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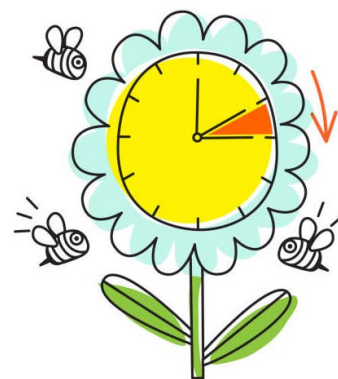
It's February and the month for observing Valentine's Day. We want to take a moment to celebrate the love and kindness within our community. Whether you're spending time with a loved one, friends, or simply treating yourself, we hope your month is filled with joy and warmth.

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 9th.

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.



SPRING FORWARD
Change Your Clocks

Strawberry Cheesecake Bites

- 2 tbs graham cracker crumbs
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar
- 2 tsps vanilla extract
- 12 large fresh strawberries
- 2 (1 oz) squares semisweet chocolate (Optional)
- 1 tsp canola oil (Optional)

Line a baking sheet with waxed paper. Place graham cracker crumbs into a shallow bowl. Beat cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, and vanilla in a bowl until smooth. Spoon mixture into a piping bag fitted with a large round tip. Cut a cone shape out of the top of each strawberry to leave a small hollow. Pipe the filling into each strawberry, making sure the filling overflows a bit out of the top. Dip filling into crumbs until coated. Melt chocolate and canola oil in a microwave-safe glass or ceramic bowl in 30-second intervals, stirring after each interval, until smooth, 1 to 3 minutes Dip strawberry tips into melted chocolate, then place onto the baking sheet and refrigerate until set.





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February 17th is Random Acts of Kindness Day. And, you know what to do...perform a few random acts of kindness. Almost any kind deed will do. And, we highly recommend you perform kind acts on as many people as you can.

This is a favorite day of many people and groups. People like the idea of showing a little kindness to others. It's a fun and good thing to do. And, they like being on the receiving end of this day as well. It makes both the giver and the receiver feel good.

Schools have used this day as an educational event, and to promote the value of kindness. Organizations have used this day to promote their cause, and for fundraisers.

Caution: What comes around, goes around. Random Acts of Kindness is highly contagious.

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