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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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DHS Photography Student Wins International Award

Duncanville High School senior Cynthia Rangel received first place honors for her sports photograph in the Rocky Mountain School of Photography contest. The photo shows Pantherette senior Madison Townley diving for the ball during post-season action.

Veteran Sports Illustrated photographer Peter Read Miller judged the sports category and said this about Cynthia's photo.



District Calendar Important Dates



2016-2017 Duncanville ISD calendar includes the following highlights:

Aug. 11 – Staff Development begins/Convocation
Aug. 22 - Students begin classes
Sept. 5 – Labor Day
Oct. 10 – Fair Day
Nov. 21 through Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
Dec. 19 through Jan. 2 – Winter Break



"99 percent of basketball action is just players going to the goal," Miller said. "This is real action and shows real alertness on the part of this photographer."

Cynthia's photograph beat out 400 others in the sports category. This

Jan. 16 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
 March 13 through March 17 – Spring Break
 April 14 and April 17 – Bad Weather
 May 29 – Memorial Day
 June 1 – Last day of classes
 Click [here](#) to see entire calendar.

year, more than 800 students from 46 states in the U.S. and more than 16 countries submitted photos for the contest.

Journalism Student Advances to State Contest



After a successful performance at the regional contest, Duncanville High School senior Kennedy Stidham is advancing to the UIL State Journalism meet on May 24 in Austin. Stidham placed in four of the journalism events at the Region 1-6A competition, along with placing sixth in the Ready Writing contest.

Reed Secretary Survives Cancer, Helps Raise Money for Research

When Marian Chappel sets foot on the track at Duncanville High School as a participant in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, she will walk with a renewed purpose. In the past, Ms. Chappel has participated in this annual event to honor cancer survivors and remember those who have lost loved ones to the disease. Only this year, Ms. Chappel has her own survival story to tell.

In April 2015, Ms. Chappel, the Reed Middle School secretary, was diagnosed with Invasive Ductal Carcinoma, the most common type of breast cancer. When Chappel's doctor told her the news, she was paralyzed.

"I was in denial, like the doctor wasn't even talking to me," Chappel said. "I could not even say the word cancer."

Chappel had gotten her regular mammograms every year, but in 2015, she was six months late. A cyst had formed during that time and when doctors went in to remove it, they found the cancer.

Chappel went through months of radiation and chemotherapy, all while still working at Reed. Chappel scheduled her treatments for



Upcoming Events:

Reed Middle School Endorsement Night, May 17, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

District Field Day, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Panther Field

Fridays so she could still be around the positive staff and students who kept her spirits high during the difficult time.
Read [more](#).

DHS Closed for Summer, Summer Meal Program Moved to Reed

Duncanville ISD will serve meals at Reed Middle School June 6 through July 20. Breakfast will be served 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served 11:30 - 1:30. Meals are free for anyone under the age of 18. More information on summer meals [here](#).
Duncanville High School will be closed throughout the summer for security and technology upgrades.

Relay for Life of Best Southwest, May 20, 2016 benefiting the American Cancer Society. Contact Gloria Lockhart at: glorialockhart63@gmail.com. More information [here](#).
Duncanville High School Class of 2016 Graduation, May 31, 7:30 p.m., Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, Dallas.



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