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Riverton High's Bye Bye Birdie Exceeds Expectations

By: Dianne Goble

This year at RHS, the performing arts brought us Bye-Bye Birdie; a musical that follows the story of a famous singer who was unlucky enough to get drafted into the Korean war during a critical point in his life.

Many students were shocked when the first-semester play was revealed, "They didn't even know what the heck Bye-Bye Birdie was until we started working on it," explained Sam Douglas.

As a result of the lesser-known play, the ticket sales were shockingly low, only completely selling out two of the four performance nights. Everyone that skipped coming sure missed out, because the



Photo Courtesy of RHS Drama Department

performance was amazing. All issues like injuries, broken sets, rehearsals gone wrong, and fainting main characters, were swept behind them as the audience showed an overwhelming love for the performance. When interviewed, Kitty Gardner explained, "The audience is the last character, so if the audience had reacted in different ways, we would probably have

been different." The interactions that go through the fourth wall of the stage are subtle but powerful. Not all essential members had this same timeframe. "The actors have months to prepare (...) we were given two weeks," said Tyler Wilken, a member of the stage crew's small but powerful team. Moving sets, music, timing,

lights, and even concessions, Bailey Peterson says, "Stage tec are gods, the play wouldn't happen without them." Stage crew pulls their weight in gold, and while most of their efforts aren't recognized, at least the cast knows who to thank. Bailey Peterson sums up feelings of many: "If I could go back, I would do it again and again and again."

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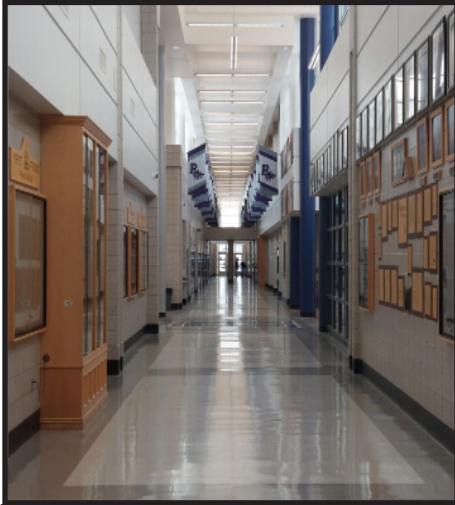


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Hallways lie empty.

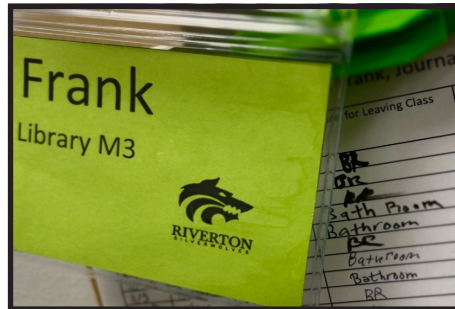


Photo by: Jack Watkins
Students write their name, destination, and time leaving on the sign out sheet.



Photo by: Aaron Rachiele
Hallways lie mostly empty.

New Hall Pass Policy Astounds Both Teachers and Students

By: Jack Watkins

Being implemented on the first day of the second quarter, the new hall pass system is unlike anything Riverton High School has seen before.

Previously, any teacher was allowed to set their own policy, whether it be two hall passes per quarter, a slab of wood with a stylized R on it, or even a fake human femur to take with on the trek to the bathroom. Some teachers did not even have hall passes. A few of these systems were functional, but not all of them. The hall monitors began to be overwhelmed with not only truants and groups of friends but disruptive students in general. The administration has been talking about this change during the summer, but around the last week of the first quarter, feedback

from teachers, hall monitors, and general observations were asking for a change. The new system is not too hard to understand: teachers were given a sign out sheet with a place for names, times in and out, as well as target location for students to fill out. Teachers stressed on how the hall pass should only be used for bodily functions, such as getting a drink or going to the restroom. The hall pass itself is color coded corresponding to different areas of the school so that the hall monitors can immediately tell who is out of place.

One of Riverton's own language arts teachers, Ms. Marshall, was interviewed on her thoughts of the new policy. Marshall was actually absent in the last week of the first quarter but came back the day it was implemented. She made a comment on this, stating how she read over the new policy and rules and thought it seemed like a great idea. Marshall

also mentioned that, in her opinion, RHS was overdue for a new policy. She expresses that she often ran into problems with her own system in previous years. "Students would often just disappear for 30 minutes or more. Sometimes they'd even disappear together". Or, in many other cases, they would lie about their times in the halls and fabricate new times as to not get in trouble.

Overall, this new hall pass system certainly is different and will take getting used to. Even though many students argue against the policy, it is beneficial for the staff and students. It fights against skipping class as well as boosts getting tasks done, supporting student's high school education.

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Very “Real” School Conspiracies

By: Caeden Miners

School Conspiracies

We all know there are some things in this world that cannot be explained. But I shall try to tell you what I have learned. Prepare yourself. What are they?

Many have asked the fabled question: Are Birds Real? The answer... no. through my research I have concluded that in fact birds are either spies for the mole people or aliens from a planet known as “CAW CAW”. loosely translated to modern English as “Bird-Landtis”.

This alien planet is the more likely answer. From what information I have been able to find in the oldest of trashy magazines the aliens have one motive - they desire BREAD.

As long as the random

old ladies in parks (I’m still looking into where they come from) continue to provide the creatures with bread, we should be safe. If the giving of bread stops... who knows what could happen to us...

Just a Theory?

Now most people have probably heard of the triforce of theory channels: Game Theory, Film Theory, and Food Theory.

These theory channels are all run by one man. MatPat aka Mathew Pathew.

He is a mysterious man who may or may not himself be.. just a theory.

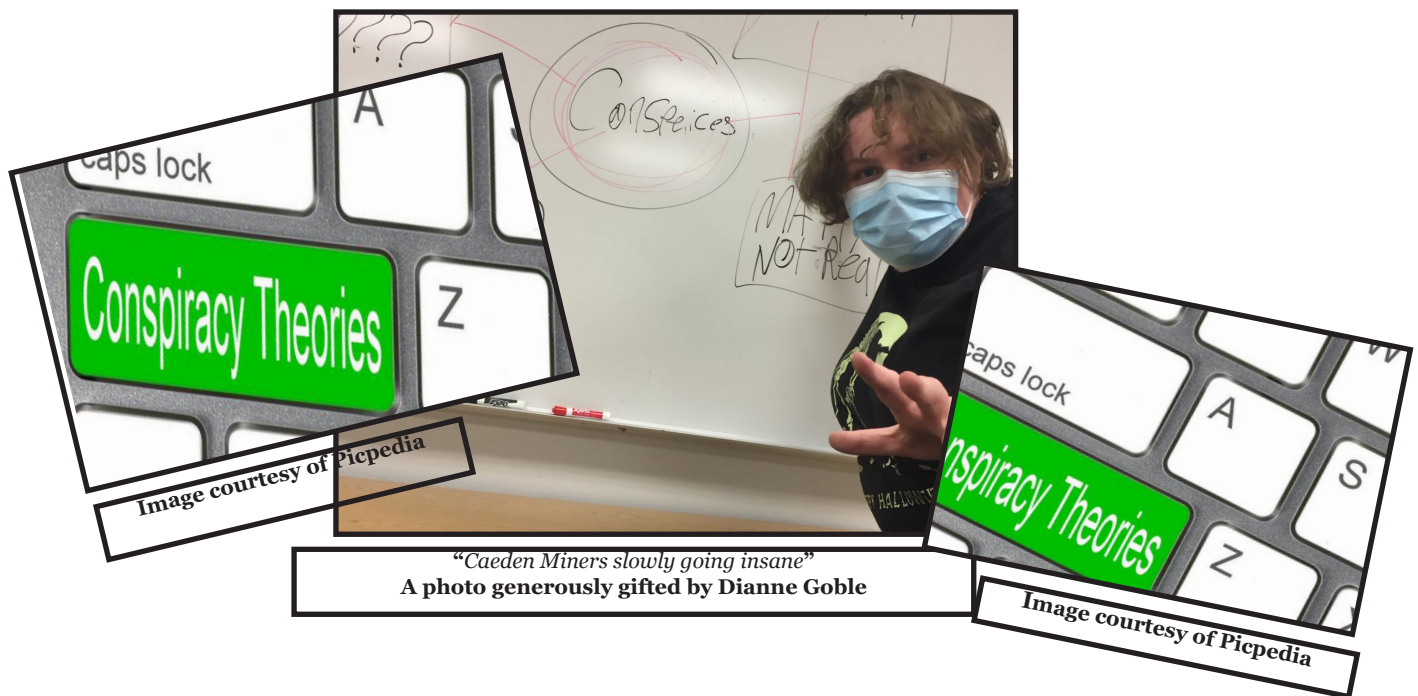
He is known for more often than not appearing as a small image with a strange un-blinking grin. Therefore, there is no way he can be real. For this theory I begged the bats in my microwave (bats are in fact not birds, they are flying rats of death and must be appeased) for knowledge, and I learned these truths.

Matpat is either a puppet for a stronger entity known as “Scott Cawthon”, the creator of the hit game series known as “Five Nights at Freddy’s” (or “FNAF” for short) or a cardboard cut puppeted by a higher power (the birds perhaps?)

We might never know.

Everyone knows when you get to a high school like this, that you lose some very important things: hope, sanity, and good grades. But where do these things go? I believe there is a creature that exists in the many lockers around the school. I suspect this creature takes these things to become more powerful for an unknown purpose. I know that this creature looks like a werewolf. Be wary and hold hope close. They can’t take it as easily if you share with others.

In conclusion, nothing is real, buy potatoes for protection, and never trust people who say “math isn’t that hard”.



“Caeden Miners slowly going insane”

A photo generously gifted by Dianne Goble

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Get to Know One of Your Counselors at Riverton High School

By: Lexy King

Amy Trimble is one of the school counselors for the students with last names starting with “Jam” and ending with “Ma”. She has been a counselor at Riverton High School for 4 years now. She has also been my counselor since I have been attending Riverton! She’s been amazing every year.

On a good day at school, she looks forward to good interactions with students and staff, having fun with her coworkers, and having an overall productive and positive attitude throughout the day.

When it comes to school spirit she shows it in different ways such as decorating her office, she loves going to sporting events, wearing school shirts on Fridays, and supporting and donating during Silver Rush. Silver Rush is one of her favorite times of the year.

Ms. Trimble thinks the best part of being a counselor is definitely being able to work with her students. On the downside, she hates waking up early every day.

Some things you may not know about her are she has gone sky-diving (she didn’t like it) and she has 4 kids. She enjoys spending her summer breaks traveling. She has been on a 3-week trip to Europe and last year went to Ha-

waii. If she were to be able to pick out her last meal it would be any kind of Mexican food. She loves street tacos and chips and guacamole. If she won the lottery with enough money to quit teaching she would travel the world.

Some current trends that are confusing Ms. Trimble are people snap-chatting pictures of their feet along with the words and slang that teenagers use. If you could bring some of her students on a field trip anywhere she would take them to Washington D.C., as she feels it has a lot of information history. Now you know one of our beloved counselors, Amy Trimble, just a little bit better.



Photo Courtesy of Riverton Website
Ms. Trimble poses for her school photo.



Photo By Alese Loevlie
A cozy office where students can talk to or see Ms. Trimble.

Christmas Around the World?

by Sunni Dastrup

Christmas is a favorite holiday for many people. Although it may look the same and traditional for you every year, Christmas is different for many cultures around the world. Christmas in Japan looks a lot different from Christmas celebrated here. In Japan people use Christmas not as a time to gather with family, but as a holiday to spend with lovers. (Japanese use new years as a time to gather with family instead of Christmas time.) And instead of spending the night in chatting and catching up with family members, couples typically go out to a nice dinner or plan a romantic date such as strolling through the park looking at the lights.

Another interesting thing that Japan does to celebrate Christ-

mas is a traditional Kentucky Fried Chicken dinner. Here in America a typical Christmas dinner would be turkey or ham, but in Japan people usually enjoy eating a KFC dinner! In Australia Christmas is celebrated in some similar ways as well as some different traditions due to culture.

In Australia, where Christmas time has warm weather, many families spend the day on the beach. Using Christmas as a well deserved beach day spent with family and friends. If you were to spend Christmas in Australia you would see Santa surfing the waves as families sat on the sand and ate a nice barbeque dinner.

Christmas in the Philippines is made for early risers. With people waking up early in the morning typically around 3-5 to begin the holiday festivities. Celebrations in the Philippines start December 16 so that Christmas can be celebrated as long as possible. In the Philippines Christmas is a very import-

ant holiday and everyone loves Santa Claus! Just like in many western countries the majority of Here in America we typically all celebrate Christmas similarly.

Time spent with family and gift exchanges, snuggled up in blankets watching the snowfall warming our hands around a mug full of hot chocolate. Families have different traditions, but a lot of American families Christmas looks like this.



Christmas on the beach in Australia

Photo by: timeanddate.com

Dear Sylvester,

My life is so crazy right now! All 8 school periods are filled with busy classes and not enough time to do the homework for each of them. It's not that I can't do it, I'm just not fast enough to finish them on time and make up for late work. I have two instruments and a sport I need to practice at least four times a week, and on top of that, I have to keep my friends and family happy while needing time for myself to relax and recharge. What can I do to keep my teachers, my parents, and my friends happy without draining myself completely?

*Sincerely,
Feeling Swamped*

Dear Sylvester

By: Jack Watkins



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Dear Feeling Swamped,

Wow. That's tough. Try to persevere through this semester and then change some of your classes ASAP. It's no fun to have no time for yourself or other people because of school, but if you've gotten this far, I'm sure you can do it for the rest of the semester! Talk to your teachers!! Try to prioritize yourself over school, family, and friends. After yourself, you can prioritize assignments, too. Try to do them from most important (closest due date, a test tomorrow, late work, etc.) to least important. You can always get help on homework, as well. Everything will work out. I believe in you!

*Wishing you luck,
Sylvester*

RHS Gives to the Children's Justice Center 2022

By: Ty Tsosie



Audrey Driggs created this year's logo which kept with traditions while representing a new charity.

For 2022, we have had some differences and similarities from the previous years for Silverrush. But the events that were provided for this year helps out a community charity that was given to RHS Silverrush Charity. The Children's Justice Center.

The Children's Justice Center is a place where children go when they go through any abuse in their family and need someone to hear their story. About over 3,200 children go to the Justice Center every year so they can get away from the bad environment. Some of those children that go through that abuse often

keep it to themselves for so many years that they fear no one will understand or believe what they have to say.

During Silver Rush, we have events that happen for the whole month of December. We have multiple groups that come and help out with the charity.

The muffins and the snack cart that comes in every morning during 1st and 5th period everyday is from the special ed class. The nachos are coming from the counseling center. So, after you purchase either a muffin or nachos, you are given a raffle ticket so that you could win a prize.

All you had to do was put your name and student number on each side of the raffle and put it in the jar that was provided on the side of the table.

Jars of Joy, the Giving Machine, Gotcha, the teacher parking spot auction, throwing whip cream at the cheerleaders, the hopesquad and Mr. Silverrush are also other major events that happened for silverrush.

With the money that is given to these events, it went to the charity that was given for this year 2022: The Children's Justice Center.

Travel in the Past to Learn About Silver Rush

By Alese Loevlie

During the month of December, Riverton High SBO's choose a charity. The SBO's then decide on different activities that the students and faculty can participate in to help raise money for the chosen charity. This is called Silver Rush.

Silver Rush has been a Riverton High tradition since the school opened in 1999. Since then, there have been 23 charities that this school has chosen and donated to. In 2018, the The Shelter Kids charity. The students and faculty raised \$195,856.18, that year was the highest until 2022. Riverton raised \$262,229 for the Children's Justice Center.



Riverton SBO's decorate the commons for Silver Rush

Photo By: Alese Loevlie

Riverton High does Silver Rush to encourage students to help the community and have a bigger impact on the community.

Throughout Silver Rush, the students and faculty do activities and some of those activities include odd jobs, participating in the mini stores in the commons, the concerts, purchasing Silver Rush merchandise, and buying products from the Silver Rush cart. From the first Silver Rush to this year, some activities have changed or have completely gone away. Some of the new traditions and activities include Mr. Silver Rush, Silver Swap, Penny Wars, etc.

Silver Rush is a tradition everyone enjoys and it will stay a tradition for many years to come.

First day of SILVER RUSH!

They haven't even announced the charity yet

Do you think that can stop me?

I need three silver rush blankets!!!

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Phenomenal Portrait Done By An Art Student

By: Breanna Tsosie

Yet again, another student of Mrs. Harris is to prove his skills through art. Sophomore Luka Limongello, is specializing his art in Drawing 2. Mrs. Harris teaches him the skills of the negatives and positives of a photo and how to portray them in a drawing.

Using prismacolors, Limongello

is drawing a portrait of himself using the techniques he has learned recently. Though the process of it has only been about a week, significant work has been done by Limongello, and more should be done by the time he is finished.

Though he is not used to drawing with colored pencils as much, Limongello is a very detailed artist with his self-portrait and is careful with the way he draws his art.

Things he's also learning with the prismacolors are how to layer, shade properly, and get good lighting onto his drawings.

It is working effectively because excellent work is being done and Limongello is a unique artist. The details of his art compared to his reference photo are highly similar and though it will not have the colors of the reference photo, it will still have the excruciating shading and such.

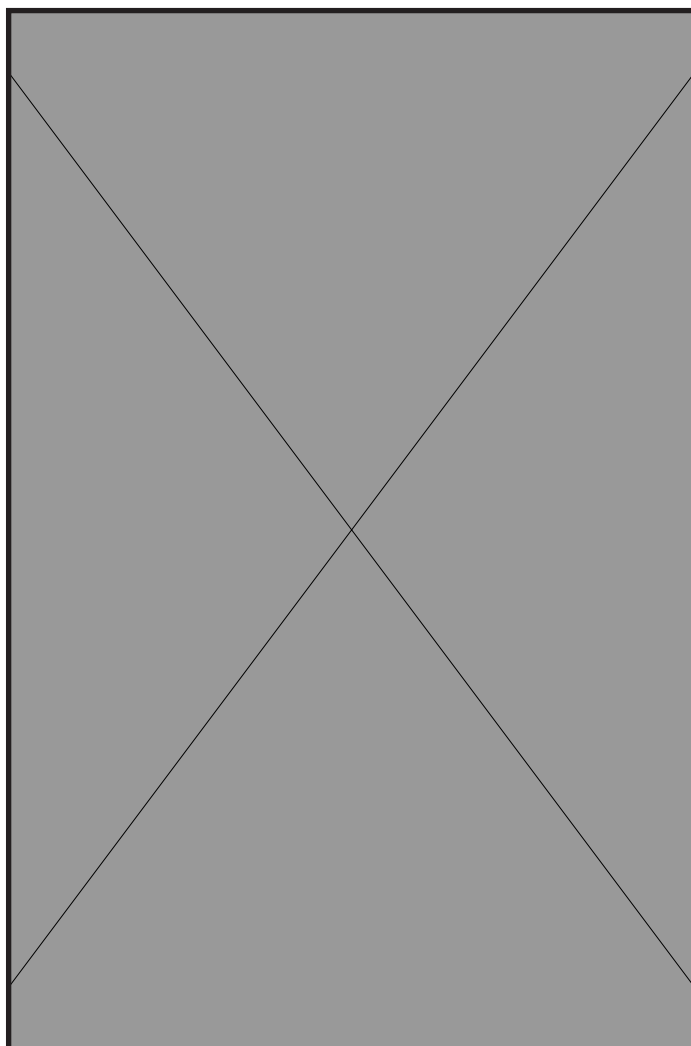


Photo by: Breanna Tsosie
Luka Limongello and his self-portrait on display in front of him

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The Clouded Mirror

By: Leonardo Collotzi

She is light, she is love, she is warmth, she is hope.

But does she see it?

Nope.

She is laughter, she is stars, she is sunshine, she is wind,

But every compliment never sinks in.

Her eyes see fine, but when looking in the mirror she is blind.

She listens but never hears.

If only she knew how much she meant to me, it would cease all her fears.

The mirror is cruel, the mirror is harsh, the mirror is cold. She is stunning, this joke is getting old. Doesn't she know that her heart is of gold?

Its silver shards tear her soul, and the wounds are deep. Ghosts of the past haunt her in her sleep.

I wish I could break that cursed thing, its shards almost broke me too.

Then her smile came shining through, and the world began anew.

If only I could do what she did for me, then she wouldn't be so blue.

The clouded mirror is soul crushing, many have made it their tomb.

She is sunsets, she is like soothing waves crashing on the beach.

She is bliss, she is water after traveling through the desert for a week.

She is fire, she is passionate, she is smart, she is everything to me. She is music, she is smiling every time we meet.

She is special, she is beauty, she is sweet. Her heart is pure yet so much has been endured.

The cloud brings in imperfections

Corrupting her gorgeous reflection

But some mist fades as she starts to see

Herself, not perfect, but perfectly complete.

Leonardo Clears up the Clouded Mirror of Face Dysmorphia

By: Liliya McDaniel

Leonardo is a student here at Riverton High School. He started writing in kindergarten and has never really stopped. He explores many genres of writing such as poetry, comedy, fantasy, and tragedy. Some favorite books of Leo's are *The Art of War*, *Song of Achilles*, and *They Both Die at the End*.

Inspiration can be found in everyday life for Leo. He would tell other writers to "observe the little things" Just being part of conversations, or taking a

walk, or just living life can "open your eyes to many other things as well."

He wrote *The Clouded Mirror* in order to bring to light the mental health condition, face dysmorphia. Leo understands what it feels like to experience face dysmorphia. It is heart-breaking to Leo to see people around him insecure about their looks. "I wish that they could see themselves the way that their loved ones see them."

If you know someone with facial dysmorphia, try to support them. Support can be shown in many different ways. Even just listening can be really helpful. Check up on

them. Help them get help. Doing little things like that, and more, can help reduce the risk of developing other mental health issues.



Picture Courtesy of Alese Loevlie
Picture created by NightCafe AI

Introducing the Girls Basketball Team

By: Keegan Stout

After a phenomenal 18-6 season, Riverton High School's girl's varsity basketball team lost in their second playoff game. This year they're looking to improve even more with new faces, a new head coach, and brand-new opportunities.

Though being a first time head coach Mr. Haag nets 18 years of coaching experience, in both track/cross country and basketball. Due to the incredible success of last years team defensively Mr. Haag is going to incorporate several similar strategies to last year, while at the same time focusing on improving

scoring, mainly in the fastbreak.

Mr Haag stated, "Our shootings just gonna improve more as the season goes on. This is a team that as the season goes, we're just gonna get better and better, and the last month of the season could just be a blast because we're just gonna keep getting better."

Though for the last month to become a blast one thing is important for both the coaches and the players. Team chemistry. This years team has incredible senior leaders who have been doing a great job of explaining to the younger kids, and showing them by example how hard to work in practice and in preparation for games, so that chemistry is already being developed.

Deseret News ranks our girls team 4th in the region, but both

Coach Haag and the players of the team are excited to see how lethal of team they can be by playoff time, and shock the rest of the state.

Our teams mentality going into the season is that with hard work and preparation, they can truly beat any team they face.

Coach Haag has made it a goal to become a Final Four Team, and him and his team are going to work their hardest to achieve this goal, so lets support our team by cheering them on! Go Silverwolves!



Photo credit: RHS website
Riverton's Girls Basketball Team posing for a group photo

Riverton Wrestling Steps Into The Spotlight.

By Aaron Rachiele.

Riverton High's Wrestling Teams are constructively up-beat this year. The team captains for both the Girls Varsity Wrestling and Boys Varsity Wrestling have similar strategies for managing their teams.

Lily Simonsen, Team Captain for Girls Wrestling, says that this year is a little hectic to manage because there are a lot more girls on the team this year as opposed to last year's team. But she is managing. The Girls Wrestling Team is constantly trying to lift each other's spirits and trying to cheer each other on.

Kyle Wood, Team Cap-

tain for Boys Wrestling, always tries his best to say a 'hi' or 'hello' to other wrestling members when he sees them out in the halls. Wood hopes to keep his team close and friendly by doing so.

both of these teams have pretty good chemistry and teamwork. Although Wood thinks that his team chemistry could be a bit better, his team is still solid. As for Simonsen's team, the thing that she wants to work on the most, is to stop letting their opponents get into their head, and instead, just focus on having a good time. Wood thinks that his team should work on conditioning themselves to refine their skills. Wood is looking forward to the games this year, and getting better at the sport of wrestling as a whole. Simonsen on the other hand isn't looking

forward to the games or the trophies necessarily. She is instead focused on her team having fun and having good sportsmanship.

The year is still fresh, and there are new members on the wrestling teams. Everyone seems to know what they are doing, and what they need to work on.



(Photo Courtesy of Aaron Rachiele, Silver-scribe.)
Placeholder image of Lilly Simonsen, Girls Varsity Team Captain, smiling at camera.

Riverton High Boys Basketball Team Surges to a 4-0 Start

By: Keegan Stout

After a disappointing 7-16 2021-2022 season, this year Riverton's squad led by coach Skyler Wilson has led the team to a 4-0 start.

On November 22nd Riverton kicked off their season against Fremont in a Silverwolves vs. Silverwolves bat-

tle, which ultimately ended in a Riverton win 57-51 led by senior, Jaxon Kerekes, with 18 points and senior, Stratton Johnson, with 15 points and 4 rebounds.

Riverton's next game was against Brighton which ended in a nailbiting 53-52 win for the Silverwolves led by Stratton Johnson with 14 points with 3 assists and junior, Zack Edwards, who put

up 9 points along with grabbing 9 boards. On December 7th, Riverton grabbed their biggest win of the season against Murray in a 73-58 blowout victory despite Chudi Anosike of the Spartans having an incredible 40 points and 4 steals. This was done due to an incredible first-quarter performance outscoring the Spartans 21-5 in the first quarter. The MVP of this game was undoubtedly Carter Nixon putting up 26 points and 6 rebounds. The Silverwolves' next test came against the Highland Rams, which was easily won in a 61-51 point victory led by Jaxon Kerekes with 22 points.

As this season continues the Silverwolves are put in a great position to start the season off and approach making the playoffs.



RHS boys basketball team gathers together for a team photo.

Photo credit: RHS website

They Gave it All and Left it All On The Court!

By Dannelver Aumua

Our very own Riverton High girl's volleyball fought their hardest and gave it all on the court the first day of playoffs.

The first game they played was against Clearfield High of which they took the win with a 3-0 sets. They then moved on to play at UVU for a double-elimination. The first game they went against Lone Peak High School where they fell 3-0. The next team that they went against was Corner Canyon where they also fell 3-0. The girls ended their region season with the record of 2-8. Even though their region season ended, they prepared mentally and physically to get ready for playoffs. "We had Coach Mitch play against us, we were required to watch film before practice, took notes on dif-

ferent rotations, and changed defense on Lone Peak," says Myriam Danielson, a senior outside hitter.

The girls also continue to pursue their volleyball career in the future. Kaieva Johnson, a senior who plays libero, has committed to the University of Utah and will be starting her college volleyball career next fall. Danielson says, "I would definitely play college ball if I didn't have to get

has also taken a break from club volleyball to rest her shoulder and focus on her education instead.

The other girls will continue their season next school year and end their region season with a good record. Danielson advises her team to "trust your team and always know that they will have your back no matter what!"

Thank you to our Riverton High School girls volleyball team for an awesome season!



Photo Courtesy of Myriam Danielson.

Riverton High School Girls

The volleyball team and coaches get their smiles ready for media day!

Riverton's Swim Team Dive Their Way To Regions

By: Breanna Tsosie

Though this year's swim season only has six weeks left, Riverton's swim team is still as strong as ever. The girl's swim team is looking at regional championships and the boys are at second or third for regions. This is all thanks to the extraordinary work and dedication put in by the athletes as well as the swim team's coach, Mr. Andrew Powers.

The past and upcoming swim meets sometimes take place at the Draper Rec Center, mostly when it is a home game. As for the practic-

es, Powers and his team focus mainly on getting more yards in and also getting used to swimming back and forth. It is more practiced than the techniques of swimming though.

By using this method, it gets the team ready for longer races and helps them finish their races stronger than before. Practices take place at 5 in the morning every day to help strengthen their motivations and their acceleration. This further proves what great sportsmanship this year's team has.

For the stats of this year's season, most dual meets with the exception of two have been won by the girl's team. Though the boys haven't really won any dual meets, Mr. Powers is confident that they will start win-

ning in the near future since they are getting closer to regions.

The boys' team is also looking at a worse or lower record than last year but it should be going up since they are very hard-working.

When asked about the team, Powers says, "I think everybody is looking great, practices have been going awesome. The team seems to be doing awesome as far as being a collective group...". He also doesn't fail to mention how the team cares for each other. So, therefore, this year's swim season is by far a great one and should be continuing to be one as far as the season goes.



Photo by Breanna Tsosie
*Mr. Powers, Riverton's swim coach,
supports his swim team.*