

She saw crash in Somerset, and F-15 behind airliner

An eyewitness account of the United Airlines flight 93 crash

The following letter was sent to a Boyertown Area Times employee by a friend who lives in Somerset County, near Pittsburgh.

She tells how she watched as a passenger airline crashed into a field nearby. It was later identified as one of the hijacked jets in last week's attack on America.

In the letter she states she saw a jet fighter following the aircraft as it crashed.

Her name and address have been withheld by the Times.

saw the smoke which looked like a bomb explosion!

I was in shock, horror, unbelieving what I had just seen! We were all screaming what is going on, did you see that, why would they attack us, rural Pa!?!?!?

We searched each others faces for meaning in all of this, just unbelieving what was going on, and after all we had just heard on the news! It was frightening beyond belief!

Yes I did see an F15 just shortly after, within a few minutes of the crash.

It circled the area and we thought it must have something to do with the fact that Pittsburgh airport was closed.

I don't think this plane was shot down. It didn't catch fire in the air or anything like that.

I feel the (airline) pilot saw the open strip mine and deliberately crashed there.

I was screaming - where did it crash, where is the school from here, where is Shanksville?

One man said, "it crashed at Indian Lake and my mom is there!" So he jumped in his truck and left.

Another man is a fireman and had a radio so we were able to listen to the dispatch and they gave an address - Lambertsville Road, so then I knew it wasn't at the school.

Another man's wife called just then and said it was right behind his house, so he jumped in his car and left too.

Still scared, I ran in the office and called the school. They told

me they were in a state of Emergency and weren't releasing the students yet, but if we wanted to go get them, we could. So I did.

We drove past the (crash) site and I couldn't see anything, no fires, nothing.

My opinion on this crash is that they had a bomb on board, and the hero that flew the plane knew they were headed either to Washington, DC, or Camp David (which we have now heard was the destination) or somewhere were a lot of people could get killed.

So when he saw the open field he choose it to dive in and, although himself and 44 other innocent people died, he saved the lives of many.

Here in rural Pennsylvania, we have many bare, open fields, acres and acres of land where they have mined coal.

They call them strip mines because the mining company completely strips the land of all its trees and vegetation so when they are finished its just a bare piece of land.

The crash site is about 3 or 4 miles from my house, although I wasn't home, my niece Barb, who lives next to me, was home and she said she felt the crash.

The kids at school said it shook the school and even some of the windows slammed shut.

September 11, 2001 is a day I will never forget.

I love you all, and God bless America!



Colebrookdale Elementary Principal Dr. Shugar and students enjoy the new slide, which was installed during the summer. The "monster" slide was purchased by the Home and School Association.

Weddings

Leister - Heimbach

Kelly L. Leister and Joshua D. Heimbach were married at St. Paul's UCC Church, Amityville, on July 21.

Pastor Patrick Morris and Pastor Clyde Fry officiated using the double ring service. The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at St. Cloister at St. Joseph's in Reading.

Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leister Jr., 27 Earl Road, Earl Township. She is a 1996 graduate of Boyertown Area Senior High School and a 1998 graduate of Northampton Community College. She is employed as a sales manager at E.G. Landis Jewelers, 1000 E. Philadelphia Ave., Boyertown.

Joshua is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heimbach, 82 Winding Road, Boyertown. He is a 1995 graduate of Boyertown Area Senior High School and a

1997 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology. He is employed by Donald R. Heimbach Building Contractors as a carpenter.

The matron of honor was Miss Becky Leister, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Mrs. Shane Heintz, sister of the groom, Mrs. Kevin Fronheiser, sister of the groom, Miss Kristi Leister, cousin of the groom, Miss Abby McIlvee, Mrs. Bruce Bartman and Miss Crystal Daukshus.

The best man was Mr. Chad Hoffman. The ushers were Mr. Cory Howard, Mr. Kevin Fronheiser, brother-in-law of the groom, Mr. Brian Leister, uncle of the bride, Mr. Randy Wynings, Mr. Clint Heimbach, brother of the groom, and Mr. Shane Heintz, brother-in-law of the groom.

The flower girls were Becca Conrad, Danielle Fronheiser, niece of the groom, and Heather Smith, cousin of the bride.



Leister - Heimbach



Berks-Mont Photo by Jim Davidheiser

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit raised more than \$3,700 last Sunday. The money will go to help the Red Cross in its relief efforts in New York City. The high school auditorium was nearly filled.

THE SALVATION ARMY

Boyertown Corps

Thank you **TO THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED THIS SUMMER!**

Because of your help we were able to...

- ❖ Have the dmZ Youth Center open 6 hours a day during the week and have various events in the evening. 140 different teens took advantage of the facility!
- ❖ Send 9 pre-teens to summer camp at Camp Ladore.
- ❖ Distribute back to school supplies and backpacks to 29 children and teens.
- ❖ Provide canteen emergency services, case management, and counseling services.

dmZ TEEN YOUTH CENTER

Fall Drop-In Hours: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Come enjoy the pool table, ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, playstation, and large screen television, and more. You get help on your homework too if needed.

Monday Night Football: Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Watch on the 60" TV. If you don't like football, a movie will be shown on an 8' screen in a separate room.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournaments: Join the Fall session on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. from 9/5 - 10/10.

Chick's Nite Out: Girls in their teens are invited on September 19 for our 4th event just for girls! Events planned each month.

C.R.O.P. Youth Lock-in: Join us on October 6 & 7 for an all-night opportunity to raise awareness and funds for world hunger.

Friday Night Activities: Coming soon - watch for details!

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING:

If you or your group would like to help The Salvation Army, we have a place for you! Volunteers and donations are needed.

- Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Food/Gift Baskets
- Kettle Ringers
- Ding-Dong Competition group participants



The Salvation Army of Boyertown is supported by individual donors and the Boyertown United Way. If you would like someone to come to your group and share about our services to the community, give us a call.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Proceeds benefit Boyertown Area High School Music Students