

The Manorette

May 2025



Thank you!

Sandy Budd-Outside Decorations

Bill Huntington-Nebraska Magazines

Muffy Forney-Paper Plates for decorations

Michelle Shelton-Jewelry for Bingo

Betty Sanchez-Hair clips for Bingo

The Johnson's-Books

United Methodist Church-Palms

Carol Krotz-Palms

June Bisby Family-Books

Activities News

Happy May! How can we be at May already! This month we will celebrate Cinco de Mayo on the 5th it will be a lunchtime celebration. Then on May 7th we will be having a special Mother's Day Fashion Show! Memorial Day is on the 26th and we have a birthday that day. We have 3 birthdays this month all at the end of the month so then we will eat cake haha!

We are hoping to do more outside if this darn wind would let up.!



Happy Birthday!

Please send a card to:

23-Sharon Toof

24-Ellen Kyser

26-David Lehman



May 11

A Mom-entous Occasion



Celebrated with great enthusiasm in the United States, Mother's Day falls on Sunday, May 11. And why shouldn't it be celebrated so enthusiastically? Where would we be without our mothers? The fact is we would not *be* at all.

Anna Jarvis is known as the mother of Mother's Day, for she so adored her mom that she campaigned for a holiday to celebrate all mothers. Jarvis herself never married nor had children, but this didn't stop her from lobbying those in power to set aside a day to honor mothers. By 1911, almost every state in America was celebrating Mother's Day, and on May 9, 1914, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day.

In the United Kingdom, a holiday honoring motherhood dates back much further than 1914. In the 1600s, the fourth Sunday of Lent was dedicated as Mothering Sunday. Church services were devoted to the Virgin Mary, and families were encouraged to attend services not at their local parish but to return to their larger "mother" church, or cathedral. Also, in a time when many servants worked in the homes of the rich away from their own families, these servants were allowed time to return home and visit their mothers. The tradition of Mothering Sunday largely died out in the 19th century, but when American servicemen flooded Europe during World War II—bringing their American Mother's Day holiday with them—Mothering Sunday became popular once again.

Whatever the month and whatever the country, many cultures have understood the importance of honoring motherhood. Whether you give the mothers in your life a carnation, a greeting card, or a special simnel cake loaded with fruit, what matters is thanking and honoring all mothers for the miraculous gift of birth.



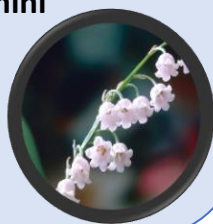
May Trivia

The Month of May. May is named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants.

Zodiac signs: **Taurus & Gemini**

Birthstone: **Emerald**

Flower: **Lily of the Valley**



Quote of the Day

*You are never too old
to set another goal
or to dream a new
dream.*

C.S. Lewis



Memorial Day: Honoring the Fallen



Memorial Day is a **U.S. federal holiday** observed on the **last Monday of May** to honor and remember the men and women of the military who **died in service to their country**. It is a solemn day of remembrance, not to be confused with Veterans Day, which honors all who have served.

The holiday originated after the Civil War and was originally known as **Decoration Day**, when Americans would decorate the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers and flags. Over time, it evolved into Memorial Day and now serves as a moment to reflect on the sacrifices made by military personnel throughout American history.

Across the nation, communities hold **parades, ceremonies, and moments of silence**. Flags are flown at half-staff until noon, and many people visit cemeteries to place flags or flowers on soldiers' graves. A national moment of remembrance takes place at **3:00 p.m. local time**.

While it also marks the unofficial start of summer—with barbecues, beach trips, and gatherings—Memorial Day's deeper purpose is to honor those who gave everything for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Many people ask, Is Memorial Day for all veterans who have passed or is it to remember those who died while serving their country?

Memorial Day specifically honors those who died while serving in the U.S. military—meaning they lost their lives in active duty or as a direct result of their service.

It's different from:

- **Veterans Day** (November 11), which honors **all** who have served in the military—living or deceased.
- **Armed Forces Day** (usually the third Saturday in May), which honors **those currently serving**.

So, while it's always okay to think of and appreciate all veterans on Memorial Day, the day is truly dedicated to remembering those who made the **ultimate sacrifice**.





Cinco de Mayo: More Than Just a Celebration



May 5

Cinco de Mayo, Spanish for "Fifth of May," marks the anniversary of a significant event in Mexican history: the Battle of Puebla in 1862. On this day, the Mexican army, under General Ignacio Zaragoza, achieved an unexpected victory over the powerful French forces. Though not a major military triumph in the broader scope of the war, the win became a symbol of resistance and national pride.

Contrary to popular belief, Cinco de Mayo is **not Mexico's Independence Day**—that's celebrated on September 16. In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is primarily observed in the state of Puebla with parades, reenactments, and cultural events. Elsewhere in the country, the day is relatively low-key.

However, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a widespread celebration of **Mexican-American culture** and heritage. It's marked with festive events, traditional music and dance, and, of course, delicious Mexican food. From community festivals to classroom activities, the day offers a fun and educational way to appreciate the rich traditions of Mexico.

Beyond the parties and colorful decorations, Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder of the power of resilience and the importance of cultural identity.



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Do you know who I am?

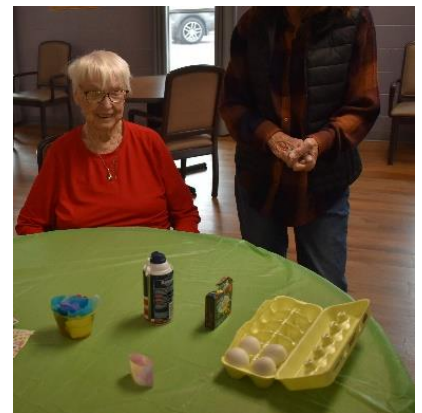


One day a famous old celebrity went to a nursing home to see all of his friends again and see how everyone was doing. When he got there he was immediately greeted by everyone because they recognized him instantly. He said hi to all of his friends warmly, but then noticed one man didn't say anything to him, or even give him a glance.

This was puzzling. Didn't the man know who he was? Surely he'd seen some of his movies or his TV show! He finally decided to talk to the man.

The celebrity went up to the old man and stood in front of him, asking, "Do you know who I am?"

The old man looked at him, and quickly "No, but you can go to the front desk and they'll tell you."



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