



Coyote Trails

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Do you remember the old Morrison Building on the corner of Getty Street and the square? Did you know there was an old theater above the old store?

Several years ago, the Uvalde Arts Council decided to raise funds to buy and restore the old building and theater. Many of us have enjoyed plays, musicals and other entertainment at the theater since its renovation.

The Alumni Association would like to make it available during the reunion for each of you to enjoy. We are working with the Arts Council to bring you two matinee performances, Friday and Saturday afternoons. This will be an optional event but one you will not want to miss.

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE THE UHSAA ALL CLASSES REUNION IN 2005!

We can hardly wait! The first UHS Whole School Reunion is planned for June 10 – 12, 2005 and we are hoping every graduate, ex-student and friend of Uvalde High School will attend this wonderful celebration

This is the first UHSAA all classes reunion and we hope to make it an annual event. Be sure and mark your calendar so you don't forget to join us for one of the best celebrations in Uvalde's History

For more detailed information, go to the alumni web site at www.uhsalumni.com and scroll down to the 2005 Reunion section and click on the different links. Be sure and submit the "Want To Attend? Let Us Know!" questionnaire. If you don't have access to the Internet, please answer the questions on the enclosed questionnaire and mail them in the envelope also enclosed. If you have already submitted your questionnaire via the Internet, you don't need to respond again. You can access the "Who's Coming" link from time to time to see which of your friends are planning to attend.

Here is a tentative

schedule of events:

Friday, June 10th:

12:00 – 5:00 PM

Registration

Performance at Opera House(Optional)

Individual Class Gatherings (Optional)

Saturday, June 11th:

7:00 – 9:00 AM

Alumni Breakfast, Location to be announced later.

Other events for Saturday include, a Golf Tournament, Skeet/Trap Shooting, an Arts & Crafts Show, visiting your old high school, tour the new El Progreso Library, Archives and Museum, the Garner Museum and the new Military/Air Museum at Garner Field. Also, you might want to float one of the crystal clear rivers, find that perfect souvenir or gift at one of Uvalde's interesting stores and shops, or just spend time visiting with friends and family.

5:00 PM

UHSAA Annual Meeting of Members & Board of Directors Election (For Alumni Association Members only)

7:00 – 12:00 PM

A Fun Fiesta! Dining, Dancing & Entertainment

Sunday, June 12th:

Attend church services of your choice or spend more time visiting old friends and exchanging personal information. Also, there will be time for optional class gatherings.

Lodging:

Following is a list of local motels and their telephone numbers. Some have agreed to accommodate attendees at reduced rates provided they are informed when reservations are made that you are attending the UHS Alumni Association Whole School Reunion. Be sure and ask if the Reunion Rate is available.

Amber Sky

830-278-5602

Best Western

830-278-5671

Holiday Inn of Uvalde

830-278-4511

Inn of Uvalde

830-278-9173

There are also other types of accommodations such as Bed and Breakfast, and cabins in the Concan,

Leakey and Nueces Canyon areas. You might want to contact the Uvalde Convention and Visitors Bureau at 830-278-3361 for lodging information. If you live in the area and have a spare room, you might want to invite out of town friends to stay with you thereby freeing up motel rooms for others.

The golf tournament will be available to the first 72 entries and will be a four-man scramble event. The fee for golf will be approximately \$40.00 per person. Each person must furnish their own golf clubs and provide a handicap if possible.

An official information packet, containing pricing and location of the different events will be sent to those individuals who have indicated their interest in attending the reunion by either submitting the questionnaire on the web page or mailing in the one enclosed in this newsletter. Again, if you have completed the questionnaire on the website, there is no need to send another one.

Individual class gatherings are the responsibility of the different classes. Get together with your classmates and plan your own mini reunion.

We hope you will attend this great event and be a part of the start of something very special.

See you at the reunion!

For more information access the web page at www.uhsalumni.com

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Many classes still have no contact person. We still need people to take responsibility for their individual classes. If you could take a small amount of time to be the contact to flow information to your class from the Association through e-mail, Please consider helping. Say you'll help and email Gary and David at Coyotes@UHSAlumni.com Don't delay, email, today!

MEMBERSHIP UP-DATE

We estimate there are approximately 15,000 living graduates of Uvalde High School. Of those graduates, we only have names for 4,399 on our master mailing list, and of those, we only have addresses and zip codes for 2,919. We have e-mail addresses for 762 graduates.

Of the 2,919 names we have addresses for; only 415 have taken the step and joined the UHS Alumni Association. Of these 415 members, 228 are Annual members and 187 have seen the benefit of becoming Lifetime members. There are 9 people who have joined the Association as Friends. Twenty Annual members have let their membership expire and we have had to remove them from the membership list. If you are one of those, won't you please reinstate your membership today?

Are you one of the 2,504 UHS graduates whose address we have, but who has not yet joined your Alumni Association? If so, won't you please take a minute and fill out the enclosed Membership Registration form and send it along with your check in the enclosed self addressed envelope. If you have received notice of this news letter via an e-mail message, please mail your check along with your **full name, year graduated, correct address, e-mail address and home phone number** to: UHS Alumni Association, P.O. Box 509, Uvalde, TX 78802. Our goal is to have 828 mem-

bers on December 31, 2005.

An Annual membership is \$20.00 and a Lifetime membership is only \$100.00. All funds from Lifetime memberships go into the investment trust account, the proceeds of which will provide scholarships for years to come. You can also use MasterCard or Visa by accessing the web page at www.uhsalumni.com and clicking on the "Join Us" link. All dues and donations to UHSAA are tax deductible.

Please join and help us provide scholarships. It would be a shame if there was a person like Marie Curie, Jonas Salk, or Louis Pasteur lurking in Uvalde High School whose talents would not be discovered because he or she was unable to afford a college education. Folks, we had eighteen scholarship applications last spring, and they were all qualified and needed our help. Because of financial restraints, the Scholarship Committee was only able to choose two of the eighteen, it was a hard choice. Won't you please make out that check today? These youngsters need our help.



JOIN UHSAA TODAY!



LOYAL AND TRUE

An alumnus requested that we publish the words to the school song, **Loyal and True**. We are not only publishing the words here in the newsletter but also on the website. You can go there and sing along with the UHS band as they play "OUR SONG"! Gary has managed to make the words scroll along with the music so go there and Sing Along!



***We'll always be,
Loyal and True.
All through our School
Days
And when we are
through.
Uvalde High,
Three cheers for you!
We pledge our hearts
And our selves to you.
(trumpet fanfare)
Rah! Rah! Rah!
(trumpet fanfare)
Rah! Rah! Rah
We'll always be,
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WOW! WHERE TO START?

I wanted to share a letter I wrote after returning home from our first awards dinner. Maybe some of you are wondering why you keep getting these newsletters and having us beg each of you to join in helping us continue to help these deserving young people who need a little help to achieve their dreams. Hopefully this letter will explain to you the passion that each of us as board members have for this organization.

"Wow, where to start?"

(Written to the alumni board)

I have never pondered over something in all of my life as I have about planning and taking part in the scholarship dinner for the young men who were our first recipients. As most can remember we had some discussions over the matter for a few weeks. Some wanted everyone to pay their own way, and then some said no, we could spend sixty dollars and that should pay for the recipients and their parents. What a dilemma! I finally came to the conclusion that yes, I would participate and if the Alumni Board would not okay the expense then I would anti up.

Since taking the job of Treasurer of the Association I have often asked myself what I was doing, spending a lot of time on different aspects of the Association, often showing a side of myself that I did not realize I even had. Often I would say out loud, what am I doing here, why am I working so hard? Well, tonight I can tell each one of you why I am here and why I have worked hard along with others to see that this Association succeeds.

Tonight at the Holiday Inn, we awarded our first UHS Alumni Association Scholarships to a couple of fine young men. Never in my life have I had such a warm feeling for something that I had taken so lightly.

These young Gentlemen along with both of their parents met School Principal, Hal Harrell, Scholarship Councilor, Maria Flores, Scholarship Committee members, Alice Hicks and Valjean Fountain, and Alumni Board Members, David Beard, and Nathalie Patton, in the lobby of the Holiday Inn and then we proceeded on to the dining room.

After eating our main course, I got everyone's attention and told the students that we had a special gift to present to them. I then went on to explain that one of the board members who lived in Pennsylvania had asked David to please buy these gifts for her (Collegiate Dictionaries) and give them to the recipients. When David arrived at our office this morning, I asked if he had the dictionaries and he went to his car and retrieved them along with decorative bags he had purchased to put them in. I nearly died when I saw them. I asked David what color he thought the bags were and he told me maroon. Folks, those were the brightest pink bags one had ever seen. I traded them in to my friend, Valjean, when I went and picked her up tonight. Thank goodness she had some nice looking blue bags!

After making the presentation Raul's father got up and asked if he could speak. (Tears, guys and Sue) I lost it; this man told us how much he appreciated us having confidence in his son to use our monies to help him with his

funds to help him with his continued education. He told us that his family would always be grateful, and then he turned to his son and said, "Son it is my hope that you see how much this award has given you with the opportunity to pursue your education and that when you finish that you become a member of this organization and contribute and maybe become a part in helping others like you to get their education." The wording may have been a bit different. When Raul's dad sat down, Emmanuel's father rose and simply stated, "We say the same."

I know that we said we would have one dinner, but probably would not have one each year. The hope is that we will be giving more awards each year and some feared the expense would be too great. However, if we can afford more scholarships that would mean there would be more funds in the banks. I think this is an opportunity to reach a hand out to these young people and their families and say, "Yes, we care."

It was also so good to see these young men's families giving their time and encouragement to their kids

Thanks, board for sticking with this very worth while project.

Nathalie Campbell Patton

How to Join UHSAA

An annual membership is \$20.00. To join for life is only \$100.00. All Life Memberships are placed into our trust fund for scholarships which now totals over \$18,000. If you have not yet joined, please do consider sending your membership today to:

UHS Alumni Association
Box 509
Uvalde TX 78802

Or join by credit card on the web at
<http://www.uhsalumni.com>

HONORING OUR VETERANS

In 2004, a year that vaulted us from one extreme to the other, we both celebrated and grieved our veterans who have honorably served their country, and in some cases, paid the ultimate sacrifice that we might enjoy freedom and the good things of life.

Colonel Victoria Zamarrippa, a UHS class of 1974 graduate, retired in January as Director of The Defense Institute for Medical Operations in the office of the Air Force Surgeon General at Brooks AFB in San Antonio. In her distinguished career she co-founded the course on disaster-preparedness planning for other nations, that has since been taught in 32 countries.

Army Captain, Shane R. Cuellar, UHS class of 1989, continues his military service in Mannheim, Germany as the commander of Headquarters Detachment, 28th Transportation Battalion. Having participated in the first rotation to Operation Iraqi Freedom, he continuously prepares his soldiers in Germany for world-

wide contingency operations associated with the Global War on Terrorism.

Army Staff Sergeant R.L.Montgomery, UHS class of 1985, continued his military service this year, fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan. As a member of Coalition Joint Task Force 180, the lead military agency for operations in Afghanistan, he was part of the provisional reconstruction team working alongside the Afghanistan government, living in primitive conditions to help rebuild the country. He and his teammates battled the elements of the harsh country, including a mix of Taliban, Al Qaeda, Chechen, Turk and Chinese terrorists. After completion of his Afghanistan assignment, he is now back in the U.S assigned to Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion 321st FAR (Field Artillery Regiment) of the XVIII Airborne Corps at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Harold Farris, veteran of both the Army Air Corps and the

U.S. Air Force, and a UHS class of 1941 graduate, died this year after 60 years as a continuous member of American Legion Post 26, having flown 35 missions in WWII over Germany, France and Belgium, as a B-17 pilot. He returned to Texas A&M and graduated in Aeronautical Engineering and later served as a Squadrons Ops Officer in Vietnam, flying 88 missions in a C-123K aircraft in South Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force he returned to Uvalde, becoming chairman of the science and mathematics division of Southwest Texas Junior College. He retired in 1986.

Army Specialist, Travis Babbitt, UHS Class of 1998, became the first Alumni casualty of the Iraq War in November.

He was a tank crewman in the US Army's First Cavalry Division and had just been home on furlough one month earlier. Travis was leading a group on a mission when they were ambushed and struck by mortar fire, and Travis was killed. He had recently won spurs from his division for completing 50 missions against the enemy. At a Vet-

eran's Day ceremony, County Judge Bill Mitchell said, " Specialist Travis Babbitt will forever remain a hero, not only to this community, but also in the eyes of The United States of America."

For those of you with computer access, we have a Veterans site on the UHSAA website, rich with information about those who have served and are serving now in our military forces. In addition to articles on the veterans mentioned above, there are military profiles on veterans from many UHS classes and a very special Veteran's Memorial page, honoring those who have died in conflict over the years. You can go to <http://www.uhsalumni.com/alumni/veterans/> to access the site directly, or can go through the main UHSAA site menu.

Quin McWhirter

Lord, Hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families .



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