

THE ROCKETEER

100 Years of Graduates

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The Lady Rockets Pyramid and Rocket Conga line in the dance competition for Tournament send off.



Oh where has the time gone? There is no escaping the fact that this school year is flying by! Already, there's four months left in the year. Activities like post-season basketball action, pep rallies and spirit week, FFA week, Student Council meetings, and more fundraisers are up and coming within a matter of weeks. We have so much to look forward to this month!

Also, with it still being the winter season, be on the lookout for drastic weather changes. Remember to always stay safe and prepared throughout the varying temperatures and let's honor the feelings of love, friendship, and admiration in the month of February.



SENIOR SUPERLATIVES

Cutest smile: Joe and Braydon

Brains: Bentley

Brawns: Joe

Most Unforgettable: Braydon

Best Legs: Joe

Most liked by parents: Bentley

Most fun: Joe and Braydon

Best bromance: Joe and Braydon

Most likely to survive the Hunger

Games: Joe

Most likely to get married first: Naomi

Most gullible: Braydon

Most likely to make millions: Joe

Most likely to be President: Zoe

Most likely to win the lottery and lose
the ticket: Braydon

Most laid back: Joe

Token class couple: Naomi and Parker

Dude with the biggest 'tude: Connie

Most likely to have their phone taken by
their mom: Kyle



Community Member Interview: Your Time in Roberts

By: Bentley Bertolino



With this year being the year of 100 graduates the the Rocketeer Staff decided that interviewing members of the community would be valued by others. This month features Richard and Dana Bertolino, Verna DeVries, and Roly DeVries.

What schools did you attend prior to attending Roberts?

Richard: none

Dana: none

What grades did you attend in Roberts?

Richard: H2

Dana: H2

What was your favorite part of going to school in Roberts?

Both: Smalls schools network to kids in other schools, close friends, and knowing everyone.

What has been your favorite part of living in the Roberts Community?

Richard: Being and living in the country.

Dana: Watching kids grow up.

What school activities were you involved in?

Richard: Basketball, President of Student Council, paper staff, and band

Dana: There were no girls sports at the time so I was a part of cheerleading, paper staff, annual staff, Class President, and Class Vice president.

What community activities are/were you involved in?

Richard: Playing Band for Memorial Day and 4th of July parade, and band festival

Dana: 4-H, 4-H leader, and teaching Bible school

Which of your family members went to school in Roberts?

Both: Aunts, siblings, children, and some grandchildren.



Community Member Interview: Your Time in Roberts



By: Bentley Bertolino

Verna DeVries at the time of this interview was 93 years old. She did not attend Roberts High School, but was a part of another nearby school. While Verna went to school, she had to walk 1.25 miles from her house to the schoolhouse. There were still horses and wagons about and train tracks went through the town. School also began at 9 am and ended at 4 pm.

What schools did you attend prior to attending Roberts?

Verna: Cottonwood Grade School (1-8)

Roly: None

What grades did you attend in Roberts?

Verna: Common to that era, Verna stayed home and helped care for her parents and siblings.

Roly: 1-12

What was your favorite part of going to school in Roberts?

Verna: I liked spelling and the nice teachers.

Roly: Wood working class, auto shop, and welding. In 1968 Mike Straigh and I went to Helena for a Plymouth Troubleshooting Contest on Auto Mechanics. We took 2nd out of 100 people.

What has been your favorite part of living in the Roberts Community?

Verna: All the fun that I had and the kids being around a lot.

Roly: I love a small town. People are great.

What school activities were you involved in?

Verna: Duck, Duck, Goose which was a very common game at the time and 4-H. In 4-H we made baskets to sell at the community supper.

Roly: Track and Basketball

What community activities are/were you involved in?

Verna: Milking cows, helped with chores, and fed pigs because I lived on a ranch with my parents, three brothers, and four sisters. From 6-6:30 am was feeding time for the animals.

Roly: I was a volunteer firefighter for 18 years and fire chief for 8 years. In 1968, Kenny, Roger, Frank, and I hauled Scoria (red gravel) from Bridger with a farm truck to build the track.

Which of your family members went to school in Roberts?

Verna: Brother Clifford, brother Eric, and sister Martha.

Roly: My mother, Verna, went to Roberts but stopped at grade eight to take care of her mom. My three children, Karla, Becky, and Randy, all graduated from Roberts, along with several grandchildren:

4 Trevor Payovich, Chelsie Payovich, and Grayce Payovich, with more to come.

ROCKETS BASKETBALL

By: Bentley Bertolino

Seniors honored at the home game against Fromberg were Joe Allen, Bentley Bertolino, Braydon Pratt, Naomi Gross, and Kyle Young. Memories and gifts were shared amongst them, and they're all extremely grateful for people who have helped and guided them throughout their high school years.

Pre-District Game Coverage

PLENTY COUPS:

On January 20th both of the Rockets teams made their way to Plenty Coups. There the JV girls lost and the JV boys won. The varsity Lady Rockets were able to kick off the first quarter with a whopping 31-9. As the first led to the second the team was able to keep pushing and earned them the upper hand at half time with a 28 point lead. In the second half the Roberts girls earned 41 more points to put them at 90 and the Plenty Coups Lady Warriors gained 31 more which left them with 52 points to end the game. Later on that evening the varsity boys Rockets and Warriors played it out. Roberts started the game with an 8 point deficit and couldn't overcome it. At the half Plenty Coups led 42-16. The second half of the game the Rockets scored 11 more points and the Plenty Coups Warriors tallied 25 more points for 67-27 finish.

FROMBERG:

On Saturday January 21st there was only a boys JV and varsity game in the afternoon. Both teams were able to secure the win against the Fromberg Falcons. A lot of hard work and determination was put forth by each of the Roberts teams. At the end of the first quarter for the varsity game the Falcons and Rockets were tied with 11 each. However, the Rockets were able to score 51 more points throughout the game and the Falcons only made 39, which put the Roberts boys up by 12 to end the game.

BROADVIEW/LAVINA:

The Rockets teams traveled to Broadview to play the Broadview/Lavina Pirates on Friday the 27th. There, the girls varsity team won 82-43 and were able to start out strong with a 45-16 first half. The Lady Pirates scored 27 more points in the second half but the Lady Rockets prevailed by scoring 37 more points. The boys varsity team ended as 29-80 with the Pirates coming out with the win. At halftime the score showed the Pirates with a 27 point lead. The Rockets were only able to score 17 more points throughout the second half compared to the 41 earned by the Broadview/Lavina Pirates.

BRIDGER:

There was a home game on Saturday January 28th against the Bridger Scouts. The beginning of the game started out with Roberts on top with a 17 point lead. The girls did not hold back and pushed for a 47-24 lead at the end of the half. During the third quarter the Lady Rockets came out on fire and scored 20 points compared to Bridger's 9, and in the fourth Bridger scored 1 and Roberts gained 13. It remained a close and tense game throughout the boys' varsity game. At the end of the first half the score showed Bridger with 31 and Roberts with 22. Although down by 9, the Rockets were able to out-score the Scouts by 6 points in the third quarter putting the score at 45-42 with Bridger on top by 3. Still, despite this, the Rockets came up 4 points short and the game ended as 60-56.

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BASKETBALL

By: Bentley Bertolino

Pre-District Box Scores

VARSIITY GIRLS:

Roberts vs Park City

65-27

Roberts vs Terry

75-27

Roberts vs. White Sulfur Springs

68-52

Roberts vs Plenty Coups

74-30

VARSIITY BOYS:

Roberts vs Park City

35-46

Roberts vs Terry

23-63

Roberts vs Plenty Coups

58-74

Roberts vs. Fromberg

64-55

DISTRICTS IN COLUMBUS



Our Lady Rockets soared past all competition at the district tournament. They won their semifinal game against the Park City Panthers (63-23) and eventually won the district championship against the Bridger Scouts (68-39).

After defeating the Absarokee Huskies (56-43) in the first round, the boys team advanced to the semifinals where they faced off against the Park City Panthers (34-65). There they lost and later ultimately lost to the Fromberg Falcons in loser out action (45-51).



TOURNAMENT OF BOOKS

BY: CONNIE COOPER

This will be the second year we put on a Tournament of Books. The Tournament of Books is a reading contest for Staff and students to participate in. Staff or students choose a book to read outloud and during a Google Meet. On Tuesday's and Thursday's the K-6 students vote for their favorite story. The favorite story then moves to the next bracket very similar to a sports bracket. I interviewed Misty Pitts. I asked her what she does during this Tournament. Her response was "A few weeks before the tournament started I emailed staff members to see who would like to read and what time would be a better time to read. I also started setting up the bracket for the bulletin board. The week before I put the bracket up on a centrally located bulletin board in the Elementary hall. As the teachers chose books they emailed or spoke to me, I wrote down the book name and located the cover on the internet. I then printed the book covers out and placed them in the bracket slot. After voting I tally the votes and move the picture forward on the bracket as needed." Staff and High School students can read to K-6 students to vote for their favorite book. She puts this on to encourage students to read or check out more books from the library. This year the Tournament of Books is going on from January 30th to February 28th.

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THE SKI PROGRAM WITH MRS. HALL

BY: TJ CHIRRIK

How long have you been leading the ski trip for?

4 years

Do you prefer skiing or snowboarding?

Skiing! I tried snowboarding once - it's hard!

How long have you skied for?

I learned to ski in kindergarten through school trips.

Do the ski trips make you happy?

Not the paperwork! But thanks to Mrs. Nancy that's not too terrible! Being outside on the mountain with kids is so much fun!

What ages can participate?

Ages 7 and up can participate!

Why do you do this for the kids?

I love skiing and being outside. I want all kids to have the opportunity to learn the sport. It's so much fun watching kids learn to love skiing and snowboarding! I also really enjoy making connections with students outside of school!

BPA Interview

By: Zoe Larson

This month we interviewed Mr. Frank, Robert's BPA advisor. We asked him a variety of questions based on BPA. His responses are as follows...

WHAT IS BPA?

BPA (Business Professionals of America) is a student organization that focuses on pursuing careers in business. Similar in a lot of ways to FFA in terms of activities students choose to participate in but is centered around the business world as opposed to strictly agriculture. Students learn skills such as public speaking, creating, and giving presentations.

WHAT GRADES CAN PARTICIPATE IN BPA?

BPA is offered to students in high school.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BE INVOLVED IN BPA?

Motivation, and willingness to participate in fundraising activities. It's largely a service organization. Students choose to participate in events, but it's mostly self-driven. BPA is like any other extracurricular activity in high school in that a student must remain eligible in regard to his or her grades.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR FUNDRAISERS, AND WHERE DO THE FUNDS GO?

BPA students have several fundraisers throughout the year. BPA is in charge of concessions for all stand-alone girls and boys Jr. High basketball games. We contact sponsors and assemble and mail the Roberts Community Birthday Calendar every year. Student BPA members donate all the candy and pack and hide Easter eggs for the annual Easter egg hunt. We also host a bake sale prior to the Easter egg hunt. Our biggest fundraiser is the school carnival and bingo night held every Spring. The funds are primarily to pay for students' trips to the National Leadership Conference held every year. Students need to qualify. Not everyone is able to attend because students need to qualify plus it is fairly expensive. Our fundraisers also pay for sweatshirts and the officer's attendance at the BPA Fall Leadership Conference in Fairmont Hot Springs.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A BPA ADVISOR?

This is my 9th year being a BPA advisor.



Wrestling in Red Lodge

By: Zoe Larson

In late January, the AAU wrestling club in Red Lodge started to practice. There are about 25 members in the club and 4 of those members are students of Roberts. Throughout the season, wrestlers will practice Monday, Tuesday, and Friday each week and compete in wrestling matches during the weekends. During practices, we work on drills, strength exercises, and cardio. When we come back from a match we look at how we did, what things we need to work on, and what things we did well. When it gets time to compete in a match it all comes down to what we know and luck.



FFA with Mr. Grove

By: Lilly Hyvonen

How long have you been an FFA advisor? 17 years

What is one goal before you retire? Win a state FFA contest.

What type of FFA and agriculture awards have you received? Honorary FFA degree from Nevada.

What are the requirements for being in FFA? Being in an Ag Ed class.

What is FFA? Dynamic youth organization in which students participate in competitions for CDE's and LDE's. CDE's are career development events and LDE's are leadership development events.

What do the funds from fundraisers go towards? FFA competitions, registrations, travel expenses.

How long has Roberts had an FFA chapter? 17 years

Members of the Roberts FFA chapter who have competed in Districts will compete in Great Falls at state FFA in March.

IMPORTANT

FFA

The State FFA Convention will commence on the 21st-25th of March in Great Falls.

JH Boys Basketball

Basketball for the Junior High and Elementary boys has begun. There will be upcoming games starting February 24th at home.

Varsity Basketball

The Varsity Girls basketball team has made it to divisionals which will be held in Lockwood from March 1-4.

ACT

The Junior Class will be taking their ACT Test with the school on March 29th.

Parent Teacher Conferences

March 16th are Parent Teacher Conferences at the school from 4pm-8pm

Scholastic Book Fair

March 13-16th
Please contact Mrs. Pitts at the school for more information
406-445-2421
