



Jerry loves his bird house!

### Valentine's Day Treat

Conversation hearts, also known as candy hearts or Sweethearts, date back to the late 1800s when Oliver Chase and his brother Daniel created the sugary treats. They used vegetable dye to print words on what were originally scallop-shaped confections. Phrases were much longer then, with sayings such as "Married in white, you have chosen right" and "How long shall I have to wait? Please be considerate." In 1902, the famous heart shape appeared and simpler prints came out, like the familiar "Be Mine" or "Kiss Me."



#### **FEBRUARY 2024**

### **Resident of the Month**



Lucille Freman is the most amazing woman that Pecan Ridge has had the pleasure of meeting! She is so enthused to try new things! Her humor and sarcasm bring excitement and spunk to this community! There will never be a dull moment when Ms. Lucy is

around! Lucy takes pride in her motherhood and even expressed that her biggest accomplishment was having her children! Thank you so much for being an inspiration to the residents in this community. Congratulations, Lucy!



## Love Is All Around

"When you put love out in the world, it travels, and it can touch people and reach people in ways that we never even expected." —Laverne Cox





MEMORY CARE

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#### **Sweet Scrub**

This do-it-yourself sugar scrub makes a sweet Valentine's Day gift for a friend—or yourself!

#### Materials:

- 1/2 cup coconut oil
- Microwave-safe glass bowl
- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- Red food coloring
- Essential oil of your choice (optional)
- Spoon • Glass jar with lid
- Directions:

To soften the coconut oil, place in bowl and microwave for 15 seconds. Remove bowl from microwave. Add sugar and 5 drops of food coloring. If desired, add 5 to 10 drops of essential oil for fragrance. Stir mixture with spoon, then transfer to glass jar. The sugar scrub can be stored for several months. Use it as a body scrub during bath time, or keep it at the sink to help exfoliate and moisturize dry hands and elbows.

### **Love Stories**

Many readers go head over heels for romance novels. The genre attracts about \$1 billion in national book sales each year.

"Connecting our hearts through love yields a nectar so sweet we are forever full." —Amy Leigh Mercree

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Mozelle and Margie loving life!

#### Happy Groundhog Day!

Every Feb. 2, we look to one of nature's critters to answer an important question: How long until spring arrives?

The tradition behind the holiday we know as Groundhog Day is actually several hundred years old. In Europe, people would gather for a festival marking the halfway point of winter. If it was a cloudy day, they predicted that spring would arrive soon. But if the sun was out, they believed many more weeks of cold weather were still to come.

Eventually, folks in Germany added their own spin to the legend, saying that burrowing animals like badgers and hedgehogs could predict the weather. If these critters emerged from underground during the midwinter festival and saw their shadow, then they would be spooked back into their homes, signaling that it was a long wait to spring.

When German immigrants settled in North America, they brought this seasonal celebration with them, changing the tradition to include a groundhog, which was more common in their new country.

Whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not, Groundhog Day is a fun holiday to celebrate! Here are some fun facts about groundhogs to share with your family and friends.

- Groundhogs are also called woodchucks and whistle-pigs.
- They're members of the squirrel family, which also includes chipmunks and prairie dogs.
- They live throughout the U.S. and Canada.
- Their burrows can be up to 50 feet long, and about 5 feet deep.
- Groundhogs hibernate from October to March, but of course they sneak a peek outside on Groundhog Day!



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# Employee of the Month



Simon is one of the most dedicated, hardworking individuals! His

work ethics inspire this community and shows his love for humanity! Simon has been doing this work for 27 years! He has a passion for people and exemplifies true integrity! In his spare time, he enjoys doing woodwork and spending time with his family! We want to honor you this month. Congratulations, Simon!



A Punny Month Q: Does February like March? A: No, but April May!



