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Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival — September 18, 19 and 20

The twin-engine plane hit the rice field almost straight in, with the engines well buried in the mud.

The pilot of the smaller plane was found 150 yards from the wreckage.

Foster first to see mid-air crash results

Oklahoma men killed after taking off from Wharton Municipal Airport

When Jimmy Foster went to work about 7 a.m. Monday morning, he found the wreckage of two airplanes in his boss's rice field south of Lissie.

Foster was the first person to see the crashed aircraft, which apparently was the result of a mid-air collision that occurred sometime after 11:15 a.m. Sunday. The wreckage lay unnoticed for nearly 24 hours.

The bodies of the three Oklahoma men who died in Floyd Marsalia's rice field were taken to Houston Monday night by Dulany Funeral Home for autopsies. National Transportation Safety Board investigators want the information to help them understand how Sunday's mid-air collision could have happened.

Eugene Shanks Sr., of Wharton told DPS officers and Wharton County sheriff's deputies on the scene Monday morning that he had sold the single-engine airplane on Friday. The three men had flown to Wharton on Sunday morning about 10 a.m. in a twin-engine aircraft. They fueled both aircraft, and took off about 11:15 a.m., heading back to Oklahoma.

Dead are the pilot of the single engine aircraft, Anthony E. Stricker, 46, of Oklahoma City; the others are Robert E. Pearson, 49, and Thomas D. Brogdon, 44, both of Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Investigators were not certain who the pilot of the twin engine craft was.

Foster said when he got into the field Monday morning, he first checked to see if anyone was alive. He then drove his truck to the Eagle Lake Police Department about 8:15 a.m. and contacted duty officer Bufford Ashley.

Ashley followed Foster back to the crash site. It is in Wharton County, just off Wharton County Road 271, about five miles south of Lissie. Ashley borrowed Fosters field boots, and waded into the first field to check the smaller plane. He said it was obvious the pilot was flying from the right-hand seat, since the area of the left hand seat was clean. Ashley had to force the left-hand door off the aircraft in order to see inside.

Since the pilot was not in the plane, Ashley radioed to see if someone could make a visual search from the air. Dan Thornton and the Wintermann helicopter were not available, but Dan Gertson, owner of Lissie Flying Service, contacted pilot Lowell Hicks who had just taken off for a spraying operation. Hicks buzzed the field and finally located the pilot, about 150 yards from his plane.

Ashley and others speculate the smaller plane was hit by the left prop of the twin. Some said there were marks on the tail of the smaller plane. Ashley said the right-hand cockpit area of the single engine plane had been cut open by the twin's prop, probably knocking the pilot from the craft. His right arm and leg were almost severed.

The heavier twin-engine plane hit the rice field almost straight in, with the engines well buried in the mud.

Henry Kretzschmar and Melvin Stancik were called to the scene about mid-morning since mortician Larry Dulany was not in town. Stancik said the Glen Flora fire department had to use its Jaws of Life equipment to separate the wreckage of the larger plane.

newsbriefs

Rice CISD school board special meeting set

A special meeting of the Rice CISD board of trustees will be held at 7 p.m. in the board room of the administration building in Altair this Thursday, August 27. Some items on the agenda include the adoption of a budget and tax rate for 1987-88 and amend policies for career ladder.

Annual Day Program to be held Sunday

Pastor, officers and members of Friendship Baptist Church invite the public to worship with them in celebrating their Sunday School Annual Day Program. It will be held this Sunday, August 30 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. A. J. Jones, pastor of Greater Union/Mt. Carmel Baptist Churches and congregation of Eagle Lake.

The theme for the day will be "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15).

Register now for dancing classes this fall

Fall registration is now underway for children 3 years old through fifth grade to enter Linda Balas' School of Dances. Mrs. Balas' students will learn tap, ballet and jazz.

Since classes are limited, call Mrs. Balas at 234-3834 early if interested.

Outriders meeting planned this Friday

The Rice Raider Outriders will hold a meeting this Friday, August 28 from 9-10 a.m. in the band room at Rice High School.

Members are urged to wear tennis shoes and bring their pom-poms. Also, sign painting will follow the meeting.

September 1 is first day of school

All Rice CISD students will begin the 1987-88 school year on Tuesday, September 1. They will go to school for four days and then have a holiday on Monday, September 7 which is Labor day.

Motorists are urged to use caution when driving close to the school grounds and also to be alert of children walking to and from school.

AARP to hold luncheon Wednesday

The local AARP chapter #1035 will meet on Wednesday, September 2 at noon for a covered dish luncheon at the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church. AARP meets September through May, the first Wednesday of each month.

Get Raider season football tickets now

If you held season tickets for last year's Rice Raider home football games, those same seats may be purchased now through Friday, August 28. Unsold tickets will be available to the general public beginning Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4.

The season package is $15 per seat for the five home games. Tickets may be obtained at the Rice High School principal's office in Altair between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Freshman orientation planned this Friday

The annual freshman orientation day is scheduled for this Friday, August 28 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rice High School. Counselor Guy Beane also invites the parents to accompany their child, since the parent-student-school relationship is so important in a child's successful completion of public school.

Even though almost all of the seniors last year passed the new state test required before a diploma is awarded, Rice is working harder on the bookwork this year.

Equipment needed for CampFire hut

CampFire Girls of Eagle Lake are busy getting their CampFire hut ready for use this fall. Anyone who has file cabinets, cabinets, tables, chairs, air conditioner with heating element or heater that you are no longer in need of and would like to donate the items, call Gail Gertson at 234-5184 or 234-5488.

Hunter safety course to be taught

A hunter safety course will be taught at the Garwood school starting next Thursday, Sept. 3.

Billy Hefner will be the instructor. He said classes will be held from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. that night, and again on Tuesday Sept. 8

Klockman announces intention to leave city

By KAY CLIPSON
Headlight

City manager Robert Klockman announced Tuesday that he is seeking another job and will be leaving Eagle Lake sometime in the future.

On another subject, former councilman Alvin Kohleffel was appointed to council to fill a vacancy created last month when Case Hollub resigned.

The action came at Tuesday's regular city council meeting attended by mayor Lanny Powers and councilmen Mike Duarte, Vic Corman, Joe Duncan and Larry Dulany. Also attending was Lucille Perry, city secretary

Klockman told council that he is looking for another job in the Sequin area. He said he would not be leaving immediately, but wanted council to be aware of his plans. He did say his family would be moving to Seguin immediately where his children have been enrolled in schools for this fall's term.

As for the Kohleffel appointment, mayor Powers said that at council's suggestion he contacted him about filling the vacancy. Powers said Kohleffel was willing, but wanted it understood that he would not be seeking re-election at the end of the term next spring. Council unanimously accepted

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City asks ideas and views on development of Eagle Lake

A public meeting is scheduled this Thursday evening in which the ideas and views of residents will be sought. This is the first session planned by the city as it develops a plan for our community, according to a letter from city manager Robert Klockman.

The meeting will be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center this Thursday, August 27, at 7:30 p.m.

"As mentioned," Klockman wrote to a number of business and civic leaders, "this meeting is being held to explain the city's planning program and to obtain your ideas and comments. This latter reason is perhaps the most important. If our community is going to develop into, or stay, the community that you would like to see, it must have your ideas considered in this plan. Our planning consultant and city officials will be there to listen to your ideas and start the planning process with you."

Nix horse race election question

Commissioners appoint Joe Fling as public defender for Colorado County

Eagle Lake attorney Joe Fling was hired Monday as Colorado County's first public defender. The change in the way the county provides legal support for indigent residents was approved by county commissioners during their regular twice-monthly meeting August 24. County Judge Lester Cranek opened the meeting with 23 items on the agenda. It included discussion of a new telephone system for the courthouse, which was approved.

At the same meeting, commissioners also agreed that there is no need for an election question in the county concerning horse racing. Commissioners considered adding the "Texas Racing Act" local option question to the ballot in November, but decided against it since the county doesn't qualify for any of the three licenses required.

The 1988 budget workshop followed the regular business meeting.

Fling's appointment was made possible in the last session of the Texas legislature. State lawmen approved a special statute authorizing a public defender effective September 1. Fling told commissioners this has been under consideration for some time. He has been working with the county for several months in preparation for the Sept. 1 start date. Only two other counties in Texas have public defenders.

Fling will handle criminal cases in county and district courts. Formerly the county paid some of the costs incurred by attorneys when they were appoint in a criminal case. Fling said the public defender position will give better representation to indigent criminal cases and possibly eliminate law suits based on inadequate counsel.

He also asked the court to be put on a salary at $20,000 a year and since this position becomes effective Sept. 1 he wants to start then. Commissioners' Court endorsed a four-month salary of $9,201 for the remainder of 1987 and approved the requested salary for 1988. Fling will continue his civil law practice in Eagle Lake.

A bid of $4,388.79 from Condra Communications of Cat Spring was approved by commissioners for a new phone system to be installed. Condra Communications will replace the existing phone system that is leased from AT&T for $396.70 per month.

Two other proposals were considered by commissioners. Global Tele-

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Hightower among speakers here Friday

Texas agriculture commissioner Jim Hightower will be a featured speaker in Eagle Lake this Friday as part of the ten-county economic and business development conference at the Community Center. Hightower, to deliver a keynote address on opportunities in increased agricultural diversification and processing, will be joined by S. David Freeman, general manager of LCRA, and by David B. Brandon, executive director of the Texas Economic Development Commission. Registration is $15 and may be made by calling Tom Reed at Lake Motors, 234-2513.