



## Politicians Make Efforts to Ban Popular App, TikTok

By June Callister, G3 Staff

All around the United States, there have been rumors about the famous app, TikTok, being banned from American app stores and in general, phones in America. According to allsides.com, "Under the law, Tik Tok would no longer appear on the app store, and all U.S. based companies would be prevented from offering it as a mobile app. TikTok would also be barred from using the web-hosting services of any U.S. based company, like Amazon and Alphabet, making the app essentially useless."

Though some people think that TikTok should absolutely continue its popular influence in the U.S., some believe that TikTok has done harm to teens and adults all over the world. "If the US bans TikTok, I don't know what I am supposed to do with my life. I would be bored to the core. And all my other apps aren't as entertaining. Tik Tok also lets me have a wider perspective of what's going on in the world and helps me understand people's emotions," says Selma Owusu. Jenna Rosener says "I think that the ban is unnecessary. If it is really a problem, more people would speak up about it." Also, some teens feel that TikTok helps them cope and keep up with the issues all around the world, and in their community.

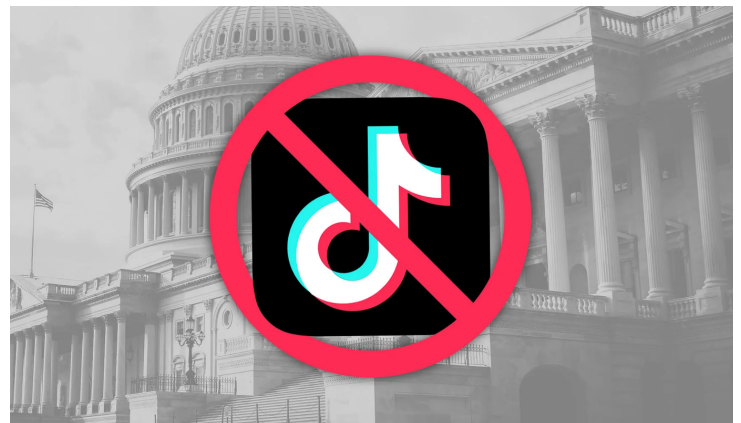
However, TikTok, to some people, isn't a positive influence. According to allsides.com "(the media) accuses 'Liberals of TikTok' of spreading "anti-LGBTQ+ sentiment" and has caused teachers to lose their jobs over their own social media posts..."

Several teachers were fired from their careers in education because of offensive comments that they made on TikTok and other social media posts. These teachers' comments were said to be very offensive to many in the LGBTQ+ community.

Although opinions are important, there are many more reasons to the TikTok ban than teen boredom and/or rude comments.

One of the main reasons for the TikTok ban is said to be internet security issues. TikTok was created/invented in Beijing, China by the company ByteDance. Some people believe that the people who created the app have used it to get people's location and kidnap them. TikTok creator, PAPYRUS was accused of kidnapping teens using TikTok. And people using TikTok have been caught using PAPYRUS's name to commit kidnapping and other sketchy behavior.

So, the question is, should the United States ban TikTok for the safety of its users, or should society ignore the problems that the app has brought to teens and adults everywhere all around the world?



# Spring Dance Recital Showcases Local Talent

By Jenna Rosener, G3 Staff



Every year in the springtime, Juvenile Probation sponsors a dance recital for the community of Eureka. Performing groups meet together about one day each week for eight weeks to create and practice two routines. Groups share their talents in gymnastics, hip hop, ballet, tumbling, clogging, and stunts.

This year's performances were held on April 12-13. On Wednesday, April 12, at the elementary school, all of the dance groups performed one song each. Elementary school students and teachers, as well as some parents, were able to watch during school hours.

On Thursday, April 13, there was a dance recital at the Opera House for the whole community to enjoy. Performers ranged from ages 4 to 16, and all groups performed both routines that they had been practicing for.

Congratulations to all the dancers on a wonderful performance!

# This Month in History

By June Callister, G3 Staff

**April 9, 1865**- On this day, the Civil War was put to an end as over 500,000 American soldiers had their lives taken by war. General Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses G. Grant in a courthouse located in the village of Appomattox after four gruesome, bloody years of fighting. The Civil War was a series of battles fought between the Northern and Southern parts of early America, due to the disagreement of ending or continuing slavery. The Southerners needed the slaves to do their farm work and other tasks, while the Northerners believed slavery was wrong.

**April 23rd** - National Holocaust Day is observed. This somber day is day dedicated to the thousands of Jews who were murdered in both prison camps and in places all over Germany and the rest of the world. Adolph Hitler, an insidious ruler of Germany, believed that those of the Jewish religion were poisoning the world and that they needed to be rid from the earth.

**April 30th**- In 1789, after the end of the Revolutionary War, George Washington was voted the United States' very first president. George Washington proved his bravery and loyalty to the United States by leading his army to victory in the Battle of Trenton in 1776 and the Battle of Yorktown in 1781.



*Holocaust Jews stuck in prison camps.*



*George Washington, first president of the United States.*



*War scene of the Civil War.*

# Advice from Your Friendly Neighborhood Joe Vandal

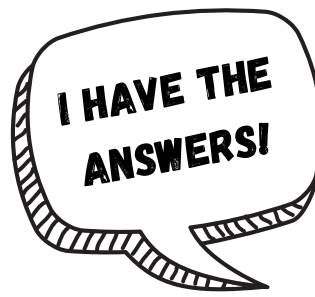
by Joe Vandal, honorary G3 staff

Hey students of ECHS! This is Joe Vandal, here to give you advice! I offer advice to students who are having school and personal problems.

All submissions are anonymous and names may be changed to protect students' identities.

If you would like to submit a question, drop your note in the box in the cafeteria or contact me by emailing JMartin@eureka.k12.nv.us.

\*PLEASE! IF YOU ARE HAVING SERIOUS PROBLEMS, SPEAK WITH A TRUSTED ADULT!\*



## Dear Joe Vandal,

Is there a reason the teachers don't like "fun days" in school? Or let us have breaks? I know a lot of students don't want to come to school and are mentally drained from this. Maybe someone could suggest something to the teachers and staff members.

-Purple

## Dear Purple,

Trust me, it's not that teachers dislike "fun days;" the thing is, they only have a certain number of days in the school year to teach you everything you need to know about their subject. However, I do agree that doing a lot of work every day certainly causes stress. I recommend taking advantage of your weekends by doing all your homework Thursday night, which allows you to take three whole days to relax and try to eliminate burnout. If many students in a certain one of your classes are behind, I would recommend having all of you speak to your teacher in a polite manner about maybe having a day to get all your make up work done. Hopefully this helps!

## Dear Joe Vandal,

I just got a new book. How long do you think I should I read each day?

-IT

## Dear IT,

As a fellow reader myself, I would recommend reading at least one chapter of your book every day.

If you feel like reading more than that or are really sucked into your book after that chapter, go ahead and read more! You can never read too much. If you prefer using a time frame to measure how much you've read, I recommend reading for around fifteen minutes per day. Fun fact: 88% of rich people read for thirty minutes per day and 75% of U.S citizens have read at least one book in the past year.

## Dear Joe Vandal,

I recently brought up that people have been taking the jokes too far and now I'm losing people because of it. Did I do the right thing by speaking up?

-Thatonekid

## Dear Thatonekid,

If these jokes have been making you uncomfortable, you certainly did the right thing by speaking up. Many people will make harsh jokes or comments assuming that people will understand that they're joking, but sometimes these words can be hurtful and it's best to prioritize your happiness. If these people can no longer be your friends simply because you're no longer the victim of their jokes, then that's their loss, not yours.



# ECHS ALUMNI CORNER

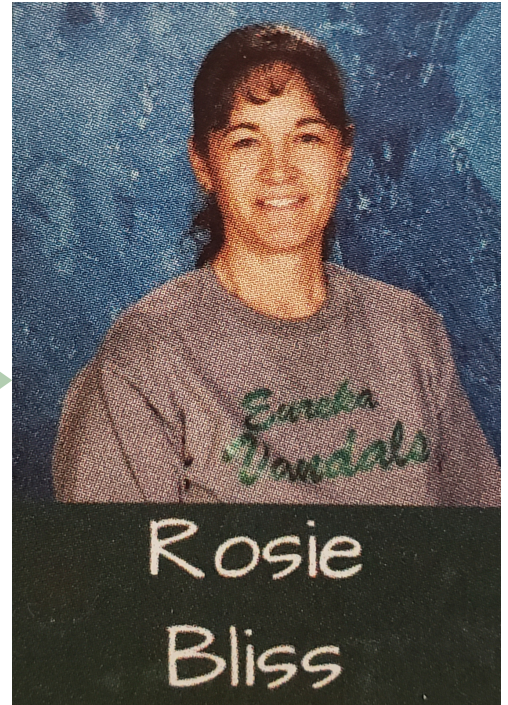
By Selma Owusu, G3 Staff

*The Alumni Corner is a feature where a graduate from Eureka County High School gets to share about their experience here, memories they have of ECHS, and thoughts of how Eureka has changed.*

This month, Mrs. Rosie Bliss is our featured ECHS alum! She graduated from Eureka County High School in 1994. You might see her often because she works here in ECHS as a Physical Education and Health teacher.

One of Mrs. Bliss's favorite high school memories is playing basketball. She was involved in several sports including basketball, volleyball, and rodeo. She won nationals her sophomore year in rodeo.

Some extracurricular activities she participated in were FFA and Honor Society. When asked what grade she would want to go back to if she could, she said she would go back to her sophomore year because of rodeo, or her senior year because it was fun all year long!



She loved listening to artists such as George Strait, ACDC, Metallica, and Shania Twain.

Her favorite thing about Eureka both then and now, is that there is an excellent camaraderie among everyone at school. Mrs. Bliss loves teaching her PE classes!

One thing Mrs. Bliss has recognized over time is that there is more to school than friends and sports. Some advice she would give to her high school self and to high schoolers now, is "enjoy it as much as you can and try to think positively because it goes by fast." Thanks to Mrs. Bliss for agreeing to be the featured guest for this month's Alumni Corner!



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# Why Do We Celebrate Easter?

By Lulu Fitzwater, G3 Staff

The holiday we all think of during springtime is Easter Sunday, but few know the true reason we celebrate Easter. Some Christians celebrate Easter because they believe that it was the day Jesus Christ was resurrected, which is the most common belief held in the western world. However, Christians were not the first to celebrate Easter.

Easter originally began as a pagan holiday celebrating the spring equinox. Christians celebrated with feasts attached to these old pagan traditions and eventually began relating them back to Jesus because the spring equinox would mark the end of cold winters and bring the new life of spring. They connected this to Christ's resurrection because spring symbolizes the end of dark times and new life.

In other cultures, Easter was derived from the Jewish festival, Passover. Because of this, Easter has different names; for example, the Greek name is Pascha. However, in English speaking countries, Easter was named after Eostre, a Pagan goddess. She was the goddess of spring, which is why she was tied to the celebrations of the spring equinox.

The modern traditions of Easter have been implemented from a mix of both Pagan and Christian beliefs. Painting and finding eggs are traditions because eggs are a symbol of new life, which can be directly related to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In paganism, rabbits are symbols of fertility and can be linked to Eostre.

As time has passed Easter celebrations have changed dramatically, yet Easter is still widely celebrated and brings joy to many who celebrate yearly. This shows that change can be a good thing and bring happiness to many faces. Hopefully, everybody had a great Easter this year!

# Honor Society Inducts New Members

By Lulu Fitzwater, G3 Staff

On April 18, 2023, twelve new members were inducted into the Eureka County High School chapter of the National Honor Society. New members include Aden Adams, Hannah Bliss, Bailey Bradshaw, Corbi Brown, Natalie Gray, Megan Johnson, Lauryn Marshall, Erin Schweble, Lilly Tuger, Emily Whimple, Mason Johnson, and Anthony Minoletti.

To be inducted into the National Honor Society, a student must have at least a 3.0 GPA or higher. The NHS also requires students to be in grades 10-12, although assessments for whether a student is eligible for membership can begin as early as 9th grade.

Being in Honor Society can be beneficial and looks great on college applications. The National Honor Society provides opportunities for students to be more involved in the community by allowing them to participate in service projects. They also help the community by sponsoring fundraisers for people in need. Every Spring, the NHS hosts the Penny Wars to raise money for someone in the community who is going through a tough time.

If you are interested in joining the National Honor Society and think you may be eligible, you can talk to Mrs. Benson or Miss Jaylene for more information.



*The NHS preparing for the ceremony.*



# Students Share Insight into Mental Health Needs

By Jenna Rosener, G3 Staff

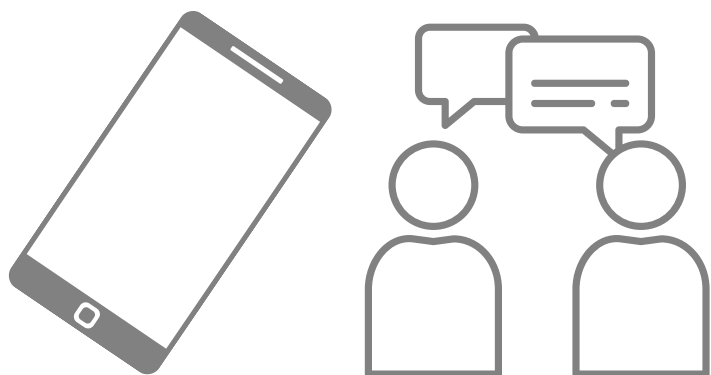
The poll this month featured questions about mental health. The first question asked on the survey was "Do you turn to your parents for advice?" 30% of the students who took this survey answered with "sometimes." The word "often" had 25%, and the next answer was "all the time" with 12.5%. The next answer was "not at all" with 10% and lastly the next highest answer was "Just dad."

The second statement was "Students should get mental health day off from school" and the top answer with 35% was strongly agree. Not very many participants in this survey disagreed with this statement.

"Do you feel that your phone is a positive part of your life?" was the third question in the survey. Most students chose the answer "Yes, it is a great tool to use to communicate and relax." This was answered by 45% of the participants.

The fourth question was "What things cause you to feel the most stress?" 75% of students who took the survey answered the question by choosing the answer "school/classes/homework." The next highest answer was "money & finances, current or future" with 32.5% respondents choosing that option.

The poll ended with the question "How can school better support the mental health of students?" 41.03% of students chose the answer "Establish school-wide homework policies to limit the daily amount of homework."



# ECCHS Prom of 2023

By June Callister, G3 Staff



On the 22nd of April, The 9th-12th grade was invited to ECCHS Prom. Prom of 2023 had a Medieval theme. Tickets were sold for \$25 per couple, and multiple couples attended. There was a grand feast of tri-tip and bread provided for all high schoolers going to Prom. The Grand March, which started at 7:00PM, occurred to present each couple in their royal glory. The dance went from 8-11PM, though most pictures were taken prior to the event. Some of the popular songs played at the dance were The Cupid Shuffle, and Mr. World Wide. The announced Prom King and Queen were Storm Raine and Emily Freeman.



# Stadium Shows Start Spring Spectacularly

By Jenny Whimple, G3 Staff

Taylor Swift started her tour on March 17th in Glendale, Arizona. Her tour is called "The Eras Tour" where she will perform different songs from her various albums. On the opening night Taylor Swift performed for 3 hours and did a total of 44 songs. Some of the opening acts for the rest of the tour will include other popular artists such as Beebadoobee, Pheobe Bridgers, and Paramore.

Taylor Swift hasn't performed in 5 years, ever since her spectacular Reputation tour in 2018 so the Swiftie community is very excited to see her back in action. Due to the pandemic Taylor hasn't been able to perform her albums Lover, Evermore, and Folklore so people are expecting that she will be performing lots of different songs from those albums. Taylor Swift describes that this tour will be a journey through all her musical eras and that she can't wait to see her fans.

Coachella is an annual music festival. This year's Coachella was held at the Empire Polo Club. This year's Coachella took place April 14 - 16, and 21 - 23. During Coachella various artists perform such as The Kid LAROI, Kali Uchis, and Frank Ocean.

Zendaya made a surprise appearance on the second weekend of Coachella. She performed with the artist Labrinth. She sang "I'm Tired" and "All of Us" which were both featured in Zendaya's popular HBO series, Euphoria. Seeing that Zendaya hasn't performed since 2015 she was very happy to perform, and she posted to her Instagram "I cannot express my gratitude for this magical night. Thank you to my brother @labrinth for inviting me and giving me the most beautiful safe space to be on a stage again." Labrinth also brought out Billie Eilish and they performed their track "Never Felt So Alone." The song "Never Felt So Alone" has recently appeared on the HBO series "Euphoria".

# April's Mystery Staff Member

By Jazmine Martinez, G3 Staff

This month's mystery staff member has been a teacher at ECHS for a while. Their classroom can be found in the main hallway on the left side of the main entrance. They have their prep hour in the afternoon, and they have the letter "a" in their last name. They are extremely intelligent and kind-hearted. They never fail to make their students leave their class without a smile on their face. Lastly, their favorite hobbies are cooking and gardening and their favorite color is purple. If you have guessed, go to the office and tell Kathy your guess. The first middle schooler and first high schooler gets a prize!



# Former President Trump In Court

By Devyn Williams, G3 Staff

On April 4, 2023, former President Donald Trump was arrested in Manhattan on 34 felony counts of falsifying business records. The Manhattan District Attorney's office has been investigating Trump's connection and alleged role in a hush money payment scheme involving adult film star Stormy Daniels. The alleged payoff dates back to the 2016 Presidential election. This investigation began when Trump was still in the White House and relates to a \$130,000 payment made by Trump's then personal attorney, Michael Cohen, to Daniels in late October 2016, days before the Presidential election. Prosecutors accused Trump of using the money to silence Daniels from going public about an alleged affair with Trump a decade earlier. These allegations have been denied by Trump and a court date has been set for the spring of 2024. It will be interesting to see how this court case affects the upcoming 2024 Presidential Election.



Former President Trump looks on in Court on April 4, 2023.

## April Word Search

By Jenny Whimple, G3 Staff

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| Taylor Swift | Butterflies | JellyBeans | Paint |
| Easter       | Chocolate   | Spring     | Eggs  |
| Tiktok       | Chicks      | Sunday     | Tour  |
| Basket       | Plants      | Bunny      |       |

## Vandal Track Sprints to an Awesome Season

By Jazmine Martinez, G3 Staff

Eureka Vandals Track has had a few meets this month. High school track had meets on April 14th here in Eureka, on April 22nd in Winnemucca, and will have a meet on April 28th in White Pine.

Junior High Track had meets on Saturday the 15th, which was held here in Eureka, and in Battle Mountain on the 21st. They will be having another meeting in White Pine at the end of the month on the 28th.

When asked what the teams are looking forward to, Victoria Hage said, "getting a new PR in the 100-meter." Brooke Watts said, "Winning." Joseph Minoletti said that he's looking forward to "making my uncle proud." Austin Zimmerman said "getting a new PR." Mya Tognotti is the Junior High Track team's manager this year. She said that her favorite thing about managing is "helping people and getting them in order."