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The Faces Behind the FFA



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As many of you know, the South Ripley FFA has done amazing over the span of many years. The FFA did amazing things before, but have grown so much and have continued doing even better things. Many of you may know some of the active FFA members, but do you know who the faces are behind the studious students?

There has been one constant person that has helped since 1995 on and off, but has helped consistently since the fall of 2015. His name is Mr. Mark Thomas. He enjoys helping every student, bonding with them, and having the opportunity to share some amazing bus rides with them. He has helped in all sorts of contests, some in-

cluded are: Soil Evaluation, Quiz Bowl, Forestry, Parliamentary Procedure, Plant & Soil Science Demos, and many more. Mr. Thomas has adapted to help the students with mostly any contest that they came to compete in, as well as transportation to many. He has been an amazing helper, and is still one with the South Ripley FFA. Some of his awards that he helped coach the students include: State Champion Quiz Bowl x 4, Soil Evaluation teams to the State contest x 10, Forestry teams to the State Contest x 4, and many more awards under his belt. Mr. Thomas enjoys the environment of the FFA and loves helping wherever he can. He is an integral part of the South Ripley FFA, and will forever be. Now though Mark has plenty of years, Mrs. Erin Padgett, the FFA

Advisor & Agricultural Education teacher at SR has only been here for three. In these three years, she has helped shape her FFA students into amazing people, taking them to new conferences, opening their eyes to more contests, and even helping them make it far in competitions. Mrs. Erin Padgett has several wins, including getting three teams to State Parliamentary Procedure--the hardest contest in FFA, gotten several teams like Agricultural Communications, Creed, and several other contests to the top 4 in the State. Mrs. Padgett helped FFA alumni, Brook Elston, win State Essay on Pagett's first year here. She has had one team go to Nationals for Quizbowl-though Mr. Thomas helped coach, and many other teams go very far. Mrs. Padgett recently won the Golden Owl Nomi-

nee Award, which is an award that only 8 in the State get chosen for the finals for being such an amazing advisor. Mrs. Padgett is a great help to the SR FFA and will always be a great help in many things. The South Ripley FFA is immensely grateful for these two individuals. Many others have helped in past years, but these two have really shaped the face of South Ripley FFA, and helped the students persevere through anything they face. Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Padgett, we appreciate you and thank you for all you do! We all know that this organization would NOT be the same without either one of you. We all wish you the best of luck for the future teams, and know you will continue to do amazing things in your future years helping in South Ripley.



Photo Credit: Mrs. Padgett

This is a picture of Mr. Mark Thomas with the two-time state champions of Quiz Bowl. The team was so so excited and greeted Mr. Thomas with a huge hug because of his amazing coaching skills.



Photo Credit: Jessika Thomas

This is a picture of Mrs. Erin Padgett. This is her with Ms. Brooke Elston, one-time State Champion, which Mrs. Padgett poses with her. Mrs. Padgett helped Brooke out to change her second place state to first.

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POLAR PLUNGE



Ellianna Waldron
News Writer

The 2021 Polar Plunge was held at Versailles State Park on February 13, 2021. The Polar Plunge, also known as the Polar Bear Plunge, is held at the Versailles State Park every year. This event benefits Special Olympics Indiana.

Anyone who is willing and wanting to participate must raise a "bear" minimum of \$75. When you raise this money, 100% of it

goes towards an amazing cause: raising money for Special Olympic athletes. In the state of Indiana, there are more than 18,000 athletes. This money allows more opportunities for them. They are able to train for the Olympics closer to home. They can also compete in state-level events. While this event is very cold, it is also a very fun time. The plunge is usually held after a 5K race that takes place early in the morning. Participants can also enjoy a hot coffee before and/or after the plunge. They may also

have hot chocolate with a polar bear marshmallow. Other booths have food and other drinks also available. A silent auction is also held to contribute more funds. This year, students helped contribute to the total amount raised in several ways. Some of these included selling Split the Pot tickets and ducks for Chuck the Duck. Students also sold ice cream during high school lunches. They took the plunge this year in honor of Denise Goodpaster, also known as Mrs. G. The Polar Plunge Team took

the plunge on February 13 for the twelfth year in very icy water. Thanks to the students, staff, and community for helping us raise \$5,265 for Special Olympics Indiana. We appreciate all the ice cream bought at lunch, the Ducks Chucked and Split the Pot tickets bought at ball games, online donations and in person donations. Our twelve year grand total raised for Special Olympics is now \$41,715. The South Ripley Chaptions Together Group is truly amazing and very inspiring!!

Drama Club Play



Tori Schutte
News Writer

Every year, South Ripley High School's drama club does their best to put on a play. Although, due to the coronavirus, last year's play got pushed to this year. It was a misfortunate situation, but they have done their best to stay positive, and have pushed to continue on. Their play is based on "The Addams Family" which was a popular show, and recently a popular children's movie. Not only do people from South Ripley star in the play - they are behind the scenes as well. Many people take on the task of lighting, sound, and more. Without them, the

production would not make it that far. The dates set for the play is around Spring, but people on the set say that there are no 100% set dates yet. Lily Welch, a sophomore, goes on to state - "The behind the scenes crew has been working on everything from fixing lighting to playing with the sounds. We actually got new microphones recently." The new microphones are a big addition as they are a key part to the operation of the play. Many people are excited for the outcome and are even already planning to come based off of last year's performance. The performance last year was "Beauty and the Beast" which was an amaz-

ing show, so the hopes are obviously high for this year. Jayna Brown, a South Ripley junior recalls being in the drama club, "The environment was very nice, and I was able to work with some really fun people. I hope that this year's play turns out amazing despite the interruption from Covid." Many people can agree with Brown's statement. All in all, the drama club is working hard to put on a show for the school, and we should show support by attending when the set dates are released.

We wish the Drama Club the best of luck and hope they continue to do amazing things. We know they will do great and awesome!

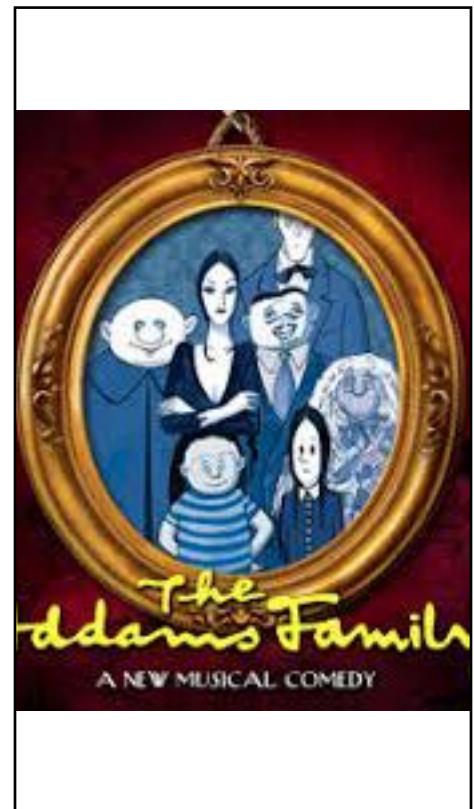


Photo Credit: Google Images
This is a picture of the Addams Family Play. This is what the Drama Club will be doing their play to hopefully in person and soon!

ART & CREATIVE WRITING



Alexis Ackerman
News Writer

The art and creative writing club is a great club for all aspiring artists to express themselves and show the school what they can create!! Mr. Gadberry is the administrator that is responsible for this club, so if you have any additional questions, be sure

to email him for anything you need. Right now, this club is working on a project that everyone can participate in. There is a sign in the hallway that has a QR code you can scan. This will take you to a prompt that you can follow to make beautiful art. You then can submit your piece to an online form where your art can poten-

tially be displayed around the school at the end of the month. These pieces can vary from a painting, drawing, or sculpture, to songs and dances created by school students! The club is doing this project in an effort to "beautify" the school." The school needs some joy and colorful artwork in its halls, so if you have the time, please sub-

mit some artwork to the hallway prompt near the art room! Also, the artists in this club are working on other pieces at the moment, too. These pieces are meant to be made from "student-lead concepts," as said by Mr. Gadberry, and surround the idea of important topics that those select students care about. This is the club to be in!

Valentines Day



Mady Tompkins
News Writer

Valentine's Day is a holiday many couples choose to celebrate. This holiday is also called St. Valentine's Day. This holiday is celebrated on February 14th every year. Some people think this day is celebrated to remember the death of Valentine. The day was declared by Pope Gelasius, but then people changed the day to be associated with love. The website, realsimple.com, states, "Valentine's Day may be associated with romance, but the origin of the holiday isn't romantic." In France and England, the date February 14th

was thought to be the beginning of birds' mating season. This is where the date turned into love. The website also states, "Valentine's Day is a fixed day on the calendar, and the ancient Roman calendar included a mid-February holiday even before St. Valentine's time."

Many kids in elementary school make boxes. They celebrate by giving each other candy and Valentine's day cards. They celebrate by having a party and exchanging these cards. Many adults celebrate by going out on dates with their significant other. They will ask their significant other to be their Valentine on February 14th, so they have a date. The website, timeanddate.com, states,

"Many people celebrate their love for their partner by sending cards or letters, giving gifts, or flowers and arranging meals in restaurants or romantic nights in hotels." Most businesses are still open as usual on this holiday. The website, timeanddate.com, also states, "Valentine's Day is not a public holiday. Government offices, stores, schools, and other organizations are open as usual." Many flower shops get a lot of business on this day, with people buying flowers for their significant other. Although this holiday did not start out to be romantic, it turned into a love holiday. Go celebrate with your friend or significant other!

Groundhog Day Prediction



Mady Tompkins
News Writer

Almost everyone knows the tradition of Groundhog Day. This day is celebrated in February, when the Punxsutawney Phil comes out to see if he can see his shadow. If he spots his shadow, it is predicted that there are 6 more weeks left of winter. If the groundhog does not see his shadow, it is predicted that Spring will come early that year. His predictions do not always come true, but people still anticipate the day where he checks his shadow. This event has taken

place since 1887. The Germans settled into Pennsylvania, bringing the tradition with them. The event is still held in Pennsylvania every year. This groundhog has gotten the winter extension or early spring right four out of ten times the last ten years. In 2021, the year has already been one that could not be predicted by anyone. In these unprecedented times, many people were looking forward to seeing what the groundhog had to think about the weather. Unfortunately, the groundhog spotted his shadow when he was pulled out of the burrow. This means that Punx-

sutawney Phil predicts an extended winter by six more weeks. Many of the American people were let down by this, since they want warmer weather ahead. So far, the groundhog's prediction was right with snow falling, school being cancelled, and almost a foot of snow in the forecast. Everyone better be keeping out their warm clothes, heaters turned up, and salt stocked up in case this groundhog's prediction continues to come true. We have had the chance to see the extended weather by looking outside and seeing so many inches of snow and ice!



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Mark Your Calendar

March 6 District FFA LDE Contests

March 17 St. Patrick's Day

March 20 State FFA Parli Comp

March 20-26 SpringBreak

April 1st April Fools Day

April 2nd Good Friday

Twelve Years of the Polar Plunge



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Feature Editor

For the past twelve years, South Ripley High School has been a participating school in the Polar Plunge at the Versailles State Park. For the 2020 to 2021 school year, students at SRHS raised \$5,265 for Special Olympics Indiana.

23 students and one teacher

participated in this year's plunge. Students included in fundraising were Leonardo Aldini, Logan Betz, Emily Campbell, Bryan Carpenter, Mad-dy Cross, Cassie Franklin, Abagaile Hewitt, Wesley Hildebrand, Kyla Jeffries, Abby Kieffer, Lydia Koger, Brionna Linkel, Bailey McRoberts, Amy Mitchell, Katie Mitchell, Lanie Nicholson, Isabel Peak, Tyler Pelfrey, Ava Ralston, Kylie Reuter, Ellie Waldron, Kaylee Werner,

and Carly Zoller. The participating teacher was Mrs. Angela Ochs. In the Cool School Challenge, South Ripley was awarded the Largest Plunge Team, Top Fundraising Team, and Tundra, the traveling bear for the Overall Top School Title. This will be the twelfth consecutive year that Tundra will have a place in South Ripley's library, recognizing the honors they've received for all of their fundrais-

ing activities for the Polar Plunge. It's important to recognize that a consistent member of the Polar Plunge fundraising team is Mrs. Brenda Strimple. Every year, she is in charge of fundraisers at the school and keeps track of everyone plunging. Without her, Tundra may not be as common at South Ripley as he is. Be sure to appreciate Mrs. Strimple and thank her for all she does for SRHS. Thank you, Mrs. Strimple!



Photo Credit: Brenda Strimple



Photo Credit: Brenda Strimple

The Polar Plunge team poses with Tundra, the traveling polar bear trophy.

Mrs. Brenda Strimple, the backbone of South Ripley.

2021 SRHS Staff and Student Tell-All: Special Valentine's Day Traditions



Caitlin McCarthy
Feature Writer

There are a lot of different opinions on Valentine's Day. There are some that believe that it's a fake holiday and it is only there for the stores to make money. There are lots of marketing tactics that are apparent. Then there are the people that believe that the holiday is there for couples to show their love to each other. Usually Valentine's day consists of chocolates and flowers. That does simply also depend on the couple.

People think of Valentine's Day very differently. Valentine's Day can be special for many different reasons. Julie Vankirk stated, "As long as someone thinks of me on Valentine's Day, I'm happy. I like presents." Everyone wants to feel loved and receive gifts on a holiday like Valentine's Day. Many people do different

things for Valentine's Day. Whether that is going on a date out to a nice restaurant, or just staying home and watching Netflix. Vankirk stated, "Me and my husband usually go out to dinner." This is the traditional Valentine's Day celebration. Going out to dinner and enjoying some amazing food. There are a lot of people that believe that Valentine's Day is a day to show your love to your significant other, but there are also people that think much differently. There is a large number of people that believe that the holiday of Valentine's Day is just a holiday made for the stores to make money. Ms. Mathews states, "As Ron Swanson once said, 'Valentine's Day was invented by Hallmark to sell cards.'" There are many people that think this is very true, but what does it matter what other people think? If you want to celebrate the holiday of Valentine's Day, go have fun and do it!

Exchange Students Share their Valentine's Traditions

Leonardo Aldini

Lena Conradi



Photo Credit: Kylie Reuter

"Do you celebrate Valentine's Day where you are from?"
I'm from Italy and we celebrate Valentine's Day quite frequently! I do especially.

"How are you going to celebrate Valentine's Day?"
This year, I'm going to be celebrating Valentine's Day with my valentine and I hope she enjoys the gifts I got her.



Photo Credit: Kylie Reuter

"Do you celebrate Valentine's Day where you are from?"
I am from Germany and we don't really celebrate Valentine's Day. I mean we do have the opportunity in school to send a rose to somebody but nobody really does it.
How are you going to celebrate Valentine's Day?
I will not be celebrating Valentine's Day this year.

Teachers Celebrate Valentine's Day, Too!



Caitlin McCarthy
Feature Writer



Sarah Taylor
Feature Editor

SRHS Teachers and Staff Reveal their Significant Others



Photo Credit: Julie Vankirk

Julie and Jim Vankirk
Leah and Rick Crowe



Photo Credit: Heather Reichert

Heather and Conrad Reichert
Abigail Mathews and Michael Bradley



Photo Credit: Leah Crowe



Photo Credit: Abigail Mathews

Guess the Feature Teacher

Use the clues and facts about this person's life to figure out who they are!

Last Issue's Answer: Ms. Mathews

- ✧ I am a Graduate of SRHS and Hanover College.
- ✧ Played on SRHS basketball teams that won two sectional championships and one regional championship
- ✧ In my free time, I enjoy broadcasting sports.



Photo Credit: Anonymous

Staying Very Hopeful for Prom 2021?



Issy Peak
Entertainment
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just have a blast. It's one of the big things that every high school student looks forward to.

Mrs. Padgett is the one that is taking care of prom this year. She states, "We are working to have a prom. At this time, in order for a dance to happen, our county needs to maintain the orange level Covid status or lower to yellow." So basically that means stop being sick. I'm kidding of course, but here comes big bad Covid trying to take away our prom too. We need to main-

tain social distancing, and really good hygiene so we can stay in the orange level in order for prom to happen. There is already a date for prom, but as far as Covid goes that could change at any time.

Padgett states, "Prom will be held April 10th at South Ripley HS." Prom is usually held at Clifty Inn, but due to Covid restrictions it will now be held at the school, so that we can maintain social distancing better. A health plan is in order to be set. Padgett also states,

"The Junior Class Officers have been working diligently to put together a health safety plan that will meet our county's requirements. If prom is to happen, it will be at the high school and social distancing guidelines will be in place."

This year is definitely going to be different, but in order for prom to happen we need to follow these rules. Hopefully we are looking forward to Prom 2021, and we can do whatever it takes for it to not be cancelled.

Drama Club Pushes Through Problems



Kylie Reuter
Feature Writer

to rehearse and record scenes one at a time, which will make it easier to accommodate those in quarantine, etc. This will also allow us for a safe, uncomplicated show without audience safety concerns."

Katie Mitchell comments, "Drama club this year is very different due to Covid. Trying to dance,

sing and act with masks on is difficult and gathering everyone for practice is also a struggle. I feel as though we are making the best out of our situation. We haven't gotten through the show yet, but we have worked on larger numbers. Every aspect is different because of Covid. I can't think of one thing

that isn't impacted by this virus." It is apparent that the Drama Club department is facing many difficulties and running into obstacles because of this pandemic. However, it is also obvious that they are taking important safety precautions and doing everything they can to ensure that the show will go on!



Photo Credit: Katie Mitchell



Photo Credit: Katie Mitchell

In the upcoming performance of The Addams Family, there are changes that have to happen due to Covid. This is proving to be stressful on many aspects of school life, but many staff members are working hard to ensure that this 2020-2021 school year is being fulfilled to the best of their ability. Mrs. Reichert stated, "It's been challenging - we've had to push our team members harder than before since we are stretching a one-year production into two - but students have risen to each challenge with enthusiasm, which is inspiring. I know we'll have a great show! Due to Covid, the drama club production will be a live streamed event. This has been a blow to a lot of our team members, but will also make it possible for us

Students Celebrate Valentine's Day



Photo Credit: Jayna Brown

Junior Jayna Brown and Sophomore Joseph Davis



Photo Credit: Lindsey Stephen

Juniors Lindsey Stephen and Leonardo Aldini

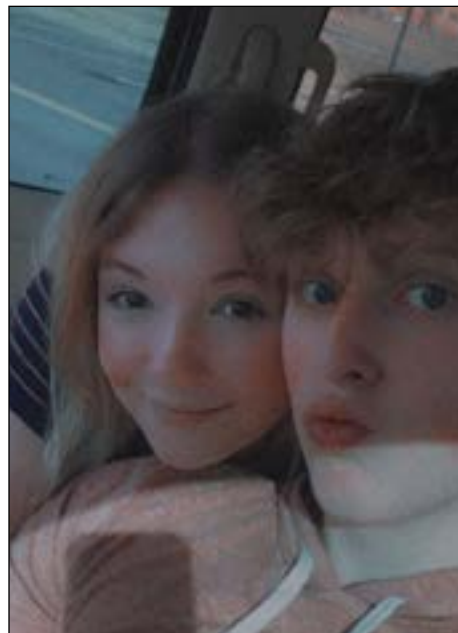


Photo Credit: Kaybree Christner

Junior Kaybree Christner and Senior Richard Block



Photo Credit: Emily Campbell

Junior Emily Campbell and Senior Tanner Franklin

Spotlight on the Staff

Name - Officer Edward Rodriguez

Worked at SRHS for - 2 years

Position at South Ripley High School - School Resource Officer (SRO)

What brought you to come work at SRHS? - SRO Position

Favorite memory from working SRHS - Helping Students

Where did you attend highschool? - California

Participation in sports back in highschool - Football and Track

Participation in extracurricular activities - Student Council

Do you have any pets? - 2 Dogs

Favorite color - Black

What are some of your hobbies? - Exercising, fishing, hunting, and reading

What was your favorite childhood toy? - Bike

Favorite cartoon character - Batman

What's something new you want to learn? - How to Wakeboard

Do you have any advice for highschoolers? - Hard work and determination will pay off.

What's something you hope for in 2021? - For everyone to enjoy it.



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POPULARITY OF TRUE/UNSOLVED CRIME

This case remains unsolved.... The podcast ends, and the next episode begins. True Crime has risen in popularity ever since iTunes allowed podcasts to stream around 2014. Many people, I included, spend their time listening to True Crime. True Crime is defined as nonfiction literacy.

The genre of True Crime ranges in many different forms of entertainment.

Podcasts, videos, documentaries, and movies host this idea. True Crime consists of stories that range from burglaries to murders.

As a personal lover of True Crime, I manage to listen to about three episodes a day, depending on how long each episode is. They can range from about 20 minutes to an hour. Not all True Crime is in podcast form.

There are Youtube Channels dedicated to the subject too.

You may not be a fan of True Crime, and that's okay. True Crime isn't for everyone, but you could at least give it a chance.

Podcasts are a great form of entertainment because you can listen to them anytime and anywhere. I listen to podcasts when I'm doing homework or simply tidying up around the house.

In conclusion, True Crime has grown in popularity, and this is a bandwagon you definitely should jump on!

VALENTINE'S DAY TRIVIA

- 1.) Valentine's Day is the second most popular day of the year for sending cards.
- 2.) Worldwide, over 50 million roses are given for Valentine's Day each year.
- 3.) About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.
- 4.) Approximately 27% of those who buy flowers on Valentine's Day are women. Only 73% are men.
- 5.) The origin of Valentine's Day is traced back to the ancient Roman celebration of Lupercalia which was held on February 15.
- 6.) In order of popularity, Valentine's Day cards are given to teachers, children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.
- 7.) Richard Cadbury invented the first Valentines Day candy box in the late 1800s.
- 8.) 220,000 is the average number of wedding proposals on Valentine's Day each year.
- 9.) More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- 10.) At least 9 million people buy their pets a gift on Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day Crossword Puzzle

Fill each word in the box into the puzzle below. There is only one correct place for each word.

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| angel | adore | valentine |
| roses | romance | sweet |
| date | hugging | flower |
| card | candy | love |
| heart | red | |

Photo Credit: Google Images

Valentine's Day Bouquet Ideas



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Meme Of The Month



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Bowling Season



The South Ripley High School girls and boys have started off strong in their 2020-2021 season. With high expectations from last year, the boys and girls have practiced and bowled to their full potential. Due to COVID-19, both teams have yet to compete in sectionals. Sectionals are expected to be bowled at the beginning of March.

Last year, both the boys and girls teams took home the sectional title. The girls captured the title by 151 pins to defeat their conference rival, Scottsburg. The boys trailed Columbus North by 18 pins in the final round. After hard work and dedication, the boys defeated Columbus North by 14 points and joined the girls for a victory celebration. The boys finished 14-2 in their conference. Jasmize Almaraz

"I really like bowling and I think it is really fun to fill in when they need someone else."
- Tori Baumgartner

Abby Kieffer, Jake Grossman, and Tyler Lining earned All-Conference for their performances in both the regular season and in sectionals. Abby Kieffer and Ellie Waldron advanced to regionals in individuals.

Boys seniors this year include: Tyler Lining, Devin Castner, Boyd Grossman, Luke Fields, and Logan Eggleston.

There are no seniors on the girls team this year.

Tori Baumgartner mentions, "I am an extra bowler. So usually when the girls' bowling team doesn't have enough people I fill in for the team in place of someone so they will be able to go to their meet. I really like it and I think it is fun."

On February 20, 2021, both teams traveled to Switzerland County to compete in a match. 10 games of bakers were bowled along with 2 individual games. At the time of writing this article, the scores have yet to be released.

Baseball and Softball Starting Soon



Spring is right around the corner. For some South Ripley athletes, this also means that softball and baseball are also right around the corner! Both teams have already begun practicing to get work in before the 2021 season.

Almost every Saturday, the South Ripley High School girls softball team holds an open gym for 2 hours for any girl who is wanting to play this season. The South Ripley High School boys baseball team has also been holding an open gym for any boy who is wanting to play.

Open gyms are a great time for athletes to work on themselves individually. It is also a great time for everyone to work together as a team. The softball and baseball teams work on the fundamentals of the sport. Whether this be offense or defense, athletes are improving themselves each practice.

Due to COVID-19, neither

teams were able to have a 2020 season. All games and practices were cancelled. Because of this, both teams are very excited and looking forward to this season.



Photo Credit: SR Twitter



Photo Credit: SR Twitter

The top picture is a picture of the baseball from two years ago. The bottom picture is the softball team at open gym this year.

Sectional Champs!



The South Ripley Lady Raiders Girls' Basketball team advanced to the Regionals on Saturday, February 6th, 2021. The girls defeated Switzerland County in a hard fought late night game. They have worked really hard to get to this point in their season with a tremendous record of 17-5.

To advance to the Regionals, the girls' team started off by playing North Decatur on Wednesday night, February 3rd. They had a tough game up until the last seconds of the win. Gracie Gunter scored 11 points in the 4th quarter after being down 17-18

to start the quarter. Nine of her points came from the 3 point line and she ended up with a total of 15 points for the game. She had two crucial free throws at the end of the game to help the Raiders keep the lead. Gunter was the leading scorer of the game.

Next, they had to defeat South Decatur on Friday night, February 5th, to continue to the championship game on Saturday night. South Ripley came out with the victory by a large margin of 64-29. Gracie Gunter led the team in scoring with fourteen points. Rachel Meyer also contributed twelve points, while Sarah Meyer had nine, and Alexa Heidt had eight.

South Ripley played the winner of the Southwestern, Switzerland County game, which came out to be Switzer-

land County. The final game was on Saturday evening, February 6th. Again, by another large difference, the girls captured the win with a score of 42-26. Rachel Meyer had fourteen points to lead the Lady Raiders. Gracie Gunter also contributed with seven points, eight rebounds, and five steals. Rachel Meyer and Gracie Gunter were Co-MVP's of the

Sectional. This is the seventh sectional win for the Lady Raiders in twelve years. Congratulations to all of the Lady Raiders, Head Coach Matt McNew and the rest of the coaching staff on an incredible Sectional win. The team will be playing on Saturday, February 13th at Crawford County in the Regionals.



Photo Credit: Tammy Campbell

Archery Season Recap



The 2020-2021 archery team has had a great season so far. With Covid-19, there have been some changes; however, the team has still been able to go shoot at their meets and have a good time.

Due to Covid, the capacity in every gym was different; therefore, not as many people were able to come watch to cheer the Raider archers' on.

The archers' have to shoot from two different distances away. They first have to stand ten meters away, and then they have to stand fifteen meters away. Kody Stephen mentions, " This

year was one of the best years for archery for me. I beat my personal best record which was 258 and beat it with a 262. I try my best every time to beat my person best."

The highest score an archer can get is 300, a perfect score. When shooting, this is the goal to get every time!

In the last archery meet, Luke Jackson got the highest score for the South Ripley High School team with a score of 264.

The South Ripley High School archery team have been doing a great job so far in their season with only a couple shoots left. It is very important to try your best and end strong at the end of the season. The next meet is at South Dearborn. So come out and support your Raider archer' on!



Photo Credit: Brenda Strimple

This is the part of the South Ripley archery team. Pictured here is Jessica Thomas, Grace Einhaus, Gracey west, Anna Barret, Eddie Rodriguez, Lily Welch, Kendall Morris, Kody Stephen, Robert Gunther, Andres Villagran, and Wade Patton.

Senior Memory Section



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Winning the ORVC.”
- Kylie Heppner



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Our crazy re-lay meet.”
- Donna Tice



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Seeing Mrs. Strimple laugh at the basketball games.”
- Jaden Peetz



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Our coach getting in the pool with us.”
- Leah Meyers



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Winning the ORVC for swim.”
- Sophie Gunther



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Winning the Sectionals.”
- LJ McQueen



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Playing sports with friends.”
- Bryce Franklin



Photo Credit: Raven Field

“Hitting a game winning shot.”
- Cody Samples

Messages From Mary

“The advice I need is to get a stronger mentality in everything I do. Especially in my faith with God.”

To be completely honest, I'm not quite sure what to say to this. I myself can not give advice with faith when I don't have a faith to believe in. My view on religion isn't seen as the right view, so I try not to talk about it. As for the stronger mentality, try labeling all of your emotions and identify bad thought patterns. Being aware is the first step to a stronger mentality

“I have a crush on someone who is older than me. What should I do?”

Depending on the age difference there is different responses. Assuming you're still a minor, if they are 18 or older stay away man. That's a case waiting to happen. If you are 18 and they are older, wait until you're out of school. Once you're an adult and living on your own, go for it. You have that ability to like who you want. If you both are happy together, that's what matters.

“I'm feeling overwhelmed with school, work, and extra activities. What's going on? Is this a bad thing? How do I stop feeling this way?”

I'll start with it's okay. As a highschooler, most of us feel this way. We are in the inbetween stage of being a child and an adult at the same time. Our limits and responsibilities are maxed out and pushed a bit. Personally I know what you mean. I wake up at 5am just to go to school, work, and then practices on my days off. I get no time to really rest, no weekends to party or hang out with my friends. It gets stressful, overwhelming and too much. When this stress consumes you life it can be bad. As for how to stop feeling that way; breathe, step aside a few hours everyday to just breathe. Sit in a quiet space and focus on your breathing and heartbeat. Relax, this is your alone time. Don't focus on school, your job, extra activities, just thing about you and what you would benefit from. Another way, is to talk to someone. You can talk to a whole list of people. Your doctor, friend, teacher, parents, grandparents, cousin, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, just someone you trust and will listen. If you need someone to talk to don't be afraid to reach out to me. I'm here to help, any way I can.

Polar Plunge Participants.

- Leo Aldini
- Logan Betz
- Emily Campbell
- Bryan Carpenter
- Maddy Cross
- Cassie Franklin
- Abagaile Hewitt
- Wesley Hildebrand
- Kyla Jeffries
- Abby Keiffer
- Lydia Koger
- Brionna Linkel
- Bailey McRoberts
- Amy Mitchell
- Katie Mitchell
- Lanie Nicholson
- Isabel Peak
- Tyler Pelfery
- Ava Ralston
- Kylie Reuter
- Ellie Waldron
- Carly Zoller
- Kaylee Werner

Bailey's Corner

It's been one crazy year for everybody. Many senior traditions have been altered for everyone's safety. There's events that have been cancelled/postponed, and there are lives that have been changed forever. With all this in mind, it is

important for people at some point to take a step back and see how far they themselves have come. There have been so many obstacles that we as people have had to overcome and adapt to within the last year. While it may seem like little things,

all those little things have built up, and the world is not the same as it was a year ago. And when things get tough, or if you have a bad day or you ever feel like you're not making progress in some way, shape or form, just take a step

back and take a deep breath. Cause we as humans in this generation, have overcome more obstacles than the average person normally would. So just calm down, we've got this. *You got this.*

Best vs Worst V-Day Gift

Reese Swingle

- What is the worst Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
Broccoli.
- What is the best Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
A car.

Ashton Carter

- What is the worst Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
My girlfriend broke up with me and called it a gift.
- What is the best Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
No one ever me got anything.

David Homola

- What is the worst Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
Heart-Break
- What is the best Valentine's Day gift that you have gotten?
Love

Favorite Celebrity Couples

- “Kim and Kanye.”
- Tori Baumgartner
- “Jamal Murray and Harper Hempel.”
- Ryan Gorrell
- “Thomas Rhett and Laurens Akins.”
- Emily Flood
- “Nina Dobrev and Ian Somerhalder.”
- Jayna Brown

CALLING ALL ARTIST!



This is the piece I would like to submit. It is made out of acrylic paint. It took me a total of eight hours to make and I did it in March of 2020. It is a painting of a 1976 Ford Ranger and it is owned by Abraham Patterson.

--Thank you so much Rory Heffelmire, and congratulations on your feature in the paper.

Do You Prefer Olivia Rodrigo's Song, *Driver's License*, Or Do You Prefer Sabrina Carpenter's Song, *Skins*?

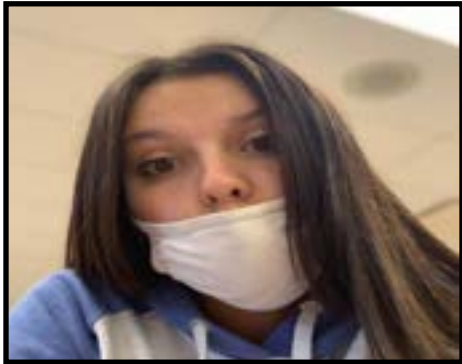


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"Driver's License because I like it,"
- Daylene Adams



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"Driver's License,"
- Rachel Evans



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"Skins because I like Sabrina Carpenter better,"
- Seth Wise



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Driver's License because it sounds good.
- Andres Villagran Gallego



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"Driver's license because I like the name,"
- Mr. Theising

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