

Views From the Hill Top



APRIL 2025

Thank You for Spring





I stepped outside my house today
and heard a robin sing.
His warble was a sure sign of
the coming of the spring.

I saw some pussy willows and
the crocus was in bloom;
Narcissus had awakened with
a bright yellow plume.



The daffodils were peeking through
the soil wet with dew.
I knew that very soon there's be
some more bright buds to view.



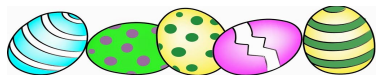
I slowly took a deep breath of
the clear refreshing air,
And said a little "Thank You" to
our God who put it there.

In Loving Memory
Donald Kaufmann 1934-2025

Easter Eggs Hunt

Can you find all the Easter eggs in this issue?

Count them all and find Ashley with your name and the number of



the eggs you found.

The person closest to the correct answer will be given a prize.

GOOD LUCK!!

Donald moved into Hill Top Manor only a few months ago with his wife Florence in House 3. On March 15th, Donald passed away with his family by his side. Our condolences to Florence and to their families and friends; while he was here a short time, he will be missed by

all!



Holidays in the month of April



APRIL FOOLS' DAY

April Fool's Day is traditionally a day to play practical jokes on others, send people on fool's errands, and fool the unsuspecting. No one knows how this holiday began but it was thought to have originated in France.

In the sixteenth century, New Year's was celebrated on March 25 and celebrations lasted until April 1st. When New Year's Day was changed from March 25th to January 1st in the mid-1560's by King Charles IX, there were some people who still celebrated it on April 1st and those people were called April Fools.

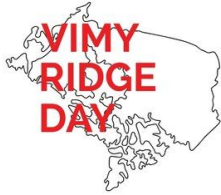
Each country celebrates April Fool's differently. In France, the April Fool's is called "April Fish" (Poisson d'Avril). The French fool their friends by taping a paper fish to their friends' backs and when someone discovers this trick; they yell "Poisson d'Avril!"

In England, tricks can be played only in the morning. If a trick is played on you, you are a "noodle". In Scotland, April Fools Day is 48 hours long and you are called an "April Gowk", which is another name for a cuckoo bird. The second day in Scotland's April Fool's is called Taily Day and is dedicated to pranks involving the buttocks. Taily Day's gift to posterity is the still-hilarious "Kick Me" sign.

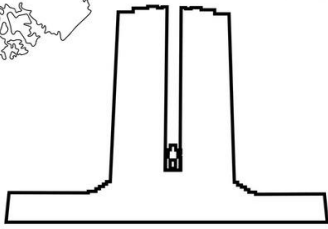
In Portugal, April Fool's is celebrated on the Sunday and Monday before Lent. The traditional trick there is to throw flour at your friends.

In America, Americans play small tricks on friends and strangers alike on the first of April. One common trick is pointing down to a friend's shoe and saying "Your shoelace is untied." Even though the origin is unknown, it's fun to see how different countries celebrate this "foolish" holiday.





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Vimy Ridge Day is a day to commemorate the deaths and casualties of members of the Canadian Corps in the Battle of Vimy Ridge, which took place during the First World War. The holiday has been observed annually on 9 April since 2003. It is a non-statutory observance. Some Canadians commemorate Vimy Ridge Day by wearing Vimy pins, which are available from the Vimy Foundation. The Canadian flag on Canada's Peace Tower is also lowered at half-mast on April 9 each year.



Palm Sunday falls on Sunday, April 13th in 2025. Palm Sunday is the Christian moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four canonical Gospels. Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem just days before his death. The Bible, which is the book Christians read, says Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. People waved palm leaves and cheered him. There are many different things Christians do on Palm Sunday to celebrate. Christians throughout the world celebrate the day Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem days before his crucifixion. Crowds left palm fronds and clothing in his path as a sign of praise and respect.



Good Friday is on April 18th in the year 2025. It is recognized as a stat holiday in Canada. Good Friday is a Christian holy day observing the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary. It is observed during Holy Week as part of the Paschal Triduum. It is also known as

Black Friday, Holy Friday, Great Friday, Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord, Great and Holy Friday.



Easter is observed by the churches of the West on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or following the spring Equinox (March 20th). So Easter became a “moveable” feast which can occur as early as March 22 or as late as April 25th. Christian churches in the east which were closer to the birthplace of the new religion and in which old traditions were strong, observe Easter according to the date of the Passover festival. Easter is at the end of the Lenten season, which covers a 46 day period that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with Easter. The Lenten season itself comprises forty days, as the six Sundays in Lent are not actually a part of Lent. Sundays are considered a commemoration of Easter Sunday and have always been excluded from the Lenten fast. The Lenten season is a period of penitence in prep for the highest festival of the church year, Easter. Holy Week, the last week of Lent, begins with the observance of Palm Sunday. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last supper, which was held the evening before the Crucifixion. Friday in Holy Week is the anniversary of the Crucifixion; the day that Christ was crucified and died on the cross. Holy week and the Lenten season end with Easter season, the day of resurrection of Jesus Christ.

EASTER SYMBOLS

Easter Candles

Easter candles are lit in churches, to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, three days after Crucifixion. Christians associate Jesus With the light from candles, hailing him as “the eternal light”, showing Christians the way from death to life. The candlelight ushers in a world of Hope and prosperity, by driving away the gloom of darkness.

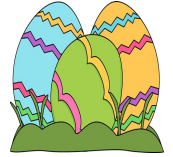


Easter Cross

The Cross, the all pervading icon of Christianity, is an integral element of all Christian festivals, including Easter. It is the symbol of life over death. The Crucifix is a cross with an image of Jesus’ body hanging from it. It symbolizes the sacrifice, which Jesus did for humanity. An empty cross, without the figure of Christ crucified on it, reminds Christians of Jesus’ victory over death and the new life and hope the victory brings to humanity.

Easter Eggs

Easter eggs have been acknowledged as a symbol of continuing life and fertility, Christian spring celebrations. Given as springtime gifts by the Ancient Greeks, Persians and Chinese at their spring festivals, the Easter egg appears in Pagan mythology as well, where the heaven and earth were thought to have been formed from two halves of an egg.



Easter Lily

Among the multitude of spring flowers, the Easter white lily is the traditional Easter flower. The beautiful flower is considered the symbol of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, three days after his crucifixion. The large, pure white blooms of the Easter Lilies are symbolic of the pure new life that comes through the Resurrection of Jesus.

Hot Cross Buns

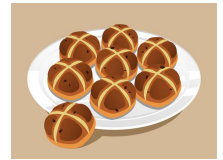
Hot cross buns stand out from other Easter delicacies, for their typical flavor.

A prominent Easter icon, the hot cross bun is called so, because of the icing

of the bun, which reminds people of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Hot

cross buns were first baked in England, to be served as the traditional Good

Friday breakfast are served throughout the Easter season



cross on top

cross buns were baked

Friday breakfast



RULES OF CHOCOLATE EASTER EGGS:

- If you get melted chocolate all over your hands, you're eating it too slowly!
- Chocolate covered raisins, cherries, orange slices & strawberries all count as fruit, so eat as many as you want!
- Diet tip: eat an Easter egg before each meal. It'll take the edge off your appetite, and that way you'll eat less!
- If you can't eat all your chocolate, it will keep in the freezer. But if you can't eat all your chocolate, what's wrong with you?
- Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger!



Happy Birthday

To the following Hill Top Manor Residents:

April 10th – Joseph Janoski



April is a month of new flowers and the birthing of new things, may your life blossom with newness and greater blessings. Happy Birthday!

Resident Birthday Party on April 24th @ 3:00pm!



Some signs of spring

Spring is here or the very least right around the corner. You
Just know it!

You don't even have to look at the calendar. You can
Feel it in your bones!



- ◆ **Singing Birds** – When you hear birds serenading before your head is off the pillow, you know it won't be long before the grass is green, and you can shed the boots and gloves. Yep, you have managed to survive yet another winter!
- ◆ **Longer days** – Sunlight where there was darkness before. You suddenly and gleefully notice that it's light at 6p.m., whereas only the day before (or so it seems) it was dark. Hurray! The shortest day of the year is December 21st, which is the winter solstice. So every day after that we're on an upswing toward longer days and more sunlight. We thrive in sunlight. We get vitamin D from it! Generally speaking, people are healthier and happier when they emerge from the winter darkness and into the spring sunshine.
- ◆ **Garden catalogues** – The plethora of garden catalogues and websites really get you in the mood to tramp around, digging, hoeing, planting and waiting with bated breath to see the (hopefully) picturesque results.
- ◆ **Road construction** – Argh!%#*&#\$%#!. Enough said! Time to fix winter's potholes.

hello Spring



Here at Hill Top Manor we

Encourage recycling!

- Paper (envelopes/junk mail)
- Newspaper/magazines
- Glass
- Metal
- Clothing
- Books etc, etc, etc!



PLEASE do not throw in the garbage!

Recycling is a way of extending the usefulness of something that has already fulfilled its initial purpose. A new project can be made out of it, and it will be useful again! Every time we recycle, we save our environment a little more. We cut fewer trees, use less water and energy. Let's keep our trash away from the landfills and recycle what we can. Your effort can go a long way in saving our environment. We all know about recycling, but knowing about it and living it is not the same thing. What we need to do is make it a part of our lives. We have a recycle center here at Hill Top Manor.

If you would like to recycle, you are more than welcome to ask any of the staff to recycle your items for you! We also can donate your unwanted items! These will be taken to one of our many local businesses!



Tuesday April 22nd is Earth Day

Earth day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day now includes events in more than 193 countries, which are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.



LOVE OUR EARTH

It focuses on promoting clean living and a healthy, sustainable habitat for people and wildlife alike. Celebrating earth day serves as a conscious reminder of how fragile our planet is and how important it is to protect it!

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.



Our next Hearing Aid Clinic is on April 28th in the family room at 10:15am!

How our year is going so far!





There are some new faces around Hill Top Manor:



DALE OLSON (House 2)

EARTH DAY

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ECOLOGY
 EMPTY
 ENERGY
 ENVIRONMENT
 FAUCET
 GLASS
 METAL

PAPER
 PLANET
 PLASTIC
 POLLUTE
 POLLUTION
 PROCESS
 PROTECT

SAVE
 SOLAR
 RECYCLE
 REDUCE
 REUSABLE
 WASTE
 WATER

Easter Word Search

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