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## ♥ I LOVE YOU. *I adore you.* I CHERISH YOU. ♥

by Brenda Dwyer

And now ... now comes the day to celebrate it (really?). So many holidays: hard to keep up with, aren't they? Somehow I "trip" over Sweetest Day every year (I still have no idea what month it's in let alone what day it is). I kind of glide through some of the other holidays too; not being quite sure what to do with them (Is a card necessary, a gift?). Valentine's Day is a whole other matter though and has been since I was a little girl. I can remember the preparation in kindergarten of the infamous VALENTINE BOX ... the one you decorated with every bead, pearl, bit of glitter, lace and other fancy decoration known to man-

kind because it was going to hold precious little declarations of love on Valentine's Day. I came to think of it as the TRUTH box because even though we were required to give everyone in our class a valentine ... some kids just "trumped" the system and wouldn't put a valentine in your box; at least ... not in mine. My self-esteem was stymied by this every year ... scarred, even. Yet, when all was said and done and I look back on those years that lasted the length of my grade school years (talk about agony ... that was 9 long years of dreaded Februarys) I realize that if not for that, I could not have grown to have a truer appreciation for love, for the importance of love;

as a receiver of love but far more than that - as a giver of love.

Love is the most profound emotion we will ever experience. There is NOTHING that even comes close to the effect it has on us. Love molds us and awakens in us a new awareness over and over and over again. Love is multi-faceted and even in its infancy can be breathtaking. Love is what motivates us and allows us to feel our highest highs or even our lowest lows. Love is truth magnified. NOTE: I am speaking of love ... not infatuation ... not "crushes" ... not lust.

Those valentine boxes sure were pretty. I do not regret the moments that were spent trying to make sure every bead and pearl were placed right

where my little mind thought they should go and that every bit of lace was carefully and patiently laid on with care or that every doily was embellished with glitter and then adhered to its permanent spot. Oh, the wishes that were wished as those little boxes were assembled! Oh, the silent prayers that were prayed! I set myself up for disappointment every year and yet every year I walked away carrying home a beautiful shoebox of a vessel that was designed to hold all the love a little girl could desire; only my heart nor my mind could ever conceive of the wonder of it all ... only the disappointment.

Looking back there is so much symbolism in

the event of giving and receiving valentines that it boggles the mind. Today I consider my heart to be the valentine box and I, for one, am still handing my valentines out to everyone ... not just some (and not just on designated days). This giving of love is the most rewarding thing in this life.

Valentine's Day - is it a simple act of grade school children; a simple celebration of a holiday? Perhaps, and yet it could be just one more whispered reminder of love. How profound.

Whatever it may or may not be ... from my heart to yours - much love!

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
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## My Hunny Bunny



by Brenda Dwyer

It was just another boring Saturday. Not lazy ... there were a list of things to do but I was filled with discontent. I found myself staring disappointment in the face; again. I wasn't where I wanted to be doing what I wanted to do. I put on my coat and walked outside hoping to quiet the impending storm within. The skies were gray with barely a hint of blue around the edges. Streaks of white could be seen here and

there. There was no sign that the sun would come peeking through anytime soon. The cold pierced through my coat and cut right through me which just raised the bar a notch. The leaves on the trees were still. Snow covered the ground with heaps of gray and brown lining the street. A little brown squirrel darted here and there pausing occasionally to pick up its tiny head and look

around. As my eyes took in my surroundings I started noticing things. I noticed that there is a tree that bends in the garden as if it is too weary to stand, yet when I looked again it appeared to be an exotic beauty that instead of looking weary - looked glorious as if it were the most perfect specimen of its kind. I noticed that a tiny log cabin that was taken out-

doors more than 4 years ago looked just as pristine as it did the day it was placed there. I noticed two feral cats playing with complete abandon as if joy was theirs for the taking. I noticed a small carefree cardinal flitting from this branch to that on one of the front pine trees. I noticed deer tracks in the back yard - not far from the house. I noticed that the posts of the lights in the garden

look as if they are covered with crystals. I noticed a rabbit watching me and that stopped me dead in my tracks. As I cocked my head slightly to look at it ... it just blinked and kept watching me. I took two steps towards it. It didn't move. I took another couple of steps - still aiming straight for it. It didn't move. I told the rabbit we were going to play freeze tag. Mindless, really, that line of thinking and yet

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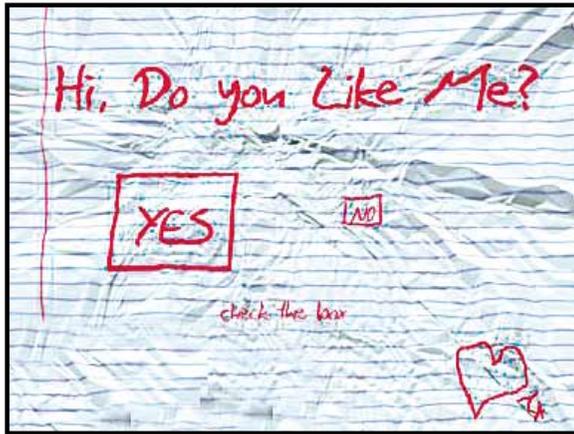
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# Inside the Tearoom



by Brenda Dwyer

It used to be so easy ... puppy love; the kind of love you feel when you like someone and daydream about holding their hand or sharing a piece of bubblegum. So simple.

I remember puppy love.

After puppy loves comes in-

fatuation (temporary passion). I don't know what prompted it or why I first felt it. Looking back, it all seems so foolish now. Infatuation is awkward, clumsy and uncomfortable in more ways than it is comfortable. We never master infatuation ... we move on from it ...

ever so quickly. Embarrassing, awkward memories are better left in the past. Infatuation seems to give birth to things like bad decisions and experiences we will never tell another living soul about. Infatuation (when acted upon) is just better left alone. Feeling infatuation? My advice to you ... RUN THE OTHER WAY!

Let's now talk about our first "crush" ... was it infatuation or was it something more? Was it the beginning stirrings of love? Only time will tell but time will also be a wise teacher when it comes to all things love-related. This natural path of experiencing emotion from the heart leads to one thing ultimately ... true love.

One thing I do know is that love is so worth the patience and stamina it sometimes requires. Love is worth every ounce of energy, every moment of exhilaration, every joyous or painful second.

Love, real, unconditional, true grit love is awesome and awe-inspiring and whatever it takes to arrive at it is well worth the journey.

# SALISBURY'S STEAK

by Stephanie Salisbury

## Romance 365

A good friend of mine used to tell me that Valentine's Day was just a marketing scheme, a holiday made up by card and candy stores and flower shops to peddle more of their wares. He said that women created this complex charade so that they would receive more gifts than usual. It was another day, in addition to Christmas and their birthday, where they could claim the right to presents sentimental presents to boot! Men were now obligated to shop. They had a duty to be romantic. My good friend, of course, was a member of the male persuasion attempting to defend his rights. My response to him was, "I like dark or milk chocolate, but nothing with fruit in it, and my favorite flower is a peach rose."

I will not be shaken from my romantic notions at Valentine's Day. Part of every girl, growing up, wants nothing more than to be treated like a princess. When we first start dating someone, that initial in-love feeling that Walt Disney so perfectly dubbed "twitterpated" overwhelms us, and we just want to relive the first kiss over and over. In any real relationship, that feeling fades even though the love has remained over the years. Now the "I love YOU more" has been replaced with "Did you pick up a new smoke alarm?" and the "I could sit at this table staring at your eyes all night" is overshadowed by the ever-popular, "I thought tomorrow was trash day!" You drop the kids off, he picks the kids up. He let the dogs out, you let the dogs back in. After working all day long, the last thing you want to do is sit at a table and stare into each other's eyes. You can barely keep your eyes open.

I'm not phased. I know that it's not the "twitterpated" feeling that means anything at all. It's not the cards, the candy, the flowers, or the presents. It's not the gushy love songs, or the sickening-sweet nicknames. None of these are important.

What is important is how we treat each other during the time that we are given. Respect, honor, gratefulness – these things mean so much more than anything a greeting card could possibly say. Our kind words of praise, thanking the other person for something they did that day – whether it's replacing the cat litter, mowing the lawn, or cooking dinner – are far more heartfelt than any love song ever written. A genuine compliment is a poem that repeats in the other person's mind, and holding someone's hand while you sit and watch television together is a love story all its own.

I'm not saying I don't like cards, or flowers, or candy, or presents. I'm not saying it isn't nice to receive them, or that we should boycott such a notion. I am saying that how we live our lives each day next to the ones we love will tell a far greater tale than what we splurge on just because it's a holiday. Do you want to be known for your incredibly romantic gesture once a year, or would you prefer that your loved one truly feel loved every day of the week?

It's true, some people don't make it easy to love them, and we're not always easy to love ourselves. But if we practice anything, we tend to get better at it. For Valentine's Day this year, do whatever you were already planning to do for your sweetie, but make yourself a few promises at the same time. Promise that you

will spend more time complimenting and less time criticizing. Promise that you'll find at least one thing to thank him for each day, no matter how silly it might seem. Promise that, a few times this year, you'll do something that annoys you just because it makes her happy.

Promise that you will find some way to show them you love them every day, not just once a year – and I promise you that next year at this time, you'll both be happier than you ever have been before.

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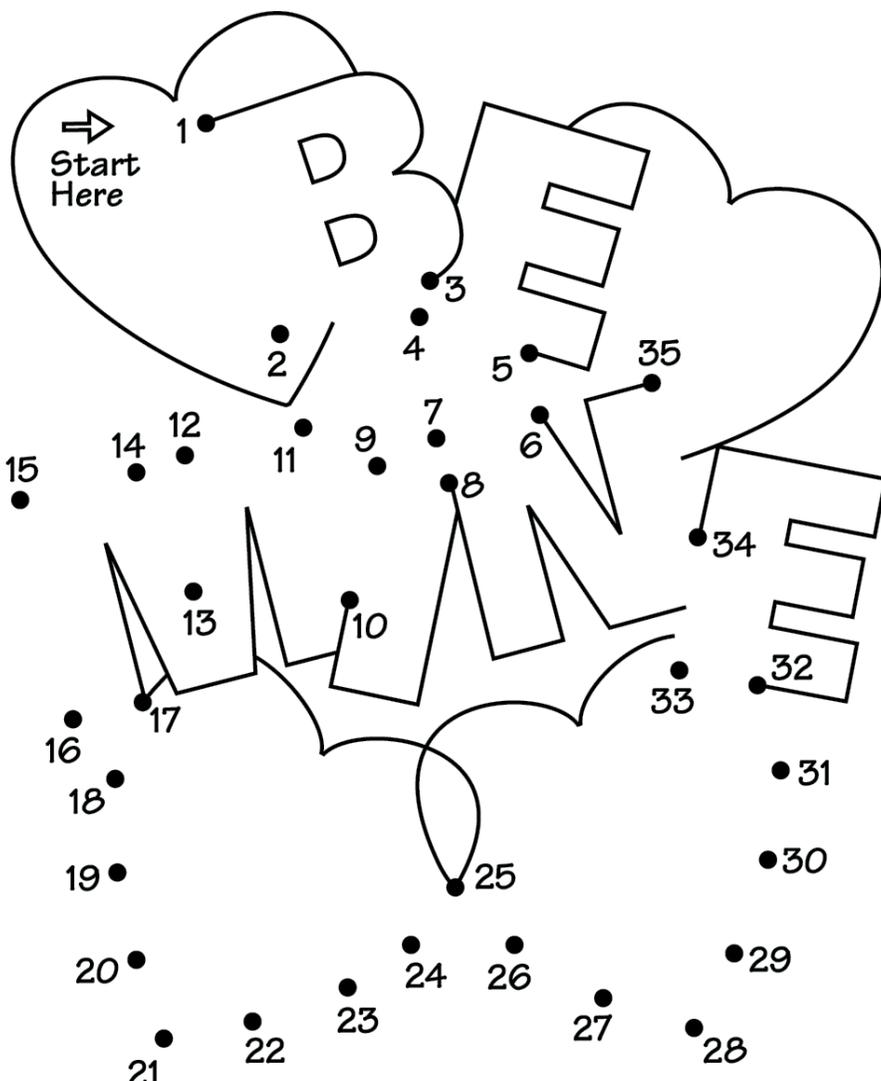
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## Homemade Vanilla Custard

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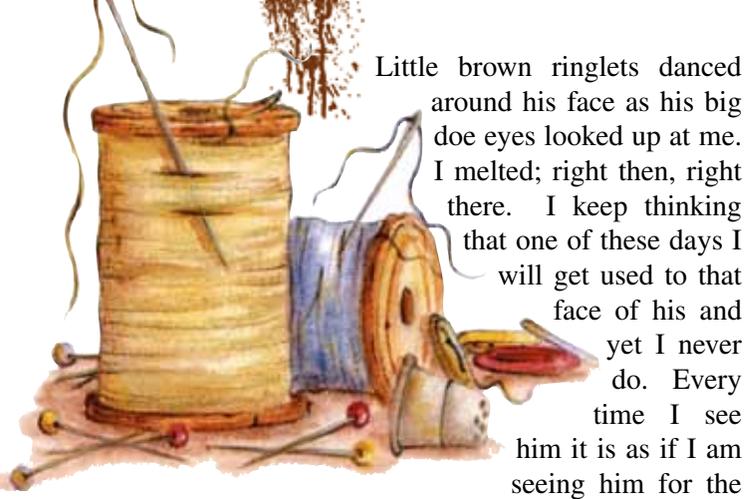
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 egg yolks

- 3 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### DIRECTIONS

Bring first 5 ingredients to a boil in a heavy saucepan over medium heat (about 20 minutes), whisking constantly; boil, whisking constantly or until thickened. Remove from heat. Stir in butter and vanilla. Place heavy duty plastic wrap directly on surface of custard to keep "skin" from forming. Chill 2 hours

# Grandmas



I heard the little feet running across the porch before I heard the shrill pitch of a very excited child who was about to fling himself into my arms the minute I opened the front door.

Little brown ringlets danced around his face as his big doe eyes looked up at me. I melted; right then, right there. I keep thinking that one of these days I will get used to that face of his and yet I never do. Every time I see him it is as if I am seeing him for the very first time all over again. I was there with my daughter the day he was born and it is now 2 and 1/2 years later and I am still just smitten when I gaze into those eyes.

Yesterday I received a text with an audio attachment ... he was singing the Barney theme song ... "I love you, you love me ..." It is for these moments that I live, that I rejoice, that I am in awe of.

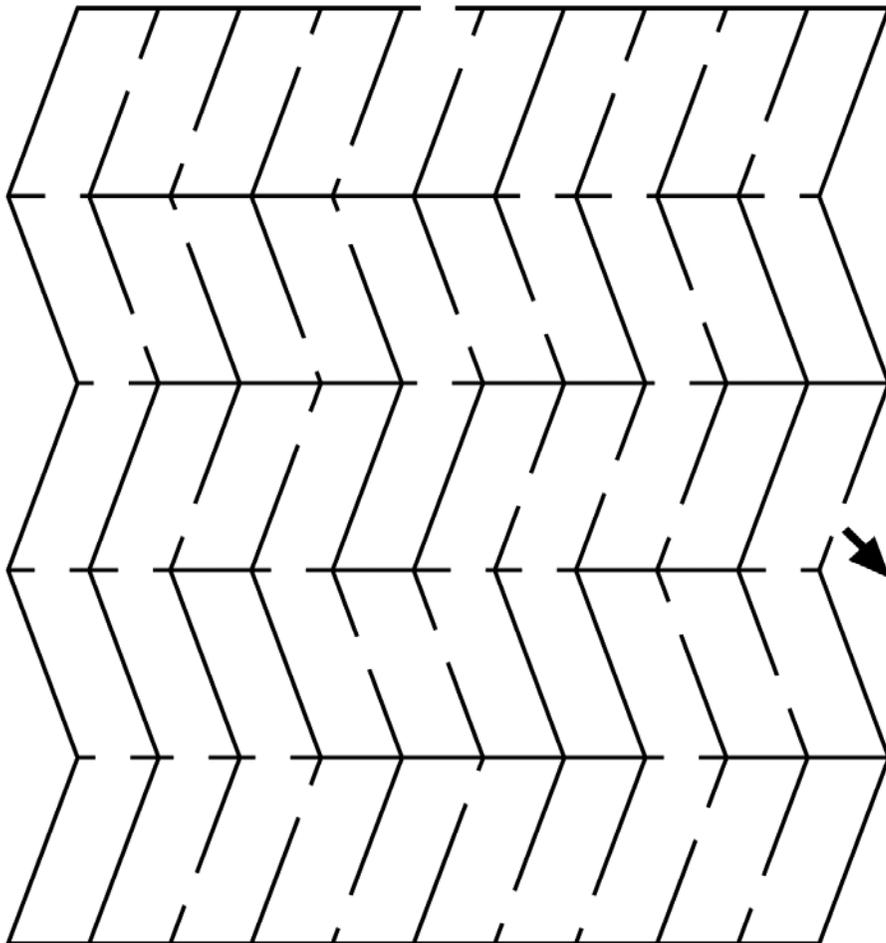
Grandchildren bring out the very best in us. We have visited the land of the very small before and so it is with expertise (??) under our belt that we find ourselves prepared to give them exactly what it is they need from us; our wisdom, our love, our experience, our family history. We reinforce in them the knowledge that they

are from a long line of wonderful, beautiful individuals and that they have every opportunity to be something "great". We love them and are there for them when they feel no one else is. They come to our house and know they will feel a sense of belonging and appreciation. We fill them up with our love (and lots of great food made from old family recipes) and send them home again and it is enough to last ... until the next time.



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# My Hunny Bunny

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I guess without even realizing it the walk outside was softening what I was feeling inside. I struck a pose and froze. Okay ... now I have no idea what rabbits can or can't think but if I didn't know better I would

have sworn that little rabbit was laughing at me! I moved a couple of times more and "froze" a couple of times more but the rabbit stayed put. All of a sudden I heard a car coming down the road and realized how silly I must look to anyone watching but I didn't care. I was having

fun in spite of myself. I finally "gave up" and headed back inside and just as I was opening the front door I took one quick glance back at my rabbit friend. He was in the exact same spot but now he stood up on his haunches as if to acknowledge my departure and then he turned

and hopped away into the strand of trees; probably going back to tell all of the other rabbits what a strange human lives in the log house. I would rather imagine that he went back to say that what started out as a discouraging day turned into beautiful day thanks to a funny

human that played freeze tag in the front yard. Yeah ... the rabbit won but so did I ... that's what happens when you least expect it but open your heart to the possibilities (even when you don't feel like it).



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# Garden Gab

What's better than a snowman? A snow angel? A snow bunny? A snowwoman? I love making snowmen but I haven't attempted one in ages. There used to be a house on Main Street in Middlebury that had a great Mickey Mouse snowman outside when the snow was just right! That was a real treat for the eyes! How about snow ice cream? I think of snow ice

cream because our bull mastiff eats snow like it's the best ice cream in the world. He goes outside and dives nose first into the white stuff. He can't get enough! I'm surprised he hasn't managed to eat the entire yard's worth of snow yet. Actually, it's kind of funny ... he has such a goofy look on his face when he does it. Well, he may be on to something. I

don't know. I'm not about to dive in and lick the snow, much less eat it ... unless ... I could find a yard that has virgin snow in it (unscathed by chickens, roosters, dogs, cats) and looks appealing to boot! If, and only if I were to find virgin snow I think I would be tempted to make the following ... if you're brave enough and you can find it ... take the plunge!!!

## INGREDIENTS

- 1 gallon snow
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups milk

## DIRECTIONS

1. When it starts to snow, place a large, clean bowl outside to collect the flakes. When full, stir in sugar and vanilla to taste, then stir in just enough milk for the desired consistency. Serve at once.



# Goldie x 2 = 1

by Elwood Otoupal

Since I've been away from the farm for over 50 years, & since I've been here at this "new farm" north of Bristol, I have made a list of animals & birds etc. that I have encountered during these few years. Here they are: deer (buck's, does & their fawns), raccoons (coon), possums (opossum), weasel, snakes, cats, kittens, dogs, squirrels, chipmunks, woodchucks (groundhog), frogs, skunks, rabbits, moles, turtles & most of their young and also, all kinds of birds & most of their young; such as robins, blue jays, starlings, (flock of 1000's), chickadees, redbirds (cardinal), hawks, crows, (flocks of 50 or more), jays, sparrows, turkeys, (flocks of 25 or more), geese, ducks, finches, woodpeckers, hummingbirds, bluebirds, marsh

birds, pigeons & doves and also all kinds of creepy, crawly things like all kinds of bugs & of course, "flutter bys", butterflies, and I do remember all the other friends that we had on the farm, but it has been sooo long & now I enjoy this "farm" so very much as an adult.

But what I've enjoyed so much more these past years are the stray cats that have arrived at my door step & have become so much a part of my life & the lives of my grown children & grand children. You see, we all go back to our youth & our loving extended family; enjoying our grandmas & grandpas ... which leads me to tell a tale of our two grandmas & "my" cat whose name is "Goldie".

My father had remarried, after my mother passed away, & his new wife's name was Goldie, so she became my step-

mother & my kid's step grandmother ... & further they had a mother; my wife, whose name was also Goldie. Well, you

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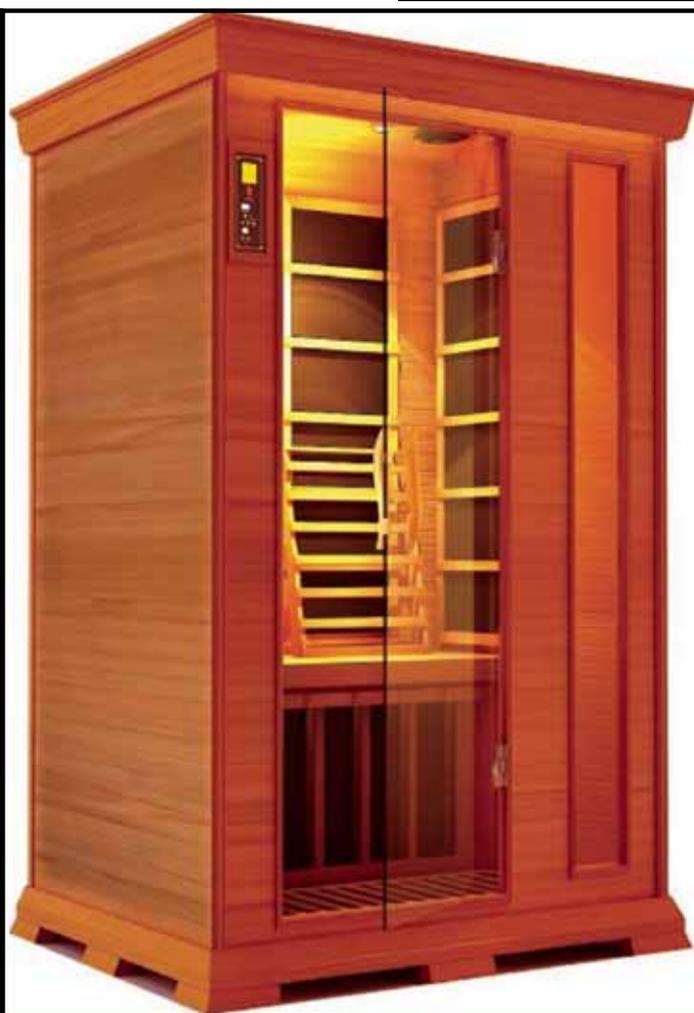
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VALENTINE'S DAY SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a popular Valentine's Day item.

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- ROMANCE
- ROSES
- SENTIMENT
- SUITOR
- SWEETHEART

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1. Technical name for the back (pl.)
- 6. A secret scheme or plot
- 11. Adage
- 14. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
- 15. Invitation heading
- 16. Amateur video subject, maybe
- 17. Impulse to steal
- 19. Bathtub liquid?
- 20. Put (away)
- 21. Designate
- 23. Slow-moving, tree-dwelling mammal (pl.)
- 26. Holes in the head
- 27. Affairs
- 30. Sundae topper, perhaps
- 31. Any thing
- 32. Open, as a bottle
- 34. Cut, maybe
- 36. Alliance acronym
- 39. Overindulgence in food
- 41. Taking the form of a chevron
- 43. Boris Godunov, for one
- 44. "Beat it!"
- 46. Hung around
- 47. "Yes, \_\_\_"
- 49. Bluenose
- 51. Dash lengths
- 52. Circuit
- 54. Hitchcock classic
- 56. Country whose capital is Kishinev
- 58. Overseas
- 62. Hawaiian dish
- 63. Seedless citrus fruit with depression at apex
- 66. Ashes holder
- 67. Mournful poem
- 68. In base 8
- 69. Chair part
- 70. Conductor Koussevitzky
- 71. A form that coils or spirals

DOWN

- 1. Trousers
- 2. \_\_\_ podrida
- 3. Cambodian currency
- 4. School month (abbrev., pl.)
- 5. Pronghorn
- 6. Cirque
- 7. "Bingo!"
- 8. Elaine \_\_\_ ("Seinfeld" role)
- 9. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
- 10. Absorbed, in a way
- 11. Tree whose sap is made into syrup
- 12. All excited
- 13. Student who studies obsessively (pl.)
- 18. Aroma
- 22. Frenzied woman
- 24. Choppers, so to speak
- 25. Coal carrier
- 27. A cloud of fine, dry particles
- 28. \_\_\_ probandi
- 29. Climbing hurriedly
- 31. "\_\_\_ alive!"
- 33. Yellow
- 35. Key material
- 37. Abound
- 38. "What are the \_\_\_?"
- 40. An end to sex?
- 42. Highly cultured or intellectual
- 45. Harvest goddess
- 48. Is repentant
- 50. A U. N. agency concerned with flight (acronym)
- 52. Small, sealed glass vial
- 53. Bond player
- 54. Machine used to cover a road with asphalt
- 55. Spinachlike plant
- 57. Caesar's farewell
- 59. "I'm \_\_\_ you!"
- 60. Biology lab supply
- 61. Farmer's place, in song
- 64. \_\_\_ roll
- 65. Alkaline liquid

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# Goldie x 2 = 1

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wouldn't believe it, but one day here on this "farm" a mother cat from one of the nearby farms came by to visit & she was going to have kittens any day. In time she gave birth to one little, fluffy kitten - golden in color with white stripes on her face & down her belly, & just as loving & filled with warmth ... just like our (mine & my children's) two grandma Goldie's.

As time went by, this kitten grew & with much love, food, etc the mother cat left her little kitten with me for she knew I'm sure that I would take care of her so she never came back. Well, soon this little ball of fur grew & grew & one day she was with kittens (or so I thought) & she gave birth to an all orange-yellow kitten so I took care of it. We gave our mother cat the name of Goldie for she was such a loving, faithful, attentive cat that she epitomized our grandmothers: Goldie T. & Goldie M.

We are so thrilled to have her with us for I believe she is the incarnation of those two lovely women, & you may be thinking that we are "meowing up the wrong tree" or as the "cat's meow" will tell us, anything is possible as our cat, Goldie, takes care of us ... just like our grandmas did when they were alive.

Now our cat Goldie just knows when we need love & attention for she will climb up into our lap snuggle & cuddle us, purring softly, giving us her full attention, just like our Grandmas; Goldie and Goldie, and I know in my heart she and they are here with us giving their all & asking nothing in return. Just to give and give ... love. Also, we must not forget my former employer ... who really was the one who named "our" cat, "Goldie", for he knew how close we all had been to our "Goldie's"; my kid's grandmother, & my step mother. So there ...now you see why we are all involved to some extent in the life of our cat Goldie.

# A WORLD OF WONDERS

by Monica Bradley

What is love exactly? An emotion? A feeling? A force to be reckoned with? A hurricane that sweeps you off your feet and throws you into dangerous, white-water rapids? Or, is love kindness, gentleness, and caring? Love is all those things.

Think about your first crush, the heart-pounding, overwhelming swell of emotion. You couldn't eat, you couldn't sleep, you wondered what your future held and if you'd make it through the next minute. Did you marry that person? Probably not.

It's February and almost Valentine's Day--a whole holiday devoted to love! Restaurants are busy, jewelers display their best diamonds, candy shops overflow with rivers of chocolate, and the fourth graders at Meadowview Elementary are busy designing their Valentine boxes. Using whatever they can find: cardboard, scraps from Dad's wood shop, or fabric and lace from Mom's sewing basket, students put together amazing and clever mailboxes.

A tiny, hand-sewn quilt, two fluffy pillows, and a pink dust ruffle decorate a miniature bed--just lift the covers

## Love: A Definition

What about the first time a baby clutched your finger in his tiny fist? Did you feel that singular rush of emotion, the protectiveness, the awe, the sheer power of love?

And, puppies--warm puppy breath, nippy little teeth, tails wagging, clumsy feet and plump little bodies climbing up into your lap, trying to lick your face--how can you not love a puppy!

But, love is more. Love is sacrifice. Love is putting others above yourself. Love is tenderness, drying a child's tears, helping your

grandmother with her coat, comforting an old friend.

We say we "love" this or that all the time--chocolate, free parking, good shoes, summer days, best friends--and we mean it because it's true. Love is the highest form of appreciation and understanding, an acknowledgment of the many blessings in our lives.

Love is in the air and all around us, like dandelion fluff floating on a summer breeze, and it's up to us to catch it!

## February Thoughts

and insert Valentine! Tin-foil wheels and green paint transform a cracker box into a John Deere tractor. A recycled oatmeal canister becomes a silo on a model farm with real wood fences, while an oversized Happy Meal with foam fries looks good enough to eat! A football, a soccer ball, and a basketball hoop all catch heart-felt Valentines. How do they do that with cardboard, tape and a little paint?

On Valentine's Day, the boxes are bursting. Laughter gurgles through the classroom as sticky hands pry open little, white envelopes. Fruit punch splashes

the table and pink-frosted sugar cookies disappear like magic. New candy bracelets, bright red suckers, and small, chalky hearts printed with silly sayings lay scattered on each desk. The candy is soon gone, but the affection lingers.

Outside, winter hangs on. Snow drifts snuggle alongside the building and racks of icicles hang from the eaves. The golden sunrise sparkles on the snow, and the sunset paints the sky pastel pink and turns the long shadows purple. The days are cold, but not for long!



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- Avoid excessive alcohol consumption.
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- Consume fiber-rich whole grains.
- Stick with lean meat, fish or skinless chicken.
- Opt for low-fat dairy products.
- Broil, bake, grill, steam or poach whenever possible.
- Avoid processed and pre-packaged foods that are often high in trans fats, sodium and added sugars.
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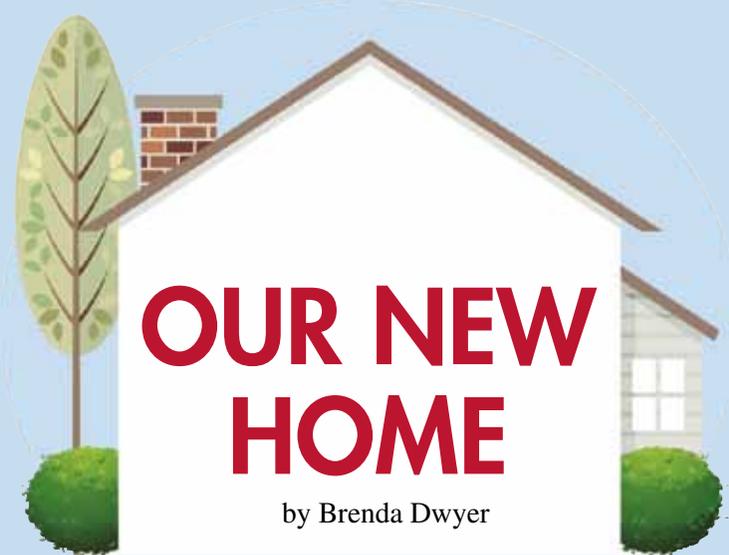
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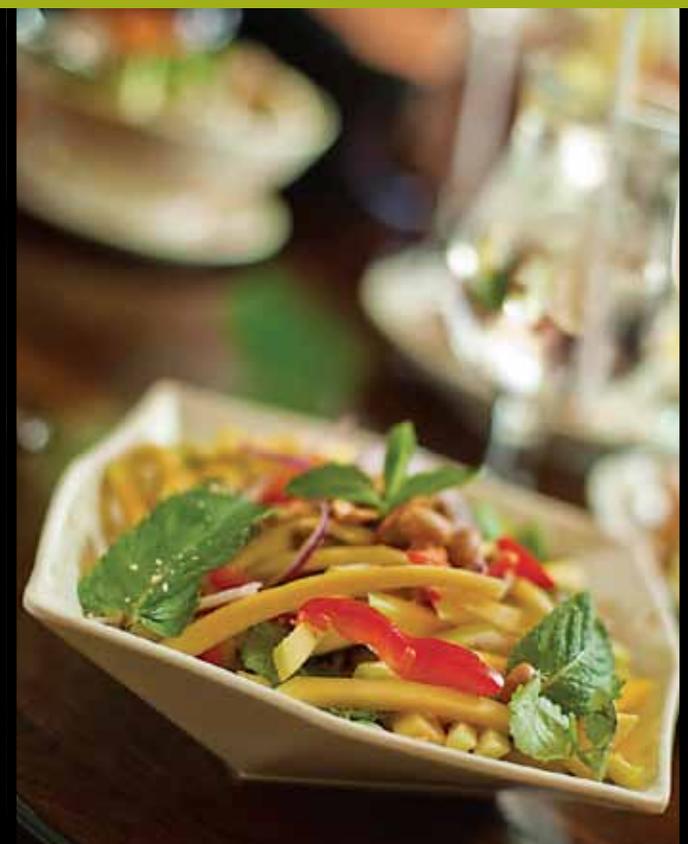
by Brenda Dwyer

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For more information, contact Bernice Simms, Chairman, at 264-7264. Website: [www.elkharthumanesociety.org](http://www.elkharthumanesociety.org)

### Event: Adopt-A-Pet Adoption Event

Sponsored by: The Humane Society of Elkhart County

Date/Time: Saturday, February 12, 11 - 2 pm  
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For more information call: The Humane Shelter at 848-4225  
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