



# The Silver Scribe

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# BEAR-O-CARE!

By: Molly Freeman

BEAR-O-CARE! This is the year we proudly got to help and support everyone in Bear-O-Care for Silver Rush. This place helps anyone who has more than one disability like the deaf, cerebral palsy, brain trauma, and dependent people few. They want to families become and to make a the people in the loved ones. It when they helped newborn named Bear who had syndrome. Charge an intricate that can be life And the people hearing and loss,along with problems. It development slow. It's a scary that consists of hospital stays surgeries, And of taking care of they tried to find facility for when Brandon finished school. They ended up creating the Bear-O-Care to help all types of people like Brandon Bear. So this year we got to help them out! Everything we made will be for them and everyone can donate to help out and donate the money we make! This is so amazing and will make a huge difference for everyone in Bear-O-Care!



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## Wrestling in A Time of Disease

By: Humberto Muniz

Our RHS wrestling team got the return to play policy approved by the Jordan School District, which is such great news because we are able to see a sport with super close contact being able to be played by those who love the sport.

During practice you can only have 1-3 partners which hopefully will reduce the spread of covid or any germs and keep all athletes safe, this is just one of the new rules the wrestlers will have to implement

## Teamwork Always Works

By: Carter Blackwell

Riverton Highs girls basketball team knows one of the ingredients well. Teamwork!

Abby McDougal gave some great insight on the team. She told me that their offense is different this year. Where in years past they had hite this year they lack in that but they are fast. They exhibit the smart part of teamwork to make what seems to me a successful team. They plan on doing a spread out half court offense with a quick fast break transition off the boards. This team really wants to win. Abby said that, “they can go really far this year.”

Abby Carpenter, the only senior shows a great example of humility. Usually with people in her position they would want to control others and prove themselves. But not Abby, she’s there for her team and is a leader in the moment. “We do a really good job at being there for eachother, whether basketball related or emotionally related. We genuinely love one another & are willing to sacrifice anything to go home with a win.” Talk about having the hunger to win and work hard!

## Passion for greatness

By: Carter Blackwell

Just like anybody else covid affected this year's drill team. As they prepare for competitions this year they show both heart and spirit for their team.

Drill took Covid and made it something fascinating. The point is that they are ready, they’ve been ready! Macy Jacobs said, “ My favorite part of drill is having something that pushes me

## Fall Sports Standings

By: Taylor Eaton

Although 2020 was a rough year for sports as there were many restrictions put into place to keep our athletes and spectators healthy, multiple sports teams were able to accomplish great things.



Photo Courtesy of: Joseph Gorman  
*Wrestling continues*

Coach Gorman who is gonna be coaching all our wrestling students said “ It is a challenging



Photo By: Carli Maravilla  
*Carli takes a stunning selfie with her swim team friends*

## Coronavirus VS the Swim Team

By: Patrick Kastner

RHS Swim has had to hold Girls’ and Boys’ swim meets separately, one after the other to limit numbers of people. Although it limits numbers, having two meets back to back increases total meet times. With these longer meets, RHS swim coach and science teacher, Andrew Powers, said, “This is exhausting for the swimmers and for the coaches.”

Furthermore, on November 9th: Gov. Gary Herbert announced a new ‘state of emergency’ due to Covid-19. This put a 2 week pause on



Photo Courtesy of: Lexi Yraguen  
*RHS Drill Team*

past my limits and allows me to improve on my dancing as well as being around girls that

For example, football and volleyball beat Bingham for the first time in years; golf and tennis made the top ten in 6A state; football was able to win their first play of game against Layton (31-14); girls soccer, Volleyball and golf took second in region;while cross country and girls tennis

time to be involved with wrestling but I'm glad our school, district and state are giving these kids opportunities to compete and be kids!Sports really do help kids with their physical and mental health so I think the pros of having a season outweigh the cons.” He doesn’t want anyone to feel any different this season and hopes we rock out in our wrestling season this year!

Though it may be a bumpy road this season due to Covid-19 restrictions, it looks like our RHS wrestlers are ready to continue on.

social gatherings and extracurricular activities, -- a big setback, as swimmers could then only practice on their own time. Because of this, the RHS had to completely restart their training after the two weeks to get back up to speed

Another obstacle to note is that because Riverton High doesn’t have it’s own swimming pool, RHS has had to practice at the Draper Rec Center. This means they’ve had to share the pool with the public (and with Corner Canyon High), proving to be difficult since the pool is already on limited capacity due to Covid.

On November 27th about 40 high schoolers gathered to protest the Salt Lake County Mayor, Jenny Wilson, on her banning of high school swim teams’ practices at county pools, which cut tremendously into the season. The pool ban was lifted nearly a week after the protests.

This has been the most brutal Swim season yet. Nevertheless, the pride in the pack stays strong! RHS Swim will push forward as the season goes until February 19th. “I hope that we can continue to swim,” said Powers.

are like family to me everyday!”Family! That kind of mindset on the drill team comes from all of them. This is a team, what better team is there than a family. Passion also innovates drive, spirit, and hard work. It’s part of what makes great teams great. Cloe Patients said that “ she loves the adrenaline rush.”

Given that this team shows the attributes to build up adrenaline, I can say they have it. Support this year's drill team and watch them handle covid.

were able to take 1st in region. Cross country was also able to secure 5th in state. It was a major accomplishment that all teams were able to finnish out their seasons and play in state games, considering that many of them were quarantined due to covid outbreaks.

## They Can Hoop!

By: Carter Blackwell



Photo Courtesy of: Karrie Robbins  
*Sophomore team Celebrating*

This year's boys basketball team is ready to play! Mackay Hostetter, a small forward for varsity told me of this year's team and showed how excited to see how this smaller team rolls out.

They plan on “changing the offense up a little bit” Mackay also said. This offense will just make this team spark from the great defense they’ve had in the past.

Speaking of defense there are multiple stars rising on the JV team. This includes Stratton Johnson. This kid is ready to play and contribute to Varsity as a sophomore. This year's team has already beat a local rival Mountain Ridge. With players like Cody Nixon and Josh Bolinger popping off from the long range.

This team is like a wolf pack. They play with aggression but all stick together. This team has returning players like Mackay Hostetter, Kaleb Hamblin, Isaac Smith, and Cody Nixon who are ready to roll. Watch this exciting talented team play this year.



Sick of...and Sick With: Coronavirus

By: Patrick Kastner

Originally, this was going to be a remarkable article about RHS on being “sick” of the whole Coronavirus (Covid-19) deal. Sigh...Coronavirus. But then my stubborn self, so “sick” OF the virus, so “sick” OF the whole pandemic, became sick WITH the Coronavirus itself. I know, ironic. So let’s ‘flatten the curve’ on my interesting experience here.

Have you ever heard the remarkable, incredible 2020 quote, “Be positive, test negative”? Go on, I know you’ve heard it in all its hilariousness. Yeah, looks like I got it backwards. But before I actually got the virus, I had serious cases of “Pandemic-itis,” “Tired-of-Quarantine-atosis,” and the real kicker, “Masks-are-Wack-19.” Frankly, I complained about the pandemic on the daily. “Covid is bogus,” I insisted. “Rona? So what?” I repeated with frustration. Despite the anger, I still contracted the virus. Was it Karma? Bad luck? Perhaps I jinxed it? Regardless, I still got...the ‘Rona’.

I went from symptoms of frustration to symptoms of fatigue, head, neck, and body ache, chills, fever, nausea, and other “Pepto-Bismoly” symptoms within a day. --Not to mention I lost my precious sense of smell. Honestly, I was REALLY sick, but for only about three or four days. I was gunkin’ down apple juice, oranges, and all the vitamin C supplements I could get a hold of. But the worst part for me wasn’t the sickness itself, I have had worse. Friends and family of mine who got it, also said they’ve had worse.

The worst part for me was that I couldn’t couldn’t even go to my ultimately awesome frisbee Covid with me, got hit a little differently. My dad, 13, felt a lot sicker than I did. My little sister, 7, had newspaper staff, Brinley Briggs, had similar all getting hit differently but regardless, it made all Coronavirus wasn’t a joke after all.

That experience was brutal, and it made me pretending that it isn’t, it certainly ain’t going masks, or ‘social distancing,’ but let’s keep it real: “like,” it’s a matter of “is,” and Coronavirus is, experience. Perhaps one day this will all be a thing

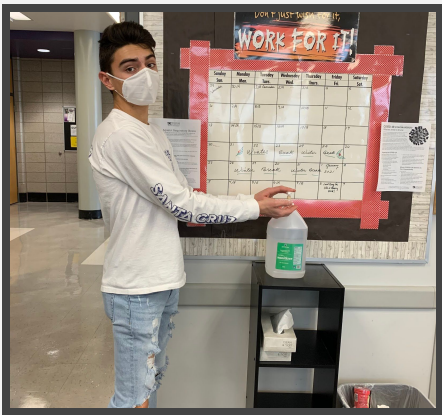


Photo by: Taylor Eaton

Patrick Kastner dramatically applies hand sanitizer

leave my home, couldn’t go to school or work, and practices for 10 days. Everyone I knew that got 57, had milder symptoms than me. My little brother, no symptoms. My good friend, and fellow symptoms that came, went, and came again. We’re of us prisoners of our own homes. Looks like

realize that this ‘Covid’ thing is real, and if I keep anywhere fast. I’m still not going to like wearing nobody likes that. However, it’s not a matter of therefore I am -- grateful I’m still here to share my of the past.

Teacher Feature: Mr. Briggs

By: Josh McClellan & Carson Packer

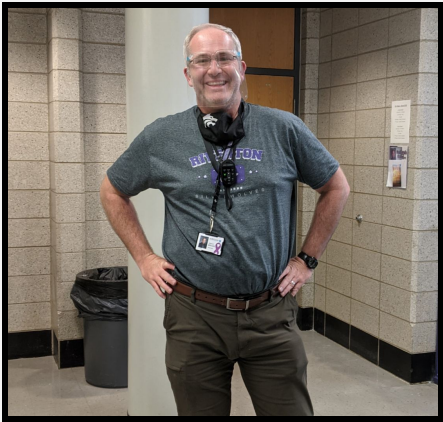


Photo by: Josh McClellan

Mr. Briggs stands triumphantly

Mr. Briggs has taught at Riverton for 17 years. He teaches history for sophomores and juniors, and he’s loved every second of it.

Before he started teaching, he originally thought that he was going to join the army because his dad was in the army. The reason that he changed his mind to teaching was because of his mentors and his love for history. He credits his old cross country coach, track coach, and his dad as the main ones who made him who he is today.

He started his teaching career in Hawaii before he even had his teaching degree. When he lived in Hawaii he went spearfishing nearly every day and he got really good at it. Eventually, he had to move back home and finish out his teaching degree. Once he got his degree he started at Riverton and has been here ever since.

Briggs hopes that his students have respect for the United States and the gift of freedom that they have been blessed with. He wants them all to know that they can do and be anything that they put their minds to.

Teacher Feature: Ms. Murray

By: Josh McClellan & Carson Packer



Photo by: Patrick Kastner

You know that Ms. Murray knows the lingo

Ms. Murray is a new teacher at Riverton High School this year, and it is her third year teaching so far. She's one of the language arts teachers at Riverton Highschool.

Originally, she had considered being a math teacher, but one of her teachers got emotional reading a book once and that got her into reading. She then wanted to show others the cool things about reading, and ever since that day wanted to become a teacher.

Some of her goals for students are to become critical thinkers and looking at their beliefs.

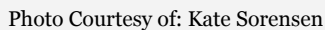
You can learn a lot from reading and a lot of people find entertainment and hobbies in reading and reading is a good way to connect with others.

**By: Taylor Eaton**

## Date Auction

**By: Taylor Eaton**

With all proceeds going to Silver Rush students were able to raise over \$2000 alone just from this event with Max Kempner going for \$602, Kate Sorenson going for \$521, and Olivia Dibble and Hayden Stone both going for \$500. This date auction was by far one of the most successful in school history.



*Kate Sorensen was bought at the Date Auction for over \$500!*

and improv shows. In between these segments the audience could pay to have specific sbos punished with whip cream, pushups or they could even pay for an sbo wear a onesie to school for a week. The audience could also purchase specific merchandise such as fanny packs or riverton apparel.

**By: Martin Hollingsworth**

One of the biggest challenges that the SBO's face this year is dealing with the effects of the pandemic within the school community, and SilverRush is no different. Like usual, the Multifarious will go throughout most of the day and will be at the very end of the SilverRush season on Thursday, 17th.

This year the SBO's are going to be taking extra precautions to make sure that everyone is as safe as possible without hindering the fun of the assembly. "We will be having Multifarious, although it will look a bit different", Dallin Carter, SBO. The main difference this year is that kids won't be able to leave the classroom, instead activities will happen within their class, for example, an absolutely massive kahoot game between the whole school, and the winners get awesome prizes! Although Multifarious will be different this year, it will still be fun and help tie in the end of that SilverRush season we all know and love.

Many people were able to participate in this live stream as they were able to call in and make donations on the spot. “ It was a great way for us to do something fun, people could participate in from their homes” (Kate Sorensen)

**By: Alyssa Brown**

During the first quarter, the School Store tried to give students a different option for lunch by bringing in Dominos Pizza. Unfortunately it didn't turn out as hoped. To improve sales during Silver Rush, they brought back pretzels, which were more successful.

Compared to 2019 Silver Rush, sales have changed due to the decrease in the number of products sold. Sales have also changed due to the decrease in products sold in the commons by other clubs and companies like Menchie's.

To raise money for Silver Rush, the School Store's most successful sales consisted of their \$4 deal, muffins, and hot chocolate. The 4 dollar deal consisted of a pretzel with either cinnamon sugar or salt, a small fizzle of any flavor and a candy of choice. Half of each sale made from each of these products went towards Silver Rush.

Photo Courtesy of: Riverton Pack Shack  
*The wonderful Pack Shack menu*



Muffin Royalty

By: Carson Packer

The competition for Muffin Royalty every Silver Rush is always interesting to say the least. Hundreds of dollars are put into the hopes of being crowned every year, and in order to have that honor people need to do crazy things.

In 2019, Parker Lillian won the Muffin King, and he put a lot on the line to achieve such a reward. Parker claims to have boughten “about 500” muffins last year. With each muffin costing \$2 that means that Parker spent about \$1,000 on muffins alone last year! When asked why he went for Muffin King he said, “I saw it sophomore year and I made a goal.” With one year won under his belt, Parker is going for his senior campaign as well because “it’s what the people want.” This begs the question: will Parker repeat, or will someone else steal the crown?

Even though the competition is for Muffin Royalty, not everyone decides to go for that. Some people just want to have a muffin or two to eat or give to their friends. The beauty of it all is that it all goes to the same cause; because even though we compete, we work together to create change.



Photo Courtesy of: Counseling Office  
Parker Lillian wins Muffin King his second year in a row



Photo by: Carli Maravilla  
Energy is rushing in the commons

The Commons

By: Carli Maravilla

The commons are the central hub of the silver rush. There's nothing like walking into school on the first day of dec and seeing the commons completely transformed into a Christmassy Silver Rush wonderland. The 2020 silver rush has not disappointed, This year has been an amazing, Silver Rush has been an amazing way to close this unexpected year. The activities and fun booth and family that we find in the commons is what makes silver rush. brighten the gloomy winter weather.

The commons held a christmas jazz band concert this year that filled the halls with ear shattering ( but beautiful) music. Allison Peterson the jazz band pianist said about her experience playing in the commons” I love playing in the commons, it's one of my favorite things we do during Silver Rush. It’s a great experience performing, especially in front of the other students who don't really get to see what we do most of the time. I always love to see other musicians playing live, and to be able to participate in it is even more fun!”. Throughout the Silver Rush season the commons come alive with music and games and booths that sell all your favorite silver rush swag (hoodies, glasses, fanny packs etc.), seeing everyone decked out in their silver rush brings the student body together. The commons this year while different bring us together at a safe distance.

Battle of the Bands

By: Jaron Millaway

I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the organizer for the Battle of the Bands about their plans for this year as far as covid-19 and everyone's safety.

For those of you who aren’t familiar with Battle of the Bands, it is a competition amongst student led bands that compete together for a cash prize and guitar giveaways! Although battle of the bands does begin in December, it isn’t directly related to Silver Rush, it’s more like a kick off.

However it is a bit different this year as everything has been. Battle of the Bands was in danger of shutting down. They have made precautions such as seating arrangements seating everyone six feet apart. As well as going online and livestreaming the event online.

The organizer didn’t have plans to cancel it in case of Covid being too bad, so another backup plan the organizer had would be to postpone it. It had also come to my attention that there are different kinds of instruments in the Battle of the Bands. From a violin to a trumpet, Battle of the Bands has more to offer than you might have thought. Especially the fan favorite kazoo-kapella.

Even different Genres of music other than rock were also to be expected. Battle of the Bands has seen an increase of Pop and Jazz music which was exciting to see! However, this also means that rock is becoming less and less popular amongst the younger generation.

The organizer did mention that if there are more kids that can play music, she would like them to join next year. I too believe that this is a great opportunity to put yourself out there in front of your high school for competition and best of all, FUN!



Photo Courtesy of: the Riverton SBO’s  
Battle of the Bands on the Riverton Telethon



Winter Date Ideas

By: Brinley Briggs

Brrzzz! It’s winter, and it is freezing! But it is also very beautiful. It’s time to take advantage of the season and go on some fun dates and adventures! We may have the challenge of Covid, but there’s no stopping fun! Just make sure to wear your mask inside;)

Depending on parental restrictions, you could stay the night at a hotel or a cabin. You could cuddle up by a fire or take advantage of a nice, warm hot tub. Or you could even go on a date in a group of



Photo courtesy of: Eden Slabbert  
Madison Wilkes and Emma Ghiz make the best of it

What About Dances:

Part II

By: Eden Slabbert

We love seeing how students at RHS continue to make the most of their time as high schoolers by not allowing a pandemic to stop them from having a good time.

Students like Emma Ghiz and Madison Wilkes had their homecoming night a little bit altered to their liking. Emma and Madison are both seniors and didn’t want their last year of high school filled with regret so instead of accepting that dances are possibly not happening at school this year, they went out and made their own.

Instead of making it a traditional dance with a date and all that, the two seniors got a group of their best friends together and made the dance for them. “There’s something about just being there with all my friends and making new memories that makes the dances amazing,” says Emma. Even though traditional dances are a no-go, getting with friends is still fun and it’s making memories together. “For all our future sophomores and juniors, dances are a place where there’s no judgement, you can go crazy and no one will judge you. It’s one of the best high school experiences.” says Emma. Sadly there’s no way to tell whether we’ll be able to have any school hosted dances this year but we can still make our own experiences. Students and teachers and whoever else this may concern, we ask that you stay safe and continue living your lives.

couples and all sit around a fire either inside or outside while wearing blankets and drinking hot cocoa.

You could stay at a ski resort to do snow sports down the snowy hills. Stuff your face with some warm hot fudge cake and watch the beautiful view out your window. Maybe watch some Christmas movies, or even horror movies! Play board games and video games while listening to your favorite music.

Depending on state and local restrictions, you may not want to take all my advice on date ideas, but just check up on the news to

Masks! An Emerging Fashion Statement

By: Carli Maravilla and Emma Jenson

Masks are a new part of life and we are still trying to figure out what role they play in the fashion community. Most people wear simple masks that can be found anywhere.

Most people don’t care about the decorations on your mask, as long as you wear one and it gets the job done. As this is a first year in highschool with masks there is very little judgment passed on the style of your mask. Most people choose to go for the blue disposable masks.

Black masks are also quite popular, since it goes with anything, and masks have become a necessity in our society.

Another trend in the mask fashion community is the influence of the most recent election. Trump 2020 masks became popular among his followers around july of 2020. The masks were seen all over on nov. 3 ... and the days following the prolonged election.

But not everyone is using masks as a platform to spread their ideas, there are many small businesses that have made a living off of selling unique and hand-made masks. Tye-dyeing and embroidering masks are popular among the art community, and people who want to express themselves through their masks.



Photo by: Taylor Eaton  
(Left to Right) Nathan Bourne, Grace Lim, Kayla Schulzke, Quinn Johnson sport their masks proudly

see if any of my suggestions you like could work!

There are more simple things you could enjoy just one on one with your date if the issue is large social gatherings: make snow angels, still watch movies, stay the night somewhere, go skiing. Covid can’t ruin everything!

Take advantage of this winter season. Get out and have fun with friends or a date. Still take Covid seriously, but getting outside is safer and involves more social distancing! Do what feels right, have fun, and be safe!

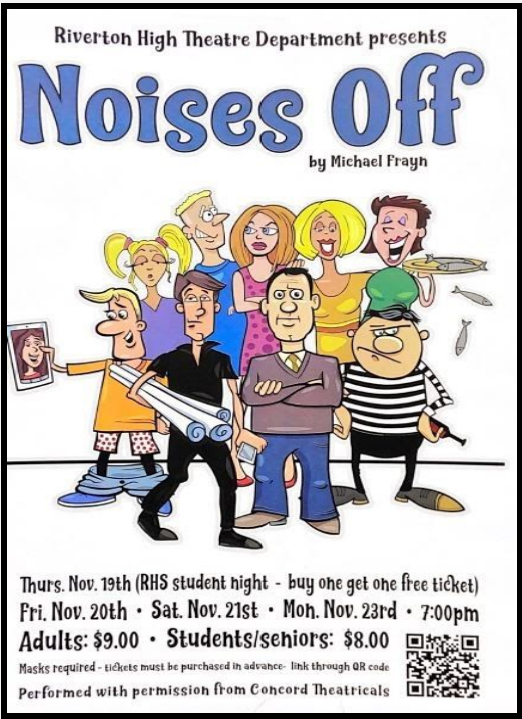


Photo Courtesy of: RHS Drama Department  
Theatre Department: Noises Off

Noises Off! Production

By Joshua McClellan

2020 has been a crazy year with a lot of ups and downs. Riverton has recently had its school performance called *Noises Off*!

Ethan Smith on what you should know about the play. “It’s about a bunch of actors performing a play but there are a lot of problems backstage with the actors such as romance, breaking up, anger towards each other, But everything goes terribly wrong for the performance”!

The play was directed by its directors, Clin Eaton, and Erin McGuire. They held rehearsals after school, and practiced until it came together. “Typically have about 3 months to rehearse each show”. Despite covid, It didn’t stop Riverton from having this amazing production.



School Clubs:  
By: Jaron Milloway

Times have been hard with the teenagers and young adults. Or what I like to call, “Quaranteens”. Which is why the school has approved clubs this year so students can socialize safely. Here is a list of school approved clubs to fit your fancy:

<u>School Related Activities:</u> Art.....Room: 1142 ASL .....Room: 1401 Astronomy .....Room: 1157 Book Club .....The Media Center Drama/Thespian SocietyRoom: 1009 Earth .....Room: 2515 French .....Room: 2621 National Honor Society...Room: 2624 Geology.....Room: 1513 Math .....Room: 2521 MESA .....Room: 1141	<u>School Related Activities cont.</u> Photo .....Room: 1142 Science Olympiad .....Room: 1412 Spanish .....Room: 2623  <u>Sports Clubs:</u> Bowling .....Room: 1157 Climbing .....Room: 2303 Girls Tackle Football...Room: 1414 Hockey .....Room: 1056 Mountain Bike .....Room: 1526 Spikeball .....Room: 1115 Sport Shooting ClubRoom: 2406
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Everything was Back on Track in the 2nd Quarter...  
... Or So We Thought...

By: Alyssa Brown

The 2nd Quarter of school during 2020 has been interesting for Riverton High School. Halloween with social distancing, Thanksgiving with restricted gatherings, and Christmas with Covid.

Covid cases spiked several times during the first quarter, which caused a one day shutdown during Homecoming week. This was nothing compared to a big spike resulting in a two week shutdown, and online Synchronous learning in November. The quarantine learning process consisted of students logging onto live zoom calls with teachers and classmates to complete assignments. This form of learning began November 16th, 2020. Some students were excited to have the week before Thanksgiving, and the week of off. Other students though, could only think about how this might affect Silver Rush in December.

Governor Herbert’s State-wide Mask Mandate in November came out at the same time as the shut down. He forced RHS clubs, sport events, and even outside extracurricular activities outside of school to postpone gatherings until after Thanksgiving in hopes of decreasing numbers. Thanksgiving gatherings were also limited throughout the state. He hoped to even expand state testing operations in hopes of improving the fluctuating number of cases.

But despite Covid, everyone at RHS decided to make the best of Silver Rush. When they got back to school at the beginning of December, their hope was to raise a large amount of money for the nonprofit organization Bear-O-Care. Even though certain activities such as Odd Jobs were either cancelled or postponed till spring, the Riverton SBO’s and Advisors were problem-solvers as they searched for alternate ways to get people to donate.

No one knows what third quarter will bring. With a vaccine that is being distributed at a meticulously slow rate compared to the spread of Covid, there is a chance that cases will be a part of both 2020 and 2021. Students only hope that the death toll will decrease, and the hospitals throughout the nation will be able to support the many who have become infected with the deadly virus.

Business and Leadership:  
B.A.M.....Room: 1069 & 1303  
DECA.....Room:1069  
Diversity Leadership  
Room: 2411  
FBLA .....Room: 1303  
FCCLA .....Room: 1622  
FFA .....Room: 2513  
SheTech .....Room: 2410  
SkillsUSA.....Room: 1152

Community Clubs:  
GSA .....Room: 2622  
HOSA .....Room: 1056  
South Valley Rotary:Counseling Center  
Kindness Crew.....Room:2302  
Latinos in Action.....Room: 1520  
PTSA Student.....Room: 1126  
Social Awareness.....Room: 2301

Community Clubs cont.  
Students Against Slavery:Room: 2146  
Super Fan.....Room: 1526  
Wolf Buddies.....Room: 2506  
Gaming:  
League of Legends.....Room: 1901  
Magic the Gathering  
Room: 2622  
Super Smash Bros.....Room: 1905

With so many clubs to choose from, there’s no need to be bored! Get involved at RHS!



Photo Courtesy of: Shauna Eccles  
Madilyn McDougal and Jacob Jones claim their prizes

RHS Students Win Big-  
And it is Well Deserved

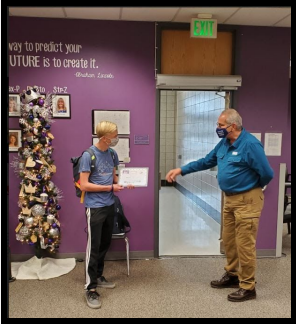
By: Taylor Eaton

As college is getting close for most high school students the scholarship opportunities are endless.

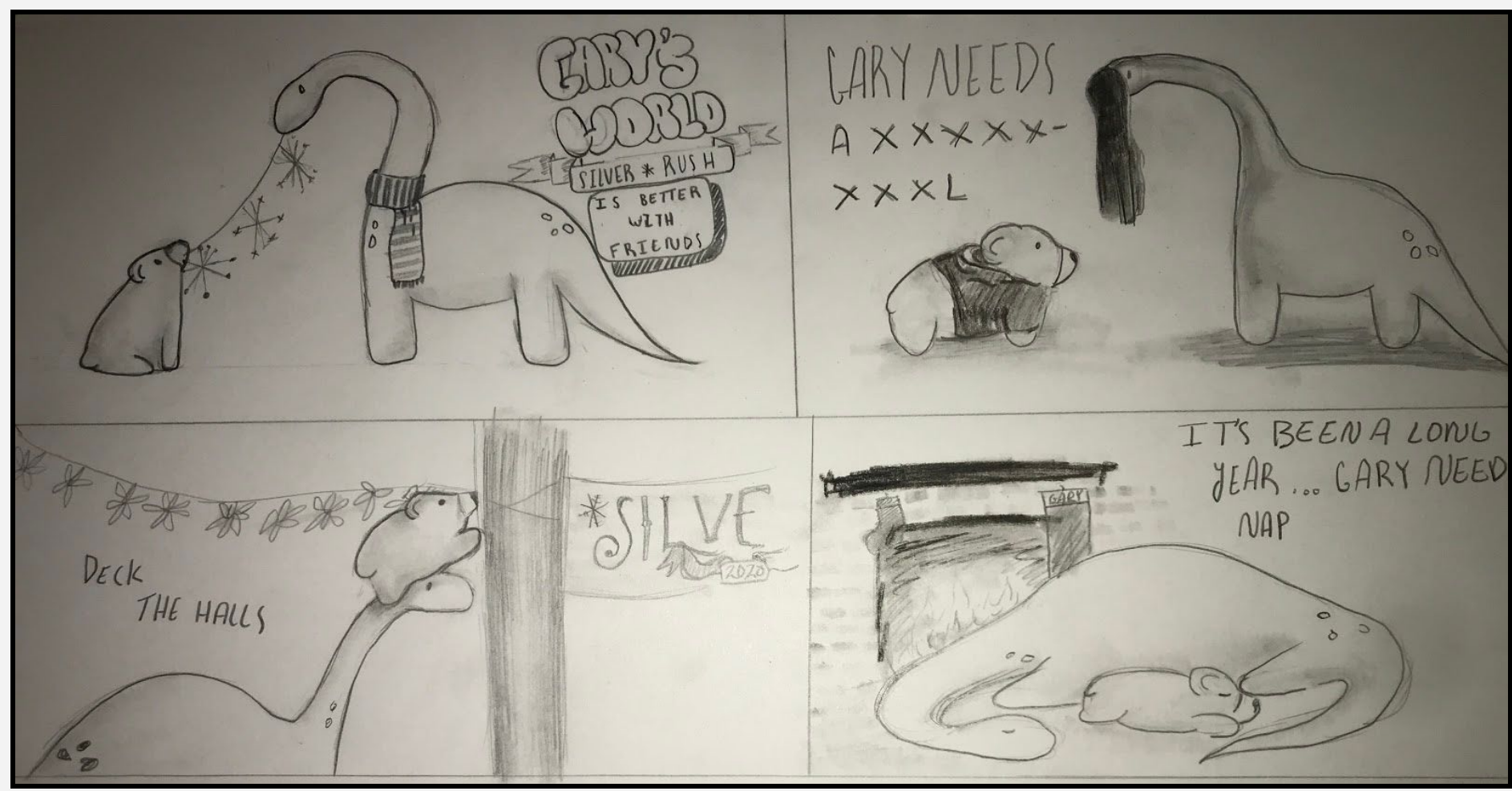
Just ask Jacob Jones and Madilyn Mcdougal as they both won the ‘Skiing It Forward’ scholarship. Madilyn and Jacob both wrote outstanding essays about how skiing has affected their lives, and were both able to win \$2,500 worth of ski supplies.

For more information about scholarships, you can text 81010 to

@RHWOLVES21 if you’re a senior,  
@RHWOLVES22 if you’re a junior,  
and @RHWOLVES23 if you’re a sophomore.



Photos Courtesy of: Shauna Eccles  
Skiing it Forward



Comic by: Carli Maravilla (the best comic artist)  
Gary's World: Gary's adventures in Silver Rush

**Garidon Hendricks:  
Student Poet**  
By: Ana Christensen



Image Courtesy of: pixnio.com  
Art is poetry. Poetry is art.

Garidon Hendricks is a 17 year old Senior at Riverton High who believes that poetry really helps him express ideas and emotions. He says, “Thoughts and feelings come through poetry.” He has been writing poetry on-and-off from second grade! Not only does he enjoy writing poetry, but he loves to play the cello, do theatre, and work on video game development.

If you would like to submit your poem to be featured on the school newspaper, email [kelli.frank@jordandistrict.org](mailto:kelli.frank@jordandistrict.org)!

*I am a juggler.*  
By Garidon Hendricks

*A great crowd has gathered to watch my entrancing performance. They whisper in amazement to each other. "How does he do that?" My attention, however, is on the flames. For I do not juggle bean bags or rubber balls, but torches. A single wrong move could burn my hand irreparably or even set the entire tent ablaze. The lights fly through the air in beautiful arcs; my hands reach to grasp the unlit ends without so much as a glance to guide them. This dance is full of grace and wonder, but is not sustainable. My hand reaches out and grasps on nothing. I fumble to correct the mistake and in an instant, all have tumbled to the ground. The crowd is silent for a moment, then bursts into applause. I take a bow and quickly turn to exit, blushing with shame. But a figure near the door catches my eye. He alone scoffs before turning to exit without a word. It takes a moment to register that the face he wears is mine.*