

# THE FOREST REPUBLICAN

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## HILES NEWS

Signs of spring are slowly but surely showing up. When it snows and the snow banks are still high and we see the salt trucks making the rounds it doesn't seem like spring is on the way. But the days are noticeably longer. Just a week and a half until daylight savings time begins! When the sun comes out the snows start to melt, and it raises our hopes. Just being able to write the date as March makes one feel better. But never fear. Spring will arrive! Sooner or later!

### Meetings This Week

On Thursday, March 4, at 1:00 pm the Hiles Service Club will meet at the museum in the town hall. They will be discussing plans for their annual spring bazaar and craft show. Now isn't that a sign of spring?

Also on Thursday, March 4, the Red Hatters will meet at Pine Lake Pub at 6:30 pm. Rumor has it that the March event will be a cooperative dinner on St. Patrick's Day with the Hiles Ladies Pool League. The Pool season is ending early this year, before St. Patrick's Day when they usually have a dinner. So the two groups, which have many members in common, decided to work together on this year's party. This will be a planned potluck with the meat being cooked by Paul and Terri Jenkins. The pool ladies always include the husbands or guests of members, but this will be a first for the Red Hat Ladies who usually do events for the gals, only. Should be a lot of fun! Now the question is whether we should require the men to wear red hats, too, or just show up in St. Paddy's Day headgear.

All ladies who belong to both groups are invited to attend Thursday's meeting. They will be planning the meal at that time.

### Calendar & Almanac

March is American Red Cross Month, International Mirth Month, Irish American Heritage Month, and Youth Art Month.

This week is National Procrastination Week, and Return the Borrowed Books Week (for all of us procrastinators!).

March 3—National Anthem Day-Star Bangled Banner was made our national anthem in 1931

March 4—March forth-Do Something Day

March 4--1:00pm, Hiles Service Club at the museum

March 4--6:30 pm, Red Hatters meet at Pine Lake Pub, Pool League Ladies invited!

March 5—World Day of Prayer

March 8—International Working Women's Day

## **Recipe for the Irish**

And those who wish they were, because we know those are the only two kinds of people in the world (wink, wink!).

This is basic Irish soda bread that has a very good flavor and is easy to make. Many recipes call for raisins or other ingredients, much like our quick fruit and nut breads, but this is a good recipe to start with.

### **Irish Soda Bread**

3 cups all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/3 cup white sugar

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon baking soda

1 egg, lightly beaten

2 cups buttermilk

1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease a 9x5 inch loaf pan.

Combine flour, baking powder, sugar, salt and baking soda. Blend egg and buttermilk together, and add all at once to the flour mixture. Mix just until moistened. Stir in butter. Pour into prepared pan.

Bake for 65 to 70 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the bread comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack. Wrap in foil for several hours, or overnight, for best flavor.

## **Irish Blessings and Wisdom**

Do you see a theme developing here? Yes, it is Irish Heritage Month, so I'll stick with the theme.

Bless you and yours

As well as the cottage you live in.

May the roof overhead be well thatched

And those inside be well matched.

A family of Irish will argue and fight,

But let a shout come from without and see them all unite.

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

May you have the hindsight to know where you've been,

The foresight to know where you're going,

And the insight to know when you've gone too far.

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