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DUNCANVILLE Independent School District

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DHS Students Design, Build Little Libraries



DHS Architecture Students - Charles Fuentes and Melissa Perez

Melissa Perez watched as students in Duncanville High School's construction class used drills and saws to assemble a project she designed.

"I think it's pretty amazing," Melissa said.

Melissa worked with fellow architecture student Charles Fuentes to draw up plans to build 'Little Free Libraries' to be placed around

Youth & Government Student Wins Governor's Race



Sharif Long - DHS Junior

Duncanville High School's Youth and Government (YAG) students took top awards at the state competition in Austin last weekend.

DHS Junior Sharif Long made history Saturday

Duncanville. The structures look like large birdhouses – big enough to accommodate books that people can take home, read and then either bring back or replace with ones of their own.

Chris Dodge, a retired Duncanville reading teacher, approached DHS principal Tia Simmons with the idea last summer. Simmons, knowing that she had groups of students who are capable of designing and building virtually anything, quickly said yes.

"They do awesome work," Simmons said. "They are committed."

Community groups, like the Duncanville Rotary, contributed money to purchase supplies, and local lumber company DeFord's donated the wood.

The first Little Free Library will be installed at Armstrong Park near City Hall on Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m.

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night by being the first YAG governor elected in Texas without a runoff and by more than 76-percent of the vote.

The team from Duncanville High School also won Premier Delegation - the top honor awarded to schools based on their overall performance from the beginning of school to the state competition.

"I am so proud of these young ladies and young men," said YAG sponsor Dianne Williams. "Their dedication to Youth and Government gives me hope for the future of our government and I am blessed to have the opportunity to work with such amazing kids."

Six members of the team received individual awards.

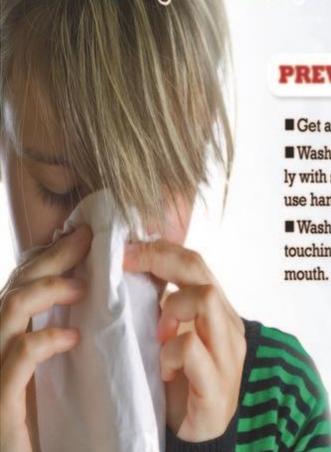
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Act Now to Prevent Flu as Number of Cases Increases

Seasonal flu and novel H1N1 virus infections can spread quickly. Prevention is key! Simple actions can prevent the spread of the illness.

*It's going to be a busy flu season.
Are you and your family prepared?*

PREVENT ILLNESS	PREVENT SPREADING
<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Get a flu shot every year.■ Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water and use hand sanitizer regularly.■ Wash your hands before touching your eyes, nose and mouth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Stay home if you have flu-like symptoms.■ Use your elbow to shield your cough or sneeze.■ Don't share personal items such as toothbrushes, drinking glasses or towels.



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NFL Hall of Famer Motivates Bilhartz Students



Dallas County Health and Human Services put out an advisory last week that doctors in the area are reporting an increase in the number of influenza cases.

Medical providers are encouraging anyone who has not yet received a flu vaccination to get one.

NFL Hall of Famer Tim Brown visited Bilhartz Elementary School last week to encourage students to "conceive, believe and achieve" their goals.

Upcoming Events:

District Science Fair, Tuesday, January 31, Reed Middle School Auditorium, 530 E. Freeman St., Public Viewing: 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., Awards Ceremony: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

District Geographic Bee, Thursday, February 2, 10:00 a.m., DHS Shine Performance Hall, 900 W. Camp Wisdom Rd., Duncanville

Duncanville ISD Board of Trustees Meeting, Monday, February 13, 7:00 p.m. Duncanville Education Plaza, 710 S. Cedar Ridge Dr., Duncanville

The Heisman Trophy winner and former Oakland Raider is originally from Dallas and lives in DeSoto. Among other business interests, Brown is an author and motivational speaker.



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