



Coyote Trails

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For those of you who do not have a computer, we want to urge you to visit your local library . Most of the libraries around the country now have computers which can be used for free by the public. You do not have to know how to use a computer to be able to see the UHSAA website. Just ask one of the library employees to help you find our website at:

WWW.UHSALUMNI.COM

When you see the web page, I am sure you will agree that it is the best way to travel back in time to your years at UHS in beautiful Uvalde, Texas!

Nathalie Patton

New West Main Library & Museum Grand Opening to be July 31, 2004

On Saturday, July 31, 2004 at 9:30 A.M. probably one of the largest crowds in Uvalde's history will be assembled on the old West Main School site in front of the new El Progreso Memorial Library and Museum to witness the ribbon cutting and grand opening of one of the most stunning new buildings in Texas.

Hundreds, if not thousands of Uvaldeans and Texans led by Nancy Horner Feely, Virginia Wood Davis and Susan Anderson have worked and contributed over the last several years to make this \$5,600,000 project happen. What Uvalde and South Texans are getting for their efforts is a state of the art 35,000 square foot building with a rotunda the same diameter as the one in the capi-

tol building in Austin. There will be an adult library, a children's library, meeting rooms, a local history room, and a museum housing artifacts from Uvalde and surrounding counties. Southwest Texas has never had an archive, the only area in the state without one. This facility will serve that purpose for a ten-county area.

Wherever possible, building materials from the original West Main School have been utilized throughout the new building. For example, the wall behind the entrance desk in the rotunda is covered with brick from the original building and one of the old fire-escape slides will serve as a planter on the grounds.

Numerous pieces of furniture

original to the library when it was at City Hall and the Garner Museum are being refinished and will be incorporated throughout the building. Of special interest is the original circulation desk. It will become the reference desk. How many times did you lean on that desk and have Miss Anthon check out your books by hand? There is not enough space in this entire newsletter to describe this new facility. You will just have to come to Uvalde and see it for yourself.

As of the time this newsletter goes to print, there is still a pressing need for contributions, with about \$667,000 needed in order for the facility to open debt free. Contributions can be mailed to El Progreso Memorial Library,

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UHSAA 2004 Scholarship Recipients Are Selected

We are proud to announce the 2004 UHSAA Scholarship Recipients; Raul Valdez and Emmanuel Zamora. These two young men can be proud of their achievements at Uvalde High School. They are among the finest of Uvalde's young people. We congratulate them and their parents for their outstanding work at Uvalde High School.

Raul is looking forward to

a career in the computer field, starting at the junior college. He has a GPA of 93.26 and is ranked 42 in a graduating class of 240. In addition to being named to the All State Academic Football Team, he has been an active member of both the National Honor Society and the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society for the past two years. As for community work, Raul participated in both the

Relay for Life and March of Dimes projects. He also participated in the Special Olympics for two years and is currently working in the Environmental Department of the Uvalde Memorial Hospital where he plans to continue to work this summer and while he attends the junior college. A reference letter from one of his teachers states, "Raul's work ethic, perseverance, maturity, and desire to succeed are

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129 W. Nopal, Uvalde, TX 78801. All contributions are welcome no matter what the size and are tax deductible. If you have the resources and desire to make a major contribution, there are special items that can still be donated and perhaps named after a loved one. For more information about what is needed most, contact Nancy Feely at (830) 278-2017. Remember, no contribution is too small, and all will be appreciated and go to a most worthy project, one that we can all be proud to say we had a part in.

For those of you that live a long way from Uvalde, and maybe haven't been home in years, this is a good excuse to go. It is suggested that you make your plans and reserva-

tions early. For more information about where to stay, etc check the following: Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau web site at www.visituvalde.com (800) 588-2533

Here is a subtle idea, come for the grand opening and then stay a few days and re-acquaint yourself with your old home, look up old friends and neighbors check out the other attractions in and around Uvalde. There are a lot of new things to see. There has been a good bit of rain this spring, so the rivers will be in good shape for tubing. There is no better time than this summer to come home. See you at the Library on the 31st.

George Speir

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Donations have been given to UHS Alumni Association in loving memory for:

Jack G. Heyen, Jr. by Gary Heyen

Terry R. Reynolds. Jr. Class of 1943 by Doris Reynolds

Crystal June Floyd Powers Class of 1943 by Bob Powers

Fred Thompson Jr. Class of 1945 By Mrs. Fred Thompson, Jr.

Emily Ann Davis Miles Michaud Class of 1950 by Martha Flowers Wallen

Sherry Black, Class of 1965, By Jan Hesse

Amelia Castillo Reyes Class of 1946, by Patricia Castillo Moura

Beverly Gayle Miller, Class of 1954, By Ellen Hobbs Armstrong

Robert E. Workman, Class of 1959 By Patsy Benson Wade

Jim Herndon, Billie Jean Scott, Gloria Beckett, Gary Carpenter, Darryl Dawson, Ann Obberwetter, Joanna Suttle, Tom Cook, Ignacia Flores, Connie Mitchell, Mario Hernandez, Felix Hernandez, Class of 1959 by Gary Heyen

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strong foundations on which to build a future. I believe with certainty that Raul will succeed in achieving all the goals he sets for himself because that is what he does, he succeeds."

Emmanuel has a GPA of 89.3158 and plans to major in Criminal Justice, beginning at the junior college. His primary engagements, out of the classroom, in high school have been with the Naval Junior ROTC program. During his junior and senior years he took five criminal justice courses offered by the junior college and will receive college credit for them. He is also an active member of the Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department. He has high ambitions: He writes, "I see myself in thirty years being the director of the biggest federal law en-

forcement agency in the United States or the F.B.I."

Emmanuel's Naval Science Instructor writes, "Emmanuel is intelligent, professional, self-motivated, and a team player while maintaining his effervescent personality. He is one of those outstanding students that you rarely find. He is able to concurrently focus on many activities while maintaining a positive academic posture. Throughout his high school years he has proven that he is head and shoulders above his peers with regard to leadership, accomplishment of challenging tasks, and common sense decision-making. He is not one to succumb to negative peer group pressure. In fact, he is a leader among the best leaders this campus has to

offer. He is deeply respected by his peers, subordinates, and teachers alike. Some of his most outstanding traits are his core values and outstanding moral behavior. He is not only highly respected at school, his concern for his community and others, through his many off-campus activities, such as being a Uvalde Volunteer Firefighter, has earned him a high degree of respect from community leaders. He is without question dedicated, patriotic and an outstanding citizen of this community and school. In my thirty-seven years of military service to our country I have had the extreme pleasure of working with many of America's most outstanding youth. Without question Emmanuel is one of best of the best of these youth."

From the Chairman

I really look forward to meeting these two fine young men and their parents when we present their scholarship awards.

In addition to presenting their awards, we will be celebrating their achievements with them and their parents at a dinner in Uvalde.

I congratulate the Scholarship Selection Committee on the fine job they did. We had many qualified young people and the selection process was not an easy task.

We can all be proud that we are able to help the recipients in achieving their goals.

David Beard

All School, All Classes Reunion 2005

After joining the UHSAA last year, I began to think about trying to organize a 40 year reunion for the class of 1962. The last reunion our class had was several years ago and included several years. I remembered just how much fun that was because we were able to reunite with friends in other classes as well as our own class. During one of the discussions some of us had, someone said, "Why can't we just have a UHSAA reunion to include all the members?" This soon led to the idea of having an all-school reunion, using the Alumni Association as a way to contact everyone.

Some of us made a trip to Uvalde to talk with people there about the possibility of doing something in the summer of 2004 and soon realized that the magnitude of such a large project would require more than four or five months' prepara-

tion. After consulting with the Uvalde Convention & Visitors Bureau, June 10-12, 2005 was set for the UHS School Reunion, hoping we would have enough time to get everything up and running for a successful reunion. At this time we are identifying contact persons for each class and Billie Johnson Studer has consented to coordinate the local volunteers.

Many activities are being considered for the weekend such as a golf tournament, a street dance complete with a live band, a parade with each class participating, a bar-b-que dinner, tours of schools and the new library, side-trips to Garner Park and Concan and breakfast on Sunday morning. We are hoping to have something to interest everyone, but we still want to have plenty of time for individual classes to get together and for friends to reconnect and

visit. If you have other suggestions for activities, please contact Barbara Sears Elrod or Billie Johnson Studer and let us know what you would like to do.

As you may guess, this is going to be a big project and will require many people-hours to make it a success. We are hoping it will be such a rousing success that we will want to do it again on a regular basis. If you would like to see this happen and are willing to help us, please let one of us know. There will be plenty of work to go around. and we are all looking forward to a wonderful weekend and hope to see all of you there .



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Because of the high cost of printing and mailing, we are probably going to have to cut way back on the sending out of this newsletter. But there is a way you can help us keep it coming. If you have an e-mail address, **but have never signed our web page guest register**, please send your full name, year graduated and e-mail address to uhsmaillist@yahoo.com. There is no need to write any message. If you have signed the guest register, or are already a member, we have your e-mail address. If it has changed recently, then of course, please update it.

Our plan is to write the newsletter, post it on the Internet and then e-mail you a link to it saving the Association hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs. We will of course continue to print and mail it to our members that don't have computers or Internet access.

Unfortunately, non-members that either do not have or have not given us their e-mail address will no longer receive every newsletter.

There is a simple way for nonmembers without computers to continue to receive our mailings, and that is, to fill out the Association Registration Slip enclosed with this newsletter and send it in.

Our hope is that everyone reading this message who is not yet a member can find \$20.00 (less than 6 cents per day) and join the Association. A lifetime membership is only \$100.00. Please fill out the registration slip and send it along with your check in the enclosed return envelope. You can also use Master Card or Visa by accessing the web page at www.uhsalumni.com and click on the "UHSAA-Join Us" link. Remember your dues and donations to UHSAA are tax deductible. Please act on this today.

UHSAA Veterans' Memorial Page

A **Uvalde Veterans Memorial** page is now on our UHS Alumni website to honor our graduates and alumni who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, in the wars in which we have been engaged. Those who have died in the military service in WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert

Storm, Iraq and in other conflicts are honored by name and by our memories of them. The page was developed as a tribute to them and the price they paid for our freedom and to ensure our way of life. We are seeking to identify additional fallen veterans through publications and other sources that already exist, and

from information that you can provide to help us present a complete and accurate document of remembrance of those who truly, were heroes in their service and in their lives. These are men and women of whom we are most proud and whom we will honor as best we can.

Quin McWhirter

"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of thy Son.
Amen"





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Traveling Coyotes

During the last few weeks, we have been receiving answers to a questionnaire we sent out to some of the membership to gauge the interest in forming a travel club within the UHS Alumni Association. I am happy to say the responses have been about four to one in favor of forming the club. No one was against it; some just said they did not think they would use it.

Our next step will be to contact the different cruise lines and see what kind of package we can put together. Some of the lines offer fund raising cruises for groups such as ours. For instance, if we can book about 15 cabins, it is conceivable that we could get about \$3,000 back from the cruise line in the form of a donation to the association. The nice thing about this is the rates will be very competitive. Our first trip will be a Caribbean cruise that will probably be held sometime after the first of next year. Some trips might not be fund raisers.

It has been agreed that only UHSAA members and their

spouses or friends will be able to travel with us. But that shouldn't be a problem to anyone since an annual membership in the Association is \$20.00 and a lifetime membership is only \$100.00. Every member of the Association is also automatically a member of the Travel Club.

We are looking at the possibility of having three or four trips a year. We might do things such as the train trip across the Copper Canyon in Mexico, a fall tour of New England, a bus trip to Branson, MO or Nashville and of course, probably at least one cruise per year. The possibilities are almost limitless.

As soon as information on different trips is available it will be posted at the Traveling Coyotes page on the alumni web site at www.uhsalumni.com. Watch for it to be set up in the not too distant future. If you do not use the Internet, contact George Speir at P.O. Box 340715, Austin, TX 78734 and he will put you on a list to be up dated

by regular mail as news of trips comes out.

If you are not yet a member of UHSAA, be sure and get your membership dues in as soon as possible so you too can be a part of what is beginning to look like a real fun benefit of belonging to the Uvalde High School Alumni Association.

George Speir

WANTED, CLASS CONTACTS

We have found that one of the best ways to communicate with and involve members of the Association is through each class's Class Contact. A number of people have accepted that position; however, we have many classes who have no Class Contact. If you have e-mail and wish to consider representing your class, look at the job description on the Class Contact page of the website. For any of you who do not know who your Class Contact is they are listed on that page as well.

David Beard , Gary Heyen

HISTORY OF THE UHS ANNUAL

Response is beginning to come in concerning the publishing years for the UHS annuals.

I would love to hear from anyone who might have an early 1930's Annual. The following information has been gathered at this time: The 1914 annual was the first volume. It is up for viewing on our site. Next printed was the 1924 annual which identifies itself as volume 2. It will be scanned and added shortly. The next class years that I have are 1938 and 1939.

The name for the '38 and '39 annuals was changed to "The Coyote", and remains the same today. The 1940 Annual is up on the UHS site. We have been told that 1946 was the first annual printed after the war. It has been added to the Internet site. I have 1947 ready to scan. The 1948 class annual is up. I have located a 1949 annual.

Annuals have been printed for each year since 1946. If anyone knows of other years such as early 1930's classes, I would appreciate hearing from you. My E-mail is Nath-Patt@aol.com. I have been told that there were no annuals printed from 1924 to 1938. This is certainly a long span. However, those years were war and depression years so perhaps no annuals were published.

I want to thank each of you who loaned me your early annuals. I still have seven annuals that I am working on. Stay tuned for the 1924 annual with its wonderful old collection of photos of the early years at Uvalde High School.

Nathalie Patton