

ELGIN EPILOGUE

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Purple & White Jubilee

**Homecoming Celebration
For all Elgin and Washington
High School Alumni**



ELGIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRIDE - PASSION - PURPLE

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 23, 2010

**Elgin ISD Education Foundation
Golf Tournament
(Obtain information via website)**

Saturday, April 24, 2010

**Morning free for class reunions
4:00 p.m.**

**Distinguished Alumni Award
"The Spirit of Elvis"**

**(Elgin Administration Building)
followed by**

Gathering for all Alumni

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

(Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Hall)

Sunday, April 25, 2010

**Alumni Breakfast
(Elgin Middle School)**

**For ticket information, call (512) 281-4752
or view Alumni Association website at
<http://www.elginisd.net>**

TICKETS WILL BE REQUIRED!

There is no charge for any Saturday or Sunday activity at the Jubilee. Donations will be accepted to help cover expenses. In order to provide adequate facilities, we need to know who will be attending. Thus, we will be issuing free tickets for Saturday and Sunday through a will-call desk. Please write or call to have your tickets ready at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Dear Elgin Alumnus,

It is my pleasure as Superintendent of Elgin ISD to extend a personal invitation for you to make plans now to attend the Purple and White Jubilee to be held in Elgin beginning Friday, April 23, 2010. The weekend will be full of numerous opportunities for you and your family to meet new friends and to renew friendships from your school days.

The Elgin Alumni Association has worked hard to plan a three-day event that will begin with the Annual School Foundation Golf Tournament on Friday and continue on Saturday and Sunday with many activities that you will enjoy.

If you've not been back lately, you'll hardly recognize our school district. We have beautiful facilities that will add to the pride you have of being an Elgin Wildcat. Come join your friends for a great time this spring.

Sincerely,

**Bill G. Graves, Superintendent
Elgin Independent School District**

ELGIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Life membership in the Elgin Alumni Association is now available for a fee of \$100. Consider this option and never have to worry if you have paid annual dues every January

ELGIN DEPOT MUSEUM PHOTO EXHIBIT

The Elgin Depot Museum will be open from 10:00 - 4:00 on April 24, 2010 with a featured photo exhibit of "A Day in the Life of Elgin" of September 9, 2009. The museum also has albums containing over 4,000 pictures of Elgin life from 1900 through the present time.

THANKS TO SPONSORS!

Even though we are making the Jubilee free to all Alumni, there will be much expense. Businesses and individuals are banding together to underwrite our costs. Many more sponsors are needed. We extend our thanks to the following for their response to our early request.

**BASTROP FIRST NATIONAL BANK
ELGIN ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION
FIRST STATE BANK
ELGIN ECONOMIC DEVELOP. CORP.**

**OWEN BOGART & ROGERS
CITY OF ELGIN
MR. & MRS. ROY PFEIFFER
MEYERS SAUSAGE**

PRIDE – PASSION – PURPLE

The Elgin Alumni Association requested suggestions for the appropriate slogan to use for the initial Purple and White Jubilee. Bob Haisler, El-Hi teacher and alumnus submitted the winner. What a great slogan - thanks Bob!

Alumni Officers

President – Donna Snowden

Vice President – Carl Cole

Secretary – Glynda Schroeder

Treasurer – Willie Haywood

High School Principal – Janis Linder

Special Events Co-Chairs – Sydna Arbuckle and Marjorie Matetzschk

Special Events Committee Members – Deborah Cartwright, Rhonda Moore, Gayle Graham

Membership Chair – Judy Davis

Technology – Connie Núñez

Past President – Eric Carlson

Distinguished Alumni Co-Chairs – Deborah Cartwright and Judy Matetzschk-Campbell

Scholarship Chair – Open

DO YOU NEED A PLACE TO STAY FOR THE JUBILEE?

Elgin:

Holiday Inn Express of Elgin 512-285-3900
Sunset Lodge of Elgin 512-285-4689

Bastrop:

Comfort Inn of Bastrop 512-321-3303
Holiday Inn Express 512-321-1900
Super 8 512-321-6000
Hyatt Lost Pines Resort 512-308-1234

Taylor:

Econo Lodge 512-352-8565
America's Best 512-352-2666
Talbot Street Bed & Breakfast 512-352-5465

Austin:

Embassy Suites Hotel 512-454-8004
Crowne Plaza 512-323-5466
Doubletree Hotel 512-454-8004

Manor:

Quality Inn 512-272-9373

DECADES OF GRADUATES

The Elgin ISD was established in 1898 with the Old Red School on South Avenue C as the first permanent building and housing all 10 grades. The first graduating class in 1900 had 3 members. With the exception of 1910 when the 11th grade was added, Elgin has graduated seniors from 1900 through 2009 – 108 graduating classes in 11 decades of time. These decades have brought **CHANGE** in every aspect of life but the Elgin alumni are bound together with pride and our passion has been loyalty to our town and to the purple and white. The nurturing we received in the Elgin ISD has been a portion of the foundation for each person's future.

The Elgin Alumni Association has determined the best way to maintain contact is to appoint Decade Chairmen to work with Class Agents from each class within their decade to keep current information and addresses. Decade groups might decide to have projects, reunions or award scholarships. Much information is still needed from each class. We particularly need e-mail addresses for the class members of 1960 forward.

The 50s Decade has agreed to be the host Decade for the upcoming Purple and White Jubilee. The 50s group has arranged for the entertainment and is being asked to help with set up and refreshments for our April event.

Decade Chairmen for 2010 Jubilee:

1940s – Dorothy Biggers Cartwright

1960s – Kenneth Dalley

1980s – Mark Neidig

2000s – Willie Haywood

1950s – Bill Storey

1970s – Peggy Sanders Garza

1990s – Connie Núñez



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Donna Lundgren Snowden

In the first issue of the *Elgin Epilogue* I wrote how my high school teachers had influenced my life. I just have to mention another one in this article - my biology teacher, Mrs. Thelma Harrison. She was strict and stern. I really had no interest in biology, but because of her, I studied, dissected a frog, and passed the course. It was much later when I actually realized how she influenced me for the better. After her husband died, Mrs. Harrison continued to live independently in her home until her own death in the early 2000's. She kept up with all of her former students by reading the Courier. My class, the Class of 1965, honored her by helping her church give her a big 100th birthday party. Then, when the new high school was built, the Class of 1965 planted three crepe myrtles there in her honor. She joined us at the High School during Western Days where we showed her around the new facilities and showed her the trees we had planted. She marveled about how beautiful, large and wonderful the school was. We marveled about how she remembered everything about us. She called and thanked all of us personally and sent cards too! What an inspiration! During an interview, Mrs. Harrison told me that she and my grandfather McGee had taken care of her sick family during the Flu epidemic of 1918, a fact I had never known. Mrs. Harrison set a good example of how to live a long and productive life.

My lab partner in biology was my good friend, Judy Newquist McBurney. She made every day at school fun. Mrs. Harrison thought we were trying to cheat on a test one time but we assured her we were not. And, we made sure we never did! Judy served on the Purple and White Jubilee committee and was planning on hosting the classes of the 60's at her home during the Jubilee. Sadly, Judy died last May. Everyone who knew her, misses her.

My point is ... don't miss out on seeing someone from your school days by not taking part in the Purple and White Jubilee. I guarantee you will enjoy it. It's nothing fancy...it is just going to be a great time!

ELGIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!