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'ELF The Musical' to open Broadway Series in November

A holiday classic will kick off the 2016-2017 Broadway Series at the Clemens Center. "ELF The Musical" will take the stage Nov. 4-5. Next on the schedule is "Once" on Dec. 8-9. The winner of eight 2012 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, the musical features actor/musicians who play their own instruments on stage as they tell the tale of a Dublin street musician and a beautiful young woman. The rest of the schedule: ■ "Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella", Feb. 21-22. ■ "Pippin", March 28-29. ■ "Rent" 20th anniversary tour, May 2-3. Season subscriptions are now available by calling the Clemens Center at 734-8191, visiting the box office, or attending the "Test Drive Your Seat" event from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. today. Subscription buyers today can choose their own seat for the series.

STATE

Police: Scammers report accident, demand money

New York State Police officials say they are investigating several complaints of a telephone scam in which the caller threatens to harm a loved one unless they receive money. The scammers call potential victims and tell them a loved one has been involved in a car accident. The caller then says the person involved in the accident will be arrested unless money is sent to a location outside of the United States. Troopers say anyone receiving such a suspicious call should ask questions a scammer would not be able to answer, such as the loved one's birthday. They also advise calling the family of the person who is allegedly seeking assistance to check if the request is legitimate. Victims are being asked to call the police.

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TRI-COUNTY FIRST RESPONDERS HONOR PARK

Ceremony marks 9/11

Southport firefighter named First Responder of the Year

By Jeffery Smith
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GANGMILLS — Longtime Southport Fire Department firefighter Michael S. Smith was named First Responder of the Year on Sunday at the Tri-County First Responders Honor Park. The event was on the 15-year anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. "I'm humbled and honored," Smith said moments

after receiving the award. "I never sought adulation. I accept this (award) on behalf of my brothers and sisters at the Southport Fire Department. It's been my joy to serve there for the past 47 years. They're the greatest friends I've had in my life." Don Creath, a First Remembers Honor committee member, said the event was an opportunity to thank those who respond when help is needed.

"Certainly, we're commemorating 9/11 and remembering; we shall never forget," said State Sen. Tom O'Mara, R-Big Flats. "But also today we honored an outstanding community member, Mike Smith, for his years of emergency management in Chemung County and throughout the area." Assemblyman Phil Palmesano, R-Corning,

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The flags are raised during Sunday's ceremony at the Tri-County First Responders Honor Park in Gang Mills. JEFFERY SMITH/THE LEADER

CORNING

Service honors fallen Marine



LEFT: The new sign is unveiled Sunday at the Shawn A. Lane Memorial Park. RIGHT: Shawn A. Lane is pictured on his Hometown Hero banner, which was displayed Sunday in the park. PHOTOS BY JEFFERY SMITH/THE LEADER

Family, friends celebrate unveiling of a new sign in the Shawn A. Lane Memorial Park

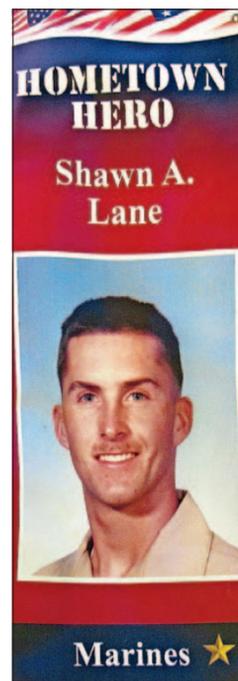
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CORNING — Family members and friends celebrated the rededication Sunday of a new sign in the Shawn A. Lane Memorial Park. Marine Gunnery Sgt. Lane, 33, of Corning, died July 28, 2004 while serving during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed by enemy fighters in Anbar province in western Iraq, according to the Defense Department.

"It's so hard to bury your children," said Coralee Lane, Shawn's mother moments after the rededication. "So hard. Thank you so much — all of you — for coming today. I really appreciate you honoring our baby. Thank you so much." Town Supervisor Kim Feehan said the park was rededicated to honor Lane for his service to his country.

"For now and forever forward this will be the Shawn

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County Legislator Carol Ferratella speaks during the park rededication Sunday.

"It's difficult every day, thinking about your son. It's tough, but we're getting by."

— Coralee Lane

9/11 ANNIVERSARY Campaign casts shadow

By Jennifer Peltz and Verena Dobnik
The Associated Press

NEW YORK - The U.S. marked the 15th anniversary of 9/11 with the solemn roll call of the dead Sunday but couldn't keep the presidential campaign from intruding on what is traditionally a politics-free moment of remembrance. Hillary Clinton left about 90 minutes into the ground zero ceremony after feeling "overheated," her campaign said. Video showed her knees buckling as three people helped the 68-year-old Democrat into a van in the muggy, 80-degree heat. Donald Trump, whose supporters have repeatedly questioned whether Clinton is physically fit to be president, was also at the ceremony for a time and left after she did. Asked about the incident, the Republican nominee said only: "I don't know anything about it." The episode cast a political shadow over an event that has tried to keep the focus on remembrance by inviting politicians but barring them from speaking. The two candidates had followed the custom of suspending all TV ads for the day. The politics of the moment weren't entirely absent from the ceremony, where some victims' relatives pleaded for the nation to look past its differences, expressed hopes for peace or called on the next

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“In the end, the most enduring memorial to those we lost is ensuring the America we continue to be. That we stay true to ourselves. That we stay true to what’s best in us.”

— President Barack Obama

United in mourning

Americans mark the anniversary with ceremonies across nation

By Kayla Epstein and T. Rees Shapiro
The Washington Post

Sept. 11 dawned cool and gray in New York City as mourners gathered in Lower Manhattan for an annual act of remembrance.

At the same moment, 300 miles to the east, hundreds more mourners gathered near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, at the site of the Flight 93 National Memorial.

On this day in 2001, nearly 3,000 people died at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania. In New York, the yearly ceremony at the 9/11 Memorial commemorating the victims at Ground Zero began at 8:40 a.m.

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio was in attendance, as were presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, who was a U.S. senator for New York when the attack occurred, and Donald Trump.

President Barack Obama addressed the nation in a video released Saturday by the White House. He praised the “resilience” of Americans. “We stand with the survivors who still bear the scars of that day. We thank the first responders who risked everything to save others. And we salute a generation of Americans — our men and women in uniform, diplomats, and our intelligence, homeland



A firefighter touches the names of the firefighters in the south pool Sunday at the Sept. 11 memorial during the 15th anniversary ceremony of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



President Barack Obama listens as Secretary of Defense Ash Carter speaks during a memorial ceremony to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks Sunday at the Pentagon in Washington. MANUEL BALCE CENETA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

security and law enforcement professionals — who serve, and have given their lives, to help keep us safe,” he said.

But though he touted the gains America had made in fighting terrorism, he also

cautioned against divisiveness, saying: “We cannot give in to those who would divide us. We cannot react in ways that erode the fabric of our society. Because it’s our diversity, our welcoming of all talent, our treating of everybody fairly — no matter their race, gender, ethnicity or faith. That’s part of what makes our country great.”

Sunday, in remarks at the Pentagon, Obama praised the military and paid homage to those who lost their lives in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania that day. But his remarks also carried a more pointedly political message.

At a time when Trump has called for a ban on Muslims entering the United States, Obama outlined a contrasting vision. He offered a different definition of American strength.



An FDNY firefighter walks among flags at the FDNY Memorial Wall on Sunday, on the 15th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York. CRAIG RUTTLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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commander-in-chief to ensure the country’s safety.

Joseph Quinn, who lost his brother, Jimmy, appealed to Americans to regain the sense of unity that welled up after the terror attacks.

“I know, in our current political environment, it may feel we’re divided. Don’t believe it,” said Quinn, who added that he served in the military in Iraq after Sept. 11. “Engage with your community. ... Be the connection we all desperately need.”

Nearly 3,000 people died when hijacked planes slammed into the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, on Sept. 11, 2001.

Organizers estimated 8,000 people gathered Sunday at the lower Manhattan spot where the twin towers once stood. They listened to the nearly four-hour recitation of the names of those killed.

“It doesn’t get easier. The grief never goes away. You don’t move forward — it always stays with you,” Tom Acquaviva, who lost his son, Paul Acquaviva.

For Dorothy Esposito, the passage of 15 years feels “like 15 seconds.” Her son, Frankie, was killed.

Hundreds also gathered for a name-reading observance in Shanksville. At a Pentagon ceremony, President Barack Obama urged Americans not to let their enemies divide them and praised the country’s diversity as “one of our



Visitors make their way through the Flight 93 National Memorial before lit candles are carried to the Wall of Names in memory of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pa. JARED WICKERHAM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A mourner holds a photo of their loved one during the 15th anniversary of the attacks of the World Trade Center at the National September 11 Memorial in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

greatest strengths.”

“This is the America that was attacked that September morning. This is the America that we must remain true to,” he told hundreds of service members.

Some victims’ relatives said their loss had inspired them to help others.

Jerry D’Amadeo said he worked this summer with

children at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, where 26 children and adults were massacred in 2012.

“Sometimes the bad things in our lives put us on a path to where we should be,” said D’Amadeo, who was 10 when he lost his father, Vincent Gerard D’Amadeo.

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High | 76
Low | 48

Thursday
Mostly sunny
High | 70
Low | 41

Friday
Mostly sunny
High | 75
Low | 52

National forecast
Forecast highs for Monday, Sept. 12

Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary
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Sunrise today 6:46
Sunset today 7:22
Sunrise Tuesday 6:47
Sunset Tuesday 7:20

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also addressed the crowd of about 100 people.

“We tend to remember those days, and rightfully so,” Palmesano said. “But it’s also important to remember those who are still with us and continue to serve us each and every day and keep us safe.”

Creath said the Tri County First Responders Honor Park, has been a great addition to the community.

“It’s a place where friends, families member and local officials can come to support the work first responders do in our community,” Creath said.

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A. Lane Memorial Park,” Feehan said. “The (new) sign and the park is in his honor.”

Steuben County Legislator Carol Ferratella told family members and friends the memorial park is a way to say thank you to Lane for his service to the county.

Lane was assigned to Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, based at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

“It’s difficult every day, thinking about your son,” Coralee Lane said. “It’s tough, but we’re getting by.”