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**Hill Top**



**February 2025**

## **Groundhog Day**

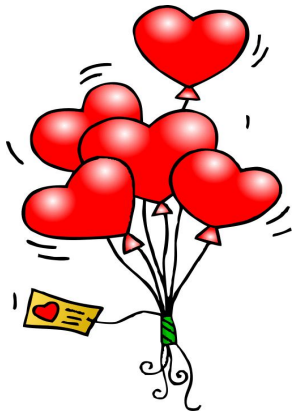
Groundhog Day is a mystic day where hogs in the northern hemisphere may arise to predict the coming of spring. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 8:00 each year since 1956, Canada's famous Groundhog, the Great Willie of Wiarton, emerges from hibernation in his burrow long enough to pronounce his weather report. Discovered in 1956, he has consistently delivered accurate predictions on the remaining course of winter. In fact, 90% of time his predictions have been correct! Last year, during the 138th and most recent prognostication event, **the groundhog did not see its shadow**, calling for an early spring for Canada.



What do you think the groundhog will predict this year??

## **Valentine's Day**

Valentine's Day is an opportunity for people in Canada to tell somebody that they love them in a romantic way. It falls on February 14<sup>th</sup>, the name day of two saints, St. Valentine of Rome and St. Valentine of Terni. The origins of Valentine's Day are not clear. Around the year 1380, the English poet Chaucer wrote a poem for the first anniversary of the engagement of King Richard II to Anne of Bohemia. This is thought to be the first association between celebrations of romantic love and St. Valentine's Day on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The connection remained important throughout the middle ages. In the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, there was an increase in interest in Valentine's Day, first in the United States, then in Canada. It was promoted by manufacturers of paper lace and cards as a means of increasing their sales. Gradually, this date was seen as an occasion for a man to present gifts to woman with whom he had or would like to have had a romantic relationship. It is also customary for lovers' to exchange handwritten notes. These have now largely been replaced by commercially produced cards. The most common symbols of Valentine's Day are heart shapes, which are used to decorate many things, including cards, trees, wrapping paper, cookies and gift boxes. Other symbols associated with February 14 are pairs of birds, cute teddy bears, Cupid and his arrows and couples kissing or embracing. The colors red and pink are often associated with Valentine's Day.



## National Flag of Canada Day

The national flag of Canada was inaugurated on **February 15, 1965**. The anniversary of this date is officially called the “National Flag of Canada Day”, which is shortened to “Flag Day”. The Royal Union Flag, which is also the flag of the United Kingdom, was used as the official flag of Canada until 1965. The National Flag of Canada’s current design results from a period of discussion, debate and political maneuvering in the early 1960’s.

George F.G. Stanley designed the current flag, which is inspired by the Royal Military College of Canada’s flag. The multi-party parliamentary committee formed to select a new flag unanimously chose the design on October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1964. The House of Commons passed the design on December 15, 1964. Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed the new flag on January 28, 1965, and it was inaugurated on February 15 in the same year.



## Family Day

Family Day is observed in the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan on the third Monday of February – **February 17<sup>th</sup>** in 2025. This holiday celebrates the importance of families and family life to people in their communities.

Family Day was first held in Canada in the province of Alberta in 1990. It is supposed to reflect the values of family and home that were important to the pioneers who founded Alberta, and give workers the opportunity to spend more time with their families. Family Day was introduced in Saskatchewan in 2007 and in Ontario in 2008. One of the reasons for introducing Family Day was that there was a long period when there were no holidays from New Year's Day until Good Friday.

*Happy Birthday to:*



*Family*  
Where Life & Love  
Begins Love Never Ends

*We mourn the loss of resident, Paulette Bert, who passed away on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024.*

*Paulette had joined our Hill Top Manor family back in October 2020. She could be seen always close with her stuffed animal "Bobby". May her and 'Bobby' rest in peace.*

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to her family.*







A warm welcome to the following new residents of Hill Top Manor:

**Darlene Holdstock** (House 1)

**Donald Kaufmann** (House 3)

**Melvin VanDeSype** (House 1)

**Doreen Hewitt** (House 4)

**Iris Johnson** (House 2)

**Gary Keefe** (House 2)

### **February Weather Lore and Superstitions - According to the Farmer's Almanac**

- There is always one fine week in February.
- If bees get out in February, the next day will be windy and rainy.
- Fogs in February mean frosts in May.
- Winter's back breaks about the middle of February.

### **More superstitions about February weather:**

- Of all the months of the year, curse a fair February.
- If it thunders in February, it will frost in April.
- When the cat lies in the sun in February, she will creep behind the stove in March.
- ~~If February gives much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow.~~

A **warm welcome** is extended to new residents that have recently moved in:

**Darlene Holdstock** (House 1)

**Rose Mintenko** (House 3)

**Melvin VanDeSype** (House 1)  
(House 3)

**Donald & Florence Kaufmann**

**Iris Johnson** (House 2)

**Randy & Marlene Hall** (House 4)

**Gary Keefe** (House 2)

(House 4)

-Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around. Bring your husbands.

-Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

-The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

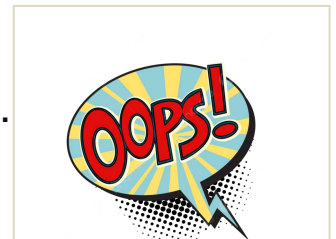
-This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

-The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

-A bean supper will be held on Thursday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

-The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.

-Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM- prayer and medication to follow.



### Flag Do's And Don'ts

**\*Do** — The national Flag of Canada should always fly alone on its own mast or flagpole.

**\*DON'T** — The dimensions/proportions of the National Flag

Canada have An exact ratio of 2 to1 (twice as long as it is wise), and must not be modified.

**\*DO** — The National Flag of Canada can be flown at night without being lit.

**\*DON'T**— The National Flag of Canada should not be written on or marked in any way, nor be covered by other objects.

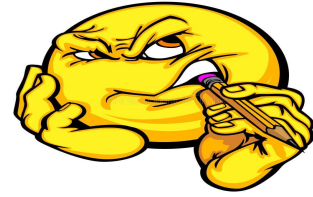
**\*DO** — When the National Flag of Canada is raised or lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, people should face the flag, men should remove their hats, and all should remain silent.

**\*DON'T** — Nothing should be pinned or sewn on the National Flag of Canada.

**\*DO** — Half-mast the National Flag of Canada should never be dipped or lowered to the ground as a means of paying a salute or compliment to any person or thing.



**\*DO** – Replace a faded or torn flag with a new one. The correct form of disposing an old flag is by burning it in private.



### **QUESTIONS THAT I PONDER...**

- **Why does a round pizza come in a square box?**
- **What disease did cured ham actually have?**
- **How is that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage bags?**
- **If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?**
- **Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?**
- **Why did you just try singing the two songs above?**
- **Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dogs face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him for a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?**
- **Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars in the sky, but feels the need to check when you say the paint is wet?**
- **If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?**
- **Is there ever a day that mattresses say are not for sale?**
- **The statistics on sanity is that one out of four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your 3 best friends – if they're ok, then its you!**

**“If we do not feel grateful for what we already have,  
what makes us think we’d be happy with more?”**

### **Valentine Symbols**

*Cupid was a mischievous, winged child, whose  
Arrows would pierce the hearts of his victims  
Causing them to fall deeply in love. In ancient  
Greece he was known as Eros, the young son  
Of Aphrodite. To the Romans he was Cupid, and his*

*mother was Venus, the Goddess of Love.*

*Roses symbolize both peace and war, love and forgiveness. White roses are for true love; red roses are for passion; yellow roses are for friendship; black roses mean farewell.*



## **FAMILIES**

Families are chosen by our Father above,  
Given to us in this life to love.  
If things don't go well with friends that we choose,  
Our friendships we know, we could always lose.

But do we give our family the same respect?  
I think not, no wonder they get upset.  
Our families are precious in life, they're the best part,  
So don't do and say things that upset the cart.

If you've said or done something that's got them  
upset,  
Tell them you're sorry; put the bad feelings to rest.  
If they have upset you, tell them how you feel.  
Don't let it grow old and become a big deal.

Remember the Lord chose them for a reason,  
He chose them for life, not just a season.

**FAMILY**  
*...is everything*



Ever wonder why rain 'drops', but  
snow 'falls'?

We have a **PRIVATE** Facebook page.

This page is for the family members of our residents. To gain access on Facebook, go to **Hill Top Manor Weyburn** and request to join the group. Once approved, you will have access to information and pictures showing your loved ones in their daily activities. We hope to see you there soon! There is a required question that **must** be answered to be approved!



**P.S. Family is most welcome to share your photos to the group also! You may also share them by emailing them to [activities.htm@sasktel.net](mailto:activities.htm@sasktel.net)**

Hill Top Hair Salon

Open Tuesdays from 9:00am - 5:00pm

(Sign up for appointments on the white board by the salon door)

Kathy Pid (306)861-1990



Did you know...?

**We**

**have in-house pedicures available to our residents! Marnell Eagles comes every few weeks and offers a range of foot care services. To ask about pricing or to book an appointment, call Marnell at 306-421-7691.**



**HEARING AID**

**CLINIC**

**Friday, February  
28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am**

**In the Family  
Room**

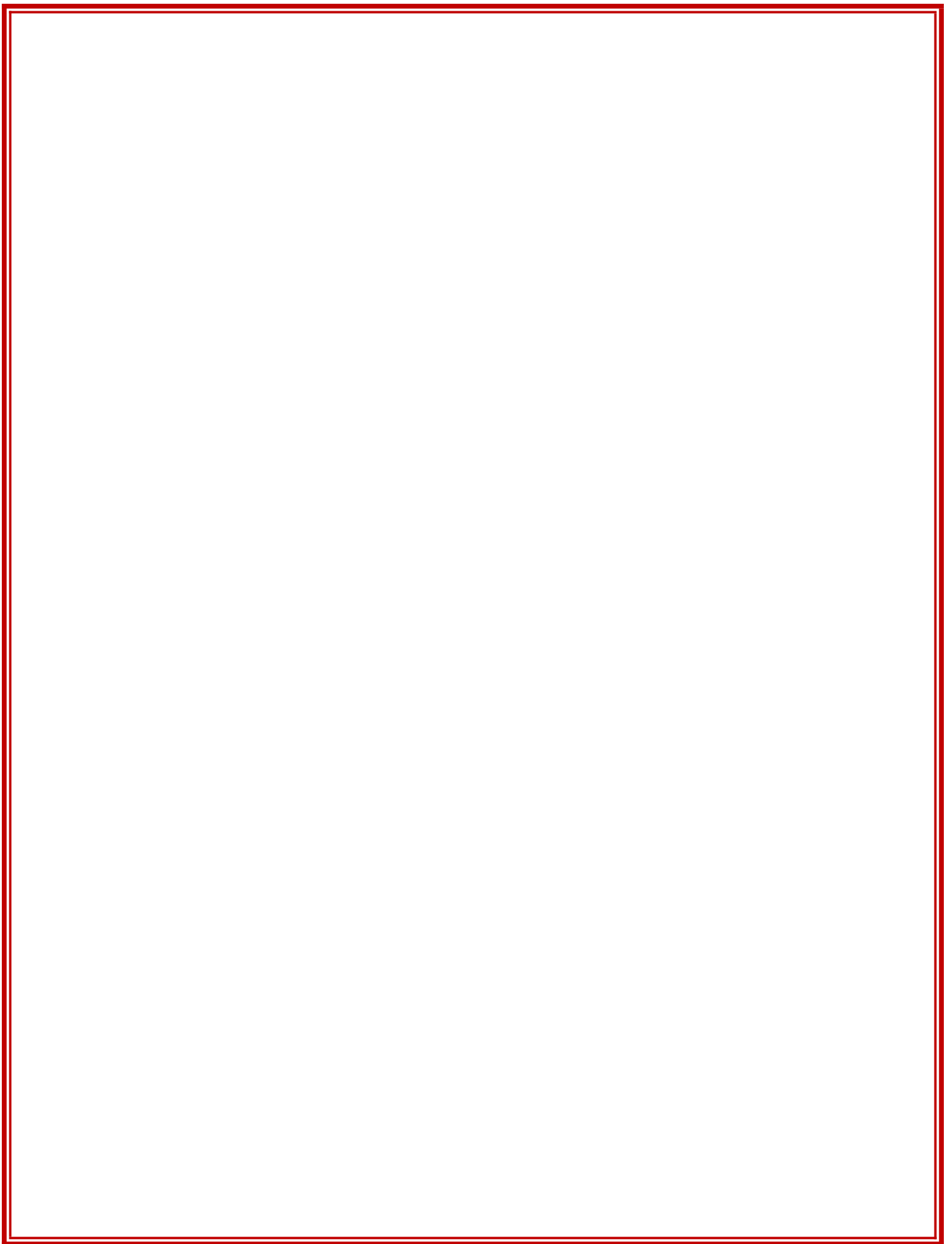
**See you there!**

# Valentine Word Search

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sweet heart  
fairy tale  
affection  
girlfriend  
teddy bear  
chocolate  
Feburary  
boyfriend  
valentine  
love song  
romance  
serenade  
be mine  
flower  
doves  
flirt  
crush  
arrow  
candy  
heart  
cupid  
pink  
love  
gift  
kiss  
rose  
red  
hug  
bow





# Valentine's Day

## DOUBLE PUZZLE

Unscramble the shuffled words to meaningful words and reveal the message!

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LVOE   
22 15 3 4

TADE   
43

EVAENNLIT   
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AHOETOCLC   
8 7 40 1

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