

Roy Horvath

Born in Durango, Colorado and graduated from Durango High School. Roy grew up on his parent's farm/ranch operation, eventually expanding into auctioneering, real estate & insurance. Roy holds an Associate of Science degree in Data Processing from San Juan College and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Computer Systems with minors in Computer Science and Geology from Adams State College. He also held Colorado Real Estate Broker License through 1986 and is a graduate of Realtors Institute and Life Underwriters Training.

Roy is employed in the Information Technology Department at Fort Lewis College as Manager of Networks and Infrastructure, supervising two network administrator/technicians and several students. Group responsibilities include general network maintenance and operation, voice communications and messaging, cable television support, as well as design support for infrastructure related to new construction projects. Before starting at Fort Lewis in 1993, Roy spent about three years at Adams State College, working in the Computing Services department there during the migration to a new administrative support system. Prior to Adams State, Roy worked for San Juan County in Aztec, New Mexico, providing both small and large system support as well as being certified to work on the electronic voting machines used by the county at that time. Before Suzy and Roy were married, he worked with his parents on the farm/ranch operation and several associated businesses.

Wife of 25 years, Suzanne, is currently the ¾ time elementary school librarian at Fort Lewis Mesa Elementary School. Kristin, their oldest daughter, graduated from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, in June of 2008, majoring in Technical Theater Design & Management. She has worked since last August for Maryland Public Interest Research Group on several campaigns. Kelli, their younger daughter, will graduate in June of 2009 from Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon, with a major in International Studies and minors in political science and Spanish.

During his youth, Roy's family lived a fairly traditional farm life, raising and processing much of their own food. Thus, he has strong ties to the land and a strong appreciation for a self sustaining lifestyle. While growing up he was a 4H and Grange member. Being a lifelong resident of the area, Roy has seen a great deal of change as the community has typically moved from an agriculturally oriented, subsistence focused economy to a much more suburban lifestyle. These changes have resulted from and created the move away from local production of basic commodities, which in the long run, he believes we need to maintain focus on. Roy served a term on the District 9R School Board from 2001-2005, which strengthened his interest and passion for developing a higher awareness of the legacies we pass on to future generations, both beneficial and burdensome. Roy remains actively involved behind the scenes in many District issues and concerns, including being a member of the Core Planning team and a member of an action team involved in the Strategic Planning process begun by the District last fall.

Roy joined the San Juan RC&D Council in October 2006 and is currently the Secretary-Treasurer. Other groups he is involved with include the Grassroots Visioning Steering Committee, Sustainability Alliance of Southwest Colorado, Fort Lewis Mesa Planning group, HH Ditch Company Board, La Plata West Water Authority Board, and FLC Task Force for Old Campus Visioning/Management Plan.