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We Will Remember....

Roy Municipal Schools will join other Americans to honor those who lost their lives in the tragic ordeal of September 11, 2001. Students in pre-school through seniors in high school will participate in the 2002 "We Will Remember" program which will be held at the Roy Football Field at noon on September 11, 2002. All students are being asked to be creative in writing essays, poetry, taking photographs, creating visual art designs, musical compositions, or any other creative entry. The Media Contact person for the program is Alberta Cline, 485-2296.



Every city in the United States is participating in this memorial program. The cities are encouraging the schools to be actively involved in these programs. The purpose of the program is to honor the good and decent people who gave their lives in America's newest war that began that sunny day last September and they shall never be forgotten.

Roy Schools invites everyone to join them on September 11th.

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The Lasso Staff will be publishing their school newspaper once a month. We will also be submitting news articles to the Harding County Leader. Please feel free to contact us with any community news.

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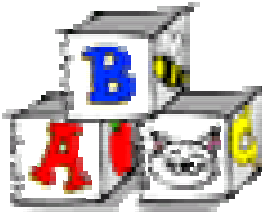
Small People ~ Big Dreams

News from K, 1 & 2

By: Mycca Montoya

On August 19, 2002, the kindergarten thru second grade wranglers showed up to Mrs. Phyllis Ivey's Little Longhorn Round-Up. Each and every student showed up with bright eyes and smiles. "We are all very excited about the start of the school year. Not only the start but all the new things we have. A new Dell computer makes a total of seven in the room and parent volunteers," exclaimed Mrs. Ivey.

It wouldn't be accurate to say that all the students came running in, Kindergartener Sarah Daniels has to endure school for the first two or three weeks in a wheelchair due to the long purple cast on her right leg. Sarah broke her leg in an accident while riding her horse. All of Sarah's classmates are eager to help her get around.



Also, the K-2 have an aide every day fourth period, senior Mycca Montoya. I asked the students what they would like to learn about; they answered as follows...

Kindergarten

Alberto Rivera- Mice
Aaron Fluhman- Bats
Trey Daniels- Bears
Sarah Daniels- Bugs
Chase White- Bugs
Destiny Bolin- Butterfly

First

Audra Rivera- Bears
Aunna Walker- Drawing Horses

Second

Cayce Jo Lewis- Deer
Jared Daniels- Elk
Emily Goret- Wolves
Tori Mitchell- Dogs

Soaring in the 3rd & 4th Grades

Barbara Smith is teaching the 3rd and 4th grades this year. The class is pursuing many projects. One project is the People Bags. These bags are used to get to know each student better and what they like. Each child will complete this task and after everyone has shared their bags the objects will be displayed in the room as a museum.

Also the kids are learning to write in cursive. It is a hard task and Mrs. Smith hopes that the 4th graders will be writing in full cursive writing by the end of the semester.

Accelerated Reader has become a huge project in the elementary wing. Each kid is required to read so many books a semester. Some kids excel and read way past the required mark and are rewarded for this. This program helps kids advance their

reading skills and enhance their vocabulary.

This class has been blessed with the opportunity to meet many new students. In the third grade there is one new student, Andrew Esquibel. In the fourth grade there are four new students: Dominic Lovato, Seth Pendley, Sara Reed and Luke Sandoval.

3rd Grade

Jasmine Deschamps
Andrew Esquibel
Nakita Fluhman
Lynda Laumbach
Heather Mitchell
Matt Pharies
Jacob Stanton
Shelby Walker

4th Grade

Shane Baca
Joshua Deschamps
Eric Fluhman
Dominic Lovato
Seth Pendley
Sara Reed
Luke Sandoval

By: Danae Rigoni

Mrs. Ray is the Roy Elementary 5th and 6th grade teacher. I recently interviewed Mrs. Ray and she said, "I am really excited about my new class in

Garcia's Corner

I interviewed one of our newer teachers today. Mrs. Garcia came a few years ago as the K-1-2 teacher, and is now on the high school side teaching select subjects and is heading the Title I program. When I talked to her she was very enthusiastic and was looking forward to the coming year. She said, "My desire this year is to help the children achieve their goals and succeed in life. I want to make a difference or be part of shaping the students' lives and future success. If I can do that, and be a positive role model, then I have fulfilled one of my goals."

Mrs. Garcia went on to say, "It will be a very challenging year for me because I have



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moved to the high school side. However, I will still be teaching elementary science, social studies, and P.E., and I will be the Title I coordinator. I miss the 6th graders from last year, but they have been coming in to see me. Change is always good."

Written By: Paige Stevenson

Mrs. Ray Surfs into the New Year

elementary. I am looking forward to a successful year with the 5th and 6th graders. I hope to improve on my teaching skills and teach the kids as much as they can absorb." Mrs. Ray continued, "I really miss the high school kids, but I know they have a good new teacher in Mr. Mann. I miss teaching high school students because they are independent



thinkers and I hope the elementary develop problem-solving skills. I hope all of the high school students come and visit me throughout the year." We wish Mrs. Ray all the luck in the world with her new class.

By: Joe Dan

Lovato

Times on Isaac

I asked Mr. Hazen the following questions and this was his response in a direct quote.

What are your plans and ideas for the future? "To improve the standardized test scores to the 70% area. I also want to incorporate virtual school within the curriculum, and provide the kids with the best education possible."

What are your thoughts about the 20 new students?

"We are extremely glad to have them in Roy and hope they develop a relationship that's lasting. We also want to provide them with the best education possible."

What is your outlook on this year's athletic program?

"The teams are young, both guys and girls, and it is going to take time for an adjustment to be made with the new coaches. There is more to sports than just winning and losing. Teamwork, starting a job and finishing it, and hard work are things that athletics can teach in life."

Are you excited about the 2 new teachers on your staff?

"YES, they both bring lots of experience in the teaching field and athletic arena. They have gotten off to a good start here in Roy. We welcome them to the school and the community."

By: Isaac Cates

New Attitude, New Coach, New Season

The Roy Lady Longhorns 2002 volleyball season kicked off on August 12. Leading the way as Roy's new coach is Mr. Kirk Mann.

Coach Mann has high expectations for the teams. "Learning a new system of play takes time for each player to learn their job and not have to think about where they should be. Right now I am very pleased with the level of effort and amount of learning. I believe we are only going to continue to improve individually and as a team," says coach Mann.

Helping Coach Mann lead the way are the Seniors Stacey Hazen and Mycca Montoya. "We have a lot of talent and potential," comments Mycca, "we are hoping to work together to get where we need to be!" Also

sounding confident about the team is the other senior, Stacey Hazen. "I think that our team is coming along great! We've got the first game jitters over with so we will be ten times stronger next game."

The Lady Longhorns made their first game appearance on August 24, against the Dora Coyotes!

The Lady Longhorns started the game sweating intensely and were very nervous. The Dora Coyotes got the lead in the first game and eventually won 11-15. The second game, the Longhorns came back to horn'em again! With the score tied at 11, the Lady Longhorns felt their momentum slipping away as the Lady Coyotes pulled ahead. The score ended 11 - 15, Dora. The third game

the Longhorns started out strong! Leading the game 6-4 the Lady Longhorns just couldn't do it. The Lady Coyotes defeated the Lady Longhorns in game three, 7-15.

The next game will be on August 30, at Roy Gymnasium, at 6:00 pm. Against the Mosquero Pirates.

By: Stacey Hazen

Roy Track Gets Facelift

This summer a group of students remodeled and reconstructed the track at the school in Roy. Sean Mahoney was the foreman of this project. The students working were: Pete Laumbach, Niko Esquibel, Zac Ebell, Curtis Scott, Joe Dan Lovato, Rumaldo Pacheco, Michael Cates and Augie Valarde. The group ripped out all of the



old curbing, poured new cement, grated, leveled ground, made a high jump pit, a shot put pad, and then extended and made a runway to the long jump pit. The last step of the project was to level the gravel.

Superintendent Richard Hazen applied for and received the

YCC Grant making this possible. Mr. Hazen is hoping to receive the grant again next year. According to Mr. Hazen, "This was a good experience for all of us."



2002 Football Season Kicks Off

On August 12, 2002 the Roy Longhorns started their new season. There is one returning senior- Jose Esquibel, one junior- Chase Fluhman, and two sophomores- Gilbert Sena and Michael Cates. There are seven new players joining

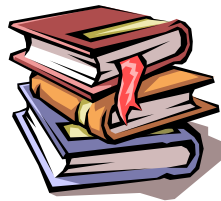
the Longhorn Football team. They are; senior-Isaac Cates, junior- Augustine Velarde, freshman- Jake Pendly, 8th grade- Shawn Atencio, Danny Laumbach, Joel Sabatian, and Jacob Herron.

The Roy Longhorns are ready and eager to kick off

the new season. Their first game is with the Floyd Broncos on Saturday August 31, at 1:30. Please come join the fun at the Roy Longhorn Football field.

Honor Students Start out on a Mission

The Roy Chapter of the National Honor Society held its first meeting on August 19, 2002. The NHS has a new sponsor this year, Mr. Kirk Mann. The organization elected officers and discussed possible money makers, but none were confirmed. The meeting was ad-



journed.

Officers

President- Stacey Hazen

Vice-President- Mycca Montoya

Secretary/Treasurer- Jennifer Tompkins

Reporter- Lesle Martinez

Student Council Representative- Shelda Autry

Parliamentarian- Robin Chatfield

New Teachers



Mr. Kirk Mann is the new History teacher at Roy High School and the Roy Lady Longhorn's Volleyball Coach. He and his wife and young daughter live in Clayton. He is dedicated enough to make that long drive to Roy everyday and we welcome him to our school. Mr. Mann has 11 years of teaching experience.



Mr. Sabastian teaches P.E. and Math at Roy High School. He also coaches the Roy Longhorn Boys' Basketball team, and in the spring he will be the track coach. He and his family moved to Roy from Floyd. His twin daughters, Farrah and Lynette are in the 10th grade and his son Joel is in the 8th grade. Thomas is 4 years old and will attend pre-school. Mr. Sebastian has 17 years experience and we would like to say "Welcome, Mr. Sebastian"

New Kids on the Block

The Roy Schools acquired numerous new students from various regions. We are more than happy to welcome them to Roy.

Isaac Cates returned to Roy for his senior year.

Isaac went to school in Springer last year. His favorite subjects are P.E. and being an Aide. His hobbies include sports and shooting.

The tenth grade has 3 new students. Nick Klinger came from Mayer High School in Arizona. His favorite class is Ecology, and he enjoys skating, street racing and mini trucks. He says that, "Roy School has less people, my old school was a 2A School Roy is only 1A". Farrah and Lynette Sebastian came to Roy from Floyd. Farrah enjoys sports and her favorite subject is Ag. Lynette likes to hang out with friends and participate in sports. Her favorite classes are Woods and Ecology. Lynette said that, "Roy School is more strict and has more rules than Floyd."

There are two new 9th graders. Cody Lester who rides the bus from Conchas. He likes riding dirt bikes. His

favorite subject is Math. Before he came here he was home-schooled. Jake Pendley moved from Rush Springs School in Oklahoma. He likes taking stuff apart. He favorite class is welding.

There are three new people in 8th grade. Larissa Garcia is from Tucumcari she last attended Tucumcari Middle School. Her favorite subject is History and she likes to listen to music. Jacob Herron came from Mosquero his favorite subject is Math. In Jacob's spare time he likes to hunt. He says the main difference between Roy and Mosquero is the kids. Joel Sebastian Moved to Roy from Floyd He likes playing all sports. Joel's favorite class is Woods he likes school here better than he did at Floyd. Kayla Nelson joins the 8th graders, coming from Tucumcari. She loves to talk on the phone and studying Math. She says, "I like this school much better."

There are two new 7th graders. Eric Cashman and Chelsie Nelson. Chelsie came to Roy from a school in Tucumcari. She loves to ride horses and her favorite subject is Math.

2002-2003 RETURNING STAFF

Returning this year, of course, where would we be without our incredibly intelligent and hard-working superintendent, Richard Hazen, to start off the new year! Hazen says, "The new year is going to be one that is both challenging to teachers as well as students. Our goal this year is to get to the seventieth percentile on the CTBS". Debra Garcia takes part as our Secretary, ITV Facilitator, and the Special Ed Secretary. Taking care of business as the Business Manager is Dorothy Hazen. She and Cheryl Scott team-up to enact with the senior class by teaching Career and Life Planning, the Annual, and the Lasso. Cheryl Scott is also the School Counselor, Special-Ed teacher, and the senior class sponsor. Diane Pharies teaches the little people in Preschool. Phyllis Ivey is back with an enormous amount of patience teaching the Kindergarten, First and Second grade students. Barbara Smith takes credit for filling the brains of the Third and

Fourth graders with knowledge and ambition to learn. For a change this year, Sandy Ray decided to make a switch from teaching high school History to influence the Fifth and Sixth graders. She is also the SAT Coordinator. Jeanette Garcia teaches Elementary Science, Social Studies, PE, and Title 1. Kathy Martinez teaches seventh through twelfth English, LTP, and is the sophomore sponsor. Doc Mayer teaches Science, LTP, and is the freshmen sponsor. Jason Baca is the Industrial Technology teacher, the girl's basketball coach, and assistant football coach. David Wright, the Technology Coordinator, continues to befuddle everyone with his computer talk. Janet Costa is an aide, bus driver, and the student council sponsor. To start off each day with a healthy breakfast and lunch we have Diane Covarrubias and Theresa DesChamps as our cooks. Mary Laumbach is the nurse. Thanks to the custodians, Juan Covarrubias

Red, White, and Blue Raffle

The American Legion Auxiliary is raffling off a beautiful, handcrafted afghan and pillow set. The drawing will be November 11th, 2002. For a chance to win, contact Alberta Cline 485-2296, Stacey Hazen 485-2242, Jeanette Delaho 485-2489, or Roy Sundries 485-9616. Chances are \$1.00 each, 7 for \$5.00, or 15 for \$10.00. The proceeds will be used to award the 9/11 scholarship, Girl's State, Boy's State, and for Veteran's Hospital Christmas needs. So come support our local auxiliary!



Hand Crafted by Christa Britt

and Georgia Herrera, our school is sanitary and well maintained. Bus drivers, Danette and Jimmy Rigoni, pick-up the out of town students and make sure they get home safely. Thanks to the great staff that Roy School provides we can accomplish the goals that Mr. Hazen has diligently laid before us.

By: Vanessa Atencio

Written by: Paige Stevenson & Becki Sande

NEW KIDS ON THE ELEMENTARY WING

There are two new 6th graders. Shane Lester is from Abernathy Texas where he last attended school at Abernathy Elementary. Shane likes to dirt bike in his spare time. He likes Roy school better than his old school and his favorite subject is Science. Daniel Pendley came from Rush Springs, Oklahoma. His favorite subject is Typing. He likes Roy better because of the good teachers. In his spare time he rides his bike.

There are four new 4th graders. Sara Reed, Luke Sandoval, Seth Pendley, and Dominic Lovato. Seth moved to Roy from Oklahoma and he likes to play football. He says, "Roy is smaller but my old school did not have computers and the Roy teachers are all nicer." Sara came to Roy from Conchas Dam and she likes playing with her friends. Sara says, "Roy is bigger and it has better teachers. I also like the computers." Luke moved in from Albuquerque and he likes to sing

and hang out with friends. His favorite subjects are Science and Social Studies. He also said that he like his teachers a lot. Dominic moved to Roy from Albuquerque and he likes going to school at Roy

.There is only one new 3rd grader. His name is Andrew Esquibel. Andrew moved from Las Vegas, NM and he also likes to play football. He says, "My other school was boring!"

CLASS OFFICERS FOR 2002-2003

Leading the charge for the mighty, mighty Seniors is: President –Stacey Hazen, Vice-President-Joe Dan Lovato, Secretary/Treasurer-Danae Rigoni, Reporter-Becki Sande, and Student Council Rep.-Paige Stevenson.

For the jolly, jolly Juniors Lesle Martinez will lead the way as President, Robin Chatfield will serve as Vice-President, Jennifer Tompkins will serve as Secretary, Celeste Ybarra-Treasurer, Natasha Sena –Reporter, and Student Council Rep. will be Joey May.

For the silly, silly Sophomores Stefanie Rigoni will lead as President, Stacy Costa will assist as Vice-President, Katy Taylor steps up as Secretary, while Chandra Esquibel serves as Treasurer. Lynette Sebastian will report the news and Farrah Sebastian will represent the class in Student Council.

For the itty, bitty Freshmen, Naomi Spruill will take the helm, with Colleen Daniels as the right-hand Vice-President, Kyra Weisdorfer will keep class records as secretary and Sara Lovato will be in charge of the money. Keeping everyone informed will be Corey Featherston as reporter, and Matt Hephner will be the voice for his class as Student Council Rep.

For Junior High, Eighth Grade are led by President, Megan Sandoval, Vice President-Lerissa Garcia, Secretary-Mindy Costa, Treasurer-Courtney Mitchell, Reporter-Joel Sebastian, and Student Council Rep.-Danny Laumbach.

Suzie Taylor will serve as Seventh Grade President. Samantha Delaho will assist as Vice; Chelsie Nelson is the Secretary with Samantha Brady serving as Treasurer. Anthony Rigoni will serve as Student Council Rep.



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