

# Views From the Hill Top



**MAY 2025**

## Mother's Day in Canada



*In Canada, Mother's Day is celebrated on the first Sunday in the month of May. People pay tribute to their mothers on the day and thank them for the constant support and love. In Canada, cards and flowers are the most commonly used methods of expressing love for moms.*

*Mother's Day is celebrated with lots of enthusiasm in over 46 countries across the globe. Though mother's Day celebrations take place at different times around the world, what is remarkably the same are the feelings with which people celebrate Mother's Day. This is because mothers are as caring in the East as they are in the West. The difference between mothers from one part of the world to the other simply does not exist. All over the world people celebrate Mother's Day with their mothers and shower love on them. Mother's Day in the year 2025 is Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### ***My Mother Taught Me...***

1. My mother taught me religion. "You better pray this stain comes out of the carpet!"
2. My mother taught me appreciation of a job well done. "If you're going to have a fight do it outside, I just finished cleaning the house!"
3. My mother taught me logic. "Because I said so, that's why!"
4. My mother taught me more logic. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me!"
5. My mother taught me foresight. "Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident!"
6. My mother taught me about stamina. "You sit there till those vegetables are eaten!"
7. My mother taught me weather. "It looks like a tornado swept through your room!"

8. My mother taught me envy. “There are millions of less fortunate children in the world who don’t have wonderful parents like you do!”
9. My mother taught me about time travel. “If you don’t straighten up, I’m going to knock you into the middle of next week!”
10. My mother taught me irony. “Keep crying and I’ll give you something to cry about!”
11. My mother taught me the circle of life. “I brought you into this world, and I can take you out...”

### Victoria Day



*Victoria Day is a National holiday celebrated on the first Monday preceding May 25<sup>th</sup> in order to make it the first long weekend of the summer season.*

*Queen Victoria was born on May 24, 1819.*

*Following the death of three uncles and her father, she became Queen of the United Kingdom on June 2, 1837 and reigned until her death on January 22, 1901. After her death, May 25<sup>th</sup> became known as Empire Day. In 1952, Empire Day was moved to the Monday before May 25 and since 1953, the official birthday of Queen Elizabeth II has been celebrated on this date in Canada. In 1958, Empire Day became known as Commonwealth Day, which was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in March. The Monday before May 25 then became known as Victoria Day, which is a Canadian Statutory Holiday and a day marking the beginning of the summer season when gardens are planted, summer resorts and parks are opened, and people open up their cottages.*

## Happy Birthday

To the following Hill Top Manor Residents:

May 13<sup>th</sup> – Joyce McPhee

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Darlene Holdstock



*Wishing you May's finest treasures on your birthday — moments of joy, laughter,  
and the gentle warmth of Spring. Happy Birthday!*

**Resident Birthday Party on May 29th @ 3:00pm!**



A warm WELCOME is extended to all of the following new Residents of Hill Top Manor!

\*Don Dorsch (House 4)

\*Charlotte Dement (House 2)

**FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK TO INGE SCHOLZ AS SHE MOVED TO ALBERTA! WE WILL MISS  
YOU VERY MUCH!**



With  
Deepest  
Sympathy...

**Alfred "Alf" Leonard**  
**Passed away peacefully on April 4,**  
**2025**

**Our condolences to his wife, Nola &  
their family and friends.**

### **Somebody Said**

- ♥ *Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby ... somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, 'normal' is history.*
- ♥ *Somebody said you learn how to be a mother by instinct ... somebody never took a three-year-old shopping.*
- ♥ *Somebody said being a mother is boring ... somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit.*
- ♥ *Somebody said if you're a 'good mother' your child will 'turn out good' ... somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee.*
- ♥ *Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother ... somebody never helped a 4<sup>th</sup> grader with his math.*
- ♥ *Somebody says you can't love the second child as much as the first ... somebody doesn't have two children.*



- ♥ *Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married ... somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings.*
- ♥ *Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home ... somebody never had grandchildren.*
- ♥ *Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her... somebody isn't a mother.*



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Remember, don't put it off...  
Go ahead and do it...  
If you get to it ...  
And don't do it...  
You may never get to it...  
To do it...  
Again.



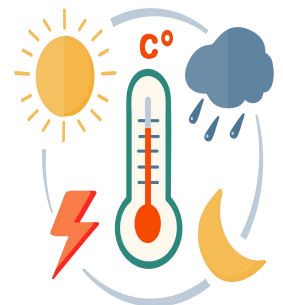
### **Farmer's Almanac Forecast for May, 2025**

**MAY 2025:** temperature 12.5°C (3°C above avg. east, avg. west);  
Precipitation 62.5mm (35mm below avg. east, 60mm above west)

**May 1 – 14:** Thunderstorms; then sunny; turning warm

**May 15 – 21:** Sunny east, intervals of thunderstorms, some heavy w  
very warm

**May 22 – 31:** Showers, very warm east; thunderstorms, warm west



### **The Origin of Some Old Sayings**

#### **Don't throw the baby out with the bath water**

Yes, baths in the 1500s were rare but when they were taken, it was in a big tub filled with hot water. There was, naturally, a pecking order. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water (and he was probably the dirtiest), and then came all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all were the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence, the saying **“Don't throw the baby out with the bath water”**.

#### **Raining cats and dogs**



Those lucky enough to have houses, had houses with thatched roofs made from thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. This was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the pets ... dogs, cats and other small animals like mice and rats, lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall from the roof. Hence **"It's raining cats and dogs."**

### Don't let the bedbugs bite

Despite the skills of the best thatcher there was really nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed (relatively speaking). So, they found if they made beds with big posts and hung a sheet over the top, it addressed the problem. Hence, those beautiful big 4 poster beds with canopies. **"Good night and don't let the bed bugs bite!"**



### Pease porridge hot

In the kitchen they cooked in a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They mostly ate vegetables and didn't get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that been in there for a month. Hence the rhyme: **"Pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold, pease porridge in the pot nine days old."**

### Upper Crust

Bread was devised according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or the **"upper crust."**

## Keep In Touch With Your Loved One!

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. You will be **required** to **ANSWER A QUESTION TO GAIN ACCESS**. 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!



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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)



# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MONARCH AROUND THE BUILDING?

The reason behind seeing a monarch butterfly posted outside a resident door is to symbolize that someone has passed away. If you see this butterfly, you are more than welcome to stop and reminisce on fond memories, say a prayer or whatever you may need to “say good-bye”.

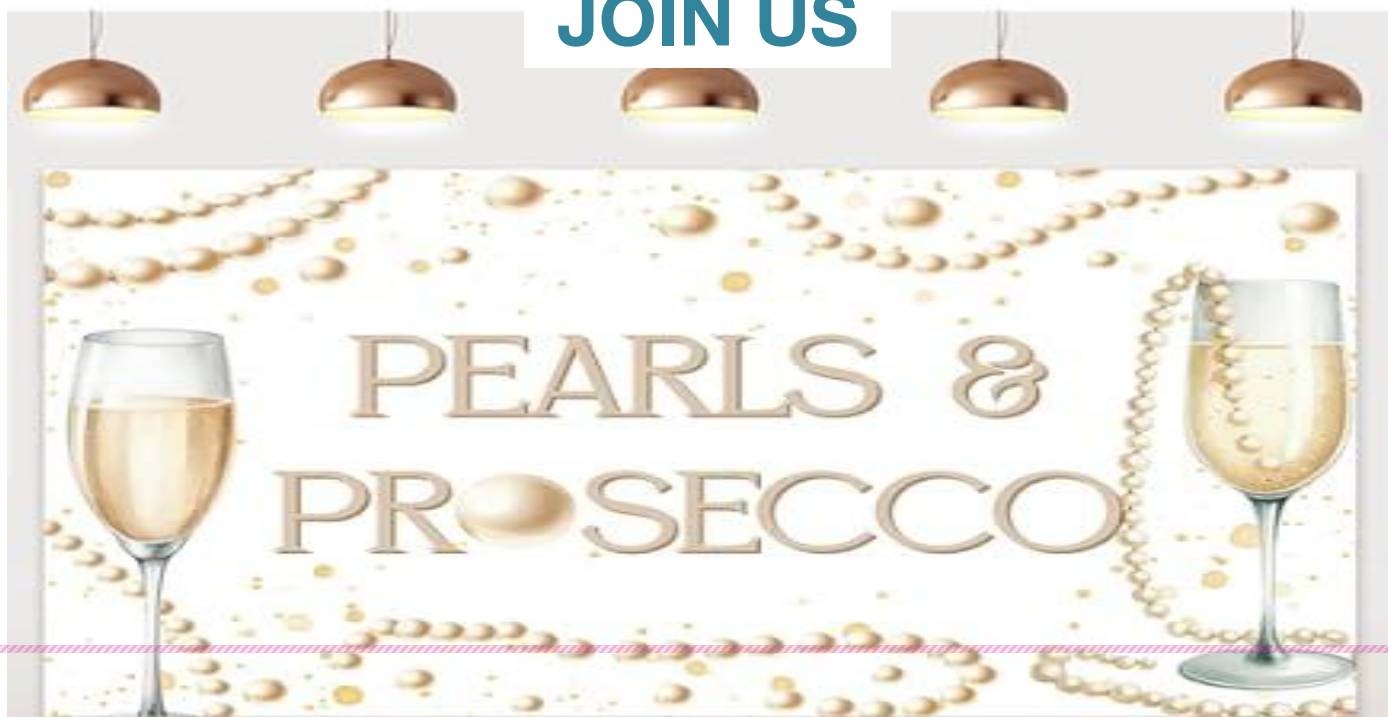
### So, why a monarch butterfly?

In many indigenous cultures, butterflies are seen as symbols of transformation, rebirth, and the passage of souls.

The monarch butterflies' long migration from Canada and the United States to Mexico is a remarkable natural phenomenon.

The butterflies' journey is seen as a metaphor for the journey of the soul to the afterlife.

## JOIN US





**For A Mother's Day  
Social!**  
**Friday, May 09, 2025**  
**Starts at 2:00 pm!**

*thank  
you, Mom* 

## **Hill Top Library & Puzzles**



Did you know? We have 2 sunrooms full of books!

We also have shelves full of jigsaw puzzles for you to do!

If you do not know its location, Just Ask!

Any staff member would love to show you!

***We have some Large Print books available as well as Mystery, Romance,  
Detective, Inspirational & Lots others.***

**Changes to the way we are reviewing them this with new types to  
accommodate Baby-Boomers**

**New Releases Include:**

**Bobby Darin**

**Splish, Splash, I Was Having a Flash**

***Formerly known as "Splish Splash (I was Taking a Bath)"***

**Ringo Starr**

**Get By With A Little Help from Depends**

***Formerly known as "With a Little Help from My Friends"***

**The Bee Gees**

**How Can You Mend a Broken Hip?**

***Formerly known as "How Can You Mend a Broken Heart"***

**Roberta Flack**

**The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face**

***Formerly known as "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"***





Johnny Nash

**I Can't See Clearly Now**

*Formerly known as "I Can See Clearly Now"*

The Commodores

**Once, Twice, Three Times To the Bathroom**

*Formerly known as "Three Times a Lady"*

Procol Harum

**A Whiter Shade of Hair**

*Formerly known as "A Whiter Shade of Pale"*

Leo Sayer

**You Make Me Feel Like Napping**

*Formerly known as "You Make Me Feel Like Dancing"*

The Temptations

**Papa's got A Kidney Stone**

*Formerly known as "Papa Was a Rolling Stone"*

ABBA

**Denture Queen**

*Formerly known as "Dancing Queen"*

Tony Orlando

**Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall**

*Formerly known as "Knock three times (On the ceiling if you want me)"*

Helen Reddy

**I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore**

*Formerly known as "I Am Woman, Hear Me Roar"*

Willie Nelson

**On The Commode Again**

*Formerly known as "On the Road Again"*



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**DIRECTIONS:**  
Find and circle the  
vocabulary words  
in the grid. Look  
for them in all  
directions including  
backwards and  
diagonally.

# MERRY MONTH OF MAY

## Word Search

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BASEBALL  
BLOSSOM  
BUMBLEBEE  
BUTTERFLY  
CINCO DE MAYO  
FLOWERS

GARDEN  
GEMINI  
GREEN  
LADYBUG  
LAWNMOWER  
MAYPOLE  
MEMORIAL DAY  
MOM

MOTHER'S DAY  
PIÑATA  
PLANT  
SEEDS  
SPRING  
SUNSHINE  
TAURUS  
TEACHER



# Mother's Day Word Search

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APPRECIATE  
CAKE  
CARD  
CHERISH

CHOCOLATE  
FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
GIFT

LOVE  
MOM  
SUNDAY  
THOUGHTFUL

