

Putting the Pal in Principal!

By: Liliya McDaniel

Ms. Waite started her education career here at Riverton High School. It is not unexpected that for Ms. Waite, “It had felt like coming home,” when she heard that she would be returning to RHS.

Social studies, US history, Consumer Health, and Intro to Health were all classes Ms. Waite taught at Riverton. She also coached the cheerleaders for her first two years. For about five other years, she was involved with the student government. She got to work with awesome teachers and students.

Ms. Waite became a teacher for three main reasons: she likes working with kids, she wants to continue to learn, and her job provides her with a way to help others. In addition, she has had teachers that changed her life. One teacher that stood out was her second-grade teacher. There

were many things that her teacher did that made her an amazing example. One of those things was that her teacher invited the whole second-grade class to her wedding! From that moment on, Ms. Waite had said that she wanted to do something meaningful in education.

Ms. Waite did not always know that she wanted to become a principal. She just wanted to get involved in leadership roles, and she loved working with kids while making decisions that



Ms. Waite poses for a school picture re-joined the RHS Silverwolves as Principal in January

Photo courtesy of the RHS website.

changed things for the better.

Ms. Waite said that the biggest challenge with being a principal is that she sees others go through hard things, and she can’t change that. Everybody has different life experiences. With that being said, her favorite part of her job is when she sees people helping each other. And with her job, she can

be someone to look out for people.

When Ms. Waite was a high school student at West Jordan High School, she was part of the Peer Leadership and Cheer Squad. Ms. Waite was friendly and would wave to people in the hallways. Even though it was hard for her to be outgoing, she always tried to be a good friend, making her high school years better. She advises students to get involved because that is the key to a fun high school experience. Ms. Waite wants everybody to feel like they have a place here at Riverton. To do that, everyone needs to make an effort, such as looking out for each other. She hopes that RHS can be a welcoming and safe space for everyone.

Ms. Waite is looking forward to a full year as principal here at Riverton. She can’t wait to start the new school year with everybody in the fall. She also looks forward to “success in the classroom and learning about what students want to be.” She is a positive force in the community.

Ms. Waite’s favorite thing about being the principal at RHS is seeing familiar faces and getting to know new ones. She advises us to take the school motto to heart. We Silverwolves are Strong Enough to Stand Alone but Smart Enough to Stand Together.



Students Dylan Anderson, Bridger Neilson, Kelsey Arveseth, and Morgan Steffensen from Riverton's orchestra watch as the middle schoolers perform. Photo by: Alli Weedon

Experiencing Music With The Next Generation

By: Allison Weedon

Every year within the music department they hold what is called a Side by Side orchestra concert. The precis of a concert like this is that the advanced orchestra from Riverton High School as well as the advanced orchestra from one or two middle schools hold a concert together and perform. All the orchestras perform pieces individually, as well as one piece together. This year the concert took place on February 9th in the big gym. After speaking with

some of the members from the Riverton orchestra, we learn more about how the concert is good because it's, "To enjoy music" (Bridger Neilson) and, "To make the middle schoolers feel welcome and encourage them to continue with music in high school" (Kelsey Arveseth). Orchestras from Oquirrh Hills and Hidden Valley Middle Schools attended and performed. At the end of the concert, all of the orchestras got on

stage together and performed a piece called Blue Rhythmico composed by Kirt Mosier. The performance was very exciting and several students expressed how much they enjoyed their time performing. "It was really fun to play with the middle schoolers, and it's great for them to see what orchestra is like in high school" (Emma Vanleeuwen). By the end of the night, everyone went home with good memories and a brownie.

HOSA Students Host Blood Drive to Help Battle Cancer

By: Alyssa Brown

The HOSA Blood Drive is an annual event at Riverton High School where students can donate blood to people in need. This year, the blood collected was donated to local hospitals

that specialize in helping people battle various forms of cancer. The drive took place on February 23rd, and went from 8am to 2pm...



Hunter Morse and Caelee Bowers help with the front table at the blood drive. Photo by Alyssa Brow

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During the blood drive, phlebotomists (healthcare workers that specialize in drawing blood) came from hospitals to help ensure that students meet the requirements to donate blood safely. Once they made sure willing students were eligible, they collected 1 pint of blood per person, all while ensuring their health was not endangered.

During the weeks leading up to the blood drive HOSA students focused on promoting the

drive, and imploring students to sign up. This year, however, they were even more determined on promoting the drive.

Due to Covid, there is a shortage of blood donations throughout Utah.

According to the Red Cross article “Red Cross Declares First-ever Blood Crisis amid Omicron Surge”,

“The American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis – its worst blood shortage in over a decade, posing a concerning

risk to patient care. Amid this crisis, doctors have been forced to make difficult decisions about who receives blood transfusions and who will need to wait until more products become available.’

Caelee Bowers, a HOSA student, responded to the need for blood donations. “Whatever you can do to help right now is awesome!! It only requires an hour of your time, and you get a pint of ice cream for [donating] a pint of blood.”

Riverton High Competes in FCCLA Competitions

By Jillian Chuon

Family career and community leaders of America, or more commonly known as FCCLA, is competing in the state wide competition this quarter. The events vary from baking and pastries to childcare. Many students compete in different fields in order to better their skills and earn recognition for their future.

The first events to kick off this year are baking and pastries as well as culinary on February 1st. RHS Sent Sydney Moore to compete in baking and pastries and Kaleb Schaeffer for culinary. Others include Breanna Farr, Garret Wolverton, and Yuli Gonzalez who are competing in food innovation. Nadia Luker, Payton Locker, Allie Thurgood, Abby Thurgood, Natalie Thurgood, and Emery Chamberlain are participating



*FCCLA members enjoying activities together.
Photo Courtesy of Garrett Wolverton*

in the Parliamentary Procedures event.

This year our students worked hard and practiced tirelessly for the competition. All their hard work paid off because in the culinary division Kaleb Shaeffer placed silver and Sydney Moore placed Gold in Baking and Pastries! We are so proud of our amazing FCCLA students.

The FCCLA president, Nadia Luker, encourages people to join. She tells about how FCCLA has become her family, every member has a close connection with each other. It has helped her get an idea of what she might want to do when she graduates high school. Joining FCCLA opens many doors for students such as scholarships and career paths and opportunities.

Riverton High Marches into Spirit Week

By Alese Loevlie

Every year, Riverton High has a Spirit Week, which is a competition between grades to see which grade has the most school spirit. And every year there's a different theme. This year's theme was the Olympics!

During the week, there were activities that students could participate in. Those activities included dress-up days for every day, Olympic-themed games during lunch, and a "spirit bowl".

The spirit bowl is on the last day of the week which hap-

pened to be a Thursday this year. What the spirit bowl is, is a competition between the sophomores, juniors, seniors, and staff where they participate in different types of relay races.

Spirit week is planned and hosted by the SBOs. The SBOs plan spirit week about two weeks prior.

SBO president, Dylan Elliott, stated "My favorite part about Spirit Week is seeing how passionate people get....the passion that translates to school spirit and I love seeing that school spirit come in." SBO Tessa Graham, added "The spirit bowl was my favorite"

During this year's spirit week, it is safe to say that Riverton High's students and staff have an over-

whelming amount of school spirit! It was shown throughout the week and anyone who witnessed the hallways full of students who participated in the dress-up days and the activities would agree.



Students from different grades and staff compete in a game of dodgeball.
Photo courtesy of: Rajeigh Keller

Riverton High Participates in Hope Week



Lands Phifer, Anna Crapo, Madeline MacDougal participated in the Hope Walk

Photo courtesy of Natalie Bartholomew

For the whole week, From January 31st to February 4th, Riverton High's Hope Squad plans activities for students to participate in during Hope Week. Hope Week is a full week where we do lunchtime activities to help prevent suicide.

Some of the activities that we could participate in were getting free root beer floats, playing corn hole, spinning a wheel at lunch, and the pledge wall. Hope week ended with the Hope Walk on that Saturday.

The theme that was chosen by the Hope Squad President, Dylan Elliott, was Bend, Not

Break. When Dylan chose this theme and told the other students why he had chosen it, he gave the example of a palm tree. He used this example because as he said "In a storm, other trees try to stand tall, but when they do they break, but palm trees bend with the wind".

The Riverton Hope Squad wants the students of Riverton to walk away knowing that the Hope Squad members are there to help. Holly Jensen said in an interview that "we want students to know that we know things are hard but if you bend, and not break you can make it through the storm."

RHS Had a Curious Incident of a Play in the Night time

By Angel Sholtis

An amazing play took place on February 24th - 28th, at 7:00PM. Based off a popular novel that many of our sophmores read in their English class this year, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time" is about a boy named Christopher who goes on a journey to find out who murdered his neighbors dog, Wellington, and along the way he finds out some family secrets.

This play was full of humor, drama, plot twists and passion. The main Character, Christopher, was played by Cameron Kunz. Cameron did an amazing job acting as Christopher. He accurately captured every emo-

tion and struggle a fifteen year old boy with autism might have while also bringing out the best aspects of Christopher to lighten the mood of the sad plot line.

Another incredible actor in this play was Alex Oyler, playing the role of Christopher's father, Ed. He really put himself in the character's shoes and put so much soul into every word. Although he was only acting, you could sense the pain and anger Ed felt radiating off the stage. Alex brought forth an important suspense and intensity that really sold the performance and made the play feel real, but don't just take our word for it.

Alex Oyler has been nominated for Utah Musical Theatre's Best High School Actor for his role as Sam in "Mamma Mia",

and he won 1st place in Region for contemporary scenes 2021. If that isn't proof of his incredible acting skills, then what is?

For the background scenery, they used a small set of bleachers, along with many color changing cubes that the characters used as chairs and stands. These cubes, while minimalistic, were an amazing decision. It left some to the imagination, while also using the colors to create emphasis on certain characters during scenes. Every actor put their all into every character and did an amazing job at illustrating the play with their words and actions. The Crew members also played a key role in the play, and did very well at creating the right atmosphere for every scene with different lighting and sounds.

The show's choice of scenery and effects worked well to support the themes and development of the play.

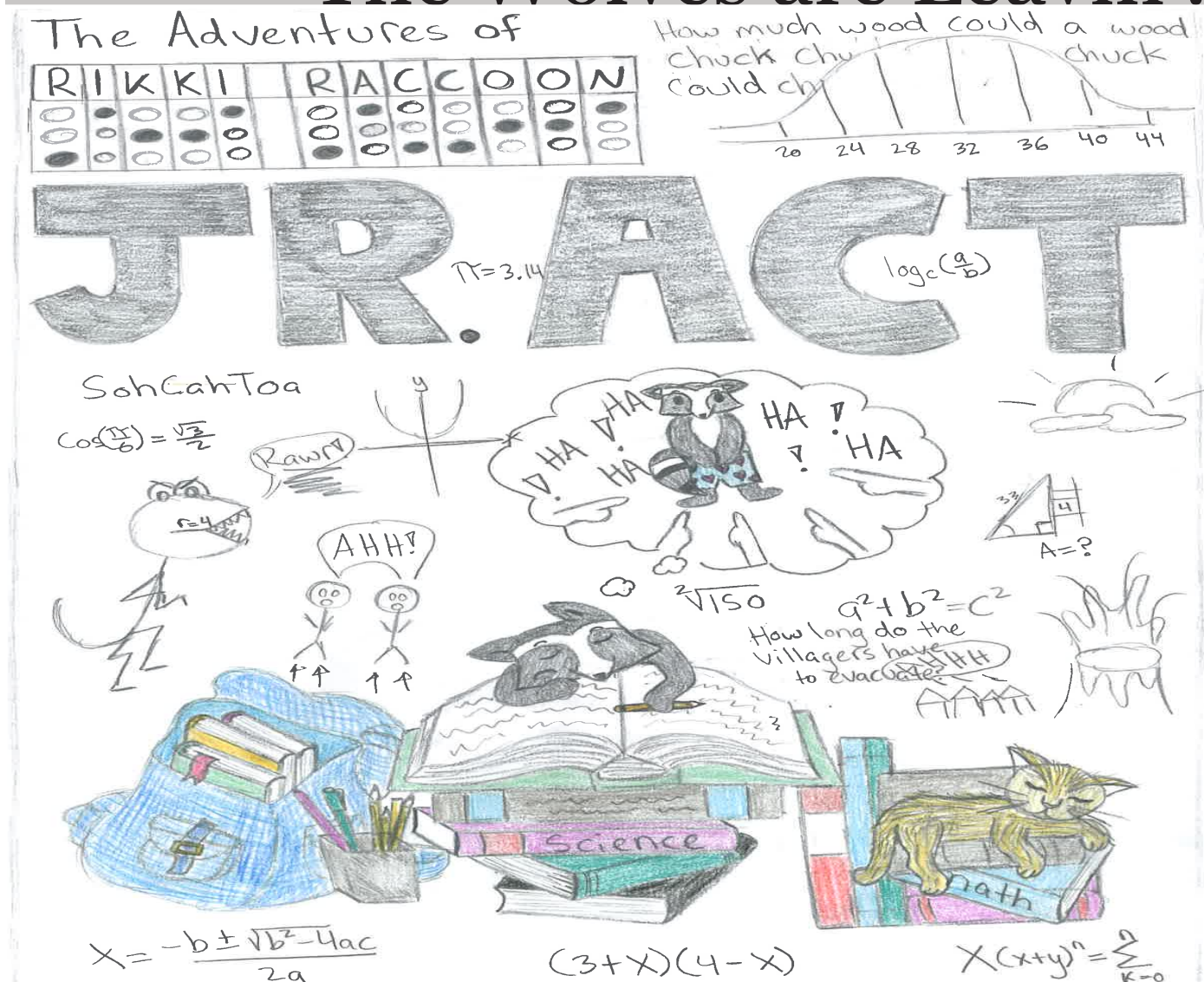


Cameron Kunz accurately captured every emotion and struggle a fifteen year old boy with autism might have



Photos Courtesy of the
RHS Drama Department

The Wolves are Leavin'...



Juniors Prepare to Apply to College at Utah Higher Education Day

By: Alyssa Brown

Utah Higher Education Day is a day specifically designed to help students toward the end of their Junior year better understand the process of applying to college that will take place during the fall of their Senior year.

This day also is used to help students get an idea of what colleges are available to them in state, what variety of programs are offered at each school, scholarships avail-

able to help pay for schooling, and most importantly- the requirements to apply to these colleges.

This event took place on February 1, 2022, and went from 12pm-2pm. Students had the option to attend various seminars depending on which school they wanted to attend. Utah State University presented in the library, University of Utah in the Tech Atrium, and Utah Valley University in the auditorium. Each school focused more on informing students of what they had to offer more than persuading them to attend their school.

No matter which seminar Ju-

niors attended, they all had the same goal in mind: to learn what it would be like to attend the college of their dreams, and what they will need to do to apply to their college choice in October 2022.



Photo: Students prepare to apply for their dream college through the help of Utah Higher Education Day.

Photo courtesy of uacrao.org.

...And Boy Are We Glad!

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Discovering Educational and Career Opportunities

By: Mackenzie Van Wagoner

Riverton High School students explore Pathways to Professions Career Expo. The expo includes different classes that are offered and which school they belong to. There are also classes provided for the types of jobs offered and some jobs offered don't need any schooling. Each job is given a description of what the job is and what tasks you will do. Some jobs will offer scholarships once you join their team and there will be scholarships handed out by some of the careers.

One of the ones that don't need schooling are car dealerships. There were many car dealership companies handing out flyers to join their team. In the car dealership companies there are tons of different branches, there is management, sales, and more. Also you don't need your license if you go into a branch that doesn't require it, like management. While sponsoring the car dealership jobs there were many cars. There was a really nice red sports car, a car you could draw on, a ton of trucks, and lots more. Another job you can do without any schooling was real estate. The main task you do for the job is buy cheap houses and sell them for more. Also at the expo there was this giant rock climbing challenge you can do for the military. It was there to encourage students to join the military. Many students participated in it, they thought it was very fun and motivating.



Pathways to Professions Career Expo included things such as various vehicles and someone getting a haircut. Photos courtesy of Gayle Whitefield



Students dance their hearts out at the dance!

Photo courtesy of: Maile Clark

Sweetheart's Dance was a Smashing Success!

By: Annie Christensen

As a celebration of love and unity, our student government planned the Sweethearts Dance to be joyful and memorable, and it turned out to be just that. With hearts cover-

ing the hallway that led up to the gym which was lit with moody lighting students could not help but feel love for their school and peers.

The theme of this year's sweethearts dance was "Can I have this dance?" a song from High School Musical. This song was one of many that was played on the night of February 19th. Every one of the songs played that night was filled with dancing and excitement.

Though the dance was a few hours long, students were giving their all start to finish.

There is a certain sweetness that comes about by school dances, especially for the students in the senior class. These are memories they will likely hold on to forever and hold dear as they reflect on their high school

experience here at Riverton High School. It also was expressed that dances were the very favorite part of some kids' entire high school career, so it is a blessing this dance was so much fun.

As earlier mentioned, the school was decorated and prepared beautifully. The students were no less striking. All who attended came in their very best dress, of all colors and styles. It was an amazing turnout.

In the end, the dance did have to be shut down a few minutes early due to some rowdy behaviors, but the rest was so good the kids left feeling joyful. A rough ending had nothing on this year's sweethearts dance!

Dear Sylvester

By: Ocean Shaw

Q: "What is the best time to tell someone that you're close to that you're not feeling like yourself anymore?" - T

Dear T,

It depends on the reasoning. If you're feeling different because of mental things, it's important to reach out immediately. The more people that know, the more people can help you, and those close to you can often help you the most. If you're worried about their reaction, know that nobody worth hanging around will have an opinion that matters.

If you're feeling different because you're changing (a common result of aging), let them figure it out. You don't owe anybody an explanation of your behavior.



Need advice from Sylvester? Send questions through the link below!

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To Go or Not to Go Virtual

By: Aneti Chu Shing

As Riverton prepared to go online yet again, most of us were less than enthusiastic. In a recent survey, Virtual Vs In Person Schooling, sent out by the RHS Newspaper staff on January 26th, 2022 right after going virtual for three days, only fifty seven out of three hundred thirty students surveyed said that they would like to have virtual schooling for the rest of the year as opposed to going in person.

When Covid hit and shut down schools for the first time, everyone realized just how much they had been taking in-person schooling for granted.

For the first time in history, students finally got everything they had always wanted... only to realize that wasn't what they really wanted after all.

Back in 2020 when we first went virtual, many RHS students were excited at the prospect of not having to come to school for the next few weeks, but as the two weeks quickly

turned into two months, and finally the rest of the school year, students started to realize that virtual learning wasn't all they imagined it would be. They started to realize just how much everyone missed their friends, how terrible Zoom meetings were, and that maybe a worldwide pandemic canceling school wasn't as exciting as everyone had originally thought. Now, going into yet another Covid-related virtual schooling emergency, even if it was only for three days, students were a lot more wary, but also a lot more prepared.

However, a lot of students still like the flexibility of virtual learning, and the ability to get their work done quickly and at their own pace, rather than having to wait for the teacher or the rest of the class. Jacob Jorgensen said that he liked that he got to "lay in bed during class." When asked what she liked about in person schooling, Autumn Wood replied "I can focus a lot better when I'm engaged in a classroom." Other students enjoy getting to see their friends daily, having more structure in their day, and easier access to getting help from

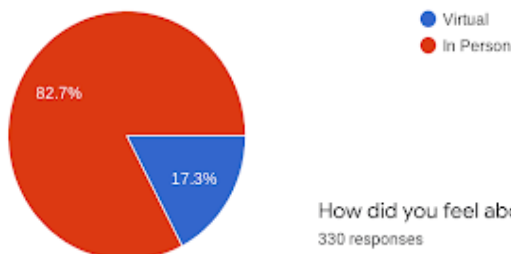
teachers.

The top thing students did not appreciate about virtual schooling were the Zoom meetings, as well as being stuck at home and not being able to see their friends everyday. And several students said it was harder to motivate themselves to do anything from home and that they were not getting any of their work done. On the other hand, in person classes are because of how early everyone has to get up in the morning, and how long a school day is. Lauryn Rowland says that she "hates the distractions of other students."

So as we prepared to go virtual yet again, you may have found yourself going into it with a different mindset than you did the first time this happened two years ago. While each different form of schooling has its benefits and downfalls, according to the survey, most of us would much rather have to get up early in the mornings to come to school in person every day. Sometimes, we realize that the little things we take for granted, are the things we find ourselves wishing for the most.

If it were up to you to decide, would you do virtual, or in person schooling for the rest of the year?

330 responses



How did you feel about going online again for school?
330 responses



These two charts show Aneti's hardwork!
Images by: Aneti Chu Shing

Art Is No Chore for Jocelyn Ducourant

By: Liliya McDaniel

Jocelyn Ducourant is this year's Sterling Scholar for Visual Arts. Jocelyn has loved every art class she has taken and loves all the art teachers here at Riverton.

Jocelyn loves to try new mediums as she creates art. The only materials she hates are charcoal and pastels; they are too messy, and the texture is weird. One material she found recently is printing, and it is what she used in the featured piece "Chores."

Jocelyn can still recall to herself on the kitchen counter with her grandma. She was drawing with old markers and colored pencils. In this memory, Jocelyn was drawing mermaids wearing coconut bras. When her mom saw the picture and burst into laughter. Her grandma kept the memory by writing the date and name and putting it in a manila folder that Jocelyn still has. This memory sticks out to Jocelyn because her grandmother "was so good at encouraging me to draw from a young age, and I cherish the afternoons I spent coloring with her."

Drawing has always been in Jocelyn's life. Her grandma and parents are the reason she always had opportunities to draw. Jocelyn's mother loves to tell a story about Jocelyn's

preschool. The teacher had all the kids to draw pictures of themselves and their mom, while most kids drew with scribbles, Jocelyn surpassed everyone's expectations, making the other moms jealous.

Jocelyn finds her inspirations from antique thrift stores as she loves the 60s. She looks for picture books from the 50s and 60s that have documented events.

The featured piece "Chores" is based on a book Jocelyn found in a thrift store. The book, published in the 1960s, had Jocelyn in awe of how the photographer captured the scene of a child milking a cow. "Chores" is an excellent way to showcase our life routines and

how they have changed in the past 60 years. Jocelyn says that "in some ways I feel that we've lost something as life continually speeds up through increasing means of production and innovation. Who knows, maybe some kid will look back on us and wish he could've been alive during the pandemic."

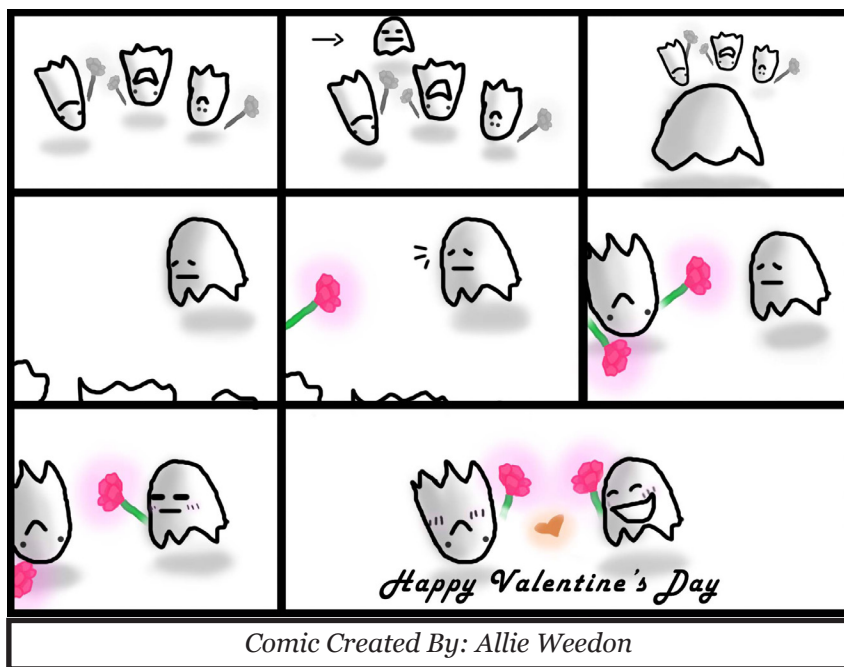
Jocelyn emphasized that art and creative thinking are an important element in education. She believes that educational programs and teachers should center on individualized learning and creative thinking.

Jocelyn reflected, "Heaven knows we have enough critics in the world, let us build up the creatives!"



"This piece represents chores from a bygone era and the simplicity we've lost. I used a child's perspective and the ancient method of woodblock printing to speak to those themes."

Statement and piece created by Jocelyn Ducourant



105 Degrees

By: Anonymous Student

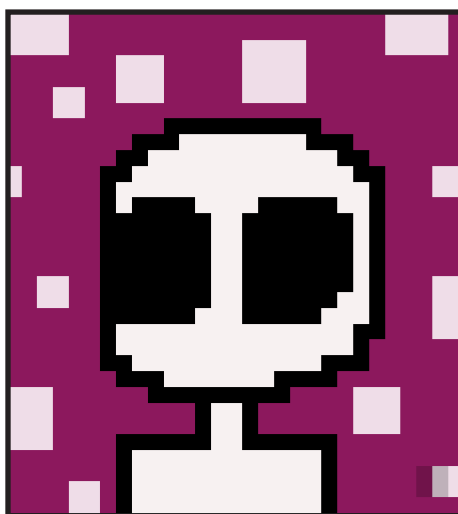
Listen to the chitter of my pitter
patter riot.
Feel the scorch of 105 degrees.
Turn to the beat of the bitter drum.

Here we're stuck in our own reali-
ties,
Stuck, while the Big Guns twiddle
their thumbs.
And yet I'm invisible.

Thankfully, I have no thumbs to
twiddle.
Just a ghost of a Time Once Past.
Hunk of despair, just a little.

Yes, I am the last of the last.
"First, last, and only one"
Yet the star of my performance had
just begun.

I am guided by the wind,
And float upon her silky surface.
Heed me.



*A Photo chosen by the Student to express
themselves.*

Photo Courtesy of: Anonymous Student

An Inspiring Poem by an Inspiring Student

By: Ana Christensen

This student is a Junior at Riv-
erton High School! He loves to
draw, read, and write! He likes to
write poetry and stories. He got
into poetry because he decided
to pick up a pen in fourth grade
and write. "How hard can it be?"
he thought. Ever since then, he
has loved it. One piece of advice
he has for all of you is, "Although
the idea may seem crazy, WRITE
IT! Anything goes nowadays!"

Thank you for submitting
this poem! It was such a fun
poem to read. If anyone would
like to submit a poem, please
email Mrs. Frank at kelli.
frank@jordandistrict.org !

Riverton Drill Team's Hard Work Pays Off!

By: Annie Christensen



Riverton drill team poses in character at the close of their remarkable regional competition. Photo courtesy of: @rivertondrill instagram

The Riverton High School Drill team wowed the crowd at their competitions this season. They had prepared a number of dances, each very individual and

showcasing different styles and skills. This year, the regional competition was held at Bingham High school. In the beginning the basketball court floor was filled with teams in warm-up gear getting ready to present the routines they had worked so hard on. There are four areas in each competition. Military is a sharp, formation-based dance that calls for remarkable precision. Then there is Dance and Show, and they were each beautiful. Finally, there is a character dance where each team enters the floor as something totally different from all the rest. This means our Drill team had shown up having polished four top tier routines. Their character dance stood far apart from the crowd as they danced impersonating 'The Jok-

er.' Each dancer embraced their role and sent chills down the spines of the crowd. There was no question this team was full of dedicated individuals as each dance was pristine, sharp, and so beautiful. An exciting detail was that our Riverton Dance company and Cheer team were also showcased as guest performers between the sections of the competition. All of our performance teams are exceptional. At the region competition Riverton Drill placed fourth in Military, fifth in Dance, and fourth in Show. Then in the end they won fourth overall, ensuring a spot in the state competitions held soon after. Riverton High school should harbor a great pride for their drill team, and an appreciation for their hard work that so obviously pays off. Well done, Drill team!

An Under the Surface look at the RHS Swimteam!!

By Aneti Chu Shing

No one wants to wake up at 4am in the morning. But when the loud BEEP! BEEP! BEEP! of their alarm clocks go off, the RHS swim team doesn't hit snooze. They grumble their way out of bed and into the pool. SPLASH!!! Nothing wakes you up in the morning like a freezing cold slap in the face from the indoor pool in Draper. "We sacrifice our sleep to be faster," says Cade Cooper, one of the Senior swim team captains this year. Our swim team includes some of the hardest working students we have here at RHS. From early morning practices to maintaining good grades, taking hard level classes, and balancing that all on top of work, extracurriculars, and their personal lives, no one has more drive and determination to succeed. "It's about 3 months of constant stress, little sleep, lots of hard practicing and all for a few days of victory at meets, regions, and state, but

it is all worth it," says Hanna Evans, a junior who has been on the team since she was a freshman. They train for at least an hour and a half every day, and some even go the extra mile, taking the swim class or doing extra lifting and bodybuilding after school. Anyone can train and practice with the team, but in order to be able to compete, swimmers have to have a 2.0 GPA or higher, and cannot be failing any classes.



Kya Watson came out of the water in a beautiful butterfly position. Photo courtesy of Elise Schroeder.

Aside from being serious athletes, our swimmers also like to have fun! Their meets are so hype, and everyone is

cheering and screaming encouragement to whoever is racing. The most hype cheerleader the team has though, is the Banana Man. It is a tradition among the swimmers to have a senior dress in the banana costume and be the most excited, supportive, and charismatic member of the team. When a senior graduates, they pass on the sacred role of the Banana Man to an upcoming senior who they feel is right for the position and can carry the team. After the meets, the swim team always likes to celebrate by having team dinners where they eat good food and just have a crazy time together. Peyton Hill, a sophomore this year, said that team dinners are "where [he's] felt the team has bonded most." The team was able to pull through and have a really great swim season and the swimmers would argue that their team is one of the best here at Riverton, "Not because of the sport, but because of how great the team is and how they uplift and support you. Trust me, getting up at 4am is worth it!" again from Peyton Hill.

RHS Takes Down Wrestling Divisionals

By: Jill Chuon

We are so proud of our Riverton wrestlers! Many from our team made it to finals. One of our boy wrestlers were a finalist and girls made it to finals! Two of our girls placed! Overall they went 23-5! They won 23 matches and only lost 5. Kaden Oslon placed second and Kane Baker placed in the top 8! Bella Butterfield placed second in girls and Aslea Larsen placed third. Our wrestlers worked hard and it paid off. Our silverwolves did so well!

Covid 19 made this wrestling season difficult but couldn't stop our silverwolves. Wrestlers were quarantined three times this season and the wrestlers were required to get tested every week regularly. Wrestling captain, Tyler Hagen, says "It made our season start almost a month later than it should've been and we could've been shut down at anytime during the season. Despite all these hardships our team did so well! Make sure to congratulate our wrestlers when you see them!



Photo courtesy of: Michelle Hinton
Riverton wrestling team posing for a photo