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## Spotting Silvester!

Etano Johnson

*Silvester Silverwolf has gotten his paws into the school paper, and has been putting his muzzle between the pages of the articles! Help us find him and clean up his mess!*

**S**ilvester Silverwolf has been Riverton High School's mascot since its founding in 1999. Around the same time, SilverScribe started covering RHS's history: recording club progression, sport successes, and policy shifts.

For twenty-two years, Silvester has been the school's logo and mascot, appearing at school games, around campus, and on school documents, includ-

ing our articles. Over time, RHS has updated and changed its traditions with each graduating class, adding and shifting school values. Silvester is no exception. In SilverScribe alone, the silverwolf motif has already



*Silvester in SilverScribe 1999*  
Photo courtesy of RHS SilverScribe records


undergone four changes since the first class graduated, the longest of which lasted eight years from 2005-2013. For a long time, it was common to find the wolf positioned somewhere in the headline, either



*Silvester 2025 logo*  
Photo courtesy of Riverton High

beside the title as an emblem or placed as a background. More recently, however, Silvester has slowly faded out of SilverScribe front covers, shrinking more into the background. In 2021, Silvester switched roles with a newer, more modern letter design and was redesigned for the fifth time into the current purple side profile seen on sports shirts and around campus.

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## The Day of Giving Alondra Valenzuela

Twice a Year, Riverton prepares to come together and help our school look as beautiful as it can be. Saturday, September 14, 2024 was the first day this year that our students were able to come together and help our school look magnificent!

Silverwolf Day of Service is a day where everybody and anybody should find a way to help our community out. Whether it is helping out at the school, helping out a neighbor, or helping out in a nursing home, you are making a difference with something as simple as helping out your school and community.

Participating in Silverwolf Day of Service can also benefit you in many ways including getting hours towards attendance school or helping you earn points toward the Silverwolf Medallion for graduation!

SBO Advisor, Katherine Borgmeier is part of the staff that helps out with this day, "Silverwolves are Service minded and we encourage all silverwolves to engage in service everyday." Borgmeier describes how this day was made to provide an opportunity to bring our students and our community together to serve together. Borgmeier believes that it would be awesome to have kids show up because they are excited to provide service to our Riverton community and take pride in their school. Borgmeier also clarifies how they hold this opportunity on two different days, one day in September and another day in April.

Science Teacher, Aimee Owens, is also part of the staff that helps out with this day. Owens explains a few of the things that they do to help clean

the school like picking up trash, pulling weeds, and cleaning the Riverton High School football stadium. Owens also explains how it is an important day because it creates a culture of leaving things better than when you got there. Owens believes that students should get involved by attending this day and helping out because it helps students meet new peers and feel happy because of their support that they offer to the school. She recommends students wait with anticipation for this day by setting a reminder and planning accordingly.

Teachers are in charge of getting the supplies like the garbage bags and gloves that everyone will be able to use. Both Owens and Borgmeier express that they hope they see this idea of the Silverwolf Day of Service continue to show and thrive throughout many years and generations to come.

If you desire to join this amazing cause, the next Silverwolf Day of Service will be held on Saturday, April 19th, 2025 from 9am-12pm. We hope this event inspires you to go out there and make the school a better place with your help. Come on Silverwolves - let us make a change!



Photo courtesy of Riverton High School Homepage

RHS students helped to clean up the school grounds in September 2024

## Digging It Up With The Volleyball

Shelby Martinez

A new school year is an exciting time for many students; new classes, new friends, and new schedules. For a group of students, this also means a new season of volleyball.

Players have worked very hard in preparation for making the team and for what lies next- a competitive volleyball schedule. Volleyball is a team sport, and each player has dedicated their time and worked very hard to achieve their high level of athleticism. It is a sport that takes a lot of hard work, commitment,

and dedication. Devoted fans also look forward to a great year.

Junior, Ella Danielson said her goals for this year's team is to, "get better at playing volleyball and have fun." Danielson has been playing volleyball for Riverton since her freshman year. She practices at the gym and with Club V and in doing so, she aims to, "get better at playing and to be with her friends."

Senior, Aislynn Maughan said that she learns best from all her teammates: "they all have their own view on the sport and positions and it's interesting to hear about what goes on in their mind when they are playing." Her

goal for this year's volleyball team is, "to stay mentally strong and to win as much as they can." Some players find their passion for playing volleyball at a young age and others find it later. "I started playing volleyball 6 years ago when my friend asked me if I wanted to join a rec team with her. Best decision I've ever made!", said Aislynn. She also states that joining the team requires, "Lots and lots of practice, recreational league, junior high league, playing club and playing in high school. I wanted to keep playing volleyball throughout my high school and all of the friends I've made from volleyball are so cool."

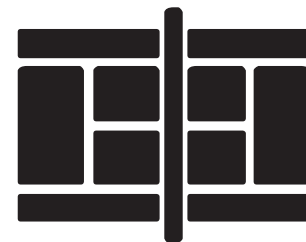
Senior Lucy Richins, team captain, says working with her teammates helped her get better at volleyball and what inspired her was other people's hard work. Her goal for this team is "to stay in a positive environment but still be hard working and uplifting." She started playing volleyball in the 4th grade starting in recreational volleyball. She is a setter and plays right side. Richins joined the volleyball team because she, "loves the sport and the people are awesome, to get better in volleyball, and the whole team is like family." Lucy was voted team captain because of her qualities of showing up and working with people. The volleyball team is committed to play their best at every game. Everyone is encouraged to attend their games and to cheer them on.



Junior, Ella Danielson photo by: Shelby Martinez

Senior, Aislynn Maughan Photo Courtesy of: Cheryl Gibson

Senior, Lucy Richins Photo by: Shelby Martinez



## Working With The Coaches

Jordyn Bailey

Football coaches do a lot for a football team and have an important role where they have to call the right play. Riverton has coaches that help the team a lot to make the players perform their best. James Freeland is our team's Head Coach while Brian Anderson is the team's Coordinator. A head coach's job is to build the team and make sure to hire the best coaches to help him out to win games and the players. The coordinator cre-

ates the playbook and makes sure that the players are studying the playbook so the things go more smoothly in the games, and players don't have to keep asking which route they're running, etc. The hardest thing to do as a coach is to make sure you are coaching right and know what plays to call. This is on top of all the other responsibilities: making sure they teach players to play the game, push them to work hard and get stronger, work on players' speed, and make sure they are lifting and give the players time for conditioning. The coaches at Riverton are trying to push and make their team better than

last year. If players are not doing what they're not supposed to do, the team could lose games, and then the coaches

make them do conditioning. RHS has many great coaches, and is grateful for all the work and talent that Coach Freeland and Coach Anderson provide.



The Riverton football team puts their hard work from the coaches into play Photo Courtesy of James Freeland

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## JATC is Helping Students All Over Jordan District

Breanna Tsosie

Riverton High School provides a variety of educational opportunities for its students who want to go into different work fields. One of these opportunities is the Jordan Academy for Technology & Careers, also known as JATC for short. There are two campuses for this program and each program is located differently whether it be a medical assistant in the North Campus or welding on the South Campus. "Many of my students get hired by fire departments and hospitals."

It doesn't matter if you want to go into the medical field or work in places with plumbing or welding. JATC has it all!

One of the many classes that the JATC South Campus offers is Fire Science and EMT courses taught by Richard Clayton. These classes are two of the many courses that you could learn hands-on and is very helpful for working in the medical field.

In this class, Clayton aims to help students further their education, "Many of my students get hired by fire departments and hospitals." Another class at JATC that is also hands-on and is really beneficial to one that wants to go into the mental health field or the field of education is Applied Behavioral Health and Teacher Education Programs taught by Brenda Straley. Straley is someone who strives to help students get to know themselves more and how to go about the situations around them. Especially going into a job, whether it be being a teacher or a some-

one who works with someone's mental health. Straley will help and teach you all that you need to know. When asked how JATC is beneficial to students and the course they take when it comes to her classes, Straley says that it can be really beneficial for getting into college because "...taking the concurrent enrollment classes helps them get their teaching degree sooner and saves a lot of money." says Straley when asked what the benefits are of taking this class. Although JATC may take up more than one class period, there are always good benefits that come with it and it'll be so worth it when it comes to saving money or just being able to go into the workforce after getting your certificates from the classes. Although only certain classes will have certificates and programs that will

help with your early start in the career you want to do. Therefore, JATC is a great place to go and learn more of who you want to be and get the chance to know more great teachers who are willing to help you lean towards the career you want and will support you all the way through.



The JATC South Campus helps students become what they want to be  
Photo Courtesy of: JATC

## Follow Your Passions in Riverton's Video Classes.

Lukas Clevenger

Riverton High School has many different classes to choose from. Many will help guide you to a career. Video Production is one of those classes.

Video production has been around for many years at Riverton High School, but with the entrance of a new teacher, Mr Luchs, two years ago, Video has seen a bit of a revamp. Video has seen many changes such as new classes and a revamp of some of the current ones.

While SilverScreen has existed before, Mr Luchs has brought a new light to the school show. Last year, SilverScreen was rebooted and



"Lydia Knudsen acting in the kid counselor segment for SilverScreen"

Photo by Ryan Horner

refreshed to fit the current atmosphere of the school. This goal is to make a student-oriented school show that promotes every part of the school (not just the well known ones). This is beneficial to students interested in broadcasting or producing.

Video 3 is an advanced class for those wanting to pursue video as a future career. This class will give students opportunities for internships and jobs that will advance their knowledge and skills. It does have some prerequisites but is worth it if you want to do video production as a career.

Lastly, there is also a new Youtube class. This class helps students make videos for their very own youtube channel. They will record,

edit, and publish videos and practice being a influencer.

Video has grown a lot in the last few years, and it will continue to grow as well.



"Filming of will it microwave"

Photo by Lauren Crane

## Leading with the FFA club

Shelby Martinez

The Future Farmers of America, also known as the FFA club, is a great way to learn about agricultural education. Mrs. Kaylee Simperts, the FFA advisor, is also the teacher for Ag. Science, Animal Science, and floriculture. This year's officers are Kenadie Savoie as President, Addison Silcox as Vice President, Britney Davenport as Secretary, Megan Tremayne as Treasurer, Isla Richards as Reporter, and Nathan Robinson as Sentinel.

"If you're in an AG class, check the classroom calendar for activities," said Megan Tremayne. "When the club competes, they compete at Utah State in early March. The FFA club has state conventions, competes in Ide (leadership development events), and spreads information to people about

what the FFA club is." Megan, the Treasurer, said, "I really wanted to be more involved in agriculture, and know how the commercial works," and she was wondering how farms come to our table and how she could be involved. Treymayne said she "joined FFA because she loves it and loves learning about it. Being able to compete is different from outside of school and her friends are in FFA too and in order to be in FFA you have to sign up to be in an AG class your sophomore or junior year, so sign up for next year."

Nathan said that watching a movie made him want to join, "I watched Napoleon Dynamite, and he is really cool." He knew what FFA was but he didn't know someone cool' til he watched the movie as a kid. Rob-

inson wanted to join the FFA club when he got the chance to be an officer because they only had 6 positions and 6 people to do it. Addison Silcox (vice president) asked him to get into farming and join the FFA. He wanted to be involved with the FFA because," he wanted to have fun" Nathan said, "I love it a lot, I love how it's kinda different. It's not a sport where you have to be physically into it."

Mrs. Simperts is the teacher that runs agriculture and the FFA club. She was inspired by her agricultural teacher in high school to become an agricultural teacher. Her teacher gave her the chance to experience it through projects and other things. What made her want to be an AG teacher is when she was a little kid she played as

a teacher, and she always wanted to be a teacher since then. Mrs. Simperts explains, "that the club officers are chosen through a selection process that goes through an application with a point system. Students apply in the fall, choosing students who have been active in the past with good grades and attendance." When is a good time to sign up for FFA, Simperts said, "the sooner the better, you get to go to the activities, in June all the way until the last day, but the sooner the better." She had a great experience in high school and wants, "to give the same opportunities that she did in high school. FFA is a great opportunity to gain experience if you really love this type of stuff and it's also very fun at the school so join next year!!"



Senior Nathan Robinson is the FFA sentinel  
Photo by Shelby Martinez



Senior Megan Tremayne is the FFA treasurer  
Photo by Shelby Martinez



Mrs. Kaylee Simperts, teacher of the FFA club  
Photo by Shelby Martinez



Alexa Johansen happily participates in FFA activities  
Photo courtesy of Ms. Simperts

## RHS Welcomes Many New Faces to its Faculty

Mariana Gomez and Aubrey Drussel

Riverton High School is delighted to welcome several talented and passionate educators to our community this year! Each bringing enthusiasm and new skills to share with our students, here are some of them:



**Mr. Chris Fish**, bringing 28 years of experience, is thrilled to join us as an AP, honors, and regular physics teacher. He has a rich background in education being the holder of a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Utah State University and Masters Degree in curriculum and instruction from Weber State University.



**Ms. Lisa Kmonicek** is our new support specialist known for her love of plants and dogs. She brings 13 years of middle school experience and she is eager to engage with the high-school community and aid in student success.



**Ms. Haylie Jacobson** now teaches Language Arts at the same school she attended as a student. It is her first year teaching, and she is excited to foster a love for literature among her students.



**Mr. Marcus Dickson** joins us as our new track coach and psychology teacher. His passion for athletics is matched by his love for his hobbies- playing yard games and watching sports. His favorite pastime, however, is teaching and coaching. While coaching at Herriman, he realized he loved "seeing his students achieve things they never thought possible."



**Mr. Bryan Halliday** transitions from a decade in the automotive industry to teaching it at RHS, he also advises the school's e-sports team, indulging in his passion for mechanics and digital gaming in a supportive environment.



**Ms. Lauren Skipps** brings her dance expertise to RHS as our new Fine Arts Dance teacher. Having taught both in-person and virtual classes, she looks forward to connecting with students through dance and fitness.



**Ms. Brittney Miller** teaches math because of her love for "the lightbulb moment". Miller has enjoyed math from a young age but it didn't always come naturally to her, as many of her students can relate. She wants to help students and let them know, "I genuinely care about them and I want them to succeed in life."

We would also like to welcome **Janae Rindlisbacher** (Language Arts), **Karl McKenzie** (Special Education), **Nuho Kraja** (Baseball Head Coach and Business), **Drew Holland** (Performing Arts), **McKayden Hansen** (Creative Arts and Trade), and **Bryndi Staheli** (Students Prf-Sto). As well as our new administrators Kyrstin Wingert (Assistant Principal) and Travis Foster (Vice Principal) We're excited to have them join the RHS community and hope it's a remarkable experience teaching here!

## New Hall Pass and Cell Phone Policies Greeted RHS Students

Jacob Evans

RHS 2024-2025 has introduced a brand new hall pass system and cell phone policy. These changes were met with controversy as many students and even teachers have found frustration with the fresh implementation.

Riverton High School converted their old physical student hall passes to a digital hall pass called "Securly Pass". Securly Pass operates digitally, requiring more steps for students. The app tracks how long you've been out in the hall, along with your departing and arriving times from class. Securly Pass can be opened through a web browser on a student's chrome book or the downloadable app available on Android and IOS.

Teachers and even students have noticed that the new system has cut back on traffic in the halls during class time since it requires more effort and direct approval.

One student said that, "It's nice that they're digital but it's often inconvenient." Ms. Peck, a health teacher said that "We will need time to adjust but I think it's working."

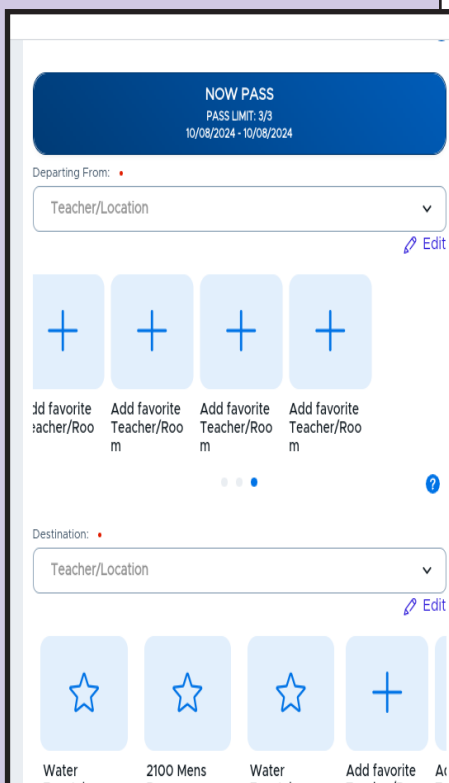
At the beginning of the year, RHS had a cell phone policy that reduced cell phone use in classes, allowing teachers to declare a "purple zone" and a "silver zone". This quarter, during a silver zone, the classroom is more relaxed and students are able to use their issued chromebooks to work. The purple zone is declared when students require their utmost attention in class, chromebooks and cellphones are to be put away and may be taken away if they are open.

This all changes at the beginning of 2nd quarter when the Jordan School Board's new

policy goes into affect., not allowing any personal electronic devices during class time.

Teachers will be required to take students' devices the first time they see them being used during class time. On the first offense, students will have to pick up their item/s from their administrator at the end of the day. On the second and further offences, their guardian will need to pick it up at the end of the day.

This new policy feels very strict and has had quite the shock-effect on students, especially seniors since sophomores are used to a similar policy from their middle schools. Though it's appreciated by many that the school board is encouraging learning, it will be a big adjustment for everyone in the building.



The Securly Pass Homepage is a daily image students see.

Courtesy of: Securly Pass

## New Hall Monitors

Mckell Greene

The hall monitors have a big effect on the school, but this year we have some new faces. While we all know and love Rex, he couldn't start the school year due to recovering from a medical issue. While he is out. We have three new hall monitors this year, Katherine Anderson, Ashton Van Der Veur, and Arit Kerksiek. While they have a lot to learn so fast they have done amazingly well with the students. They can always be found either wandering the halls or in room 1055. This may be their first year at Riverton, but 2 of them have been working at schools for a few years. Van Der Veur was working at a private school for

5 years teaching percussion, While Kerksiek has been working in schools since 2003 and taught theater. They do like how while they have things to do, they still feel like they can make their own decisions and aren't being micromanaged.

They all love how great and respectful the students are at Riverton and feel like they can relate to them. They think high schoolers are amazing to work with, and have noticed how everyone gets along with each other so well at RHS, They all seemed so happy to be here and are excited for the school year, so if you see them in the hall be sure to say "hi"



Arit Kerksiek and Ashton Van Der Veur exited to start of the new school year.

Photo taken by Mckell Greene



RHS Student Shares Homecoming Photos on Instagram  
Photo Courtesy of Daisy Clark

### **New Trends Sweep Social Media** **Lily Clark**

Many new trends have hit social media recently, including homecoming and football posts. Many students have recently created fun Instagram posts to commemorate the homecoming dance and their day dates. In addition to Instagram posts, some have taken to Tiktok to make transition videos with their outfits as the focus. Some have also been posting on their Instagram and Snapchat stories about the 2024 football season. Themed gameday outfits are a highlight for many students at Riverton High School.

Another way RHS students are using social media

platforms is to discuss various classes they may be taking and to express their feelings on them. Aside from school events, Henry Danger memes have recently become extremely popular on tiktok and other social media platforms. Memes and videos about the upcoming presidential election have also begun to go viral. Many teens in the United States have made light of both sides of the election.

Social media has become an impactful way for students to express themselves as well as connect with one another and share important moments.

### **Students Getting Involved in Club Rush 2024** **Zephyr Sorenson**

During the week of September 3rd-6th, Riverton High School held an event called “Club Rush”. It typically happens within the first few weeks of school to encourage school participation. This event is every A and B lunch for a week straight. All kinds of clubs set up booths in the school commons and invite people to come up and ask questions, play games, and try to get them to sign up for their clubs. Some clubs that participated in the 2024 club rush were Country Dancing Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Latinos In Action, Hockey Club, HOSA, and more!

Club Rush can be an effective way to get people to sign up; smaller clubs such as Country Dancing and DND said that Club Rush was very effective and helped them get more interest and participation in their clubs. Although, when it came to bigger clubs like HOSA and Latinos in Action, it didn't make much of a difference. They got the same amount of sign ups.

When talking to the Country Dancing club senior Sarah Oman said her favorite part of her club was the community, and senior Hayden Tracy also said his favorite part was hanging out with people and having fun. HOSA Membership Advisor, Ava Rasmussen, says her favorite part was meeting new people.

Club Rush is an event that helps with school participation and can even help you find your new favorite after-school-activity. Riverton High School has an amazing community and lots of school spirit. By holding events like Club Rush, it encourages you to get involved and meet the people in your community. By having Club Rush it also helps those who don't know all the fun stuff the school has to offer.

Make sure to keep an eye out for next year's Club Rush and try out some new clubs or after school activities this school year has to offer. Most of the clubs you can still join anytime throughout the school year!



HOSA booth at club rush photo by Zephyr Sorenson



## Adventure Awaits at Mountain View Village Garrick Bowers

Just nine minutes away from Riverton High school, an outdoor shopping district introduces new clothing stores, exquisite diners, and even a Cinemark movie theater that attracts teenagers from all over the valley. Although Mountain View Village has been open since 2018, it is still introducing new establishments to add to your shopping adventure.

A popular reason to visit Mountain View Village is the well known fast-food chain Chick-fil-a.

“Chick-fil-a is good because it’s fast food but I still feel like I’m being healthy,” junior Rockwell Babcock says. Babcock

continues, “the WannaCinn actually looks really good.” WannaCinn is a cinnamon roll bakery with a sneaky pun in the name. Clothing stores like Vans, Nike, Tilly’s, Buckle, Cotton On, lululemon, and Zumiez welcome customers into their stores and display a variety of clothes including casual wear, formal wear, and comfortable night time clothing.

“I like Tilly’s. Good price[s]” Senior Katilin Killian says. There are also small games and seating areas around the village, like cornhole, to provide a place of rest for shopping adventurers.

Junior Rockwell Babcock (Right) smiles while dreaming of a Chick-fil-a chicken sandwich from Mountain View Village. Photo by Garrick Bowers



(Bottom) Vans makes its appearance at Mountain View Village in 2018. Picture courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



AP Government students work in class Photo by Lily Clark

## Upper Division Courses Begin at Riverton High Lily Clark

Riverton High School offers a wide variety of upper division courses including AP, concurrent enrollment, and honors courses. Almost any type of class can be taken as an upper division course including language, art, science, social studies, and many more. These classes have many benefits that will help students throughout their high school and college years.

An AP class is an advanced placement class taken through the College Board. Some AP classes offered by Riverton High include US History, Chemistry, French, and many more. Concurrent enrollment classes are also available to be taken through SLCC and can also provide college credit. Classes such as language arts and various math courses can also be taken as an honors class which provides a more in depth understanding of the topic and preparation for AP or concurrent classes.

These classes can be very beneficial to one’s education. Senior Abbi Paoli has taken a wide variety of upper division courses including Art 1010, AP European history, AP US history, AP psychology, and more. She highly recommends these classes because, “they’re

able to give a wider understanding on basic topics and also look good on college applications.”

In addition to this, if students pass AP Test and concurrent enrollment classes, they can earn college credit and save money after graduation. In order to earn college credit for concurrent classes, students have to pass each semester of the class. For AP classes, there is an exam at the end of the year that must be passed. Paoli also shares, “I feel like they’re helpful to my education because I feel more prepared for college classes and feel like I have a better understanding of the topics than I would have if I took a regular class.”

Upper division courses can be challenging, but many students find them extremely rewarding. Paoli shares some advice for future students: “You should be studying as much as possible as well as organizing your workload so you do a little bit each day and don’t fall behind.” By taking these classes students are able to get the most out of their high school experience and prepare for college as well as their future careers.

## Choir Program Prepares for a Year Full of Performances

Jason Barton

We have an amazing choir program here at Riverton. It is made up of 6 individual choirs, which are Bell choir (not singing but playing bells), Mixed choir (that anybody can join), Cadence Choir (which is the auditioned ladies group), Men's choir (which is the auditioned men's group), Acapella choir (which is the concert/performance choir made up of juniors and seniors), and finally the Madrigals (which is the top choir also made up of juniors and seniors).

They all work hard every single day to prepare for the concerts. There is one concert every quarter that showcases the amazing singers we have at our school and the hard work and dedication of every single member of every choir.

Our director/ teacher, Mr. Clegg, who is in his second year teaching at Riverton, said "My favorite part about teaching choir is getting to work with so many really talented kids!"

The highlight of the school year for choir students is the annual Tour, when all of the auditioned choirs get the opportunity to travel and go sing their songs for judges and other choirs that have traveled in from all over the country. Last year, they went to Anaheim, California (along with the instrumental programs) to compete and show off their skills and hard work.

All of the Choirs had a chance to perform for judges who gave them scores. The Riverton Madrigals tied for Gold 1st in their category (meaning they tied with one other school for first place out of all of the choirs in that category), and Riverton as a whole won the Tour sweepstakes award, meaning our Choirs and instrumental groups won the most awards out of anybody.

The dates of the choir concerts can be found on the school calendar and they are free to attend. Go support our amazing choir program!



Acapella choir performs at Temple Square during the Christmas season  
Photo by Jason Barton



The Madrigals perform for family and friends  
Photo by Jason Barton

## Take a Break From the School Work

Lukas Clevenger

Even though this quarter is almost over, and *finals* are coming to an end, we still have many things to come. With more dances and SilverRush coming, let's take a look back at some of the things that happened during first quarter.

On the first day of school we were shocked to see a new hall pass system in place which completely changed how we would traverse through the *halls*. Then we had the first *football* game of the school year which was an opportunity to learn some new school chants. In these chants you could learn our school colors: *silver*, *purple*, and *black*. The school showed their school *spirit* at the Burning of the *Wolf*, which included fireworks as the finale.

We also had a *hope* assembly which talked about mental health awareness. During lunch for a whole week we also had club rush, where students could promote the various *clubs* at Riverton. *Homecoming* was the first of many dances this year. Now in the second quarter seniors have the opportunities to get *college* scholarships, and cheaper *tuition* opportunities. Lets make this year a great year.

## Back To School WordSearch!!

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- COLLEGE
- SILVER
- BLACK
- HOPE
- PURPLE
- HOMEcoming
- HALLS
- FOOTBALL

## Getting Involved: The Creative Writing Club Writes Its Way Onto the Club Rush Roster!

Etano Johnson

In a little corner of Riverton High School, tucked away in room 2401, there is a haven of creativity and tranquility, where clever minds are getting to work, learning how to plan, creating, and publishing their imaginations onto paper. They are aspiring authors, nearly prepared to explore the world.

Every Wednesday, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM, the Creative Writing Club meets to practice their penmanship in room 2401. Rather than having teacher-taught lectures, the Creative Writing Club participates in student-led discussions, which lead to more impactful and involved conversations between the members.

Guided by student club president senior, Makayla Gibson, and club vice president senior, Willow Douglas, the meetings usually begin with a brief free writing segment, followed by a sharing session for those who feel comfortable. Not everyone is, and that's okay.

The writing club aims to encourage students to be better writers. This usually entails some days where the club will switch things up by doing a member-decided lesson that helps hone the members' abilities and level out their weaknesses.

Once the free writing session concludes, the club uses the rest of the time for personal writing. During this time, members are able to work on personal projects, provide constructive feedback, and socialize.

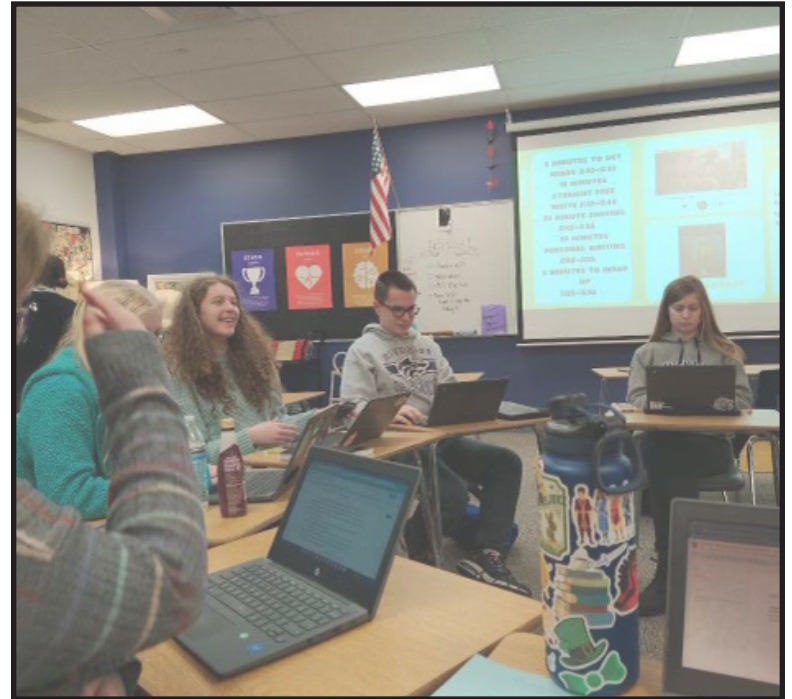
"The best part of the club would be the friendships we develop," Gibson noted.

"Discussions are a great way to get out of your comfort zone and build up your confidence."

Occasionally, the club will get the chance to hear from guest speakers who have already walked the publishing path. In the past, the club has been able to get presentations from people such as Melanie Bateman, author of *The Traveler Trilogy*; Elizabeth Suggs, author of *Collective Darkness*; and Bryan Young, contributing author of more than a dozen screenplays. "You get to meet cool people and talk about stuff you're too afraid to ask a teacher," stated senior Amber Cruz, communications officer for the club. "It's super cool learning from a professional."

This year, the club aims to cultivate and extend the club cast to last after the seniors leave. Douglas comments, "We want people to be able to have a safe place to share their stories and grow their talents for years to come."

To members, the club has been a safe space to foster friendships and writing skills alike; it's important to them that it remains intact. "Everyone's welcome; even if you just write a little bit and you're curious, just come anyway. This is a safe space to learn and to grow. And it's dedicated time to write," remarked Ms. Rivera, the club's supervising teacher.



*Last year's group during one of their personal writing sessions, discussing the comedic intricacies of the Twilight franchise.*  
Photo courtesy of Makayla Gibson

## A & E QUARTER 2 CALENDAR

**October 15 - November 1**

Halloween Art Show

**November 2**

Marching Band Competition Davis High

**Nov. 7-9**

Marching Band State

**November 14, 15, 16, 18**

Hadestown Performance

**November 22**

Mini Drill Clinic

**December 6**

Improv Shows 1 & 2

**December 2**

School Play Auditions

**December 12**

Choir Concert

**December 17**

Orchestra Concert

**January 13**

Broadway Review

**January 14**

Choir Exchange Concert

**January 17**

MDT Class BYU Young Ambassadors Showcase Performance

## RHS Students Respond to Social Media Reports

### On the Disease, Mpox

Brian Le and Ms. Christy-Frank

A topic that has covered the news and social media platforms recently is Mpox, causing a lot of emotional responses, and RHS students have thoughts of their own.

Senior Kawdry Candelaria has his own thoughts on the disease's origins stating, "I'm guessing a monkey." Many other students have agreed. Some would even go into further detail stating that the virus may be lab-grown, linking it to some of the stories about Covid being lab-grown.

The CDC actually states that Mpox can spread from wild animals, but is often spread by people. "In areas that regularly have mpox cases in Western and Central Africa, people can also get mpox from contact with infected wild animals" ([cdc.gov/mpox](https://www.cdc.gov/mpox/)).

The idea that it might come from a monkey could also stem from the fact that it used to be called "monkeypox". On November 28 2022, the WHO (World Health Organization) issued a statement that they would officially be changing the name to mpox because it had been reported that the name had been spreading

racist language and ideas.

When students were asked when they think the outbreak will hit us here in Riverton, most of the replies are all really soon. "I think it will be within 3-4 months from affecting us, I think we might have to go into that lockdown stuff again," said Zerine Rice. Many students feel a lot of things when it comes to hearing the word "lockdown."

"the lockdown could really destroy jobs again and keep people at home or even kill a lot of people," stated Zerine Rice. Gabe Rice adds "I won't get it because I'm that guy."

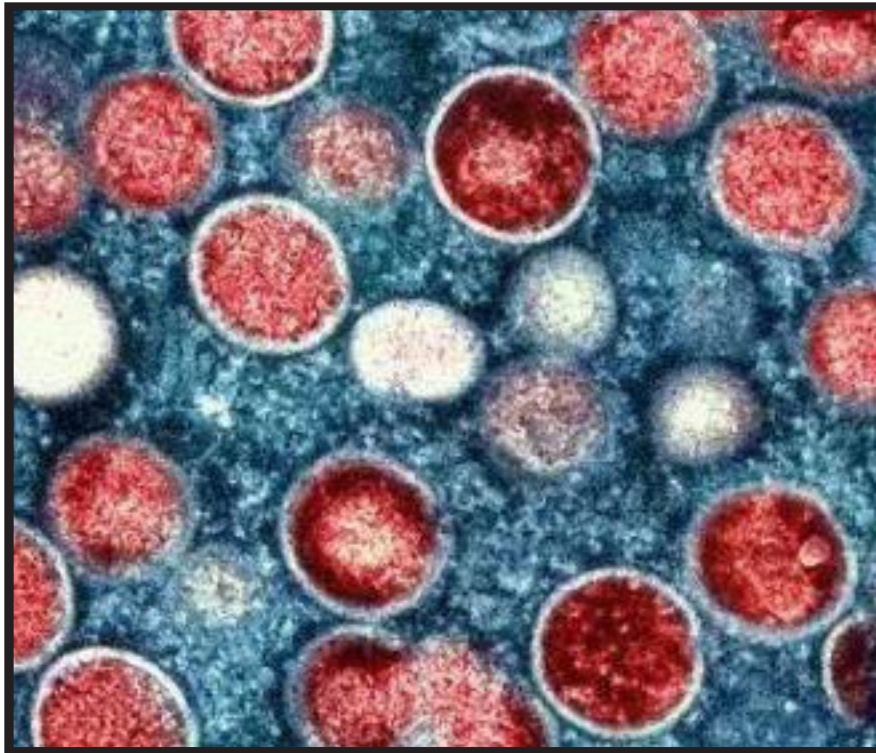
According to the CDC, there are two strains-Clade I and Clade II. There have been no reported cases of Clade I in the US, and as of Oct. 1, 2024, the 7 day average in the US for Clade II was 1.

The CDC says health officials are partnering with countries more affected to continue to monitor the situation.

Mpox can definitely be scary, considering its symptoms. The WHO describes, "Mpox typically causes a fever, a rash resembling pimples or blisters, and swollen lymph nodes. Symptoms usually appear within a week of exposure but can take anywhere from 1 to 21 days to develop."

Some students have been thinking ahead to how they would protect themselves should the need arise: "Lysol spray bro, I'll keep it on me, bro. I'll just spray it everywhere I go," said Kawdry Candelaria when he was asked how he would counter against the MPOX. "I would wear a mask and just not leave the house so much," added Zerine Rice.

Luckily for all of us, it sounds like the risks of getting this are pretty low for us in Riverton right now. It's comforting to know that scientists are staying aware. And, as our reaction to this information shows, we've learned lessons from Covid to hopefully help us.



*Mpox has 2 strains, Clade I and Clade II. The Clade II strain of Mpox has been identified in the US at low levels, and is decreasing.*

Images courtesy of CDC: [www.cdc.gov/mpox/index.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/mpox/index.htm)

