



Tuesday, May 20, 2003

University closed Memorial Day weekend

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All Oakland University offices and services, except Meadow Brook Hall and OU's golf courses, will be closed Memorial Day weekend, May 24-26. Regular hours of operation resume Tuesday, May 27.

Meadow Brook Hall is open for tours on Saturday, May 24, and Sunday, May 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The hall is closed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26.

Katke-Cousins and **R&S Sharf golf courses** will remain open May 24-26. Katke-Cousins will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. R&S Sharf will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Memorial Day officially was proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial Day originally was held in commemoration of soldiers killed in the American Civil War. Its observance later extended to honor American soldiers who died in any war. Most states conform to the federal practice of observing it on the last Monday in May, but some retain the traditional day of celebration, May 30. National observance is marked by the placing of a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery.

You can observe the day by visiting cemeteries and memorials, flying the U.S. flag at half-staff until noon, participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance" (at 3 p.m. pause and think about the true meaning of the day), or by renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers and orphans of fallen soldiers, or to aid disabled veterans.

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