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L.L. President Reviews Another "Great" Season

Rotarian Allen Marquart, president of the Eagle Lake Little League, presented the club's program at the meeting on Wednesday of last week, discussing progress made in the Little League program during the past year, its purposes, and future goals. He was introduced by Brock Ashby, program chairman for the day.

Marquart noted that over 275 youngsters in the community, from ages 7 through 15, participated in the program during the past year on 23 teams. Forty coaches and assistants took part in managing the teams.

He pointed out that great improvements were made at the park this year, including complete rebuilding of the field, new grass, a new concession-storage-press box building, rest rooms. Also the league made the final payment this year on new lighting installed three years ago.

"The park is in tournament condition," stated Marquart, "and this enabled us to host the Area III Little League tournament." He noted that many compliments were paid to the host league for its excellent facilities and for excellent operation of the Area Tournament under the leadership of Elizabeth Miller.

Future projects discussed by Marquart included the possible staging of the district Little League tournament; a bid for the girls softball area tournament in Eagle Lake; and the possibility of adding a second playing field since the large number of teams participating makes scheduling very difficult.

Candy Sales Net $4,000

He discussed methods of financing the program and commented that the candy sale conducted by the local league netted over $4,000. Also the league rents uniforms for $12 (much less than in neighboring cities); obtains contributions from the Consolidated Fund; and also obtains financial assistance from local organizations and individuals. He stressed that the funds from the candy sales and uniform rentals help to offset normal operating expenses; but added that contributions must be received if the league is to have funds available for capital improvements at the park.

Marquart quoted messages from the Little League manual noting that the purpose of the Little League program, according to the Williamsport, Pa., headquarters, is to be of service to the youth and provide recreation under trained leadership in a community activity. Among the benefits of the program are that "those who play Little League are better equipped, physically, mentally and emotionally to meet true-to-life situations."

Marquart stressed that parents must shoulder leadership responsibilities in order to make the program work; and added that the program needs community-wide support if it is to meet the goals set out under the national Little League format.

"There's no substitute for experience gained in the Little League program," concluded the speaker.

He urged that parents and friends remember in attending future games of Little League that their son or friend is "Just A Little Boy."

3 From Area Distinguished Students At A&M

Three students from the Eagle Lake and Garwood areas have been recognized for academic achievement at Texas A&M University.

Recipients of the "Distinguished Student" honor, requiring at least a 3.25 grade point ratio, out of a possible 4.0, during the most recent grading period were:

Christopher S. Klekar of Eagle Lake, senior, chemical engineering student; Gerald W. Popp of Garwood, spring graduate, animal science; and Bruno A. Shimek of Garwood, junior, agricultural economics.

Annual Reunion Of Michalcik Family Held Here

Members of the Michalcik Family gathered Sunday, July 26, 1981 at the Stanley Kucherka camphouse near Eagle Lake for their annual family reunion. A noon covered dish lunch was enjoyed following grace by Father Tom Hanus of the local Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

The afternoon was spent visiting, playing games and hiking around the lakes. A highlight of the day for the children was watching an alligator in a nearby lake.

Of the 54 persons in attendance were only two of the four living children of the late John and Mary Michalcik: Mrs. Adela Fojt of Cat Spring and Alfons Michalcik and wife of Hallettsville. Mrs. Mary Taylor and John Michalcik were unable to attend.

Other descendants present included: from Eagle Lake: Mrs. Connie Gertson, Sunny and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Breithaupt, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Kucherka, Paul and Mark, Mrs. Diane Spanihel, Stacey and Michelle, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kucherka, Trey and Amy, Mrs. Shirley Seaholm and Kari, and Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Kucherka; from Rosenberg: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kucherka, Jr.; from El Campo: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McKeon, Mrs. Frances McKeon, Jamie and Jeffrey; from Cat Spring: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glueck, Christopher, Douglas, Curtis, Danette and Jeffrey and guest Tanya Glueck; from Louise: Mrs. Lucy Hrncir and Stevie; from Columbus: Mr. and Mrs. Gary Poenitzsch, Kyle and Kevin; from Buckholtz: Mr. and Mrs. Billy Taylor and Daphane; from Rockdale: Brice Taylor and guest Leigh Armstrong; from Alleyton: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Maertz and Cindy; from College Station: Billy Breithaupt and guest Jean Kasper of Weimar.

Elof Soderberg

Soderberg To Be Interim Gen. Mgr. For LCRA

Elof Soderberg will become interim general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority when General Manager Charles Herring retires.

Soderberg, LCRA's chief engineer, was unanimously selected by the Authority's board of directors at its July 23 meeting. He will act as LCRA's chief executive officer from the time Herring steps down until the board names a permanent general manager.

No date has been set either for Herring's retirement or for the selection of a new general manager.

Herring became LCRA general manager on June 1, 1973, following 35 years as a practicing attorney and 17 years as state senator from the Travis County area. As LCRA general manager, he is credited with completing the $454 million Fayette Power Project generating station on time and within budget; switching LCRA's basic fuel needs from natural gas to coal and lignite to guarantee stable fuel supplies and help hold down fuel costs; and streamlining LCRA's operations and costs to give Central Texans one of the lowest electric rates in the state.

Hit-Run Driver Arrested In Hallettsville After Wild Chase

Sought For Leaving Scene Of Accident In Altair Area

An Edna man has been charged with a number of charges after the man was arrested early last Wednesday morning in Hallettsville after a high speed chase of 100 miles or more from Columbus to Hallettsville.

The incident started when Columbus officers Stanek and Martinek spotted an Oldsmobile which was being sought as a suspect in a hit and run accident in the Altair area. They took out after the Oldsmobile at around 12:01 a.m. and followed the vehicle on 71 to Altair where it turned west on 90A. A call was put out by the Colorado County Sheriff's Department for assistance from Hallettsville and Lavaca County officers.

The driver of the car, Jose Ortiz of Edna, managed to elude a road block set up by the DPS and Hallettsville officers at the Navidad River bridge near Sublime; and another blockade at the Vsetin intersection at the east side of Hallettsville.

According to the Hallettsville New Era Herald-Tribune report of the incident, DPS Trooper Darrell Cobb, officer from Lavaca County Sheriff's department and a Hallettsville city patrolman joined Columbus officers and also a unit from the County sheriff's department in pursuit of the fleeing car.

Officers realized that Ortiz would probably "fly" through Hallettsville at a high rate of speed and possibly cause a tragedy.

The paper's report stated that "at this point Trooper Cobb, on the north side of the Ortiz car, began crowding the Ortiz car over to the south side of the road, striking the right side of the Ortiz car with the left side of his DPS patrol car. Other patrol units were in back and in front of the Ortiz car. Ortiz was finally stopped at the intersection of Ridge Street and Highway 90A."

It was reported that an estimated $1000 in damage was done to the side of the patrol car as it rammed the Ortiz vehicle and the Ortiz car also had heavy damage.

Charged In This County

Ortiz and a passenger in the car, Jose R. Ortiz, also of Edna, were returned to Colorado County to face charges of leaving the scene of an accident; fleeing from an officer to evade arrest; and other traffic violations.

Trooper Cobb was reported as saying that the vehicle travelled at speeds from 80 to 100 mph most of the distance from Altair to Hallettsville and that he saw no safer way to stop Ortiz than to ram his vehicle, which he did. In Hallettsville before coming to a stop, the Ortiz vehicle went through private yards in an attempt to elude the pursuing lawmen.

No reason was available why Ortiz fled and drove so wildly.

Charges are also expected to be filed in Lavaca County.

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Dove And Teal Hunting Season Dates Are Set

Hunting regulations for mourning and white-winged doves, teal ducks and other "early season" migratory birds were set when the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission convened in a public hearing in Austin on July 23.

For dove hunting it was decided the state be divided into the same North and South Zones as for the 1980-81 dove hunting seasons. The North Zone season for mourning doves is set for Sept. 1-Oct. 30, 1981. The South Zone mourning dove split season will be Sept. 26-Nov. 8, 1981, and Jan. 2-17, 1982.

The white-winged dove season for 16 counties has been set for Sept. 5-6 and 12-13.

In all counties which do not have a whitewing season, shooting hours are one half-hour before sunrise to sunset. In counties having concurrent whitewing and mourning dove hunting, shooting hours will be noon to sunset during the four days of the whitewing season.

Also, in South Zone counties having an open season on white-winged doves, the fall season for mourning doves is set to end on Nov. 4, 1981.

One change decided by the commission for the 1981-82 seasons is a reduction in the number of counties where hunters are required to leave one fully feathered wing attached to the carcass of every dove until it reaches the personal abode of the hunter or a commercial preservation facility. This will be required in 36 counties this season, whereas last season the requirement applied to all of the South Zone.

Dove Limits Upped

It was decided that bag and possession limits for mourning doves be raised from 10 and 20 to 12 and 24. The bag and possession limits for white-winged doves will remain at 10 per day, 20 in possession.

The hunting season for all teal duck species was set for Sept. 12-20, 1981. Bag limit will be four per day in the aggregate, possession limit eight in the aggregate.

The season for rails is set for Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 1981, with shooting hours from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limits that were set for large (king and clapper) rails will be 15 in the aggregate per day, possession limit 30 in the aggregate. Bag limit for small (sora and Virginia) rails will be 25 in the aggregate per day, possession limit 25 in the aggregate.

The gallinule season will be Sept. 1-Nov. 9, 1981, with shooting hours from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit will be 15 per day, possession limit 30.

Painting For Texas Duck Stamp

This painting of mallards by noted wildlife artist and decoy-carver Larry Hayden of Farmington, Michigan, has been selected as the first Texas state waterfowl stamp to be issued for the first time in this year's hunting season. The Texas Legislature passed a law requiring waterfowl hunters in the state to purchase the stamp for display on their hunting licenses, in addition to the federal migratory waterfowl stamp. The stamp will cost $5.00 and will be available at Texas Parks and Wildlife offices and many of the retail businesses that sell hunting licenses in August. Revenue from the sale of the stamp, estimated at $1 million annually, will go for conservation and management projects in Texas.

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Waterfowl Seasons To Be Set By P&W Sept. 3

Comments Asked On Proposed Seasons

Texas hunters may comment on proposed late-season migratory bird hunting regulations before the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission takes final action on the proposals Sept. 3 in Austin.

Those interested in commenting on the seasons, bag limits or means and methods of taking ducks, geese, coots, sandhill cranes, snipe and woodcock may write William C. Brownlee, Migratory Game Bird Program Director, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744, or call toll-free 1-800-252-9688. Comments also will be accepted in person at the commission meeting.

Hunters will notice very few changes in the proposals from last year's regulations. Season lengths will be the same, and duck bag limits will be calculated by the same 100-point system as in the past.

Officials said all the regulations will be contained in the department's migratory game bird hunting law supplement which will be available at hunting license outlets across the state by early October.

The following is a condensed wrapup of the proposals:

Ducks and Coots

In the High Plains Mallard Management Unit (a portion of West Texas west of a line from Del Rio through San Angelo, Abilene and Vernon to the Red River) the season is proposed for Oct. 27, 1981, through Jan. 17, 1981.

For the rest of the state, including this area, the season would be Nov. 7, 1981, through Nov. 29, 1981, and Dec. 12, 1981, through Jan. 17, 1982. Shooting hours are proposed for one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Point values assigned various species of ducks are proposed to remain the same as last season. The season is closed on black-bellied and fulvous (whistling) tree ducks and masked ducks in all counties. The coot daily bag limit would be 15; possession limit 30.

Geese

In areas west of U.S. Highway 81, the season is proposed for Oct. 27, 1981, through Jan. 17, 1982. The daily bag limit for that area is proposed for five geese, not to include more than two Canada or white-fronted geese in the aggregate. Possession limit would be 10, not to include more than four Canada or white-fronted geese in the aggregate.

East of Highway 81 which includes this area, the seasons would be Nov. 7, 1981, through Jan. 17, 1982. The proposed bag limit is five light (blue or snow) geese; the daily bag limit for dark geese would be one Canada or one white-fronted goose. Possession limit would be twice the daily bag limit.

Goose shooting hours for the entire state would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Sandhill Cranes

Zone A (which includes roughly the Trans-Pecos, Permian Basin and Western Panhandle-South Plains) would have a season of Oct. 31, 1981, through Jan. 31, 1982. Zone B (Eastern Panhandle-South Plains) would have a season of Dec. 5, 1981, through Jan. 31, 1982.

Sandhill crane shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset in both zones. The taking of sandhill (little brown) cranes is illegal outside the two designated zones. A special permit, issued free on request by the department, is required for sandhill cranes hunting.

The daily bag limit on sandhill cranes would be three; possession limit six.

Snipe

The season for common or Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe) is proposed for Nov. 1, 1981, through Feb. 14, 1982. Shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit would be eight; possession limit 16.

Woodcock

The season would be Dec. 12, 1981, through Feb. 14, 1982. Shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit would be five, possession limit 10.

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★★ Sports ★★

[Jeff Fruka, Sports Editor]

Quinney-Polach Remodeling Wins Local Softball Tourney

Quinney-Polach Remodeling survived four extra inning contests to earn first place honors in the Garcia Trophies (of Richmond) men's slowpitch softball tournament held at the City Ball Park in Eagle Lake last weekend.

The In-Laws of Columbus finished second in the standing with the Yard Dogs of Columbus taking third and the Silver Bullets of Eagle Lake placing fourth.

Quinney-Polach opened its championship drive with the first of its four extra inning wins over Wharton, then slipped by the Silver Bullets, the Yard Dogs and then the In-Laws in the finals of the double-elimination tournament. The In-Laws had battled their way to the finals after losing their second game of the tournament on Saturday morning.

Members of the championship team included: Darrell Quinney, Steve Almanza, Brock Ashby, Mark Boenisch, Sammy Castro, Ricky Chisum, Rico Cortez, Vance Duncan, Mike Grigar, Case Hollub, Mike Morales, Dennis Polach, Harvey Popp, Gilbert Sosa and Donnie Stern.

Golden Glove Outfielder

During the presentation of awards following the championship game, Mike Morales was named the golden glove outfielder of the tournament and received a trophy for the honor.

Rice Gridders To Report For Shoes Wed., Aug. 5

Open Two-A-Day Practices At RHS Monday, Aug. 10th

Trying to improve on an 8-1-1 football season is not an easy task but all indications are that the 1981 Rice High School Raiders will turn in their best effort ever during the upcoming campaign.

The season does not officially open until September 4th for the 1980 District 22AAA co-champs; however all athletes interested in participating on the freshman, junior varsity or varsity level at Rice are asked to report next Wednesday, August 5th, at which time shoes will be issued.

Raider head football coach and athletic director Clifton Darden urges all prospects to come by the Rice High School athletic offices on Wednesday, any time between 7:00 a.m. and 6 p.m. to get their shoes and all information needed concerning the upcoming season.

Workouts Begin Aug. 10th

On Monday, August 10th, the Raiders will open their two-a-day workouts with practice sessions slated for 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday for the first workout at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 10th.

Raiders Favored

The Raiders will be returning a strong nucleus of last year's successful squad and district coaches, as well as Texas Sports and Texas Football magazines, have picked the Raiders as the team to beat this season.

Coach Darden and his staff have already begun preliminary plans for the coming year and just last weekend returned from the annual Texas High School Coaches Association School which was held in Dallas. According to Darden, who will begin his second year as head coach at Rice, a lot of valuable information was offered from lectures, panel discussions and individual meetings with some of the top coaches in the State.

Attending the meeting from the Rice School District were coaches Darden, Jack Grammer, Gil Stalbaum, Finest Axel, Wayne Zimmerhanzel, Maurice Gindratt, David White and Mike Michalka.

Fishing License Fees Adjusted

The Texas Legislature in its recent session made several changes in sports fishing licenses, including a 50-cent price increase for the resident one-year fishing license.

The resident license increase raises the price from $4.50 to $5, effective for the 1981-82 license year. All annual fishing licenses expire at the end of each fiscal year, Aug. 31, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said.

The resident combination hunting and fishing license remained unchanged at $8.75, and no hunting license fees were altered.

The legislation also raised the fee for the annual nonresident fishing license from $10.50 to $15. It abolished the $1.25 three-day saltwater sport fishing license. In its place is a temporary (14-day) resident sport fishing license costing $2.50; nonresidents may obtain a temporary (five-day) nonresident fishing license priced at $4.50. Both licenses are valid for salt and freshwater fishing.

Fishing and hunting licenses may be purchased at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department offices across the state and at tackle shops and sporting goods stores. The 1981-82 licenses are expected to be available at most outlets by mid-August, the department said.

Ladies' Softball League Nears End Of Season

Two Games Thursday And Six Rain-Outs Only Games Left

Wallis wrapped up the regular season title of the Women's Softball League on Tuesday night of this week with a win over KR's Truckers at the City Ball Park in Eagle Lake.

Commercial Electric contributed to the title by beating the Dusters Tuesday night to give Wallis a three game lead with only two games left on its schedule.

The two games set for this Thursday night were to conclude the season for the ladies but six rained-out contests must be made up.

In Thursday night's games it will be the Angels playing K.R.'s Truckers at 7:00 and the Dusters meeting the Greenbacks at 8:00 p.m.

No rain-out schedule will be proposed by the league, rather teams are being asked to arrange an agreeable make-up date and then OK it with league president Mickey Kochwelp so that necessary steps can be made. All games must be made-up before August 7th, since the league tournament is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 8 and 9th.

Going into the final night of regular season play Wallis holds a two game lead with an 8-0 record while the Dusters are in second place at 4-3. Commercial Electric is in third place with a 4-5 record followed by KR's Truckers 2-3, Greenbacks 2-5 and the Angels 2-6.

In games played last Thursday it was Wallis beating the Angels and Commercial Electric knocking off the Greenbacks; and on Tuesday night of this week, Comm. Electric topped the Dusters and Wallis beat KR's Truckers.

A. J. Struss Auto Supply's radio and television service department will be closed Aug. 3-Aug. 8th while service technician is on vacation.

Lakers Fastpitch Softball Team 5th In Yoakum

The Laker's fastpitch softball team, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Headlight, made its only tournament appearance of the year last weekend and placed fifth among 20 teams in the seventh annual Yoakum Fastpitch Tournament.

The Lakers, which fielded a team during the summer of 1978, regrouped for a single appearance last summer in Yoakum and won fourth place and held their second annual reunion this summer in Yoakum and finished fifth. The Lakers won the tournament in 1978.

Oliver Dieke of Fredericksburg, the only pitcher for the Lakers, guided the team to a pair of first round wins pitching a one-hitter against St. John's of Houston in a 2-0 win and a two-hitter against Rice Sports of Houston in a 3-0 win. Against St. John's, Dieke struck out 12 batters, including a streak of nine-in-a-row.

In the third game Dieke continued his brilliant pitching with a two-hitter against Pasadena but lost the game 2-1 after allowing two unearned runs early in the contest.

The Lakers were eliminated in the next contest by AAA of San Antonio by a score of 6-1.

John Grammer and Jeff Fruka of Eagle Lake were the only local members of the team. Other team members included: Vernon McDonald, coach, and George Cavena of San Marcos; Joe Castillo and Armando Chapa of Kyle; Dorian Clawson of Temple; Dieke, Mark Williamson, Darron Schneider and Bryan Maenus of Fredericksburg; Randy Adams of New Braunfels; and Micke Rieco of Austin.

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