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Local family waits for word on loved one in WTC crash

Tuesday's demolition of the World Trade Center in New York.

The Dave Christine family kept a vigil Tuesday morning, waiting for word on Bill Tselepis, husband of the Christines' daughter, Mary.

Mr. Tselepis, an international financier, worked in the World Trade Center, said Rosellen Cornelius, Mrs. Tselepis' sister-in-law.

The family received word from Mary Tselepis that she was unhurt but Mrs. Tselepis had not heard from her husband after the incident.

New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said there were "a horrendous number of lives lost" when the plane hit the 110-story Twin Towers where about 50,000 people worked. Members of the Christine family fear Mr. Tselepis may be among those who died. "It doesn't look good," Cornelius said.

The Tselepis family has lived in New Jersey for about five years, Cornelius said.

As the Christines waited to hear about their family member, another Hoopeston family was thankful to hear from their son.

Stephen Whiteman, son of Mr. And Mrs. Chuck Whiteman, is a Marine who was at the Navy Annex less than 1/2 mile away from the Pentagon, which was also damaged Tuesday when an airplane slammed into a heliport. "(Stephen) just called and he's OK," Mrs. Whiteman said. "It relieved us a lot."

The kamikaze-style crashes, believed to be terrorist attacks, began at about 9 a.m. EST when the first plane hit the south tower. A few minutes later, a second plane hit the north tower. Within an hour, the north tower im-

ploded and within another hour, the south tower also caved in on itself.

Both planes were American Airlines commercial flights hijacked with passengers on board, according to reports. A total of 110 people were on the flights.

A third commercial plane, this one owned by United Airlines, crashed near Pittsburgh, Penn.

After the attacks, all U.S. airports were closed by the Federal Aviation Administration, including the Vermilion County Airport. The closing has little effect on the airport, which was preparing to host an annual farm show.

One single engine aircraft was diverted to the Danville airport, said manager Bob Gagnon. Freight haulers landed normally before the incident. No commercial airlines use the airport, he said.

The devastation in New York also had little effect on the Vermilion County chapter of the American Red Cross, said director Carolyn Schwabauer. The office conducted a successful blood draw Monday but, per orders from the national organization, was not calling for an emergency blood drive.

The American Red Cross will send 50,000 units to the affected area, Schwabauer said.

While local offices may not have been informed of a nationwide plea for blood, Internet sources posted an 800 number for potential donors to call

Federal and state buildings throughout the country were closed after the incident, as were many landmarks including Chicago's Sears Tower and Wrigley Field.

U.S. leaders were quick to condemn the attacks on the country's financial and military symbols. President

See CRASH on other side

The City of Hoopeston will sponsor a short ceremony at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the McFerren Park Civic Center in remembrance of the victims and families of the United States tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001. Everyone is welcome.

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Danville Area Community College receives \$400,000 grant from National Science Foundation

DANVILLE—Danville Area Community College has been awarded \$400,000 in its first grant from the National Science Foundation to fund a new scholarship program. This amount is the maximum available to an institution under the NSF grant program.

The major competitive grant will give DACC \$100,000 each year for four years. The grant will provide 30 students each year with scholarships in the fields of computer science, mathematics and engineering. All institutions of higher education in the U.S. and its territories that grant associate, baccalaureate or graduate degrees in computer science, computer technology, engineering, engineering technol-

ogy or mathematics were eligible to apply for these funds. DACC was one of only 100 institutions granted awards this year.

The awards, valued at \$2,300 per student per year, may be combined with other financial assistance to fund a student's total school costs, including tuition, fees, books, housing, commuting allowances and personal expenses.

The program, entitled "21st Century Scholars: Putting Computer Science, Engineering and Mathematics to Work" will also provide internship opportunities for the scholarship recipients each year with local companies with the grant providing an \$800 sti-

pend per internship.

The DACC grant is effective from Jan. 1, 2002 to Dec. 31, 2005. The first scholarships will be awarded in spring 2002 for the 2002 fall semester. Students pursuing an associate degree in a transfer or career program are eligible for the scholarships.

For more information, call Lara Conklin, at (217) 443-8789.

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The Hoopeston Police Department is participating in a statewide B.A.T. (Beat Auto Theft) program sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State's office and the Motor Vehicle Prevention Council.

B.A.T.'s focus is directed towards vehicles not normally operated from 1-5 a.m. B.A.T. is a decal program where motorists register their vehicles with the Secretary of State's office and receive a decal to place in the rear window. The decals authorize law enforcement to stop and detain the vehicle operated between 1-5 a.m. to determine ownership of the vehicle.

More than 4,800 decals have been issued throughout the state. To increase participation, the \$5 one time fee has been permanently waived.

Vehicle owners who wish to participate in the program may pick up an application at the Hoopeston Police Department, 301 W. Main.

Police News



A **silver** and green mountain bike found Thursday on North Sixth Ave. was claimed by the owner Monday.

A **13-year-old** boy reported Monday that someone took his 20 inch black Dyno Zone bicycle from the Hoopeston Public Library, 110 N. Fourth St.

An **employee** of the Lorraine Theatre, 324 E. Main, reported Monday that someone took an undisclosed amount of money.

Crash continued from other side

George W. Bush cut short a visit to a Florida school after the attack and said the U.S. would hunt down and punish those responsible.

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson (IL-15) also condemned the crashes. "Whoever is responsible for these cowardly acts must be brought to justice immediately," he said. "When investigators find out who is behind this violence, I will demand an equal or greater response."

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital Sept. 10

Admitted: Barbara Bradford, Hoopeston; Bonnie Pickett, Wellington.

Discharged: Esther Crawford, Edith Carson Deany.

Weather



Sunny today. High 81. Tonight, clear. Low 62. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 79, low 53.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at (217) 283-6221.

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