



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!



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Things you might not know about St. Patrick's Day

We Should Really Wear Blue

Saint Patrick himself would have to deal with pinching on his feast day. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue," a light shade. The color green only became associated with the big day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

Saint Patrick Was British

Although he made his mark by introducing Christianity to Ireland in the year 432, Patrick wasn't Irish himself. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

There's No Corn in that Beef

Corned beef and cabbage, a traditional Saint Patrick's Day staple, doesn't have anything to do with the grain corn. Instead, it's a nod to the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

The World Runs Up Quite a Bar Tab

All of the Saint Patrick's Day revelry around the globe is great news for brewers. A 2012 estimate pegged the total amount spent on beer for Saint Patrick's Day celebrations at \$245 million. And that's before tips to pubs' bartenders.

March is Reading Awareness Month



Read aloud for 15 minutes a day to the children in your life.



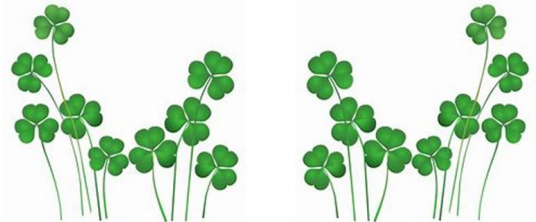
March Birthdays

Billie Allen-Williams (CR)	3/2
Mindy Dolan (FaDSS)	3/3
Marla Betts (Fiscal)	3/4
Barb Grant (Admin.)	3/9
Jane Arthur (ELFS)	3/16
Audrey Edwards (WIC)	3/23
Danell Schofield (WIC)	3/26



March Employment Anniversaries

Darlene Wetzel (Admin.)	25 years
Mary Anne Meyers (CR)	10 years
Jeff Church (Housing)	9 years
Jeff Mathews (Fiscal)	8 years



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11.

Don't forget to set your clocks *ahead one hour* before going to