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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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First Day of School

The 2015 - 2016 school year is officially underway! Interim Superintendent, Dr. Deborah Cron and other administrators visited campuses throughout the first day to greet teachers and students.

Self-Morgan Named to Hall of Fame



The Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame announced its new class of inductees. The 2016 class includes Duncanville ISD Athletic Director and head girls varsity basketball coach Cathy Self-Morgan. The list of new members, which includes legendary coaches and standout players, will be inducted during a banquet at

See photos [here](#).



the El Tropicano Hotel on May 21, 2016, in San Antonio at the annual Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) Clinic.

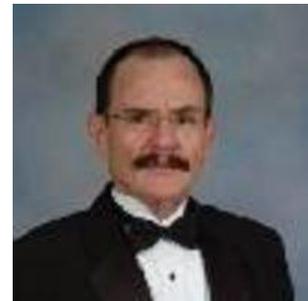
The inductees are: Judy Beasley, Andre Boutte, Roy Garcia, Lonnie Gaylor, Carl Owens, Cathy Self-Morgan, Wayne Tipton and Skip Townsend.

“These men and women exemplify the best that Texas Basketball has to offer both on and off the court. Their legacy will be long remembered for years to come,” said TABC Director Rick Sherley.

Tom Shine Named to Band-masters Hall of Fame

First Day for Teacher - Jasmine Skeeters

The first day of school was Jasmine Skeeters' first day to teach. There were a few tears that the kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary handled with confidence and compassion.



Former Duncanville High School band director Tom Shine has been named to the Bandmasters Hall of Fame by the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Mu, an international band-master fraternity.

Shine was director of bands in the school district for 30 years before retiring in 2010. His bands won several state and national awards, and the high school's performance hall was renamed the Tom

Byrd Middle School Band Brings Home State Honors

The Byrd Middle School Band competed in the Texas Music Education Association State Honor Band Competition this summer, and was chosen as one of the best middle school bands in the state of Texas.

The judging process began with more than 350 middle school bands at the region level. Five judges select the top two band recordings to move on to the area level. Duncanville's area competition is one of the state's toughest areas encompassing the best bands from cities like: Round Rock, Cedar Park, The Woodlands, College Park and other schools from the Austin and Houston areas.

Byrd's Band placed first at area making it to the final 14 at the state competition in San Antonio. During the state competition, five judges rank the bands from first through fourteenth. Byrd's band received three top three votes, with one of the judges placing it as first in the state of Texas! Byrd ultimately took home third place.

The band is directed by Kevin Graham, Brittney Cook and Allyson Whitsitt.



Show Off Nite

The Duncanville High Hats have had a very busy summer and will be presenting their annual 'Show Off Nite' Saturday, August 29 at 7:30 pm at the old Sandra Meadows Gymnasium (West Gym) off of Greenstone Lane. Admission is \$4.00.

and Verda Shine Performance Hall in 2011.

New Truancy Law

During the recently completed legislative session, the 84th Texas Legislature approved – and Governor Greg Abbott signed into law – legislation that makes changes to the current truancy law. The new law takes effect on Tuesday, September 1. Details [here](#).



Work Underway on New Elementary Schools

At a Bond Oversight Team meeting Tuesday, August 25, members of the community heard updates on construction of the new Hastings and Acton Elementary Schools. At the Hastings site, much of the underground portion of the job is complete, and residents will soon see work begin on the school's framework. There have been some delays in getting permits approved for the new Acton Elementary. The



builder says his workers have been able to 'move some dirt', but they're hoping to get permits done soon so they can begin construction in earnest. See artist renderings of both schools [here](#).

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