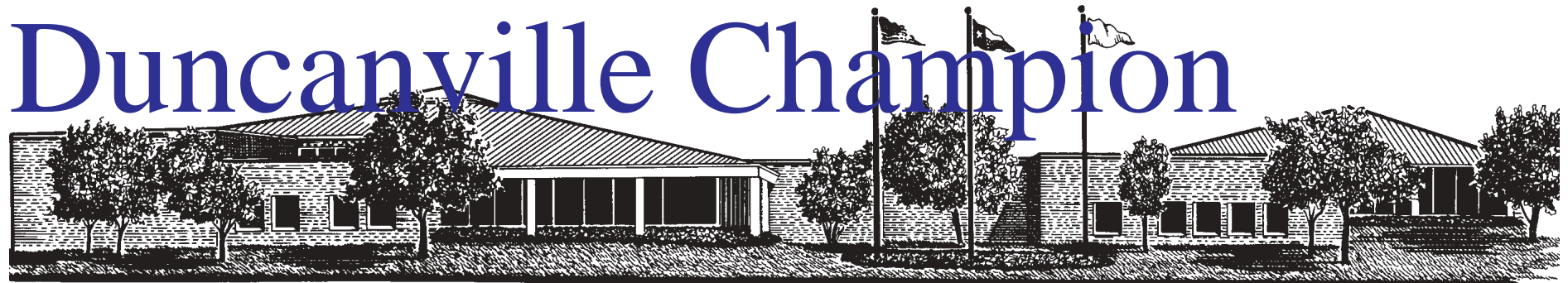


Duncanville Champion



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OTHER NEWS

4th of July Activities

A complete list of 4th of July activities can be found in this issue of The Champion. Information on the concert that evening is on page 1. A complete list of all activities and an accompanying article in on page 2. For a complete list of all the month's activities, the Community Calendar can be found on page 6.

Garbage Collection Schedule

There will be no garbage or recycling collection on Thursday, July 4. Garbage & recycling will be collected on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

No July Mayor's Open Line Friday

The Mayor's Open Line Friday will be cancelled for the month of July. Mayor Glenn Repp will be unavailable due to a prior engagement.

Looking for a Job?

The City of Duncanville has several job openings available. You can check out all of the opening on the city's website at www.duncanville.com or by calling the Duncanville JobLine at 972-780-5006.

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Lindy & the Look to Headline 4th of July

Called "the best looking and best sounding show and dance group around" by Prime Time Music Magazine, Lindy & the Look will perform from 7:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the Duncanville 4th of July Summer Concert Series sponsored by the City of Duncanville. The concert will be held at Poe-Hobden Theatre in Armstrong Park and is free.

This energetic group performs nationwide for groups like Microsoft, the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Instruments, the Golden Nugget Casino in Las Vegas, the American Cancer Society, and many others.

Lindy & the Look offer a wonderful sampling of many styles and periods of pop music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Something every member of the family will enjoy from classic dance hits of the past to the current hot songs of today.

The annual spectacular fireworks display, sponsored by the City of Duncanville and conducted by Pyrotech, Inc., will immediately follow the concert at or around 9:20 p.m.



School Year Full of Success Stories

Eight Duncanville ISD campuses began the 2001/02 school year with the designation of either Recognized or Exemplary awarded by the Texas Education Agency (T.E.A.). Their success was compounded by a district wide celebration as teachers and staff earned incentive money for the designation as a Recognized district overall. This celebration came on the heels of a recruiting season that brought 160 new staff members to the district. Due to aggressive measures regarding teacher salary increases and bonus pay for critical need areas, Duncanville ISD began the current school year fully staffed. Of the newly hired teaching professionals, 121 were experienced teachers and 39 were new to the profession. These numbers reflect the lowest number of teachers hired without prior experience in the last decade. The annual 2001 Duncanville ISD Job Fair brought over 800 eager applicants to Duncanville ISD allowing the district to overcome obstacles in hiring quality teachers.

Duncanville ISD student achievement continued to soar throughout the year. Members of the graduating Class of 2002 were awarded \$2,783,203 in scholarships for their efforts and two DHS students were named National Merit Finalists. DHS student Jessica Walker was named a finalist in the 2002 Achievement Scholarship Awards conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The DHS Academic Decathlon team ranked as the eleventh best team in Texas, up from last year's ranking at 35. The team returned from the regional competition with 80 medals, including 53 gold. Of these, 53 were for individual events and 27 for team events. James Strand, a member of the Academic Decathlon Team, was the high scorer in the state from all regional competitions. He scored a total of 8,476 points

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Council Seeks Citizens to Serve on City Boards & Commissions

Citizens are reminded that the Duncanville City Council is currently accepting applications from residents interested in volunteering their service on one of the City's boards or commissions. According to City Secretary Jeanne Fralicks, vacancies will be reviewed and filled during the summer months for the following boards: Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Adjustments, Sign Control Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Library Advisory Board, 4B Sales Tax Board, and Business Advisory Board.

To be eligible to serve, one must be a resident and qualified voter of the City. Anyone interested in serving is encouraged to forward a completed application to Jeanne Fralicks, City Secretary, P.O. Box 380280, Duncanville, Texas, 75138-0280. **The application deadline is July 15, 2002.**

An application may be obtained at City Hall, visiting the City's web page at www.duncanville.com or a full application is available on page five. For more information, please call 972-780-5004.

www.duncanville.com

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After Hours Calls	972-780-4959

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Event Rain-Out	972-949-2229

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Director	972-780-5015
Building Inspections	972-780-5040
Garage Sale Permits	972-780-5040
Health Officer	972-780-4963

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Radio	1250 AM
Internet	www.duncanville.com
Television	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

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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

4th of July Extravaganza – a day of family fun and local entertainment

The Duncanville Lion's Club is planning a spectacular 4th of July extravaganza. They invite you and your family to make plans to attend the day's activities.

The celebration begins at 9 a.m. with the 4th of July annual parade sponsored and coordinated by the Duncanville Lions Club. The parade will focus on honoring men and woman who serve our country and community while depicting Duncanville's patriotic spirit. The parade theme, "United We Stand," will honor every branch of the Armed Forces as well as the Duncanville Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year as these representatives serve as parade Grand Marshals.

The Mountain View College Band will perform patriotic music during the parade in front of the three flag poles located on the south lawn of Duncanville City Hall.

Other 4th of July Extravaganza activities include free children games and activities, an antique car show, musical entertainment, an evening concert and the annual spectacular fireworks display.

Children ages 2-12 can participate in the games and activities, which will be held in Armstrong Park immediately following the parade at approximately 10 a.m. The Lions Club will begin serving hot dogs, soda and bottled water at the Kidsville Pavilion when the children's activities begin. Activities include the Western Bank slow bicycle race, washers, jump rope, hula hoop, yo-yo contest, the Chick Fil-A toss the cow, the City Credit Union clown bean bag and and Duncanville Rotary Club volley waterballon toss

You can purchase a hot dog and a coke for \$2. Proceeds from the sale of hot dogs and sodas will benefit the Loins Club Scholarship Fund.

Between 1-5 p.m. local musical artist will perform at the Historical Park Gazebo. Imagine, a four member female vocalist group will perform from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 1:45 p.m. Band members Erica Goldman, Sarah Reno, Emily Stewart (Midlothian high school students) and Jennifer Robinson (a Duncanville high school student) will perform a variety of music from gospel to contemporary.

Local female vocalist Katherine McGaughey, a 15 year old gospel singer and Duncanville high school student, will perform at the Gazebo at 2:30 p.m.

The Lions Club is still looking for other local musical artist interested in performing during the 4th of July event. Interested artist can contact Tammy Kuykendall at 972-780-5086.

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4th of July Extravaganza

Activities

9:00 a.m. 4 th of July Parade, "United We Stand"
10:00–12:00 p.m. Children's Games & Activities (FREE for children 2-12)
10:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m. A hot dog and coke for \$2 at Kidsville Pavilion (proceeds benefit the Lions Club scholarship fund)
1:00–5:00 p.m. Local Musical Artist Perform at the Historical Park Gazebo
1:00 p.m. - female vocalists, Imagine
2:30 p.m. - female vocalist, Katherine McGaughey
6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Lions Club Car Show at the Library / Community Center east parking lot
7:30 p.m. Lindy & the Look 4 th of July summer concert
9:20 p.m. Fireworks display

Recycling Statement April 2002

Commodity	Tons
Newspaper	158.38
Tin Cans	1.16
Milk Jugs (HDPE#2)	0.94
Plastic Containers	0.61
Aluminum Soda Cans	0.40
Trash	1.62
Mixed Household Paper	9.41
Total	172.52

This month your recycling saved:
 2,852.49 Trees
 687,952.90 KWH of Energy
 1,174,553.73 Gallons of Water
 503.38 Cubic Yards of Landfill
 Reduced Air Pollution by 10,067.60 pounds

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On June 5 at the annual awards luncheon in Dallas, Duncanville Public Library's Technology Librarian, Ron Pappenhagen, was named Library Employee of the Year. Dale Fleeger, Coordinator of the Northeast Texas Library System (NETLS), stated " Ron served as the Project Manager for the library's TIF project by writing up the grant application for which the Library received \$100,000 from the Texas Infrastructure Funding Board, as well as researched vendors and systems. As the project was implemented Ron also helped area NETLS libraries as they faced similar transitions. As a result of his efforts, a new library system was acquired in Duncanville, with an improved library card catalog, and remote features that patrons in the community are already enjoying."

Test for a leaking toilet by adding food coloring to the tank. If any color appears in the bowl after 30 minutes, your toilet is leaking. Leaking toilets wastes 200 gallons of water a day. For further water saving tips, please call the Duncanville Public Works Water/Wastewater Division at 972-780-4900.

DISD Year in Review

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out of a possible 10,000 points. Additionally, the DHS Journalism Program earned top rankings at the Interscholastic League Press Conference. The Panther Tale Yearbook and Panther Prints Newspaper earned Gold Stars and DHS was the only school to receive two of these high caliber awards in one year. Panther Tale now has a total of five Gold Stars to its credit and Panther Tale has a total of four. Mary Pulliam, the DHS Journalism Advisor was honored with the Texas Legends Award for lifetime of leadership and excellence to the field of school journalism.

Following the successful beginning of the school year in August, the attack on our nation's freedom occurring on September 11 served as a reminder of all we have to treasure at Duncanville ISD. Patriotism swelled across the United States and Duncanville ISD students and staff showed pride in their nation and support of the military troops serving their country. Never before have teachers had the opportunity to reinforce lessons through current events and examples brought into the classroom that will be remembered by our students for the remainder of their lives. Many schools have had fundraisers for families affected by the September 11 tragedy, celebrated our nation's freedom through patriotic celebrations, and began pen pal programs for those in active military service. These may be the most important lessons Duncanville ISD students carry with them from this school year.

Financial matters for the district reflected strategic and frugal fiscal management. The solid financial state of Duncanville ISD enable the district to receive highly competitive interest rates on the sale of bonds from the October 2001 bond election that secured \$166 million for new construction, renovation, and redevelopment of facilities. As a result of the bond issue, two new elementary schools will be added to the district's lineup in 2003. In addition to the new construction, all campuses will receive renovations and refurbishing. Facilities, both new construction and renovations, are scheduled for completion by 2005.

Under the direction of new Assistant Superintendent for Technology Larry McHaney, the Technology Center, currently found on the DHS campus, will be relocated to the former city library at Main Street and Wheatland Road. The technology program at Duncanville ISD continues to meet the needs of staff and students and is emulated by other districts because of its overwhelming success.

The Duncanville High School Band enjoyed another momentous season. They earned Division I ratings in marching and concert/site reading at the District UIL Competition and a total of thirteen DHS band students were selected for the All-State band! Duncanville ISD was also host to the annual Duncanville Marching Invitational (DMI) and the band played stellar performances at the Meyerson in the spring. This group of motivated students, under the direction of Dr. Tom Shine, is a flagship program of the Duncanville Independent School District and continues to earn a sparkling reputation as a Duncanville High School program.



DHS Salutatorian James Strand (left) and Valedictorian Jarrod Thompson (right). Jarrod will be attending Texas A&M University and will major in Mathematics. Salutatorian James Strand will be attending the University of Texas at Austin and will be in their Honors Engineering Program, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

Athletics for the 2001/02 school year came to a close with the boys baseball team reaching the final four games in Austin for the state championship. They competed in the semi-finals and lost to Austin Bowie on June 7. Also competing at the state championship level was sophomore golfer Martin Piller, who finished sixth in the state, and the boys track team who finished second in the state. The boys track team had the second best 4x100 time in the nation. Stephen White, a member of the DHS Swim Team, competed in the state competition as well. Reaching the playoff level were the volleyball, girls basketball, girls soccer, football, and cross-country teams. The boys basketball team competed at the regional playoff in their quest for a state title.

The May 2002 School Board election brought a new trustee to the Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees and returned one veteran member. Mr. Marshal Wesley was newly elected to the Board and Max Harper, currently serving his second term as Board President, returned to the board for a third term.

The Duncanville ISD Education Foundation had its most successful fundraising and grant giveaway since it was established in 1996. The education foundation Board of Directors awarded 37 grants totaling \$80,216, which brought the grand total to \$224,000 since 1996. The foundation has thrived with the guidance of community volunteers serving as directors for this worthy and vital organization. Additionally, vendors have become extremely active in the fundraising efforts of the foundation as they become aware of the critical role the innovative teaching grants play in the Duncanville ISD classrooms. The foundation's slate of directors has expanded from 21 to 29 members to involve more community members and to increase the growing effectiveness of the program.

Duncanville ISD students continue to blossom in classrooms with teachers who are committed to their learning. The Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees, with Superintendent Jerry Cook, strive to provide a nurturing, safe, and quality school environment focused on learning. School employees from the classroom and all departments are committed to meeting the needs of children and are excited about the coming changes made possible through the October 2001 bond program. It is a great time to live, work, and learn in the Duncanville Independent School District.



DHS Graduate Steffanie Grogean receives a congratulatory hug from her school counselor.

What is the Mission of the Duncanville Police Department?

The mission of the Duncanville Police Department is to provide quality law enforcement and public safety services to our community focusing on goals, objectives, values and partnerships.

There are numerous ways your police department can achieve these goals but, none is as important as building partnerships with the community. These partnerships can range from the residential neighborhoods all the way to major businesses in our community. With these working partnerships we can build a network of information that is communicated between the citizens and business owners in our city. This can assist the police department with providing a better quality of service to those who need police assistance. When these partnerships are established, goals, objectives, and values can be put into working order to bring a better quality of life into focus for all.

Chief Jack Long emphasizes that the elderly population is the fastest growing population in the United States today. To better serve this part of our community, The Duncanville Police Department has several different programs such as the Citizen Police Academy, Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.), and Call And Leave Message (C.A.L.M.). Many elderly people become targets by different fraudulent scams that can literally break their bank. Through education we as a community can prevent these cons from making you and or loved ones victims. Below are some crime prevention tips.

- 1 There is "no" reason not to say "no" to a phone solicitor or to a door to door solicitor when you are not interested in buying anything. Simply say, "No thank you, not interested" Repeat that statement if necessary.
- 2 Never open the door until you have identified the caller at the door and even then, there is no reason to open the door if you don't want to.
- 3 Remember the saying, "If it's too good to be true, it probably is"? It still stands true even today.
- 4 Never give your credit card number or any personal information out over the phone unless you initiate the call.
- 5 Hang up on high pressure salespeople on the phone.
- 6 Always talk to a family member, trusted friend, or financial advisor before parting with your money.
- 7 Never be afraid to say no.

Businesses have a tendency to become victims of crime as well. For that reason, the Duncanville police hold a wealth of information on crime prevention. In addition to the free information, we also provide a free service to businesses and homes. It is a home or business security survey. It is where an officer (likely me) will come out to your home or business and study either of the two and make recommendations on what you can do to make either a much lesser target. The best part about that is, it's free. What? Yes, Free! Better yet you could even get a break on your homeowners insurance if it is for a residential home.

Your Chief of Police and its officer's stand firm by the mission statement and hires police officer's who are willing to bring these values into play for the entire community. If you have any questions about any crime prevention tips or crime activity in your Duncanville neighborhood, please call officer Edwards at 972-780-5027.

Preventing Identity Theft

Reprinted by request from the April 2000 Champion

There's a new sort of crime sweeping the country now-a days. It's called IDENTITY THEFT. That's right, criminals have found a new way to steal from you, and this kind of theft can really wreak havoc in a victim's life that could take a great deal of time, paperwork and frustration to correct. In fact, some victims may not ever recover from this crime. Symptoms of this crime may appear in their lives for years to come. It can be an ongoing crime- and to make matters worse, it usually takes a while for the victim to realize the crime has occurred.

Identity theft occurs when a thief takes your personal information, i.e. social security number, bank account number, credit card number, name and/or address, and uses it to commit fraud or theft. A common example is when a thief uses your information to open a credit card account without your knowledge.

You're probably asking, "how do the thieves get this personal information?"

Well, there are many different ways that thieves gain access to personal information. For instance, in one day's time, you may write a check, make a credit card purchase, or apply for a credit card. These activities require you to share personal information.

Here are some other ways thieves obtain personal information.

- They may obtain information from the Internet.
- They may go "dumpster diving," or rummaging through garbage for personal information.
- They steal mail from mailboxes (including those pre-approved credit card offers and bank statements.)
- They may gain access to information in your home while providing an in-home service.
- They steal purses and wallets (which contain personal identification and credit cards.)
- They may gain access to personal information at work.
- They buy information from inside sources (like a crooked store employee who gains access to your information during a legitimate transaction.)

So now that the thief has your personal information, how can it be used to harm you?

Well once again there are many ways thieves have come up with to commit theft or fraud and make it all point to you.

- For instance, they may purchase cars or other items (taking out the loan in your name. Of course you don't make the payments, because you are not aware of the purchase. Therefore your credit report reflects this unknown car loan.)
- They may open a bank account in your name and write bad checks on that account or equally as bad, they may have checks printed on your real account and write checks on your account, draining your account before you realize the problem.)
- They may establish a new credit card account in your name and use the card to make purchases, and not pay the bills. (This account is then reported to the credit bureau as delinquent.)
- They may file for bankruptcy under your name.
- They may set up a phone service in your name.
- They may put in a change of address on your mail so that more of your information is sent to some other address.

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Senior Center Kicks Off Summer Activities

Have we got a deal for you! The D. L. Hopkins, Jr. Senior Center Building Committee has kicked off their 2002 fundraising campaign, Double Your Pleasure, Double Our Fun, and you have the opportunity to help us double our money! A most generous resident has offered us a matching gifts program toward our new building/renovation project. All contributions up to \$ 1,000 given between now and December 1, 2002 will be doubled up to \$ 18,000! So your \$ 50 contribution becomes \$ 100, your \$ 500 tax deductible donation becomes \$ 1,000! You can't get better a better interest rate than this!

Another great way to help is to come see our watermelon tent in Armstrong Park on July 4th. We will be selling slices of cold, juicy watermelon after the parade and before the concert and fireworks! And all our profits toward the Building Fund will be doubled!

The Dallas Lighthouse for the Blind will present a special program at the senior center on Friday, July 12th at 10:15 am. Highlights of the presentation include adapting to changes in your vision, coping techniques, and adaptive aids and how they can help. Everyone is invited to attend.

Birthdays are always a special celebration for us each month. Everyone with a July birthday will be honored at our birthday luncheon on Wednesday, July 10th. What's on the menu? Lemon garlic chicken, squash casserole, green beans with new potatoes, and birthday cake and ice cream! Anyone 60+ years old can come and help us sing happy birthday, just give us a call at 972 780-5073 to make your reservation.

City of Duncanville Boards and Commissions Application

Applications for appointment to a Board or Commission. Please complete and return to City Secretary Jeanne Fralicks, P.O. Box 380280, Duncanville, Texas 75138-0280, place in the night drop box located in the City Hall parking lot, or fax to (972) 780-5077. For more information, contact Jeanne Fralicks at (972) 780-5004. **Deadline for application submission is Wednesday, July 11th at 5:00 PM.**

Please not preference of Board or Commission by numbering your choice(s):

Planning & Zoning Commission	_____	Library Advisory Board	_____
Board of Adjustments	_____	4B Sales Tax Board	_____
Sign Control Board	_____	Business Advisory Board	_____
Park & Recreation Advisory Board	_____		

Name:	Home Address & Zip Code	Home Phone	Age
Occupation	Business Address	Business Phone	
Registered Voter? _____	Resident in District No. _____	Resident in City for _____ years	

Education:

Special knowledge or experience:

Other information (civic activities, etc.):

Are you, or a member of your family, involved in any business transaction with the City of Duncanville? Yes No
If yes, please explain:

Signature

Date Submitted

JULY

1-2: Shakespeare Under the Stars "The Comedy of Errors"; Duncanville

Amphitheater; 8:00 PM; Free

4 • Independence Day Celebration. Parade at 9 a.m. **"Lindy & The Look" Concert** (60's, 70's, 80's Show Band) at 7:30 p.m. and **Fireworks Show** at dark at Armstrong Park. FREE! • **City Offices Closed for Independence Day Holiday.**

No garbage or recycling pick up.

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

11 • Summer Concert Series: "Crawfish" (Pop/Variety) 7:30 p.m. Poe-Hobden Amphitheater in Armstrong Park. FREE.

16 • Duncanville City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. at City Hall.

18 • Summer Concert Series: "Johnny Red & The Roosters" (Blues) 7:30 p.m. Poe-Hobden Amphitheater in Armstrong Park. FREE.

23 • DISD School Board Meeting. 7 p.m. at DISD Administration Bldg.

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

25 • Summer Concert Series: "The Image Band" (Top 40 Variety with a Latin Twist) 7:30 p.m. Poe-Hobden Amphitheater in Armstrong Park. FREE.

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Visit the Antique Car Show from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Duncanville Library Community Center. The Lions Club is planning the day of family fun and encourages families to celebrate the 4th at Armstrong Park.

Chief of Police, Jack Long, is the 2002 4th of July Extravaganza Co-Chairman and is excited about this year's event. "This will be the best and most exciting 4th of July Extravaganza yet," said Long. "We encourage families to join us for the fun and prizes, hot dogs and cokes, car show, and entertainment."

The annual fireworks display, sponsored by the City of Duncanville and conducted by Pyrotech, Inc., will immediately follow the concert at around 9:30 p.m.

Protecting Your Identity

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•They may call your credit card company and request additional cards in other names (or change the address on the account so that the statements are sent elsewhere and you have no knowledge of the scheme.)

These are just some of the ways that your personal information may be misused.

The next question one might ask is "can I prevent identity theft?"

Well, not completely. At best we can only minimize the risks.

Probably the easiest way to help prevent identity theft is to pay attention and be alert to your finances, and manage your personal information wisely.

In your home, don't leave information lying around in visible and easily accessible places. Keep items containing personal information in a safe place.

Tear off your personal information or shred those unused pre-approved card/loan offers, charge receipts, bank statements, credit cards, etc. prior to placing them in the garbage.

Remove mail from your mailbox promptly, and deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes instead of the mailbox in front of your home.

Pay attention to your bank statements and credit card statements. Know when your statements are due, and if one fails to arrive, contact the bank or credit card company immediately.

Place passwords on your bank, credit card and phone accounts.

Request to know how your personal information will be used whenever sharing it with others. Request that the information be kept confidential and not distributed to any other source.

Be wary about giving out personal information over the phone, through the mail or over the internet unless you have initiated the contact or you're certain about the person with whom you're dealing.

Find out who has access to your personal records at work and ask if these records are kept in a secure location.

Give your social security number only when absolutely necessary, and then request that the information be kept confidential. Don't carry your social security card on your person. Memorize the number and place the card in a secure place.

Periodically request a copy of your credit report to verify its accuracy. (There are three major credit-reporting agencies, and there may be a fee for the reports.)

So, what should you do if you become a victim of identity theft?

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) accepts complaints from those whose identities have been stolen. A toll free Identity Theft Hotline has been established at 1-877-877-IDTHEFT.

Listed below are steps recommended by the FTC to help you recover from identity theft.

Contact the fraud department of each of the three major credit bureaus.

Request that a "fraud alert" be placed in your credit file.

Request that a statement be placed in your file asking that creditors call you before making any changes on your accounts or prior to opening any new accounts.

Request a copy of your credit report. (It's free if your report is inaccurate because of fraud.)

If fraudulent "inquiries" appear, submit a written request that these be removed from your report.

Contact the creditors for any accounts that have been tampered with or opened fraudulently.

Notify the credit card company in writing. (The Fair Credit Billing Act requires that this be done as part of the consumer's protection if the consumer is disputing billing information.)

Make a police report with your local police department. There are federal Many states have specific statutes that address identity theft. (Texas is one of those states: Texas Penal Code 32.51, Fraudulent Use or Possession of Identifying Information)

Get a copy of the police report. It may be helpful to send a copy to creditors.

More specifically, if your bank accounts have been tampered with, CLOSE THE ACCOUNTS. Also, if checks have been stolen contact the major check verification companies and request that they notify retailers not to accept these checks.

If your mail has been stolen, or if a fraudulent change-of-address has been completed on your mail, CONTACT THE LOCAL POSTAL INSPECTOR.

If you suspect your driver's license number is being used, CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

If your credit card account has been bothered, CLOSE THE ACCOUNT.

If someone has opened phone service in your name, CONTACT THE SERVICE PROVIDER.

If someone is using your SSN on job applications, CONTACT THE SSA'S FRAUD HOTLINE @ 1-800-269-0271.

The above listed steps are just starting points. The process of recovery may be a long process complete with an extensive paper trail, so be patient, and remember to keep copies of all written correspondence and make record of all phone calls to creditors.

Finally, here are some helpful phone numbers, web sites and addresses to keep nearby as you guard against or recover from identity theft.

CREDIT BUREAUS

Equifax- 1-800-685-1111 or 1-800- 525-6285;www.equifax.com; P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta Ga. 30374.

Experian- 1-888-EXPERIAN; www.experian.com; P.O. Box 949 Allen, Tx. 75013.

Trans Union- 1-800-680-7289; www.tuc.com; P.O. Box 390 Springfield, Pa 19064.

CHECK VERIFICATION COMPANIES

Telecheck-1-800-710-9898.

International Check Services-1-800-631-9656.

Equifax- 1800-375-5120.

Federal Trade Commission Hotline- 1-877-438-4338; www.consumer.gov/idtheft; 600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washington DC 20580.

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Appraisal District to be Photographing Residences and Businesses in Dallas County

The Dallas Central Appraisal District is conducting a comprehensive property-imaging project. We have hired Mobile Video Services, Incorporated who will be photographing the front exterior view of every structure in the Appraisal District's jurisdiction including both residential and commercial properties.

There will be approximately six (6) vans with digital photographic equipment located on the top of each vehicle. Each van will have a driver and a photographer inside and a magnetic sign on each side of the vans that reads "Digital Photography Project for the Dallas Central Appraisal District 214-819-2300." The vans will only access public right-of-ways and will not obstruct traffic or create a safety hazard. The telephone number has pre-recorded information pertaining to the project. It includes the following statement:

"In order to accommodate security concerns in each community, we have notified the public safety officials of our activities."

Each person involved in the project will have a Dallas Central Appraisal District identification badge. They will also have information flyers (see attached copy) to provide to anyone inquiring about the project.

The purpose of this project is to improve the overall quality of our appraisals and to enable a more efficient appraisal process.

They expect this project to begin in mid May of 2002 and it should conclude in February of 2003.

Protecting Your Identity

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Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline
1-800-269-0271.

TO OPT OUT OF PRE-SCREENED CREDIT
CARD OFFERS- 1-888-5 OPTOUT.
TO REMOVE YOUR NAME FROM MANY DIRECT
MAIL LISTS-

DMA Mail Preference Service

P.O. Box 9008

Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

*source-Federal Trade Commission

Duncanville Public Library summer entertainment series continues...

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. -

July 2 *Texas Songs* (Banjo-guitar playing
father-daughter Act)

July 9 *Lone Sock* (Puppet Show)

July 16 *What! No Chili!* (Interactive book talk
with newspaper columnist Rose-Mary
Rumbly)

Duncanville Recreation Center - Fun in Duncanville

YOGA & PILATES - "SAT WORKSHOP"

Each student will strive to experience and become familiar with Vitality, Inner Peace, Balance, Restoration, Alignment, Natural Health, Calmness, and Exercise.

Class meets every Saturday from 12noon to 1pm

Duncanville Community Center- Aerobics Room

Class Fee: \$15 weekly

Instructor: Crickett Henthorn

For info on supplies/equipment, please call 972/274-5227

SIGN LANGUAGE

Learn basic alphabet & numbers, finger spelling & Sign Names, basic conversational, skills & sign that are used on a daily basis and signing to music. Class Meets: Tuesday from 7p to 8p Beginners, Thursday from 7p to 8p Intermediate. All ages welcome

Duncanville Community Center- Meeting Room

Class Fee: \$30 monthly

Instructor: Aaron Langford

For more info call Aaron at 972/296-7159

ADAMS YOUTH FOOTBALL TRAINING CAMP

Our football clinic is designed to develop and sharpen the talents of rookies, little league veterans and first timers.

Class meets Monday through Thursday from 1p to 3p

Duncanville Community Center- West Gym

Class Fee: \$40

Instructor: Bertram Adams

For Info call 972/283-8217

CHAN'S CHEER & TUMBLE BUNCH Summer Session

This class includes a combination of gymnastics, tumbling, dance, and rope skipping.

Class meets every Sunday at 3:30pm for ages 6 to 17

Duncanville Community Center- Aerobics Room

Class Fee: \$35 monthly - summer

only

Instructor: Chandra Buffin

For additional info please call Ms.

Millener at 214/571-2396

TANYA FRANKLIN'S ELITE CHARM CLASS

This class "Be The Best You Can Be" helps build self-confidence and self esteem in your children. Helps your child to overcome shyness and learn to really communicate in school and in everyday situations

Class meets every Saturday at 2p to 3:30p.

Duncanville Library Programming Room

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

Instructor: Tanya Franklin

For questions/info please call 817/680-1318

LAW ENFORCEMENT WORKSHOP

We will be holding a defensive tactics workshop specifically designed for Law Enforcement Class meets once a month on Saturday.

This month's workshop is July 27th 2p to 5p

Duncanville Community Center -Aerobics Room

Cost: \$40

Instructor: Dave Henthorn

Please call Dave at 972/274-5227 for required equipment that is needed for each class.

BODY SCULPTING

Presented by - Body by Design

Body by Design is highly recommended to those enrolled in a weight loss program because it helps retain lean muscle tissue while boosting metabolism. Any fitness level can enroll.

Class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 8:30a to 9:30a

Duncanville Community Center- Aerobics Room

Class fee: \$35 for 8 session or 4 weeks twice a month.

Instructor: Williams Jones

For Info call 972/709-9466

RUDELYA'S ARTS AND CRAFT SEW WORLD

4 Weeks of special children's projects Wall Hangings, Gel Candles, Decorated Wax candles, Plaster project.

Class Meets Tuesday and

Thursday from 10am to 11:30am

Duncanville Community Center

Meeting Room

Class fee: \$8 plus supplies

Instructor: Rudelya Porter

For Info call the center 972/780-5070

MACHINE QUILTING

Busy mothers a special class just for you. Learn to make a beautiful quilt the fast way, by sewing machine!

Class meets every Wednesday from 10am to 11:30am for 5 weeks

Duncanville Community Center Meeting

Room

Class fee: \$?? Plus supplies

Instructor: Rudelya Porter

Bring your portable machines. For info call the center.

For information on all these classes, call 972-780-5070

Fun In Duncanville July 2002

AQUA MOTION WATER AEROBICS

Starts June 4th-Aug. 1st
Meets Tuesday & Thursday 6:30-7:30pm
Armstrong Pool
Fee: Late registration after June 4th prices according to number of classes remaining.
Register at Duncanville Community Center
Instructor: Lavetta Kennedy
For more info call 972-298-0821

ROBIX FITNESS: AEROBICS & YOGA

The Ultimate Fitness...Great Grooves in 2002!
Duncanville Community Center Aerobics Room
Mon/Wed- Step 'n' Motion (Step & Tone) 6:15-7:30 PM

Hopkins Senior Center
Tues/Thurs-Yoga Fit (Strength/Stretch/Relax) 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; \$50/partner or friendship ticket/8 classes each;
\$65/beginner's special/24 classes (first timers only)

Materials needed: Floor mat, hand/ankle weights aerobic & toning classes;
Yoga sticky mat, blanket, & towel-yoga
Instructor: Roseanna Needham-Dryden, B.S.
Instructor Phone: 972-709-1906

JAZZERCISE

Fresh moves, new music, pure motivation.

West Gym
Mon & Wed 6:30-7:30 PM
Sat 9-10 am
Aerobics Room
Tues. & Thurs. 6:25-7:05 PM
\$6 walk in, \$29/month w/Bank Draft.
New Students 10 weeks unlimited classes: \$70
Instructor: Sheilla (shay-la)
Instructor phone: 972-709-6441
Web site: www.jazzforhealth.com

KYUDO (Japanese Archery)

Alexander Elementary Gym
Saturday 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Cost: \$18/Month
Instructor: Mark Wegmann
214-324-8906

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
Open: Sat 9-10:00 AM
Cost: \$25/Month-Students, \$40/Month-Adults
Instructors: Kris Howerton @ 972-393-0782/ Bob Finley @ 972-298-2021.

BEGINNING CHILDREN'S BALLET

Designed for ages 6-9years old.
DUNCANVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER AEROBICS ROOM
Class Meets: Tuesday or Thursday 2:30pm-3:30pm
Starts June 4- August 15
Fee: \$47/month for 1 class/ wk.; \$84.60/month for 2 classes/wk.
Register with instructor..
Instructor: Vicki Shamburger 972-572-4166

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED BALLET

Designed for people who want to learn the basics and for those already on point.
Duncanville Community Center Aerobics Room
Starts June 4-Aug. 15
Class Meets: Tues./Thurs 3:30-4:45pm
Fee: \$47/month for 1 class/wk; \$84.60/month for 2 classes/wk.
Instructor: Vicki Shamburger (972) 572-4166

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Got a ticket? Or just want a discount on your auto insurance.
Class is sponsored & certified by the National Safety Council.
July 15 & 16
6:00pm-9:00 PM
Registration Deadline: Thursday, July 11 @ 9:00 PM (Must have 6 registered by deadline to have class)
Duncanville Community Center
201 James Collins
Cost: \$25
Instructor: Doug Rorie

SPANISH CLASSES

Adult and teenagers can learn to speak conversational Spanish in one year, and have fun doing it.
Not tests, no homework, no pressure
For more information, please call 972-296-8413
Duncanville Community Center
Cost: \$30
Instructor: Melinda Macias

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.
July 12
6:00 PM -12:00 AM
Cost: \$10.00
Hopkins Senior Center
Instructor: Kim Spurlock

ACTING CLASSES

For grades 1-6
Session #2 July 8-12 & 15-19, 2002
Grades 1-3: 8:30-10:00 am
Grades 4-6: 10:30-12noon
Cost: \$35 per student
Students will learn the basics of acting. Instruction will cover stage movement, development of character & emotions, & improvisational skills while also having TONS OF FUN! No previous theatre experience required.
Register at the Duncanville Community Center
All classes will be held at the Duncanville Community Center, 201 James Collins Blvd.
For more information please call 972-780-5070 or 972-780-5707.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Classes available for ages 1 and above
Classes meet Monday thru Thursday.
Session 3: July 8-18
Session 4: July 22-August 1
Classes held at Armstrong Pool
Cost: \$35 per child per class
Morning and evening class schedule. Schedules available at Duncanville Community Center. All Classes filled on a first come, first serve basis.
No refunds or transfers after the first day of class.
Register for swim classes at the Duncanville Community Center.
For more info call 972-780-5070

Private Pool parties are now being accepted for Armstrong Pool.

Rentals available on Friday's 7:30pm-9:30 pm; Saturdays 8:30pm to 10:30 pm; & Sundays 5:30pm-7:30pm or 8pm-10pm.
Cost: 1-50 patrons \$90
51-100 patrons \$120
101-150 patrons \$150

Everyone attending is counted even if they do not swim. To reserve your spot contact the pool at 972-780-5083.

SELF-DEFENSE/ANTI-KIDNAPPING

Currently meets every Monday
6p - 7p for 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
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

TEXAS DANCE AND CHEER

With this class the student will learn chants, jumps, dance routines and much more.
Class meets each Thursday
6p - 7p for 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
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.

DISTINCT DANCE

This program is designed to give children the opportunity to participate in dance at a low cost.
Class meets every Friday
6p - 7p, ages 4 to 7
7p - 8p for ages 8 & up

Duncanville Community Center-Aerobics Room

Registration Fee: \$8 on first meeting
Class Fee: \$7 each class meeting
Instructor: Diversified Youth Services
No required uniform for the classroom.
However we offer optional uniforms for purchase through out semester.

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL

Co-Ed Class
Class Meets July 15 thru 18 (MTWTH) and July 22 thru July 23, 2002 (MT)
Class Time: 9am to 10:30am and 10:30a to 12 noon Co-Ed ages 9-11, and 12 -14
Duncanville Community Center- West Gym
Class fee: \$30
Instructor: Juan Casas
Jerseys Provided. For additional Info please call Juan Casas at 214/670-7115

For information on all these classes, call 972-780-5070