

Easter is early this year and the timing is perfect as far as I am concerned.

Easter traditions of egg hunts and family gatherings seem to be coinciding and this brings thoughts of spring and a nice summer to come. Traditionally Easter brings family and friends to Stillwaters Estates for the day or the weekend.

Whether it is in Stillwaters or in the Centralia/Chehalis community in general, a good Easter egg hunt is always fun to watch!



Easter History:

- Easter traditions such as painting eggs and the chocolate Easter Bunny came with immigrants from Germany coming to America.
- The Easter Bunny was viewed as a hare that laid eggs, “Oschter Haws” or “Osterhase”. Children of the immigrants would create nests so the bunny would have a place to lay their eggs, which came out in pastel colors. These nests eventually became baskets that contained candy and gifts.
- New York has a Easter Parade each year that has been going on since the mid-1800s.

Source: International Business Times. [Click HERE for more history.](#)

More Easter Trivia:

- Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon, which happens on, or after March 21, the Spring Equinox.

- Some churches still follow the tradition of using evergreens for decoration to symbolize eternal life.
- Pysanka is the term used for the tradition of Easter egg painting.


Source: The Holiday Spot. [Click HERE for more trivia.](#)

Happy Easter to everyone and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Quote of the Week:

Awake, thou wintry earth –
Fling off thy sadness!
Fair vernal flowers, laugh forth
Your ancient gladness!
~Thomas Blackburn, “An Easter Hymn”

Happenings this Week:

 **Tuesday, March 29th:** Guest Speaker at Veterans Memorial Museum
Troy Peters, from Washington State University, for a program titled “Better Irrigation” at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Veterans Memorial Museum. Peters is an associate professor at the Irrigated Agriculture Research and Extension Center in Prosser. Those attending will get information on irrigation scheduling using weather data and the new AgWeatherNet station in Chehalis. They will also find out how to get a free moisture meter. The free event is sponsored by the Lewis County Conservation District. For more information, call Kelly Verd at (360) 748-0083, ext. 114, or email him at kelly.verd@wa.usda.gov. RSVPs are not required but are requested. The Veterans Museum is located at 100 SW

Veterans Way, Chehalis.

Thursday, March 31st, Friday, April 1st and Saturday, April 2nd:

American Association of University Women (AAUW) Book Sale. At the Lewis County Mall on NE Hampe Way. The hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. This is an annual fundraiser for local scholarships and programs for girls and women. Book donations are welcome. Call 736-8564 for more information.

Weather: I can't hardly believe I am seeing this but the forecast is calling for several days of sunshine next week and predicting even getting to 70 degrees by the end of the week. Enjoy!

