

Adams Township News



Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States and is observed to remember the men and women who died while serving in the country's armed forces. This federal holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868.

Every year, volunteers place an American Flag on every grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving. Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. Military Veterans.

On Memorial Day, proper etiquette is to raise the American Flag briskly to the top of the staff and then solemnly lower to the half staff position until noon. The flag is then raised to full staff for the remainder of the day. Half-staff position remembers the more than one million men and women who gave their lives for their country.

At noon the flag is raised in memory of the living who continued the fight for liberty and justice for all.

Other traditional observances include wearing red poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war.

There's a New Chief in Town

Shawn Anglum has been promoted to Chief of Police after 16 years of service and strong leadership in Adams Township.

Chief Anglum started as a part-time patrol officer in 2000.

In 2002 he became full time and was promoted to sergeant in 2006 and was the Assistant Chief from 2009 to 2016.

Chief Anglum graduated from Mars High School in 1995 and graduated from IUP .

William Westerman retired in January 2016. Mr. Westerman served our community for 33 years. We are wishing Bill Westerman a Happy , Healthy Retirement!!!

Congratulations to our new Assistant Chief Robert Scanlon who has been promoted. Assistant Chief Scanlon started as a part-time patrolman in 1996 and was promoted to Sergeant in 2009.

Also, we would like to congratulate Ed Lenz who was promoted to sergeant in February. He was hired in 2009 as a part-time patrolman and was promoted to full time in 2010. He has also been a fire fighter from 2000 - 2009.

**Yesterday is History
Tomorrow is Mystery
Today is a Gift**

Eleanor Roosevelt

War Memorial

In memory of our fallen soldiers, whose names are on the Adams War Memorial Monument.

PRIVATE CHARLES R BARR

The invasion of France claimed the life of a Mars soldier on July 15; it was announced by the War Department in a communication received by his parents. It brought the total of men who died in service to 98 for Butler County.

Private Charles R . Barr, son of Mr. & Mrs. Norman C. Barr of Mars, was killed in action while fighting in France on July 15, the official communications stated. He was serving with an infantry regiment that went into action after the invasion of France was underway. Private Barr was believed to have been involved in some of the German counter attacks that took place in the St. Lo Sector.

Private Barr entered the service in December, 1942 and served at Camp Van Dorn, Miss. in Louisiana, Camp Maxey in Texas & Fort Mead in Maryland before he was sent to England for the invasion. He was sent to the French front lines June 27, 1944.

PFC ROBERT A. ANDERSON

PFC Anderson was born in 1929 and killed in action on June 12, 1952. He was with the 180th infantry regiment and 45th infantry division. He was a light weapons infantryman.

PFC PAUL EDWARD ANGERT

PFC Angert was born August 15, 1951 and killed in action on April 28, 1970. He was the son of Mr. Paul and Mrs. Antoinette Angert.

PFC Angert was a Marine and was stationed in Quang Nam a province of the country of South Vietnam where he died of multiple fragmentation wounds.

STAFF SGT. ERIC S. HOLMAN

Staff Sgt. Eric S. Holman, 39, US Army explosive ordnance technician, of Evans City, formerly of Ohio Township, Allegheny County was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 15, 2012.

Staff Sgt. Holman was assigned to 192nd Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance Group, 20th Support Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.: died August 15 in Godali, Ghazni province, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Holman was a former member of the elite U.S. Army Golden Knights Parachute Team, performing in air shows and stadiums throughout the United States.

Adams War Memorial Services May 22, 2016 at 2:00 P.M.

You are cordially invited to attend the Adams Township War Memorial Services in the Adams Township Park.

The theme this year is on MIA's and POW's by speaker Ken Carlson. Mr. Carlson is graduate of West Point and a Vietnam Veteran who also served 26 years with the FBI and 15 years with the CIA.

The Bantam Marines Detachment #743 will post the colors and retire them. They will also do the gun salute and the playing of the taps. This group of Veterans is known for their "Toys for Tots" campaign in Butler and they also do many memorial services.

The Cranberry Barbershop Chorus, will sing the National Anthem and the Armed Forces Medley. Also, the laying of wreaths will be laid by one of the Veteran's family whose name appears on the monument.

Also, we will celebrate the unveiling of the "Call To Duty" Statue. Reverend Peter DeVries will open and close the ceremony with the Invocation and Benediction.

As a nation, we're in danger of forgetting the day's meaning altogether. Unfortunately, few of us really know the importance of Memorial Day. Our purpose in having this ceremony is to salute our Veterans. We want to remind everyone of all ages what our Veterans go through in order to give us freedom.

If you have never attended these services, you will find they are heartfelt and patriotic.

Join us after the ceremony for a picnic style lunch, at the Rotary Pavilion, which is located to the right as you enter the main entrance of the park.

Military, veterans, residents, families and friends are invited to honor our fallen soldiers.

For more information please contact Mary Jane Ford at 724-625-2341.

In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

**Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly**

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, **though poppies grow**
In Flanders Fields.



The Story Of The Poppy

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lt Col John McCrae was inspired by the sight of poppies growing in battle scarred fields, to write a now famous poem called 'In Flanders Fields'. After the First World War, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of Remembrance.

In the United States, the Veterans of Foreign Wars conducted the first nationwide distribution of remembrance poppies before Memorial Day in 1922.

Junk in Your Trunk Rummage Sale

Will your spring cleaning leave you with a bunch of items you just don't know what to do with?

Adams Township will be hosting it's fifth annual Junk in Your Trunk Rummage Sale on Saturday, June 4, 2016.

Residents are invited to the Township Municipal Building parking lots to sell their household items out of their **trunks**. Just remember, trunks or truck beds only! We will not accept trailers or hitches.

Want to be a seller? Registration forms are available at our Municipal Building. There will be a \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee **per vehicle/per car load**.

Registration will open Monday, April 4, 2016 and close Friday, June 3, 2016. Sellers will be asked to arrive for set up at 7:00 a.m. The sale will go from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. rain or shine.

Feel free to email us for more information at parksandrec@adamstwp.org.

As the old saying goes
"One man's junk is another man's treasure!"
Come out and sell your junk or find your treasure.

Adams/ Mars Farmer's Market

The Adams-Mars Farmer's Market will open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., May through September. The Market is located at the Woodland Valley Church in the parking lot across the street from the Mars Post Office.

All items are locally grown or made. Local vendors sell "in season" vegetables, fruits, plants, flowers, shrubs, honey, eggs and handmade crafts.

The Market is sponsored by Adams Township and the Adams Township Agricultural Security Committee.

April 2016

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Adams Area VOLUNTEER Fire District



100% Volunteer!

Members of our Adams Area Fire District are 100% volunteer. These men and women dedicate their lives no matter the hour or weather to keep our communities safe, and a lot of work takes place behind the scenes to keep our department strong.

We're proud to have 75% of our members certified in firefighting and to be recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Health as a "Certified" First Response Service.

Our team currently provides fire suppression, medical "first response", vehicle and technical rescue, truck company, engine company, and operational hazardous material. We hold weekly training to stay on top of techniques and safety procedures.

How can YOU help?

As an individual, you can volunteer in many ways. Stop by the station or contact one of our team members to learn more about becoming a firefighter.

As a local business, you can make a difference in your community by making donations. Donations don't have to mean monetary!

As a corporation, you can have a huge impact on your community by supporting your local Volunteer Fire Department through sponsorships at our events and fundraisers.

In the coming months, we will be mailing out envelopes to all Adams Area residents. Every donation is essential in supporting our team to help us provide the best quality services to our communities!



Find out more at www.AdamsArea42.com
"Like" Adams Area Fire District Station 42 on Facebook!

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690 Valencia Road
Mars, PA 16046

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Permit # 62

Adams Township Municipal Building: 724/625-2221
Adams Township Police: 724/625-2040

Road Crew Building: 724/625-1826
Adams Township Web Site: www.adamstwp.org

Board of Supervisors

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Shawn Anglum

Assistant Chief of Police

Robert Scanlon

Sergeant

Edward Lenz

Public Works Manager

John Hock

Receptionist/Parks

Corry Harley

**Scheduled Meetings at Adams
Township Municipal Building**

Board of Supervisors
2nd & 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Planning Commission
1st Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Park and Recreation Board
1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board
3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Work Session
3rd Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m.

**Scheduled Meetings at Breakneck Creek
Regional Authority Building
1166 Mars-Evans City Road**

Breakneck Creek Regional Authority
4th Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.
Municipal Water Authority of Adams Township
4th Tuesday of each month at 5:45 p.m.

The Adams Township News is published for the residents of Adams Township. All comments/questions should be sent to: The Adams Township News, c/o Adams Township, 690 Valencia Rd., Mars, PA 16046.