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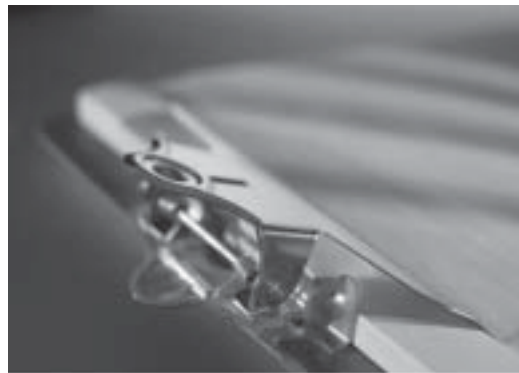
Mayor Repp makes himself available on the first Friday of each month to the citizens to discuss your concerns and ideas about the direction the city is going.

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, January 3rd, 2003 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Release of Information Raises Questions

This past month complaints have been received by the City of Duncanville about businesses apparently obtaining their names, phone numbers and addresses from the City.



The City of Duncanville does not release this information, except what is available through the Open Records Act.

"The City does not make a habit of releasing information on our citizens to private businesses," said Community Information Administrator Keith Bilbrey. "But, under certain circumstances we have no choice."

"In years past, the security and alarm businesses would request the listing of the burglaries that occurred in Duncanville, and they would then send letters out to homeowners. Under the Open Records Act they can have access to that

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Duncanville Citizen's Police Academy Seeks Applicants

The Duncanville Police Department is currently looking for people who live or work in Duncanville and are interested in learning more about the police that serve them.

The Duncanville Citizen Police Academy is about to start its 27th session and 15th year in this program. During this time the Duncanville Police have put more than

450 students through this 11-week course. This course offers classes such as DWI investigation, Family Violence, and demonstrations such as

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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
<i>Community Assistance</i>	
Duncanville Outreach	972-296-4986
<i>Chamber of Commerce</i>	
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

Baseball Signup Set for January

DUNCANVILLE BOYS BASEBALL INC

BOYS & GIRLS - 5YRS THRU 16YRS
REGISTRATION COST \$60.00 PER CHILD
(Due at time of sign-up)

REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday, Jan. 18 — Duncanville Rec. Center from 10am - 2pm

Saturday, Jan. 25 — Duncanville Rec. Center from 10am - 2pm

EVALUATIONS: Feb 8th at the HARRINGTON PARK FIELDS (10am, 12 noon, 2pm, 4pm)

(Feb. 15 Alternate Evaluations Day)

DRAFT: Tuesday, February 18th.

6:30PM - DUNCANVILLE REC. CENTER

PRACTICE STARTS: Saturday, March 1st

Opening Day: April. 5

For more Information call:

The League Line @

972-738-9332




Recycling Statement Nov. 2002

Commodity	Tons
Newspaper	130.66
Tin Cans	0.82
Milk Jugs (HDPE#2)	0.68
Plastic Containers	0.40
Aluminum Soda Cans	0.18
Trash	1.32
Mixed Household Paper	6.45
Total	140.51

This month your recycling saved:

2330.85 Trees
562,145.56 KWH of Energy
959,760.71 Gallons of Water
411.33 Cubic Yards of Landfill
Reduced Air Pollution by 8226.52 pounds



DID YOU KNOW...

That one of the worst problem areas in our city is the violation of Chapter 16 Section A of the Code of Ordinances, which pertains to signage?

Many people are not aware that city's have ordinances pertaining to signs. Often times a permit has not been applied for, or the sign exceeds size allowances. "When posting a sign or banner you must apply for a permit through the Duncanville Code Services Department," states KDB Board member Claudia Zakutney. "The City will even assist businesses with determining their advertising needs and look for creative ways to meet those needs while staying within the law."

Please Help to Keep our City Attractive and...

KEEP DUNCANVILLE BEAUTIFUL

Duncanville Digest

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

Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

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

Duncanville ISD Student Awards

All-Region Orchestra

Congratulations to the fourteen DHS Band members who recently earned places in the wind section of the All-Region Orchestra. They are: Jennifer Robinson, flute; Kathryn Hutchison and Jason Ballengee, oboe; Corey Shive and Kristin Trusty, bassoon; Jon Jones and Brent Buemi, clarinet; Rena McCampbell, bass clarinet; Kali Blevins and Kate Sarmiento, French horn; Nick Shine, James Dillard, and Joel Wren, tenor trombone; Don Patrick Roney and Daniel Brady - bass trombone; and Russell Porter - tuba.

In addition, nine of these students earned advancement to the Area/All-State Auditions in January. They are: Jennifer Robinson, Kathryn Hutchison, Corey Shive, Jon Jones, Brent Buemi, Kali Blevins, Nick Shine, Don Patrick Roney, and Russell Porter.

All-Region Tryouts

Congratulations to the 112 DHS Band students who recently earned chairs in the All-Region Band. Twenty-six students will advance to the Area/State competition in January. They are:

Jennifer Robinson and Sarah Chisholm - flute
Jennifer Virtue - E-flat clarinet
Jonathan Jones, Brent Buemi, Stacy Williams, and Hannah Hall - B-flat clarinet
Meredith Arthur - E-flat clarinet
Rena McCampbell - bass clarinet
Meagan Longoria - contrabass clarinet
Kathryn Hutchison and Jason Ballengee - oboe
Corey Shive and Kimberly Gruebbel - bassoon
Jason Kindig - baritone saxophone
Rebekah Ray and Evan Contreras - trumpet
Nick Shine, Joel Wren, James Dillard, and Adam Holmes - tenor trombone
Don Patrick Roney and Daniel Brady - bass trombone
Russell Porter and Aaron Olson - tuba

Students selected to All-State in January will perform with the All-State Band or Orchestra in February in San Antonio. Congratulations to all these outstanding students.

High Hats in Adolphus Christmas Parade

For the second year in a row, the DHS High Hats received a special invitation to appear in the Neiman Marcus Adolphus Children's Christmas Parade. The High Hats once again had the honor of being Santa's Elves, entertaining the crowd while walking and dancing around Santa's float, which is the grand finale of the parade. The parade took place in downtown Dallas on Saturday, December 7 at 10 am and was shown live on WFAA-TV Channel 8.

DHS Panthers win District 4-5A Championship

Congratulations to Coach Schreiber and the DHS football team for winning the District 4-5A Championship. The Panthers were undefeated in district play. They advanced to bi-district play and were defeated by the Midland HS team, which advanced to the state finals.

DHS Pantherettes Sign

Congratulations to Coach Self-Morgan and the DHS Pantherettes on having five seniors sign college scholarships last Wednesday. The following students will continue their educational and basketball careers at the schools listed. Please take a moment to celebrate each student's academic and athletic accomplishments.

Destanie Sykes - Oklahoma State University	Rochelle Vance - Henderson State University
Tiffany Jackson - University of Texas	April O'Neal - University of Louisiana/Monroe
Jamie Barr - Sam Houston State University	

DHS Speech Team Excels in Chicago and UT Tournaments

Congratulations to the Duncanville HS Speech Team. Prior to the Thanksgiving break, the team attended the Glenbrook Speech Tournament in Chicago (a nationally ranked tournament). Sophomore Bianca Anderson and senior Brad Davidson placed 3rd in Duet. Senior Sydney Stanton and sophomore Kevin Bennett gave stellar performances and missed placing by just one rank.

The DHS Speech and Debate Team also participated in the University of Texas Speech/Debate Tournament in December. DHS finished 12th as a team, out of 91 participating high schools from Texas and across the nation. About 1,900 students participated in this tournament. DHS students reaching the finals were:

Micah Ellis - 8th in poetry	Brad Davidson - 3rd in dramatic, 5th in humorous
Bianna Anderson - 5th in poetry	Brad Davidson and Sydney Stanton - 3rd in duet acting
Bianna Anderson - 6th in prose	

Fun In Duncanville

ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA

Fall Back Into Fitness....

Duncanville Community Center

Aerobics Room

Mon/Wed- Step 'n' Motion (Step/tone)

6:15-7:30 PM

Sat.-Cardio Combo (step/hi-lo Aerobics/

Kickbox/toning/stretch)9:00-10:30 am

Tues/Thurs-Yoga Fit (Strength/endurance/

Stretch/Relax/Meditation) 5:45-6:45 PM

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

JAZZERCISE

Fresh moves, new music, pure motivation.

West Gym

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

Sat.-Jazzercise 9-10 am

Aerobics Room

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

All classes emphasize low-impact, high energy moves.

Bring your own weights & mat.

\$7 walk in.

New Clients Special: Jan 1-31. \$20 (EFT)

bank draft start up offer. No long-term

contracts. No membership fees.

Open House: Monday, Jan 6, 6:30pm

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: \$7 each class meeting

Register at Recreation Center - Front Desk

Instructor: Carolyn Smith

Class begins on January 3rd, 2003

Please wear comfortable clothes and

tennis shoes to class. Bring a towel and

sticky mat. For more info call 972/780-

5070

STACY SANDERS' TAEBO WORKOUT

Workout with today's Top 40 music

selections (Gospel Recording Artist).

This workout includes beginning taebo,

step, chair exercises, and calisthenics.

Enjoy yourself while you enhance

weight loss. Come on Duncanville.

Lets workout with Stacey Sanders.

Class meets weekly on Fridays at 7:30p

and Saturdays at 1:30p

Recreation Center - Aerobics Room

Class fee: \$40 monthly

Instructor: Stacey Sanders

Register at the Recreation Center front

desk. Minimum 10 students needed –

Registration Deadline - January 3, 2003

– Class begins January 4th, 2003

For additional Info call 972/780-5070

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

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.

SELF-DEFENSE/ANTI-KIDNAPPING

Class meets Monday 6p - 7p, ages 4 to

7: Class - 7p to 8p for ages 8 & up, &

Class 8p-9p ages 10 & up

Merrifield GYM

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting

Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting – Class

begins 1/13/03

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.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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

Class is sponsored & certified by the

National Safety Council.

January 13 & 14, 2003

6pm-9pm (Must attend both classes)

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January

9th @ 5:00 PM

(Must have 6 registered by deadline to have class)

Duncanville Community Center

201 James Collins

Cost: \$25

Instructor: Doug Rorie

KYUDO (Japanese Archery)

Alexander Elementary Gym

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

Cost: \$18/Month

Instructor: Mark Wegmann

214-324-8906

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.

January 17

6:00pm-12am

Cost: \$10.00

Hopkins Senior Center

Instructor: Kim Spurlock

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 January 2003

Seminar

Class meets Friday January 24th, from

5p-9p and Saturday, January 25th from 9a

– 2p

Recreation Center – Teen Activity Room

Cost: \$60

Instructor: D.L. Burt

Please register at the Center Front Desk

Call 972/780-5070 for additional

information or e-mail Mr. Burt at

crusades@gte.net.

K-CHAT

Chat seminar with teens ten to sixteen

years old, future for tomorrow.

Enjoy Q & A, Goodies, and Door Prizes.

Alcohol/Drugs Awareness

& Driving Program

Class meets Thursday - 4:30p-6p &

Saturday 4p-5: 30p

Class Fee: \$15 Weekly

Recreation Center – Meeting Room

Instructor: Kathryn Thompson

Register at Recreation Center - Front

Desk. For additional information call 972/

572-8262

The Duncanville Recreation Center is closed Jan 1st for New Years Day Holiday & Jan 20th for Martin Luther King holiday.

January 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 – Class begins 1/16/03

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 January 6, 2003

Class begins – January 7th, 2003

For more 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 – Class begins 1/17/03

Register at class

Instructor: Diversified Youth Services

No required uniform for the classroom.

However we offer optional uniforms for purchase through out semester. For more info call 972/208-6697

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 – Registration

Deadline January 10th, Minimum 5

students needed. Class begins January 12th, 2003. For questions/info please call 972/296-8409

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 January 4th, 2003

Please call 972/780-5070 for information

ADULT DANCE CLASS

Beginner Swing and Ballroom Dance I

Classes are forming in January 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 –

Registration Deadline January 5th, 2003

Class begins January 6th. Singles are welcome. We ask that you bring and registra friend to ensure you a partner for this class. Class Minimum - 6 couples needed. **For additional information call 972/780-5070**

TEXAS STARLETS

Each Child will learn basic to advance dance techniques with several performances. Dance 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 and the super and varsity class - \$45/month. Class Begins January 7th, 2003

Instructor: Jeanette Palmer

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. 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.

Parents did you know?

Every day some one leaves items of clothing at the center. Only a few members Come in and ask about these lost items. Please ask our staff at the front desk to check our lost and found book for missing items immediately. After 2 weeks these items are donated to charity. WE STILL HAVE A LOST CELL PHONE!

Youth Sports Signup Dates and Information

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 Jan 11, 2003, 9a-3pm at Duncanville Community Center or at Soccer Association office during open hours.

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

Sign-ups Jan. 18th & 25th, 2003 at Duncanville Community Center from 10am-2pm.

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.

■ This event will present the opportunity for individuals of all ages, and abilities to experience the relaxation and joys of fishing.

■ Armstrong Pool will be stocked with thousands of rainbow trout from Missouri.

■ The last start time on Saturday is 4:00pm and on Sunday it's 2:00pm

■ At least 200 fish will be specially tagged for prizes.

■ Participants are NOT REQUIRED to have a trout stamp or Texas Fishing License.

■ 75 pre-registration slots per hour- 25 walk-up slots per hour=100 anglers per hour maximum. Cameras are welcome!



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.

Students Take the Law Into Their Own Hands

Teens **ARE** taking the law into their own hands. That is, two nights a month local students age 14-18 serve as lawyers and jury members deciding community service sentences for their peers. Through Teen Court one of Olivia Harrington's favorite sayings has come true: "Leadership is best when given away."

At the all day training, volunteers will hold mock trials, watch a video about deliberations, learn about the laws and legal definitions, participate in a leadership workshop, and discuss benefits for the defendant, volunteers and the community.

Mrs. Harrington is looking for committed young people ages 14-18 to attend training Saturday, January 11, to become attorneys, clerks and bailiffs. Volunteer applications are available at City Hall, Library, Ninth Grade Counseling Center, DHS Counseling Center, Ms Richey, Adamson, Davidson or Garner at DHS. Or online at the City of Duncanville Web Site: www.duncanville.com

For more information call 972-780-5063 or Olivia Harrington at oharrington@ci.duncanville.tx.us

January

1 • New Year's Day Holiday. All City offices closed. No residential garbage or recycling collection.

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

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

8 • Teen Court. 5 p.m. at City Hall.

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

20 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. All City offices closed. Regular residential garbage and recycling schedule will be followed.

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

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

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

RECYCLE

Duncanville 26 - January 17 • Recycle your Christmas Tree at City Service Center, 330 Shady Trail.

Mark Your Calendar

February 1 & 2

Pool Trout Fish-Out

Call Community Services at (972) 780-5070

for tickets.

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**

Congratulations 2002 "A Glitzy Texas Christmas" Parade Winners

On behalf of the City of Duncanville and the Duncanville Community Services Department, thank you to everyone who participated in the 2002 Duncanville Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony held last month on December 6th. Whether you marched in the parade or stood along the street as a spectator, you are the reason the parade was such a success.

The 2002 parade was spectacular with 78 entries that lit up Duncanville streets with their creative renditions of Christmas in Texas." City staff members hope residents enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony and family activities found at city hall. A big Texas thank you to the Duncanville Dr Pepper StarCenter for providing the "Snow Park at the Tree Lighting Ceremony." Children of all ages enjoyed building snowmen and making snow angels.

The City of Duncanville invites you to join us next year for this special community event on the first Friday of December.

Congratulations 2002 Parade Winners

Grand Marshal's Choice.....Adventure Railroad Train
Santa's Choice.....DHS Ice Hockey Team
Best Use of Lights.....Cub Scout Pack 494
Best Representation of Parade Theme.....Campfire Girls
Best Overall...Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees & Teachers of the Year



Free Programs at the Duncanville Public Library

The 2003 *Dad's Night Out Series* will begin on Tuesday, January 7, with the puppet show, *Louie Skips School*. That night eight-year-old Naomi D'Amato will introduce the program with a charming violin solo. Each first-Tuesday-of-the-month the public is invited to attend a 7 p.m. puppet show. February 4- *Grandfather Tales*, March 4-*Mother Goose*, April 1-*Walk-About-Theater*, and May 6-*Do-It-Yourself Sock Puppets*. The *Friends of the Duncanville Public Library* offer these shows free to everyone.

Beginning January 6 and lasting through March 29, Duncanville Public Library weekly programs are *Nursery Rhyme Time* (Mondays at 10:15 AM), *Home School Videos* (Tuesdays at 2 PM), *Visiting Story Times for Groups* (Wednesdays from 9 AM to noon), *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, *Animal Life for Children* will give the younger home-school students, ages 4-10, an opportunity to observe animal behavior and habitat. Children's Centers who schedule a *Visiting Storytime* will enjoy boarding and checking out books from the *Duncanville Book Mobile*."



Local Author to Speak at Friends of the Duncanville Library Meeting

The Friends of the Duncanville Public Library are proud to announce that C.J. Bevill, author of *BAYOU MOON*, will be the featured presenter at their Friends meeting on January 28 at 7pm.

"We are honored to have an author of Ms. Bevill's caliber, to be joining us that evening," said Betty Owens, President of the group.

"Everyone is invited to this free program in which Ms. Bevill will tell us about her writing experiences. Ms. Bevill is also a Duncanville resident," continued Mrs. Owens.

The Friends of the Library meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Library's Programming Room and encourage you to join them.

For more information about the Friends call the Library at 972-780-5061 or visit the Library's website at www.youseemore.com/duncanville.

Coach Self-Morgan Reaches 600 Career Wins

On December 10, 2002, Duncanville girls basketball coach Cathy Self-Morgan achieved her 600th career victory. The Pantherettes' 51-41 win over Cedar Hill has put Coach Self-Morgan in an elite class among Texas high school basketball coaches.

Coach Self-Morgan joined Duncanville ISD as girls basketball coach/girls athletic coordinator in April 2000. Her winning record up to that date included three state championships. She was selected Texas Sportwriters Coach of the Year in 1995 and 1996; TGCA All Star Coach in 1987 and 1995; and TABC All Star Coach in 1996.

Attendance Zone Redrawing Committee work underway

The Attendance Zone Redrawing Committee convened in December 2002 for their first meeting. Information was shared by consultant Dennis Harner regarding growth in enrollment and strategies for drawing appropriate zones for schools. The committee will meet on January 6, 9, 27, and 30 to draft their recommendations for the Board of Trustees.

The proposed recommendations will be presented for the community's input and review at a Public Forum on Thursday, February 6, 2003. The forum will be hosted at Reed Middle School Auditorium, located at 530 E. Freeman, at 7:00 pm. Subsequent committee meetings may be necessary following the Public Forum for revisions.

The Board is scheduled to review the committee's preliminary recommendations on February 24, 2003.

Winter Weather Preparedness Tips From FEMA

Preparing Your Home

- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic, insulate walls and attics, and apply caulk and weather-stripping to doors and windows.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Remove ice and snow from tree limbs, roof and other structures after the storm passes.

Winter Weather Terms

- Winter weather advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists;
- Winter storm watch - Be alert, a storm is possible;
- Winter storm warning - Take action, the storm is occurring or will soon occur in the area;
- Blizzard warning - Snow and strong winds combined will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life-threatening wind chill - seek refuge immediately;
- Frost/freezing warning - Below freezing temperatures are expected.

Winter storms accounted for five national major disasters and eight emergency declarations in 2001 as well as five major disasters and one emergency declaration to date in 2002.

Release Raises Questions

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information. We would not provide names, but they could gain access to the addresses."

"Now we have a company that has filed an open records request for information on persons receiving citations from our Code Services Department. We have since learned that this company has contacted some of these people and is offering to help them get their homes or businesses into compliance with our city ordinances," said Bilbrey.

Under the Open Records Act, information on citations is open records and that information has to be released upon request.

The mission of the City's Code Services Department is to maintain and enhance property values and quality of life in Duncanville.

"If you receive correspondence regarding an ordinance violation from a private firm or from anybody other than a City employee, you are encouraged to contact Duncanville's Code Services Department to clarify the nature of the violation and the steps necessary to resolve it," said Senior Code Enforcement Officer Tom Greco.

You can reach the City of Duncanville Code Enforcement Department at 972-780-4960.

CPA Seeks Applicants

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K-9, and firearms. Refreshments are brought for the class during each break period by our past CPA graduates.

Each class is held on a Tuesday from 7p-10p, with the first class starting February 25th, 2003.

The Duncanville Police Department is located at 203 E. Wheatland Rd., Duncanville, TX.. Contact Ofc. Edwards or Pug Pagliara at 972-780-5027 if you have any questions.