
Robbery	55	57	4%
Aggravated Assault	77	79	3%
Total Commercial Burglary	114	124	9%
Total Residential Burglary	244	178	-27%
Motor Vehicle Burglary	566	433	-23%
Burglary of a coin-operated	22	10	-55%
Total Burglary	946	745	-21%
Theft - Felony	102	93	-9%
Theft - Misdemeanor	498	446	-10%
Total Theft	600	539	-10%
Vehicle Theft	198	188	-1%
Grand Total	1885	1621	-14%