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President's Message:

Mother's Day May 11, 2025. The celebration of mothers and their bond with her children. A special love that is unique to the mother/child relationship. Some children seem to want to test that bond, or so I have heard. On this day we can remember mothers that have passed and rejoice with those that are still with us.

Maternal relationships are dynamic as we and our parents age. Quite often it is the children that have to become the caregivers, a circumstance I know many have experienced. Some of us are at or close to the age that we will require that support from our children. I also know the underlying factor that facilitates these difficult times and decisions is love.

That might sound like a platitude; however, that does not mean it is not true. Love can and does take many forms, sometimes difficult to express when confronting stubborn independence or a mental condition like Alzheimer's or dementia. Whatever situation you are in, just try to keep the love and it will be as it should. Now for a little humor....

Mom you know the worst of me,
My weaknesses and follies,
I know you've seen me poop my pants
and cut the heads off dollies.
You know all my most embarrassing moments,
You know that I'm a nut,
So what can I do to repay your love.....
and make sure you keep your mouth shut!?

—Holly Giffer

May

Texas Historical May Events

1690-May - First East Texas mission under construction, San Francisco de los Tejas, near present-day Weches, Houston Co. The mission is closed in 1693

1718-May 1 - San Antonio de Valero mission, known as the Alamo was the chapel, is founded in San Antonio.

1836-May 14 - Santa Anna and Texas' provisional president David Burnet sign two Treaties of Velasco - one public, the other secret - ending the Texas Revolution. The treaties were, however, violated by both sides. Texas' independence was not recognized by Mexico and Texas' boundary was not determined until the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican War, was signed in 1848.

1846-May 8 - Battle of Palo Alto near Brownsville is first major battle of the two-year Mexican War.

1871-May - Seven men in a wagon train are massacred at Salt Creek, about 20 miles west of Jacksboro, by Kiowas and Comanches led by chiefs Satanta, Big Tree, Satank and Eagle Heart.

1888-May 16 - Present state capitol is dedicated.

1953-May 11 - The integrated circuit, developed by Jack Kilby at Texas Instruments in Dallas, was successfully tested, ushering in the semiconductor and electronics age.

National Historical May Events

1607-May 14— Jamestown, Virginia was established.

1932-May 20-Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

1844-May 24-Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message, which was "What hath God wrought?". He sent it from Washington, D.C. to Baltimore.

1886-May 4-The Haymarket Square Riot occurred in Chicago after 180 police officers advanced on 1,300 persons gathered in the square listening to speeches of labor activists and anarchists.

1881-May 21-The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton

World Historical May Events

1821-May 5 - French military leader, Napoleon Bonaparte, died in exile on the remote British island of St Helena at the age of 51.

1915-May 7 - British passenger ship *Lusitania* was attacked and torpedoed by a German submarine off the Irish coast, six days after leaving New York for Liverpool

1429-May 8 - During the Hundred Years' War, 17-year-old French warrior maiden, Joan of Arc, led French forces to victory, relieving the city of Orleans which had been besieged by the English since October.

1796-May 14-The first smallpox vaccine was developed by Dr. Edward Jenner, an English physician.

The text in this newsletter [that looks like this](#) is a hyperlink to a web page for additional information.

Office Hours: Monday & Wednesday 8am-2pm Tuesday & Thursday 12pm-4pm. Ph. 830-257-2442

Vicksburg Village Website: Please visit our website at vicksburgvillage.net We are very happy with everything that Dean Seals has done for us and appreciate all his work. You will find lots of helpful tools on the site, such as architectural control committee request forms and much more! If you have any suggestions for new content, please let us know. We want to make this website a useful tool for all our residents.

Bunco Group: Third Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in joining the group or would like to substitute, please call Mell Whiting (443-243-6934). We are always in need of permanent players and substitutes.

Artist of the month: There is a signup sheet on the credenza for the “Artist of the month.” We enjoy seeing the artistic talents of our residents. The artists this month is Putt Shaw.

Wall Hanging of the month: Each month, a member of the Quilt Bee provides a wall for the Clubhouse. Stop by and enjoy this month’s wall hanging by Gail Johnson. If you are a quilter, we encourage you to show your quilting. Call Gwen Myers 830-832-8472 to add your name to the list on the credenza and include it in the monthly Newsletter. Join us at the Quilt Bee on 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1:00 in the Clubhouse. All levels of quilting skills are welcome.



George's Korner – Jeopardy Style (Questions on last page)

State Zip Codes

1. Beginning with 99801, its zip codes are the highest of the state capital's.

Historic Trails

2. In Boston follow this trail to see the Old State House and the Old North Church.
3. You can still see the wheel ruts along this 2,000-mile-long route used by pioneers heading west to the Willamette Valley

Literary Inspirations

4. Daniel Boone was a basis for this character in *Leatherstocking Tales* by James Fenimore Cooper.
5. In Psycho by Robert Bloch, convicted serial killer Ed Gein served as the basis for this character.

WANTED

NOVICE OR EXPERIENCED



EUCHRE PLAYERS

THURSDAY HIGH NOON

VICKSBURG VILLAGE SALOON (SAME AS VVCH)

WE TRAIN SO NO EXCUSES.

COME AND ENJOY A CHALLENGE

MUCH LAUGHTER EVERY WEEK.

CALL SHARON NOLE 214-929-0018

TO BECOME A PLAYER

May 2025

May 1: National May Day

May 2: National Truffle Day

May 3: National Paranormal Day

May 4: National Star Wars Day

May 8: National Coconut Cream Pie Day

May 9: National Moscato Day

May 11: Mother's Day

May 12: National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

May 13: National Frog Jumping Day



May 15: National Nylon Stocking Day

May 16: National Mimosa Day

May 19: National Devil's Food Cake Day

May 20: National Rescue Dog Day

May 23: National Taffy Day

May 24: National Escargot Day

May 26: National Cellophane Tape Day

May 28: National Brisket Day

May 30: National Smile Day



Every Thursday evening at 5 pm, the Widows (and single ladies) of Vicksburg meet at different restaurants in town for a lovely dinner. Great way to meet your neighbors, and not have to cook, and eat alone!

For more information contact Mary Ellen Terry

Volunteer Request

Would anyone like to be responsible for monitoring when flags should be at half mast and

be willing to lower and raise them when appropriate?

If so please let me (Tom Johnson) or Leah know.

COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

CLUBHOUSE DECORATING COMMITTEE:

Please enjoy our Tea Party theme! The tables and back window ledge have heirloom china as decorations. Please Do Not Touch or move anything. If something needs to be moved, please contact Sharon Preston. Enjoy!



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE:

New roofing doesn't need a written request UNLESS they are thinking about a non-neutral color or some product other than regular asphalt shingles.

COMMON AREA AND GARDENING COMMITTEE:

As the saying goes: "A stitch in time saves nine...."

Well, This stitch was not in time!

Neighborhood sign cleaning is revealing damage that would not have happened should we have gotten to it sooner!

Vicksburg Village Sign cleaning and rehab efforts will continue through May.

Anyone who would like to help, please reach out to Kim Marks!

Cinco de Mayo: Fiesta Fun!

BY ROSE DAVIDSON

From <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/cinco-de-mayo>

You might hear about Cinco de Mayo parties. But even though celebrations of Cinco de Mayo (which translates to the Fifth of May) originated in Mexico, the day is more popular in the United States!

So what does Cinco de Mayo celebrate? On the morning of May 5, 1862, 6,000 French troops stormed the Mexican city of Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza to bring it under French rule. The Mexican soldiers were outnumbered, but they fiercely fought back. By early evening, the French had retreated.

Now the people of Puebla, Mexico, observe the holiday Cinco de Mayo to celebrate this victory. The holiday is also widely celebrated in the United States. Americans use the celebration to honor the battle as well as Mexican culture.



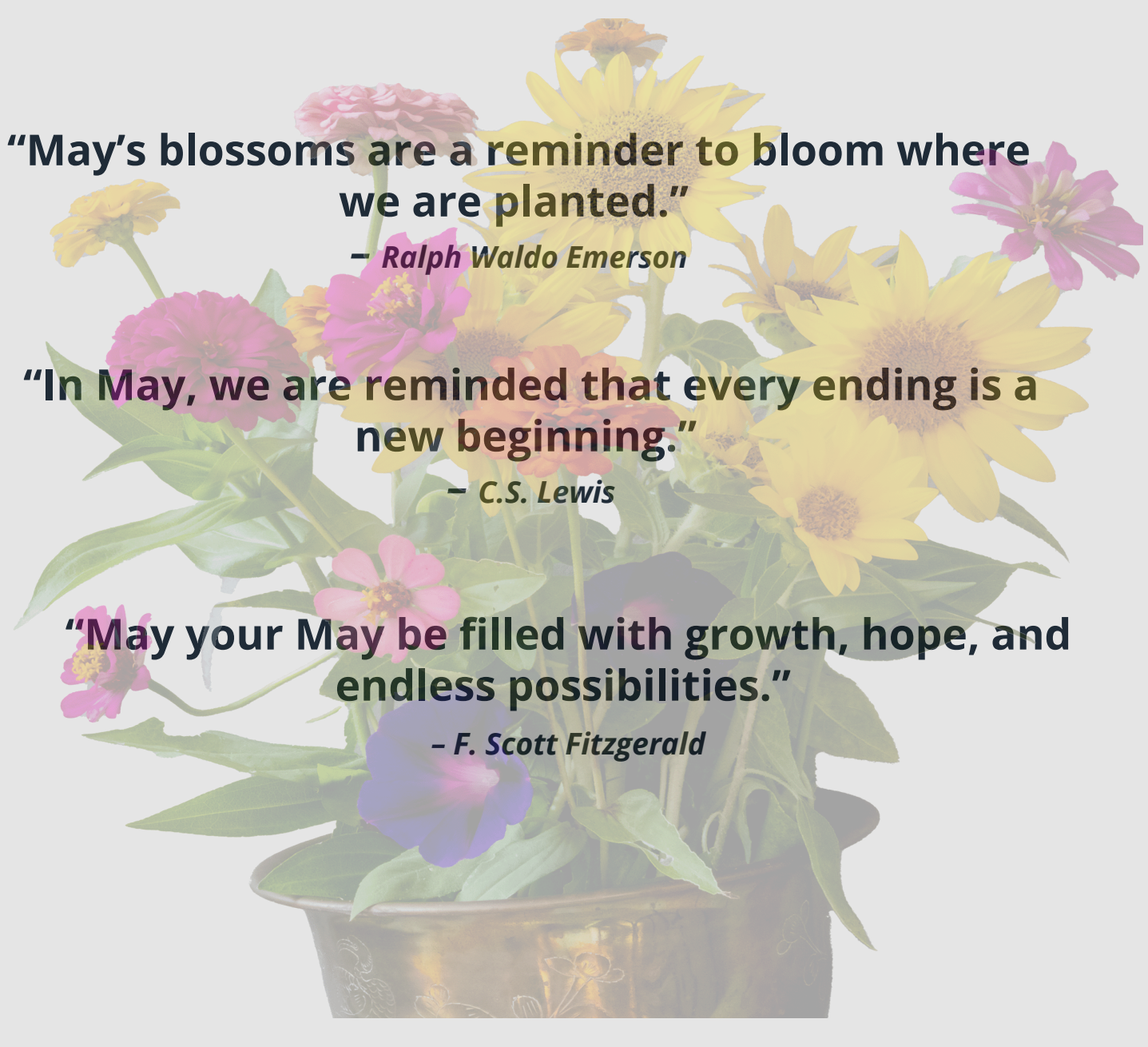
In the United States, people attend parades with colorfully dressed dancers, listen to lively Mexican folk music called mariachi, and eat millions of avocados in traditional eats such as guacamole. Washington, D.C., even holds the Running of the Chihuahuas, where Chihuahuas (a breed that originated in Mexico) race each other for fun. Cinco de Mayo might be celebrated on the fifth day of May, but it gets a ten on the fun scale.

Activities

Event	Day	Time	Contact
Bunco	3rd Wednesday	6:30PM	Mell Whiting 443-243-6934
Canasta- Pennies from Heaven	Friday	1:00PM	Gloria Valentine 830-955-5267
Canasta–Pennies from Heaven	Thursday	1:00PM	Carolyn Brooks 830-955-5408
Happy Hour	Friday	5:00PM	Putt Shaw 830-285-8110
Mahjong	Tuesday, Sunday	2:00PM	Carolyn Wilkinson 210-422-7821
Men's Coffee	M, T, Th, F	8:30AM	Mike Michalec 830-739-8640
Poker Night	Every Other Tuesday	5:00PM	Barney "B.B." Mays 830-955-9012
Quilt Bee	1st and 3rd Monday	1:00PM	Gwen Myers 830-832-8472
Nine-Ball Pool	Thursday	9:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Eight - Ball Pool	Friday	7:30AM	Steve Lehman 830-739-5990
Water Exercise	M, W, F	7:00AM	Betty Aronsen 830-896-2187
Water Exercise	T, Th, Sat	10:00AM	Mary Lou Bartels 830-257-8066
Wednesday Coffee	Wednesday	9-ish AM	Office 830-257-2442
Euchre	Thursday	12:00PM	Sharon Nole 214-929-0018
Clubhouse Cleaning	Monday	2:00-5:00 PM	

Committees

Architectural Control	Bereavement	Budget & Finance	CC&Rs By Laws & Rules	Clubhouse Decorating	Common Area Gardening
Christine Klima	Annie Snellgrove	Sitting President Sitting Treasurer	Sitting President	Sharon Preston	Kim Marks
Cynthia Wallace	Susan Jansen	Kim Marks	Kim Marks	Anne Snellgrove	Cindy Wallace
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Gary Williams	Sherrill Hutson			Cindy Seals	
Sharon Nole	Mary Staudt			Mary Staudt	
Dean Reynolds	Babs Morgan				
	Carolyn Brooks				
	Clubhouse Maintenance & Supplies	Elections	General Maintenance	Welcome	Technology
	Dean Seals	Mary Ellen Terry	Tom Johnson	Laurie Sheets	Tom Johnosn
	Tom Johnson	Betty Aronsen	Tim Sheets	Kandi Stimson	Steve Lehman
		Mell Whiting		Mary Flett	Dean Seals
		George Scheirton			
		Putt Shaw			
		Bonnie Flory			
		Sharon Nole			
		Anne Snellgrove			



"May's blossoms are a reminder to bloom where we are planted."

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

"In May, we are reminded that every ending is a new beginning."

– C.S. Lewis

"May your May be filled with growth, hope, and endless possibilities."

– F. Scott Fitzgerald

Board of Directors

Tom Johnson: President

Tim Sheets: Vice -President

Secretary: Jan Parten

Treasurer: Cindy Breen

Gwen Myers: At Large

Larry Stamps: At Large

Dean Seals: At Large

Questions

1. What is Juneau?
2. What is Freedom Trail?
3. What is the Oregon Trail?
4. Who is Natty Bumppo?
5. Who is Norman Bates