# PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER

newsletter

#### WHAT IS INSIDE:

Happy April!
We hope you are enjoying our new classes and extended hours!
Thank you for all of the participation we have been receiving!





#### HOURS & CONTACT:

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 2:00pm 707- 778- 4399 211 Novak Drive

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MONDAY:

Quilting-8:00am

Billiards - 8:30am

TUESDAY:

Walking Group-8:00am

Chess - 9:00am

Knitting- 9:00am

Fall Proof - 10:00am

Billiards - 8:30am

TOPS - 9:30am

Current Affairs - 10:00am

WEDNESDAY:

Bridge- 10:00am

Billiards - 8:30am

THURSDAY:

Walking Group - 8:00am

Line Dancing - 8:30am

Billiards - 8:30am

Pinochle - 9:00am

Dementia Caregivers-

10:00am

Discussion Group- 12:00pm

Meditation-12:30pm

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#### spring 2022 The LAVENDERS: an aromatic exploration & smell tour

with aromatherapist

Julia Fischer

Where: PETALUMA SENIOR CENTER

211 Novak Drive, Petaluma

When: Tuesday, April 19 from 11:30am - 1:00pm

FREE or by donation

Other than Tea Tree Oil, Lavender is by far the best known and most commonly used essential oil in traditional aromatherapy. But what do we really know about it? Of the dozens of brands of Lavenders for sale, how do you know if you are purchasing a genuine, a hybrid, an adulterated essential oil, or a totally synthetic fragrance? Why are they different prices?

By understanding the relationship between aroma and chemical composition, and by observing that essential oils are influenced by many factors – such as geographical origin (e.g., climate, soil, altitude), hybridizing, age and yield – we will grasp how easy they are to adulterate. We will look at a multitude of Lavenders, real and unreal, comparing scents, and learning their specific uses in practice. Feel free to bring any Lavender oils you may have at home for us to evaluate in class!

We will also consider pairings of essential oils that blend well with Lavender. This is a real "nose-opening" class designed to illuminate the beauty and complexity of the *Lavandula* family. Even with relatively little formal training in aromatherapy, each of you will be able to more clearly identify individual compounds – both natural and synthetic – and will be given many ideas and applications for this incredibly useful plant.

Julia Fischer is a lover and enthusiastic voice of aromatic plants with over 35 years of experience studying, teaching and practicing aromatherapy. She has contributed to or consulted on numerous articles and books about essential oils and natural healing. A seasoned instructor, her emphasis on aromatic chemistry, made accessible to even the beginning student, is key to understanding the pharmacology of essential oils. Her classes cover all aspects of aromatherapy – from the chemical to the alchemical – and are hugely empowering for anyone interested in aromatherapeutics and health independence.

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The Computer & Smartphone Club Meeting
Thursday, April 28, 12:00 Noon
At the Petaluma Senior Center

# Things You Can Do With a Smartphone You May Not Know



- Mobile Security
- Take Measurements
- Text, Pictures & Speech
- Other Apps
- Just for Fun











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### THE LISTENING BENCH

After so much isolation due to the pandemic, we'd like to welcome you to the Listening Bench.

What and Where: The Petaluma Senior Advisory Committee, has launched a new project called The Listening Bench, which will take place at the Petaluma Senior Center, beginning in March of 2022. If you have something on your mind whether it's a story to share, or just need to be heard without judgement or advice, someone on the Listening Bench will be here for you.

Who's invited to talk? Anyone 55 and older.

**Who's listening?** Volunteer seniors who have been trained in the art of active listening, will be offering their peer support and compassionate skill set to any individual who visits the Listening Bench.

**Purpose:** To provide a safe, confidential setting for any adult, (55 & up) to talk to someone about their life, and share whatever's on their mind.

For questions or to reserve a space as a visitor, Please contact The Petaluma Senior Center: (707) 778–4399 or parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org

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#### SPEAKING OF DEATH

What quality of life do you see for yourself and others? This program will encompass talking openly about concerns, questions, experiences and resources related to death and dying. When we address this time of completion it can provide a compass for our living, bring comfort to our final stage, and leave a positive dying legacy for those we care about. Join us for the first in person meeting on **April 26 at 12:00pm** at the Senior Center.

#### INTRO TO FUNCTIONAL NUTRITION & SELF CARE

What is implied by a "balanced" diet, and is it a good idea to borrow from traditional ways of eating & nourishment from around the world to help approach this ideal(?) e.g., Mediterranean diet. Let's look at what our bodies & brains need to thrive, maintain immune resiliency, and energetically alive, paying attention to essential nutrients.

Dennis Zerbo is a state-certified Nutrition Educator & Consultant (since 1991), has presented & taught at numerous community-based venues & senior centers, Sonoma Valley Hospital, etc., as well as integrative pharmacies, where he also worked for several years. He is also a graduate of the California School of Herbal Studies (1986)

Phone: (707) 765 - 9094

April 20, 1:00pm, Petaluma Senior Center

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Senior Advisory Committee in partnership with the Petaluma Senior Center



# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

#### SUGGESTIONS?? GOT IDEAS?

The AdHoc Committee for Senior Center Programming wants to hear from you.

We want to hear your ideas and thoughts about Senior Center programming. Check out the box and poster in the lobby at the Senior Center and drop your suggestion in the box! In addition, if you'd like to be involved in our programming brain-storming meeting, leave us your name and contact information on the clipboard, and we'll let you know when the date/time is set.

Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive 707-778-4399 parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org

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#### BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Do you attend the Petaluma Senior Center?

Do you have any any great ideas for programs?

We need your help!

Come join us for a brainstorming session to share and explore ways to enhance and add groups and activities at the center. We value your feedback!

Thank you!

Senior Advisory Committee

Date: Tuesday April 19

Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Petaluma Community Center, 320 N. McDowell Blvd

#### **CURRENTAFFAIRS**

Join the discussion every first and third Tuesday from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Senior Center. This lively group will discuss current events and all viewpoints and opinions are welcome!

#### **INSTRUCTORS**

Are you interested in teaching a class or leading a group? For example: Spanish lessons, music, etc?

Contact us at 707-778-4399 or parksnrec@cityofpetaluma.org

### FALL PROOF

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# Are you afraid of falling? Do you feel unsteady on your feet?

Tuesdays
10:00-11:00
Petaluma Senior Center
211 Novak Drive
Petaluma, CA

First Class is free, \$10.00/class after that Scholarships/Partial payments are available upon request Fallproof! Balance & Mobility Classes

Fallproof is a clinically proven, structured exercise class designed to improve balance, mobility and posture. Studies show that balance and mobility training is instrumental in preventing falls in older adults. Many falls can be prevented!

Classes are modifiable to fit most fitness levels.

Please stop in and observe a class at any time, to see if it's right for YOU!

Questions? Contact Fallproof Instructor Michelle Machado (707) 529-1511

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#### LINE DANCING:

Thursdays at the Senior
Center from 8:30-9:45am.
Instructors Barbara &
Margaret teach basic &
intermediate Line Dancing.
This class offers a fun &
comfortable musical
environment with a fun group
of people who love to dance
a variety of line dancing
steps. This class is offered
FREE of charge.

#### BILLIARDS:

Open pool for men and women! Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 2:00pm.

#### FALL PROOF:

Offered through Petaluma
People Services. It meets at
the Senior Center on Tuesdays
at 10:00am. This class offers a
complete course on balance
& mobility to address the
increasing incidents of falls
among older adults. Please
call Michelle at 707-529- 1511
for more information.
\$10.00/class

#### WALKING GROUP:

This group meets at the Senior Center every day at 8:00am.

Come get some exercise and friendly conversation! The walking routes vary by day.

QUESTIONS: CONTACT US AT 707-778-4399 OR PARKSNREC@CITYOFPETALUMA.ORG

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#### CARDS & GAMES:

Pinochle – Thursdays from 9:00am – 11:30am Bridge – Wednesdays from 10:00am – 2:00pm Chess – Tuesdays from

#### KNITTING:

9:00am - 12:00pm

Tuesdays from 9:00am -

#### QUILTING:

Mondays from 8:00am -2:00pm

#### MEDITATION GROUP:

Thursdays from 12:30pm - 1:30pm

#### **VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT:**



Patricia Souza is a proud member of the Garden Club, plays bridge at the Senior Center and pickleball at Lucchesi, and is a member of the Senior Advisory Committee. Thank you, Patricia, for all that you do!

#### TOPS:

"TOPS" - Taking Off Pounds
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Tuesdays from 9:30am
-11:30am. Come join in on this
welcoming support group to
make healthy lifestyle changes
to your health and diet.
First meeting is FREE.

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#### DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP:

Our Dementia Caregivers Support group provides a caring, compassionate and confidential place to share your caregiving concerns. Our group is open to all caregivers of people with Alzheimers or any other form of dementia. The group has been meeting at the Petaluma Senior Center for the last four years and we warmly welcome new members.

Our meetings include education about best caregiving practices and how to deal with challenging behaviors.

The cost for the class is \$5, more if you can, less if you can't and no one turned away due to inability to pay. The class is facilitated by Susan Kay Gilbert, MA Edu. The class meets **Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:30** at the Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive. Pre-registration is required and you may do so by contacting the facilitator at: susankaygilbert@yahoo.com

#### **DISCUSSION GROUP:**

Join in on **Thursdays at 12:00pm** for a lively and interesting conversation and discussion. Topics are wild, serious, funny and unique. Bring your opinions and views and join in at the table.

All are welcome!!!

# LEGAL AID

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#### **Elder Law Outreach Program**

#### WHOM WE HELP:

Sonoma County residents who are age 55+

#### WHAT WE HELP WITH:

- Safety-Related Legal Issues (Restraining Orders)
- Guardianships/Grandparent Visitation
- Landlord/Tenant Issues
- Simple Divorces
- Simple Estate Planning, Including Wills
- Powers of Attorney/Advanced Directives
- Bankruptcy
- Driving/Traffic Court Matters



#### **HOW TO GET OUR FREE HELP:**

CALL US!! 707-340-5610

OUTREACH LOCATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT SONOMA COUNTY CLOVERDALE, GUERNEVILLE, HEALDSBURG, PETALUMA, ROHNERT PARK, SEBASTOPOL and SONOMA.

# EARLE BAUM CENTER

2022



LIVES OF PEOPLE WITH

707.523.3222 4539 Occidental Rd. Santa Rosa, CA 95401 www.earlebaum.org

#### **Earle Baum Center Vision Support Group** PETALUMA COMMUNITY CENTER

**Every 3<sup>RD</sup> Tuesday of the Month** 10:00-12:00

ACTIVITY ROOM

**Starting 3-15-22** 

Our informal group is open to all who are interested in learning about our training and services at no cost. Everyone is encouraged to share their experiences in a friendly atmosphere. We discuss topics related to sight loss: low vision aids, independent living skills, assistive technology tools including smart phones, tablets, GPS and more.

Earle Baum Center's mission is to provide hope and opportunities for people with sight loss to improve and enrich their personal, social, and economic lives.



If interested, please contact: Patricia Jefferson-Vision Rehabiltation Educator/Instructor jefferson@earlebaum.org 707-479-8321

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#### **OLDER ADULTS PROGRAM**

Offers FREE ONLINE courses

Find course offerings in:

- 501 Creative Arts
- Autobiographical Writing
- Discussion groups include history, language, healthy living, improvisation and more!
- Fitness
- Music

SRJC offers noncredit courses for seniors as part of its goal to provide lifelong learning.

- For information on joining a class please visit: <a href="https://older-adults.santarosa.edu/join-class">https://older-adults.santarosa.edu/join-class</a>
- No age limit for Older Adults Program courses, though they are tailored for seniors.
- Students may register at any time during the semester.
- No fee for Older Adults Program courses.
- Contact Instructor for enrollment details. Select class section number for instructor email address.

The Sonoma County Junior College District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, ethnic group identification, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information or sexual orientation in any of its policies, procedures or practices; nor does the District discriminate against any employees or applicants for employment on the basis of their age. This non-discrimination policy covers admission, access and treatment in District programs and activities—including but not limited to academic admissions,

# IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

AARP Driver Safety Program1-888-687-2277
Adult Protective Services565–5940
Redwood Empire Food Bank Distribution707-523-7900
HICAP (Health Insurance Aide)800-434-0222
iRIDE765-8488
Share Sonoma County765-8488 Ex. 115
Lucchesi Community Center778-4380
Mary Issac Center (Homeless Shelter)776-4777
Para Transit Petaluma 778–4460
PEP (Sr. low cost housing) 762–2336
Petaluma Transit778–4460
Petaluma People Services Center/Café 765-8488
Petaluma Fire (Dispatch)778–4390
Petaluma Police (Dispatch)778–4332
Petaluma Senior Center778–4399
RSVP (Volunteer resource)573–3399 Ext 117
Senior Adult Day Program765–8490
Sonoma County Agency on Aging565–5950
Sonoma County Council on Aging525–0143
Veteran's Service Office565–5960

# GROCERIES TO GO PROGRAM

The Groceries to Go program provides anyone in need of assistance an offering of government commodities supplemented by the Redwood Empire Food Bank's fresh produce, bread, and donated shelf-stable groceries.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, all distribution sites have been transformed into drive-through sites with food pre-packed in boxes using the help of volunteers and the California National Guard.

Groceries To Go: USDA food open to all.

Senior Basket: Once a month 35–40 lb. box of staple food items and fresh produce for low income seniors 60+. Whether facing an unexpected hardship or living on a fixed income, seniors in our community have monthly access to an abundance of quality produce and grocery items through Senior Basket. The consistent availability of vitamin-rich foods enables nutritional stability for some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

#### **GROCERIES TO GO**

First Friday of the month 8:30am - 10:00am Third Friday of the month 8:30am - 10:00am

#### **SENIOR BASKET**

First Friday of the month 8:30am - 10:00am

Location: Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive

# PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICE CENTER

#### YOU ARE NOT ALONE:

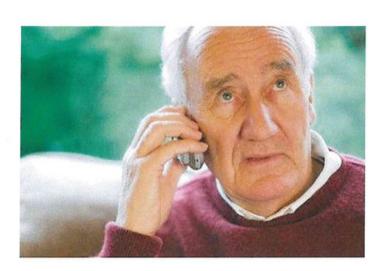
If you are feeling lonely or anxious during the Coronavirus outbreak we want to invite you to sign up to receive a daily call from a friendly trained volunteer.

#### Here is how it works:

You will hear from PPSC and we will find out what you love to talk about or what you are interested in and what time of the day it works for you to have a call from a community volunteer, who has been screened by PPSC. The volunteer will be a cheery voice that you can check in with, talk about the most current information we have on the Coronavirus, will also have some topics to discuss and will be able to connect you to additional services that can be provided to you. The flyer is attached to provide a bit more information. If you have a family member, neighbor or friend who you think might like a daily call please share this information. If you are interested in volunteering please email us at NotAlone@petalumapeople.org.

It is easy to sign up – call us at 707–765–8488 or email PPSC at NotAlone@petalumapeople.org.

# PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICE CENTER



# YOU ARE NOT ALONE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

During this time of uncertainty Petaluma People Services Center is looking for volunteers to make daily phone calls to Sonoma County Seniors or our friends with compromised immune systems.

TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER OR LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.PETALUMAPEOPLE.ORG OR EMAIL US AT NOTALONE@PETLUAMPEOPLE.ORG

Volunteers will be assigned a specific senior to contact daily and will be updated with current information on the Coronavirus and other topics to simulate conversation. Phone calls will last 10-30 minutes.

#### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

is a program from Petaluma People Services Center

Questions: 707-765-8488

# PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICE CENTER

#### MEALS ON WHEELS

Daily deliveries Monday through Friday and frozen meals available for the weekends. May reduce the number of meal deliveries and provide frozen and shelf-stable pack-ups if drivers become unavailable. Petaluma People Services Center, (707) 765-8488

Daily pickup of meals, Monday-Friday, at Petaluma Senior Café (211 Novak Street in Petaluma). Pickup between 12:30pm and 1:30pm.

Call if unable to pickup, and for more information. Petaluma

People Services Center, (707)-765-8488.

#### IRIDE

#### Need a RIDE?

Yes! Answer many older adults. More than 20 percent of Americans age 65 and older don't drive, according to an analysis of the federal government's National Household Travel Survey by AARP's Public Policy Institute.

Here in Petaluma we are working to solve that problem with Petaluma People Services Center iRIDE Petaluma.

Call PPSC today to find out how you can become a valued member of this exciting team of Volunteer Drivers. Petaluma People Services Center 707-765-8488

Find applications and more information online at petalumapeople.org

# SENIOR RESOURCE'S

#### COUNCIL ON AGING

(707) 525-0143 councilonaging.com

#### Services available by phone:

- Case Management: phone for new clients; check-ins for existing clients
- Mental Health Services
- Elder Advocacy at the Family Justice Center
- Adult Day Programs are closed
- Senior Care Coordination Home visits limited to emergencies only

#### MOVEMENT & EXERCISE

#### MOVE NATURALLY MENU

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<b>V112</b>	Dance to your favorite song4 minutes
<b>K</b>	Take the stairs1 minute
Ī	Walk to your local coffee shop25 minutes
\$	Do 10 walking lunges30 seconds
	Call a friend and walk while you chat10 minutes
	Tend to your indoor or outdoor garden5 minutes
<b>f</b> ine	Take a walk outside30 minutes
A	Make sourdough bread30 minutes

# SENIOR CAFE LUNCH MENU

#### PETALUMA PEOPLE SERVICES CENTER PETALUMA SENIOR CAFÉ

Located at 211 Novak Drive 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Activities 1:00 p.m. Lunch

		1.00 p.m. Lunch		
25. Turkey Chili Red Potatoes Swiss Chard Coleslaw Pears • W. W. Roll	with Mushroom Sauce Butter Egg Noodles Green Beans Green Salad *Mandarin Oranges ◆W. W. Roll	11. Chicken Marsala Herb Potatoes Broccoli Normandy Green Salad Pears  • W. W. Roll	4. Caribbean Chicken Brown Rice w/ Black Beans Peas and Carrots Green Salad Pineapple  • W. W. Roll	Daily I cup 1% Milk Bread Butter
26. Baked Fish w/Lemon Brown Rice Confetti Peas Green Salad Apple • W. W. Roll	19. CheeseBurger Red Potatoes - <u>Carrots</u> Hamburger Condiments Lettuce,Tomato, Red Onion Pineapple ◆W. W. Bun	12. Pork Chili Verde Brown Rice with Pinto Beans *Broccoli Normandy Green Salad Pineapple •W. W. Roll	5. Beef Stew Brown Rice Pilaf Cauliflower Coleslaw Strawberries  • W. W. Roll	*Vitamin C Vitamin A ♦Fiber
27. Hungarian Goulash Egg Noodles Peas and <u>Carrots</u> *0Broccoli - Cranberry Salad Peaches • W. W. Roll	20. Ratatouille Polenta Mixed Vegetables Cottage Cheese Salad with Tomatoes Banana  • W. W. Roll	13. Spaguetti with Meat Sauce Italian Vegetables Green Salad Apricots  • W. W. Roll	6. Stuffed Bell Peppers Broccoli- Normandy Green Salad w/ HB Egg *Mandarin Oranges  *W. W. Roll	april
28. Tuscan Chicken Polenta Italian Vegetables Green Salad Blueberries • W. W. Roll Pulled	vith Broccoli and Sesame Seeds Jasmine Rice *Brussel Sprouts Cucumber-Red Onion Salad ◆W. W. Roll	14. Baked Fish Brown Rice Pilaf Spinach Pea salad Blueberries  • W. W. Roll	7. Roasted Turkey with Gravy Mashed Potatoes California Vegetables 3 Bean Salad Cherries  • W. W. Roll	
29. BBQ Beef Sandwiches Red Potatoes Green Beans Caesar Salad Banana	22. Tamale Pie Brown Spanish Rice Cauliflower Green Salad Pears  • W. W. Roll	15. Spring Lunch	8. Teriyaki Beef Jasmine Rice 5 Way Mixed Vegetables Green Salad Apricots  • W. W. Roll	1. Baked Chicken with Lemon – Artichoke Brown Rice Pilaf Carrots Green Salad Banana • W. W. Roll

Senior suggested donation \$ 3.50 - 8.00 Under 60 please pay \$6.00 Reservations recommended by 3:00 p.m. the day before. Phone # 765-8488 Please have the exact change. Thank you No one is refused services due to an inability to contribute

Donación Sugerida \$ 3.50 - 8:00 Menores de 60 años por favor pagar \$6.00 Se recomienda hacer reservaciones el día anterior antes de las 3:00pm. Teléfono:765-8488 Por favor tenga el cambio exacto, Gracias No serán rechazadas las personas que no puedan contribuir con una donación Petaluma Senior Café Menu – April 2022

# RECIPE OF THE MONTH

#### Perfect Baked Potato

Cook Time: 1 hr

Serves 4

Bake a potato perfectly every time! With the olive oil & sea salt coating, it'll come out of the oven with crispy skin and fluffy insides that are delicious with your favorite toppings.

#### Ingredients

- · 4 medium russet potatoes
- · Extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- · Cashew Sour Cream
- · Tempeh Bacon Bits
- Chives

#### Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 425°F and line two baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Use a fork to poke a few holes into the potatoes. Place on the baking sheet, rub with olive oil, and sprinkle liberally with sea salt all over.
   Bake 45 to 60 minutes, or until the potato is fork-tender and the skin is crisp.
- Slice open each potato. Assemble with a dollop of sour cream or cashew cream, tempeh bacon bits, and a sprinkle of chives. Serve with remaining cashew cream and tempeh bacon on the side.

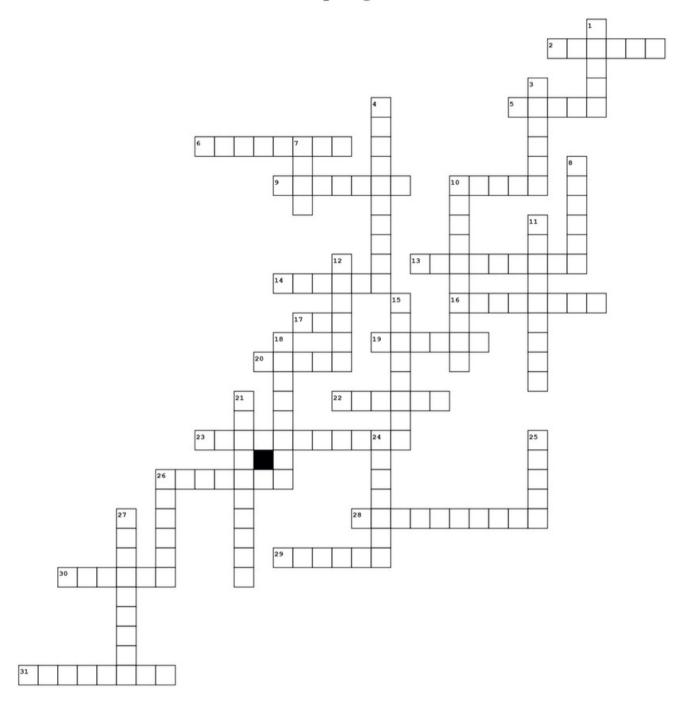
# RECIPE OF THE MONTH



"SOURCE: LOVEANDLEMONS.COM

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### **Spring**



#### Across

- 2. equinox, happens March 19, 2020
- 5. English city known for hot springs
- 6. in spring--turn your clock

#### Down

- 1. branch of the military
- 3. Argentinian dance
- 4. a veg sweetest in spring

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- 9. spring holiday
- 10. go fly one
- 13. seven-day holiday
- 14. spiral spring's shape
- 16. hope springs
- 17. or green, state question
- 19. peak winds
- 20. baby sheep
- 22. daylight savings
- 23. a period of work experience
- 26. holds eggs
- 28. ancient reptiles
- 29. city east of Palm Springs
- 30. comes in like a lion
- 31. four musicians

- 7. runner, state bird
- 8. a spring flower
- 10. spring winds in Egypt
- 11. springtime activity
- 12. created by differences in atmospheric pressure
- 15. loud noise associated with storms
- 18. where paintings hang
- 21. insect with colorful wings
- 24. meal taken outdoors
- 25. begins on Ash Wednesday
- 26. chocolate
- 27. cocoa food

### WORD SEARCH

# Word Search Hello Spling

P S M R A B B I T F B A U K
J A A T A P R I L F L E R Z
W C E N G R E E N D K T B R
V B U T T E R F L Y Q I N A
T O Q B B N S Y B N Q N B I
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X P C R O C U S M Q O X G E
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APRIL
UMBRELLA
BLOSSOM
ROBIN

RAIN
SPRING
SEASON
SUN

GRASS
BUTTERFLY
RAINBOW
MELT

# JUST FOR FUN!







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