

# A Slice of Rye

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## B.I.G. Conference for Agricultural Students a Huge Success for RHS

By: Ariel Pitzer

The annual FFA (Future Farmers of America) conference was held last Thursday at the state fairgrounds in Pueblo, Ms. Heath took 12 first year agriculture and FFA students from Rye to the conference. The conference was held by the Colorado FFA Association and the Mountain Plains Farm Credit Service to combine and make an exciting program called B.I.G. (Becoming Involved as a Greenhand).

B.I.G. was made to inform new FFA members about all of the wonderful opportunities offered once they've joined FFA. FFA offers a number of career development events, awards, and scholarship programs. B.I.G. is one alternative to getting an agriculture education student toward the path of growing personally, attaining leadership skills, and having a successful career.

The B.I.G. conference was presented to the students by their peers—the Colorado State FFA State Officers of 2012 and 2013. There were 150 students at the conference total all from Custer County, Crowley County, Pueblo County, Rye, Fowler, Rocky Ford, and Hoehne. Also held at the conference was an FFA “Boot Camp”. There were seven or eight different workshops with state officers demonstrating communication, risk, opportunity, and leadership.



Pictured above at the B.I.G. conference top left to right: Dalton Hicken, Caleb Camper, Tristan Hamler, Ethan McCracken, Bryce Meyers, and Chance Pope. Bottom row left to right: Sarah Robles, Jayde VanOort, AJ Vinci, Haley Larkin, Allison Meyers, and Faris Blackhurst

Also new to Rye and the FFA/ Agriculture program, Ms. Heath and her students are representing DJ's Fundraising. DJ's Fundraising of Texas provides top quality fundraising products for FFA, band clubs, and chapters. This fundraising program offers a large variety of meat products and cookie products. If you are interested you can see a brochure from Ms. Heath or any of her FFA/ Agriculture students: Chance Pope, Jayde VanOort, Dalton Hicken, Ethan McCracken, Tristan Hamler, Bryce Meyers, A.J. Vinci, Haley Larken, Allison Meyers, Caleb Camper, Sarah Robles, and Faris Blackhurst.



Students participate in team building skills during the conference

## Introducing Mrs. Dodge



### By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

As many people now know, Coach Mac has taken a leave of absence. However, there is a silver lining to this rather stormy cloud. Mrs. Dodge has graciously agreed to attempt to fill Mac's shoes while he is absent.

Mrs. Dodge is a professor at the Colorado Technical University, but, luckily for us, she only works there one day a week because, until recently, she decided to dedicate her time to her children, and spent the past nine years as a stay at home mom. Before she decided to stay home with the kids, Mrs. Dodge taught science at Pleasant View Middle School.

Mrs. Dodge was born and raised in Colorado, and she absolutely loves the outdoors. She isn't perfect however, because she did graduate from County. On the bright side her husband, his parents, and his grandfather all graduated from Rye, so, I suppose we can forgive her for her own graduation faux pas.

Mrs. Dodge is also really into exercise. She says that she misses Heidi Garner's Boot Camp, which took place from 5-6 A.M., terribly, but she was willing to give up her morning exercise in order to educate us. On a slightly sillier note, her current favorite activity is mud runs. Apparently Mrs. Dodge absolutely loves them.

## Family Dollar on the Roll

### By: Keelan Bailey

Colorado City is growing up! We're getting a Family Dollar! Rumors have been floating around the town and about a month ago the lot next to Loaf n Jug was getting a wake up call, when construction workers began to clear the ground on the lot, and when I say "clear the whole ground" I mean clear the whole ground. They had the ground spotless, just dirt was left to get ready for the all-new building.

This is a big step up in our little town to get one of these stores. It will open up a few more job opportunities in the town and make getting things that you would usually have to make a run to Pueblo conveniently close by. It really will make things more convenient for everyone. I think everyone can and will benefit from store. Now if you don't really know anything about Family Dollars they are stores that have great deals all the time. They sell good products for a very good price. They sell things like Health and Beauty Products with Brand names like Pantene, Crest and Old spice. They also sell



household items and they even sell no contract mobile phones and clothing! These are just a few of the hundreds of items that are going to get introduced to our valley with this new store. To learn more about what kinds of products they sell go to: <http://www.familydollar.com/pages/products.aspx>

Hopefully now that we are getting this store we might get some other brand name or big name stores. By getting this store it could set off that chain reaction. The new store is rumored to open sometime around December 31st 2012. There will be more information given soon on a grand opening date. To learn more about these stores and the things they sell please visit: <http://www.familydollar.com>.

### Knowledge Bowl Competition a Success

#### By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

Last Thursday, September 20th, at Central High School the Rye Knowledge bowl team conducted themselves successfully in a fierce competition. While they did not place first the team's performance was rather impressive according to Mr. McGee the team sponsor. They scored in the 30's, a very respectable score for a Knowledge Bowl Competition, and, they defeated their lead rival, Rocky Ford. For those of you who don't know, Knowledge Bowl is an academic competition during which questions are asked in such topics as geography, mathematics, science, history, literature, and the arts. Anyone can participate if they feel so inclined, and before each competition the top 8-9 members are chosen to represent Rye High School. Practices are at lunch on Wednesday's in Mr. McGee's room.

## Survivor Kick-Off

### By: Kacie Anglin

On Monday September 24th students from Rye High School participated in a survivor kick-off that was put on by the RHS staff. If you haven't heard about the survivor project, Rye High School, Craver Middle School, and Rye Elementary are all working together on a project based learning lesson (PBL).

The staff from all three schools got together during the summer to hear information about PBL from the staff from SEBS (School of Engineering and Biomedical Science). Edutopia states "Project-based learning is a dynamic approach to teaching in which students explore real-world problems and challenges. With this type of active and engaged learning, students are inspired to obtain a deeper knowledge of the subjects they're studying." Buck Institute for Education also states "Rigorous projects help students learn key academic content and practice 21st Century Skills (such as collaboration, communication & critical thinking)". You can watch a



Pictured above: Dakotah Cowgill, Andrew Little, Cheyenne Bennett, and Sarah Robles working on their clan flag

Pictured below: Kira, Ty, Bo, Shayla, and Attila working on their wishing well piece.



video at [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMCZvGesRz8&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMCZvGesRz8&feature=player_embedded) if you want to learn more about PBL or you can go to <http://www.bie.org>.

After hearing how SEBS works on the PBL and how much the students learn, all three schools worked together on determining a project for our students to work on. All three staffs decided that the students from the mountain schools would most benefit from a survivor topic, as it closely relates to real-world problems that our students could actually be faced with. The staff also thought that the students would learn "key academic content" in this project.

During the kick-off on Monday, students were put into their clans (their smaller 4-5 student based groups) and tribe (3-4 clans that will work on the project in the same classroom) that was chosen by the staff as well. The staff at RHS thought that it would be better for the students to work with different students from different grades to help build a more positive atmosphere. This will get the students to get out of their comfort zones, learn from new students, get to know different students, and learn how to work through things with students that they don't usually work with.

After the students learned their clans and tribes, the students went to the bleachers to watch a video produced by Mr. Carter and his

## National Honor Society Induction

### By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

The National Honor Society Induction will be October 4. Members of the National Honor Society are selected due to good grades, volunteer work, extracurricular activities, and previous awards and recognition, though the emphasis is on grades. Basically National Honor Society members are well-rounded individuals who excel in school. The induction, which will welcome the newest members into the ranks of the National Honor Society, is semi-formal dress, and there will be a candle lighting ceremony, which is a wonderful tradition that effectively honors the newest members. Please come show your support for these inductees and their accomplishments.

video visual class. The video had several clips from TV reality survivor shows like "Man vs Wild" and "Dual Survivor". The video also had students showing their survivor skills.

Then, the students went outside where they went to seven different stations working together with their new tribes on several survivor and fun activities that the staff created. The clans each made a clan name and a flag to show off their clan, these flags can be seen throughout the hallways of the high school. They also put items in most important order from a plane crash, played a Brain vs. Braun activity,

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# Globally United: See You at the Pole

By: Kaitlyn Caughfield

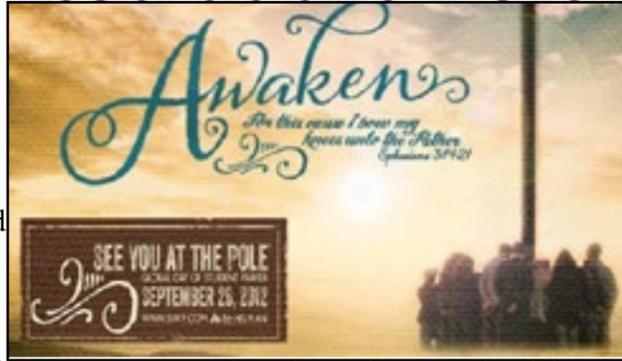
At 7:00 Wednesday morning, September 26, a circle of students stood, heads bowed, hands clasped together in unity, outside of the Student Services entrance. That's right, they were participating in the annual prayer rally known as See You at the Pole.

See You at the Pole began in 1990 when ten students gathered at their school to pray. Since then See You at the Pole has blossomed into a global day of prayer with millions of students from around the world coming together at their

campuses to pray on the fourth Wednesday of September. See You at the Pole, which is student-initiated, student-organized, and student-led, is, according to organizers, simply a prayer rally

where students meet at the school flagpole before school in order to lift of their peers, school, teachers, family, and nation to God.

This year the theme was Awaken, and the Scripture was Ephesians 3:14-21, and, as these students



gathered together outside of the Student Services entrance they kept these two things in mind as they each quietly prayed for their school and all who are in it, and as they thanked their Lord for all that he had done for them.



Photo by Jessica Lauritzen



Photo by Anna Bennett



Photo by Sam Ridings

# Only the Beginning of Much to Come

By Ariel Pitzer

Last Saturday, September 22nd, the cross-country team traveled to Salida where Rick Reidhead finished 13th overall, Faris Blackhurst in 21st, Paul Slade in 45th, and Chance Abert in 55th place. Coach Blackhurst said that his boys ran good races that day, especially Paul and Chance considering they are both first year runners. Samuel Ambler and Nick Marony will soon be joining the team now that the boy's golf season is over. The coach is excited to see what the new additions to the team have in store for their future as a group- hopefully state cross

country.

The team went to Custer County Saturday, the 29th. Coach Blackhurst says that Custer County's team has been edging out on Rye but he hopes that Rye will be able to surprise them. With regionals coming up within a few weeks, Blackhurst has confidence that Samuel and Nick will come out strong and make an impact on the team's success. Paul and Chance are improving more every day, and everyone works extremely hard. He also hopes that a few of them will be able to qualify for state. If not, it will have been a good season regardless.



Photo by Lacey Porter

# Thunderbolt Soccer Faces a Week of Harship

By Ariel Pitzer

Tuesday, September 25th Rye faced the James Irwin Jaguars in a league game at Rye where the Jaguars overwhelmed Rye with a final score of 10-2, making the Thunderbolts 0-5 after Tuesday's game. The following Thursday, the 27th, the Thunderbolts hosted the Alamosa Maroons in a non-league game with a final score of 5-2. With Thursday's loss against Alamosa, Rye dropped to a 0-6 season thus far.

This Tuesday, October 2, Rye

will travel to Fountain Valley in Colorado Springs to challenge the Danes soccer team in a 3A Region 1 match. This is Rye's first year as a varsity soccer squad and head coach, Gabe Bateman, is continuing to do his best as a coach and a leader for the boys to lean on and play their hardest for. Hopefully this Tuesday's game against Fountain Valley will result in a win for Rye and im-



Pictured above: Logan Neumiester makes a great shot on goal earning a point for the 'Bolts

print a positive effect on the 'Bolts current and future season record.



Pictured left: Senior Aaron Doub carries the ball. The football team has had its ups and downs so far this year. Thier record as of today is 2 wins and 3 losses. They beat Ellicot at the homecoming game 54-0, while the following week they lost 35-0 to Buena Vista. The team is still a growing team with several freshman, sophomores, and juniors and one senior. The offensive line has been working really hard and works together well if their mindset is in the right place together as a whole team. The team also has AJ Hall as the kicker this year.

# Volleyball Puts Up a Strong Fight at Home

By Ariel Pitzer

Tuesday, September 25th, the lady T-bolts beat the visiting Las Animas Trojans by a score of 3-1 in a league game. Tuesday night's results of that game made the Trojans' record 3-4 and the Thunderbolts' 8-0. Rye's next test would be hosting the Fowler Grizzlies the following Thursday night, whose record at the time hence was 3-1.

Much to the lady thunderbolts, head coach Tammy VanOort, and all of Rye's attending fans, Fowler

won the conference match by a score of 3-2, making their current season record 4-4 and Rye's now 8-1. The Grizzlies put up a strong fight, making their mark in Rye's consistent winning streak. October 2nd is the Thunderbolt's next test, also a league game at home, against the Hoehne farmers who currently have an overall record of 10-3 and a league record of 6-2. We'll see what this Tuesday has in store for both the Thunderbolts and the Farmers.



Pictured above: Anna Netzer tipping the ball right over the net

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and much more.

The last hour of the day was spent in the classroom that their tribe will be with for the next three weeks. The teacher then explained the project and the students started working on their parts. The students are required to complete the shelter and mapping components. The clans then have the choice of completing two of five other components, scat and tracks, edible and poisonous plants, hunting and trapping, building a fire, and preparing

a meal. These components will then be put into an iBook author interactive book to present to the community and all three schools. Students will receive a grade for their work on the project as well.

All three schools will get together on October 11th to present their survival projects. Each clan will have the chance to present parts of their iBook to the community, family, friends, and peers. The elementary and middle schools will present parts of their presentations as well. The presentations will begin

at 8:30 at Rye High School. Everyone is invited to come join us in this K-12 event.



Pictured above: Mr. Hale explains his survival project of crossing a river with only two boards and your brains. The group members had to all be on the boards at the same time and they had to work together to make it across and figure out how to cross safely.

# Rye High School - 2012 Proposed Bond Projects



## ➤ Front Entrance Security

- Doors electronically controlled by office
- Card-swipe keyless entry system
- ADA compliant door hardware and entry systems

## ➤ Agricultural Sciences & Mechanical Shop Addition

## ➤ Business and Technology Classroom Addition, Eliminate Portable Classrooms

## ➤ Performing Arts Light and Sound Renovation

## ➤ Auxiliary Gym Extension and Locker Room Renovation

## ➤ Window Replacement

## ➤ All Weather Track and Artificial Turf

## ➤ Sewer Repairs

## ➤ Gym Floor Replacement

## ➤ School Intercom System

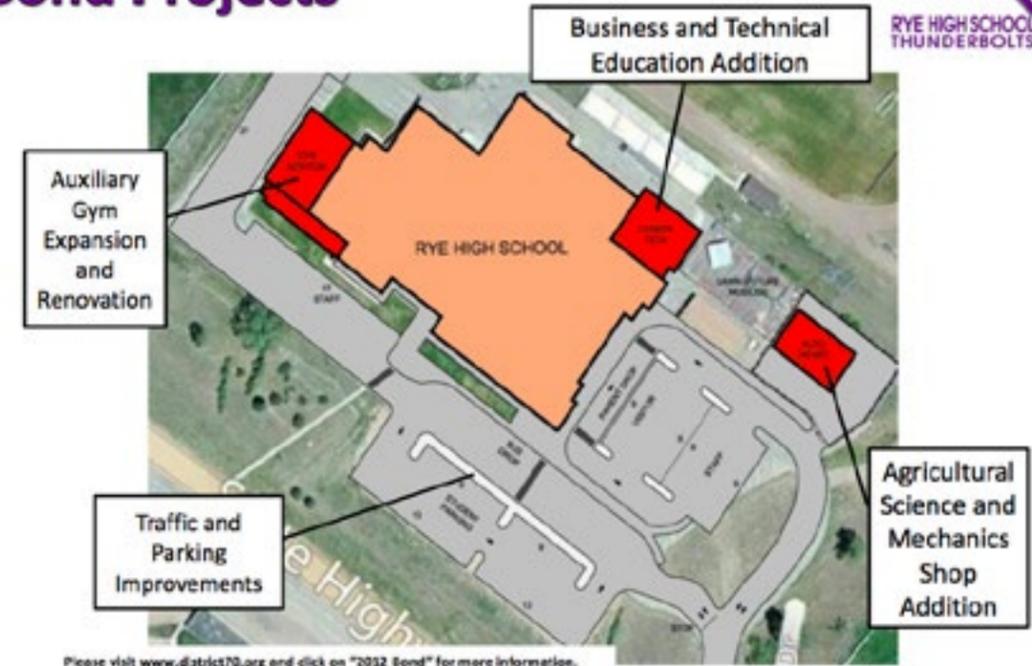
## ➤ Culinary Arts Classroom Renovation

## ➤ Bus Loop & Parking Improvements

## ➤ Tax Impact: No Increase to the Current Bond Tax Rate

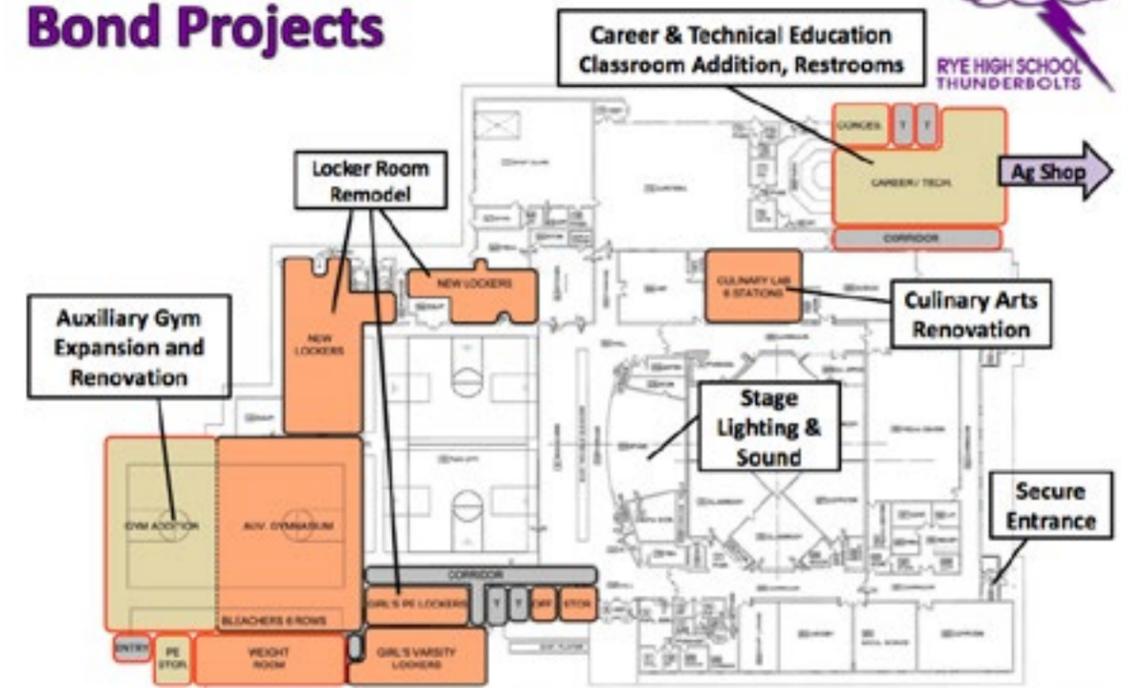
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