

The History of the Easter Bunny

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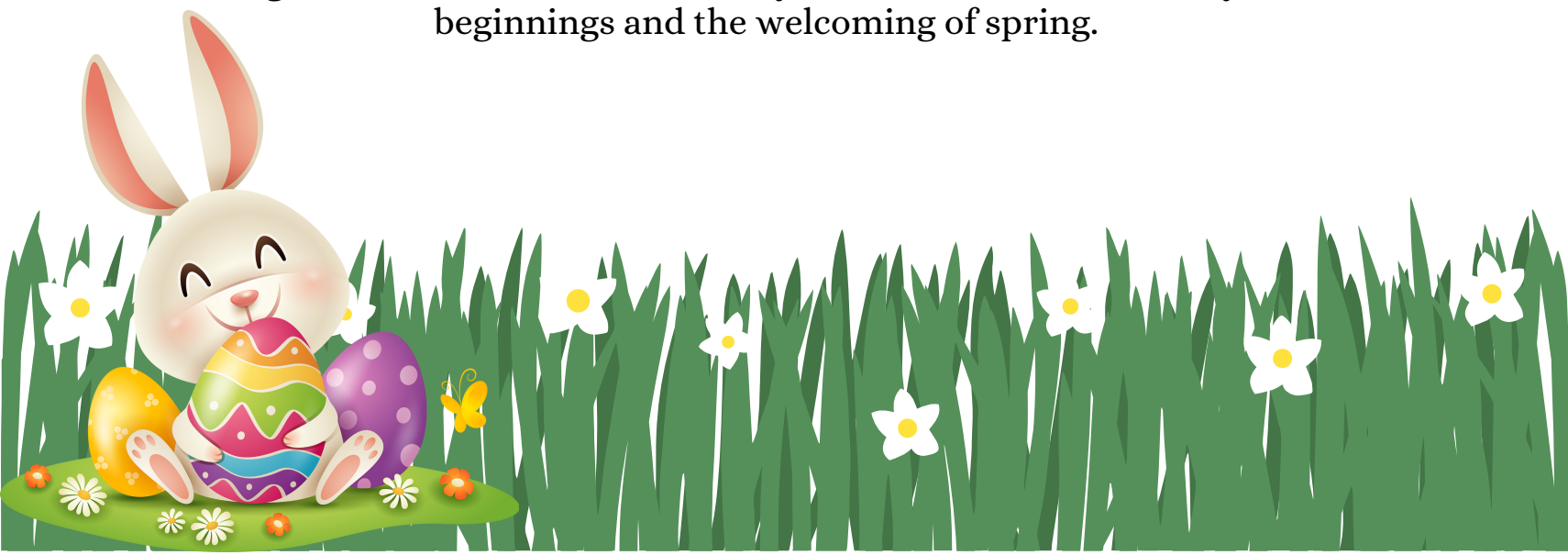
The Easter Bunny is most known for leaving gift baskets for kids on the historical day where Jesus Christ rose from the dead. But how did this come to be? How did a candy dropping bunny become associated with this Christian holiday? There are many myths to explain how the Easter Bunny became what we 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"

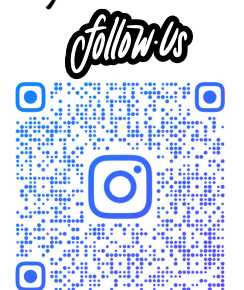
-Destiny Thomas.

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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