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Down the Rabbit Hole to Find the Easter Bunny



by Amy McGarry

And Other Confusing Easter Traditions

Going down the rabbit hole refers to getting deeply involved in something, often something complex or confusing. That's an apt description of me looking into why Easter bunnies, dying eggs, and egg hunts are part of the Christian Easter holiday in the United States. Maybe most confusing to me, why does the Easter Bunny bring eggs when rabbits are mammals and mammals don't lay eggs? I did a lot of head scratching and Google searches, and the rabbit hole finally led me to some answers.

The Easter hare, or *Osterhase/Oschter Haws*, comes from German legend that a rabbit would lay colorful eggs as gifts to well-behaved children, much like Santa's naughty or nice list. Apparently, parents have always

found ingenious ways to get their kids to behave. Another story contends that a poor German woman decorated colorful eggs to delight her children who would search for them in the garden. As the children were finding the hidden eggs, they saw a large hare (*Hase*) hopping away. Clearly, the *Hase* had left the eggs!

However, according to a 1682 dissertation by a Professor at Heidelberg titled, "On Easter Eggs," the myth of egg-laying rabbits was told "to fool simple people and children...so the children look for them even more enthusiastically."

German immigrants brought their Easter egg-laying hare, and all its origin stories, to America in the 1700s. Given America's tendencies to commercialize holidays for profits, the fabled bunny's delivery expanded over time from just eggs to include other treats such

as chocolate and toys. Easter baskets have only gotten more and more elaborate over the years, as one trip to the store this year will tell you, not to mention the aisles full of Easter-themed candy. In fact, Easter is second only to Halloween when it comes to candy sales in the U.S. today.

Another question I had regarding this Christian-but-also-egg-hiding-bunny-holiday concerns the word "Easter." Most holidays in America have a name that clearly explains what the holiday is, or why it's celebrated. New Year's Day. President's Day. Independence Day. Pretty straight-forward. Even Christmas is clearly derived from a form of Christ's mass. But Easter? The word Easter is nowhere to be found in the bible, despite its Christian celebration of Christ's resurrection. This question took me down several more rabbit holes, leading me again to the Germans.

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Making Homegrown Mountain Magic

Compiled by *Huckleberry Press* staff

Jessica Reece has long dreamed of owning her own farm. Her dream became a reality in 2018 when she claimed her part of her great-grandparent’s original homestead on Kelley Hill in north Stevens County. With far more determination than knowledge, she and her husband Billy jumped right in and began raising an assortment of livestock with their two sons, Nathan and Austin. “The learning curve was pretty steep, and still is at times,” says Reece. “Every season brings a new challenge and I love it.”

Not only does she love the rhythm of the seasons as she farms, she has come to deeply appreciate the importance of ensuring all resources on her farm are put to good use. Reece states, “Historically, hog butchering day has always been a soap-making day on farms across the country. It all fits together, really. The first season we butchered 11 hogs, I had so much lard left over that I knew we needed to use it mindfully.” Reece had long been interested in soap-making and decided to give it a try, with all the lard she had from the harvest.

After a few months of trial and error, Reece found her groove and has not looked back. Beyond the goat’s milk she gets from her herd, a central ingredient to her soaps and creams is the tallow (fat



from an ungulate) and lard (fat from omnivores) sourced from her farm or locally. “I appreciate being able to utilize the whole animal when it is harvested,” Reece says. “Just like the Native Americans who have traditionally used every part of the animal, I have come to see it is respectful and a way to honor the animal. It is also just a good way to farm.”

All of her hard work and dedication has paid off as Reece is now the proud owner of Sissy’s Mountain Magic, a business that specializes in making soaps and whipped-tallow creams that are ethically produced and “good for your skin.” The move from farmer to business owner just made sense to her. “Making soaps has always been on my bucket list,” Reece explains. “When I actually got the process down, the product was so amazing, I knew I had to share this with people. Honestly, it was just too good to keep to myself.”

Reece peddles her products at as many local craft fairs as possible. She loves interacting with her repeat customers and hearing about how the product has improved their skin. “Two of my best



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sellers are a specialty face cream infused with a beneficial botanical with skin healing properties,” Reece says. “The cream itself is very soft and helps with frown lines and acne scarring. The other is called Rough Spot cream and it is infused with different herbs and is mixed with several conditioning oils. It is great for cracked knuckles, eczema, psoriasis. Really, the magic is in that the composition of animal fats, which are close to the composition to our own skin, so our own skin readily accepts the oils and fats especially well. Way more so than other soaps that are plant-based. This kind of soap is just not found everywhere.”

She also has her products available at three Stevens County businesses: Weeks Outfitters in Kettle Falls (soap and whipped-tallow creams) as well as the Wild Wind Apothecary (goat milk soap) and Eclectic Dragon (whipped-tallow creams) in Colville. Her products can also be ordered through her Facebook page, Sissy’s Mountain Magic. “I am still small enough that I can fill special orders quickly and meet the needs of my individual customers alongside maintaining a delivery schedule to the business I sell to,” Reece notes. In addition to the soaps and tallow-whipped creams, customers can also purchase her newest product, goat milk dish soap. This is a hard bar soap made from goat milk, tallow and coconut oil and is usually used with bamboo-based scrubbies. “It foams up beautifully and cleans really well. The best part? It doesn’t have any plastic packaging at all!” Reece enthuses.



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Taste Budz Review: Sala Thai



By Zack & Brooklyn Bolin, Facebook:
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Zack and I were in dire need of a date night, so we decided to get Thai food and see the new movie *Black Bag*. We stopped in Airway Heights at Sala Thai and absolutely stuffed ourselves!

- What we devoured:
- ~Fried Spring Rolls
 - ~Chicken Pad Thai (bottom, right)
 - ~Pad Kee Mao (bottom, left)
 - ~Fried Bananas & Ice Cream (top, right)

We arrived starving and Zack immediately wanted to get an appetizer. We originally were going to get steamed dumplings, but our fantastic server let us know that there was shrimp in them (which Zack can't have), so we de-

cided on fried spring rolls. They were served with an amazing, thick, tangy sweet and sour sauce.

I had never had Pad Kee Mao but it sounded so delicious I went for it. It was absolutely packed with flavor and all the textures went perfectly together. They fry wide noodles, eggs, carrots, bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, basil and even bamboo shoots (which are one of my favorites), then they top it off with chicken, beef, AND shrimp. I went with a level two spice; I usually do three but our server informed us that their spice level is stronger than other restaurants and she was right!

Zack had decided on Pad Thai long before we even got to the restaurant. Theirs was more of a vinegar chili Pad Thai instead of creamy, but again our amazing server let us know this ahead of time and recommended a side order of their peanut sauce to pour on top. The zestiness of the chili sauce and creaminess of the peanut sauce paired perfectly.

The portions were so generous, and we were so full, but we couldn't resist the fried bananas and ice cream. They roll sweet chunks of banana in rice paper and fry them till they're golden brown, then they serve it with a large scoop of creamy vanilla ice cream and top it off with whipped cream, a cherry, and a healthy drizzle of honey. It was one of the best desserts we've ever had! The bananas were so sweet and warm, and the vanilla ice cream balanced the flavors so nothing was overpowering. I could've licked the plate.

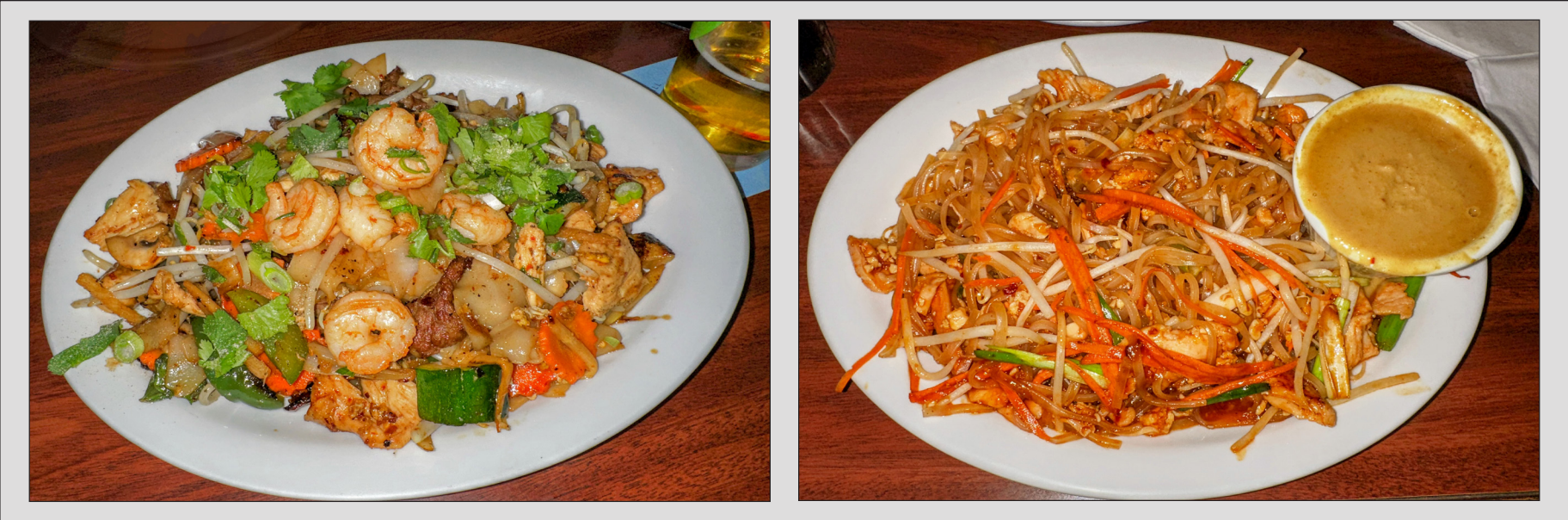


Not only is the food and service amazing, but the interior is clean, cute, and the layout is spaciouly put together, so you have privacy at your table. They even have a cute little patio area that looks like it'd be a great spot to sit in the summer.

Airway Heights has some of the best Asian cuisine in the area; if you find yourself out that way make sure to stop by Sala Thai. Their menu is extensive and the wait staff will make sure your food is just right for you.

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Zack & Brooklyn are a married couple that love showcasing all the fun places to play and eat in the Inland Northwest. They created Taste Budz to promote local businesses and expose people to the great restaurants all around them. Keep up with them to find your next culinary destination!



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Revelations About the ‘White Stuff’



by Bob Johnson

The “snow season” in the Inland Northwest runs from approximately Nov. 15 through March 15. The word “approximately” is key because in 2023, the first snowfall of the season was recorded on Oct. 25, while the last was seen on April 5, 2024. That’s an extra month and then some, in case you’re keeping score.

The official definition of snow, according to *Merriam-Webster*, is, “precipitation in the form of small, white, ice crystals formed directly from the water vapor of the air at a temperature of less than 32 degrees Fahrenheit.”

Less official or unofficial definitions evolve with each passing month:

- Beautiful white flakes gently floating down from the sky. (November)
- Key ingredient of a white Christmas. (December)
- A bright white coating for the green branches of the Douglas Fir trees. (January)
- High piles on the side of the road laced with oil, dirt and litter. (February)
- “Is this [darn] stuff ever going to melt?” (March)

Disclaimer from the legal department: All dates and forecasts are subject to change. In

the Inland Northwest, as we’ve learned by watching the local newscasts, meteorology is not exactly an exact science.

While snow can be an inconvenience, especially on those occasions when overnight temperatures transform snow-covered roads into ice skating rinks for cars and trucks, the sight of it can be pure magic, particularly at the beginning of the season. Some begin planning their annual skiing and snowboarding trips, while kids begin anticipating that first “snow day” of the year.

But during my first snow season, I noticed that the smiles of wonder gradually morphed into frowns of frustration as the snow would fall, stick and seemingly dig in, much like a burrowing groundhog. How could something so welcomed one month be so loathed only a few months later? Why was there this love/hate relationship with the white stuff?

Well, perhaps because the white stuff isn’t white at all. Turns out that snow actually is translucent. According to *Science Notes*, “Light is bent when passing through a translucent material, so when light hits a snowflake, it is bent and scattered across the visible light spectrum by the facets and imperfections in each crystal. The scattering results in white light, similar to the way a pile of sugar or salt appears white even though each individual

crystal appears clear.”

Wait, sugar and salt aren’t white, either? I’m beginning to think my whole life has been a lie.

If snow isn’t white, then Irving Berlin’s Christmas classic will have to be renamed “Translucent Christmas.” Disney’s film classic “Snow White” will need to be renamed “Snow Translucent”... or possibly “Translucent Translucent.”

All of these startling revelations have suggested the need for reflection.

My introduction to snow occurred when I was nine years old on a winter trip to see my maternal grandmother in Vermont. Mom had seven siblings, so there were lots of cousins around, including a few who thought it might be fun to put my brother and me, a couple of California kids, on a sled, push us down a hill and see what would happen.

I checked in with my brother for his recollection of the incident. It was fuzzy at best (of course, he’s four years older than I, so that’s understandable). He remembered the sled, but not the outcome. But we’re still here, so it apparently wasn’t a catastrophe.

Something we both vividly recall from that trip was being introduced to a sweet treat called “sugar on snow.” A true New England delicacy, it’s created by heating up locally tapped maple syrup and pouring it over packed snow to create an almost taffy-like confection. I’m getting a cavity just thinking about it, which is saying something considering I have implants.

But I digress. The most common question we get when called by friends or family is,

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Mary-Mary



by Ray Bilderback

We lived for a while in a small house surrounded by wheat fields and high enough on the ridge to be inviting to lightning strikes (more on that later). We had come there to get a taste of farm life and help grandpa with his cattle.

Haying safely out of the way, we had about eighty head of Black Angus on the meadow by the big barn for fall calving. We fed the other stock, cleaned the barn, worked on the corral and kept a close eye on the herd. One day, scanning the meadow and the shady spots under the basalt cliffs, I spotted a new-born calf that seemed to be untended and made a mental note to check the spot later.

We had lunch and a short nap under the cottonwood trees (hours were long during calving) and checked that spot under the basalt bluff. Sure enough, the calf was still there and was still untended. Grandpa suggested we catch the calf and put it in the center of the herd and see who'd claim her. Although several cows approached and sniffed at the calf, no cow claimed her. She was an orphan.

We took the orphan to the little house on the ridge and fed her from a bucket. Soon the feeding chore was taken over by Julie, aged four years, with Jason, age 20 months, as No. 1 helper. Julie named the two-month-old calf Mary-Mary. Nobody knows why she chose

that name, but it stuck.

They became playmates and when the kids came in for their afternoon nap, Mary-Mary would come into the mud room and bawl for her friends. Lightning hit our power lines again and the oil heater quit. It wasn't much help anyway. One night with the heater going full blast the gold fish that lived on top of the refrigerator froze in its bowl no more than four feet from the heater.

Needless to say, we had to leave the little house in the wheat fields. Years later, grandpa took Mary-Mary to the livestock sale in Dav-enport. Late that night came a knock at the door. "Come see what's in the truck." It was the orphan calf we called Mary-Mary. When it came down to it, Grandpa couldn't sell her. She lived out her days in the meadow by the big barn.

Ray Bilderback, creator of the Reuben Braddock novels, was born and raised in the Sierra foothills of California. He served in the U.S. Navy Seabees during the Korean War and taught for many years in the west. He makes his home in the mountains of eastern Washington with his archeologist wife, Madilane Perry. "In the 1930s and 1940s, where I lived, we still used horses and hand tools, canned and preserved what we grew or raised, lit our kerosene lanterns, stoked our woodstoves. In my writing, I draw from those times like water from a sweet well."

"Have you gotten any snow?" That's how Michelle's dad begins *every* call, in fact. I love my father-in-law to death, but I often wonder exactly what he's going to do with that information. Send us a snow shovel?

He still lives in southern California, so that may explain his curiosity over the white stuff that isn't white. Those calls remind me of the ones I used to get when I moved from California to Chicago in 2000, B.M. (Before Michelle). I can't tell you how many Californians asked me, "Bob, how do you handle the cold in the winter?" My answer was simple: "I stay inside."

After moving to Las Vegas following my stint in the Windy City, those same people asked me, "Bob, how do you handle the heat in the summer?" The answer was the same: "I stay inside."

Now that we're in the Inland Northwest, the cold-winter question has returned, and I remain steadfast in my answer: "I stay inside."

That answer sometimes is expanded to include what my wife and bonus daughter — who are living in a four-season climate for the first time — have been doing to handle the snow and cold.

They shop.

They now have boots for virtually any degree or depth of snow or slosh, as well as multiple jackets and coats. I like to say, "They have one coat for 40 degrees, one for 35 degrees,

one for 30 degrees, one for 25 degrees..." And so on. It is only a slight exaggeration.

Every so often, just to spice up the conversation, I'll throw in a snow anecdote. This is one of my favorites: "Did you know that when windblown snow is combined with black dirt, it's called snirt?" That's usually enough to prompt a change in topics.

As one who has covered sports throughout his career in journalism, I've always been interested in records. Home runs. Touchdowns. Three-point shots. Hat tricks. And it turns out there are lots of records associated with snow.

For instance, the *Guinness Book of World Records* says that the largest snowflake on record was eight inches thick and measured 15 inches across. That flake was found not all that far from here — at Fort Keogh, Montana, on Jan. 28, 1887. Now, that's a record that has stood the test of time.

Not surprisingly, Colorado holds two snow-fall records: most in a 24-hour period (April 14, 1921, at 2:30 p.m. to April 15, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. in Silver Lake), and most in a single day (Dec. 4, 1913, in Georgetown). More than six feet of snow fell in Silver Lake, while 63 inches fell in Georgetown.

More recently, in 2007, 8,962 people gathered at the state capitol grounds in Bismarck, North Dakota. Their shared purpose? To make snow angels. Which proved, once and for all, that there really is nothing to do in

Bismarck.

Still, as the 2024-25 snow season nears its conclusion in the Inland Northwest — if it hasn't ended already — I can't help but think of all the fun things one can do with snow. We can build a snowman or a snowwoman (I refuse to use the word "snowperson"). We can have a snowball fight. We can build a snow fort.

We also can go snowboarding, skiing, cross-country skiing, alpine skiing and snowmobiling. And let's not forget sledding, although it's probably best to do it with people other than cousins.

Once we'd been to Vermont and exposed to snow, our folks would occasionally drive us to the nearest mountain resort, Big Bear, where we'd stay in the car for most of the time and talk about how pretty the snow was — which my naïve child mind thought was white.

Come to think of it, our dad never did describe the snow as white, but he did offer my brother and me one stern warning: "Never eat yellow snow."

A recipient of more than 90 national writing awards, Bob Johnson has covered sports, wine, music, travel, business and numerous other topics over the course of his 50-year career. Now, he's exploring the many aspects of his family's new home in North Idaho and the surrounding area and sharing his observations with Huckleberry Press readers.

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- April

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Beginnings

Bloom

Blossom

Boots

Breeze

Bulbs
- Bunny

Butterfly

Chicks

Chocolate

Daffodil

Daisy

Easter

Eggs

Garden

Grass
- Green

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Sudoku Puzzle Instructions:

Each Sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces.

Every row must contain one of each digit – so must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

Puzzle difficulty level is “Medium.” Good luck!

SUDOKU SOLUTION:

Below is the Solution to This Week’s Puzzle

4	9	8	6	8	2	7	9	1
5	6	2	1	7	9	8	4	8
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Why was the bell so good mannered? It spoke till it was tolled!

Why should you never teach in a cornfield? It goes in one ear and out the other!

What did the girl’s hair say to her head? I would dye for you!

What side of the bird has the most feathers? The outside!

What is always on time? A clock.

Why are spiders the best outfielders? They know how to catch the flies.

James walks up to a man he recognized; it was his old friend, Dan. “Wow Dan! You have changed – what happened to you? You used to be thin, but now you’re fat. You used to be bald, but now you have hair. And what happened to your eyes? Why do you have glasses?” James said. “Look, sir, I am not Dan. My name is Michael!” “Oh!” said James, “your name has changed to!”

What always makes a noisy dog quiet? A no barking zone.

What is the best season to frogs? Spring time.

What do you call an angry carrot? A steamed vegetable.

The army has the best New Year’s parties: it’s always a blast!

Elastic girl is a great liar, she’s always stretching the truth.

Did you know cars have feelings? Fill them up and they are always thankful.

Some advice from your friends: Never be a pane said the window. Never lose your cool said the ice cube. Always have a bright spirit said the fire. Always keep your drive said the hammer. Stick to the good things in life said the glue.

Why did the person scream when they were walking in the rain? It was raining cats and dogs out, and they stepped into a poodle.

If you want your parrot to talk, teach it Polly-syllables.

Why is it better to love a short girl? Because it’s better to never have not loved a tall.

A man called the fire department saying his house was on fire. “Hurry!” he said. “Come put the fire out at my house!” “OK,” said the fire department, “but how do we get there?” The man thought for a second and then said, “You still have those big red trucks, don’t you?”

Why was the cow crying? He saw something he couldn’t get over... the moon.

A man walks up to another man in a bar and he says, “Wow, you must be Tan from the sun!” The man looks confused and says, “You must have me confused with someone else. I am Derek from Earth.”

I have a head and a tail but not a body. Who am I? A coin.

If you throw a stone in the ocean, what will it turn out to be? Wet.

What has hands but doesn’t clap? A clock.

Where does an egg keep all of its best jokes? In a yolk book.

What kind of keys do kids prefer? Cookies!

The son asked his dad, “How does fast light travel?” The dad looked at him disappointedly. “The same way slow light travels.”

A woman walks into a store and asked the cashier, “Can you take down that green and brown dress in the window for me?” The cashier is delighted for the dress had been on display for months. “Will it be cash or card?” asked the cashier. “Neither!” says the lady. “I have had to walk by it every morning to work and it’s hideous and I wanted it out of my sight!”

What word is spelled wrong in the dictionary? Wrong.

What country is really cold but also really hot? Chile.

What goes up but never comes back down? Your age.

Why did the chicken cross the road? To bock traffic.


Don’t you hate it when someone answers their own question? I do.

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The word Easter is believed to come from *Eostre*, of German mythology. *Eostre* was a pre-Christian deity celebrated with the spring equinox, the date in late March when the amount of daylight equals the amount of dark. On the old Germanic calendar, the equivalent month to April was called *Ostarmandod* or Easter-month. *Eostre* was associated with springtime themes of rebirth and renewal. In the earliest days of Christianity, the church found it was easier to promote their faith if the main Christian holidays, Easter being number one, coincided with the celebrations that had been in practice before Christianity. The celebration of the resurrection of Jesus, which occurred around the time of the spring equinox, offered an opportunity to promote the Christian message of resurrection and eternal life, with the earlier ideas of rebirth and renewal. It's no coincidence that the celebration of the birth of Jesus, Christmas, is celebrated at the time of the winter solstice.

One last dive down the rabbit hole for the final mystery on my mind: why is Easter on a different date every year, when Christmas is always on the same date? This dive turned out to be the deepest dive of all and, full confession, the information I found was so complicated, I made my way back out of that rabbit hole as soon as possible. It included mathematical calculations, astronomy, correlations, and algorithms. And that's only if I understood it correctly. The simple answer is, Easter occurs on the Sunday after the first full moon occurring after the spring equinox. And that date changes every year. This year, the first full moon after the spring equinox occurs on April 12. So, this year, Easter is celebrated on April 20. But, but, but...the first Sunday after the Saturday, April 12 full moon is Sunday, April 13! Alas, I could find no reason why Easter is on April 20 this year and not April 13. There are some rabbit holes that are just too deep.


Regardless of the date, the name, or the reasons for Easter traditions and activities, Easter egg hunts continue to be a delight for children of all ages. One example of the many events around the region is the Riverfront Park's Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 19. No registration is required and it's free for all ages. To even the hunting field, different times for different ages are broken down as follows:

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Easter Fun Facts

- Writing to the Easter Bunny in Germany – Yes, German children write letters to the *Osterhase*! But where do they send their letters, and who are the *Osterhase*'s helpers?
- Chocolate Easter bunnies also originated in Germany, where they began making pastries for the *Osterhase* in the 19th century.
- In Sweden, Easter is often celebrated with colorful decorations and children dressing up as “Easter witches,” similar to Halloween costumes. The children go door-to-door, exchanging drawings and cards for candy.
- The first official White House egg roll occurred in 1878, when Rutherford B. Hayes was president.
- In the United States alone, Easter candy sales are expected to exceed \$3 billion.

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