



HARMONY PLACE
NEWS LETTER
MAY 2021

Cinco de Mayo

(with pickles and onion, hold the French's)

Many people think Cinco de Mayo (My-O) is Mexico's Independence Day, but it isn't. The holiday of Cinco de Mayo, or *The Fifth of May* celebrates the day Mexican forces defeated French forces in the Battle of Puebla in 1862. Mexico had already won its independence from Spain in 1821, but now France was trying to take over. 4,500 Mexican fighters defeated 6,500 French fighters in the tiny town of Puebla, Mexico. The battle did not end the war, but it became a symbol of unity for the Mexican people. Cinco de Mayo is now celebrated in the United States as well as Mexico.



The Mexican flag has three bands in green, white and red, with the Mexican Coat of Arms in the center of the white band. The green band stands for hope. White stands for purity. The red band stands for the blood of the national heroes that gave Mexico its independence. The Mexican Coat of Arms is taken from an Aztec legend which tells the way in which the Aztecs chose the site where they built their capital city. The gods had told the Aztecs that the place where they should start their city was where they saw an eagle on a prickly pear tree eating a snake.

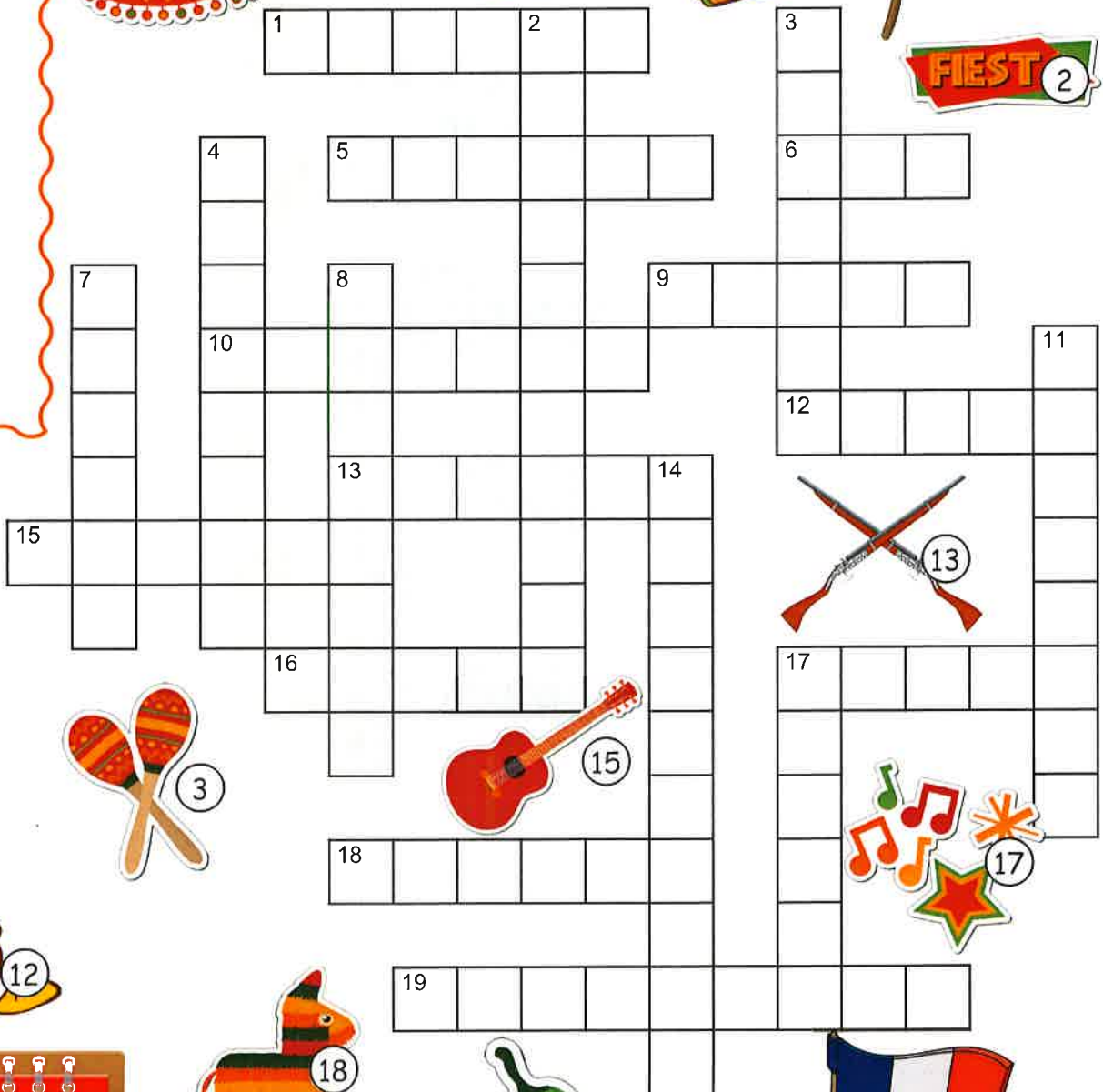
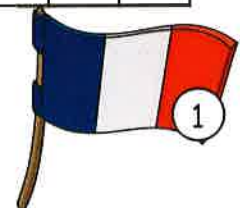
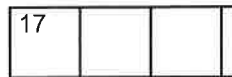
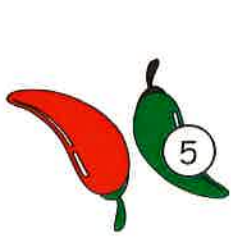
The Aztecs were an ancient people that once lived where Mexico is now. There they built a great civilization including cities, pyramids, and temples. In 1519, Spanish conquistadors arrived in Mexico and defeated the Aztecs.

Cinco de Mayo

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the puzzle, using the pictures as clues.

WORD BANK

Battle
Cactus
Celebration
Chiles
Enchiladas
Flowers
France
Green
Guacamole
Guitar
Maracas
Mariachi
MayFifth
Mexico
Music
Pinata
Red
Salsa
Sombrero
Tacos



Mother's Day Trivia

1. When was the first Mother's Day observed?
2. Where was the first Mothers Day celebrated?
3. Who is credited with founding Mother's Day?
4. T/F: The founder of Mother's Day filed a lawsuit in an effort to stop the over-commercialisation of the holiday.
5. What flower symbolizes Mothers Day
6. When is Mother's Day celebrated?
7. T/F: Mother's Day is the third most popular holiday.
8. About how many phone calls are made on Mother's Day in the United States?
9. What was the first state to issue a proclamation for a day honoring mothers?
10. When was Mother's Day officially declared?

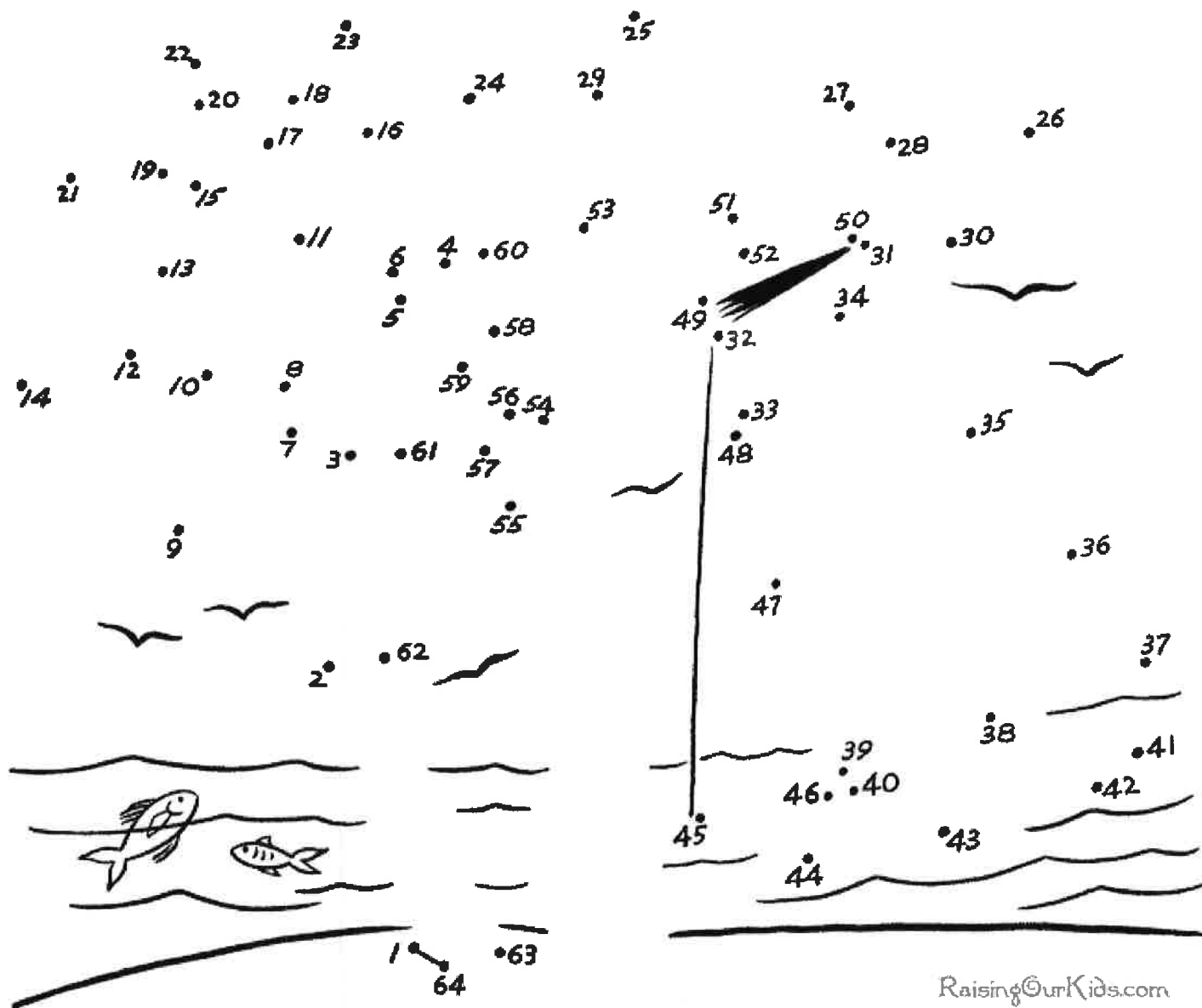
ANSWERS: (1) May 10, 1908 (2) Church (3) Anna Jarvis (4) True (5) Carnation (6) The second Sunday of May (7) True (8) 1.22 million (9) West Virginia (10) May 8, 1914



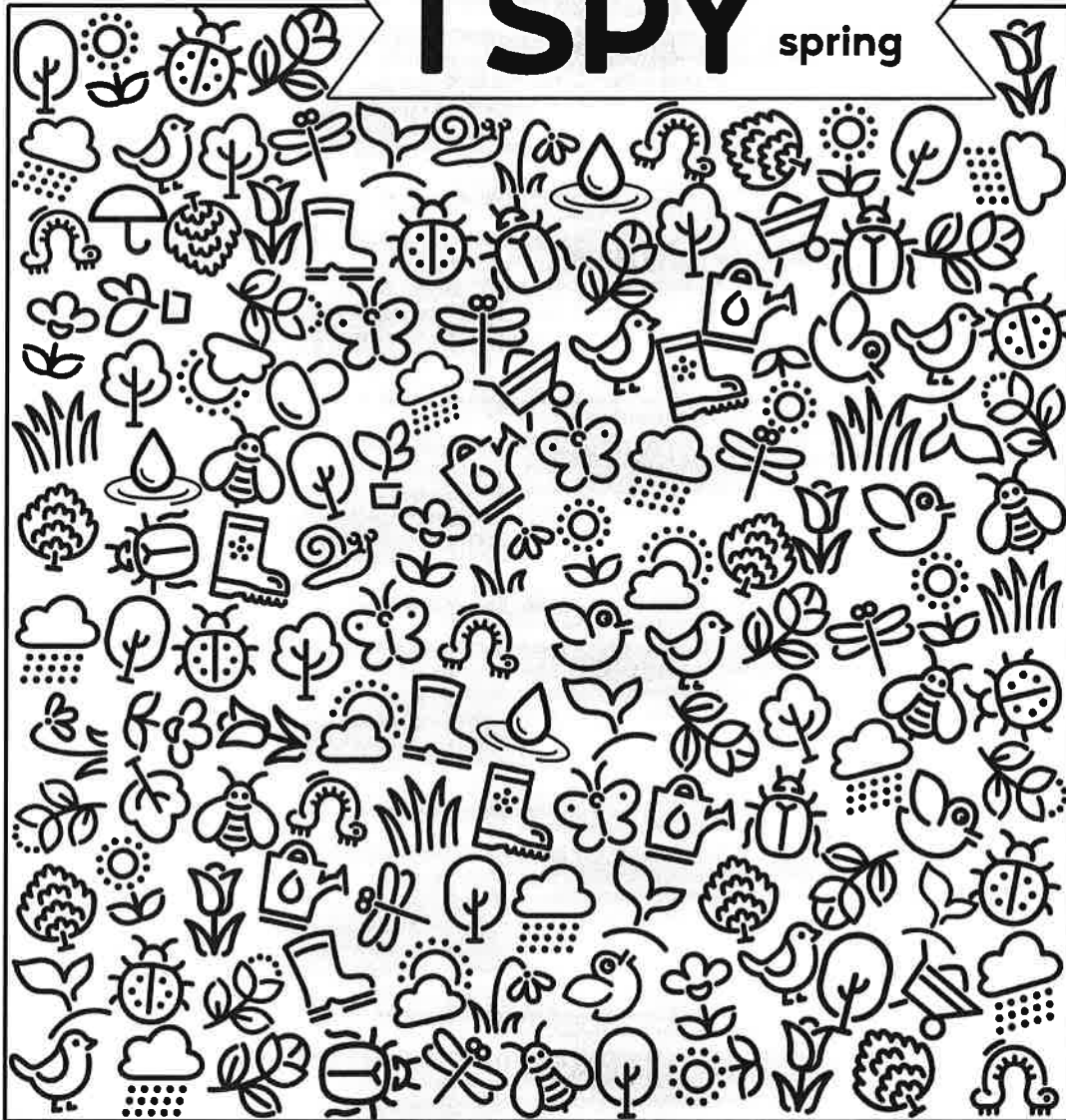
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!

John Fay - May 10th

Bob Ihns - May 29th



I SPY spring



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1		6		7		1		3		6		7		4		7		5	
3		3		4		6		2		7		5		9		6		3	

Baseball Word Scramble

Unscramble the words, then use the highlighted letters to form the phrase below. Watch out: the phrase is scrambled too!

pabsiltl



drlwo sierse



gvoel



ornegdru



aodidnm



lpbneul



dnmou



gtoudu



ttreab



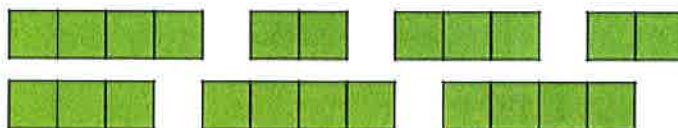
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lakw



mhoe nur



(Sung during the seventh inning.)



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pabsiltl

S P I T B A L L

drlwo sierse

W O R L D S E R I E S

gvoel

G L O V E

ornegdru

G R O U N D E R

aodidnm

D I A M O N D

lpbneul

B U L L P E N

dnmou

M O U N D

gtoudu

D U G O U T

ttreab

B A T T E R

allb

B A L L

lakw

W A L K

mhoe nur

H O M E R U N

T A K E M E O U T T O

T H E B A L L G A M E

(Sung during the seventh inning.)



Signs of Spring



This spring Peony is going on a field trip with her class to the state park. Her teacher gave the class a list of things to look for in the woods and meadows, but the words got all mixed up. Can you help Peony unscramble her list?

1. OFGR _ _ _ _
2. FEUYRBTLT _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. SRSGA _ _ _ _
4. ORMHTARWE _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
5. SNTGLHUI _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. UDB _ _ _
7. DDNLIAENO _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
8. ORELWF _ _ _ _ _ _
9. EBE _ _ _
10. GLBDYAU _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
11. OMLOB _ _ _ _ _
12. ERGEN _ _ _ _ _



The books in the Puzzle room as well as the books in the bookcase at the end of the hall in the sitting area upstairs are all for you to enjoy ! (There are three shelves of large print books in the puzzle room and one shelf of the large print in the book case at the end of the hall upstairs !)

STATE CAPITALS

Across

1. Montgomery
3. Charleston
6. Juneau
7. Bismark
12. Indianapolis
13. Jefferson City
14. Topeka
16. Honolulu
18. Salem
22. Boston
25. Denver
27. Helena
28. Salt Lake City
30. Raleigh
32. Santa Fe
35. Trenton
37. Carson City
40. Providence
42. Atlanta
43. Montpelier
44. Annapolis
45. Baton Rouge
46. Des Moines
47. Harrisburg

Down

1. Little Rock
2. Jackson
4. Austin
5. Lincoln
6. Phoenix
8. Nashville
9. Cheyenne
10. Oklahoma City
11. Lansing
15. Columbia
17. Madison
19. Concord
20. Columbus
21. Frankfort
23. Pierre
24. Tallahassee
26. Olympia
29. Hartford
31. Albany
33. St. Paul

34. Boise

36. Sacramento

38. Springfield

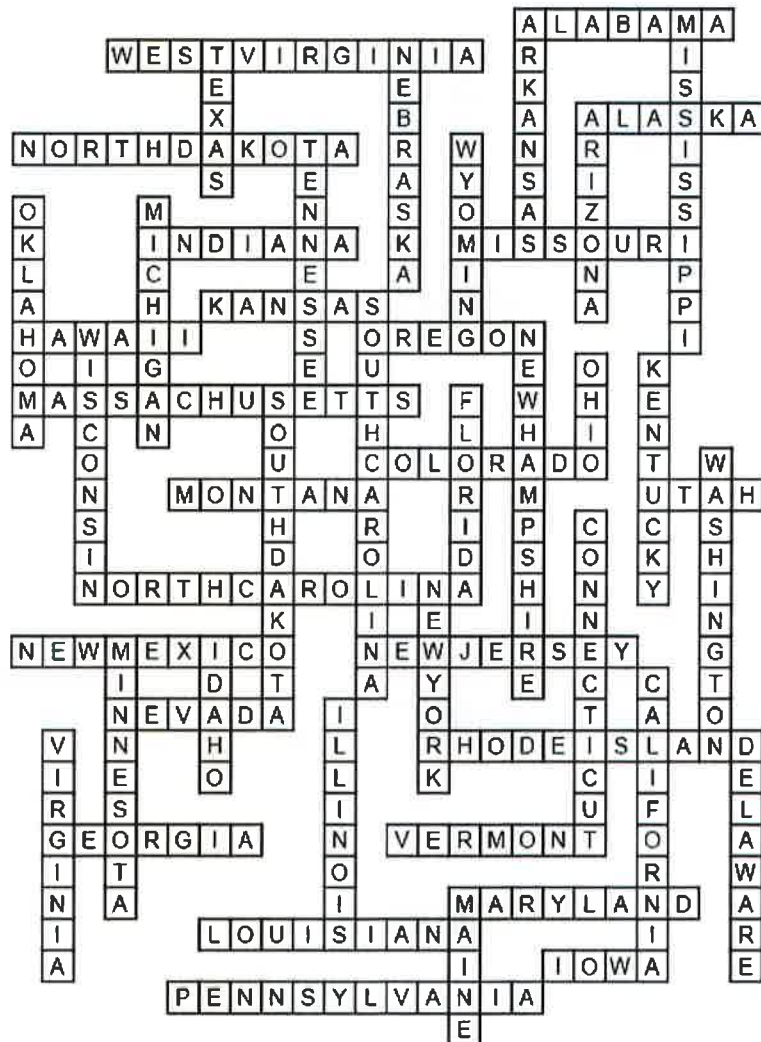
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41. Dover

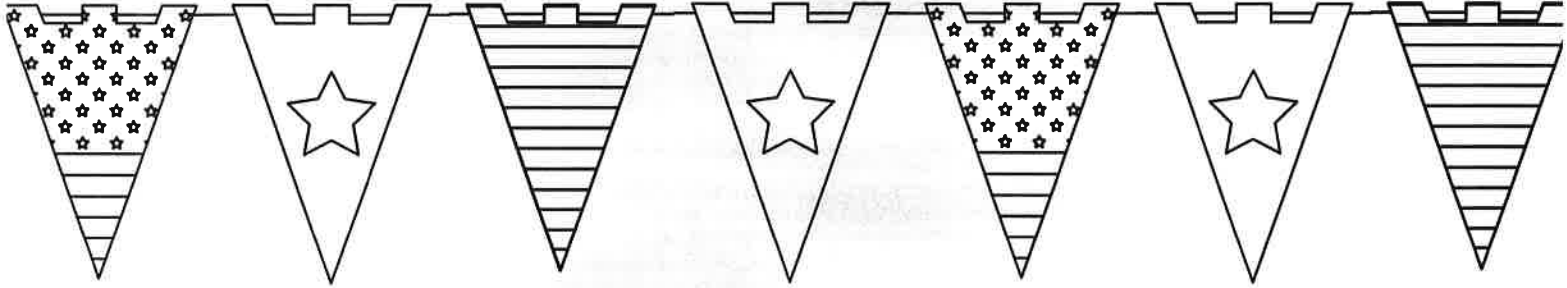
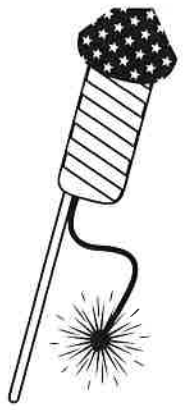
44. Augusta

STATE CAPITALS

SOLUTION



PATRIOTIC word search



I N D E P E N D E N C E C R W A F C O H
 B A F P L E G U N B S C E S T R I P E S
 S T A R S I N M Z B S X L I K B R B F A
 F I E H O M D S B F I O E E H M E O G C
 U O L N C E D F L S J L B D R O W F I R
 N N D P E V G I U C N F R E E D O M P I
 I F G P L E D G E Q M A A L D D R K W F
 O S A C V T C E H N I M T U G S K L U I
 S B A S E B A L L J L E N A H S E P C
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 N B P M X N N U B E H L P E O F L A G F
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 P A T R I O T I C H B H H T F R U F U U
 A B E N P O L K N G E F I A N T H E M N
 R D G G B B Y S I M R B N T Y H E Y M O
 A B F N R Y N N U D T Y H E G D D F E E
 D U U U A E I J U L Y D E S D P B Q R S
 E N D I V D M D Y N U M I L K I D U I V
 M B A M E R I C A K F W H I T E P A G B

AMERICA
 ANTHEM
 BASEBALL
 BLUE
 BRAVE
 CELEBRATE
 FIREWORKS
 FLAG
 FOURTH
 FREEDOM
 HOTDOGS
 INDEPENDENCE
 JULY
 LIBERTY
 NATION
 PARADE
 PATRIOTIC
 PIE
 PLEDGE
 RED
 SACRIFICE
 STARS
 STARSPANGLED
 STRIPES
 SUMMER
 UNITEDSTATES
 VETERANS
 WHITE



Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday which occurs on the last Monday in May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated to observe soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who had died while in the military services. It typically marks the start of the summer season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Word Bank



Monday

Civil War

Summer

Decoration

May

Federal



Fill in the blanks with words from the word bank.

1. Memorial Day is celebrated in the month of _____.
2. Memorial Day marks the start of what season? _____.
3. Memorial Day used to be known as _____ Day.
4. Memorial Day started originally to observe soldiers who died in the _____ War.
5. Memorial Day is a _____ holiday
6. Memorial Day is celebrated the last _____ in May.

Word Search

Soldier America
Military War
Memorial Holiday
May Monday



ABC Order

- Memorial 1. _____
May 2. _____
Monday 3. _____
Military 4. _____

How will you observe Memorial Day?

c	a	i	o	d	b	y	s	f
y	m	m	y	t	n	r	o	g
a	o	e	a	a	j	a	l	b
d	n	d	m	i	i	t	d	h
i	d	g	p	o	k	i	i	s
l	a	b	c	f	r	l	e	c
o	y	r	a	w	a	i	r	m
h	l	f	d	r	h	m	a	w
a	m	e	r	i	c	a	r	l



I would like to say Thank you to each and every one of you for your kindness as well as patience you have shown to me as I took on the role of your Life Enrichment Coordinator this last year ! I have come to realize though that my heart is really on the floor as an R A helping you all as we travel through this road of life. As of May 1st I will once again be doing just that ! I look forward to being back on the floor once again !

Sincerely, Lori Hudson