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Memorial Day is coming up! This year the bittersweet holiday falls on Monday May 31. All together, on this one day of the year, we can grateful-

Memorial Day: Honor, Remember, Never Forget! ly honor the tens of day the madness will stop. A day to reflect and remember that those heroes died for

thousands of men and women who fought and died for our country in approximately 93 wars and rebellions. It is our yearly op-

portunity to say "thank you" to those guardians of peace. It is a day of remembrance pride and appreciation and hope that some-

called National Decand sorrow mixed with oration Day. On May 20, 1868 over 5,000 people decorated the graves of the 29,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried at Arlington National Ceremony. A tribute to both the North and South sides of the conflict. In 1968, Memorial

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you and me.

Memorial Day's

history is about 160

Civil War, it began as

a grass roots occasion

vears old. After the

Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress.

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Construction work on

Traffic lights are up for

Stoney Point is coming

one lane travel and part

of the road is now packed

Depending on the time of

day, everyone should allow

10 extra minutes to your

Remember to slowly

approach either end and

drive slowly through the

area. There is a lot of work

driving schedule.

along.

FOR THE SENTINEL

May 30 was the

official date until 1971 when Congress changed it to the last

Monday in May. Now it is celebrated in almost every country where American soldiers are buried. Flags on government buildings and ships throughout the world

lowered to half-mast, as a tribute to those who lost their lives.

This weekend, prior to the holiday, the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment will honor America's fallen heroes by placing American flags at thousands of gravesites for service members buried at Arlington National Cemetery and at the Airmen's Home National Cem-

• Lorane Grange meets

next on Thursday, June 3

at 7 p.m. Women will be serving the men in honor

of Father's Day later in the

· Crow High School

will hold its prom on June

4 in the courtyard for Crow

students only and faculty as

• Graduation for Crow

HS Seniors will follow last

year's format with a drive-in

attendance around the foot-

Last graduation was very

moving and the staff plan on

making this celebration just

ball field on June 11.

The most solemn Memorial Day ceremony is when the President of the United States lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Other dignitaries also pay their formal respects. All flags will be removed after Memorial Day, before the cemetery opens to the public.

To remember military sacrifices is a sacred charge.

Thanks to the COVID-19 situation, things will be a little different around the country this year. There will be fewer parades and public gatherings. But there is one thing that we can stop and do together wherever we are:

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial *Day for one minute of* silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the U.S.

There are also other things that we can do to honor those who died serving our country. The following suggestions come from a variety of sources including Military.

com USO. Pay special attention to the timing of flying the flag. Do

- Display the flag—the U.S. flag is flown at half-staff from dawn until noon on Memorial Day. Raise it again to the peak after noon.
- Call a friend or loved one who has lost someone during a war.
- Visit a cemetery and honor the memory of a family member or other veteran by putting flowers on their grave.
- Watch the National Memorial Day Concert on our local PBS station.

minders of things not to do: Don't wish

Here are some re-

- anyone a Happy Memorial Day. This is not Christmas. Don't thank the
- current troops. Veteran's Day is coming up! Don't let politics keep you from

rendering respect. God bless America!

Let freedom ring!

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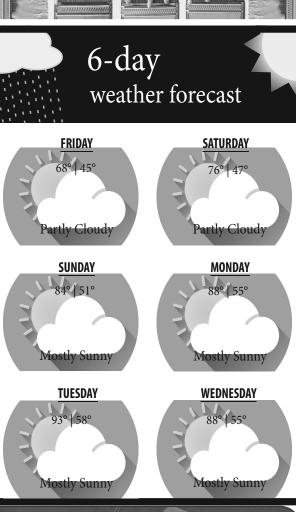
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