

A Slice of Rye

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Safety Precautions Being Put In Place In All Valley Schools

By: Kacie Anglin

Officer John Christie is the new resource officer at the high school. Officer Christie joined all of the mountain school's staffs at different times on Friday the 1st during the district in-service day.

The staff at Rye High School watched three school safety videos that gave the teachers different ideas on what to do during an active shooting incident including a video entitled "Run, Hide, Fight." Although produced in Texas by ReadyHouston.gov, the grant-funded video is relevant to every community. It informs viewers how best to handle themselves during an Active Shooter situation. The information was very informative for the

staff and thought provoking.

After watching the videos Officer Christi and two other officers ran a shooting drill. They went from the gym to the library shooting blanks the entire way. The officers shot 30 rounds, while the teachers only heard about half of those shots. This also was extremely helpful because it allowed the teachers to hear what shots fired sound like in a building, the proximity between shooting gunshots and hearing those gunshots. It also gave those teachers without prior knowledge of gun shooting some knowledge and experience in the sound of shots fired. This was a good practice to have some kind of awareness of what it would sound like and



Pictured above: Officer Christie explaining to the teachers at Rye High School what they need to prepare for

the ability to start thinking and preparing ourselves for any kind of situation.

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FFA Week and Fundraiser Approaches

By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

Once again the Future Farmers of America, FFA, will be having a fundraiser. This time they will be selling cookie dough. DJ's meats will also be available because the cookie dough and the meat come from the same source. You can speak with Ms. Heath or any of the FFA students about ordering your yummy and convenient cookie dough.

FFA Week is also coming up. In 1947 the National FFA Board of

Directors designated the week of George Washington's birthday as the National FFA Week. This year it falls on the week of February 16. FFA Week allows members to educate the public about FFA duties, such as those of officers, which include running meetings and organizing events, FFA history, and agriculture. During this week chapters will hold "Ag Olympics" competitions, host teacher appreciation breakfasts, inform the public about agriculture, and volunteer for

community service projects.



Pictured above: Haley Larkin and Allison Meyers in their FFA gear

Bond Issue Passed

By: Kacie Anglin

Here is a quick update on the bond issue that was voted on in November. The bond was passed, meetings have been held, and items are in the process. Rye High School will be using its portion of the bond money to renovate several items in the building that desperately need renovations. First, the school will be getting a front entrance security system, which will include electronic control in the office and a card-swipe keyless entry system. The agricultural and mechanical shop will have an addition built onto the school as well as the business and technology program. The performing arts stage will have a lights and sound renovation/upgrade. The auxiliary gym will get an extension and locker room renovation. There will be window replacements, sewer repairs, bus loop and parking improvements, and the intercom system will be replaced. Along with all of these upgrades, the culinary arts classroom will finally get a renovation, which will include a ventilation system. Also, the track and the football field will get a huge upgrade to an all weather and artificial turf field.

If you would like to be a part of the process call Mr. Vinci at the high school, 489-2271

Spring Sports Meeting
Monday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m
Spring Sports Official Start Date
Monday, February 25
Spring Sport Offerings: Girls Soccer, Boys and Girls Track, Baseball, and Girls Golf

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All schools in the district went through the same safety lesson to prepare everyone for any situation. All three mountain school's will be getting a front entrance security system, paid for by the bond, that will help out with deterring threats. Officer Christi also went over a few ways to minimize the threat and what we can do during an active shooter situation. Two of the biggest things that everyone should know during an active shooter situation: don't bring a gun to the situation, the cops will take it as you being a threat, also if you are in the midst of an active shooter situation and a cop sees you always put your hands up and open palms so that the cop knows you are not a threat.

During the safety meeting the teachers also spoke about how to prepare the school for any type of situation. Mr. Milligan said over and over again that he hopes, just like everyone else, that we never have to deal with circumstances like what happened at Sandy Hook, Columbine, Virginia Tech, and the other several active shooter on campus dealt with and are

Test Time at Rye High School

Test time at Rye High
By: Chance Adair

It's that time of the year again, the time that teachers and students dread even though it can be a beneficial factor in their life. It is TCAP and ACT test taking time! Starting Monday March 4th, freshmen and sophomores will sit down and test every day for two weeks, their reward, spring break. The seniors and

still dealing with, but we need to be prepared and have some sort of plan. One thing that the entire school will do from this point on is locking all doors from the outside of the room. The teachers will be responsible for their classes' safety and where to go with their class to keep their students safe, so the teachers need to be actively thinking and preparing of what they will do and be confident in their strategy. The school will also start doing everything that they can to keep students out of the hallways, which will hopefully keep students from being more of an easy target. Students and parents will need to understand that we are not trying to make the school a prison, but a safe place for parents to send their kids.

If we have learned anything from past incidences, it is to be prepared for anything to happen; never think it won't happen here because anything is possible. We need to work together to make our schools the safest places they can be, be as prepared as we can be, and just keep our community involved and a part of what goes on at our schools.

juniors will get to sleep in and show up later every day that this takes place. For the juniors, this year marks the only year they have to do the ACT. On Tuesday, April 23, The Rye High juniors will take the test with the hope of scoring high marks, which will allow them to get noticed by bigger, better colleges around the nation. So good luck students, you're going to need it.....

Wrestling Faring Well This Season With New Freshmen

By: Sean Daniels

The Wrestling team headed off to Center last weekend. The young team was among several at the tournament. Center being located deep in the San Luis Valley the team had to spend a night in the small town. Freshman Matt Stevenson was among 12 other com-

petitors in his weight division. He managed to capture third on the podium, a respectable position considering he was one of the youngest in the class. The entire team had a good tournament and continues to build on their experience better preparing them for the next day.



Pictured above: Matt getting some pointers from Coach Sims during his match

'Bolts Boys' and Girls' Take Down Swink at Home



Pictured above: Aaron Doub way up for a jump shot, keeping the boys' game close

By: Alex Temmert

This weekend the Rye High School boys and girls basketball teams had two games, the first traveled down to Las Animas to battle against the Trojans and then hosted the Swink Lions at home.

The girls battled against the Lady Trojans all night on Thursday and lost by a score of 49-32 snapping

but the 'Bolts withheld the Trojans by a score of 55-51. The following night the 'Bolts hosted the Swink Lions and played a tough



Pictured above: Rylee Abert up against the biggest Swink girl all night

Rye's Own Rock Band

By: Tristan Hamler

This year Rye High School is offering a Rock Band after school as an extra curricular activity, that allows students to use their musical talents in different ways. Taught by Mr. Baird, the students meet every Monday after to school to practice

their songs. The songs they perform are popular music from the 60's and up. The band is currently compiled of a bass guitar, electric guitar, drums, a trumpet player, an alto sax player, and a vocalist. They are still looking for a piano/keys player and maybe a few more wind instru-

ments. They use the talent and resources they have and put together pure music from the soul. If anyone is interested in joining, you don't have to prior musical talents, Mr. Baird is just trying to get the program up and going. If you have any questions you can ask Mr. Baird.

Art Classes Are Filling up at Rye

By: Shayla Daniels

Rye High School is currently offering seven different art classes this school year 2012/2013. They are divided between Kacie Anglin, Michael Parks, and Felicity Holloway. The classes include Ceramics, Crafts, Cooking, Digital Art, Drama, Drawing, and Sculpting.

The ceramics class teaches students how to mold and work with clay by making hand-built projects or by the wheel that was donated to the school. The types of building that the students will be learning are pinch pots, coil building, and slab construction. When done they will learn to glaze, and to kiln fire the clay. Not only will the students learn the construction of ceramics, but they will also learn vocabulary that goes along with the clay. Along the way they may learn history of some famous artists as well.

Crafts is a course with a variety of different projects. This class focuses on different crafts made all over the world. Not only do the students learn how to make the crafts that different countries make, they also learn how and why the people make that certain type of art. After the students learn the different craft from each country, they will create their own craft using the ideas and techniques from that country.

In the cooking class the students learn to be more familiar with the different cooking materials. They learn to use these safely and appropriately. When it comes to food they learn to cook and also bake. The students learn to read a recipe from a cookbook as well. At the end of the course they should know

how to plan a meal using all the skills that they learned.

In drama class the students learn the appropriate way to talk when on stage. They will also learn the lingo while acting and directing as well. This class will teach students to not only act in a production, but direct one too. Most projects will include improvising, monologues, ensemble scenes, creating characters, and



Pictured above: Wire artwork from Mr. Parks' sculpture class and African Masks from Mrs. Anglin's crafts class displayed in the case outside of the art room, donated to the school from the Spicer family

much more. By the end of the class they will have researched an artist and attended one live performance. They will also participate in the class play. Keep an ear open for the date of the play that drama class is working on. This semester students in drama will be working with the music department and a musical.

In drawing students learn the basics. The class will be given many different assignments so they can grow on their technique. They will explore many different types of drawings including personal still lifes, perspective drawings, portraiture, figure drawings, and

landscapes. This will help them apply the elements and principles of drawing.

Digital art is an art class that uses all technology. In this class the students will be learning to use a program called Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign. Mrs. Anglin goes through each tool step by step so that each student has an understanding of how each tool works.

After learning to use Adobe Photoshop they will learn to use Adobe Illustrator. This program is to help you finalize your art pieces. This class helps people learn to make advertisements, posters and etc.

Sculpting is one of the classes taught by Michael Parks. In this class the students will learn to sculpt using many different tools. They will use different materials for each sculpting projects to learn the different uses of material.

Rye High school is very glad to have the opportunity to have so many different art classes.

Wintersports Activities in Candyland

By: Sean and Shayla Daniels

After a heated battle of activities and dress up days between the classes a victor was announced Thursday afternoon. The senior class managed to pull away from the freshman on Thursday to gain first place. The seniors showed dominance in LTA's (Lunch Time Activities) and also strength in numbers for dress up days. Third and fourth place were claimed by the sophomores (third) and the juniors (fourth). All classes showed strong participation making for a close race that would come down to the wire. To top off a great week of Winter Royalty students danced the night away, which also had great numbers!



Pictured Above: Chance Adair and Megan Robbins during the crowd game, filling the mouths of their classmates with whipped cream

On January 30, 2013, our school hosted the Winter Royalty Assembly. The Junior Emcees, Sean Daniels and Adam Burnett, made games using whipped cream and some sort of life size Candyland. For the Boys, Jared Scott, Kyle Kennerson, and Austin Hale were nominated. For the Girls, Natalie Ahner, Katelyn Huddleston, and Maddelyn Tannehill would be cho-



Pictured Above: The candidates Jerrad Scott, Maddy Tannehill, Natalie Ahner, Kyle Kennerson, Katelyn Huddleston, and Austin Hale with their Candyland winnings

sen by their classmates. Knowledge of the opposite sex candidates was important for the game candy land, and would decide the winner of candy land. Natalie eventually knew the most and won. The prize was a tall standing piece of candy. The senior class took the prize of candy when they were able to empty the whipped cream the fastest in their classmates mouths.

Voting for the royalty was completed in the usual high tech fashion using everyone's favorite software Moodle. After tallying the scores on Friday, the top-secret information was held by Mr. Hale until the big night. Following their presentation to the audience at the half time of the Swink Boys Game, on Friday night, the candidates took the positions across the basketball floor. The tension was high as the Queen and King was announced: Congratulations to Maddelyn and Jared, our 2013 Winter Sports



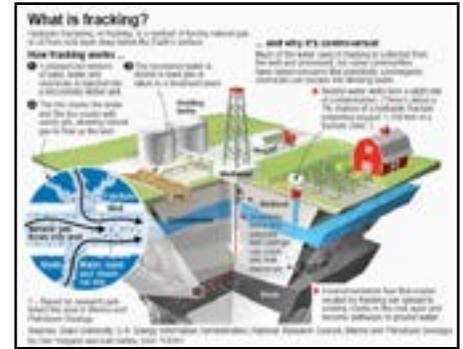
Pictured above: Adam Burnett and Sean Daniels run the candidate game of Candyland with a life sized die and gameboard, while Austin, Katelyn, and Jerrad try to beat each other out for last place by answering questions about each other. Natalie was the big winner of the game.

Environmental Science Debates Tough Topics

By: **Tristan Hamler**

In Mr. Blackhurst's environmental class the students divided up in two groups and debated to pros of cons of two current events. The first event was the building of the Keystone Pipe from Canada. The other event was the natural gas fracking near ground water sources. Before

the students debated the pros and cons of these current events they were required to look up as much information as possible to support their opinion. Overall the students did very well on the debates and according to Mr. Blackhurst the students still held strong to their opinions even after the debate.



Students of Rye High School - Sean Daniels

By: **Alex Temmert**

AT: How has your journey through Rye High School been?

SD: It has been a very exciting road and along that road I have made many memories with friends and teams.

AT: You were one of the Captains on the football team and had a great season this year, how excited are you for next year?

SD: I am very excited! We will have everyone back except for our only senior Aaron Doub. There is not

a day that I don't look at football pictures or look for new football camps, so it's easy to say that I am very excited for football next year.

AT: What will your summer consist of?

SD: It will mostly consist of me working and saving lives at the pool. It will also include spending time with friends and having a good time. I am also very excited for this summers football team that we will be taking to football camp.

