

Local events to mark 10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

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Local programs, a traveling display, special church services and a speech by a World Trade Center attack survivor will mark the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks this week.

- The World Trade Center Traveling Memorial will be at Bearcreek Farms in Bryant Thursday through Sunday as part of a nine-day event called Midwest America Healing Field.

The healing field, which began Sept. 2, is a display of about 2,000 American flags as a tribute to military personnel and veterans who have fought to protect our freedom, and to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of those who died on Sept. 11, 2001.

The traveling memorial features the names of 37 Port Authority Police Officers, 38 civilian employees of the Port Authority, 23 New York City Police officers, and the Port Authority Police K-9 who died on that tragic day. This exhibit also contains an extensive pictorial display, a video documentary and numerous artifacts recovered from the site of the World Trade Center. As part of the WTCTM, an honorary firefighter from New

York and a retired NYC firefighter will share their experiences.

Information: www.midwestamericahealingfield.com or www.wtctm.com

- Michelle Rosado, a World Trade Center attack survivor, will speak at Ball State University at 7 p.m. Sunday in Pruis Hall during a commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Rosado is the co-author of Pursuing Your Destiny, a book based on the true story of her escape from the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Her story has been featured on NBC Nightly News, MSNBC and CNN, along with a photo of the towers taken by her on Sept. 7, 2001.

Rosado was seated at her desk on the 95th floor of Tower 2 of the World Trade Center, when a crashing sound caused the windows in her office to shatter. The decisions she made in the moments after this event changed her life forever.

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The program will conclude with a candlelight procession to Shafer Tower for a tolling of the carillon bells.

The tower's carillon bells also will toll beginning at 9 a.m. that day, signifying the time of the attacks on the World Trade Center.

Other events at Ball state include a Staff Council Blood Drive today and Thursday in Pruis Hall, an Operation Gratitude collection drive through Sept. 14 and a Day of Service Saturday, hosted by Ball State's Student Voluntary Services. The Student Government Association will sponsor its "I Remember" project, inviting students to write thoughts and feelings about the anniversary on posters available at various campus locations through Friday.

- A special memorial service honoring the victims of 9/11 will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Elm Ridge Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 4600 W. Kilgore Ave.

The service will feature 9/11 survivor Michelle Rosado, who is also speaking at Ball State that evening.

Firefighters Eric Wilson and Dan Burford will sing the national anthem and other musical selections.

Elm Ridge will place 3,352 small American flags around the memorial to represent those who lost their lives.

Information: Elm Ridge,
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