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Andy Stiles takes to the blue skies

Pre-flight checks, stalls, turns, takeoff and landing are part of the excitement that Andy Stiles engaged in during his first solo flight last Thursday. Andy was under the supervision and instruction of Charles McMurrough for 12 hours prior to his solo debut.

In August of 1983, McMurrough and Stiles purchased a Cessna 140 aircraft. "It was an adventure and a good deal to purchase a plane," Stiles said. At one time my parents owned a plane and we would fly in that one. That's where my interest in planes began.

"My first solo flight was very exciting," Stiles said. He chuckled as he replied, "the plane takes off a lot faster without extra weight in it." He flew at an altitude of 4,000 feet.

Flight instructor McMurrough has graduated over 80 students that have obtained their FFA license and approximately 300 students have soloed. McMurrough is employed at the Ashby Mod. Co. He instructs flying on a part-time basis. "I give what I can, when I can," McMurrough said; it's an exciting hobby.

Stiles is a 1984 graduate of Rice High School and will attend Texas A&M University in the fall to major in engineering. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Stiles, Jr., of Eagle Lake.



Andy Stiles, left, stands beside flight instructor Charles McMurrough prior to his first solo flight in the Cessna 140 aircraft. Stiles also is photographed shortly after takeoff at the Eagle Lake airport, and from high in the sky is an aerial photo of Eagle Lake.



By Leroy J. Hajdik
 County Extension Agent

County Agent's Notebook

Due to the rain recently received, it will enable the Colorado County Row Crops Committee and the County Extension Agent to produce another County Row Crops Tour on Monday, June 25. More details will be released at a later date.

Feed grain tests that will be viewed on the tour will include a corn varietal and disease test on the Edward Gold farm of Garwood. A 19 variety grain sorghum varietal and disease test has been established by Pat Meisner near the Colorado River southeast of Garwood.

Arthur Mahalic and sons of Matthews are farming a 26 variety corn varietal and disease test in the Matthews bottom.

Also on the tour, producers will be able to see some Group 25 or early season maturing soybean varieties being grown on the Gracey Plantation by Arthur Mahalic and sons.

Other items of interest will be included in the tour program including control of the Western corn rootworm and a courtesy barbecue.

Soybean test
 Ed Lee Schneider and sons of Nada are cooperative farmers this year in planting a 14 variety soybean trial as a comparison of Apron treated versus non-Apron treated seed to determine if the Apron treatment will have an economic reduction of the soybean seedling diseases.

Baby shower honors Spanihel
 Baby Spanihel received lots of goodies when his/her mother, Vivian Spanihel, was honored with a shower by Mrs. Linda Baca of Wharton on Thursday, May 24. Mrs. Charles Stephens, Sr. graciously loaned the use of her home that evening for the event.

Two ice breaker games were played during the evening. The first, a name game, was won by the baby's grandmother.

Colorado County By Jim Broussard

Sheriff's Report

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The Sheriff's Department would like to express their appreciation to everyone for maintaining a quiet and orderly Memorial weekend. There were no serious incidents reported in this area and everyone's cautiousness during the long weekend really paid off.

Duties the Sheriff's Department handled for the week were:

5-28-84: Removed livestock from the roadway on Strickland Lane. Assisted at the scene of an accident on Reese Lane.

5-29-84: Checked on a suspicious vehicle on 2434. Assisted at the scene of a disturbance in Weimar. Investigated a theft near Garwood. Assisted at the scene of a fire in Glidden. Assisted at the scene of an accident on Reese Lane. Removed livestock from the roadway on 102 North. Transported a prisoner from Houston to Columbus for court. Transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus. Assisted at the scene of a truck fire east of Columbus. Assisted at the scene of a car fire in Glidden. Issued eight traffic citations and served three civil citations.

5-30-84: Checked on a disturbance near Eagle Lake. Checked on a prowler on G. Miller Road. Checked on a disturbance in Glidden. Assisted a stranded motorist near Eagle Lake. Checked on a suspicious vehicle on County Road 105. Had county court. Issued 10 traffic citations and served five civil citations.

5-31-84: Checked on possible hunters on Calhoun Road. Removed livestock from the roadway on 109. Checked on a vehicle blocking mail boxes on 109. Arrested one for burglary. Issued 16 traffic citations and served four civil citations.

6-1-84: Removed livestock from the roadway near Borden and on 109. Investigated a burglary on 102. Issued seven traffic citations and served four civil citations.

6-2-84: Removed livestock from the roadway on 110 east of Columbus. Assisted at the scene of a burglary in Weimar. Assisted at the scene of an accident on 90 near Weimar. Removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10 east of Columbus. Checked on a disturbance in Alleyton. Checked on suspicious subjects on County Road 210. Transported prisoners from Eagle Lake to Columbus. Removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10 and 102.

Youth ice cream social
 June 17

The United Methodist youth will be sponsoring an ice cream social and pie auction on Sunday, June 17 at 6 p.m. Proceeds will be used to send the young people to Six Flags later this summer.

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