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## BEWARE: A Thrilling Art Show Is Coming!

Carolina Demelo

Our school has been gifted with several talented students, many of whom have decided to join this year's annual art show. However, unlike last year's art show, which was in 2023, the art department decided to make this year's show Halloween themed.

Senior Aida Valdez participated in May of 2023's art show as one of the top winners. When it comes to this year's show,

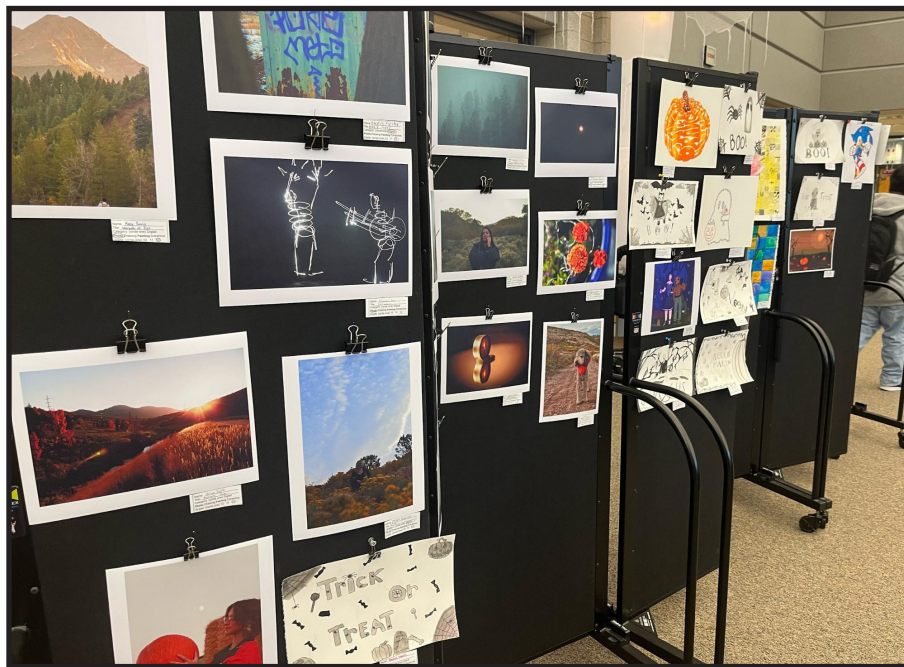


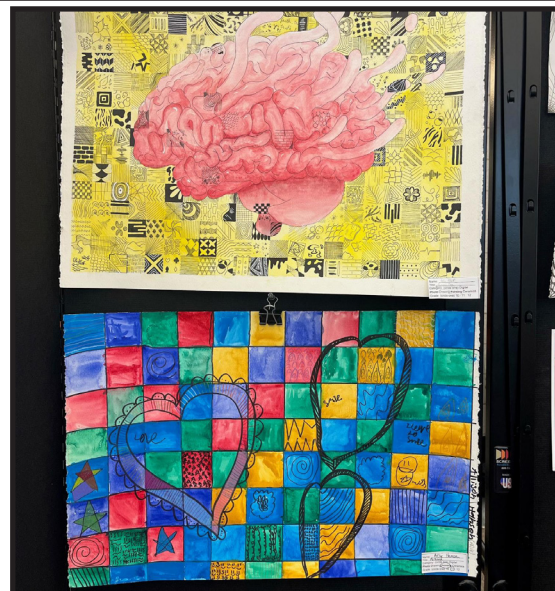
Photo by Garrick Bowers

*This year's first annual Halloween Art Show displayed some spooktacular talent.*



Photo by: Carolina Demelo  
Aspiring Artist, Aida Valdez, paints a piece of her heritage for last year's art show

Photo by Garrick Bowers



Ella Platt's "Brain Fog" and Allie Hansen's "Autumn" masterpieces were two of the submissions that were entered



Photo By: Carolina Demelo

*Spooky season draws out the artistic side of students every year*

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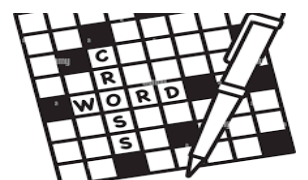


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## RHS Students Take Time to Learn for CTE.

Audrey Tengberg

**H**ave you ever wondered what CTE is and if you should take it? CTE stands for Career Technology Education. It is a class during school. You get to choose a class to help you get college credits.

CTE can impact you and benefit you a lot. Different ways it impacts you is it allows you to see what you want to do in the future without committing to a four year plan. It gives students hope for the future.

Gayle Whitefield, the CTE coordinator, says some benefits of CTE include, helping you in "finding your niche, high demand careers, and learning new skills." It also looks very good on college applications.

How does CTE work? CTE is in and out of school. You can start CTE in 7th grade.

Two of the most popular classes are food and computers. There are so many options to choose from like business and marketing science, auto, woods, health science, photography, and so much more.

CTE is different from academic learning in so many ways. Some of the ways include it's more hands on and it builds off of your interests

CTE has A Career and Technical Education Showcase about every year. Some presenters include Forearm, Utah Valley University, Jenson Companies, Ames Construction, Fedex Freight, Cyprus Credit Union, Americom Technology, and more. The convention this year was October 4th and 5th. Riverton High CTE students were able to attend and present.

Whitefield encourages you

to join CTE. She says "CTE helps to see what they're good at and to learn a new skill."

Anyone can go into a CTE class from 7-12 grade. So when you are thinking about what class to take next year and you want to get college credits, finding out what you want to do in the future, and have hands-on



Photo courtesy of Gayle Whitefield

*RHS CTE students attended the Career and Technical Education Showcase*

## Riverton High Introduces Our New Admins

Ty Tsosie

This year we have new teachers, new students and also new admins: Austin Howarth, Marni Davis and Brady Bartholemew.

Howarth taught 5 years in Granite School District where he taught 7th and 8th grade science.

He wants students to believe that they can succeed—that there are many obstacles in life, but you can overcome them and accomplish anything.

*"There is no growth in the comfort zone and no comfort in the growth zone."*

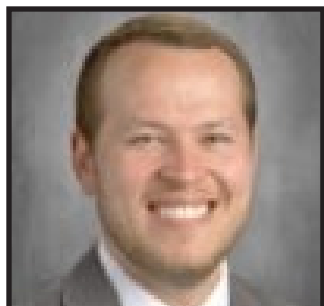
Dr. Davis worked at West Hills Middle School as an assistant principal for the last 4 years. She taught a variety of grades and levels in English Language Arts for 14 years Composition, and CE English 101 for USU. She has also taught and coached debate for 8 years. She loves attending the events that are being held and the school spirit that we have here at Riverton.

Reflecting on being an administrator, Davis thinks "good leaders serve the people they lead."

Before coming here to RHS, Mr. Bartholomew was at Mountain Ridge High School. Before that, he had been a teacher for 15 years before being an administrator. Now he is here with us at RHS where he says the students and faculty have been amazing and so welcoming.

Bartholomew wants to get to know the faculty, staff, and as many students as possible.

*"I have always enjoyed working with the youth, so I figured teaching would be a great fit for me."*



Photos Courtesy of Lifetouch

## Riverton High School has a Blast at Shakespeare Competition

Aubrey Drussel

On October 5-7, Riverton High School, under the direction of one of our theater teachers, Erin McGuire, competed in the Shakespeare Competition in Cedar City.

When asked, cast members seemed optimistic about the performance. Senior Jimmy Empey, Thespian Officer and ensemble member in *Much Ado about Nothing* said one of the most important things in the competition is "Making sure we all work as a team... [the] ensemble makes the performance" Others said that they typically have a lot of fun during Shakespeare Competition and that it's "a great trip to

go on". Senior Morgan Walker, also a Thespian Officer and Benedict in the play, shared a similar sentiment saying, "I love theater, I love the trip, I love spending time with the people who go with us."

Shakespeare Competition is a theater competition and trip, in which students go and compete with multiple monologues, smaller (about 3 person) scenes, and of course Shakespeare's play which this year is *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Another part of Shakespeare Competition is Tech Olympics, where technical theater students can compete in timed challenges in their chosen fields of technical theater. Riverton High School

traditionally does extremely well in the Tech Olympics and consistently scores in the top 5. It seems that all parts of the competition are fun to watch and to be a part of. Many people who go to the competition one year choose to go back the next year, if they're able.

Overall, Shakespeare Competition and all the things that go with it are quite enjoyable for Riverton High School students. It's a great opportunity to socialize and dig deep into your interests. Many students really enjoy it and it shows in their performance. They like being able to get out of their comfort zones and enjoy their passion while at it. It really does seem that these students had, and always have, a blast.



*Photo courtesy of Mia Bagley*

*Mia Clark acts her heart out for the Shakespeare Competition*

## Need Help "Drigging" Up a Scholarship?

Liliya McDaniel

As school starts again, everyone needs to know the resources they can use! Ms. Driggs is here on Thursdays and Fridays to meet with students about scholarship opportunities. No matter your grade level Ms. Driggs can help you. In fact, the sooner you meet with her the better!

She offers an understanding of scholarships including how to find them, how they work, what types there are, and how to navigate them. She helps students understand the difference between academic and private scholarships.

Students should first work towards getting academic scholarships as they usually give out the most mon-

ey. The younger you are, the more time you have to change your grades, take the ACT multiple times, and complete requirements for increasing your chances of getting an academic scholarship.

To set up an appointment then scan the QR code (hung up around the counseling center) you would use to set up an appointment with your counselor. Because of her limited schedule, sign up soon if you want to meet with her! Her office is one of the main desks in the counseling center.

College-bound students should be taking "JATC, AP, and concurrent enrollment classes you are giving yourself a scholarship." It costs about 15 dollars to take a class

now compared to the 1,000 you would pay in college.

Ms. Driggs helps students find ways that work for them to pay for college. If you have a will, there is a way.



*Photo courtesy of Riverton High Website*

*Ms. Driggs welcomes everybody to meet with her about their future!*



*Photo by Liliya McDaniel*

*When you meet with Ms. Driggs, you will meet with her here.*



## You Need to Read *The Last House On Needless Street*

Liliya McDaniel

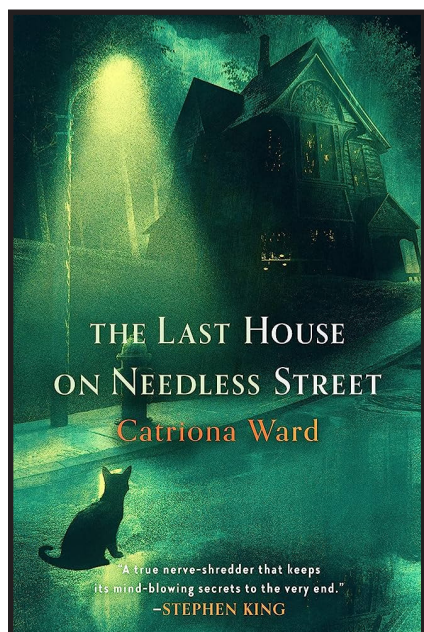


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com

*The Last House on Needless Street is not only a great Halloween book, but for any time you want good thrill.*

“If one thing comes to light, others follow. They are like that, secrets, they move in flocks like birds.” Catriona Ward’s *The Last House On Needless Street* is a great book for any season. It surprised me considering I picked it up, saw a cat as a narrator, and immediately put it back. I had the misconception that if a talking animal was in the book, it must be a kid’s book. This book is definitely not a children’s book. Ted Bannerman lives in the last house on Needless Street with his cat and daughter.

A few houses down, lives Dee Walters who is still traumatized from her sister’s disappearance, and for some reason, he thinks Ted is involved.

I read most of this book in a short amount of time. What really captured me was not only the plot twists and characters, but also the writing style. The multiple narrators were very distinct and I was interested in what they all had to say. Overall, I had a lot of fun trying to figure out secrets the characters had. With all of this said, this

book is not for everyone. Abuse is present in the book and the book centers around a missing little girl.

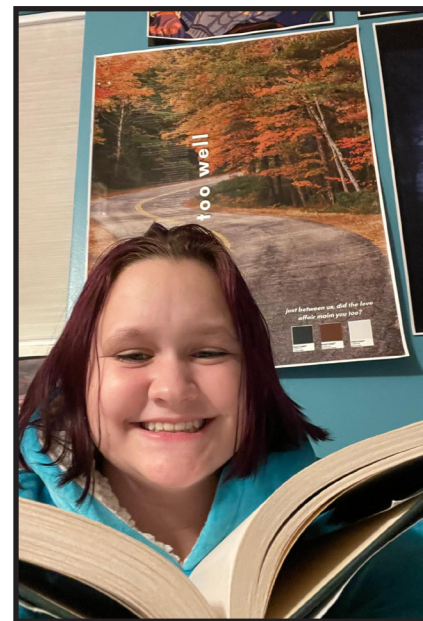


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*I would recommend not only The Last House On Needless Street, but other Catriona Ward books like Sundial and Looking Glass Sound.*

## Senior Growing Opinions

Megan Fowles



Photo courtesy of Salt Lake Tribune

*Riverton High School illuminated Sign*

Senior year for many is considered the most exciting year of the high school experience.

For many it is the “Disney” year that’s full of proms and football games. According to Isabella Lovato, “senior year is exciting, and a time to change and grow.” The year is meant to help you learn what you would like to

do after high school and help you grow into a young adult.

As the year goes on, many of us will understand the importance of independence.

On the flip side, Griffin Henry states “it is good in a bad way, we spent the last two years in high school and now we are about to end it.”



## Is it a Smart Thing to Graduate Early?

Emery DeLuca

Some high school students want to live the high school life and never want to let it go. But some students can't wait to graduate, wanting to start their lives early. Is this a good or a bad thing?

There are some advantages to graduating early. Clayton Buhler, an 11th grader who is graduating in June of 2024 said "I had so much fun during highschool and made so many memories, but graduating early makes it so I can start my life as soon as possible."

The main reason people want to graduate early is so they can start their lives, get to college

earlier, start their careers. Annalissa Underhill who is a 12th grader that is graduating a half a year early said "I'm not the biggest fan of school and I just want to start my life. There are classes you can take to work on things like credit recovery, Gap, and extra credit packets that you can get to help you graduate early."

With there being so many options in schools to help you graduate why wouldn't you want to? There's obviously some down sides to graduating early, too. Some kids are more stressed than others and it could be easy for you to get behind. Melinda Van Komen, a lan-

guage arts teacher here at Riverton High school said "It really depends on your motivation to get things done and how good your able to prioritize your time to be able to get things done by the deadlines, When graduating early there are some skills you need to have to be successful like prioritizing, organizing, and motivation. "I have to do 12 bonus packets and have 4 extra classes on top of my 8 classes," says Clayton

If you are willing to do the work, then graduating early may just be the thing for you, but if not, maybe it's not the best option for you. So many people have differ-

ent opinions on this issue. They may be very against it or they may be very on board with it. Regardless of when you graduate, having a plan for your future is a great way to be successful.



Photo by Emery DeLuca

Clayton Buhler and Annalissa Underhill playing it cool for their last bit of school

## Be "In" High School While you Are In!

Emery DeLuca

High school is full of so many different things and activities. There are so many different groups of people you can put yourself around. Such as going to sporting events, clubs, fundraisers, plays, concerts etc. There are so many ways that you can be involved within your high school. Shane Busdicker, a history teacher at Riverton High, gave some advice to students to make our high school experience better: "Make sure you get involved, don't be that person who stays home and does nothing, go be a part of sports, student sections, Silver Rush, club activities, etc."

Being involved is what is going to make your high school experience worth it. Go to school dances, go be in

those student sections, those little things can create memories that you will cherish for a lifetime. Busdicker said "I definitely lived my highschool life to the fullest. I played 3 sports and went to every single activity I could. The only regret is that I wish I could go back and spend more time with my friends before we graduated and went our separate ways."

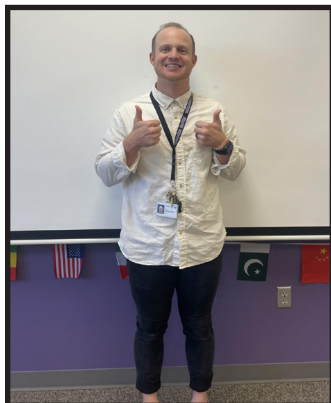


Photo by: Emery DeLuca

Shane Busdicker giving a thumbs up to Riverton high



Photo by Nex Seguin

High school is a great time to have new experiences with other like-minded people in sports, clubs, or extracurricular activities





## Riverton High Students Look Forward to Moments They Live For

Garrick Bowers

As the SBO's excitedly introduce this year's theme, "*These Are The Moments We Live For*," students give their view on what moments they live for.

The theme is to empower students and help them live in the moment. After all, students only get 3 years at Riverton High. Maycee Stewart, Senior, says she really loves "hanging out with my friends and just living in the moment."

Senior and SBO, Ivory Taylor, has been at Riverton High for a while and has made many memories here at school. Taylor said she loves "going to football games. They're so fun!"

Sophomores and juniors have more time than the seniors here at Riverton High, and they are looking forward to making more memories. Events like Silver Rush, football games, and more excite students for the rest of school. Sophomores, Liberty Petersen, says she is



Photo courtesy of Dan Kelley

*Students celebrate school spirit at the first home football game.*

"so excited for Silver Rush." She claims she has "been waiting since like sixth grade!"

As students at Riverton High go through another school year, they prepare to experience The Moments We Live For.



Photo courtesy of Ellie Wallis

*The new theme is introduced as "These are the Moments We Live For"*

## Riverton Students Can't Wait for Dances and Silver Rush

Aubrey Drussel

This year, students of all grades at Riverton High School talked about the moments we live for.

Interviewed sophomores seemed incredibly excited for school dances, hanging out with friends, and one source jokingly stated that they were excited for sluffing.

This is a far cry from the moments that the juniors and seniors loved from Riverton which seemed to be more sentimental moments, with Silver Rush brought up over and over. Junior, Clarrissa Escobar, shared about Silver Rush, "We were all just working together."

The overwhelming majority of students shared that they enjoyed spending these moments with friends, as well as new people. Senior, Ellie Wallis, who is the Artist SBO, phrased it as "Ideally with the whole school... the more the merrier." Overall, new Riverton students seemed very hope-

ful. Meanwhile, old students seem to have loved it at Riverton and are excited to continue attending. Riverton High School appeals to all kinds of people who love it, deeply.



Photo courtesy of Riverton High School Facebook

*Image of students celebrating at the 2022-23 Silver Rush Banner Drop.*



Photo courtesy of rhs\_silverwolves instagram

*Photo of students enjoying their last moments at 2023 RHS Senior Dinner Dance.*

## The Senior Life

Emery DeLuca

High school is filled with so many highs and lows, but it flies by so fast. One day you are walking into the school as a little sophomore; then, before you know it, you are walking through those doors one last time before you go on with your life.

There is so much going on in high school that you never really think of how fast time is going by until you are almost done. Kennedy Simmons, a 12th grader at Riverton High school, said "my high school experience was so much fun it definitely flew by faster than

I thought it would. It honestly makes me sad." Yeah, some students can't wait to get out of high school but others aren't so sure they want to leave. Maihson Brown, a 12th grader, said "I'm glad I got to experience high school so I'm sad to leave, but I'm also excited to start my life." There are a lot of mixed emotions about it all.

It is definitely easy to get so caught up in school that you forget to live your life, but it is also so easy to live your life that you forget about school, which could leave you with some regrets and wishing you did more

than what you did. "I wish I joined FFA or a club sooner, or did some sort of sport," Simmons said. There are so many different activities that you could get involved in. You are more likely to have a better high school experience if you are involved in something.

Growing up can be scary and going through school is definitely hard and managing all of your time between work, sports, school, and all around life. Maihson and Kennedy both agreed on some advice for anyone in high school or coming into high school, "If I have any

advice to give is to take all your required classes early and be involved! It will make the high school experience worth it"



Photo by Emery DeLuca

*Maihson Brown and Kennedy Simmons enjoying the senior life*



## The Teachers At Riverton are... Youthful!?

Carolina Demelo

The teachers here at Riverton High School are youthful and borderline legendary. Here at Riverton, we often look at the camaraderie found among students, but often overlook the camaraderie that teachers share. Language Arts teacher, Ms. Murdock, brought on this thought by stating how one of her favorite moments was “The time Mr. Henriksen was riding his scooter in the hallway after school and ran full speed into a series of lockers.”

The drama instructor and director here at Riverton, Mr. Eaton, has also commented on another humorous event he hasn’t forgotten and said, “When the school first opened, the Sylvester Mascot costume wasn’t done so for the 1st few assemblies we had “Spirit Boy” running around the gym in silver tights, purple boxers and a purple mask as our mascot.” It seems like the school mascot has changed quite a bit. If it’s been for better or worse, that remains to be seen.

Science Teacher and Swim Coach, Mr. Powers, has a different take on his favorite moment. He shifts his attention to his students, and how they stay close to his heart. “My favorite moment(s) at Riverton are whenever any former students come in to say hi to me.” If you have had Mr. Powers as a teacher, drop by to say hi! He’ll appreciate it.

Science Teacher, Ms. Owens’, Response had a similar heartwarming effect. To her, one of the most special moments at RHS was “When I told my students I was pregnant, I had them brainstorm names for my unborn son. Some of them really made me laugh including Todd

Packer, Demarcus, Antatakoumbo, Fortnite Battle, and Owen... in Owen Owens.”

Lastly, beloved business and finance Teacher, Ms. Morrey, replied “My favorite moments here at Riverton High School have been when I learn from my students. As a teacher, my job is to teach students, but more times than I can count, my students have taught me. They may not teach me about business and finance, instead they teach me about humanity and kindness, perseverance and determination. Teenagers are so much more than so-

ciety makes them out to be!” What a kind and thoughtful thing to say! The best teach-

er is also one who is willing to learn, themselves. Indeed, the RHS teachers are legendary.



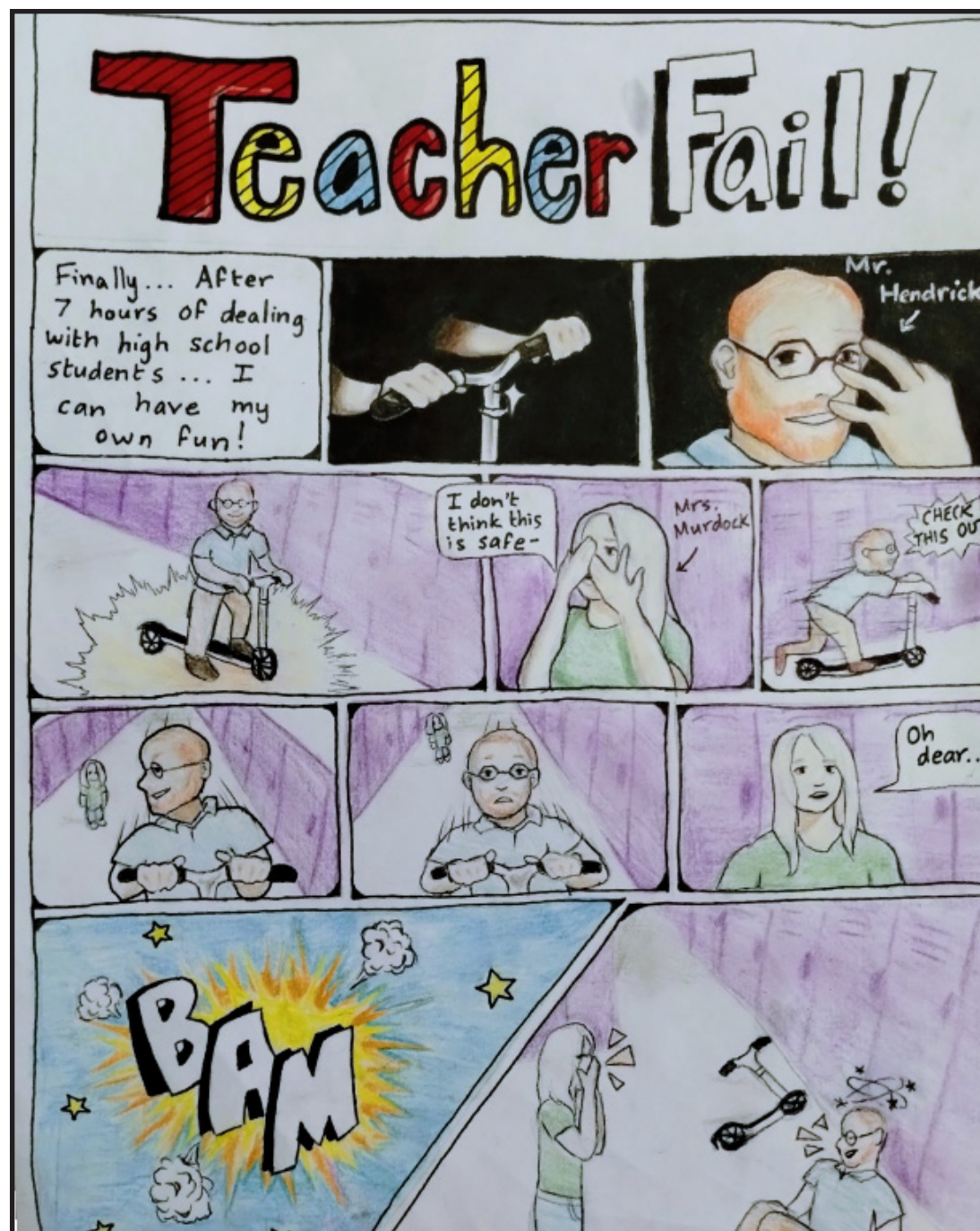
Photo By: Lars Larson

*Mr. Hendrickson’s natural humor and charisma revealed.*



Photo By: Carolina Demelo

*he “New and improved” Sylvester Mascot*



Comic By Teue Tatireta





## LOCALIZZLE THE RHIZZLE PART 2: ROCK ON WITH *INEXPERIENCED*

Nex Seguin

During the 2005-2006 school year there was an article series called *Localizzle the Rhizzle* by Ronald Prince that brought spotlight to local bands and trends here and around Riverton High School.

I plan to bring this column back starting with the punk rock band, *Inexperienced*, which is led by Senior Oliver Schoter, Junior Judson Mills, and Junior Lincoln Farr. Mills and Farr started their band in middle school with Schoter joining them last October. *Inexperienced*

has performed at Battle of the Bands last year and they plan to do so again this year.

They also have an Instagram account under the name *inexperinced.official* where they have posted past performances and they also have merch with their band logo on the front.

If you're a fan of punk rock definitely check out their Instagram page for a taste of their music which I know personally I would take a listen to. If you're part of a band or know someone who is, feel free to let me know by emailing [kelli.frank@jordan-district.org](mailto:kelli.frank@jordan-district.org) and I'll feature them in the next article of *Localizzle the Rhizzle Part 2*



Photo by: Oliver Schoter

*Schoter, Mills, and Farr soundchecking before Battle of the Bands.*

## Creative Writing Club Invites YOU to Join Their Club

Garrick Bowers

Did you know Riverton High has a Creative Writing Club? Every Wednesday at 2:30 the Creative Writing Club comes together to play games, eat snacks, and, of course, write. The Creative Writing Club is always welcoming people to join their club-including you!

This eccentric club looks forward to events and competitions, including the "Short Story" competition, and "Writer's Competition" where a curious author competes against their peers for the number one winner.

Advisor, Ms. Rivera, asks the question "Do you have a story in your brain that's been sitting there since elementary school? If so, this is a sign. Come to Creative

Writing Club after school to be with motivated people who will encourage you to realize your inner author."

Whether you have always been writing, just started, or have never written at all, the club excitedly welcomes new members. The creative writing club "has something magical" about it. "It's almost become



Photo by Garrick Bowers

*The Creative Writing Club forms a circle to discuss future events.*

something like a necessity", says President of the club, Jillian Brady (Sr).

Brady is working on a fantasy novel called *Dragon Riders of Venaira*, and hopes to make a four novel series. Similarly, Junior Amber Cruz, the club's Communications Manager, has been seriously writing since she was 14. She works primarily on poetry and has finished works like *A Raven in the Streets*.

Officers and members of the club enjoy connecting with each other and bonding over their writing. Whether it's a silly story, a writing game, or a competition, there is always laughter in this club.

Ms. Rivera, a former student and now teacher at Riverton High, says that she "didn't have a creative writing club like this" and that if there were that she "probably would have been more

productive" in her writing.

If you just want to come for the snacks, or you want to write, come to the Creative Writing Club and let your imagination run free.



Photo by Garrick Bowers

*Ms. Rivera (Advisor) writes a story of her own.*



## 2023-24's New Hope Squad Spreads Kindness Throughout Riverton High

Garrick Bowers



Photo courtesy of Joshua Luchs.

*The new Hope Squad comes together and introduces themselves to students.*

As a new school year starts, Riverton High's new Hope Squad is preparing for exciting events this school year, including the Suicide Awareness assembly featuring Taryn Hiat we had in early September. The new officers are excited to help the students of RHS and create a sense of unity here at Riverton High.

The new officers of Hope Squad are as follows: Ashlyn Smiley (President), Gabbie Lundberg (Vice President), Hyllari Astin (Secretary), Robert Rassmussen (Student Relations), Ashley Hopper and Alyse Pearson (Social Media), Halle Bowcutt (Sophomore Rep.), Ele-

na Park (Junior Rep.), and Zander Allred (Senior Rep.).

Hope Week this year will be March 4-9 and will have many fun activities and events for students to participate in. This includes a pledge wall and the annual Hope Walk at Riverton High on March 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Students will walk from Riverton High to the corner of the intersection of Redwood Rd and 12600 S.

Ashlyn Smiley said she joined Hope Squad because "it helps everyone feel like they're able to be heard and that they have someone to turn to." The Hope Squad will prepare fun activities for Hope Week this March.

## Sophomore Stories: Riverton High Unveiled

Tyler Mower

Transitioning into high school can be both exciting and daunting, and four 10th-grade sophomores at Riverton High School -Colin Doyle, Mack Wahin, Gavin Moore and James Larson- share their opinions on the experience.

Colin Doyle values the friendships he's made and the support of the teachers at Riverton. As a member of the Riverton Rugby Club since 9th grade, he feels a strong sense of belonging. However, like many students, he wishes for more time in between classes to walk to his next class.

Mack Wahlin describes Riverton High as "The chilliest high school in Utah." He actively participates in the Riverton Rugby Club and the sophomore football team and suggests that school starts later in the day.

Gavin Moore, an Oquirrh Hills Middle School graduate, holds a laid back view of the school saying "nothing needs changing, really."

James Larson, believes that RHS is in dire need of a new lunch room due to the amount of students packed in the room. Larson also appreciates the amount of extracurriculars here.

In summary, Riverton High School provides a diverse experience of its students as seen through the perspective of Doyle, Wahlin, Moore and Larson. While some students may thrive in extra curricular activities, others have a more relaxed approach to the school. However, Riverton High continues to shape its students, offering opportunities for both academic and personal growth.



Photo by: Tyler Mower

*James Larson and Landon Lewis play it cool in the gym*



## Friendships in Girls Lacrosse are Long-Lasting and They are Looking for More Friends!

Teue Tatireta

Riverton High School offers many sports teams, including: football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and even lacrosse! For those who are not very familiar with lacrosse, players use netted sticks to carry, toss, and shoot a ball across a field in an attempt to make a goal. Opposing teams have their own goalie as well.

Right now, Riverton's girls lacrosse team is looking for new recruits! The team's coaches are Silvia Smith and Joey Hughes. There are about 30 girls between the junior varsity and varsity teams combined. When asked why students should join girls lacrosse, Isabel Simonsen said, "People should join because it is a fun physical sport. The environment is fun, and all the girls on the team are amazing!" Though the team may be small, it doesn't mean that friendships are small or brief on the team. The members are very welcoming. Some have been friends for years and will have life long friendships.

If you're wanting to meet new people and have fun while playing a sport, then girls lacrosse could be for you! In order to join, you have to attend their open gym and tryouts. Tryouts will begin in early March, and the next open gym will start on January 1. They hold practice here at

Riverton High School from 5-7 P.M., 5 days a week. Since there are not many girls on the team, cuts are small, and you would have a high chance of making the team! If you have more questions, reach out to the coaches or team members.

Even if you are not entirely sure if you want to try out, you can still come to their open gym to get a brief perspective of what lacrosse would be like! University of Utah, Utah Valley University, and Brigham Young University have women's lacrosse, so starting now could be a

great beginning if you see a future leaning towards lacrosse!



Photo Courtesy of: Isabel Simonsen

*Isabel posing as her team's goalie*

## Believe and Achieve: RDT

Raylee Jensen

The Riverton Drill Team has been working hard to have a successful year. With their new coach, Cori Grey, and 44 members, 5 freshman, 15 sophomores, 12 juniors, and 12 seniors have been practicing throughout the summer. One member of the drill team, Olivia Maynard, said the coaches "push us to be our best".

The drill team theme this year is *Believe to Achieve*. This applies to all aspects of their life, not just dance. They use this quote to draw motivation from and to set goals.

The drill team is one of the many sports teams at Riverton that showcase the talent of our school. The team got the opportunity to perform at an RSL halftime with many other drill teams. They also help build school spirit by performing alongside cheer and dance company during football games and assemblies.

They not only perform at school events, but also participate in many competitions throughout the year. At these competitions they are judged

in several categories: dance, military, pom, and show. Their show-piece this year is the Grim Reaper and team members say it's a strong piece that is going to stand out.

The president of the drill team is Ellie Wallace and the vice president is Abbie Williams. There are many other officers of the drill team including Ydsan P Saavedra, Sadi Hague, Brooklyn Hoopes,

Kamryn Orgill, Aubrey Jex, Brianna Clough, Camri Sohm, Lexi Manzanares, Gracie Clark, and Rajeigh Keller. Some of their responsibilities as officers include strikes, attendance, organization, and being a good leader and example.

The team would love your support at their competitions this year. Good Luck RDT!



Photo courtesy of: Dave Brewer

*The drill team is working hard to prepare for competition season*



## Mrs. Wallace Lights up her Classroom with her Bright Smile

Alese Loevlie

**M**rs. Wallace teaches ASL 1, 2, and 3 Honors. She isn't only passionate about ASL but also mental health awareness. She cares about her students' well-being and she advocates for mental health. senior Amber Leggett in 3 honors, says "Wallace can be both a teacher and a safe person/space to go to when you need someone and

encourages those who need help, to ask for it." It makes sense that if Mrs. Wallace wasn't a teacher, she would be a counselor.

Instead, she found her love of teaching when she taught a university class and enjoyed connecting with her students.

She has been a teacher for four years, three of those years being here at Riverton High.

She met her husband, Andrew, at Jimmy Johns (her previous job). They have been married for a year and have a one-year old son named Owen.

Tyler Kevern, senior, in Wallace's 3 honors class stated that "the most important thing I learned from Mrs. Wallace is

to put yourself out there and be confident". He also mentioned that "if you need to talk about something, Wallace is the teacher that will listen and help without a hesitation."

Another student, Sophia Snow, senior, also in 3 honors said "Wallace is the best teacher ever! You can always count on her and talk to her." She also stated that "I will always and forever remember her".

It's clear that Mrs. Wallace has made an impact on many of her students. She goes above and beyond just teaching and treats every student with respect.



Photo courtesy of Mrs. Wallace

*Mrs. Wallace shows up with a smile on her face and a passion for teaching.*

## Come Party with People of the Pacific!

Teue Tatireta

**P**.O.P. club stands for People of the Pacific. To be more specific, what the club means by "pacific" are islands within the Pacific Ocean. These islands can include: Fiji, Hawaii, Kiribati, Samoa, Tonga, etc. This does not mean that only people who can participate in this group need the ethnicity or race of Pacific Islander. Anyone is welcome in this club. In fact it is highly encouraged for anyone to come join them! The main goal of the group as stated on their participation form is, "to prepare students to be leaders within a variety of communities, careers, higher education institutions and within families by focusing on the cultures of the Pacific Islands." The club meets every Friday at 1:20 in room 1521, Mr. Au's classroom. Mr. Au serves as the club's advisor. Lei Barrett is president, Fedora Taetu is vice president, Zayna Tuimaseve is secretary, and Kakolosi Tuione is the first counselor.

On September 15, they held their first meeting together as a club. Though the group is small, they are still welcoming others to come party with the club! There are plenty of treats to share including donuts, candy, etc. There were lots of leftovers on the first day but they hope to have enough people so that there's not a single crumb left!

What's a People of the Pacific club without some music? Mr. Au played his ukulele and sang while students got to know each other and enjoyed their treats. He also discussed

with students that adults will come and present about the cultures from their Pacific Island, so students can become more familiar with the different cultures. When asked why students should join this club he stated that "it's an extra-curricular club, it's not just for fun, it can teach students how to be leaders and other important skills." The club used to be in Riverton a couple of years ago, but it was not able to continue because there were hardly enough students who attended. But this year it was brought

back because they have more students! Yet they still want more. Mr. Au, the presidency of P.O.P., and the students who have already joined the club are striving to invite and inform other students to come and join the club!

Another perk of this club, besides the treats and music, is that the club's schedule can be flexible for students. You are able to arrive late just in case you have something to do in Pack-Time or anything else. You can go there for just a half an hour and leave early if you have to. Though, if you want the full experience, try to be on time! Come and try out the club, even just for one day! Everyone will always be welcome to the club. If you're not interested in the club yourself but you know someone who might want to be involved, introduce them! P.O.P. is a great club and has plenty of opportunities to grow if there are more students involved, The more the merrier! Come and give People of the Pacific a try!



Photo by: Teue Tatireta

President Lei and Vice President Fedora chilling in front of the Tongan Flag!



Photo by: Teue Tatireta

Mr. Au being the DJ of People of the Pacific



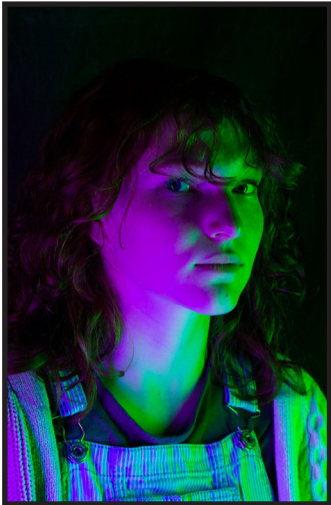
Picture This: Brackstyn Whitlock Has an Eye for Photography

Liliya McDaniel

Brackstyn Whitlock, a senior, found his love of photography as a sophomore during AP Photography. He “kind of fell in love with the medium. I’ve never been all that good at art, so finding something that lets me express myself in a way that I’m good at was a really good thing for me.” Brackstyn has used a variety of different cameras, but right now he is learning film on a Nikon, which was left for him by his great grandfather. When it comes to his style of photography, he focuses on portrait photography. He “fell in love with the idea of extreme colors and how they can show the emotions that we experience. I think it’s a very tangible way to show that inter conflict

that everyone has.” He is always looking for opportunities to explore new styles and work with new people because, “I think that’s the only way to continue growing as an artist.” Although he loves photography, Brackstyn doesn’t see it as a viable career at the moment, but instead will try to pursue it on the side. He is hoping to attend medical school and become a psychiatrist. Even though, “this may not be something I do forever, but for now I’m very grateful to have photography as a way to express myself.” Other than photography, Brackstyn is involved in the theater program at Riverton High, he loves learning about psychology, loves to sing, and play video games. He has “personally enjoyed every moment of my three math classes with Mr. Murphy (or at least the moments I choose to remember.)” Mr.

Murphy has been a mentor and friend to Brackstyn throughout high school. Brackstyn is “eternally grateful to him for all the time and kindness he’s offered.” Follow Brackstyn’s photography Instagram at [brackstyn\\_whitlock](#).



Photos Courtesy of Brackstyn Whitlock  
Brackstyn Whitlock plays with a variety of lighting, setting the mood for the photos.

Get To Know Your Teachers

Down

Across

- 1. Marketing, Real Estate, and Personal Finance teacher who likes to watch plants grow
- 2. History teacher who has lived in Hawaii
- 3. Health Education 2 teacher who was the softball coach here from 2003-2013
- 5. ASL teacher who grew up with 5 coyotes as pets
- 7. Math teacher who is from South Africa
- 9. Math teacher who graduated from RHS
- 10. Government, Ap Euro, and World History teacher who was in 2 ska bands in the 2000’s. They made albums, toured US and had a song featured on Yo Gabba Gabba
- 12. Biology and Zoology teacher who in college taught ski school to 4-5 yr olds

Crossword puzzle grid with 14 numbered squares. Includes icons: a potted plant, a cat, and an eye.

- 4. English teacher who has seen every episode of golden girls 15 times
- 6. Choir teacher who has never broken a bone
- 8. Math teacher who enjoys contact improv dance
- 11. English teacher who is a Swiss citizen
- 13. Drama teacher who owns a hotdog costume
- 14. Spanish teacher who has different colored eyes

