



ROY LASSO

Roy Municipal School

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



Faculty Training

Mrs. Ivey, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Ray attended the Linda Mood Bell Reading Workshop/ Training in Raton. This program will enable the teachers to better individualize reading instruction to meet the individual needs and help increase student test scores.

Mrs. Cheryl Scott attended a Reading Academy in Taos in June. This

workshop was intended to provide training to administer DIBELS. She also attended a workshop in Ruidoso on curriculum development.

The entire school faculty attended a two day in-service in Raton for Malcolm Baldrige Training. On August 14th and 15th the Elementary teachers attended the Reading First Training, which was also held in

Raton, Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Costa were also in attendance.

On July 28th, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Scott went to Albuquerque for an IDEA workshop, which also dealt with DIBELS. This was an intense 5-day workshop providing training using PALM pilots for DIBELS administration and scoring.

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2003-04 LASSO STAFF

The school year is off to a great start with a new bunch of seniors leading the pack. They hit the first day of school anxious to begin work on their first issue of the LASSO. The Roy Longhorn Lasso staff members are: Natasha Sena, Celeste Ybarra, Jennifer Tompkins, Lesle Martinez, Chase Fluhman, Joey May, Justin Tupts, and their teachers are Dorothy Hazen and Cheryl Scott.

The Lasso staff welcomes news from the community. Please feel free to contact us through the school office at 485-2242 or use our e-mail address: roylonghorns@plateautel.net

We all hope you enjoy our monthly issues of the school paper.

We would like to thank the sponsors who purchased advertisements and if anyone else would like an ad, please contact us.



HAZEN'S BACK TO SCHOOL REPORT



School Ratings:

Each school in the state is given a rating each year. In Roy Schools, everyone who attends our school needs to be above the 40th percentile, which is determined by state mandated testing. The rest of our school's rating depends upon graduation rate, drop-out numbers, parental involvement, and daily attendance. The Roy High School has been given a rating of "Meets Stan-

dards" while our Elementary School is rated as "Exceeds Standards." It is important that the school and community all work together to maintain these ratings and especially to increase student skills so that test scores will increase.

I would like to personally thank each and every student and parent who is part of the Roy School system. I want all of the students to work hard

to be successful and I also want to encourage the Seniors to be positive role models for the younger students.

I hope everyone has a good year and with the inside remodeling project coming to an end I know we are going to have one of the nicest facilities in the state.

Richard Hazen



Pinon Cowbelle News



The Pinon Cowbelles would like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Scholarship Pie Auction. Last year the \$400.00 scholarship was awarded to Curtis Scott. This year's auction raised \$647.50 which will all go towards the Pinon Cowbelle Scholarships for 2003-2004.

*** The students and staff at Roy School really appreciate all of the Pinon Cowbelle's support.**

The Harding County Fair



The 2003 Harding County Fair Livestock Show was held the first week of August this year. Participants enjoyed showing their animal projects, some of the winners are Lesle Martinez who won Grand Champion in the Beef Steer Tall Division, Samson Baca who also won Grand Champion in the Market Swine Medium Light Division, and Stacey Hazen who won First Place in the Market Swine Heavy Division. In the Beef Heifer Tall Division, Aric Costa won First

and Grand Champion, and in the Cabrito Goat Light, First Place and Grand Champion was Amanda McComb, she also won First Place and Reserve Champion in the Cabrito Goat Medium Division. In the Lamb Booster Division Tori Mitchell won First Place and in the Lamb Light Division Heather Mitchell placed second with Joe Dan Lovato and his lamb coming in third. Eric Fluhman placed second in the Market Swine Light Division, and Lesle Martinez

placed third. Finally in the Market Swine Super Heavy Division of the show, Heather Mitchell placed First, Chanae Esquibel was second, and Chandra Esquibel placed third. Congratulations to everyone that participated in the show, and if you're showing in next year's fair, good luck!

By: Justin Tupts

Hillbilly Motorcycle



The Longhorn Sports Page

The Lady Longhorns Leap Into a New Year!!

This year for volleyball the rules are a little different. From the calls to the players, everything has changed. Instead of playing the best three out of five matches with the score going up to fifteen it is now rally score. Now each match is played up to twenty-five and is still the best three out of five. For example, if you serve it into the net, the opponents receives the point. It is going to be a challenge, because no matter what, one of the teams is always scoring.

It is a lot different but it makes the games go faster, and it is very exciting. Another difference in the game is on the serve. Now if the ball hits the net it is playable. The team itself is also looking different. With the loss of Stacey and Mycca we had to gain confidence and the skills to replace them. We've worked hard so far and still are working on our attitude, confidence, and game. Overall I believe that the Lady Longhorn volleyball team should

be AWESOME! We would also like to thank our Manager Lynette Sebastian for helping us out, and the team owes a lot to Coach Mann for being dedicated and believing in us... Thanks!



By: Jennifer Tompkins



Twice as Nice



This year is going to be an interesting experience! Wagon Mound has never had a football team so we decided to join together as one big team. As far as our name goes, it will still be the same. The team is looking pretty good this year! Playing this year from Roy is Senior Chase Fluhman, Junior Michael Cates, the Sophomores are Jake Pendley, Greg Aragon, Freshmen Andy Autrey, and Danny Laumbach, and a Seventh grader Daniel Pendley. There are seven new players from the Wagon Mound Schools. On Friday the 29th we play Floyd at 3:30 p.m.

By: Chase Fluhman



RAH RAH RAH!!!



The Roy cheerleaders are very excited. We have three new cheerleaders: Bonnie Ebell, Chandra Esquibel, and Kayla Nelson. Our three-year veterans are Celeste Ybarra, Erica Gutierrez, Naomi Spruill, and Kyra Wiesdorfer. We are looking forward to this year's games. We will be

working hard on new dance moves, cheers, and lifts. We will be competing at the Spirit Festival in Albuquerque this coming April. (We will let everyone know what day when it gets closer.) We want to encourage all of you to help support our boys and girls teams and come out and

cheer with us! Team work, being supportive and never giving up no matter what, always keep your head up. That's what its all about! Good Luck Longhorns!

By: Celeste YBarra



The Young and the Restless

The elementary class of the month is the Kindergarten Class. The kids in Kindergarten are Thomas Sebastian and Sarianna Grossetete.

Thomas is the five-year-old son of Brenda and Dan Sebastian, who is the high school math teacher. The Sebastian family moved to Roy one year ago from Floyd, New Mexico. Thomas has two older sisters, Farrah and Lynette, who are Juniors and are currently on the volleyball team. He also has one older brother, Joel, who is a high school Freshman. Thomas was born on January 5th. He likes school very much because he likes to play with other children. When he is not at school he likes to play baseball, play on his computer, and watch Toy Story. When he grows up, Thomas wants to be a doctor, fireman, or a cowboy.

Sarianna Grossetete was born on Dec. 19th, and lives with her mom and grandmother. She has three dogs that she likes to play with very much. So far she is enjoying school, and playing with all the kids. Her favorite

part is riding the bus to school every day. Sarianna likes all the colors and she is not sure what she wants to be when she grows up. The entire school is glad to have these two new students in the Kindergarten class.

The high school class featured this month is the senior class. In this class are: Chase Fluhman, Lesle Martinez, Joey May, Natasha Sena, Jennifer Tompkins, Justin Tupts, Augie Velarde, and Celeste Ybarra.

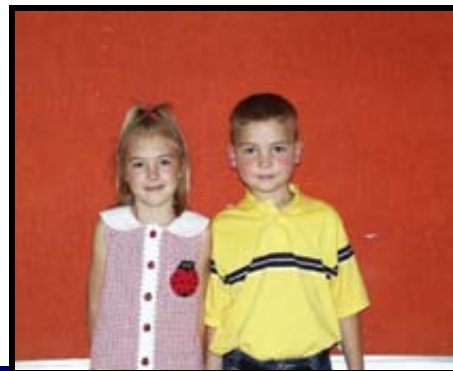
Chase Fluhman plays football, basketball, and is active in the Roy Clover 4-H Club. Lesle Martinez is in 4-H, Student Council Vice-President, and National Honor Society. Joey May plays basketball and likes working on cars. Natasha Sena plays basketball; and she is active in track and won the State Championships in the mile run. Jennifer Tompkins plays volleyball, basketball, runs track, and is in National Honor Society. Justin Tupts is a new student who transferred to Roy from Clayton, New Mexico. He is the son of Elizabeth and Steve Tupts and lives near Glad-

stone. He plans to play basketball for the Roy Longhorns. Augie Velarde worked on carpentry and roofing all summer, and he plans on working on his new car during this school year. Celeste Ybarra is a cheerleader and is trying to recover from surgery on her right leg.

The senior class sponsor is Kirk Mann. This is his second year teaching History at Roy. He is also the volleyball and girls basketball coach. Before teaching at Roy, Mr. Mann worked in Des Moines and led the volleyball and basketball teams to a State Championship.

The senior class is very excited to be starting their last year in high school. The elected class officers are: President, Jennifer; Vice-President, Celeste; Treasurer, Justin; Secretary, Natasha; Reporter, Lesle; and Student Council Representative, Chase. They are excited to start raising money and are considering going to Hawaii for their senior trip, but for now are focusing on their new, challenging classes.

By: Lesle Martinez





LABOR DAY

The first Monday of September we celebrate Labor Day a legal holiday in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Island. Peter J. McGuire the United Brotherhood of Carpenters suggested the celebration of Labor Day. In the year of 1882,

the U.S. knights of Labor Day were initiated. They held a large parade in New York City. In 1884, the group also held a parade on the first Monday of September and passed a resolution to hold all future parades on that day and to designate the day as Labor Day. Dur-

ing 1894, the U.S. Congress made Labor Day a legal holiday. The first parades and rallies to honor workers were in Ottawa and Toronto. Labor Day was officially recognized in 1894.

By: Natasha Sena



The New Projects in Roy



The new projects consist of handicap entrances in all the classrooms. Remodeling has also become a major factor in the class rooms, dressing rooms and kitchen, taking these areas to a more modern state of efficiency that will bring the students from a rigid to a more relaxed state of well being. All these areas are now ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant.

They have also installed an intercom system. New to Roy schools, the students are trying to compensate by keeping profanity to a minimum. To run along with the sound system is the new fire alarm and new bells. The bells have 5 different tones for different kinds of emergencies that could consist of fire to a tornado. The different sounds will tell the teacher where to take the kids. Most teachers us a diagram, sometimes placed on the chalkboard.

In the grade school the workers have installed more outlets to fit more computers.

By: Joey May



Check out our School



The Elementary has to attend school at the Community Building for the first week of school.



This is the science room.



This is the locker room.



Things are a little messy now but it should be finished in no time!-



Herrick Allen, Supt. of the Construction Project.



Flying Snakes

It was right in
 the hot part of summer,
 and I was out clearing our land,
 I chop all the trees with an axe
 so when rattlesnakes start up the
 band,
 I know enough to be careful,
 I look pretty close 'fore I chop,
 And, yes they can climb in low
 branches
 but, I look on the ground, not on
 top.
 Well, I was almost three hours into
 the chopping and throwing of trees
 when one of those rascals came slith-
 ering out,
 I chopped, and, neat as you please,
 his head had gotten really close to
 the ground,
 when I swung, I shopped it right off,
 my focus was shopping trees down
 and you can't get that done chop-
 ping soft.
 After my heart rate had recovered
 and I, more or less, had calmed
 down
 I looked for more snakes in the
 bushes,
 pretty thorough in looking around,
 I saved his rattles and buried his

head,
 got ready to fling him way out of the
 way,
 otherwise I'd spend all my time
 jumping when I saw him, all day.
 I grabbed a hold of the snake, by the
 tail,
 swung him, and then let him go,
 he sailed out like a kite on the
 breeze
 but, the one thing I didn't know
 was my wife had talked to some
 longhairs
 who'd talk about how clear the air
 was
 no pollution or smog around here,
 and they wanted to be here, because.
 My wife smiled when they said that,
 "Yeah, they could picnic down
 there,
 but, you better watch out for the
 snakes.'
 they avoided the rocks, but couldn't
 the air.
 The snake bounced off the edge of
 the canyon
 and ricocheted all the way down,
 and you should have heard the sto-
 ries they told,

completely convinced that they'd
 found
 a new breed of snake who flies
 through the air
 or glides form point A to point B,
 "And, listen, I wouldn't believe it
 myself,
 but, I saw it. It's a new one on me."
 Right after that happened, I saw 'em
 scrambling out,
 they were looking for snakes every-
 where,
 With a panicky look, he checked the
 rocks
 while she was scanning the air.
 They called our house a couple
 weeks later,
 could they please bring a scientist
 out,
 maybe another snake would fly by,
 they'd identify what they're talking
 about.
 As I think back, well, they haven't
 been out
 they've moved to somewhere there's
 smog,
 The most they've got to worry about
 is rain clouds that rain cats and
 dogs!

By: Doc Mayer

"Good" Dog



Scientist's will say that stress in a dog
 causes release of aggression that's
 stored,
 'caused that's when they've docu-
 mented, in tests
 they have lots of epinephrine on
 board.
 And, that sort of explains to the cow-
 hand
 why your normally laid back old pup
 becomes so aggressive with cattle
 when his excitement level is up.
 But, what they can't find in their test-
 ing
 is loyalty or, being a friend,
 How they'll listen to us sympathetic
 'bout some asinine rule that we bend
 no better listener shares table scraps
 or will take suck abuse, when you're
 mad
 and they never seem to remember

when you're calm ,that you treated 'em
 bad.
 They'll take a back seat, when you fall in
 love
 and listen how amazing she is
 And never remind you much later,
 when amazing romance starts to fizz
 They'll never complain about snowdrifts,
 or blowing snow, that'll cover you truck,
 They'll never try and pin any failure
 on an impressive run of bad luck .
 Until they're too old to travel too fast,
 you won't see 'em let cows get away
 'cause they didn't want to get sweaty
 since they had their new duds on today.
 They'd give all they've got for approval
 and, you know, they'll never ask for a
 thing,
 And they'll give you a kiss at the camp-
 fire,
 no matter how off-key you sing.

More'n likely, they're an ugly old pup,
 an unpedigreed vanilla old mutt,
 But, love 'em a little when they are
 young
 and your're in 'fore their hearts door
 is shut.
 I imagine that's why they're known as
 best friends,
 overlook faults, forgive all the pain,
 Run barefoot through the goatheads
 and burrs,
 and then, next day, they'll do it the
 same.
 What recognition do they ever get,
 a "good dog", scratch by the ears,
 They ought to have statues for impres-
 sive dogs,
 after devotion for so many years.

By: Doc Mayer



NEW STUDENTS AT ROY SCHOOLS



Roy Schools has five new students this year. They are: Senior, Justin Tupts; Sophomore, Anthony Marconnet; Freshman, Zane Marconnet; and Kindergarten students, Sarianna Grossetete and Thomas Sebastian.

Justin lives in Gladstone, NM. He attended school in Clayton last year. His hobbies are music, basketball, and tennis. He lives with his mom and dad, Elizabeth and Steve.

Anthony lives at Conchas Dam. He attended school in Rio Rancho last year. Anthony's hobby is driving his dune buggy. He cannot play football because he broke his arm last year.

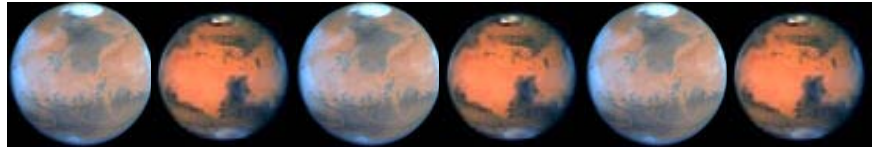
Anthony's parents are Tena and Kent. He has one brother, Zane, a freshmen at Roy and an older sister, Ashleigh.

Zane also lives at Conchas Dam. He is Anthony's brother. His hobbies are skateboarding, hockeysack, and paintball.

Sarianna and Thomas's profiles are located in the Kindergarten class article.



Mars



Mars is closer than ever before, and in the evening if you look into the western sky you might be able to see the "red planet" and a gigantic star, if there isn't any cloud cover. Mars appears as orange and red color, but sometimes when the conditions in the earth's atmosphere change it could look yellow. If you happen to be out at night sometime soon take a look at the "red planet" it can be seen now through September 2nd.



By: Justin Tupts

"Pictures of Mars as seen through the Hubble Space Telescope"

Defensive Driving Course Offered

On August 15th, Superintendent Richard Hazen taught an intensive 8-hour Defensive Driving Course to the Roy Staff. Every three years, staff members who transport students, either in buses or in the school suburban are required to re-certify.

Staff members enrolled in the course were: Mr. Loren Mayer, Mr. Mike Lewis, Mrs. Linda Lewis, Mr. Paul B. Costa, Mrs. Janet Costa, Mr. James Rigoni, Mrs. Danette Rigoni, Mrs. Cynthia Gutierrez, Mrs. Donna Spruill, Mr. Kirk Mann, Mrs. Cheryl Scott, Mrs. Dorothy Hazen, Mrs. Angela Taylor, and Mr. Matt Baca.

The course is designed to enable the drivers of school vehicles to be more observant, thus enabling them to prevent accidents before they occur by always being on the lookout for dangerous and hazardous driving conditions. Mr. Hazen did an outstanding job of teaching the class. The class was enriched by his personal accounts of driving incidents throughout the past years in which accidents were avoided due to driver knowledge and trainings.



DOC PRACTICING HIS DEFENSIVE DRIVING SKILLS