

The Longhorn Lasso



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THE OLD SCHOOL

The old school was built in 1923. It was made up of three red brick buildings. The large building was two stories tall and had a basement. The building went the front of what is now the new school to the football field, and extended to where the shop and pre-

other seldomly used classrooms.

The small building was East of the high school. It was the building that housed the elementary and the cafeteria. It was the building that housed the custodian's room in the basement.

The gym and shop



school are located. The library, a few of the high school classrooms, the lockers, and the typing room, were located on the second floor. Most of the junior high classrooms including the band room and restrooms were on the first floor. The junior high included the 5th through the 8th grade and the high school was 9th through 12th grades. The junior high and the high school were both in the large building. The basement housed the boiler room and a few

were South of the high school and this is where the parking lot is now located. The school buildings were destroyed in 1980 after funding was received to build a new school. While the old school was being rebuilt, the students had classes in the gym. The playground was between all three buildings. According to some people in Roy most of the people that are originally from Roy before 1980 attended school in the building above. Written by Rumaldo Pacheco

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Soaring Spirits

RHS Cheerleaders Cheer on Their Longhorns
By: Mycca Montoya

Gimme an R, gimme an H, gimme an S. The cheerleaders of Roy High School have already kicked off the year by cheering at the home football and volleyball games. But, that's not the only place that the pep is being displayed, the pom pom princesses are getting the troops ready for battle at the pep assemblies held Thursdays before games. I interviewed the captain of the RHS cheerleaders, Sophomore

Erica Gutierrez. This is what she shouted out: "This year I think we have a really great squad. We have a lot of talent and are very enthusiastic, not to mention all of the new cheers that we are learning to "pep" up the games." The spirit squad is due to appear again at the volleyball game on September 27th against Grady. The members of the 2002 – 2003 RHS cheerleaders are.....
Shelda Autrey
Celeste YBarra
Erica Gutierrez
Kim Gammelgaard

Jocelyn Featherston
Kyra Weisdorfer
Naomi Spruill
Megan Sandoval

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VILLAGE OF ROY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

In driving around the Village of Roy, many new improvements have been noted. According to Mayor Lee Fluhman, the monies for these various projects came from grants. The Community Development Block Grant provided the funds to make improvements on the village sewer lagoons.

A Keep America Beautiful Grant was obtained to improve the looks of the village. These grant monies were spent on the "Adopt A Barrel" program which placed planters in front of Roy businesses and brought bright spots to the corners and parkways. This is the third year for the "Adopt A Barrel" project, with the original grant being written by the Roy Village Deputy Clerk, Mary Ellen Menapace. The Keep America Beautiful monies also provided the funds to landscape Chicosa Street, across from the village office. The Mesa Soil and Water Conservation helped design this landscape project.

Many large rocks along the parkway were donated by Mr. Alex Des Champs and Ms. Maria Sanchez.

Chicosa Street also acquired new sidewalks and pavement thanks to a cooperative agreement between the New Mexico Highway and



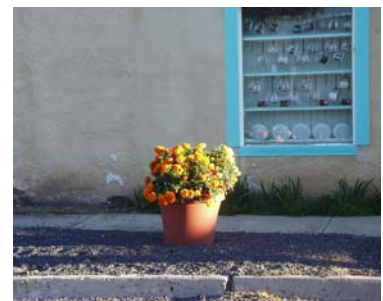
Transportation Department and the Village of Roy.

New street signs can also be found of the corners in Roy, NM. These signs were made available through Harding County and they were

installed with time donated by Mr. Herman Martinez and other village employees.

We think that the Village has done an excellent job and we hope everyone will take a walk or drive about the village and enjoy viewing these improvements.

By: Curtis Scott





We Will Remember ...



The Community of Roy held a 9-11 tribute at the Roy High School. The program was called, **“Yes, We Will Remember.”** It was a great success! Not only the school attended, but also a multitude of community members. Everyone showed great support for the program and its cause. There were many people who spoke: American Legion Auxiliary President, Alberta Cline; Father Larry Brito; Superintendent Richard Hazen; Clay Gorret, Roy Fire Department; Trubert Flowers, Under-sheriff of Harding Co.; Myra Sande, Roy EMS; Navor Guteirrez, Mayor Pro Tem; Pastor Charlie Duree; Rev. John Spruill; and Com-

mander of the American Legion, Tony Gonzales. There was also a great singing performance by Dorothy Gonzales. The retiring of the colors was done by members of the American Legion; Cassie Esquibel, D.M. Martinez, Charlie Duree, and Alfred Sandoval. The laying of the memorial wreath was preformed by Chandra Esquibel and Katie Taylor, Roy Student Council Officers; The Roy Elementary Classes, all decked out in red, white, and blue, sang three wonderful songs. There were blue star banners presented to all the families who had family members in the military. There was also a special blue star flag presented to the Village of Roy which will fly

proudly over City Hall. Alex DesChamps rang the “four fives.” The four fives is a time honored tradition rendering final honor to departed comrades. To bring the ceremony to an end, everyone in attendance stood and sang “God Bless America.” It was honestly a beautiful and moving service,



and it will be remembered for years to come. We want to thank the community of Roy and all who were involved for all of their hard work in making the Sept. 11th program a moment in time that we shall never forget.

By: Becki Sande

Teacher Feature

MRS. JEANETTE GARCIA

“Wow, I think you picked the most boring teacher to do the feature on!” Garcia joked when I told her about my project. But when I asked her to give me the low-down on what was going on in her classroom, she had this to say:

“I am thoroughly enjoying this year! It’s a little harder than having just two grades, but it is, nevertheless, fun. I am teaching social studies and science for grades 3 – 6, and P.E. for the entire elementary. I will also be heading the Title I program, which will be starting soon. We are in the process of administering the Gates MacGinitie Reading Tests.

I am confident that all the students did their best and the results will be great! All of my students show great potential, and are an absolute joy to work with. I am looking forward to the upcoming year!” Mrs. Garcia was very enthusiastic about what was going on in her classroom, and was genuinely excited about all the new things happening in her part of the school. She is a great teacher, and our school’s great teachers are what the “teacher feature” is all about.

By: Travis Mosimann



Ms. Garcia & Tabatha Smith

M.A.D.D. Program

On August 16th, the Roy and Mosquero High School students came together in the Roy Gym for an assembly. It was put on by the Harding County D.W.I. Council and by M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), a national organization. The presenter, Mr. Darren Mattozzi, showed the students a video that educated them about the effects of media presentations and how young people should not necessarily believe everything they hear in advertisements. This great M.A.D.D. program taught students a valuable lesson on being themselves. It also showed some of the effects about how students may be pressured into thinking some things are cool, such as using alcohol. The fantastic multi-media

presentation portrayed real life stories, as well as using clips from popular movies, television shows and music that pulled it all together. The program ended with Mrs. Lina Weisdorfer thanking the students, the schools and the presenter for allowing the Harding County DWI Council to bring this powerful program to the young people in the county.

Hopefully, both Roy and Mosquero students learned valuable lessons about life, about how they should be themselves and make their own choices, and to not cave in to the peer pressure that surrounds them everyday. It could be a matter of life and death.

By: Steven Monreal



Lina Weisdorfer and Darren Mattozzi

Class News

The seniors are planning to have a silent auction, a cakewalk, and the dart throw for the Halloween carnival. We hope that everyone will come and support us. The senior class would also like to thank everyone who supported the sale of the Tom-Wat.

This year the main fund-raiser for the junior class is concession and we would appreciate it if everyone would come support us as well as the football and volleyball teams.

The sophomore class will be selling candy for the remainder of the year. If you would like to buy candy contact one of the sophomore peers or Mrs. Martinez in between classes. The sophomore class will also be having a slave

auction and dinner this year. The dates for those fund-raisers have not yet been decided but will be posted as soon as possible.

The freshmen class is raising money for our senior trip. We are going to do bake sales and community clean up and if possible Sinfo Lovato will be doing a cook out.

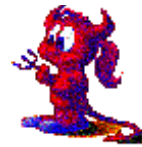
This year the 8th grade class will be having a rummage sale, bake sale, and a trash walk. We would also like to mention the students in our class who will be participating in sports: Joel Sebastian, Shawn Atencio, Jacob Herron, and Danny Laumbach are playing football; Megan Sandavol, Kristal

Smith, Kayla Nelson, Mindy Costa, Courtney Mitchell, and Lerissa Garcia are all playing junior high volleyball. The junior high volleyball team's score is 5-1. Good luck to all 8th grade athletes throughout the year.

The 7th grade class has been very busy with school activities this year. In shop class we have started our kits and they are coming along very well. In computer class we are making a power-point presentation and our final presentation will be a movie. We are having fun in all of our other subjects and feel we are learning a lot.

By: Vanessa Atencio

Ghostly Stories from the Elementary



This month we assigned the elementary classes to write a Halloween story, draw a scary Halloween picture, or do just about anything that involved Halloween. We got so many good entries that it was nearly impossible to choose just one first prize winner from each class. But, we read through all the stories and made our decisions. It was a hard thing to do, let me tell you!! But when it was all over, the winner from the K-2 grade class turned out to be Tori Mitchell with a great scary picture, and the rest of the classes have yet to be judged. We will let you know the turnout in next month's issue. The first place winners will receive a candy bar.

We want to thank all of the students for sending us their creative ideas. We would also like to send out a big thanks to all the teachers who allowed us to have this contest. Reading all the stories was such a joy. We have so much creativity and imagination in our school, and I am proud to have seen it all in action!! Thanks again!

Written By: Paige Stevenson



The “Bright-est” Social Worker

By: Joe Dan Lovato

Jeffrey Bright is originally from England. He’s doing what he’s doing now because, in his NEARLY famous words.....“Math Stinks!!” You see Mr. Bright is “number-lexic,” and being a social worker didn’t require him to have an ACT score. All he had to have was a certain GPA.

Mr. Bright moved to New Hampshire and lived there for nearly 14 years. One day he went to a graduate school library and asked for a list of places that had 360 days of sunshine. Soon after his library visit he began writing to the schools that were in his list of “Sunshine States.” “I really didn’t think I was good enough or smart enough to go to any of the schools I wrote to.” He then continued, “I had to lie about my high school background. I didn’t really go all the way through high school. Most, or should I say all, of the colleges required GPAs and other junk so I had to make it all up. When colleges asked for my high school transcript I would tell them that my high school had burned down and all of my records had burned up too. Anyway, they took my word for being a high school graduate and I got accepted to most of the colleges I wanted to go to. I then started crossing schools off of my list to narrow down the schools that suited me best.” Mr. Bright said that most of the schools were very rude and that’s how he decided which schools he wanted to try to get accepted into. “New Mexico was the nicest place I called. Not only was NM a sunny state, but

they seemed ‘student friendly’, until I arrived here, but that’s another story,” he said. I decided to move to New Mexico. I hadn’t been to school in about 30 years. When I first started back to college my GPA was about a 2.7, but by the time I got out my GPA was close to a 4.0. The key to the great GPA was “NO PARTY-ING!”

Soon after graduation I was granted some interviews.... way out west!! I wanted to work with the Native Americans in Farmington but was never offered that chance. (As my interview with Mr. Bright continued, we were listening to his music of choice“Purple Haze, by Jimi Hendrix.) He then went on, “I was soon offered a job in Raton. I fell in love with the prairies as I drove down the interstate. I thought these wide open spaces were better than any woman I had ever seen!! ..and that’s when it hit me. I wanted to be out here in the open.” I finally got to Raton and thought to myself, “OH, HE** NO!!!” But, to make a long story short I did stay, and I worked for the state for one year. I took the exam that was required to let me become a social worker. I met with failure the first time, but passed the test on my second try. I then got a job with the High Plains REC and started

working with kids of the same background and hardships as I had endured while growing up. Mr. Bright stopped and listened to the music again and then continued, “The reason I came to Roy was for the money (Ha Ha) and to work with the kids and the best part about my job is I get to work one-on-one with the kids and sometimes with their parents.”

I asked Mr. Bright if he had any advice for this year’s senior class and he said, “Look for the right school, and make sure there is an equal balance of males, females, and different nationalities on the campus.”

Mr. Bright has to be one of the coolest people I have ever met, so if you see him in the hallway, introduce yourself and ask him some questions about music, life, or any other topic that comes to your mind. I can guarantee you will be in for some great conversation.



Thank you, Mr. Bright, for a fantastic interview and for some great background music. We hope you have a great school year and we are really glad to have you coming to Roy once a week!!

YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT I FOUND IN MY CLOSET....

You won't believe what I found in my closet one day!

It was green with black hair.

"It's cool," I say.

It had eyes,

to my surprise,

and he ate all my supper.

He had big feet like my Aunt Sue,

and huge teeth like her too!!

His body looked like goo,

and he always cried boo-hoo.

When he was sad, he looked very mad,

and he never showed me when he was glad.

I think he's cute,

but just to my eye,

If mom sees him

She'll be scared and afraid as a fly,

that my salami sandwich

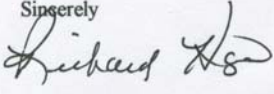
grew a life of its own.

By: Dustin Delaho

Thoughts From the Office

Dear Lasso Staff,

I asked your sponsors if I could write a few words in the next paper. I was extremely proud of your staff for putting together an outstanding paper. You have a unique way of expressing yourselves. The paper was neat and organized. The people that read the Lasso need to understand that the Lasso is a student publication done by students. Our students need to be praised for their efforts, not ridiculed because they didn't do a professional job. As an administrator, member of the community, and a dad, I want to thank the seniors and the Lasso staff for a wonderful job. Thank you for being who you are and what you will eventually become. We have great kids here in Roy. We are so proud of you.

Sincerely

 Richard Hazen
 Superintendent of Roy Municipal Schools

The Elementary Tidings

By: Dustin Delaho and Andrea Rigoni

Roy and Mosquero elementary schools watched a presentation on Streets Smarts by MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), DWI Education Director of Harding County, Lina Weisdorfer, helped bring this program to us.

The elementary classes will be presenting poems and stories they have been working on this month. They are inviting the elementary and high school to hear them read their poems and stories. There will be refreshments after the presentation. The 5th and 6th graders have established the following committees: pumpkins, program, invitations, decorations, book, and refreshments. Parents, please remember you can donate to the 3rd - 6th grade auction being held

after the first nine weeks.

Mrs. Ivey's class would like to thank the Harding County DWI for bringing the Mother's Against Drunk Driving program to our school. They appreciate the help that Lori and Arlene Daniels have been giving them.

Mrs. Ivey would like to inform everyone that Sarah Daniels has her cast off and is going to therapy. She is walking much better.

Accelerated Reading has been a big success in the elementary. The prizes have encouraged the children to read more.

And last but not least, we have Mrs. Smith's class flying into a great school year! Her kids are writing spooky

stories and poems to celebrate the Halloween season.

They are experimenting with the new Accelerated Writer. They don't have it all figured out yet. But hey, who does? They attended a Farm Safety day camp in Clayton, NM to learn how to stay safe around farm equipment, such as tractors, four wheelers, etc.

Mrs. Smith's and Mrs. Ray's classes will be entering a contest to design a box for Puffs Kleenex. The winner could win a United States savings bond for college worth \$25,000 at maturity.

This is Dustin and Andrea saying "Adios Amigos": until next month.

Bump, Set, Spike

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The Roy Lady Longhorns have been a busy bunch. With the exception of learning new techniques and a brand new coach the lady Longhorns are progressing well.

The Lady Longhorns met the Mosquero pirates on August 30, 2002 at the Roy Gymnasium. The Lady Longhorns were a bit nervous but captured the game in three matches, which were 15-6, 15-5, and 15-3.

On September 5, 2002 the Longhorns and the San Jon Coyotes met to square out one of their battles. The battle started with many hardships, but with the excellent passing, skillful setting, and furious hitting the Lady Longhorns came off with yet another win. 15-12, 15-7, 13-15, 15-3.

A battle, a struggle, and a hard skirmish was fought on September 7, 2002. The Lady Longhorns entered the gym, mean and determined. The first match was controlled by the Lady Rams of Cimarron, NM. With a quickly blink the Lady Rams were on their way to victory. (7-15) But the Lady Longhorns weren't about to give up. With momentum being a factor, and

quick thinking the Horns were up and conquered the second game. (15-13.)

The game was too much, and the Lady Longhorns had a change in momentum once again. The Lady Rams walked away, winning the game. The final scores were 7-15, 15-13, 3-15, 1-15.

The last game to report was the Clayton Jackets. The Lady Longhorns hosted the Jackets at the Roy Gymnasium. The game went by very quickly, with the demise of the Lady Jackets. With the intensity and the focus the Lady Longhorns, had it won. With the great serving, and furious hitting the Longhorns dance their way to victory. The ending scores were: 15-13, 15-9, and 15-9.

By: Stacey Hazen



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