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Fallen troops saluted at Patriot Park 7,000+ names read in 3-day ceremony



Lanterns are lit and released Sunday at Patriot Park.

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STOYSTOWN – Lanterns were lit and released Sunday over the Post-9/11 U.S. Armed Forces Memorial at Patriot Park in memory of the 19 U.S. military men and women who died in the line of duty this year.

As the lanterns were released, the names of the 19 U.S. military members were read aloud, concluding a three-day ceremony at the park in Stonycreek Township, Som-

set County, during which all 7,091 names of U.S. military members who died during the Global War on Terrorism over the past 25 years were read aloud.

After the terror attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, the first major U.S. military operation, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, began on Oct. 7 of that year.

One by one, each name of the fallen was read aloud from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Melanie Eberly, of Wellersburg, was among the 40 people who attended the closing ceremony Sunday.

“Being here reminds me of how grateful I am to be in America,” she

said. “It makes me proud that these 7,091 soldiers gave their lives so I could continue to live in freedom.”

The guest speaker, retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ed Marion, of Philadelphia, offered words of solace.

“We don’t move on from grief, but we move forward with it,” he said.

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Rec group considers projects in Westmont

Upgrades eyed for Mound, Engh Field

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The Westmont Hilltop Recreation Commission has a new vision to improve a couple recreational assets in Westmont Borough.

The Engh playground at 1827 Minno Drive remains heavily damaged by the storm that tore through the area in early September. Fundraisers are planned to replace the playground equipment, and insurance is covering costs, too, commission director Dirk Johnson said.

In addition, the commission is looking to develop master plans that would outline more dramatic improvements to Engh Field, near the playground, as well as the hillside landmark at Edgehill Drive known as The Mound.

Commission member Rob Gleason said the Engh Field improvements would include a dog park and bathroom facilities near the playground.

“When we did a survey about a year ago, a lot of people showed interest in that,” he said.

All of the commission’s members – William Carney, Chris DelSignore, Greg Heider, Bob Varner, Sue Konvolinka, Bill Stasko and Gleason – were present for the commission’s regular meeting Oct. 1.

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'MAKE BIG PLAYS'



Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jaylen Warren (center) runs for a touchdown during Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts in Pittsburgh, above. At right, tight end Pat Freiermuth celebrates while crossing the goal line for a touchdown. Warren piled up 188 yards and two long touchdowns, one rushing and one receiving, and Freiermuth caught two of quarterback Aaron Rodgers' three touchdown passes as the Steelers beat the Colts, 34-22. Find more coverage of the game in **Sports/B1**.

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Mental health care viewed as key part of cancer treatment

BY BILL BOWMAN
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

For many cancer patients and their families, the mental struggle of dealing with the disease can be as real as the intense regimens of chemotherapy and radiation.

The mental and emotional responses to cancer, including what some patients and survivors can view as an overwhelming amount of publicity during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, are expected.

Dr. Ashley Perez is an oncology psychologist for Geisinger Health System and is part of a group of providers who treat cancer patients who have mental health conditions such as depression, anxiety, trauma and grief or loss.

The goal, Perez said, is to help improve patients' overall physical health and well-being, even before they need treatment.

“I have a strong passion for helping people through their cancer journey, what we

call along their cancer continuum,” Perez said. “That means people who are predisposed to cancer all the way through survivorship and end-of-life care. So someone could not even have cancer yet, but maybe have a genetic predisposition, and we will work with them, too.”

Studies published by advocacy group Susan G. Komen Foundation say that

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Officials: Salisbury woman accused of killing husband

Defendant held at Somerset County Jail

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SALISBURY – A Salisbury Borough woman is accused of killing her husband Saturday in their family home, officials said Sunday.

Kenneth Wolf, 60, was found dead inside the residence, state police said.

State police were still in the

early stages of investigating the case – but Wendy Wolf, 49, was lodged in Somerset County Jail facing criminal homicide and assault charges in what appears to be, at minimum, an involuntary manslaughter case, Somerset County District Attorney Thomas Leiden said.

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