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IDENTITY THEFT – TIPS FROM THE IRS

WARNING SIGNS

Watch for unusual activity with your tax and Social Security accounts or personal and financial information, like:

- Tax return rejected
- Form **W-2** or **Form 1099** from employer you didn't work for
- **Form 1099-G** unemployment benefits you didn't get or apply for
- **Employer identification number (EIN)** you didn't apply for
- Unreported income alert, like a CP2000 series notice
- Someone wanting to "help" with your Online Account
- Accounts created or accessed that you didn't create or access
- Alerts about password resets or log-in verifications
- Data breach leaked your information. Consider filing **Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit**.
- Social Security account shows wages you didn't earn or expect

These don't always mean you've been affected by identity theft, but still be cautious.

Targets of identity theft could be you, your children, other dependents and non-filers.

PREVENTION TIPS

- Be cautious. Stay calm and act fast if you suspect identity theft.
- Get an **identity protection PIN (IP PIN)**. It keeps someone else from filing a return with your taxpayer identification number (TIN).
- Secure your Online Accounts. Use complex, unique passwords.
- Protect personal and financial information including Social Security numbers, account usernames, passwords and data for dependents and deceased persons.
- Monitor accounts and reports for taxes, Social Security, credit and finances.

STEPS TO TAKE IF YOUR IDENTITY IS STOLEN

1. **Stop interacting with the identity thief.** Hang up. Don't give them money or personal or financial information. Don't click links, open attachments or go to websites with odd URLs. If you did, run antivirus software.
2. Update your Online Account passwords. Make them complex and unique.
3. Follow IRS instructions if you get a letter, notice or representative.
4. **Report identity theft.**
5. Follow recovery steps on IdentityTheft.gov.
6. Get an **identity protection (IP) PIN** on IRS.gov to protect your tax account.
7. Keep records of letters, phone calls and emails.
8. File returns and pay tax as usual.
9. Check with your state tax agency for other steps.

Our office will be closed Monday, February 17, for President's Day.



February 2-8 National Burn Awareness Week: Sponsored by the American Burn Association, this week is all about spreading burn awareness and education. Each year, a different theme is chosen; in 2025, the focus is on flammable liquid burn injuries.

February 9-15 Heart Failure Awareness Week: Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US, but heart disease doesn't have to lead to heart failure. The goal of this week is to promote heart failure awareness and prevention education to reduce the burden of heart disease.

February 16-22 National Justice for Animals Week: Founded by the Animal Legal Defense Fund, this week aims to raise awareness about crimes against animals. The organization utilizes this week to educate the public on criminal animal cruelty and encourage advocacy.





Chocolate-Hazelnut Magic Bars

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 1 cup chocolate wafer or graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 cup dark chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped hazelnuts (or any nut of your choice)
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk
- Nutella, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a 9-in. square baking pan. On top of melted butter, evenly sprinkle wafer crumbs, then coconut, chocolate chips and hazelnuts. Pour condensed milk over all; do not stir. Bake until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Cool several hours before cutting. If desired, drizzle with melted Nutella.

Nutrition Facts

1 bar: 305 calories, 20g fat (10g saturated fat), 24mg cholesterol, 138mg sodium, 32g carbohydrate (27g sugars, 2g fiber), 5g protein.

Total Time Prep: 10 min. Bake: 30 min. + cooling

<https://www.tasteofhome.com/recipes/chocolate-hazelnut-magic-bars/#RecipeCard>

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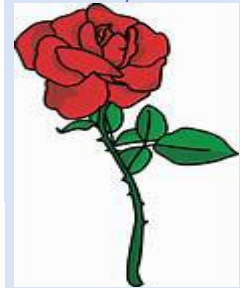
Nat'l Dark Chocolate Day

Feb 4

Sweater Day

Feb 7

Rose Day



Feb 9

Superbowl Sunday

Feb 11

Armed Forces Day

Feb 13

Nat'l Cheddar Day

Feb 15

National Gumdrop Day



Feb 17

Nat'l Tennis Pro Day

Feb 20

National Muffin Day

Feb 22

National Margarita Day

Feb 26

Letter to An Elder Day

Feb 27

National Protein Day

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Superheroes

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X Man	Wonder Woman	Wolverine	Thor
TMNT	Ant Man	Aquaman	Batgirl
Batman	Batwoman	Black Panther	Captain America
Ghost Rider	Green Arrow	Green Lantern	Hawkeye
Incredible Hulk	Iron Man	Spider-Man	Super Girl
Superman			

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