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DON'T FORGET...*SPRING FORWARD*

Daylight Saving Time begins for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the Second Sunday in March and lasts until 2 a.m. on the First Sunday of November. **Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 13th.**

This is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Many fire departments encourage people to change their batteries in these detectors when they change their clocks, because it can be so easy to forget otherwise. "A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire," says William McNabb of the Troy Fire Department in Michigan. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third are estimated to have worn-out or missing batteries.

Did You Know?

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

- With a special appropriation from Congress, Abigail Powers Fillmore, the first wife of President Millard Fillmore, created the first White House library in a large room on the second floor of the White House.
- There are two marble lions that stand before the Beaux-Arts building of the New York Public Library in Manhattan. They were first called Leo Astor and Leo Lenox, after the founders of the New York Public Library, John Jacob Astor and James Lenox. In the 1930's, Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia named them Patience and Fortitude, reflecting the qualities he felt all New Yorkers would need to survive the Depression.
- The National Library of France in Paris is the fourth largest national library and is the oldest national library in the world. It was founded in 1480 and was originally named Biblioteque du Roi, or Library of the King.
- Benjamin Franklin established the first circulating library in the United States, called the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731. It remained the largest circulating public library in the United States until the 1850s.
- In 1815, Thomas Jefferson sold his personal collection of books to the Library of Congress to replace the collection that had been burned by the British. These books are now housed in the Library's Rare Books Division.
- Americans make some 3.5 billion visits to school, public, and college libraries each year--about three times the attendance at movie theaters.

Pork Chops In Garlic Mushroom Sauce

Ingredients

- 2 pounds boneless pork chops
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- kosher salt and ground black pepper to taste
- ¼ cup butter, divided
- 1 (8 oz) package sliced fresh mushrooms
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups beef broth

Directions

1. Season both sides of pork chops with paprika, salt, and pepper.
2. Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat; add 2 tablespoons butter. Sear pork chops until golden brown and no longer pink in the center, 2 to 4 minutes per side. Remove pork chops from the skillet and set aside.
3. Melt remaining butter in the same skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and cook until golden and excess moisture evaporates, about 5 minutes. Add garlic and mustard; cook until garlic is fragrant, about 1 minute.
4. Add flour to the skillet, stirring to remove any lumps. Slowly add beef broth, whisking until incorporated. Season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often, until sauce thickens, about 5 minutes.
5. Return pork chops to the skillet and cook until heated through, about 1 minute. Serve hot.

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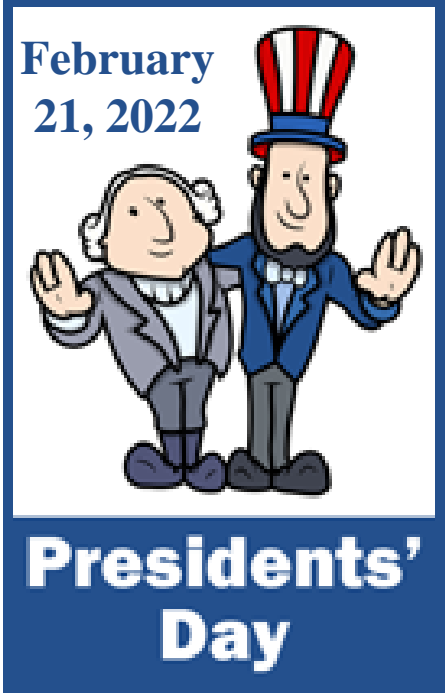
Until 1971, both February 12 and February 22 were observed as federal public holidays to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (February 12) and George Washington (February 22). In 1971, President Richard Nixon proclaimed one single federal public holiday, the Presidents' Day, to be observed on the third Monday of February, honoring all past presidents of the United States of America.



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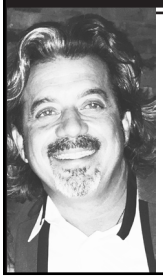

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