



Women's History Month

By Skylar Durastanti



March is National Women's History month. This month we celebrate all the contributions women have made throughout history. National Women's History Month dates to 1978, when it only lasted for a week. Led by Molly Murphy McGregor, a teacher in Santa Rosa, California. Although, this event was never intended to become annual, women all over the world organized their own women's history celebration. All their hard work paid off in February 1980 when President Jimmy Carter issued the first presidential proclamation and declared March 2nd - 8th, as National Women's History week. But they were not finished. In 1997, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, an organization dedicated to honoring women's history, Congress finally passed Pub. L. 100-9 which claimed March was officially National Women's History month. Within Women's History Month, International Women's day is March 8th so be sure to tell an important woman in your life how much they are appreciated. Here are some important women from the past and present.



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Women's Inventions of the Past

- Margret A. Wilcox - Car heater
- Grace Murray - Computer Software
- Ida Forbes - Electric water heater
- Anna Connelly - Fire escape

Women's Inventions of Today

- Elana Garcia - Adaptable Robotic Exoskeleton
- Sumita Mirta - Nanomaterial Dental Filler
- Laura Van't Veer - Gene Based Breast Cancer Test

Women Who Inspire

- Marie Curie – First woman to win a Nobel Prize for chemistry and physics.
- Ida B. Wells - Founder of National Association of Colored Womens Club which was created to address civil right and women's suffrage.
- Ellen Ochoa - First Hispanic woman to go to space in 1993.
- Selena Gomez - Advocate for mental health and is an ambassador for UNICEF.



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Program of the Month: ROTC

By Zachary Smith and Ella Wren Moody

NJROTC stands for Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. ROTC is a student-led program with Shelley Stringer as the company commanding officer and Jeremiah Glover as the executive officer. Where an average class would have a teacher, ROTC has students who lead, do uniform checks and plan events all by themselves under the supervision of Petty Officer Meyerriecks and Captain Martin.

After talking to Petty Officer Meyerriecks, a common misconception about ROTC is that it is a recruitment tactic for the military and that ROTC is just filled with exercise. But that is not the case, ROTC is not

bootcamp. "Overall ROTC is no more than a citizenship class." says Petty Officer Meyerriecks. He says it teaches respect, self-respect, and patriotism. Many learn important life skills in this class and 90% of the students who graduate from the class become successful later in life.

ROTC offers benefits for students who continue through the program. Some benefits include automatic raise of rank for those who go into the military (bigger paycheck) and a possible full ride scholarship to college. About half of the students who graduate go into the military and the other half of students go into college to become an officer in the military.

We asked some ROTC students how they felt about the program. We talked with company commanding officer, Shelley Stringer, and she said that the best years of ROTC have to be the first and the last years. She said that her favorite part of ROTC was the dances. ROTC has its own

version of Homecoming and Prom. When asking Heath McBayer for a comment all he said was that ROTC was "pretty LIT." We later got back with Heath and asked him what his favorite thing about ROTC was, and he said that he loves the field trips that they get to go on. One of his favorite

field trips was to Naval Air Station (NAS) Jacksonville. He said he also loves the bonds that he has made in ROTC and the basic respect everyone has for each other. He summed up ROTC as "the cooler boy scouts". Well, we think his first statement sums up the ROTC program well. Pretty Lit.

While many students may be hesitant to join the program, most do not regret it because ROTC provides students with lifelong skills they use throughout their life.

DATES

- 3/7- SOAR Meeting
- 3/14- Zero Referrals Events
- 3/17- St. Patrick's Day
- 3/18-22- Spring Break
- 3/25- Teacher Planning Day
- 3/29- School Holiday

WHS History

By Zachary Smith & Ella Wren Moody

Wakulla High School was built in 1967. In that year it ranged from grades 7-12 and had 564 students. Currently, it has 1384 students enrolled and is only grades 9-12. Wakulla county has grown tremendously since the beginning. Yet one thing that hasn't changed is WHS's spot as its sole high school. Prior to WHS, there were smaller community high schools but because of school integration, they all merged to create Wakulla High School in 1967. On March 11th Wakulla County is turning 181! To celebrate, on March 9th there will be a community event, Wakulla Wonderful, at Azalea Park. If you are interested in the history of our county, go check it out. There will be tours of historical sites and education on everything that makes Wakulla, well, wonderful!

The History of the Easter Bunny

By Nhat Nguyen, Melissa Weaver & Abigail Hart

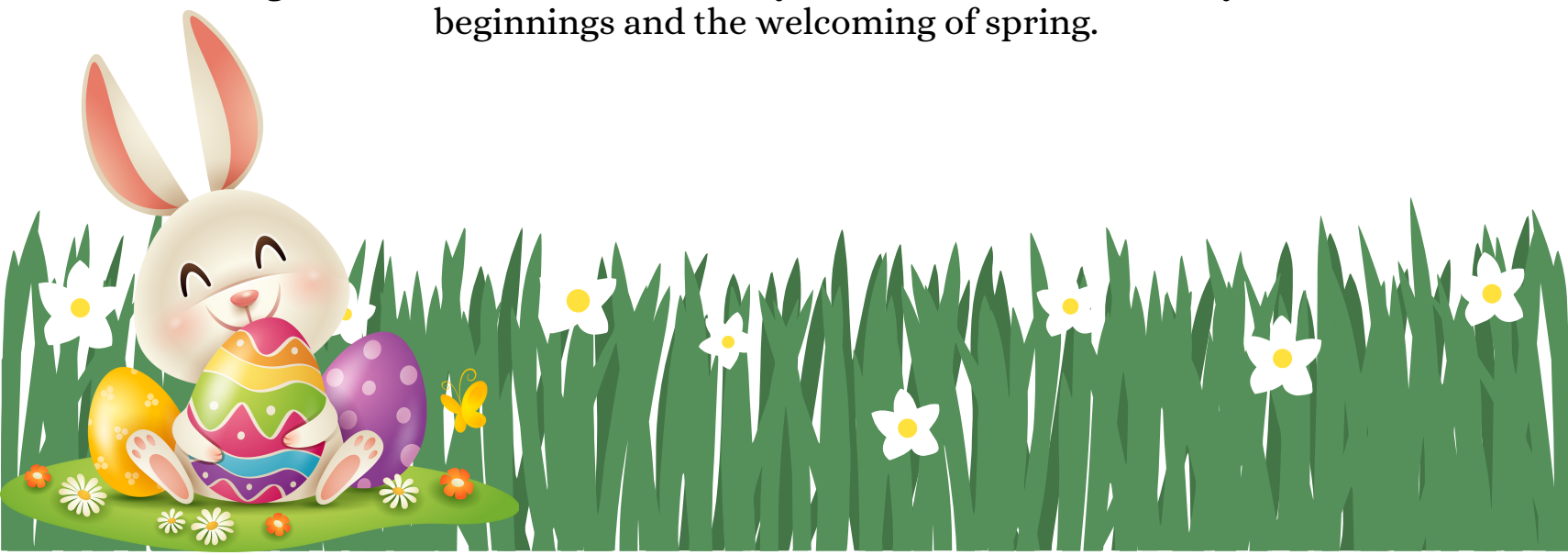
The Easter Bunny is most known for leaving gift baskets for kids on the historical day where Jesus Christ rose from the dead. But how did this come to be? How did a candy dropping bunny become associated with this Christian holiday? There are many myths to explain how the Easter Bunny became what we know today. But for now, let's begin at the point of origin.

Easter is known for when the Son of God resurrected on the third day of his death from crucifixion. Sometimes known as Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, this day is for not only celebrating the revival that is the symbol of humankind, but to commemorate together with your family and friends to joyous funs and occasion. In preparing for the holiday, folks cannot forget the mascot that represents the day that some people would find to be questionable; bunnies. We all know the Bible never mentioned these fuzzy creatures so where did they come from? It all started with German legends.

The most common theory people consider is that the famous bunny was derived from the legend of a poor woman who would hide colorful eggs in the garden for her children to find. It is said the kids saw a large hare hopping away and thought the hare did it. Another legend the Easter Bunny is derived from comes from an ancient pagan festival of Eostre who is said to have turned a helpful bird into a hare that lays colorful eggs. The festival honored the Goddess of fertility and spring whose symbol was a rabbit.

As for how it came to America, it is said that Germans brought their folklore over here with them, and in that was an egg-laying rabbit named Osterhase. A lot like Santa Claus, the rabbit would bring colorful eggs for the good children in which they would make nests for them and leave carrots for the hare. Over time, the legend developed into what we know now today, the joyous bunny-hopping entity that comes on the day Christ rose bringing an Easter basket filled with candy and gifts for children as well as vibrant eggs for them to find.

From a holiday celebrating the resurrection of Christ, to a German legend of a rabbit hiding eggs and the pagan festival about fertility, they both combined and coalesce together to form the Easter Bunny in the United States as a symbol of new beginnings and the welcoming of spring.



St. Patrick's Day

By Rylee Herrin



St. Patrick's Day has its roots in the early 17th century and has become a global celebration of Irish culture. Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is believed to have brought Christianity to the country. Legend has it that he used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity to the Irish people. The holiday falls on March 17th, which is the traditional death date of Saint Patrick. Originally, it was a religious feast day, but over time it evolved into a celebration of Irish heritage. Today, it is a day to embrace Irish culture and have a good time! People around the world celebrate St. Patrick's Day with parades, wearing green, and enjoying traditional Irish food and drinks. Wearing green on St. Patrick's Day started with a tradition tied to folklore that says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, who like to pinch anyone they see. One of the most popular meals during St. Patrick's Day is corn beef and cabbage with a fun green beverage to accompany it. In Wakulla we have a parade and festival dedicated to St. Patrick's Day.

Go check it out on March 16th beginning at 10 A.M. at Hudson Park.

January Teacher of the Month

By Ella Wren Moody

Mrs. Sarvis is January's teacher of the month. She has been teaching in Wakulla County since 1992 and has been a WHS English teacher since 2014. Mrs. Sarvis says she enjoys teaching English because she loves reading and interacting with students.

"Mrs. Sarvis is instrumental in helping several students achieve the scores they needed on the ACT"

-Mrs. Williams

"Mrs. Sarvis is the GOAT".

-Matthew Rau

"It was a privilege to have had Mrs. Sarvis as an English teacher and now it's an honor to be one of her colleagues. We are lucky to have her".

-Ms. Pope

"Mrs. Sarvis is a kind person"

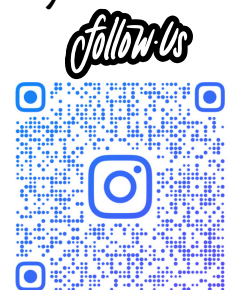
-Destiny Thomas.

March Madness

By Emily Ruggless and Ashley Rodriguez

March Madness is when college basketball teams compete throughout March to battle for the title of National Champion. During Selection Sunday, which takes place on March 12th this year, the committee picks which teams will first play against each other.

After each game, the winners of each game will continue to play until there are only two teams left to play for the title. One of the most exciting parts of March Madness is filling out the bracket. If you've never participated in the excitement of the tournament, the bracket is a tree like diagram that fans can use to make their predictions of who will win each game. After Selection Sunday, you can participate in making your predictions as the games continue through the tournament. Check out the NCAA website after March 12th to get your own printable bracket.



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