

A Slice of Rye

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Rye Knowledge Bowl Takes Down Lamar For Regional Title

By: Kylie Baudino

An elite group of students from Rye High School have taken the initiative to prove their knowledge against sizeable competition. Knowledge Bowl, an academic team run by Mr. McGee for the last eight years, recently qualified for the state tournament held in Fort Collins March 12th and 13th.

The team doesn't travel far, most competitions are held at one of the larger Pueblo schools, but size is no excuse for Rye. The main team, consisting of four students: Connor Voss, Catie Wolyn, Akash Patel, and Caleb Freeburg, as well as alternates, Gabe Slade and Alana Schack, has won nearly every competition so far

this year. Practices are sometimes held during lunch, but much of the preparation is internal motivation from the students. "Although we lost a couple very significant students, our team is still strong, perhaps even just as strong as last year's, we just have different strengths," said Mr. McGee.

Regionals took place at the Pueblo library, where Rye's top students took on Lamar for the regional title. Rye started the head-to-head battle off behind losing the first three rounds, but fought their way back in the end to earn a ticket to the state tournament. The 3A bracket has been one of the toughest in years past, but McGee is optimistic about how the team is



Pictured above: Rye Varsity Team, Akash Patel, Connor Voss, Caleb Freeburg, Gabe Slade, and Catie Wolyn, not pictured Alana going to perform, looking to place, or maybe even take a state title. McGee explained, "Just like any other sport, sometimes you have a star player, luckily for us, we have a couple."

Rye High Random Acts of Kindness Week



By: Makele Reed

On February 12th-15th, Rye High School brought RAK Week, or Random Acts of Kindness Week to help encourage students to spread kindness where ever they go.

RAK week stands for Random Acts of Kindness. It's a weeklong celebration that ends on the National Random Act of Kindness Day. Kayla McKinely and her student council class brought this week to life with the help of Michelle Mann. Mann had gotten an email from the district with the idea of RAK Week and shared it with McKinely. McKinely

loved the idea so she decided to run with it. When asked why she wanted RAK Week at Rye High School, she said, "I think now is an important time as ever to celebrate and participate in spreading kindness... I think that sometimes we lose sight of how important it is to be truly kind to others. It's easy, especially in high school, to fall into a slump where we focus only on our own lives, our own problems, our own busy schedules or bad days... and we forget that others may be facing struggles of their own. It is so simple and effortless to act kindly towards someone and completely change their day. I think our staff and students are really ready for spring break and we're all kind of tapped out lately. I knew we needed to try to bring RAK week to RHS the minute I read about it."

When asked what she thought

about RAK week, sophomore Abigail Bennett said, "I don't think there should only be one week to practice random acts of kindness, I think it should be done all the time, but having people aware of their actions for one week is a great place to start."

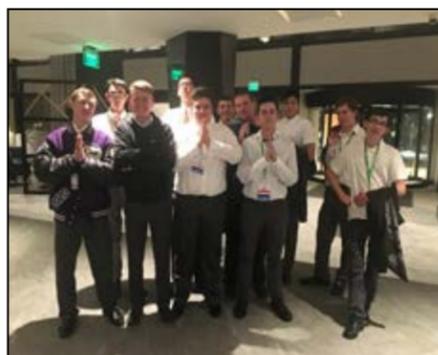
McKinely is hoping to bring RAK week back next year saying, "even though we really should practice kindness year-round, it's nice to shine a light on it once a year and increase that participation and togetherness. I think bringing attention to it during one week makes people realize how nice it feels to be kind, and how nice it feels when someone is kind to you, and that spreads throughout the year."

So, Rye High School, get ready for next year for another week filled with ways to spread kindness. Always try to spread it, daily.

Two Students Qualify For Technology Student Association Nationals

By: Johnny Marquez

Anna Montalbano and Schon Moore both qualified for Nationals at the state TSA competition last week. Anna took third place in photographic technology and Schon Moore, who is an eighth grader from Craver Middle School, also took third place in the dragster competition.



Pictured above: The high school boys ready for the opening ceremony at state

During this year's TSA state competition, we had ten students from Craver Middle School and 18 students from Rye High School participate. Each student participated in different competitions that are individual and team events. The state competition was at the Marriot Hotel in the Denver Tech Center. The competition took place

from February 23rd thru the 25th. This competition is held every year for the TSA students, where they show off their science, engineering, math, art, and music abilities.

The students all enjoyed themselves at the competition and learned more about the different competitions and how to change their projects to better them for next year. Emma Romine and Audrey Himmelberg both competed in the rat trap race, where they were able to get their rat trap car across the finish line but learned that there are other ways to create the car so that it will go faster. Markus Anglin and Grace Lesser, both Craver students, made it to the top 12 in the digital photography contest. While, Schon's car was the fastest car at the state competition. His car even beat the fastest car from Wyoming, although he got a 20% point deduction for missing one of the late rule changes. Wyatt Willis, Brady Dickerson, Riley Prichard, and Brock Roman all competed in the catapult event for the second year and shot 22 balls into the target in one minute. Last year, they only made one, so it is a huge improvement.

This year's national competition is in Atlanta, Georgia June 22nd to



Pictured above: Anna Montalbano after winning third place at the state competition

June 26th. As you can see, we have some highly skilled students that go to Rye High School and Craver Middle School.



Pictured above: The high school girls waiting for their turn at giant Jenga

The Great Gatsby's Gentlemen Winning Essay Contest

By: Asia Moe

Two students from Rye High School were among the 15 winners of the February, 2018 Sangre De Cristo Great Gatsby essay contest. Logan Kirkendall and Damon Elarton submitted essays about the novel *The Great Gatsby*, which they focused on the symbolism and how the novel relates to the American dream.

Mrs. Hopkins introduced the contest to her Advanced Placement Literature students after the class

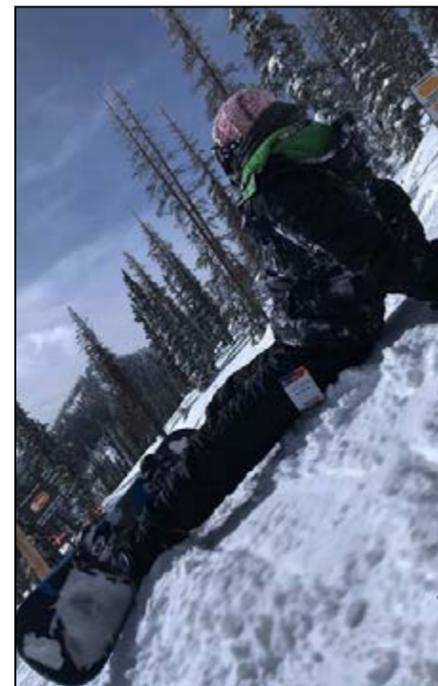
read the novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The essays were then submitted to the Sangre De Cristo Art Center in Pueblo, Colorado. On February 18th, each of the 15 winners were awarded four tickets to see the National Players performance of *The Great Gatsby*, public recognition before the show and a meet and greet with the cast.

Elarton says, "I focused my essay on the symbolism of the billboard of the eyes looking down on Queens and the colors he wrote



Pictured above: Flyer from the Sangre De Cristo Art Center about *The Great Gatsby* Essay Contest

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Pictured above: Emma Lesser having a good time at Monarch

By: Kye Nielsen

Skiing is a recreational activity that many people in the state of Colorado participate in. Rye High School and Karen Hopkins organize three to four ski trips every year. So

Great Deals For Skiing

far in 2018 there have been two and one more is happening on March 9th. For each trip the people who decide to go transport themselves to Monarch Ski Resort approximately two hours from Rye.

Many people attend this trip every year and 250 people attended the two trips so far. The people who attend range from nearly experts to brand new beginners. People tend to get to the mountain early in the morning and stay till five or six that evening. Sayer Nielsen who attended the last ski trip said: "Me and my dad left at about five and arrived at about eight. We then grabbed our boots and ski's and went out to the bunny hill as it was my first time skiing. I fell a number of times but had a great time with my dad learning how to ski. We returned about five from the trip with sore muscles, but all in all it was a really fun time." The ski trip is a time for people to get away for a day and enjoy time with their family and

friends.

The ski trip is also not very expensive because Mrs. Hopkins gets a major discount on the prices. In regard to getting a discount she said: "We started taking groups to Monarch in 2011 and were one of the first organizations to bring big groups to Monarch. Our groups have also consistently been the largest of all the groups that visit Monarch each year for the past 7 years. Therefore, Monarch ensures that we get the best possible rates." This is why people get to go for a very affordable price.

The Rye Ski trips are an opportunity to get away from everyday life for a day and enjoy some time with family and friends. It is not very expensive and is a short trip from Rye. The upcoming trip is March 9th and 100 or more people will be attending. This yearly trip is designed for the benefit of the students and their families, take some time off and enjoy a day trip.

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about." Elarton also mentioned that he found *The Great Gatsby* told about the benefits of having different perspectives on life during difficult times. Both Elarton and Kirkendall mentioned that they were surprised to win and are both more confident in their writing now because of their accomplishment.



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Your Year in a Book!

By: Tristan Fry

Want a life lasting memory of this school year to look back on? Don't miss out on purchasing your 2017-2018 school yearbook! As the end of the year comes near Kacie Anglin, instructor of the Journalism class at Rye High School, has been spreading the word about purchasing this year's 2017-2018 school yearbook. Prices of the yearbook will soon be increasing after spring break and will be passed out on senior checkout day, May 15th.

This year's yearbook will contain every event from the beginning of the year to the end, from sports teams to student life, everything you won't want to forget about 2018 will be easy to look back on through purchasing a yearbook. Before spring break, yearbooks will be \$50 for purchase and will be increased to \$55 after spring break. If you are interested in purchasing this year's yearbook, there will be forms available in Mrs. Anglin's class room. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Colton, Zach, and Mikey Battle for State Championship

By: **Abigail Bennett**

On February 16th and 17th the Rye Wrestling coach, Dean Decker, brought freshman, Mikey Atencio, sophomore, Zach Ruiz, and senior, Colton Sims to the state wrestling tournament. The tournament was at the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colorado.

These boys had worked so hard all year for these two days. When asked how it felt going to state his freshman year, Atencio, said, "It was really nerve racking and I wasn't that nervous but more excited to be at state." He didn't let the nerve get to him, as he walked away with 3rd place. Ruiz talks about how wrestling has pushed himself to do better and how it will affect his high school career. He said, "It will push me to do my best because I know what the top looks like."

Sims said, "It's made me tougher in every aspect."

This season was Decker's second year coaching at Rye. He described his passion for coaching wrestling. He said, "Number one, I love the sport of wrestling! I enjoy developing and teaching the sport to these young athletes; developing them into great people and student athletes. Seeing them dedicate themselves to a good cause through hard work and perseverance. Teaching and mentoring them through the tough challenges they face and giving them the support and confidence, they need to succeed. Not just in the sport of wrestling but in life as well." He has plans to coach next year and go on team bonding trips this summer. He said, "applying team bonding maybe through river rafting or camping for exam-



Pictured above: Zach Ruiz, Mikey Atencio, and Colton Sims

ple."

These boys worked very hard and it showed in their placings. Ruiz came out with 5th place, Atencio with 3rd, and sadly, Sims got out. Congratulations to all the wrestlers this season and good luck for next season.

Spring Sports: Spring is Here! Let's Get Physical

By: **Zoe Harris**

The season for spring sports is here! There are four sports that are played during this time. There is girls' soccer, track, baseball, and girls' golf. In order to participate in a spring sport, you must have these requirements done.

- physical
- impact testing
- Fill out all the required paper work form D70.
- Proof of insurance
- Attend meetings

You must pay sports fees. If you are a first-time sport player this year, you must pay \$85. If this is your second sport you pay \$80. For those who have free lunch, you only have to pay \$50. Last but not least,

if you are from a different district or a homeschool student and want to play soccer at this school, you are required to pay \$127. The coaches this year for soccer are, Mike Wing, Laura Seller and volunteer coach Karen Hopkins. This year soccer was fortunate to have 26 students go out, allowing a varsity and JV team. Their first game is on March 15th. The coaches for track are, Conner Pigg, Sean Daniels, Catherine Gallegos, and Tammy. VanoOrt. Their first event is on March 14th. The baseball team's coaches are Stacy Graham, Klipfel and Ryan Leblanc. They have a staggering amount of 10-12 boys going out for baseball this season. Their first game is March 13th. Golf coaches



are Jim Montalbano. The first tournament is March 29th.

Rye High School is known for having strong spirited and very committed sports teams. This will be a promising year for spring sports.

12 Strong

By: **Robert Buford**

Rye High School has been very strong in athletics; the past seven years Rye High School has picked up in the baseball department. In those years, we have won two state championships. The first year we won at State was in 2011, that team was undefeated and it was full of talented kids. Two kids from that team went on to play in the MLB. Our latest state title was in 2015, and that team was also undefeated with a record of 25-0.

This 2018 season, we have a total of twelve kids signed up to play baseball. Our team consists of mostly sophomores: Bryce Benz, Robert Buford, Johnny Marquez, Kreed Rahl, Hunter Palmer, and Dusty Rochester. The freshman includes; Larry Lozoya and Michael Valdez. The juniors consist of; Jaxon Ortiz and Damon Elarton.

Seniors are Zach Richardson and Austin Gookin.

Coach Graham, the head coach of the Rye High School Baseball team, told us "... We have some of the greatest coaches around this area, with the low numbers we have we will have to become the best players you have ever seen, we will have to make sure my players do not get hurt because everyone has a crucial role in my team. I can start to work with my players individually and we will become the strongest 12 players you have ever seen." Coach Graham told us his two other coaches, Asst. Coach Klipfel and our volunteer coach, Coach Leblanc are also both very important and need to be ready for anything to help get these kids better. The coaching staff wants to be successful this season and they told us "our kids need to work hard and go 110% all the time."

We need all of the Rye High

School supporters to show up to all the home games and make sure we don't give up on our players. Their first home game is on Friday, March 16, 2018, at the Greenhorn Valley Park, next to the Colorado City Library. The team's numbers are down so if we could please show our support and make sure our fan numbers are not low because we need to give that Rye High School baseball team all the support they can get. Our numbers have never been this low and our team can't afford to get discouraged.



Pictured above: Our latest State Championship Win

Kick'n It Into Girls Soccer

Introducing new coaches and goals for this season

By **Julissa Tapia**

Girls soccer has been growing every year. This year having new coaches: Mike Wing as head coach, Laura Seller as assistant coach, and last but certainly not least, Karen Hopkins as volunteer part time strength and conditioning coach. "Girls are eager to get out there and have fun", said senior Rylee Fox. With 26 girls, 9th through 12th grade, signed up this year, Hopkins says, "we are very pleased with numbers this year and will definitely be able to field a competitive JV and Varsity squad." Starting

practice a little earlier this year we "expect a very successful season," continued Hopkins.

Coaches plan to bridge the basic ideas of a team: how to work together properly, strengthen abilities, work hard with one another, and make long lasting friendships to build a stronger, cohesive team.

The goal of the game this year is not only to improve, but to make an experience that could benefit the girls' future. "Coaches are committed to being role models and a positive influence in the lives of the players and hope to instill a sense of self-pride, confidence, and character so that players can excel, be

successful and realize their dreams not just as soccer players, but more importantly, in all areas of their lives and futures," said Hopkins.

Bringing in five seniors this year: Rylee Fox, Zoe Harris, Mariah Holt, Andy Mallo, and Julissa Tapia, the team will be strong and ready to play hard. "I think that we are all definitely excited for this season. It being our last is crazy to think about, and knowing we are starting for this first and last time makes me both sad and excited at the same time- more excited though. I just know that we are going to have a blast," said senior Julissa Tapia. The first game takes place at 4 pm at Rye High School Thursday, March 15. Go and support your very own Rye High School girls' soccer!

On Your Mark... Get Set... Go! The Rundown of the Track Season

By: Felicity Phillips

Freshmen aren't the only new ones on the Rye High School track field this year! Coach Daniels, a 2014 graduate from Rye High School, and Coach Gallegos, Rye Elementary school teacher, have taken over as the coaches for sprinting, mid-distance, and long-distance runners. Tammy VanOort was the previous coach for these events but recently retired after 17 years of coaching. As for the jumping and throwing coaches; Amy Himmelberg is taking on the long and triple jumpers for the second year. Conner Pigg, another Rye High School graduate and present teacher at Rye High School, is on his third year of coaching shot put and discus. This season, there are 38 students participating in Track and Field. "Us coaches plan on

having our girls' and boys' 4x800 teams return to the Colorado State Track and Field event, along with a senior female thrower," Coach Pigg says. "Our first junior varsity track meet is March 14th and the first varsity meet is March 17th - - these [meets] will definitely come quicker than we think. We [coaches] are looking forward to seeing just what our athletes can do this year," he continues. Felicity Phillips, a senior thrower at Rye High School said, "whether students choose to participate in track and field for the social aspect, to place at state, or to aid in the coordination for other sports, track is not an easy sport and shouldn't be praised lightly. These teenagers dedicate their week evenings and weekends to a sport that they love and put 100% effort in to. State is just over two months



Pictured above: 2017 State Tracksters - (F to B, L to R) Kyle Colbert, William Goos, Ben Squire, Kyle Shaffer, Emma Lesser, Kylie Baudino, Natalie Phillips, Katie Richardson, Colton Sims, Makayla Rodriguez, Felicity Phillips, Laura Ambler, Mandie Wiant, Hannah Ambler, Audrey Himmelberg
away and I know for a fact that I am not alone when I say I would like to end this season on top of a State Track and Field podium with a medal around my neck."

Jacky's Fixing Jacked Up Knees and Other Injuries

An exclusive interview with Rye High's athletic trainer

By: Jansen Hildreth

If you've ever played a sport, chances are you have met Rye High School's athletic trainer Jacky Brenton. Jacky joined the Rye High family last year, and she says she's loved it.

"My favorite part of being an athletic trainer is helping the athletes and students be able to fulfill their dreams through providing care for injuries so that they don't give up on their dream because of the injury/injuries." This is about as selfless as it gets when talking to someone about their job. Most people are in it for the money, but Jacky is in it to help athletes ful-

fill their dreams by treating their injuries and getting them back out on the court of field as soon as possible. Jacky was drawn to Rye, Colorado because of the community, and support she sees every game from parents, coaches, and athletes. Jacky has always considered herself a talkative person, so being able to joke around with and talk to the athletes is her favorite part of working at Rye.

To get a different perspective on Jacky and what she brings to the table, current Rye High School athlete Jansen Hildreth was able to speak from personal experience. "Jacky helped me get back on the soccer field as soon as I could, and because of that I had my best

season so far. Jacky doesn't just fix injuries; she teaches you how to prevent your injuries from happening again by walking you through what she's doing and why your injury occurred in the first place." I think it is safe to say that Jacky Brenton is an important part of Rye High school athletics, and Rye High School as a whole.



Pictured above: Jansen Hildreth out on the soccer field after Jacky fixed him up

Future Farmers of America Spirit Week Success

By: Alexis Rose Cortez

Rye High School's FFA organization coordinated a whole spirit week dedicated to our Future Farmers. Every year on the week of President's Day FFA puts on an annual spirit week. Madison Gookin noted, "it's a national celebration that every FFA chapter participates in." It's amazing for such a small school to be a part of it.

Prior to the spirit week, posters were hung up all around Rye High School to get the word out about all the fun dress up days. The spirit week stretched from February 19th through February 22nd. This week helped other students to get involved in the Future Farmers of America organization and even raised some money for them.

FFA's motto of the week was, "I Can. I Will." Encouraging students to believe in the future of agriculture and become a part of a nationally known organization. They kicked off the spirit day with 'Merica Monday' where students

wore red, white, and blue. Tuesday brought in the 'blue and yellow will only do' spirit with FFA members wearing their famous blue and yellow jackets. On Wednesday, students had the chance to bring a dollar and wear the hat of their choice. To the end the spirit week was 'Rancher Day.' Students were able to drive their tractors to school and dress up like the rancher they are at heart.

When asking Madison Gookin the importance of FFA, she says it's to, "educate people about agriculture and how it is tied to everyone not just farmers." The money that was raised during the week goes into the chapter's account to pay for trips, any materials needed for class, and the competitions they go to. At Rye High School alone there are around 60 students involved with FFA. Our very own, Mr. Beeman, is the advisor with Douglas Jones as the chapter's president.

Future Farmers of Americas spirit week went fantastic and gave



Pictured above: FFA members, Logan Kirkendall and Carson Crain showing how patriotic they are (Photo by: Michelle Mann)

everyone the chance to see what FFA is all about. During the week FFA even put on a teacher appreciation breakfast. Madison Gookin says, "it went really well during the week we had the Sponsor Day and did all the final planning for our 4th annual Oyster Fry." Rye High School's interest in agriculture brings great leaders to the school.

Upcoming Spring Testing

By: James Kiefer

During the spring standardized testing season for Rye High School there will be some major changes that the students need to be aware of.

Starting on Tuesday April 10th, 2018 will be Pre-SAT testing for freshmen and sophomores, while the juniors will be testing for the SAT. Seniors will have an excused day. After the testing is completed for the day all students will be excused. This will be the only day

of testing for the freshmen and sophomores, with no testing for the seniors. The Pre-SAT is given to freshmen and sophomores in hopes of getting them better prepared for the actual SAT which is given to juniors and used for entering colleges everywhere.

On Tuesday April 17th, 2018 Juniors will be completing the CMAS science test. All other students will have a delayed start school day.



There will be a letter mailed out to families explaining the times and dates after spring break, so keep an eye out for that.

In years past, Rye High School has scored very well on testing, and we are hoping for the same results as it shows what a great school we are able to attend.

FFA: Another year, Another Fry...



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

By: William Livingston

It's that time of year again, the Rye FFA Chapter is hosting the 5th annual Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry. The oyster fry is a fundraiser that helps pay for the stock show trip that is almost two months prior and goes towards other events such as FFA competitions, banquets, etc. The FFA chapter has three fundraiser each year, the homecoming BBQ, their meat sale, and the oyster fry, so it is a great way to help these

students earn their way.

The fry allows others to try and expand their tastes of food but ultimately brings family and friends into one place where they can eat good food and chatter. Of course, there is always the live auction and silent auction. Franchises have donated their merchandise and donated money to sponsor the local chapter during the silent auction. The live auction auctions off the labor of every member who attend-

ed the stock show trip in Denver, during January 17th-18th. All in all, about thirty students will auction off for 8 hours of their time to work around the farm, house or business that purchases them.

The event will be held on the 14th of March. Tickets are only \$10 each and allow for one admission. The FFA has donators such as CAT, Redfield optics and other businesses. There will be a main course of Rocky Mountain Oysters or fried chicken tenders, beans, cole slaw, and desert, as well as drinks. The Rye FFA chapter is hoping that the event will draw others into the program by attending the oyster fry. The agriculture teacher and chapter advisor, Ethan Beeman, says "he's already had kids join the class by previously attending the event." Currently, there are around 60 students within the Rye FFA chapter, Beeman hopes that with more kids, he will be able to expand the classroom and Ag. building to incorporate all who join the agricultural classes and the FFA.

will also be snacks provided by Mrs. Anglin's cooking class in the cafeteria.

We hope to see all of you supporting the arts and music in our community for our fourth annual K-12 Art Show and concert.



Fourth Annual K-12 Art Show

By: Sayer Nielsen

Kacie Anglin, Rye High School art teacher, will be holding the fourth annual K-12 Art Show at Rye High School on March 8th from 5p.m. to 8p.m. The admission is \$2 and you can come and go whenever you like.

The school is hosting the event as a fundraiser for the music and art departments. The show will start when you come in the front door, and on your right on the stage the bands from all three schools will be playing music. There will be art by the stage hanging on the walls. It will continue

into the cafeteria where there will be art all over. There will be a silent auction of artwork by students. The starting bid will be \$15, and the artist of the piece will get \$5, and every time the bid goes up \$10 the student will get 5 of the 10.

Awards will be given to the best pieces in different art genres, including: Drawing, Photography, Digital Art, 3-D, Mixed Media, Painting, Sculpture, Writing, and Ceramics. There will be a first, second, third, and honorable mention given for each school and each genre. There

An Inside Scoop on Grant Livingston

By: Dalton Scott

Grant Livingston is a sophomore here at Rye High School. He does student things like anybody else here. What makes Grant special is he is the only Grant in the world at the moment. Grant was chosen for student of the month because of his can-do attitude. Grant dreams of becoming an engineer when he grows up. In his spare time, he enjoys reading science fiction and romance novels. He is single, look out ladies. His favorite teacher is Mrs. VanOort. He enjoys sports as well.

Grant is an everyday working man. "He is just so fabulous, I don't know how I will compare," says Dalton Scott, a sophomore here at Rye High School. Aside his many academic achievements, Grant is also an accomplished hunter and body builder. Every morning he goes for a run, to keep his mind and body in peak condition. But for all his achievements, Grant prefers to stay humble. During an interview, when asked how he got so amazing, he responded "I didn't". The public opinion is in, Grant is the guy you want to know.



Pictured above: Grant Livingston

Writers Corner



Something Lost

By: Kye Nielsen

The tears streamed down my face slowly dropping to the ground. I searched frantically hoping to find the small metal before it sunk. I couldn't find it and the tears became bigger and intensified. The small transporter was gone. It had sunk and would never come back. I was now officially stuck on the foreign planet. I wouldn't be able to go back to earth. No contact with anyone, no way of signaling I was stuck. I continued to cry, thinking about the days I would be stuck eating the jello that grew from the trees and sleeping on the wobbly ground that was never still. How could this have happened how could I have lost my transporter the only thing that could have saved me?

Truth

By: Kyle Freeburg

Truth is something everybody idolizes, but ultimately ignores. Like

the sun, they miss it when it's gone, curse it when it hides, but hide from it when it is too harsh for them to bear. Only when truth is departing, and nearly gone, do they look at it and ask why they have never seen it before now. The truth is powerful, but more terrifying than any monster man can think of. Truth is blind to circumstances; it treats the poor orphan and the wealthy business man exactly the same. Thus, only those who can use truth to their advantage use it at all. The truth is dangerous because we ignore it, and think that that will make it magically go away.

Lies are not the opposite of truth. Not usually, at least. All good lies have a kernel of truth somewhere within. The truth is, it's never okay to lie. However, one must lie in order to protect themselves from others. No one wants to hear the truth without being disguised, covered up, diluted, or dimmed. And because of they, people hate hearing the truth, and alienate those who tell it. So,

although it is never okay to lie, it is vital for the functioning of society to lie until the truth is buried so deep it can never rise again.

I've been lied to more times than I can count. Probably more times than I've realized, as well. Lies don't feel bad on their own. It takes a dose of truth to make a lie hurt. When you discover a lie, it hurts, deeply. Not because you were lied too, as most think, but because you have been made to see the truth. When others give you the truth, they will make it easier to swallow. They will sugarcoat it, make light of it, or hide it altogether. But when you find the truth out yourself, there's no one there to make it hurt less, and that is why it hurts to find out you've been lied to. Not because of the lie, but because of the truth. Many have good intentions when they lie, usually it's to make a friend or loved one feel better about their self, or others. The truth is, though, lying only makes the truth hurt more