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#### Saturday



75°/58°

Cloudy, chance of showers, thundershowers  
 Highs in mid 70s.  
 Lows in the upper 50s.

#### Sunday

72°/58°

Mostly cloudy, a 50 percent chance of showers.  
 Highs in the low 70s. Lows in the upper 50s.

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## Land of the free and home of the brave



The meaning of the project shows in the face of senior Taylor Guido, vice president of the St. Vincent College Student Government Association, as she holds the American flags to complete the placing of the 3,000-flag tribute.



BY KEVIN LIBERONI  
 For The Bulletin

As long as I live, I will never forget my memories of Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

I was heading into work at Libby's. It was a perfect day. It was sunny, cool, and not a single cloud to be found in the sky. Even the patrons noticed and mentioned about the weather.

As usual, we all were watching the "Today Show" with Matt Lauer and Katie Couric. And as usual, at that time in 2001, the big news was all about hurricanes and shark attacks.

However, on Sept. 11, near the end of the broadcast (approximately 8:45 a.m. EST), Couric interrupted the show with horrifying news that a plane had crashed into one of the Twin Towers (North) of the World Trade Center.

Within minutes, live video of the burning tower surfaced on the air.  
 (See Kevin Liberoni on Page 3)

BY E. KAY MYERS  
 For The Bulletin

The morning of Sept. 11, 2001, my wife, Gertrude, and I were finishing our breakfast coffee, listening and watching the news on the TV, when we were shocked to see the jet fly into the World Trade Center. Minutes later the second jet hit its mark.

Before the morning was over another hijacked plane flew into the Pentagon and we were again horrified. That wasn't the end for there was a third saga, which was the hijacking of another plane heading toward Cincinnati. That jet aircraft was turned around and heading back east.

As we watched the TV we heard a very low-flying plane above our house on the summit of Laurel. With a shock we realized the jet flying overhead was directly related to the morning's lead stories about the two hijacked jet planes crashing into New York City's World Trade Center's Twin Towers. The airliner, filled with passengers, that we heard flying low above the house soon plummeted to earth in Somerset  
 (See E. Kay Myers on Page 3)

BY DAVE HURST  
 For The Bulletin

Walking past the open doorway of the conference room on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, I noticed two or three of my colleagues inside intently watching the television set. Curious, I stepped into the room and observed the screen displaying live video of two skyscrapers, one of which was on fire.

"That's the World Trade Center isn't it? What's going on?" I asked my colleagues.  
 "They are saying a plane just crashed into it," one responded. "How crazy is that!"

Just then, beyond the second of the towers, a jetliner appeared and flew directly into the far side of the second tower. Smoke and fire belched out of the near side facing the camera. In that frozen moment — endlessly replayed ever since — the situation became quite clear: What we were witnessing was no accident but an act of terrorism on a scale that was almost unimaginable.  
 (See Dave Hurst on Page 3)

BY CHRIS ULICNE  
 Bulletin Staff Writer

Although it has only been a decade since Sept. 11, 2001, my memory of that day seems unusually hazy, especially considering its impact on the course of American history and world relations.

I sat, restless, in a high school class I don't remember, waiting as the day dragged on. Someone came into the room and told the teacher to turn the TV on, and it was on that small screen that I got my first glimpse of the catastrophe.

Smoke poured out of the side of a building that looked vaguely familiar, its cause unknown at first; it wasn't until words like "Plane hits World Trade Center" popped up that I understood what I was looking at, and my fellow students stopped doodling in the margins of their notebooks or flipping through their textbooks to give the image their full attention.

When everything collapsed and the cameras pulled back to show a huge section of iconic New York City submerged in clouds of smoke and debris, the room was dead silent.  
 (See Chris Ulicne on Page 3)



Photos by Ernie Sistek

The St. Vincent College Student Government Association placed 3,000 American flags in the grass bordering the entrance drive to the Sis and Herman Dupré Science Pavilion early Friday morning. The project was undertaken to show their support on the 10th anniversary of the tragedies in New York City, N.Y.; Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pa. The campus ministry is planning a memorial Mass at 9:30 p.m. today in the Mary, Mother of Wisdom Student Chapel. Donations will be accepted for Operation Gratitude, which benefits the National Guard, Reserve and active duty chaplains after service in Iraq or Afghanistan.

## The call to 9-1-1 put Westmoreland County on global map

BY MARYANN GOGNIAT EIDEMILLER  
 For The Bulletin

When Dan Stevens woke up on Sept. 11, 2001, he knew that something significant would be happening at 10 a.m.

That's when Westmoreland County's new Public Safety Building in Hempfield Township was going to be dedicated.

"The reason we chose that day was that back in 1978, President Reagan had made Sept. 11 a national day to pay respect to the 9-1-1 centers across the country," said Stevens, the public information officer for the county's Department of Public Safety.

The dedication didn't happen.

By 9 a.m. he knew that the World Trade Center had been hit by a plane and "something was going on in New York." But information was limited. The equipment in the new building was not yet operating and the 9-1-1 center was still behind the courthouse in Greensburg. Ten years ago, dial-up Internet service was slow, too, so the couple of people with laptops couldn't get on the jammed Internet to see what was going on.

State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann, in Greensburg for the dedication, was being paged to return to Harrisburg and Stevens was asked to get the Haz-

mat team out to the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport near Latrobe.

"The FAA said that all planes must land, and we went out to assist because it was unknown what volume of aircraft would come in," Stevens said.

While there, he learned that back in Greensburg, dispatcher John Shaw had taken a call at 9:58 from Ed Felt of New Jersey, a passenger aboard United Airlines Flight 93.

"Felt had secured himself in the lavatory and made a call to 9-1-1," Stevens said. "From what we have been told, we were the only 9-1-1 center to receive a phone call from any of the aircraft. The AT&T center received one, but normally on an airplane cell phone, 9-1-1 does not work. That's just how the system is set up. But we did determine that in the southern part of the county, in the Mount Pleasant area, the call hit a cell site."

Felt identified the flight and said that hijackers had taken over the plane. Shaw got as much information as possible, and 58 seconds into the call, the connection ended. Within minutes, the plane crashed in a field in Stonycreek Township, near Shanksville in Somerset County.

Stevens returned to the old call center.  
 (See The call on Page 3)

## Scottish service Sunday in Ligonier

BY RITA GIESEY  
 For The Bulletin

Designed to give the flavor of worship in the Scottish Highlands in the 1600s, an "Old Tyme Scottish Service" will be celebrated 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Ligonier.

The church service blends elements of services from the 1600s and today, in a highly engaging and spiritually enriching experience. It celebrates roots, heritage, essentials and changes in both church and culture.

In the spirit of the day and keeping with tradition it is requested that males sit on the left side of the center aisle, females on the right side. Another tradition that will be observed is the locking of the doors.

Included in the services will be the reciting of the Lord's Prayer in Old Scots, the Scots Confession of 1560 and a Celtic Prayer. Title of the sermon for service will be "Remembering." There will be the Scripture reading of Deuteronomy, Chapter 6 verses 4 through 10. Prayers and other portions of the service will share in 9/11 Remembrances.

World-renowned bagpiper George Balderose will play and give the children's sermon. May Tantlinger will play the harp and other musicians will share Gaelic music. The service will end with Balderose playing the first verse of "Amazing Grace" and the congregation singing verses 2, 3 and 4.

There will be tea, scones and biscuits served at the conclusion of the service.

Because this is a highly attended service, it is recommended you plan to arrive early.

The Ligonier Valley Chamber of Commerce has announced that the Scottish Band Concert, traditionally played Sunday afternoon on the Diamond, was cancelled because of the disbanding of the Seton Hill University Pipe Band.



Photo by Rita Giesey

Attired in Scottish garb, Rev. Robert D. Cummings, pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, will lead the congregation in a traditional "Old Tyme Scottish Service" Sunday starting at 11 a.m. The church is located at the corner of North Market and East Church Streets in Ligonier.