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Swine farm informational hearing answers questions

By Julia Wolf

An informational hearing gave community members the chance to get answers to their questions about Blue Hills Swine Facility. The hearing took place Sept. 8, at the Sheldon Community Center, as a special meeting for the Town of Marshall.

To begin the hearing, attendees heard a short presentation on the background of Blue Hills and the plan moving forward.

The facility will be located at W6004 County Line Road, Sheldon, southwest of Sheldon. The facility got approval for animal waste permits by the Rusk County Land and Water Conservation in August.

Shamus Brown, Preferred Capital Management, a division of the Fairmont Veterinary Clinic, LLC., says the facility is meant to raise replacement gilts (females) for family farms.

The pigs will come in as three-week-old weaned pigs and be kept for about six months at the location, until they are roughly 300 pounds.

Brown says Preferred Capital Management was started to help oversee and operate a gilt replacement operation for

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Photo by Ginna Young

As a supporter of youth sports, Dan Osborn, Wisconsin Veterans Farm, gave \$2,000 Aug. 25, to help with the City of Cornell-Field of Dreams Project, to redo the Mill Yard Park baseball field fence. Plans for the project also include adding dugouts and updating the infield. Present for the donation, left to right, are Field of Dreams coordinators Amy Hugh and Ashley Carothers; Osborn; and Field of Dreams coordinators Nicole Schwingle, Shelley DeJongh, Josh Schwingle and Aimee Korger.

Two decades later, 9/11 still resounds in America's mind

By Ginna Young

"Twenty years have passed since a perfect blue sky – similar to what we have today – turned into the blackest of nights. Since then, we have lived in sunshine and shadow."

Those words came from Capt. Jim Anderson, retired United Airlines pilot of almost 50 years, at a ceremony Sept. 11, at the Cadott's Veterans Tribute and Citizen Soldier Highway monument. Anderson speaks, of course, about the events of 9/11, in which terrorists hijacked commercial airplanes and flew two of the aircrafts into the World Trade Center, killing thousands.

The terrorists also hijacked a flight, which struck the Pentagon, as well as what would become known as the Hero Flight. Passengers of flight 93, which is believed bound for a target in Washington, D.C., overthrew the terrorists, but lost their lives in the process, crashing into a field in Shanksville, Pa.

The second plane in New York, which hit the South Tower, was United flight 175, and is especially memorable for Anderson.

"The captain of that flight was my classmate and friend, Capt. Victor Saracini," he said, adding that now, memorials help people heal from that fateful day. "The words have helped express what is in our hearts, the silences have given us a chance to reflect and remember."

Anderson addressed those present at the ceremony, calling their attention to one side of the Citizen Soldier monument, where an etching depicts the image of a New York Fire Department chaplain carried out by rescue workers, after he ran into the North Tower when it was hit and provided assistance.

When the South Tower hit, it blew everything in the North Tower, killing everybody on the ground floor.

"The chaplain is considered victim 0001 of the World Trade Center crash," said Anderson. "He wasn't the first person that died, but he was the first person that was identified."

During the Cadott ceremony, a bell was sounded to honor the age old tradition that dates back 150 years, by fire services, to ring a bell, symbolizing respect and honor to those who gave their lives in service. The sound of the bell marks the end of an emergency and a return to quarters.

From the time between when the first plane hit and when the towers came down, 102 minutes passed. Of the thousands of people killed that day, 343 were New York City firefighters, 23 were police officers and 37 were officers of the Port Authority. The victims ranged from ages two to 85.

"We can never unsee what happened," said Anderson. "America will never forget."



Photo by Ginna Young

Capt. Jim Anderson pauses Sept. 11, in front of the Cadott Citizen Soldier Highway monument as the sun rises, just before 8:03 a.m., 20 years to the day from when a plane carrying his comrade, Capt. Victor Saracini and the pilot of flight 175, crashed into the South Tower (World Trade Center) in New York City, N.Y. Saracini's flight was hijacked by terrorists and used to begin an attack on American soil, as one of several flights, killing thousands that day, in multiple locations. More photos on Page 6.



Get Your Cameras Out!

The 10th annual *Courier Sentinel* Fall Colors Photo Contest is here.

Send us your photo showcasing the fall foliage by **Friday, Oct. 15**, and you could win a **FREE**, one-year subscription to the *Courier Sentinel*. Digital submissions can be sent to couriersentinel@centralwinews.com. Printed photos can be brought to the Cornell office on Main Street in Cornell. The winning photo and several featured photos will be published in the Oct. 21 *Courier Sentinel*.

Only one photo will be accepted per person. Photos must be taken by person entering photo.