Elkton Area wreckage still being examined

By AMY HEIDEN

Martin Rosenthal finished doing a bit of work in his basement last Tuesday, March 3, then went outside to chop some wood just after 4 p.m. He only got a few pieces done, though, before he was startled by a loud boom.

He then watched as a large piece of aircraft hurtled into the woods near his house, south of Elkton. He also heard a loud crash in his house.

"I knew I wasn't going back in the house," Rosenthal said. Silence followed, and as he stood under the eaves of his house, thousands of pieces of metal began raining from the sky into the fields surrounding his South Moore Road home.

What Rosenthal was seeing was the aftermath of a midair collision of two Air National Guard F-16A fighter jets, based at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemens.

One pilot, Capt. Robert Kecough, 36 of Howell, parachuted to safety, and walked to the home of Wayne and Janet Krenz on Pinnebog Road to phone his wife and call Selfridge officials for help.

But a second pilot, Lt. Col. Roy Key, 46 of Mt. Clemens, was killed in the collision. His body was recovered Wednesday morning from a wooded area on the banks of the Pinnebog River.

Both pilots were experienced pilots with the 191st Fighter Interceptor Group, officials said.

A third pilot, Maj. Ron Moore, was participating in training exercises with the other two planes, and he returned to Selfridge, where he landed safely.

The collision marked the third Air National Guard mishap over Huron County in the past 14 months. In January 1991, Maj. Gen. Gordon Stump parachuted to safety when his F-16 crashed into a field in Fair Haven Township near Be Port.

Then in November, an A-7 aircraft crashed into a wooded area near Huron City. The pilot, Lt. Michael McHale of the Toledo Air National Guard, still in his parachute, was dropped into Lake Huron and presumed drowned.

No civilian injuries were reported in any of the incidents, but the latest incident was the first in which houses and other buildings were damaged.

Residents don't mind planes, but prefer higher ceilings

Area residents say they've become used to the sounds of fighter jets booming overhead and the sounds of low-flying cargo planes seemingly grazing the treetops. They say they understand the need for the training.

"I like watching them, especially on a clear day," said party store owner George Johnson of Owosso.

"I watched one the other day that was so close I could see the outline of all the doors on the bottom of the planes," Johnson said.

Janssen said he doesn't mind the planes. "They've got to practice somewhere. You can't be over the water all the time.

"They picked this area because it's wide open. It's a shame that they lost a pilot, but more accidents happen on the road than with airplanes," he said.

A group of friends visiting at Don's Barber Shop in Elkton agreed with those sentiments.

"They should know what they're doing," said owner Don Wells. "They've got to train under all kinds of situations. I'd rather have them flying over here instead of somebody else, like the Japanese or the Russians.

"I don't hear any sleep over it," Wells added.

And Jim Wilson, speaking of forcing the pilots to train exclusively over Lake Huron, "I wouldn't want to be the pilot that has to bail out if something went wrong." Wilson said.

Elmer Hopp, owner of Thumb Hardware in Elkton, said "chances are it won't happen again in 20 years." This was one of those freak things.

Almost everyone agreed that a proposal to lower the ceiling, or minimum flying altitude, for National Guard training flights shouldn't be allowed.

"They shouldn't lower it any more for those cargo planes. They fly too low now and there's no room for error," Brep said.

But Lt. Col. Lawrence Milholland, deputy commander for support at Selfridge, and the National Guard's on-scene commander, said that two planes were flying at 15,000 ft, and any low-collision proposals would have no affect on those types of flights.

ABOVE, thousands of small pieces of debris are scattered over the six-mile area southeast of Elkton, but some large items remain. HERE, Kurt Darmow looks over the smashed fuselage of one of the planes. RIGHT, Dale Rosenthal points to a hole in the ceiling of his uncle's kitchen, which was the site of a falling debris.

A piece of a plane pierced the roof of the Rosenthal home and damaged the kitchen ceiling, a cabinet, and the floor.

"Usually about that time, I'm getting the milk out of the refrigerator for coffee," Rosenthal said. Luckily, he didn't have that day, because the debris fell right in front of the refrigerator.

Another Moore Road resident, Edwin Bader, reported that pieces of the aircraft struck his home, as did Kathy Kerr, who said that debris still littered her yard and the roof of her house.

Debris from the crash littered a six-mile area in the area south of M-142, making the locating of parts a time-consuming and tedious task. Many parts are small, while others are large pieces of campers or fuselage.

Air National Guard officials said the two planes that collided were "friendly" aircraft chasing a "bandit.

There was some speculation that one of the pilots hit the "bandit" from the rear.

Lt. Carl Grunick of the Selfridge Public Affairs Office said the two F-16As carried each carried 516 rounds of 20-millimeter training ammunition. These aren't rim-fuse munitions like hunters are used to. They're electrically fired," Grunick said. "We're still in the process of retrieving those munitions.

Those training rounds aren't as tasty to handle as regular ammunition, Grunick said, but "there's always a potential danger.

"We're getting specialty trained people here with experience in handling explosive ammunition," Grunick said.

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Lakers end perfect hoop season; tourneys ahead

By AMY HEIDEN

The way the basketball season has gone for the Lakers, they've either played heartbreakers or dropped nothing in between.

And last week's game was no exception. In a Valley League in their second season of conference play, losing 78-75 in the last minute of the game, but on Friday, they defeated Martinez 85-84 in overtime, they were neatly unraveled.

The first time the Valley League Champions met the Lakers, they won by a pair of points in overtime. They might have gone into overtime again today, but they didn't. It was fairly close, at least on the floor. The Lakers were up by two points in the first period, but they were down 12 points in the second half. Finally, they outlasted the Lakers in the second half, getting the win.

The Lakers were able to produce a second-half turnaround, but they were unable to come back and win the game.

The Lakers were down by 12 points at the half, but came back to win by two. They were able to hold off the Lakers in the second half, getting the win.

The Lakers' conference record is now 1-1, but they have not lost to the Lakers in conference play since 1982.

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Lady Lakers top district for ninth straight year

By AMY HEIDEN

The Lady Lakers have been the dominant team in the Valley League for the past nine years, and they are not letting up any time soon.

The Lady Lakers are currently on a nine-game winning streak, and they are looking to make it ten.

The Lady Lakers' most recent win was against the Lady Hawks, 85-80, in overtime.

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Dick Allen seeking House re-election

Obituaries

ALBERT E. HYATT
1915 - 1992

ALBERT E. HYATT, age 77, of Aiken, died Thursday, March 5, 1992 at Palmetto Medical Center. Dr. Hyatt was a 1939 graduate of South Carolina College and a 1943 graduate of the Medical College of South Carolina. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the South Carolina Medical Association, the Aiken County Medical Society, and a member of the Catholic Men’s Club of Aiken until 1973. He is survived by his wife, Betty; two children, Albert E. Ellerbee and Margaret L. Hightower; and a sister, Mrs. W. W. Hunter of Aiken. He will be buried Saturday, March 7, 1992 in Aiken.

LESTER ALEXANDER
1905-1992

LESTER ALEXANDER, age 86 of Easley, passed away Thursday, March 5, 1992 at the Aiken County Medical Center. Mr. Alexander was a 1922 graduate of Easley High School and a 1926 graduate of the University of South Carolina. He was a member of the Spartanburg County Commission for 27 years, and Mr. Alexander will be honored with a special service at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 1992 at the First Baptist Church in Easley. He was a member of the Aiken County Medical Society, and a member of the Aiken County Medical Society.

TOMOKUMI YAMAMOTO
1907-1992

TOMOKUMI YAMAMOTO, age 85 of Aiken, passed away Thursday, March 5, 1992 at the Aiken County Medical Center.

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Thirty years ago, March 24, 1962, was the day that the New York Times published an article about the opening of the first American Airlines jetliner, the 707. The article mentioned that the 707 could carry 141 passengers, had a range of 3,500 miles, and had a cruising speed of 560 miles per hour.

20 YEARS AGO

MARCH 28, 1982

Twenty years ago, March 28, 1982, was the day that the Los Angeles Times published an article about the death of actress Marilyn Monroe. The article mentioned that Monroe had been found dead in her apartment with a gunshot wound to the head. She had been found dead in 1962.

10 YEARS AGO

MARCH 16, 1982

Ten years ago, March 16, 1982, was the day that the New York Times published an article about the discovery of a new species of dinosaur. The article mentioned that the new species, called the Triceratops, was found in Wyoming.

5 YEARS AGO

MARCH 30, 1992

Five years ago, March 30, 1992, was the day that the New York Times published an article about the election of Bill Clinton as the 42nd president of the United States. The article mentioned that Clinton was the first Democratic president since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964.

3 YEARS AGO

MARCH 24, 1994

Three years ago, March 24, 1994, was the day that the New York Times published an article about the death of actor John Belushi. The article mentioned that Belushi had been found dead in his apartment with a drug overdose.

1 YEAR AGO

MARCH 28, 1995

One year ago, March 28, 1995, was the day that the New York Times published an article about the death of actress Elizabeth Taylor. The article mentioned that Taylor had been found dead in her home with a heart attack.

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Bay Port Postmaster's painting appears on national USPS calendar

As a final display of awareness month, retail post office locations across the country displayed the painting showing the station post office in Bay Port, made by its then-current postmaster. The painting will be in the exhibit at the National Postal Museum in December.

It's a boy!

Andy and Maria Dedek of Appleton, Wis., announce the birth of their son, Andrew David Dedek, Jr., born 2-22, weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long at birth at Horizon Memorial Hospital in Appleton, Wis. Grandparents are John and Mary Ann Dedek of Gulf Breeze, Fla., and Joseph and Julie Dedek of Appleton, Wis.

When I was a kid, one of my favorite TV shows was "The Beverly Hillbillies." I used to love to watch him walk his dog and explore the mountainous terrain around them.

Santa Saturday afternoon marks the official start of the Christmas season in Bay Port. The following Saturday, Dec. 16, is National Postcard Day, which is celebrated by many post offices across the country. It's a great day to send a postcard to someone you care about.

Coming home royalty!

During the December Christmas celebration, Dave Oliver and Michelle Kausch were crowned Prince and Princess of the holiday season in the Painted Tassel Night game. The coronation capped off a week of special Christmas activities, including drive-up days, hall decorating contests, and more.

During the Saturday night coronation, Dave Oliver took the stage to accept his crown. The coronation ceremony was followed by a special Santa Saturday celebration at the Bay Port Post Office.

ELTON SENIOR CITIZEN

The town of Elton will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Saturday, June 10, with a parade, music, food, and family fun. The town has a rich history, including the founding of the Bay Port post office, and is known for its close-knit community.

Senior news makes news at meetings

The Senior Citizen Center in Bay Port has been a hub for socializing and events for many years. The center offers a variety of activities, including fitness classes,艺术 courses, and community events.

Seniors can stay active and connected by attending the center's meetings and events. Whether you're looking for a new hobby, a new friend, or a chance to give back, the Senior Citizen Center is the place to be.

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