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## **Films, flag displays among events in Summit marking anniversary**

These are some of the events planned for the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America.

Capt. Carlos Vazquez, a member of the Fire Department of New York, will speak at 7 tonight at the Barlow Community Center at 41 S. Oviatt St., Hudson, on What Happened That Day. Vazquez will also speak at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hope Community Church at 3033 Middleton Road, Hudson, on How 9/11 Affected Lives.

From 1 to 5 p.m. today, the film *Gandhi* will be shown in the Our Lady of the Elms auditorium at 1375 W. Market St., Akron, sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee. The film is being shown in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Mohandas Gandhi's launching of a modern nonviolent movement of civil disobedience.

From 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, the University of Akron College Republicans will place 2,977 flags, representing those who died in the attacks five years ago, on Buchtel Avenue from E.J. Thomas Hall to state Route 8, including the green space at Spicer Street and Buchtel Avenue.

At 10 a.m. Monday, Akron firefighters at all city stations will roll equipment and flags out of firehouses, and at 10:05 a.m., the time of the collapse of the South Tower of the World Trade Center, sirens will sound across the city for 30 seconds. At 10:28 a.m., the time of the collapse of the North Tower, sirens will again sound for 30 seconds. Fire departments across Summit County have been asked to participate.

From noon to 1 p.m. Monday, A Commemoration of Strength, a Celebration of Hope, will be held at St. Bernard Catholic Church at Broadway and University Avenue in downtown Akron. Included among the speakers are the Rev. Paul Schindler of St. Bernard, Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic and the Rev. Robert Denton, director of the Victim Assistance program.

From 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, a candlelight vigil for those who died in the 9/11 attacks and in Afghanistan and Iraq will be held at the Federal Building at Main and Market streets in downtown Akron. The event is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

At 9 p.m. Monday, the UA College Republicans will show the film *United 93* at the Student Union's Gardner Theater.

The Patriot Day Healing Field Flag Memorial at Goodyear Heights Metro Park on Newton Street will remain open to the public 24 hours a day through Monday evening. The event is sponsored by the All-American Soap Box Derby.

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## **9/11 vigil follows 'Gandhi' showing Nonviolence movement launched Sept. 11, 1906**

By Colette M. Jenkins  
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The Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee is sponsoring two events to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States. The first event, the showing of the film Gandhi, is 1 to 5 p.m. today at Our Lady of the Elms High School Auditorium, 1375 W. Market St., Akron. The 100th anniversary of the modern nonviolent movement to seek justice using civil disobedience, launched by Mohandas Gandhi on Sept. 11, 1906, will be honored.

The event also will include a display of original photographs and letters from Gandhi and a discussion of the relevance of nonviolence today.

The second event, a candlelight peace vigil, is 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Federal Building, at South Main and West Market streets in downtown Akron. The vigil will commemorate the lives lost on Sept. 11 and those that followed in Afghanistan and Iraq.

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## **Man takes political message on road Flags covering vehicle represent fallen troops**

By Jim Carney  
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**SUFFIELD TWP.** - Jeff Maurer's conversation piece has caused quite a stir the last few years.

Some favorable.

Some not so favorable.

Maurer's 1993 Ford Escort Wagon is covered with about 2,300 American flag decals.

The flags represent fallen U.S. troops in Iraq.

He also displays "Support Our Troops," "God Bless Our Troops," and "Out of Iraq" decals.

Maurer, 51, a photographer from Suffield Township, welcomes both the boos and applause his traveling political billboard elicits.

For the most part, he said, response has been in favor of his vehicle.

Maurer also displays a message on the rear window that says 2,652 have died in Iraq as of Sept. 4.

He stopped adding flags at 2,300 because there was no more room on his station wagon, which has 136,000 miles.

In 2004, when he put the first 1,000 flags on his car, someone who did not agree with his politics -- he is a Democrat against the war -- sprayed the word "Bush" on his front lawn.

Last year, after the grass grew back, someone sprayed a large "W" in his yard.

People have left both positive and nasty messages on his windshield in parking lots.

One note writer said, "Hello. I'm Derek and I really like your American car." The writer said that it is good to know "you love your country."

Another writer said, "It's people like you that take your freedom for granite (granted)."

Maurer understands that his car can become a lightning rod for some people.

"I get some people who don't understand how I can be patriotic and anti-war," he said.

"I'm not anti-military."

Peggy Buryj of Canton, the mother of Army Spc. Jesse Buryj, 21, who was killed in a friendly fire incident in 2004 in Iraq, said she has no objection to what Maurer is doing.

"We can all have different opinions about the war," she said. "That's what makes this country great. Fly that flag anywhere, any way. It's fine by me. I'd like to see it actually. Just don't use my son's name or likeness for profit."

Maurer said he will drive his Ford Escort to a candlelight vigil today for the victims of Sept. 11 and for all those who have died in Afghanistan and Iraq. The event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in front of the Federal Building at the corner of Market and Main streets. It's sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

The flags, he said, will remain on the car as long as the war in Iraq lasts.

"I'm a good American," he said. "I don't like the war."

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