



Riverton High School

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This is Our Time

By:Annali Christensen

“This is our time” was the song selected by Riverton High School’s student body officers to be the theme of the 2021-2022 school year. A theme is meant to be motivating, fitting, and exciting to the students as they take on another school year.

Cayce Kirkham and Grayson Smith in their junior year sat in a car together long before becoming student body officers. The song “This is our time” played and they both got chills dreaming of a distant day that they would call this our theme. They felt it was perfect and suitable. Then after a whole year they brought it to the table and it was indeed selected.

Our officers felt that this was the proper selection for a number of reasons. The Covid-19 Pandemic altered our high school years terribly. Riverton High made the most of the situation, but are so excited to be stepping out of a phase of let-downs, confusion, fear, and separation.



This is truly our time to take hold of our opportunities we were held from previously.

The student body officers are sure we will lead out a year full of remarkable memories, academics, events, and joys. Our officers hope that this theme encourages students to seize their chance. This truly is “our time.”

Photo of Student Body Officers who are (left to right) Annali Christensen, Dylan Elliot, Tessa Graham, Keaton Van Skyhawk, Grayson Smith, Cameron Hepler, Tanner Morrison, and Cayce Kirkham. Photo taken by Riverton High school student.



Photo of the logo for this years theme “This Is Our Time”

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Riverton High Girls Tennis Teams

By Alese Loevlieand Kam Harmon

The girls tennis team this year has scored a total of 35 points! They have had an amazing season so far!

The team is all about balance, sportsmanship, trust, and friendships. Coach Ence, states that "The varsity players have settled into their positions and are winning most individual matches."

A few of the tennis players have said that this year's team goal is to get all varsity players to the state championship tournament and to win regions.

The team feels amazing about winning regions this year!

Savana Derby, states "This year's scores have been the best out of the three years I've been on the team." The players have been focused and in their routine.

With the team having three seniors, they feel accomplished but saddened that this will be their last season at Riverton. Players on the team have also mentioned that they wish the season was longer but that they are grateful for the friendships that they have made over the years. The tennis team practices after school every day after school at 3:00.



Photo Courtesy of: Coach Ronald Ence
Riverton High Tennis Team at the State Tennis Tournament Qualifiers holding their region medals
In the photo: Hailee Johansen, Grace Sansom, Addie Hansen, Savana Derby, Ashlyn Robbins, Talia Sayer, Audrey Driggs



Photo Courtesy of: Rafaela Oliveira
Photo: Football team entering the field for the game

Homecoming Game

By: Ty Tsosie

On Sept. 24, 2021, the Silverwolves won the game against Copper Hills. 45-14 was the final score. Our Silverwolves have trained a lot and a big shout out to our coaches for their time and training the boys.

In the first quarter the Silverwolves scored the first 7 points. The Grizzlies weren't able to score.

Then the second quarter came and then they went up. 28 was the final score for the second quarter.

Still the Grizzlies didn't score. Silverwolves are good aren't they!

The 3rd quarter is when the Grizzlies finally scored. 7 is the score and the Silverwolves had no score then. But not to worry-we changed all that again.

In the last quarter both teams had scored. 7-10. Just 3 points to catching up. So, overall score 45-14.

Thanks again to the coaches who put their time in training the boys and to the players who made all that happen.

Cross Country

By: Truman Wheeler

Cross country is a very hyped up club and we were wondering why. So wonder no more because we've got answers!

Now what makes XC so special to them, Coach Chase Englestead says: "XC is special because It is an extremely hard sport that doesn't bring very much attention. So the athletes that come out primarily to become a better version



Photo Courtesy of: RIVERTON TRACK/FIELD & CROSS COUNTRY website
Photo: Cross Country running their hearts out

of themselves. A person's true character can be seen when things are hard. Cross Country athletes are amazing."

It seems like everyone in Cross Country is very enthusiastic about it! Just take it from Sudney Horner. "It's not always easy but definitely worth it!"

There's always a sense of community within the club, making it easy to socialize and make friends within it!

Riverton High Volleyball Team

By Alese Loevlie

This year the volleyball team is so excited to be back on the court! The team is different and more experienced than the last few seasons because there are eight seniors and four juniors. The goal this year is to win Region Three.

They are off to an amazing start this year, winning 11 games. Player, Aubree Littledikesays her favorite part of being on the team is “having a built-in friend group and second family and getting the feeling that you belong somewhere”.

The coach and the players feel confident about this season. Coach Holt stated that “Each player brings something special to the court each day.” The team has an amazing bond and incredible chemistry.

Some players have also mentioned that this season is much different than last because COVID changed how the team plays and how the team can work together, but they are happy that this season is much more normal than the last.



Riverton High Girls Volleyball team in a huddle during their game. Photo Courtesy of: Riverton High Volleyball



This is a picture of Tate Snow, Kyson Crowther, Ty Curtis, Trayce Young, JJ Wellburn, Connor Hunsaker, and Luke Wathen. Photo courtesy of @rivertonboysgolf Instagram.

Introducing the Golf Team & Update on their ranks

By: Sid & Shay Miller

The boys golf team is off to a great start this year, winning their first region tournament of the season on Wednesday, August 25 at the Ridge Golf Course in West Valley.

Trayce Young and Luke Wathen finished first overall with a score of 1-over par. Kyson Crowther and Tate Snow shot 2-over. Ty Curtis, Connor Hunsaker, and JJ Wellburn all recorded a new personal low-round to help put the 'wolves on top!'

The boys are battling for second place with Bingham High School, with Herriman High School in first place.

Starting with the only senior on the golf team is Stone Lighten. Juniors, we have Kyson Crowther, Tate Snow, Trayce Young, Ty Curtis, Connor Hunsaker, and JJ Wellburn. The sophomore on the team is Luke Wathen.

They have tournaments about twice a week, depending on the week sometimes they only have one a week.

AFTER 2 OVERTIMES RIVERTON GIRLS SOCCER TEAM WINS

OLYMPUS

By: Savana Derby

This season, girls soccer has had a lot of success, starting with the varsity team's victory over Olympus on August 5th after two overtimes. Riverton came in as the underdogs, but they came out on top thanks to everyone's hard work and the coaches' support.

Dylan Huff, goalie, says “I feel like we have the best team chemistry we have ever had and we all work for each other which is making us do really good in games.” She and her teammate Megan Walker, who plays forward, said something very similar about their team and the bond each and everyone share; “Everyone matches each others energy. We are constantly hyping each other up and everyone is such good friends on and off the field so it's always super fun.” To finish off their season, the Riverton girls won region with only losing 1 game, and winning a total of 14. Off to state they go!



Photo by Savana Derby.
Dylan Huff, our goalie, successfully blocks a shot.



Dallin Curtis performing at the opening ceremony.
Photo by: Jane Palmer

Homecoming assembly!

By: Autumn Popp

Homecoming Royalty nominees: Kings: Gage Allen, Nate Glenn, Mackay Hostetter, Josh Jacobsen, and Eli Rossiter. Queens: Sadie Berger, Dylan Huff, Kalli Johnson, Alyssa Nielsen, and Allison Park.

The homecoming assembly was a blast. Everyone showing their school spirit and just having fun. The assembly was set up as a game show, including the homecoming royalty as the game show contenders, and performances/commercials by RDC, Drill team, Cheer team, and MDT. The game show went as follows. Each team was asked a question about the school, if they get the question correct they get points. After the question was answered they were to face a challenge of some sort. After the challenges were done, they revealed the 2021 homecoming theme. Back home. Students are

very excited about this homecoming week.

Emily Anderson: Favorite part of the assembly was "Musical Dance Theater because it was really cool, and Dallin's my favorite" The activities she is most excited for this week is the homecoming game and dance

Thomas Redman: is most excited to go to the dance with his friend group

Aires Randel: Favorite part of the assembly were the cheerleaders/ cheer team. Most excited for the dance.

The activities announced for this year's homecoming are as follows. Dress up days. Monday: Purple out Tuesday: Twin day, Wednesday: Western, Thursday: Pjs, Friday: White out Powder puff games Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Color throw, BBQ, and the Homecoming game on Friday. Dance on Saturday.

Shakespeare

By: Alese Loevlie

This year, the Riverton Shakespeare group gets to travel to Cedar City to perform for the Utah Shakespeare Festival. They are all very excited about it because last year, they weren't able to travel due to COVID.

The group will consist of fifty-six students- a mix of actors, dancers, and technicians going to Cedar City. The goal this year is to leave the competition with no regrets and to hopefully get to compete in person at Cedar City.

This year's group is full of incredibly talented students. Clin Eaton, one of the two theatre teachers, states that his favorite part is "traveling to Cedar City and being able to perform in front of the Shakespeare judges," The other theatre teacher, Erin Mcquire, mentions that her favorite

part is "being able to see that her students' understanding and appreciation increase as we all work together." Both feel really confident about this year's competition.

The group last year had to submit everything virtually; since school is no longer online this year, they are all very excited to be able to go off campus to Cedar City as a Shakespeare team. After watching the Shakespeare performance, it is safe to say that they did an amazing job! The actors and dancers portrayed the character wonderfully and the deliverance of the dialogue was outstanding! One highlight was the monologues. Millie Eaton perform a monologue from The Winters Tale, Elizabeth Longhurst from Othello, and Kendall Miller from Coriolanus. It was an amazing performance after all and it was obvious that they put a lot of effort in their performance!



Riverton Shakespeare Team performing a scene from Hamlet

Photo Credits: Lillya Mcdaniel

THE WOLVES' DEN 5

HOSA Blood Drive

By Alese Loevlie and Angel Sholtis

Did you know that one pint of blood could help three lives? Every year Riverton's HOSA club does two to three blood drives. As a group, they want to be able to give back and save a life or multiple.

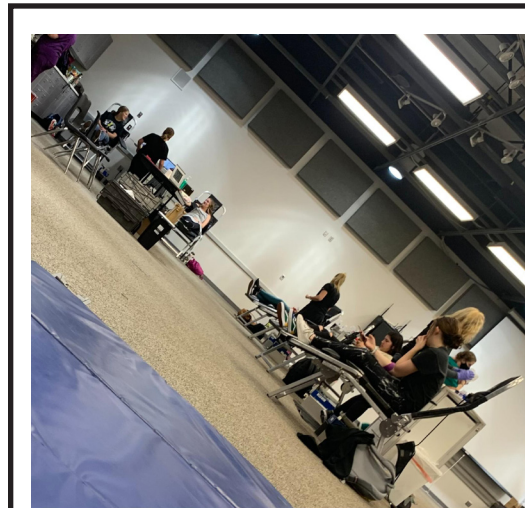
The HOSA club's goal is to make the blood donating environment positive and safe. They try to aim for about fifty or more units of blood. It has been a challenge this past year to donate blood because COVID had shut down blood donations.

In order to donate blood, you must have parental permission and be at least 16 years of age. There were a couple ways to sign up to donate. By scanning the QR codes that are posted around the school or by finding a HOSA member during lunch the week before.

The blood drive occurred on October 6th 2021 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the tech atrium. Besides saving a life and giving back, donating blood does come with some rewards. After donating a pint of blood, students receive either a coupon for a free pint of ice cream from Baskin Robbins or a free t-shirt.

Ms. Buffy Blunck says "Future Health Professionals work hand in hand with ARUP to help health leaders and provide scholarships to students interested in working in the field.... The blood donated goes directly to the Local Unah community, i.e Primary Children's Hospital". This is an amazing opportunity to make a small yet significant impact on society and help save lives. This blood drive was not the first and most definitely will not be the last, so watch for upcoming blood drives in the future and help save the lives of others! The blood drive this year had a total of

41 pints of blood donated this year.



Riverton students donate blood for a good cause.
Photo by: Alese Loevlie

Burning of the Wolf

By: Mackenzie Van Wagoner

On September 24th in the year 2021 the big game, Powder Puff, began. There were silver, red, and two other colored teams all fighting to win. It was neck and neck, each team fighting harder and harder. Who would win was a complete mystery, the winner was silver!

Burning of the Wolf started with an enormous boom! Screams from the students burst out with excitement. The boom had been an explosion on the wood carving of the wolf that was soon to be covered in scorching flames. The scorching flames scorched the wolf until the end of the night, around eight thirty. While the wolf was being scorched to ashes the fireworks had started.

Giant fire balls of light bursting with all the different colors of the rainbow, but the most

important silver and gold to top it all off. It was extremely breathtaking, no one could take their eyes off this sight. However, like most good things, it came to an end, the fireworks ended with their biggest firework yet.

It was gold and silver and it just kept on going making the night feel like it would last forever. It was such a magical moment and once it stopped, the celebration of the students started. Kicking it off with a party, some students howled at the moon and some just laughed and danced. Once the party died out the students went home, and made it back safely. Signifying our students' happiness and well being with other students. Making this year's Burning of the Wolf the best Homecoming tradition.



Students kick off the year with the burning of the wolf ceremony.
Photo by: Mackenzie Van Wagoner

Why Masks?

Alyssa Brown

Last year was an adventure everyone agrees shouldn't be repeated. Even though Covid continues to be a concern, many people are worn out and want to go back to normal, questioning practices used last year like mask wearing. The state of Utah has banned a mask mandate, so students are not required to wear them but it is optional, so some people are still wearing while others aren't.

Matthew Staymates from the National Institute of Standard Technology shows that the main function of masks is to protect others from you getting them sick. If it's uncomfortable, like humid, it's doing the job

Many people also claim that masks are ineffective solely because of one simple fact:

not all masks are equally effective.

A recent study done in Bangladesh helped to show how masks can help prevent potential droplets from infecting a large community. Elana Gordon, from PRI: The World reports "Bangladesh, is the first randomized trial to examine the effectiveness of face masks at reducing COVID-19 in a real-world setting, where mask use may be imperfect and inconsistent. The results show that increased mask-wearing led to a significant reduction in the percentage of people with COVID-19."

Contrary to popular belief, masks are NOT responsible for causing hypoxia (low oxygen) or hypercapnia (high carbon dioxide) in healthy individuals. This is a myth proven wrong by all of the healthcare workers who have been wearing facial coverings since before covid.

Regardless of whether or not you find

yourself wearing a mask this year, it's important to be sure you are getting good information about how they work. Avoid getting caught up in all the emotion that's built up around them.



Photo courtesy of travelandleisure.com, Wear a mask don't spread germs.

Is RHS safe for everyone?

By: Ocean Shaw

Most High School students would agree that a sense of belonging is an important aspect of the High School experience. Unfortunately, some students feel they don't have a place at the school. To investigate this, I met with two of the minority groups that have clubs to represent them:

GSA and Latinos in Action.

For most students, the danger lies more in their emotional and social well-being than in their physical safety. Gage White, vice president of the GSA club, states that "nearly everyone [in the club] has been called a slur in the hallway". Despite the staff being supportive, not all students feel they can go to them for help without risking outside parties getting involved.

Of course, this situation of a group or groups of people feeling like they aren't safe has roots far deeper than one school. Preconceived ideas are sublimi-

nally passed on from one generation to the next. Students who identify as queer are often forced to put up with uncomfortable, rude, and careless remarks from their classmates, with no foreseeable end. Mr. Ramjoue, a teacher in the DLC (District Leadership Committee), notes that "privilege is invisible to those who have it", and reasons that students contributing to the negative environment are most likely simply unaware of the problem.

However, I got the impression that the same problem isn't prevalent with members of the LIA club.

When asked about their safety in the school, Roberto Ortiz from the Latinos in Action club gives RHS a 10/10. As for representation, both he and Wendy Joloe, another member of the LIA club, say they are the representation in the school. They feel they can be very open about their culture, don't get bullied, and don't feel stereotyped.

While this acceptance of certain minori-

ties is certainly something to be celebrated, it's important to remember to not stop there. As Ms. Rush points out, "all minority kids are just kids. It doesn't matter what so-called minority group you're in, you're a kid, and you wanna be a kid."



There is a club for everyone here at RHS. Photo by Ocean Shaw: The vice president of GSA at their table during club. Photo of Gage White.

Principal Gough at Our Age

By: Annali Christensen

All our teachers, and administration were once high school students just like us. Our beloved Principal Gough has teenage memories and stories of her own. She experienced hardships and joys that lead her to become the woman and leader she is now.

Carolyn Gough was the oldest child in her family, so her father was still a student in school when she was young. This resulted in a large number of moves throughout her childhood. One in particular was right in the middle of her high school career. From Colorado she settled here in Utah, she spent her junior and senior year attending Murray High as a Spartan. There she met some of her greatest

friends that she kept past high school.

The many moves did not keep Ms. Gough from being very involved in sports as a teenager. She was very active, and sporty. She played soccer all years of high school, and she was a goalie for her school team. Out of school she participated in many more sports such as basketball and skiing. Sports were what she “did all the time.” sports were a delight for her throughout her teenage years.

The challenges of moving around so much in her youth helps her to have empathy for students. She can more easily connect to students who face similar struggles, as she knows how they feel.

Riverton is grateful for her dedicated service, the warmth she brings, and the love she gives.



Photo courtesy of: Carolyn Gough.
Ms. Gough poses for her senior pictures just like many of us did in 2021.

Get Involved!

By: Alyssa Brown and Aneti Chu shing

Riverton High school hosts clubs for all sorts of interests, from art and language, to science and math. Clubs are a good way to find your passion and give you an excuse to not have to go home and do homework and chores right after school.

One of the biggest clubs at Riverton is FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America). Nadia Luker explained how FCCLA is “A great club to meet new people, and is a great thing to do after school.” She and Garrett Wolverton, another member, told how FCCLA is a club that expands on FACS classes, and they plan activities along the lines of those. Past activities have consisted of them reading to the Silver Pups, making smoothies, and planning worthwhile service projects. FCCLA also participates in competitions that test a student’s knowledge, skills, and abilities concerning their areas of families, careers, and communities.

For students looking to join a sport, Girls Football is a great place to go. They are currently a club sport, but hope to grow and become a school competitive sport. This club is for girls who are look-



Photo by Alyssa Brown.
Madi Eyre, Eva Andersen, and Aubrey Andrus sponsor Riverton City Youth Council at club rush.

ing for something new, and anyone who believes they have the mental and physical strength should do so because: “Every girl who joins is Beast!” says Cordelia Cover. “Even if you are 4’10 or have concerns

about hitting and tackling other girls, as long as you are interested in the sport, then you should just go for it.” And if you aren’t sure what to do, Efia Hullinger says you should “just tackle everyone!”

A newer club this year was created by the Riverton City Youth Council. Even though they are a city organization, Madi Eyre, Eva Andersen, Aubrey Andrus, and a few others decided to promote the council through Riverton High School clubs. They have participated in service projects for teachers, firemen, and even a humanitarian project to support kids in Africa. Join this club if you are looking for an opportunity to show leadership and service to others in the community.

Even if none of these clubs apply to you, there are still other opportunities to get involved. Join a club not because you need something to do, but because you want a chance to make friends and have a good time. Your involvement outside of school will lead to a better High School experience.

8 ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



Comic by: Aneti Chu Shing

All's Well That Ends Well

By: Mckenna Maxwell

*Happily ever after
In sorrow or laughter
All's well that ends well
Only time could tell
How our stories end
Over the bridge and under the bend
To seek a peek at life's end
Unfollowed by worldly trends
There is no other way to send you to
heaven
I must admit I fear death
And the thought of a last breath
It makes my stomach churn and ache
It makes my bones burn and shake
It sends me into panic
It sometimes gets dramatic
But all's well that ends well
And I do believe if all's well that ends
well
It will end well for me*



Photo by: Ana Christensen
Poet: Mckenna Maxwell
Mckenna Maxwell is one of Riverton
High's creative writers

Maxwell's Poem Offers Comfort

By: Ana Christensen and Liliya McDaniel

Mckenna Maxwell is a 15-year-old sophomore here at Riverton High School who loves dance and language arts. She is in dance 3 and a member of No Sweat Dance Company outside of school. She writes at least once every day and loves to read, specifically horror, her favorite novel being One For Sorrow. This love for darker fiction can be seen in her writing.

Billie Eilish, Sub Urban, and Taylor Swift are her favorite musical artists. One thing that she advised to artists is, "Don't let other people's opinions of your writing phase you. If somebody doesn't like it--you can't please everyone. If you like it, you should stick to it."

If you would like to have some of your poetry featured in the newspaper, please contact Mrs. Frank! kelli.frank@jordandistrict.org