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Stella Snyder, mother of missing Hoopeston resident Amanda Walters-Pentecost, talks to an area television reporter, while Walters-Pentecost's father, Tim Walters, listens. Walters-Pentecost's family and friends held a press conference Sunday.

Missing woman's family asks for help from residents, farmers

Family and friends of a missing Hoopeston woman are asking for help from anyone who might know what happened to Amanda Walters-Pentecost.

Pentecost's parents, Stella Snyder, of Indiana, and Tim Walters, of Watseka, along with about 20 other family members and friends, held a press conference Sunday at

Hoopeston City Hall to talk about the missing woman.

"We really need people to help us find her," Snyder said. "If you've heard anything, if you know anything, let us know."

"We do believe there is information out there that is
 See MISSING on other side

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being withheld," said family friend Tira Howaniec.

Snyder's last contact with her daughter was Thursday, January 31, 2012. Pentecost was supposed to call Friday but did not and Snyder's calls to her daughter go straight to voicemail.

Her father said Pentecost told people in Hoopeston that she was going to see her dad in Watseka, but she never arrived.

While seeking new information, Pentecost's parents say some people need to stop. They are asking those who are prank-calling police and posting prank social media messages to stop, saying those people are "mean."

False reports have police "running around in a circle" rather than tracking down actual leads, Snyder said, thanking Hoopeston Police Department for their efforts.

Howaniec said off-duty officers have helped search for the missing woman.

Asked what she would say to her daughter, Snyder said "Mandy, call us. We love you. We'll come and get you. No questions asked."



Pictures of Amanda Walters-Pentecost submitted by Hoopeston Police Department, left, and family members, right.

Howaniec added that she would tell Pentecost that no warrant has been issued for her and she is not under investigation.

Pentecost was last seen in Hoopeston on January 31. A security camera at Hoopeston Foods showed her putting her purse on the ground on Second Avenue and walking south out of camera range, according to family members.

Snyder said her daughter had been depressed and was writing in a journal and reading the bible. "She was reaching out," Snyder said. "She was trying to get out of the world she was living in."

Pentecost has two children, a 14-year-old girl and a five-year-old son. The older child has been told Pentecost is missing but family members are keeping that information from the younger one. The children are staying with their dad.

People from around the area have searched for Pentecost in towns including Hoopeston, Cheneyville, Henning, Rossville, Alvin, East Lynn, and Ambia, Ind., said Howaniec.

Police Chief Mark Drollinger said his department is following all leads as they come in and that information

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on Pentecost was entered into the national database when she was reported missing. Several area law enforcement agencies were asked for - and are providing - assistance, he said.

Family members are asking farmers to check their fence rows and outbuildings in case Pentecost wandered into the country.

Drollinger is asking that all property owners, specifically those who own vacant properties, to check them, along with any out buildings, in the event that she sought shelter during extremely cold temperatures.

Anyone with information on Amanda Walters-Pentecost is asked to call Hoopeston Police Department at (217) 283-5196.

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