

**SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTEREST:**

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## Get Ready to Register!

It is almost that time again. The time when everyone picks out what they plan on doing for the next period of their lives. Yes, registration is upon us yet again.

For a detailed registration schedule visit the registrars office at: [www.emich.edu/registrar/registration](http://www.emich.edu/registrar/registration)

### Registration Tips:

- Check the website for your registration time: <http://my.emich.edu>

- The sooner you register the more likely you are to get those classes that you need.
- Don't try to register before your scheduled time; it will just slow down the system.
- The scheduled registration time is when you may start; from then on it is open registration for you.
- Be Patient! If you have trouble with system slowdowns, just try again

- after a couple minutes.
- You may add/drop at any time after or during your scheduled time period.



## Ypsilanti Parks

By Aaron Malburg

Taking advantage of the spring season this year should not be too difficult. There are many parks to visit that allow anyone to enjoy an inexpensive method of relaxation.

Ypsilanti offers Frog Island Park which is just west of

depot town and is very close to campus. This park is located on the Huron River and has plenty of open space to compete in athletic sports or just take a leisurely walk.

There is also Rolling Hills park which is located south of I-94. This park has over 300 acres and includes a disc golf course as well as a water

park. Taking a walk through the woods would provide an escape from the stresses of jobs and school.

Hopefully you have an opportunity to visit one of the parks that is only a walk or short drive away.

# Michigan Apples

By: Aaron Malburg

The spring season makes many think of melting snow and blooming flowers.

For all who are sick off the cold winter, the loss of snow is greatly welcomed. With the withering white cold, comes the growth of many plants. Michiganders should be aware of the Apple Blossom, which is our state flower.

In 1897 the Michigan legislature decided to grant this plant with its high rank due to its beauty and importance.

The apple is one of Michigan's great exports. There are only two states that produce more apples than Michigan today; those are Washington and New York.

According to: Michiganapples.com the fruit brings 400-500 million dollars to our state every year! As a

small farms, this crop could be considered untainted by commercial giants. If you have never been to an apple orchard and enjoyed fresh apple cider, spring is a great time to enjoy this beverage.



*“Those not wearing green tend to get pinched.”*

## Why Green

By: Jasmine Culp

Who wears green on Saint Patrick's Day? Why Green? What does it mean? Why pinching? Why shamrocks?

The majority of people who wear green for Saint Patrick's Day are all in the States. Many people in Ireland actually don't wear green.

The green color that people wear supposedly comes from the green of Ireland's flag which was worn by Catholics. The Orange of the flag was worn by the Protestants. The white of the flag

was for the peace between them.

St. Patrick, a Catholic Saint was credited with converting the island to Christianity.

The shamrocks, or clovers, came from the 1798 Rebellion. It was the color of the Society of the United Irishmen. This group was a republican revolutionary organization that launched the Rebellion. People would wear the icons on their hats as a sign of support for the Rebellion, creating the saying 'the wearing of the green'.

The pinching on Saint Patrick's Day is a

reminder to honor the Emerald Isle, Ireland, by wearing Green. Those not wearing green tend to get pinched.



# March Madness

By: Chelsea Rose

March is one of the best months of the year because of all the fun and excitement of March Madness. This year, the tournament for men's and women's college basketball begins on March 15 and the National Championship will be played on April 4. For those who participate in making a tournament bracket should consider these hints:

Be sure to do your homework

on each individual team. Things to observe are statistics and possible upsets that could occur during the tournament.

Look at the history of each team. Certain players that have participated during the tournament in the past have a distinct advantage over those who are planning in the tournament for the first time.

Next, do not make your choices based on "big name"

schools. Names do not guarantee a win and could be defeated by the "underdog" team.

Location is another key factor to consider during this time. Some locations will be ideal for certain teams which could give them the upper hand during the tournament.

Whether you are playing for fun or playing for a winning prize, be sure to choose your teams wisely.

For more information and advice on March Madness, check out:  
<http://www.teamrankings.com/ncaa-tournament/>  
<http://espn.go.com/>

## Warm Chicken Ranch Wrap

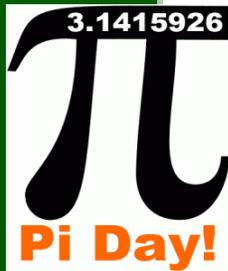
### Ingredients

- 8 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1/2 cup ranch-style salad dressing
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 8 (10 inch) flour tortillas
- 2 cups shredded lettuce
- 2 tomatoes, chopped



### Directions

1. Cut chicken breast into strips.
  2. Grilled chicken method: Spray a large skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add chicken, cook over medium-high heat 12 to 15 minutes, or until light brown and juices run clear. Add the water and bring to a boil. Add the rice, cover and remove from the heat and let stand for 5 minutes. Stir in the salad dressing.
  3. Fried Chicken Method: Dip chicken into buttermilk then roll them in the flour mixture. Fry for 3 minutes each side in a 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) skillet with 1 cup of oil in it. Combine the fried chicken strips and the cooked rice pilaf. Stir in the salad dressing.
- Fill each warm tortilla with lettuce, chicken and rice mixture, and tomatoes. Fold in both sides of the wrap. Holding in the folded sides roll the wrap tightly from the bottom to the top, keeping the ingredients firmly packed as you go. Slice each wrap in half diagonally and serve.



## National Pi Day

By: Cosette Weaver

Math geeks unite! March 14 marks National Pi Day, the day commemorating the mathematical constant that drives so many high school students insane and brings smiles to the faces of mathematicians across the nation. Pi Day is celebrated on 3/14

because of 3, 1, and 4 are the most significant digits of the constant while in decimal form.

The first Pi Day celebration took place in 1989 at the San Francisco Exploratorium by Larry Shaw. The staff and public marched around one of the institutes circular rooms and then ate fruit pies.

Pies have become a popular treat for celebrating this holiday.

In 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives recognized March 14<sup>th</sup> as National Pi Day. Join your fellow mathematicians everywhere and enjoy a piece of pie on  $\pi$  Day.

What did you do for  
spring break?

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to be entered in a

raffle for a \$15 Itunes

gift card.

## Irish-American Heritage Month

Jasmine Culp

Saint Patrick: Birth name of Maewyn. He was kidnapped by Irish marauders when he was 16, and spent the next 6 years as a Shepherd. In that time he experienced a religious awakening, spending the next years of his life serving in a monastery. He then took the name Patrick and took the mission of converting his fellow countrymen to Christianity. He used the shamrock and clover to explain the trinity.

James Hoban: Irish born, County Killkenny, was the

architect of the White House, helped to rebuild it after the burning in 1814, and assisted in laying the cornerstones at the White House and the Capitol.

Irish Constitution: The first one was signed at Dublin's Shelbourne Hotel.

Saint Brendan: Said to have discovered America 1,000 years before Columbus.

John Tyndall: Irish Scientist, 1859, was the first to correctly explain why the sky is Blue.

Dublin: Originally called Duhb Linn, meaning Black Pool, referring to an old treacle lake in the city.

National Symbol: Ireland is the only county with a musical instrument for a national Symbol, and it's a harp.



# The Ides of March

By: Cosette Weaver

We have all heard of the saying “the Ides of March,” but what does it mean?

Where did this saying originate from and how did it acquire its creepy connotation?

The term Ides comes from the earliest **Roman calendar which organized** its months around three days; Kalendas, Nones, and Ides. Kalendas was the first of every month.

Nones was the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, May, July, and October or the 5<sup>th</sup> day of all the other months.

Ides was the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, May, July, and October or the 13<sup>th</sup> day of all the other months.

These three days served as a reference point for all other days. The reasoning behind the creepy connotation, has to do with Julius Caesar.

It was said that on his way to the Theatre of Pompey, Caesar saw a seer that told him that harm would come of him on the Ides of March.

Caesar joked that the Ides of March had already come, considering it was March 15<sup>th</sup>. The seer re-

plied “Ay, they have come, but they are not gone.”

Later that evening, Julius Caesar was stabbed to death 23 times in the Theater. The meeting between Caesar and the soothsayer was made famous by William Shakespeare’s play *Julius Caesar*.

Today, the Ides of March is celebrated every year by the Rome Hash House Harriers, a non-competitive running, social, and drinking club. They host a toga through the streets in Rome, in the same place that Julius Caesar was killed.

“*Julius Caesar was stabbed to death 23 times in the Theater.*”

## Day Light Savings

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required

the states to observe the time change.

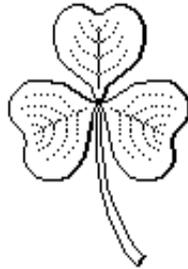
Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time.

In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act,

which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.

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# St. Patrick's Day Word Search



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**MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1. Free Pancake Day at IHOP from 7 am- 10 pm	2. Women's Basketball vs. Western Michigan @ 7 pm	3. Talks with Barry Pyle @ 6	4. Daniel Tosh @ the Fox Theatre 7:30 pm	5. Men's Basketball vs Toledo @ 2 pm
6.	7. Classes Resume	8. Chicago the Musical @ 8 pm at the Fisher Theatre	9. Detroit Red Wings vs LA Kings @ 7:30 pm Joe Loius Arena	10. Kevin Hart @ EMU Convocation Center- 8 pm	11. Movies: Mega Mind @ 8pm	12. Movies: Despicable Me @ 2 pm
13. Film Series: The Girl that Played with Fire	14.	15. Registration for classes begins	16. EMU Excursion- Detroit Pistons Game @ 6pm	17. Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18.	19.
20.	21.	22. Black Jew Dialog @ The Student Center 7 pm	23.	24. EMU Excursion- Les Miserables @ 8pm	25. Sarah Silverman @ 8 pm The Fillmore	26.
27.	28. Bravo, A Celebration of Excellence @ Student Center 7 pm	29. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Pt. 1 Released on DVD	30. Student Body Elections @ my.emich.edu Begins at 8 am	31. Winter Jam @ EMU Convocation Center- 7pm		