

Las Palmas Grand Residents' Association

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Residents' Association Meetings

CLUBHOUSE BALL ROOM

MAR 7, 2024, 9:30

APR 4, 2024, 9:30

MAY 2, 2024, 9:30

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Recycling for year 2023

For the year 2023, Las Palmas Grand residents collected 1,325 pounds of aluminum and 2,827 pounds of plastic. That came to a total of \$1,374.30 for the Resident's Association. That was a lot to keep out of the trash, and it gave LPGRA a nice amount of income. For 2023 LPGRA donated \$500.00 to Sunshine Acres; in turn they sent us a nice thank you note of appreciation. Way to go residents!!

Let Me Introduce a Friend of Mine

I want to give a huge shout out to Jim Clerkin for his behind-the-scenes contributions to our community.



Jim Clerkin

Jim, a US Army veteran, and member of American Legion Chapter 27, serves on a Color Guard Team performing for both ceremonial events and funerals. His team will be called upon multiple times each week to perform these services. In fact, Jim's team has posted colors at LPG for numerous Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies.

Additionally, many of our LPG residents have been the recipients of Jim's goodwill, especially those who display an outdoor

American flag. Jim frequently asks the community to identify flags that are weathered or torn and need replacement. If so, Jim offers to remove the flag and dispose of it properly through his Legion's formal flag disposal ceremony.

Also, Jim has been vigilant in supporting the LPG Residents Association recycling initiative serving as a volunteer on the Recycling Team. You may often see him during the week at the recycle bins bagging plastic and aluminum products and loading them onto his truck for transport to a local recycling center. Proceeds from the recycling program are donated to a charitable organization each year.

Jim, thank you for your valuable services to our community. We sincerely appreciate your initiative in supporting our residents.

Submitted by Dick Nations

NOTE: If you know of someone that you think should be recognized for their contribution to the community, contact Sue Smith suesmithpc@yahoo.com.



GROUND HOG DAY



Did you know:

Groundhog Day is observed every February 2 in the United States. It's a day for the world-famous Punxsutawney Phil and other groundhogs (a.k.a. woodchucks) to emerge from their hallowed holes nationwide to scope out their shadow and decide whether spring is on the horizon or if we're getting six more weeks of winter. It's one of the United States's oldest traditions,

The first official Groundhog Day celebration took place on February 2, 1887, in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The annual ritual has roots in pre-Christian traditions and was brought to the U.S. by German immigrants.

Groundhog Day weather predictions were censored during World War II.

Punxsutawney Phil is named after King Philip (we just don't know which one).

Despite the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club proudly proclaiming that Phil gets the weather right "100 percent of the time," he's generally pretty awful about knowing whether winter is sticking around or not. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Phil has only been right 40 percent of the time between 2011 and 2021.

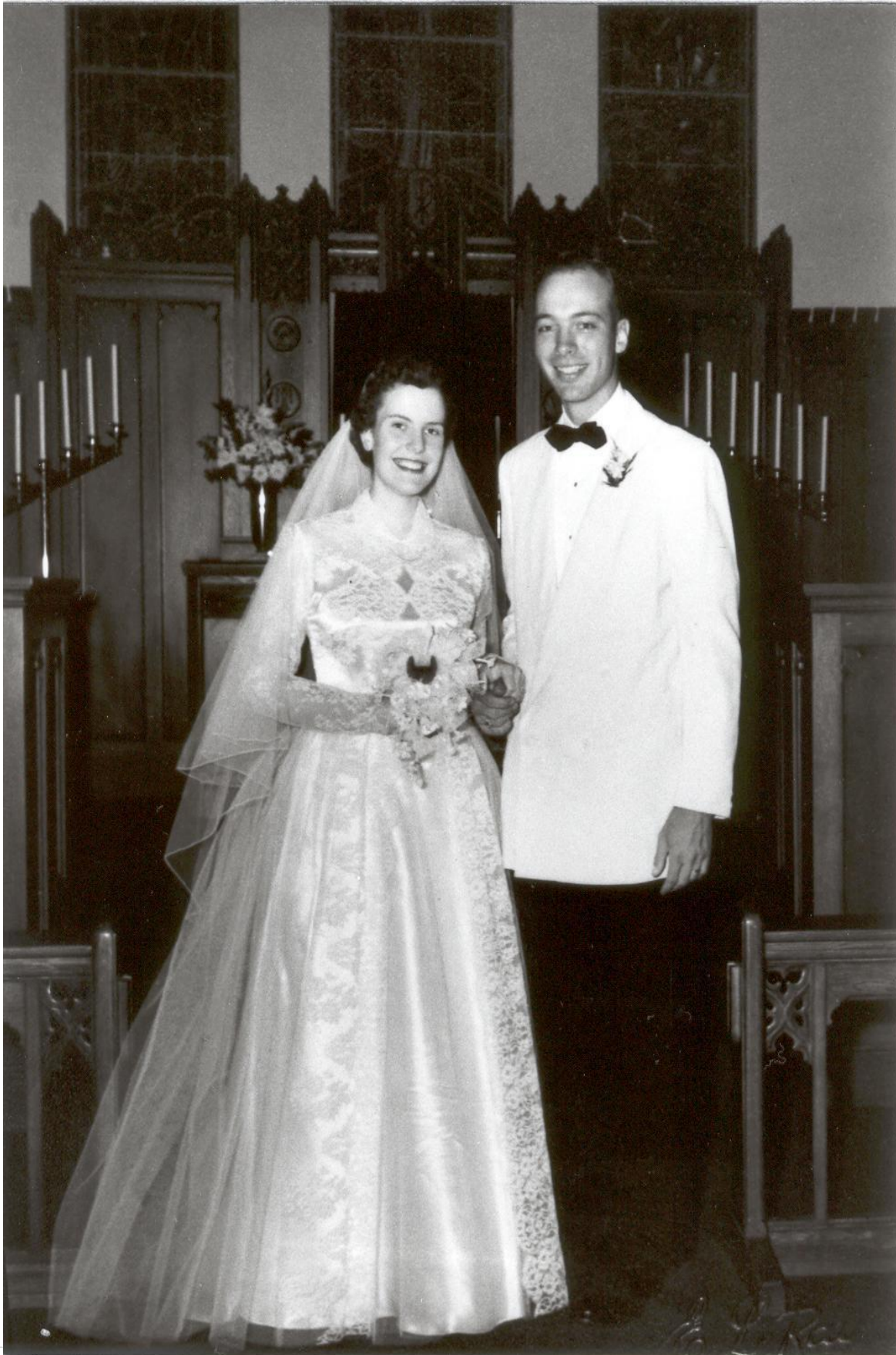
Up until the Murray-MacDowell movie, Ground Hog Day, a few thousand people would trek to Gobbler's Knob to partake in the festivities, but that number grew to the dozens of thousands after it hit theaters. Upwards of 40,000 people now travel to where Phil the Weatherman and Phil the Groundhog faced off in an existential battle of wills. That's about eight times the population of Punxsutawney itself.

Few animals are as dedicated to hibernating as groundhogs. Known as "true hibernators," they snooze from late fall to late winter or early spring, which can mean up to as many as six months of deep sleep, depending on their climate. During this time, their body temperatures can drop below 68 degrees Fahrenheit, and their heart rates slow from 80 beats per minute to just five.

Note from the Editor

For our Valentine's edition of the LPGRA Observer, individuals have submitted their wedding picture. Names and dates have been omitted but can be found on page 24.



















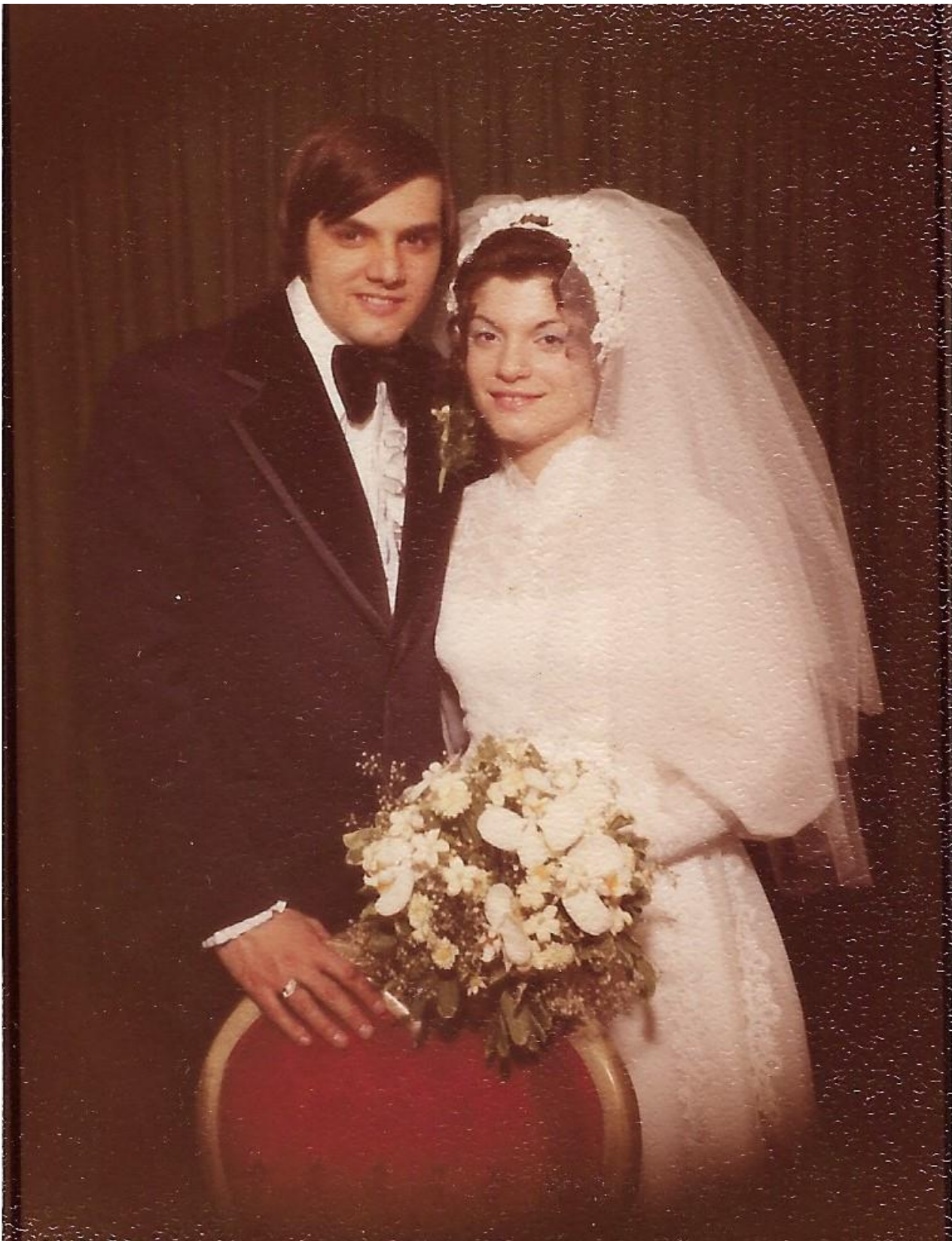


















What Is Love?

- * Love is blind
- * Love is being alone, but never lonely
- * And the infamous – Love is never having to say you're sorry.

Here are some signs that you might be in love:

1. You can be yourself
2. You're willing to put in the effort
3. You're disinterested in other people
4. You prioritize their needs
5. You want to learn about their interests
6. You're grateful for them
7. You have fun with them no matter what you're doing
8. Disagreements don't make your feelings waiver
9. It's easy to plan for the future with them
10. Talking with them is easy

Now here are some children's views on what love is:

1. "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So, my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Rebecca age 8

2. "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." Terri Age 4

3. "Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."

Noelle Age 7

4. "Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well." Tommy Age 6

5. "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." Chris Age 7

6. "You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But, if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

Jessica Age 8

7. "If you want to learn to love better, you should start with someone you hate."

Nikka Age 6

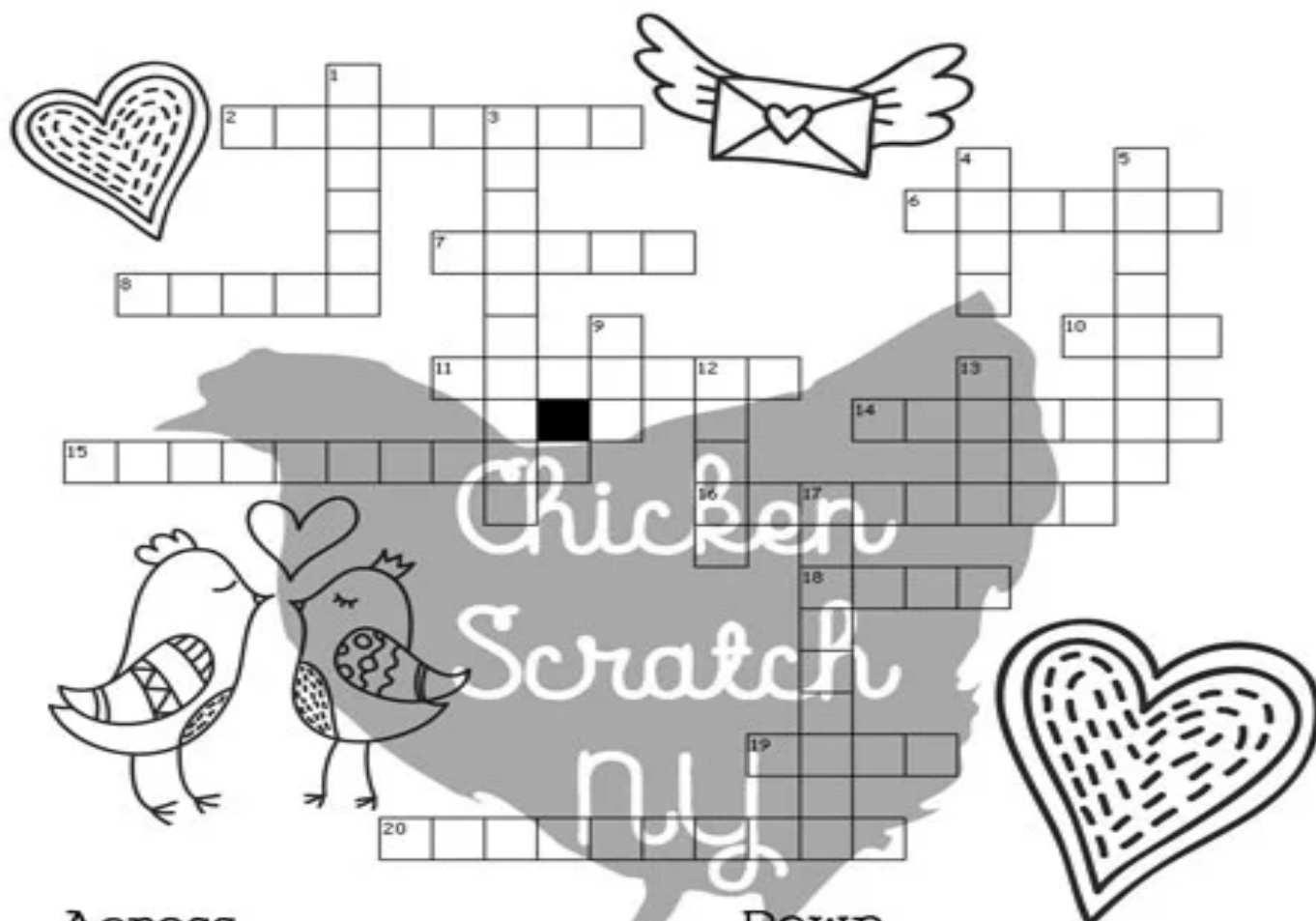
8. "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know your name is safe in their mouth."

Billy Age 4

After much research on Google and Facebook, these are some of the things about "Love" that I came up with. I discovered that although I have been married and divorced three times, I have never really been "in love". My mother was a believer in love. She got married for the last time when she was 80 years old to a wonderful man who loved her and cared for her until she died at 91. To mom, true love was visiting each other in the hospital whenever the other one was a patient so that when they woke up, the first face they saw was someone who loved them.

Submitted by Diana Cline





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Names and Dates of Bridal Pictures Pages 4-21

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Page 5 **Bud and Betty Rolley**
June 5, 1954

Page 6 **Rick and Irene Wurster**
July 31, 1976

Page 7 **Bryan and Beverly Robbins**
November 22, 1986

Page 8 **Joe and Peggy Marcone**
April 27, 2002

Page 9 **John and Jeanette Bryant**
May 16, 1959

Page 10 **Phil and Patsy Luther**
August 14, 1987

Page 11 **Jack and Cheryl Jorban**
November 6, 1976

Page 12 **Norlynn and Charlene Norsby**
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Page 13 **Les and Jan Jones**
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Page 14 **Larry and Sue Smith**
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February 5, 1972

Page 21 **Rip and Sherri Davis**
September 24, 1993

----- Upside-down Baked Nut Pudding Brownie An oldie from MeMaw's Kitchen

1 cup flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp salt
3/4 cup sugar
3 Tbsp Cocoa Powder
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup milk
2 Tbsp vegetable oil
1/2 cup walnuts (coarsely chopped)
1 1/4 cup light brown sugar
1/4 cup Cocoa Powder
2 cups hot water
Mix first 5 dry ingredients together in a mixing bowl.

Add vanilla to the milk and add together with the oil and walnuts to the dry ingredients in the mixing bowl. Stir until blended.

Spread in an 8 x 8 x 2 pan.

Mix the brown sugar and 1/4 cup Cocoa powder and sprinkle mixture over the batter.

Pour hot water over the top.

Bake for 40-45 minutes at 350 degrees.

Submitted by Peggy Marcone

8. Cards

10. Hugs

11. Jewelry

14. Flowers

15. Sweetheart

16. Envelope

18. Love

19. Kiss

20. Chocolates

5. February

9. Red

12. Roses

13. XOXO

17. Valentine



Upside-down Baked Nut Pudding Brownie

Answers to Crossword Puzzle on Page 23

Across

2. Proposal

6. Dinner

7. Dance

Down

1. Movies

3. Strawberry

4. Pink

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May 15, 2024

**Deadline for articles
is May 1st**

**Don't like to write, call
me, and tell me your
story, joke,
recipe or activity.**

**It takes a community
to make a newsletter!**

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