

CINCO DE MAYO



WORD SEARCH

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 TRADITION
 UNITY
 VICTORY



May

The month of May was named for the Greek goddess Maia. She was the goddess of fertility. The Romans called the month Maius. The name changed over the years & was first called May in the 1400s near the end of the Middle Ages.

MAY DAYS & DATES...

- 5/2 Kentucky Derby
- 5/5 Cinco de Mayo
- 5/5 National Teachers' Day
- 5/7 National Day of Prayer
- 5/10 Mother's Day
- 5/12 International Nurses Day
- 5/16 Armed Forces Day
- 5/24 Indianapolis 500
- 5/25 Memorial Day

MAY IS...

- National Barbecue Month
- National Bike Month
- National Physical Fitness & Sports Month
- Older Americans Month
- National Hamburger Month



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MAY 2026

Client Newsletter



MANAGER'S MINUTE

Community Spotlight: Celebrating Our Roots and Honoring Mom

At the heart of everything we do is a commitment to the place we call home. This month, we are thrilled to share how we are rooting for our neighbors—from the dusty arenas of the rodeo to the grass of the baseball diamond.

Supporting Our Local Legends

We are incredibly proud to announce our sponsorship of the Riata Roundup Rodeo and the Lampasas County Rodeo Association. The rodeo is a cornerstone of our local heritage, showcasing the grit, skill, and spirit that define our community. We hope you got to experience the joy of watching and spending time in the stands, cheering on the riders!

Back on the home front, we are also stepping up to the plate as sponsors for our local Little League baseball program. There is nothing quite like an evening during the week or on a Saturday morning at the ballpark, and we are honored to help provide a space where our youth can learn teamwork, sportsmanship, and the joy of the game.

Win a Spa Day for Mom!

May is Mother's Day month, and we want to help you celebrate the woman who does it all. To show our appreciation for the moms in our community, we are hosting a special giveaway. Stop by our office this month to sign up for our Free Raffle Giveaway. One lucky winner will receive a luxurious Spa Day at Lotus Beauty Spa and Salon. Give your mother the gift of total relaxation and pampering—on us!

How to Enter: Come by the shop or look for our promotion on Facebook where you can like and share.

Where: Visit us in-person to fill out an entry form. We are located at 1010 McLean Street.

When: Sign-ups are open now through the end of the month.

The Prize: A complete spa experience at Lotus Beauty Spa and Salon.

Thank you for being part of our story. We'll see you at the rodeo, the ball field, or right here in the office!



Thanks for the Kind Words!

"I had an outstanding experience with Martin's Auto Care. They serviced my car and completely exceeded my expectations. Their customer service was exceptional—they even picked up my car from my work place and delivered it back when the service was done, which made the entire process incredibly convenient. I don't usually take the time to write reviews, but they truly earned this one. Professional, reliable, and genuinely customer-focused. I highly recommend Martin's Auto to anyone looking for top-notch service. Absolutely amazing experience!" – Lupe Charing

"Great price. Highly recommend! This is worth the read, I promise. After delaying a much-needed repair because I was worried about price and missing time from work, I was relieved to find Martin's Auto Care. They have financing available, were flexible with scheduling a time to get my vehicle in the shop, and working with them was just an overall pleasure. They replaced my shocks, struts, and outfitted my truck with new tires, but regrettably, I needed new wheel bearings as well. When speaking with Lauren about it, she compassionately answered my questions, as well as JP and Brant. They worked with me and gently encouraged me to have this much-needed service. And I broke down crying when I drove it after they finished all the repairs on my vehicle. I am deeply grateful for them and how much of a blessing they have been for my auto service needs." – Jennifer Moos

"Great price. Very impressed with the vehicle knowledge. Brandt and RJ are awesome—very helpful and professional. A shoutout to Carlos, a tech at Martin's. He's super calm and professional, definitely an asset at Martin's. I had a complete exhaust replacement and a tune installed. Carlos walked me through the app for the tune—he definitely has those figured out. I recommend Martin's for any service." – William Leadbetter

ITALIAN PASTA SALAD

Pasta salad is a Memorial Day must! There are plenty of beloved variations of this staple side dish, but this Italian-inspired recipe is a guaranteed go-to when you need a reliable BBQ side.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb. cooked fusilli pasta
- 8 oz. mozzarella balls, halved
- 4 oz. salami, quartered
- 1 cup artichoke hearts, coarsely chopped
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives, sliced
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- Pinch of crushed red pepper flakes
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare your pasta according to the package instructions, then set aside.
2. In a large bowl, toss pasta, mozzarella, salami, artichokes, tomatoes, and olives.
3. In a jar, combine oil, garlic, vinegar, parsley, Italian seasoning, and red pepper flakes. Secure with a lid, then shake to combine; season with salt and black pepper.
4. Pour dressing over pasta salad and toss to combine.

MAKE AHEAD – Make your pasta and throw all your ingredients together, minus the dressing, and store in an airtight container in the fridge the day before serving. Mix your dressing together and store it in the fridge, too. When you're ready to serve your pasta, just toss it all together and enjoy!

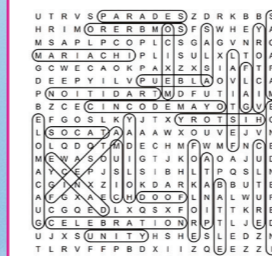
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We want to thank our friends that have referred their family members and friends to us, so a shoutout to Chris Castaneda, Kyle Black, Brandon Hagerton, Gordon Asbury, and Deborah Wintle.

Puzzle Solution



7 SIGNS OF WORN SHOCKS & STRUTS

Driving with worn shocks or struts can result in more than just a bad ride—there are safety implications to consider. Most drivers don't realize that driving with bad shocks or struts can actually increase your stopping distances, especially on wet or slippery roads. Both help to stabilize your vehicle and keep the tires in contact with the pavement. Without shocks and struts, your vehicle would bounce down the road. While many variables determine the life of your shocks or struts, experiencing any of these symptoms means it's time to consider replacements.



1. **INSTABILITY AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS.** Your vehicle never feels completely stable on the highway and is constantly moving up and down. The movement may be slight, but you notice it.
2. **THE VEHICLE "TIPS" TO ONE SIDE IN TURNS.** When taking a sharp turn or an off-ramp, your vehicle leans or "tips" to the outside of the turn and feels wobbly.
3. **THE FRONT END DIVES MORE THAN EXPECTED DURING HARD BRAKING.** You may not notice this until you have to jump hard on the brakes.
4. **REAR-END SQUAT DURING ACCELERATION.** You'll notice the front end of your vehicle rising while the rear "squats" during hard acceleration.
5. **TIRES BOUNCING EXCESSIVELY.** After hitting a bump, you can feel a tire (or tires) reacting or "bouncing" for a time. You may also hear a clunking noise.
6. **UNUSUAL TIRE WEAR.** Because the tire isn't being held firmly to the road, the tread wears in a wavy manner instead of evenly.
7. **LEAKING FLUID ON THE EXTERIOR OF SHOCKS OR STRUTS.** This is a sign that the seals have broken and the internal fluids essential to proper function are escaping.

When replacement is needed, make sure you buy quality, brand-name shocks or struts. It's also important to ask about replacing all of the worn parts connected to the struts, like bearing mounts, rubber bump stops and shock boots. Discuss your needs with your auto professional before deciding.

Whatever you do, don't neglect your shocks or struts. Just like with that comfortable pair of shoes, you won't fully appreciate the difference they make until you get fitted for new ones and hit the pavement!

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