

# The Lawn and Garden Gazette

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"**Did you ever have** to make up your mind, Pick up on one and leave the other behind..." Here's the thing. I had this notion to get a head start on the newsletter. The weather's been nice, so I started in that direction. Now with the snow on the ground I'm not so sure. Thus the quandary over which way to go. Especially as March is such a fickle weather month. Ah, decisions, decisions... "**Welcome back my friends To the show that never ends**"...Well, I don't know about never. But I did watch the obits this winter and never saw my name. So I guess we'll have a go at another season...**The snow has melted**...Oops! Why is that still there? Perhaps in a day or two it will seem prescient...**I was going to** say it's about time to start spring cleanups. Instead, I guess I'll go clear the drive. Be right back.. **Hey, the snow WILL** melt. When it does, and the ground thaws, there won't be a better time to aerate. What? Not on my list? There's room... **March is also a** great month to start shaping shrubs and hedges, especially those with dead spots. But hold off on the roses... **As you probably noticed**, the news-



letter has a bit of a new look. Haven't thought of a better name yet (**feel free to send me ideas**), but I did play with the font and layout. Don't be surprised if it takes me a few months to stop playing... **But no changes in** personnel! It's

still Ryan, Russell, and me, with occasional help from friends and family. Same truck, same EQ, and hopefully same quality service...**Just a reminder:** I can be contacted via email and the contact page of the web site (see above), as well as the good old phone line. I can also email the newsletter to those of you who are cyber savvy. Just get me your email address. No, I won't share or sell them...**A bear walks into** a bar and says, "I'd like a.....beer". The bartender looks at him and says "sure bud, but what's with the big paws?"... **Several people have asked** about still prepaying for fertilizer. Hope this

doesn't sound too much like a used card ad, but YES, the deadline has been extended 30 days by popular demand. At least you don't have a jingle to get out of your head.. **I was beginning to** think I'd have a lot of crabapples to clean up this year. The robins had neglected their duty. Then we got a surprise visit from a



huge flock of cedar waxwings, and Voilà! Fewer crabapples. From the way they flew, I'd say some might have been fermented. **Quite a few knew** John Boehner is speaker of the House, but only **Mirza Beg** took the gavel... **Did you visit the** new origami store? No? Sorry, it's already folded... **We're still using onions** from last year's garden. Not as big as other years, but when **Dixondale Farms** says they're selling storage onions, they mean it. Yes, I did order more... **Carrots too. They last** longer if you take them out of the plastic bags once in a while and dry them off. it's the moisture that causes mold...**The Irish say St. Patrick** chased the snakes out of Ireland. What they don't tell you is that he was the only one who **saw** any snakes!... **With spring training** under way, I came across the quote at the bottom. From the man who still holds the steroid free record for home runs in a 154 game season. (Buzz! Roger Maris had only 59 after game 154.) Name him to get into this month's drawing..

**BTW, it's likely** the candy bar was named for him as well. The company line that they named it after a former President's child was most likely bogus, as the kid was born 30 years prior. Probably wanted to avoid paying you know who for the rights to the name... **According to Einstein,** "**The** difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits." I'll leave it to you to decide to whom that might apply... **Beware the** Ides of March! It's a killer. But the green beer can be as well! **Next month: Spring!**



**Don't let the fear of striking out hold you back.**