

Uvalde Hesperian

Express Update



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Kaboom! invites community to help design new playground at Esperanza Park

“A new playground is coming to Esperanza Park and we’re looking for designers,” are the words on a Kaboom! flier announcing a design meet-up at El Progreso Memorial Library on Wednesday, February 8th at 11:30 AM. Children and adults are invited to participate and submit designs both at the February 8th meet-up and virtually through a Vision Study through the Kaboom! Esperanza Vision website “KABOOM!, the City of Uvalde, and The CarMax Foundation are build-

ing a new playground at Esperanza Park this April! We want you to be a part of designing this playground! Come share your ideas at a Design Event following Story Hour at El Progreso Memorial Library on February 8 at 11:30AM. You can also share your ideas at <https://tinyurl.com/EsperanzaVision>,” an official statement

Help Design Your Future Playground!

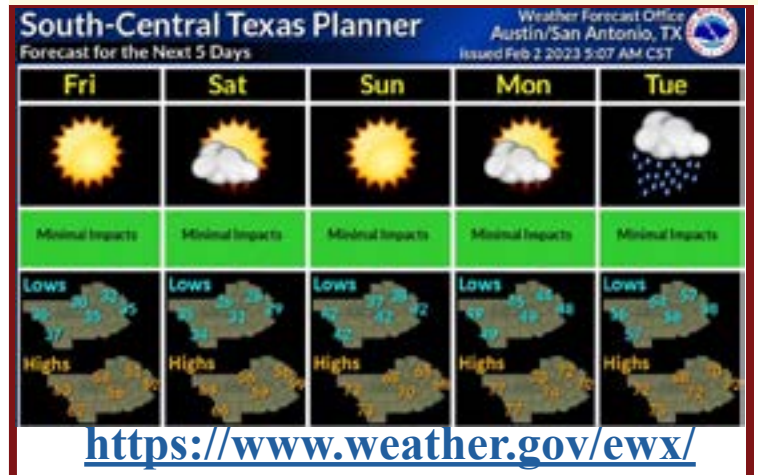
Wednesday, February 8th
11:30am

El Progreso Memorial Library
301 W Main St.
Uvalde, TX 78801



released by Kaboom! reads. The playground design survey will close at 12:01AM on February 9 according to Kaboom! See Park Continued Page 3

Weather Outlook



County Wide Burn Ban still in effect

Winter Storm prompts Wednesday Utopia School Closure and 2 hour school start delays at other districts

Freezing temperatures in the higher elevations of the Texas Hill Country and colder temperatures on the roadways. The forecast for a winter storm to arrive early Wednesday morning prompted Uvalde CISD, Knippa Sabinal to delay their start times for later that same morning.

Utopia ISD had announced it would delay the start time of its schools by 2 hours but then decided to



Photo Credit: Uvalde Fire Department close its schools in an overabundance of caution. Icy roads on Highway 83 near Concan may have been a contributing factor in a vehicle accident oc-

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University of Texas Women’s Basketball annoucness-contribution to UCISD Moving Forward Foundation

From the Uvalde CISD Moving Forward Foundation

UVALDE, TX (February 2, 2023) – [The Uvalde CISD Moving Forward Foundation](#) is honored to announce a \$42,706 donation from the [University of Texas women’s basketball team](#) toward building a new elementary school in the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District (UCISD) following the tragedy at Robb Elementary School.

The donation came as a result of ticket sales from an exhibition game played on Oct. 30, 2022. In addition to the money raised through ticket sales the following individuals also contributed: Cheryl Allen, Carol Polumbo,

Debbie Hansen, University of Texas women’s basketball head coach Vic Schaefer, Texas A&M University men’s basketball head coach Buzz Williams, and University of Texas football assistant director of player development Michael Huff

“Texans across the state and the Austin community came together to support our fellow

Texans from Uvalde who have been devastated by the tragic events at Robb Elementary back on May 24,” Vic Schaefer Texas Women’s Basketball Head Coach, said. “As Texans, we had a chance, and in my mind an obligation to help our community, our family. I felt this was an opportunity for us as university, as an athletic department, for our program to reach out and in some small way if we could help the healing we wanted to be part of that.”

In the wake of the tragedy at Robb Elementary School, the Uvalde CISD Moving Forward Foundation was established to help collect funding for the construction of a new elementary campus in the Uvalde CISD. With support from generous donors, funds raised will help the



Artistic Rendering by Huckabee Inc.

children, families, and staff of the Uvalde CISD community move forward together.

“We are humbled by the gift from the UT women’s basketball team. Gifts like this that come as a result of an entire community coming together are very impactful as we work to help the community in Uvalde begin moving forward” said Tim Miller, Executive Director of the Uvalde CISD Moving Forward Foundation.



Main Street Uvalde announces Cupid Scavenger Hunt

Main Street Uvalde district will hold a Cupid Scavenger Hunt from February 1 – February 10, 2023. Find 14 Cupids hidden throughout the area and drop off the completed list to the Main Street Office located at 340 N. Getty Street no later than Saturday,



February 11 by noon. 1. Print a copy of this scavenger hunt or pick- See Cupid Continued on Page 3



Rotary Club volunteers finish painting DeLeon Park Basketball Court Saturday, Jan 30th

Rotary Club of Uvalde members returned to DeLeon Park with paint and brushes Saturday morning, January 30th to finish painting the basketball courts near the new Kaboom! Playground that was built by volunteers of all ages from Uvalde and the surrounding areas.



Rotary Club of Uvalde volunteers apply paint to the basketball court surface last Saturday. Picture from the Rotary Club's Facebook Page

The project served as the Club's service project for the month of January. A group of about a about volunteers met at 7:45am for tacos and coffee and then started painting at 8AM.

The Weekender

Events

Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet
Friday, February 3rd beginning at 5:30 PM with the banquet ceremonies beginning at 6:30 PM at the Uvalde County Fairplex Events Center. Entertainment by Drew and the Dancehall Dreamers and Eztilo .

Dance, Live Music and Potluck Friday, February 3rd, 7 PM at the Herby Ham Activity Center Music by Country Horizons BYOB Tickets \$10 per person

Dad and Daughter Valentines Dinner and Dance
Saturday, February 11th, 2025 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at the Uvalde Grand Opera House Annex Dinner & desert, dancing, contests, door prizes and more! Admission is \$15 for dad & \$5 for each daughter. Purchase your spot now at uvalderadio.net/events
Dinner featuring delicious pizza from Mr Gattis Pizza & drinks from Tree City Tea & Water.

Dining
Lunkers Bar and Grill
Now located at 226 North Getty Street, Lunkers Bar and Grill is a family owned restaurant featuring daily lunch specials, catering and a full service bar.



Contact the Uvalde Hesperian to submit upcoming events and restaurant suggestions www.uvaldehesperian.com Open Monday through Saturday, Closed Sunday.

Local Signs that descretionary spending is down and money is tight

Commentary by Michael Robinson

Buddy can you spare a dime?" was a common question asked by many during the great depression. Yogi Berra is famous for saying, "These days, a nickel ain't worth a DIME."

It's not a subject that is posted on Facebook often but I there are signs in town that discretionary spending is down in town. I could be money is a bit scarce these days. It is likely this monetary situation is somewhat seasonal as January and even February are months people are paying for Christmas. It's also too early for Income Tax Refund money although that;s coming soon.

Doordash and the gig economy: One way many earn a few extra dollars is by being a Doordash Dasher, If you have a vehicle and a smartphone, you can apply and earn money by delivering food from local restaurants to customers. It is an easy way to earn some extra money and some actually work it full time. Having done the Door Dash Dasher gig myself, I recently opened the app

and looked for local time slots available in Uvalde where I could schedule myself to Dash some McDonald's food or Applebee's orders to hungry customers, There seem to be few if any openings on the app to Dash these days. That means there are tons of people Dashing for money.

Fast Food Deals: Burger King and KFC are both offering \$5 dollar meal options. Decades ago one could go to McDonald's or another other fast food restaurants and each for Five bucks. Now it's more like \$10 to \$12 Dollars for a meal that won't leave you hungry.

I ordered the \$5 deal at Burger King yesterday and while the burger was slider size, they did through in some chicken tenders, some fries and a small soft drink. I wouldn't call it a kings meal but that two probably more fast food restaurants even have a \$5 meal option is an economic sign.

Add inflation and a 12 pack of cans of Coca Cola going for nearly \$8 dollars at Walmart, I think it's fair to say more dollars are needed. Anyone have any Raman Noodle coupons?

Armadillo Day?

February 2nd is **Groundhog Day**. Each year on thatDay in the town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania on Gobbler's Knob, a big ceremony is held each year where the Town's Mayor and a host of dignataries assemble. In front of a crowd of people in a televised event, Pynxsytawney Phil allegedly comes out of his den and if he sees his shadow if is said it means there will be six more weeks of winter,



far better than winter, and that armadillos are burrowing animals like the groundhog, it would make sense in September 2nd, a new day called Armadillo Day be established. On that dat, if Armadillo Arnie sees his shadow, it would mean 6 more weeks of summer and Rspas!

Winter Weather (Continued from Page 2)

curing 9AM to 10 AM approximately one mile North of the General Store located near the intersection of Highway 83 and CR 127.

by the [the Concan Fire Department](#) post, the accident promoted a road closure of Highway 83 int he vacinity of the accident for approximately one hour.

According to a report

Over 40 years ago I was pistol whipped in front of my 3 children by their father. He stood over me and fired a loaded gun that misfired. He stepped over me and walked out the door & never looked back.

Overcoming my tragedy was only possible by the grace of God. Even in the midst of the most difficult and horrible experience in my life, Jesus was right there with me and He stayed with me until I realized He was the only one that could heal my soul.

NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

El Progreso Memorial Library Events

120th Birthday Celebration of the El Progreso Memorial Library's Founding

A very special birthday cake will be offered at the noon meeting of El Progreso Club following the program of the fascinating Kincaid Rock Shelters in Sabinal. The Kincaid stone pavement is the oldest known structural feature in North America.



This meeting is FREE and open to the public.

Art and Smart in El Progreso Meeting Room on Saturday February 11th from 10 AM to Noon with Children's Bereavement Center featuring creative Themed Valentine's art projects, treats and fun.

CASHFLOW with Namen Garg- Wednesday, February 15th Noon to 1 PM. Bring your lunch to El Progreso Meeting Room

Mark Fuller, Face Painter an Balloon Artist at 10:30 AM, Thursday, February 16th

Non Stoop Laughs from Beginning to end. Will have fascinating and balloons after the show as long as supplies last.

Kaboom Park (Continued from Page 1)

Once the designs are finalized Kaboom! will share the community's ideas with the manufacturer. Bicki Rudman has been named as Kaboom! Project Director for the Esperanza Park Project.

The CarMax Foundation is funding the project, and volunteers from the foundation will be joining the community on the April 20 Build Day. And the Rotary Club of Uvalde has generously agreed to provide additional partnership on the ground to help support the project.

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4th Annual **2023 S.T.E.A.M. EXPO** Free
Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics
Passports All Ages
Hands-On Indoor and Outdoor Exhibits
Door Prizes T-Shirts
Sat. April 22nd, 2023
A Community Lead event by Uvalde businesses, organizations and many volunteers

4th Annual S.T.E.A.M. Expo set to return after a pandemic pause

[The Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics Expo or STEAM Expo](#) is scheduled to return to the El Progreso Memorial Library on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 9 AM to 2 PM. This free, hand-on educational event will feature interactive STEAM based exhibits schools, companies and

organizations. After three consecutive years (2017, 2018 and 2019) of this free educational, hands-on event, it was put on hold from 2020 to 2022 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. As STEM careers and the arts continue to be growth career areas for the foreseeable future, the STEAM

Expo is meant to not only expose students to a variety of careers but also show them how mathematics, sciences and art subjects they are studying are the building blocks they will need to learn as a foundation to set them on a path towards those careers.

Cupid Scavenger Hunt (Continued from Page 1)

up a copy at participating stores. Check Facebook for list of stores.
2. Find a minimum of 14 cupids within the Main Street district. In stores or around the area. Write down their loca-

tion.
3. Fill out the form completely.
4. Return completed form to 340 N. Getty Street or email to gresa@uvaldetx.gov

5. Winners will be selected by a random drawing.
Hints will be given through the next two weeks to where you can find Cupid.



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Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____

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Prizes: Gift cards and Gift Baskets

Report on Concan Accident Wednesday Morning on Highway 83 just North of Concan

Provided by Texas DPS

2006 Grey Ford Escape SUV

Injuries: Driver of grey Ford Escape SUV reported injuries: suspected serious injuries.

She was transported to University Hospital in San Antonio TX

Details:
The 2006 grey Ford Escape SUV was traveling southbound on US 83 0.9 miles north of mile marker 560 in Uvalde County. The driver of the Ford SUV was traveling at an unsafe speed on a wet road while entering

a curve, due to the unsafe speed the vehicle was placed into a side skid and traveled off the roadway, striking some trees the vehicle rotated 180 degrees and struck a large rock.

The vehicle then overturned approximately one time coming to rest upside down in the southbound lane of travel facing west.



Local Photographer has windmill and amazing sunsets

K. Irene Stone and her husband owns property on CR 391 near Knippa. Their location has a good view of the horizon to the west and a windmill making a favorite photo subject for her. "Started pics when we were building our homesite in 2021. We moved the windmill, which was my granddads from 1940 up on Stone

Ridge, a line of hills bordering the Blanco Creek on the east side. Set it up and started pics on Sept 2021 I think," she said
Stone submits articles to the Uvalde Hesperian about the days following the May 24th, Robb School Massacre.

[You can find he article and picture s here.](#)

Meetings & Boards

- Thurs. Feb 9th**
KNIPPA ISD SCHOOL BOARD
7:30 PM
LOCATION: KNIPPA SCHOOL
100 KESSLER LANE, KNIPPA, TX 78870
- Mon. Feb 13th and 27th**
UVALDE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT | 10 AM
LOCATION: UVALDE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE: @UVALDECOUNTYJUDGE9535/STREAMS
- Mon. Feb 13th**
SABINAL ISD SCHOOL BOARD | 5:00 PM
LOCATION: SABINAL H.S. LIBRARY LOCATED AT 409 W. CULLINS
SABINAL CITY COUNCIL | 7:00 PM
LOCATION: 501 NORTH CENTER STREET, SABINAL TEXS 78801
- Mon Feb 13th**
UVALDE CISD REGULAR BOARD MEETING | 6:00 PM
LOCATION: BENSON BOARD ROOM
LIVESTREAMED ON YOUTUBE: UVALDE CISD BENSON BOARD ROOM
- Mon. Feb 13th**
UTOPIA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING | 6:00 PM
258 SCHOOL STREET, PO BOX 880, UTOPIA, TX 78884
- Tues. Feb 14th & 28th**
UVALDE CITY COUNCIL | TUES 6:00 PM
LOCATION: UVALDE CITY HALL
LIVESTREAMED: [HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CITYOFUVALDETX](https://www.facebook.com/cityofuvaldetx)

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Music On Main with Toni Hull and Friends

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Scandalous Romance Shocks Town
Daring Proposal leads to Surprise Wedding