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Additional photos of Continental crash



A close up of the wreckage from last week's plane crash outside Eagle Lake. Believe it or not, this is all that was left of an airplane which was capable of carrying 30 persons.



Below, left, later that afternoon, officials gathered as local firemen and funeral directors removed the bodies from the wreckage. Every move was videotaped by the gentleman to the right in this picture.

4-H News

From Your County Extension Service

4-H Shooting Sports program to begin

By Rick Jahn, County Extension Agent-Ag
The Colorado County 4-H Shooting Sports Archery Project will begin activities for the 1991-92 year on September 24. The Shooting Sports project is one of the fastest growing projects in the state of Texas.

The purpose of the 4-H Shooting Sports program is to involve youth in a developmental program, teach shooting skills and safety, develop leadership and citizenship skills, provide a vehicle for family involvement, foster the education and development of volunteers, promote positive relationships with peers and adults, and to offer career exploration opportunities.

The main emphasis of the program is on safety. The youth can compete locally for patches and participate in shooting matches throughout the state.

The archery project will hold an organization meeting on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the County Extension Office in Columbus. This will be followed by practice sessions on October 1, 8 and 15. A local competition will be held on October 2.

4-H is the youth development program of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. 4-H is open to all youth

between the third grade and age 19.

For more information on these projects and the 4-H program, call Rick Jahn, County Extension Agent-Agriculture, at 732-2082.

Clubs organizing in Bernardo and Columbus

By Peggy Braden, County Extension Agent-H.E.

A new 4-H club is being organized in the Bernardo area. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Bernardo Volunteer Fire Department.

A re-organization meeting for the Lucky Clover 4-H Club in Columbus will be held on Monday, September 23, at 7 p.m. in the County Ag Building at 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

4-H is an exciting youth development program that helps you learn new things while participating in exciting activities. 4-H is a family affair that involves the whole family in work and fun. It is open to all youth in the third grade through age 19.

All interested parents and youth are encouraged to attend one of these meetings.

For more information, call Peggy Braden or Rick Jahn, County Extension Agents, at 732-6694.

Study Club holds coffee

Thirty-six members and guests of the Eagle Lake Study Club enjoyed a delightful coffee at the home of Mrs. Alvin Wiese on Wednesday, September 11th.

Mrs. Ann Thomas of Musabell's Book Store brought a marvelous array of books for adults and children, giving mini-reviews of the books. The opportunity was given to all present to look at the books and to buy them. The books were so popular that many of them sold immediately and orders were taken for additional books. It was an exciting morning.

All Study Club members are reminded that the October meeting will be held on the 16th, a week later than usual, at 2 p.m. at the Library. Dr. John H. Matthews will be the speaker.

The 1991-92 Study Club Program books that were not picked up are available at the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

Remember, it is not too late to pay your 1991-1992 dues if you have not done so!

OLG Queen 1991

Amy Guerra was chosen as the 1991 Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Queen during the dance held on Saturday, September 14, 1991. This contest and dance is a kick-off to the church picnic that will be held Sunday, October 13th.

Volunteer to be a Parent Aide

The Parent Aide Program urgently needs volunteers. If you are concerned about troubled families and have 20 hours a month to give, find out about being a Parent Aide Volunteer.

Volunteers are prepared with 12 hours of training. The next session begins Thursday, Oct. 10, and will continue through the month on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. Application deadline for volunteers is Wed., Oct. 2. Please call any of the phone numbers below during Sept. Families are waiting for parent aides. They can be helped if the community responds with compassionate servants.

Austin County: 865-5211; Colorado County: 732-3662 or 732-5672; Waller County: 713-375-6700 or 934-8112. Message should be left for Pam Mossberger.

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WHEREAS, the principal of the Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas, do hereby designate September, 1991, as FAIR HOUSING MONTH.

In the City of Eagle Lake and urge all its citizens to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas, to be affixed this 10th day of September, 1991.

Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor

ATTEST: Sylvia Rucka, Acting City Secretary

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In conjunction with the Community Blood Drive sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance

Wed., Sept. 25

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Please call by 4 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, to schedule your ride.

For More Details, Please Call

Eagle Lake Community Hospital... 409-234-5571

*Refreshments Include Freshly Popped Popcorn and Treats from our Dietary Department

*Drawing for Prizes

\$10,000 Reward offered

A reward of up to \$10,000 is hereby offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the arson-caused fire at A&K's Yard near Eagle Lake, Texas, on or about September 3, 1991. This offer of reward remains open until November 15, 1991. It will be paid by A&K on conviction of the criminal or criminals.

If you have any information regarding the above, contact the Eagle Lake Police Department at 234-2727 or Crimestoppers at 234-5555.

Eagle Lake Headlight

Did you see this monster come through?

These chemical storage tanks, being transported by Davenport Mammoth Transfer out of Rosarion, Texas, are on their way to Arizona from south of Houston. They came through town last Tuesday, Sept. 17. When asked why they were coming through the middle of town, they said it was the route that had been mapped out for them and they had to follow it.

Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

First of many 'town hall meetings' planned...

Citizens question Tricil reps about Altair site

In what was described as a good turnout, 50 citizens attended a "town hall meeting" put on by Tricil Environmental Response Inc. Monday evening at the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Hall.

The audience was made up of persons from across the county—not only Eagle Lake and Garwood, but Columbus and Weimar as well. Among those who came to question representatives of Tricil and its parent company, Laidlaw Environmental Services Inc. of South Carolina, were all four Colorado County commissioners (Sonny Spaniel, Otto Loessin, Jerome Wicke and Johnnie Elstner) along with Eagle Lake Mayor Roy Van Nort and Weimar City Manager Frank Parks. Long-time County Judge Lester Crane was among the participants which emphasized the absence of the current judge.

Members of the "panel" were Jim O'Neil, Tricil Vice President; Dan Jones, Laidlaw Vice President of Public Affairs; Don Poarch, Tricil's General Manager of Field Services, and Mark Galliard, Laidlaw Central Regional Environmental Manager. Also present, but not participating in the discussion, was Gary Pearson, a consultant for Tricil.

A scale model was used to explain the construction of each cell using layers of compacted clay and two 80 mil. liners on a prepared subgrade. The liners are manufactured by Gundel Lining Systems of Houston and used in landfills across the country. According to Jones, these same liners will be required in all landfills the near future. The federal government mandates these liners be used, but refuses to guarantee the reliability. The majority of the questions posed by the audience were, of course, their concerns with ground water contamination, particularly the problem(s) during heavy rainfall or a hurricane. As explained by Poarch and O'Neil, the site will be equipped with more than sufficient storage tank capacity to handle large amounts of water contaminated by entering the hazardous waste cell(s). Also, tank trucks will be used to transport this water to a site which is permitted to handle liquid hazardous waste. (Tricil will not be, and does not want to be, permitted to accept liquid waste.) These tank trucks are lined with a special plastic "baggie" (as described by O'Neil). The bag covers the interior of the tank and, when filled, is closed and then covered with a water-

proof tarp. When the trucks reach their destination, the entire "baggie" goes into that landfill.

When questioned about the reported problems at their South Carolina landfill, Jones and O'Neil responded with a full explanation of the two incidents which generated news stories. Both were before the hazardous cell was put into use...one during construction by heavy rains causing a sloughing of the cell wall and the second caused by a backhoe during repair of the first tier.

It was also pointed out that one reason the sloughing occurred in South Carolina was because of the extreme slope of the sides. Due to the depth of the water table and clay formation, the company was able to build sides of those cells at a 2:1 slope, whereas the cells at the Altair site will be constructed with a 3:1 slope (more gradual).

What happens if Tricil and/or Laidlaw go into bankruptcy? This question was posed by a citizen in attendance. In answering, Galliard explained that the company is required by law to post a "post-closure bond" with the state. The amount of this bond goes up as the amount of waste stored increases. As of this week, the dollar value on the bond is expected to be in the neighborhood of

Hearing finally concluded...

Vote goes against Bengie

In another seven plus hour session Monday night, Rice Consolidated School Board of Trustees heard additional testimony in the grievance hearing requested by H. Major Bengie, Principal at Eagle Lake Primary School.

Approximately 60 citizens kept a vigil during the closed session.

When the board entered into open session, Jim Wiese made a motion to rescind the memorandum sent to Bengie by Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey. John Carey voiced a

second and a vote was called. Joining Wiese and Carey to vote down the memo was Melody Grigar, Board members Reggie Briscoe, Fritz Leopold and Kate Labay cast negative votes. Board president John Matthews then cast the tie-breaking vote with a negative response.

Leopold then made a motion to have the memo stand as written which was seconded by Labay. The same 3 vote resulted. Again, Matthews broke the tie with a vote to allow the memo to stand.

According to those in attendance, at this point, Briscoe stated the public had acted irresponsibly while he pointed a finger at the citizens in the

room. In a louder than normal voice, he blamed the public for the rumors and stated it was not their (the public's) place to tell the board how to discipline a district employee. His statements and actions angered many of the people still there.

It is fact that, since this long-running incident started, there has never been a public statement released by the board or its representative(s). The only "answer" any member of the press or public received was, "The district's legal council advises no comment be made on this situation."

Apparently, most, if not all, the members of the board had no idea what was going on until the grievance hearing.

Hospital announces opening of Geriatric Assessment, Resource Center

Eagle Lake Community Hospital proudly announces the opening of their Geriatric Assessment and Resource Center located at the hospital, 600 South Austin Road. The Geriatric Center was made possible by the Rural Health Transition Grant in 1989. The Geriatric Center is one of the first centers to open of its kind. Faced with the healthcare demands of an aging society, ELCH is adding this new service targeted to the elderly. The Center is designed to assess the needs and prolong wellness thereby delaying the onset of illness in the elderly population. Health and aging are dynamic processes which encompass various states of wellness and illness. Optimal health is an integrated state of functioning toward which humans seek their maximum potential for living in all stages of life. In this effort, ELCH Geriatric Center will establish an environment which ensures the elderly population of the community an opportunity for assessment and referral by a multi-disciplinary team utilizing advanced gerontological concepts of care.

The Geriatric Assessment and Resource Center offers the following:

- Complete physical assessment by a Registered Nurse.
- Laboratory testing.
- Radiology examinations.
- Physician and specialist referrals.
- Counseling.
- Environmental assessments.
- Home follow-up.
- Family conference.
- Transportation provided by the Colorado Valley Transit.

The Geriatric Center will run under the approval of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Medical Staff. All charges will be filed with Medicare, but the patient does not have to be on Medicare to be seen. The Center hopes to reach the elderly at risk so they can maintain their independent status of living. Individuals may use the clinic no matter who their attending physician may be.

For more information, call 234-5571, ext. 265. Ask for René Cooper-Scott, RN, Clinical Director, or Mary Kay Cook, Project Coordinator.

The Center will also be offering flu shots this fall. Please contact the Geriatric Center if you would like one.

NEWSBRIEFS

VFW Fish Fry to be held this Friday

The VFW Post #8783 and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, Sept. 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Eagle Lake. On the menu are catfish, pinto beans, peaches, cole slaw (made by VFW Auxiliary) and tartar sauce. The cost will be \$4.50 per plate. Tickets are available from any member or you may purchase them at the door. Plates will be available to go or you may dine in hall. Serving is from 5-7 p.m.

Fort Bend Singles sponsoring dance Friday

The Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance Friday, Sept. 27, at 8 p.m. at the KC Hall in Needville. Music by Donnie Wavra and Hi Lites. Door prizes will be given. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 232-4782 or 409-793-6176.

CCA Board meeting Thursday

Combined Community Action, Inc. will hold its Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 7:30 p.m. at 531 E. Colorado in La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

Spaghetti Dinner at Sheridan Comm. Center

The Little League Field Association will hold a Spaghetti Dinner at the Sheridan Community Center to raise funds for the new Little League Field on Saturday, Sept. 28th, and serving will be from 7-9 p.m. You can dine in or plates will be available to go. Tickets are on sale from any Little League Association member. Adult tickets are \$4.50 each and children 12 and under are \$3.50. A drawing and an auction will be held and door prizes will be given away.

Community meeting on Sheridan pool

Does Sheridan want a swimming pool? A community meeting has been called for Thursday (today) Sept. 26 at the Community Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. to discuss and make future plans for the operation of the local pool. If your attendance at the Freshman-JV High School football game or 7th-8th grade football game Thursday prevents you from attending the meeting, contact a member of the Lions Club and let them know your desire for the pool. Everyone's help is needed.

'Family Hour' group to meet Tuesday

The "Family Hour" group will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 1st, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in hospital classroom 4 at Gulf Coast Medical Center, Wharton. The purpose of the group is to provide support and education to individuals caring for or associated with a sick family member or friend. The group will meet each Tuesday and is free and open to the public. For further information contact Debra Medina, RNC, Skilled Nursing Facility Director, at 532-2500, ext. 4700.

Have you had a cardiac cath procedure?

In preparation for the grand opening of Gulf Coast Medical Center's Cardiac Catheterization Lab later this year, they are asking anyone who has had a cardiac catheterization procedure to contact Delores Cox, Director of Public Relations, at 532-2500, ext. 1109. They would like to make sure these individuals receive a personal invitation to the grand opening ceremonies where Gulf Coast plans to recognize the many people who have undergone the procedure.

By Rhonda Lattimore

Special to The Headlight
A \$4,350,645 budget was adopted by the Colorado County Commissioners' Court during its regular meeting Monday morning. The court also adopted a tax rate of 25.08¢ per \$100 valuation for the 1991-92 fiscal year. This ad valorem tax rate shows a 3% increase from last year's 24.35%.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk commended all department heads and elected officials for their patience and understanding in preparing this year's budget, as virtually all funds were cut. He also stated that each commissioner gave up some \$38,000 to help iron out problems.

"We have no new money coming in any more," said Auditor Raymie Kana. "For years we did not increase taxes, but increased the budget and simply used our surplus to balance everything. We have finally reached the bottom and it was tough this year."

Strunk said the county was facing a \$600,000 shortfall before budget hearings even began.

The court also discussed the way funds would be appropriated to each precinct in the county based on the number of road miles in each precinct. Strunk explained that each precinct was allotted \$50,000 to maintain its office and all other funding depended on percentage of miles in the precinct. Beginning in 1992, the following mileages will be used to allocate funds to each precinct:

- Precinct 1 — 179.75 miles;
- Precinct 2 — 176.75 miles;
- Precinct 3 — 216.80 miles; and
- Precinct 4 — 154.90 miles.

An interlocal agreement was adopted which will allow Pct. 4 Commissioner Sonny Spaniel to maintain some 3.6 miles of roadways in Pct. 3 Commissioner Jerome Wicke's territory. The roads run parallel to some in Precinct 4 and the commissioner agreed it would be more feasible to share the workload rather than travel out of the way to maintain the road.

Linda Fitzwater and Mary Latimer

of the Texas Department of Human Services addressed the court concerning the final adoption of a contract between the agency and the county. The court agreed to a contract and to provide up-front monies for foster care and child protective services. The county will be reimbursed 100% for all monies initially outlaid.

The county also agreed to give the department \$6,000 which is not reimbursable to help provide services such as clothing and medical allowances to both foster children and foster parents. This is the same amount the county funded the department last year.

The court also gave audience to Chris Stein, president of the Columbus Community Hospital board of directors, and Sharon Andress, hospital administrator, concerning a contract with University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston on indigent health care. The county agreed to enter a contract with UTMB to provide indigent health care for \$78,000, or \$6,500 a month.

Stein and Andress addressed the court concerning the percentage of the contract their district should be responsible. They admitted to having to take responsibility for indigent health care, but were questioning the amount of funds having to be outlaid.

The Eagle Lake Police Department received a report of a burglary of a building. Officer Clem Johnson met the complainant at the Stockbridge Street location and found that someone had broken a small door pane in order to gain entry into the house. The complainant reported that the only thing missing was a boy's bicycle. There are no suspects at this time.

A report was received of a lawn mower being stolen from a residence on Hubbard-Ferry Road, but later in the day, the complainant called and advised he had located the mower. The department is investigating a report of a cassette player being taken from a vehicle which was left at Lake Motors for repairs. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Jim Staude and Sgt. Earl Jones were dispatched to a disturbance call where the complainant had been hit on the head with a beer bottle. The complainant was taken to the hospital for treatment and released. He was advised to see the judge to file charges against the two subjects.

An officer was dispatched to a report of a burglary of a habitation on Allen Street where a color television

was reportedly stolen. After meeting with the complainant, he admitted knowing where the television was and he did not want to file charges.

The Police Department worked a report of criminal mischief on Second Street which resulted in the driver's side window of a vehicle being broken out. No charges were filed.

Officer Johnson responded to a report of a burglary of a building. It was reported by the complainant that several items had been taken including two televisions, a turntable, four speakers and approximately \$200 in coins, total value was over \$1,200. There are no suspects at this time.

Sgt. Jones and Officer Johnson responded to a report of an intoxicated subject asleep in a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located and found to be stolen out of Harris County. The vehicle and subject were reported to have been in the Columbus area a day earlier. The driver was located and placed under arrest and transported to Colorado County Jail to be turned over to Harris County.

The Department investigated a report of a burglary of a building on First Street where a burglary was gained by prying open a window. A VCR and a shotgun were reported missing. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Staude and Sgt. Jones were dispatched to a disturbance call on State and Fairview Streets. Upon arrival, a black male subject was located and found to have an injury to his head. He was transported by ambulance to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital where it was determined he had at least two skull fractures and a dislocated shoulder. The subject was later transported to Galveston by ambulance to undergo surgery. The offender was also located.

A complainant came by the Police Department and gave Chief Villarreal a statement in reference to a family disturbance, but after talking with the complainant, she advised she did not want to file any charges.

A burglary of a habitation was reported to Officer Johnson and a large amount of clothing was missing. The complainant advised he knew who had taken the clothing and if he got them back, he would not file charges. Later that day, he advised he his clothing had been returned.