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Halloween Edition

The Hallway Hauntings of ECHS

by Lulu Fitzwater, G3 Staff

Many have heard the rumors of ECHS being haunted, but what about the people who claim it's true? Are they correct? Could the hallways truly be haunted? Some believe so.

Every year student council members stay at the school the night before school starts in order to ensure that everything is up and running smoothly. This is the only time when anybody, students, and teachers alike, spend the whole night. This means that, besides student council members and Amanda, nobody knows what lurks in the school at night.

Staff member Amanda Rosener not only works here today, but used to go to school here as well. When asked if she had any ghost stories, she gave some history to the school and the town as well as some of her own experiences.

Many know that the school was built on top of a Chinese graveyard, but not that the hill next to the school not only currently has graves, but was used as a dumping site for children's bodies if they have disabilities or deformities since they didn't have the technology back then to take care of them. According to Amanda, when paving the Vandal Way, they came across multiple traces of human remains. This offers a good explanation as to why ghosts may haunt the school.

There are two main hauntings that have been noticed or seen

around the school, one being a little girl with black hair that haunts the library hallway, and the other being an older Chinese man with a long braid that haunts the gym. The older man was most likely buried underneath the school, but the little girl's story is unknown. It is possible that she was dumped at the hill next to the school for a deformity or disability, but no one can be sure.

Amanda claims that she has seen both ghosts in separate experiences. Amanda spoke about standing in the gym doorway and watching as an old man walked down to the middle of the gym, "he starts stepping down like he's going down stairs" she recalled. When she saw the little girl in the library hallway, it was dark because the light switch used to be at the other end of the hallway. She said that she and her friend needed to get something out of the old storage room that used to be located at the end of the hallway. In the doorway to the library, there was a little girl standing with her face hidden. After that, they understandably ran away as fast as they could.

So, is the school haunted? There is a real possibility, and the only way to know for sure is to go searching for yourself! However, if you do, be sure you're quiet about it, because staff and students may want to play a little harmless prank if they find out.



The "haunted hallway" where ghosts are said to roam.

Have YOU had a haunted experience? Common "haunted" activity includes

- Unexplainable cold spots in the area
- Strange noises in the middle of the night
- Objects falling over or moved out place
- Electronic disturbances such as flickering lights
- Visual appearances of people floating or traveling through solid objects

Vandals Score a Successful Season

by Jenna Rosener, G3 Staff

After their first two football games getting canceled, ECHS Football had a winning start to the 2022 season on Thursday, September 15, against Round Mountain. Unfortunately, their winning streak was short lived with a loss against Alamo. Alamo won 40 to 6.

Friday, September 23, Football had a game against Tonopah for Homecoming week, and ended the game with a score of 60 to 12. On October 1 the football team had a game in Owyhee after the High School Volleyball team. They won their game by 34 points, the final score being 48 to 14.

September 17, Varsity Volleyball played games against McDermott, resulting in a 3-game sweep. Varsity won 3 matches out of 5. Both High School Volleyball teams had games on Friday September 23 against Owyhee. Varsity won 3 matches out of 5. The JV girls lost with the score being 2 out of 5. On Friday, September 30 Varsity and JV Volleyball had games in Spring Creek and they won both games. Saturday, October 1 Both Volleyball teams played against Owyhee. Both games were close, but our girls won both games that day too. Even though Owyhee won 1 match, the scores for Varsity were won by 3 matches out of 5.

As for JV, the scores were won 2 out of 3, with Owyhee winning only 1 match. Jr. High Football played Round Mountain and won on September 17. Friday, September 23 Jr. High football was victorious against Tonopah and beat them. But overall the boys did a great job. Their season ended with a scrimmage against each other. Which was fun to watch for everyone.

Jr. High Volleyball played in Lund, Saturday September 17. All three teams, A, B, and C had many matches and games. They Jr. High Volleyball team also had games on Friday, September 23, but played in Battle Mountain with many games that were played.



Eureka VFW Hosts Annual Flag Burning Ceremony

by Lulu Fitzwater & Jenny Whimple, G3 Staff

The local VFW Post hosted its annual Flag Burning Ceremony on September 29. This event occurs when American flags around town get old and worn and need to be put to rest by being respectfully burned. Students were invited to participate and observe this year's ceremony to honor the many worn out and torn flags around town.

The ECHS band played some very patriotic songs for the crowd, which included the entire ECHS student body, as well as local citizens and veterans. The audience respectfully listened before Storm Raine, Aiden Cooley, Annie Tibbets, Nic Blanco, and Hannah Clark presented informative speeches about the history of the U.S flag and provided background for the songs that the band played.

Some of the songs that were played by the band included "You're a Grand Ole' Flag", "To the Colors", and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."



Members of the local VFW Post pose for a photo following the ceremony

Halloween Movies to Haunt Your Holiday

by June Callister, G3 Staff

So why are Halloween movies so popular? Many people love to watch movies for entertainment, but scary movies seem to get more emotional reactions, and most everyone loves to have a good scream.

All humankind knows that *Hocus Pocus* is a classic Halloween film, but *Hubie Halloween* and *Edward Scissorhands* are also some good options for teens with their constant laughs and suspenseful plots.

Kids might not be the best audience for some shows, so *Spookly the Square Pumpkin*, *Coraline*, *Casper*, *Frankenweenie*, and *The Addams Family* are some great movies that have been around for longer than text messages (they've obviously pleased a lot of kids!).

Back to the teens, *Beetle Juice* and *Ghost Busters* are classics known for their entertaining suspense and funny scenes. However, if you're looking for an even scarier production, *Friday the Thirteenth*, and the *Scream* and Halloween series are some terrifyingly awesome horror options.

So why do people watch scary movies at this time of



year? It could just be out of pure boredom and sometimes lack of friends, but according to Health.com, many people like scary movies because of the thrill they give them. They definitely give people a solution to boredom.

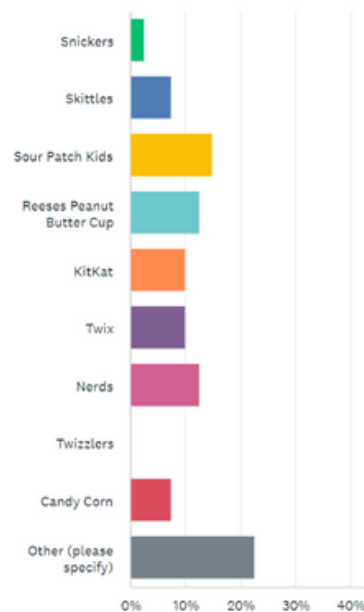
Have a Favorite Candy? Poll Yields Sweet Results

by Jenny Whimple, G3 Staff

What is your favorite candy? In honor of Halloween, *The Green and Gold Gazette* created a survey asking students at Eureka County High School what their favorite candy is. The options to choose from were Snickers, Skittles, Sour Patch Kids, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, KitKat, Twix, Nerds, Twizzlers, candy corn, and an option to type in a different choice. The staff of *The Green and Gold Gazette* put up flyers to invite students to vote on the survey the first week of October. Results were both expected and amusing, as participants suggested unusual favorites.

Which Candy Is The Best?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 0



Candy Poll Statistics

The most liked candy was Sour Patch Kids, which topped the list with 15% of overall votes. Reese's Peanut Butter Cup and Nerds tied for second place with 12.5% of the vote and third place was tied between KitKat and Twix with 10% of votes. Skittles, candy corn, and Snickers filled out the bottom of the list. While the "Other" selection got the most votes overall, only two suggestions were the same, so Almond Joy / Mounds placed as a favorite. Honorable mentions were chicken strips and Dove chocolates.



Halloween History Full of Curious Customs

by Jazmine Martinez, G3 Staff

Halloween is right around the corner. Halloween traditions have been celebrated since the 8th century and are still being celebrated to this day. Many people like to celebrate by trick-or-treating, lighting a bonfire, and dressing up in awesome costumes. But these are not the only traditions used to celebrate. Throughout the years, many countries have made their own unique traditions to celebrate Halloween.

Halloween first originated in what is now Ireland. The Celts (pronounced both as "Selts" or "Kelts") who originally lived near present day Rathcroghan, Ireland, were the ones who created Halloween, or as Ireland calls it, Samhain. The Celts believed that on October 31st, the doors or gates to the underworld opened. They believed that supernatural things, such as the souls of the dead, would come into our world. Ireland has very similar traditions as the United States such as dressing up in scary costumes, carving jack-o-lanterns, and lighting bonfires. Modern Ireland describes Samhain as the time that "the Summer goes to rest." Samhain takes place for 24 hours, starting on the evening of October 31st and ending the evening of November 1st. Samhain is now considered the most important holiday in Ireland.

Mexico, Spain, the Caribbean islands, and a wide selection of Latin America all celebrate El Día Del Muerto, also called Día De Los Muertos. El Día Del Muerto is a tradition that lasts over the course of 2 days, usually on November 2nd and 3rd. It can also take place on October 31st or November 6th depending on your location; different Latin American countries celebrate on different days. El Día Del Muerto has been celebrated since the early 1500's. This special tradition is used to honor the dead. Relatives of the dead put pictures of their loved ones who have passed away on a small table and put all distinct kinds of things such as their loved one's favorite things or their belongings. This table is called an ofrenda. People typically put things such as colorful flowers, their relatives' favorite foods and drinks, and a special type of



bread specifically made for this day called Pan De Muerto. The most common type of flower put on an ofrenda is a beautiful, bright yellow-orange flower called cempasúchil. They use this flower because it is believed to help guide the lost souls back to their families. El Día Del Muerto is one of Latin America's biggest and most important celebrations of the year.

The United States started celebrating Halloween in the 1840's. Americans started celebrating Halloween because it was brought to America. English Puritans who were leaving Ireland from the potato famine were the ones who had brought their tradition into the country. The immigrants loved their Halloween tradition and so did America. The United States began to celebrate Halloween because of the influence of the English Puritans. Originally, people would carve turnips on the day of Halloween but the Americans switched to pumpkins instead. The immigrants believed that if they put candles into the carved turnips, it would ward off evil spirits. Nowadays in America, people carve pumpkins just for fun. An extremely popular and common tradition that Americans do during Halloween is trick-or-treating. Trick-or-treating first came from the Celts. The poor Celtic children would go knocking from door to door begging for food and money on the day of Samhain. In return, the children would pray for the souls of their loved ones who had passed away. A traditional treat given to the poor children was soul cakes. Soul cakes have sweet spices such as cinnamon and nutmeg. They look like a normal cookie with a cross on the top made out of raisins. Another common tradition from the Celts is lighting bonfires. Bonfires have always been a part of Halloween for the Celts. The bonfires were said to bring in spirits that were welcomed onto Earth. The Celts influenced nearly all of the traditions celebrated here in America.

Eureka to a Newcomer

by Jacob Knapp, G3 Staff

Eureka to a newcomer is like traveling back to the 1960s. It's old fashioned, the people are friendly, and there is so much to see! You meet new people every day and life is just so peaceful!

Even staying at a hotel isn't so bad. You don't want to leave once you get used to it! Sure this town is small but it has everything you need!

Everywhere you go in Eureka is like going somewhere new even if you've been there millions of times! The food is so good, the schools are amazing and I bet anyone would enjoy it!

Eureka to a newcomer is paradise.



October Birthdays

Happy birthday to the Vandals born in October!

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| 1-Brooke | 18-Donovan |
| 3-Angel | 18-Mason W. |
| 5-Storm | 18-Aurora |
| 9-Grace | 20-Trinity |
| 9-Jacobe | 23-Heloise |
| 11-Mason J. | 23-June |
| 11-Clayton | 26-Bailey |
| 12-Trypp | 27-Mr. Hyatt |
| 13-Ms. Carlson | 30-Anna |
| 16-Brendan D. | 30-Lukas |

Fall School Events

by Selma Owusu, G3 staff

The fall season is upon us, with flu season lurking around every corner like a snake in a bush waiting to attack, longer nights, and the weather getting colder day by day. Last month was quite an interesting one, with new students making an addition to the school. There were also many events that happened during Homecoming Week, including Macho Man, Powder Puff, and the Homecoming dance.

Macho Man and Powder Puff were engrossing events with boys playing volleyball and girls playing football? What a turn of events! The freshman class added 150 points to their school spirit score by winning the half time performances during Powder Puff, while the juniors and sophomores won the tie breakers for the game. To wrap everything up, the Homecoming dance capped off a fun week as a memorable event with an area to take great pictures, a snack table, and a lot of dancing and fun, right here in the school lobby.

Recently, we welcomed new students to the school. Koda Jones, who recently moved here from Maryland and joined the junior class. Jacob Knapp, Matthew Knapp, and Delilah Knapp are siblings that just moved here from Fallon, Nevada. Delilah is in 10th grade, Matthew is in 9th, and Jacob is in 7th. Make sure to say hi to them when you see them!

Some upcoming events that are happening this month are, Red Ribbon week, FFA Nationals, the end of first quarter, and finally Halloween.



Koda Jones

Delilah Knapp

Matthew Knapp

Jacob Knapp

New Releases Promise Lots of Entertainment

by Jenny Whimple, G3 Staff

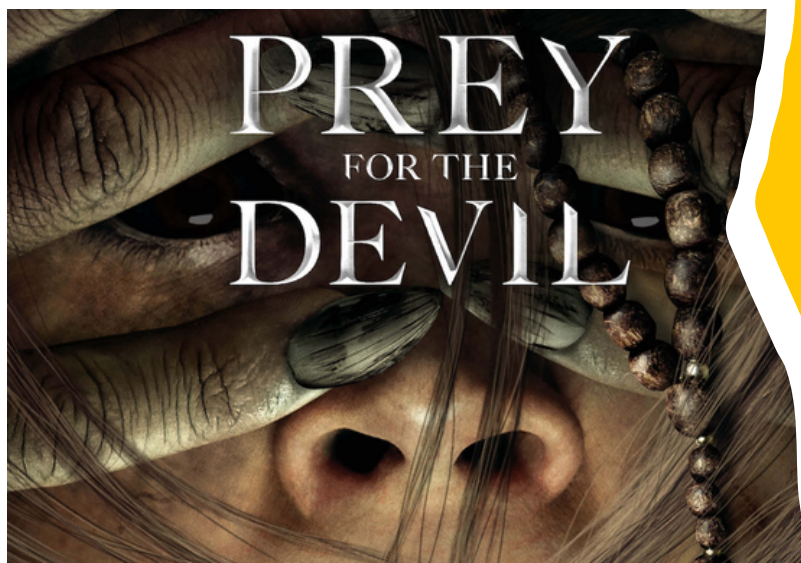
Have you heard about the new releases this October? There are plenty of new albums and movies. One of the most anticipated releases is from Taylor Swift, whose new album titled *Midnight* drops on October 21st. Despite what the title may suggest, this album will have not 12, but 13 new songs. Taylor has described them as “the stories of 13 sleepless nights scattered throughout my life.”

Another album that fans are looking forward to is Arctic Monkeys, this album’s called *The Car* also set to be released on October 21st. This album will have 10 new songs. Alex Turner, the guitarist, pianist, and songwriter of the band has said that these songs have a “louder” sound to them compared to their other songs.

There are very anticipated movies one new film is *Prey for the Devil* is a new horror film directed by Daniel Stamm and written by Robert Zappia starring Jacqueline Byers. *Prey for the Devil* debuts on October 28th. The film focuses on a nun who prepares to perform an exorcism and encounters a demon that she suspects is from her past. This film is rated PG-13 for its violent and disturbing content.

Another new horror flick is *Halloween Ends* which is directed by David Gordon Green. This movie stars Jamie Lee Curtis, Kyle Richards, and Will Patton. This movie focuses on Michael Myers and Laurie Strode coming to a bone-chilling conclusion to add to the classic Halloween series. This film is rated R for bloody horror violence and gore.

These albums and movies are set to make this fall season the best it’s ever been so don’t miss out!



October's new releases include (clockwise from left) Arctic Monkeys' album *Car*, Taylor Swift's *Midnight*, and the films *Prey for the Devil* and *Halloween Ends*.

