

A Slice of Rye

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Jumping Into Photojournalism Projects



Pictured above: Felicity, Kylie, and Zoe working on their Photojournalism projects during journalism class

This week our very own Rye Journalism class, taught by Mrs. Anglin, is working on a project assigned, called "Photojournalism."

By: Julissa Tapia

What is Photojournalism? Photojournalism is capturing a moment through a picture, in order to tell a story. The story can be about any-

thing, a single person, group, thing or even a photojournalism project. Most photojournalism comes from impactful events, but it can also be simple, personal events.

The beginning of modern photojournalism took place in Germany, in 1925 and still continues to play a major role in journalism today.

Photojournalism is challenging for most photographers; having to capture feelings and evoke emotions to really draw the viewers' attention.

This week our class has been challenged to take photojournalism into action. Each student chose a topic or activity to write an article about, and capture ten photos that help tell a story regarding their subject. I captured my fellow

classmates working on their projects showing my point of view on some of the different projects. If you would like to read about some of the different photojournalism projects, check out the ones below!



Pictured above: Sayer Nielsen working on his photojournalism project in class, where he learned how to show a story through photos

Senior Accelerated English Class Making Memories



Pictured above: Kylie, Katelyn, Tristan, and Emma, shown above learning about the memory book project

By: Zoe Harris

The English 4X class is putting together a memories book for each of them to have for when they've long gone and doing their own thing. This was supposed to be a serious project

for it's going to hold precious memories of the years they have been in school. It also has allowed the seniors a time of laughs, goofing off, and reflecting back on their time at Rye High



Pictured above: Dalton, Zach, Will and Jensen are hard at work at work discussing and looking at ideas for the memories book

School. The more they discuss their memories of each other, the closer they get. This project has brought them closer together simply because they are forced to talk to each other. When asked about the class, Kylie said, "I think this is a memorable class, that is whether we want to or not, it is forcing us to come together to create and recap memories."

This is a great class that everyone can agree is very crazy. We hate each other one day, then the next we act as if we are besties. This is a class to never forget and I don't intend on forgetting them!!

A Day in the Life of Bradley Franklin Weldon

By: Asia Moe

Bradley Weldon, 17, of Rye Colorado is a junior at Rye High School. Weldon said that some of his favorite classes take place in the agricultural shop and classroom of Rye High School. In the future, he aims to put his skills to the test by going into a trade. He says, "I used



Pictured above: Bradley Weldon welding

to want to be an astrophysicist but, I've decided to go into a trade like mechanics or welding." Weldon is also an extremely gifted welder, his father, Ben; owns a welding company which Bradley has been volunteered to working alongside his father. Weldon has also been able

to refine his welding skills with the help of Ag teacher, Mr. Beeman.

Weldon said that in agricultural skills, Beeman teaches them to build things that will benefit them in their future. Also, just last week, Weldon explained that they were taught how to season and cook their own steaks. Earlier on in the year, a similar activity took place where students were also able to try different types of beef, in order to expand their tastes. Weldon's second Ag class, Agricultural mechanics, teaches students to fix and build specific things. For instance, the students this year built a shed and a fence which taught them valuable life skills. While being a well-rounded Ag student, he is secretly artistic and likes to paint in his free time.

Weldon's inspiration for all his hard work is his future. He says that, "in five years I see myself in Missouri, with my wife, living in our tiny home and driving a truck to pay the bills while she is in college." After college in Missouri,



Pictured above: Bradley Weldon Riding a horse

he says, "in ten years I see myself in Orange County, California; building motorcycles and probably yelling at the boss."



Pictured above: Bradley Weldon welding underneath his truck

Band and Choir Class with Ms. Chung

By: Max Cassidy

This year has been Ms. Chung's first year teaching band and choir as a full-time teacher. Ms. Chung moved from Michigan, to be the music teacher at RHS and Craver. She decided to teach at Rye because she wanted to move somewhere different.

Ms. Chung received her Bachelor of Arts degree in linguistics in 2013 from the University of Michigan and then decided to go back to school to follow her true love



Pictured above: Ms. Chung leading the choir students at a concert

of music. In 2016 she received her second Bachelor of Arts in music education from the College of Music, Michigan State University. While attending school, she tutored students and did an internship with

a middle school and high school, where she learned what she needed to become a teacher. While at RHS and Craver, Ms. Chung has put on two concerts so far, as well as

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RHS Cooking Class Makes Delicious Pizza



Pictured above: Turning a block into tiny shreds

By: Alexis Rose Cortez

This week at Rye High School there were some delicious smells coming from the cooking room. Mrs. Anglin's cooking class made pizza from scratch. The class consist of six cooking groups that have three or four students in each. This elective teaches student how

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sending kids to honor band and the Festival of Winds.

From someone who has personally been in her class, I could truly say Ms. Chung gives her everything into this job, she works really hard and she expects her students to work just as hard. There are a lot of people who have admitted that since Ms. Chung has taken over as band teacher, the quality of the band and choir students and their work has been much better. Ms. Chung has a bright future ahead of her and so does the band and choir at Rye High School and Craver Middle School.

to cook properly and gives them a taste of what it's like to be an adult. At the beginning of the course the teacher, Mrs. Anglin, is sure to teach all students the safety rules and insists on each person following the sanitation rules.

Making a pizza was by far the cooking class's largest assignment because it took two class periods to make, but the reward was well worth all the effort. Each group got their own pizza all to themselves. Johnny Marquez, a Rye High School sophomore who is currently in the course says, "my group is fun and we are all great cooks and have fun while cooking." He also explained that the whole group works together as a team to get their cooking projects done. They go through a little routine where each person has a distinct job everyday which could be doing dishes, getting the ingredients, or taking the food to



Pictured above: Spreading out a layer of sauce

to get things done with ease.

The whole cooking class had tons of fun making the pizza and enjoyed eating it too. This course not only shows students how to cook but gives them the responsibility of cleaning up after



Pictured above: Will Goos putting the perfect pizza in the oven

the designated teacher for tasting. Johnny goes on to state that no matter what job a person is given, they are always willing to help out

themselves while learning to work alongside others. Rye High Schools cooking class is making a difference in the way students look at cooking.

Track Athletes Looking to Finish The Race Strong

Track is Back

By: **Kylie Baudino**

Thunderbolt track and field is up and running... and throwing. Rye track and field is looking to return a duo of individual qualifiers from the 2017 season; Kylie Baudino and Felicity Phillips, to Jeffco Stadium hopefully carrying other teammates with them. The team brought a new duo of running coaches; former Rye High School graduate Sean Daniels, and third grade Rye Elementary school teacher Catherine Gallegos. The coaches have taken the role with great enthusiasm, running their kids all over Rye's superb trails.

"Wind has been a major factor in both our practices and meets, but our runners do a good job hitting times regardless of struggling with bad weather," said Daniels. Although the teams' numbers are not considerably high, they are still able to hold their own against significant



Pictured above: Fog rises as Rye track and field brings in the storm

competition, taking third overall at the Santa Fe League meet on April 2. The girls team is very competitive this year and has many talented freshmen that could contribute in the state meet alongside some of the more experienced runners; Emma Lesser, Makayla Rodriguez and Kylie Baudino. The boys team is seeing some rising stars from the junior class including; Gabe Slade, Akash Patel, and Ben Squire.

"Our throwers this year are a very mature team, most being

Juniors and Seniors. With this dynamic, our practices are very productive, and each thrower is striving to get stronger," said head coach, Conner Pigg. "Our girls, (Felicity Phillips, Madison Gookin and Isabelle Phillips), are seeing their hard work pay off this year."

State track will be held May 17-19, and although qualifications will be unknown until all times are in, the track team is certain some part of their team will be traveling to compete at state.

Busy Girls

By: **Robert Buford**

Rye High School has a new girls golf head coach, Jim Montalbano, the Colorado City Parks and Rec. manager. He has now put more of his time into his community taking over the girls' golf program after former Coach Dee Betts retired after years of coaching. Rachel Shaffer, a junior at Rye High School has the number one spot on the team. She recently placed 3rd in a tournament in La Junta, Colorado. They have had three Varsity meets so far, but Rachel could not attend the last tournament because she had an interview.

The team is made up of 9 girls this year, 2 freshmen, 3 sophomores and 4 juniors. The 3 sophomores and 2 of the juniors return from last year. The 2 returning juniors,

Emiree Sutton and Rachel Shaffer qualified for State last year. It's a good mix and should be a fun and exciting season. The assistant coach is Daryl Voss, and his golf knowledge is exceptional, so he will be a huge help this season.

They will have four upcoming home tournaments if you'd like to attend. You might see some of the golf girls playing other sports. Rye High School allows students to play multiple sports at a time. Numbers are low at Rye and teams need as many people as they can get. Four of the nine golf girls play other sports which include soccer and track. They take four people per varsity tournament. The team was scheduled to have a J.V. tournament but got cancelled because the team could not make it. They practice right here in our home town at Hollydot Golf Course, the



Pictured above: The Team Anna, Havilah, Rachel, Emiree, Morgan, Cameron, Lauren, and Alexis coach will decide at the end of the year who his four best players are and will take them to the regional tournament.

The girls who place at regionals will go on to the state tournament. The regional tournament will be on May 8th, 2018, at the home course of Hollydot. Then they will go on to state which is on May 21-22, 2018, at Elm Wood Golf course in Pueblo.

Day in the Life of the RHS Baseball Team

By: **Tristan Fry**

5-3 and knocking it out of the park! The Rye High School baseball team has had a good start up this year with head coach Stacy Graham and new assistant coach Clay Klipfel. They are now halfway through their season as of April 10th, ranking 15th in the 3A league. The Rye baseball team has had quite a bit of team bonding on the road as only six of their fifteen games have been hosted at home at Greenhorn Meadows Park.

This year there is only two

seniors on the baseball team, pitcher, short stop, and 2nd baseman Austin Gookin; along with first baseman, outfielder, and pitcher Zachary Richardson. The two seniors play a big role on the team but along with that, Rye baseball has a lot of young talent with just a few underclassmen starters, sophomore Bryce Benz and Robert Buford. The team has a wide range of talent with the following years to come, and the Thunderbolts have an exciting future ahead of them moving to the 2A league next year.



Pictured above: The team hat set up before the game

A Day in the Life of Rachel Shaffer

Golf Superstar

By: **Jansen Hildreth**

Well the masters ended today, and Rachel Shaffer was nowhere near Augusta, but instead she was at Hollydot golf course in Colorado City, Colorado, a place she calls her second home.

Rachel spends the majority of her free time during the spring, at the golf course perfecting her swing, and of course working on her short game. She is a dedicated golfer, but the only things that mean more to her than golf are her family and friends. When I asked how she manages to make time for the important things in life Rachel said, "You always have to make time for the things that are most important to you, and for me that's

my family and friends, golf is a close third though."

This season Rachel is playing better golf than she has ever played before, and her coach Jim Montalbano couldn't be prouder of her saying, "Rachel really is a leader for this team, I rely on her as a role model for the younger golfers, and even for the older golfers sometimes."

Rachel is much more than a golfer, she also plays a major part in her classes leadership at Rye High school. She has helped organize many of the school dances, as well as assemblies. Rye would be a very different town without Rachel Shaffer less golf would be played on the daily, and school assemblies would not be as well planned out.



Pictured above: Rachel Shaffer about to let it fly with her 9 Iron

The Golfing Life of Alexis Cortez

A Golf Day

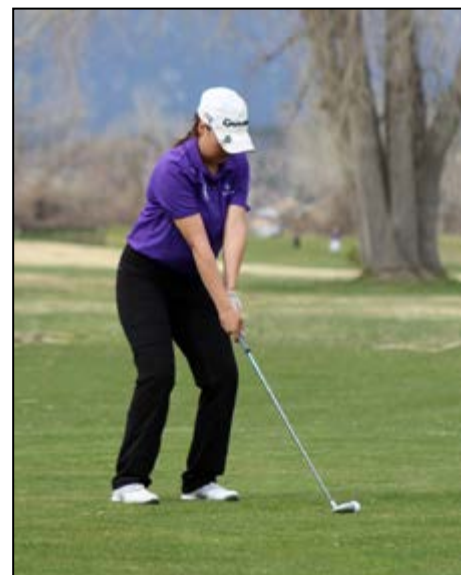
By: Johnny Marquez

Alexis Cortez is a junior at Rye High School. She is a very hard-working girl with many friends. She is also into sports. Right now, she is playing golf for the girl's golf team. She says that, "my favorite thing about playing golf is that you aren't exactly in competition with others, but mainly playing against yourself and scoring better than last time."

She really enjoys playing the game of golf. She has been playing this game since she was the age of five. Her best score in a tournament is a 107 which is not too bad. She is planning on shooting a better

score each and every time she goes out and plays in a tournament. She has only played for a school team her freshman year and now her junior year. She has not placed in any tournaments yet, but that is not stopping her from competing. Her favorite club to use is her hybrid because it gets her the furthest. She calls it "Ole Faithful" because it is the only club that she is always sure that she can hit perfectly.

The final thing that she added was that, "golf sucks 99 percent of the time because you can't hit the ball right, but it is the one percent where your drive is straight down the fairway that keeps you going."



Pictured above: Alexis getting ready to hit the ball up the fairway

The Stunning Soccer Career of Ella Peters

By: Kye Nielsen

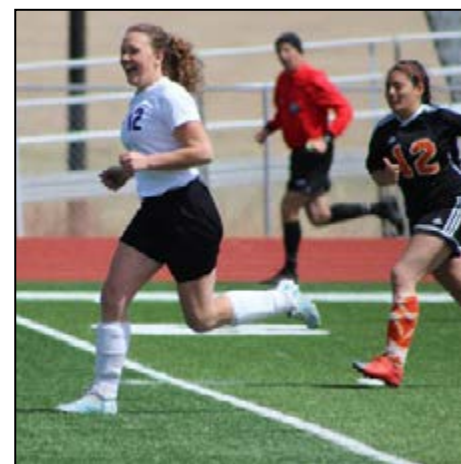
People often believe they have nothing special about them, but it is only because people can't find what's special until they look for it. Ella Peters who many may think is just your average girl is so much more and has lived a life of greatness especially playing her favorite sport soccer.

Ella who lives in Rye, Colorado and attends Rye High school began playing soccer at the age of 3. She grew up playing for the local Parks and Rec league in Colorado City and enjoyed many extra hours of her life playing soccer. Last year as a Freshman Ella started for the girls' soccer team and led them in scoring with 10 goals. This year as a sophomore she adds to her last year performance with 13 goals taking only 27 shots in 5 games. The

season is just beginning, and she is already blowing away the competition. Currently she is ranked 8th overall in the state in scoring and shooting and enjoys the game. She says her favorite part about playing soccer is that, "it's fun, and I love our team." Typically, she plays all 80 minutes of the Varsity game as forward and then gets in some extra minutes in the JV game playing defense. Her athletic ability and skills come from her persistent efforts in staying in shape and doing all kinds of physical activities. Some of the things she does that attribute to her success in soccer include: Hiking, skiing, playing varsity basketball and volleyball and running.

All of these efforts and her efforts in school add to her determination to win. Ella may seem like an average person to most, but

she is more, she is a very successful soccer player, an outdoors enthusiast, a basketball player, a volleyball player, a leader, a friend, and just an overall great person. A fellow student said speaking of Ella: "You can't help but smile when you see her. She is amazing and super friendly."



Pictured above: Ella enjoying herself on the soccer field

Drama Class Where There's A Will There's A Murder

By: Sayer Nielsen

The drama class here at Rye High School has been hard at work on their spring play, "Where There's a Will There's a Murder." They will be performing the play on May 10th. They have been rehearsing the play every day during class since the beginning of February. They began after school rehearsals for the play three weeks ago. They rehearse every Wednesday after school.

There aren't a lot of people who are in drama this year. There are twelve total people who are in drama this year, and eleven are actors in the play. Although it is a small class, these students have worked very hard and are going to present

a great rendition of the play. The play is a murder mystery with some comedy in the mix.

The tickets for the play will go on sale next week. You can purchase tickets from the drama students or Mrs. Anglin. The price for admis-



Pictured above: Jasmine and Sayer dragging Kelena off the stage during practice



Pictured above: Drama class practicing for their play

sion will be \$5 and there will be concessions available at the beginning of the play. The drama class hopes to see lots of people in the audience on May 10th for, "Where There's a Will There's a Murder." They have been hard at work on it for a long time.

Parties at Rye High School For High GPA's

By: Makele Reed

Tuesday, April 3rd, Rye High School had their third semester purple card party where the purple card students had ice cream floats as a reward for having a 3.6 GPA or higher. Many students came during homeroom to get a cup of ice cream and fill it up with their choice of grape soda, orange soda, or root beer. Kathy Dodge and Kacie Anglin helped to set this up for students. When asked what she did in



Pictured above: Ice cream in cups lined up ready for students to fill up with soda

order to achieve a purple card, senior Rylee Fox said that she turned in her work on time and got help when she needed it. When asked if all the hard work was worth it, sophomore Claire Porter said, "Yeah. 'Cause I get to go to lunch early, and I get to purple card assignments that I didn't do or forgot to do. Also, the [purple card] parties are pretty rad."

Many of the students who got a purple card this semester has received them most of their high school career. But, that doesn't mean that you can't get one now if you try hard. Porter said, "Turn in your homework, if you don't turn in your homework, they can't give you a grade. Oh, also, do your homework." Previous purple card holder, Lindsey Muniz, who received a white card this quarter said, "Do your best, if you just work at it, it will be a nice reward, but if you don't get it, don't stress." Freshman Caleb Magliet-



Pictured above: Brittney Miller showing Kathy Dodge her purple card

to said, "If you really want something, then you just have to work your hardest."

Even if you didn't receive a purple card this year, work hard for next year. You still have more opportunities. The reward does have huge benefits, not only do you get to go to lunch early and get an assignment excused, you also get to have fun parties.

A Day In The Life Of Jansen Hildreth



Pictured above: Last year's FFA oyster fry shows what a huge success this fundraiser is

By: Dalton Scott

Jansen Hildreth is a student here at Rye High School, this article will tell you all about a day in the life of this all-star.

Jansen starts his day off by waking up and doing a pretty normal

morning routine. He gets ready for the day and goes to school. Once he gets to school, he goes to his first class, ceramics. He wows the class with his amazing knowledge of craftsmanship. Afterwards, he goes to business math. There, the math proves no challenge for his genius intellect. After that he heads to journalism class and leans the art of writing. He then goes to English, and of course amazes everybody there. Once done with that class, he heads over to homeroom, and stares at the wall, just thinking, for half an hour. Not really, really, he is in leadership, where he puts his real skills to his favor. He helps run assemblies and gives all of us the very important announcements.

After homeroom he goes to lunch and spends time with his

many adoring fans. At the end of lunch Jansen goes to government class and works his Jansen charm to show everybody how politics are done. When he finishes with that class government, he heads to Spanish, and roasts everybody for an hour. He destroys their self confidence in the scary language of Spanish. After Spanish he goes to environmental science and works to save the planet by dropping his infinite wisdom all over the class. After this he goes home, confident in the joy he has brought the world today and gets ready to repeat it tomorrow.

All in all, Jensen is a great student at Rye High school that everyone knows and loves. When asked about him, Zoe Harris, a senior at the school, she said, "he's great."

Promoting Education Through Memorial Scholarship

Memory into Tradition

By: Felicity Phillips

In memory of Maggie Drew Peters, a Memorial Scholarship has been established at Rye High School so that Maggie's family can help support graduates from Rye High School in achieving their future dreams. "We are seeking applicants who are bold, passionate, adventurous, curious, and seeking to have a positive impact on the world," said Maggie's mother and founder of the scholarship, Karen Hopkins. "These are characteristics Maggie showed, and this scholarship is designed to help students dream big and embrace life," she continued.

Funds for this scholarship were raised in several different ways, including a local Polar Plunge and a GoFundMe page. The Polar Plunge, which took place on December 16,

2017 at Colorado City's Lake Beckwith, had an estimated 200 people attend and 80 students, parents, and community members actually participate in the Plunge. This event alone raised over \$6,000 for the Maggie Drew Peters' Memorial Scholarship. Along with the money raised from the Polar Plunge, over \$10,000 was raised from the Go Fund Me site. A total of \$17,052.89 was raised for the scholarship which will benefit students at Rye High School.

This scholarship is unique because it will have multiple recipients. These recipients were asked to fulfill the requirements for the scholarship and also were given the choice of how much money they would like to receive; with a maximum of \$2,000. The recipients of this scholarship are unknown as of now but will be

announced before the end of the 2017-2018 school year. "We hope to continue this scholarship indefinitely," Mrs. Hopkins concluded.



Pictured above: The Polar Plunge that will be held yearly