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Leopold, Adkins, Marquart on all-district teams

Three Rice Raider baseball players have been named to the District 26-3A all-district teams.

Second baseman Glen Leopold, a junior, won a spot on the first team and catcher Frank Adkins, a junior, and pitcher Jeff Marquart, a sophomore, were named to the second team.

There were 10 unanimous selections to the first team. They are:

Pitcher Scott Radke, Col.
Outfielder Anthony Faldyn, Col
Pitcher Tim Carleton, Gonz.
Catcher Gene Kridler, Gonz.
Shortstop Mike Longoria, Gonz.
Outfielder Willard O'Neal, Gonz.
Pitcher Ronnie Lauer, Yoakum
3rd Baseman Ray Harris, Yoakum
Outfielder Mike Woytek, Hallts.
Outfielder Willie Ceasar, Edna

Other players on the first team, in addition to Leopold, are:

Pitcher Calvin Cook, Yoak.
Catcher Scott Zarube, Yoakum
1st Baseman David Barnett, Gonz.
Utility Darren Jasek, Hallts.

Second team all-district players, in addition to Adkins and Marquart, are

Pitcher Phillip Tucker, Col.
1st Baseman Greg Waddle, Col.
Outfielder Craig Tyler, Col.
Pitcher Raul Cantu, Gonz.
2nd Baseman Carl Mikesh, Gonz.
Outfielder Chad Ruddock, Gonz.
Shortstop Donnie Mikulenka, Yoakum
Utility Kevin Schneider, Yoakum
Outfielder Randy Wilkes, Yoakum
Pitcher Manuel Palacios, Edna
3rd Baseman Chad Airhart, Edna
Utility Rudy Mesa, Edna
Catcher Keven Butschek, Hallts.
Outfielder Donnie Bohuslav, Hallts.

Gonzales was the district champion, and Columbus was the runner-up, beating Yoakum in a playoff for that spot. Columbus went on to win the bi-district game over Pflugerville 3-1, but were beaten 12-5 in the next game by Medina Valley.

Official welcome

Bill and Betty Fink reopened their Fink's Variety Store June 12 and Becky Anderson and Cindy Gohlke, representing the Chamber of Commerce, officially welcomed them back into business.

About Town...

•Renae Dierschke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Dierschke of Eagle Lake, was among the 176 students to graduate from Wharton County Junior College at its 40th commencement exercises held May 15 in Wharton. Renae received high honors for maintaining a 3.8 grade point average in all work completed during the spring semester. She was awarded with an associate in applied science degree from WCJC. Attending the graduation ceremonies were her parents; brothers, Nickie and Robert; aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cunda; cousins, Melissa and Daryl from Rosenberg, and a friend, Patrice Austin of Eagle Lake.

•Farewell dinners were held last Wednesday and Sunday for Father Ray Widacki, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church pastor, who will be moving to West Texas this week. To take Father Ray's place will be Father Jesse E. Euresti. He was appointed to take over this Friday, June 20, but due to finishing classes in Washington D.C. on that day he will be not be here until Sunday. Father Geiser will have the Saturday night Mass at 7 p.m. and the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses this Sunday. The 6 p.m. Mass (Spanish) at Guadalupe this Sunday will be said by Father Eugene Shepard. The congregation will miss Father Ray and wish him happiness in his new home. They extend a warm welcome to Father Euresti.

•The public is invited to the Catholic Church Picnic this Sunday at the Community Center in Eagle Lake beginning at 11 a.m.

•A blood drive, sponsored by Eagle Lake Community Hospital, will be held Tuesday, June 24. Anyone wishing to donate blood needs to call to make an appointment and you may donate blood for the burn victims, Chester McGehee and Scott Hooper at this drive.

•A benefit dance and auction for burn victim Scott Hooper is scheduled for Saturday, July 5 from 9 to 1 at the Community Center with proceeds going to the Scott Hooper fund for expenses. Any cash donations or auction items will be appreciated.

•A Juneteenth celebration is scheduled for this Saturday, June 21. Kicking off the celebration will be a parade beginning at 1 p.m. going down Main Street to the Eagle Lake City Park where a picnic will be held. The public is invited to attend.

•Congratulations to Auturo Yanez, a member of the Eagle Lake Eagles, for winning the best pitcher award at the South Texas Amateur League All-Star game held in Angleton this past Sunday. Eagle Lake Eagles were among eight teams who participated in the event.

•There will be a Tom Thumb wedding this Friday, June 20 at 6 p.m. at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The bride will be Symra Hurd and the groom will be Warren Scott. The public is invited to attend.

"Maybe his favorite passage"

Pastor's Study

By Rev. E.B. Beasley Jr., pastor of Lissie, Wallis United Methodist Churches

James Hastings once recorded a story about Abraham Lincoln's Bible. He wrote:

"Joseph R. Sizoo, one-time pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington which Abraham Lincoln often attended, says he will never forget the day he held in his hands for the first time the Bible of Abraham Lincoln. It was the Bible from which Lincoln's mother had read to him as a child. She had taught him to commit to memory many of its passages. It was the only possession Lincoln carried from Pigeon Creek to the Sangamon River. And book in my hand, I wondered where it would fall open. It opened to a page which was thumbmarked and which he must have read many times. It was the thirty-seventh Psalm, 'Fret not thyself because of evildoers. . .Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.' (Psalm 37:1, 7)."

Maybe that is why he was such a great president and why he still means so much to us today. Which leads me to wonder about two questions: What means so much to us, today, as a source of strength? What can people tell when they look at our Bibles?

Catholic Church picnic this Sunday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Annual Picnic will be this Sunday at the air conditioned Eagle Lake Community Center.

The public is invited to enjoy a barbecue beef, sausage and chicken lunch with all the trimmings at $4.50 per plate for adults and $3 for children (inside only) from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Curb service will be available.

At 1:30 p.m. an auction will be held followed by a horseshoe pitching contest starting at 2 p.m.

Under the pavilion will be amusements and games, such as cake and toy walk, plant walk, country store, duck pond, soda water ring toss, coin pitching, big wheel and others, throughout the day.

July 4th volleyball tourney set

The Columbus Softball Association has announced they will sponsor their fourth annual Fourth of July volleyball tournament at the Veteran's Community Center in Columbus. The tournament will be held in conjunction with the Veteran's annual celebration. Other activities planned for the day include a barbecue dinner, auction, kiddie rides and more.

The mixed volleyball tournament will be open to teams consisting of three men and three women. Entry fee is $35 per team and rosters shall be limited to eight players. Registration deadline is Friday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Teams entering after the deadline will be charged at $10 late fee.

CSA is also planning a special tournament for experienced players "35 and over." Teams entering the 35 and over category are required to have four players, age 35 years and older, on the court during the entire game. Entry fee, roster limit, and registration deadlines are the same as the regular tournament.

Persons interested in more information may contact Rusty Neuendorff or Curtiss Schonenberg at (409) 732-2362 Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Evening and weekend calls may be directed to Terri Strauss at 732-6512 or Marian Werland at 732-6373.

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Governor asking wildlife commission to reconsider fishing regulation changes

Governor Mark White is asking the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to reconsider recent changes it made in the 1986-87 statewide fishing regulations.

In a letter mailed Commission Chairman Ed Cox, Governor White urged the Commission to give East Texas fishermen another opportunity to speak out regarding the new Texas catch limit of five 14-inch bass.

"Two Texas lakes — Toledo Bend and Caddo Lake — straddle the Texas-Louisiana border. Because the State of Louisiana imposes no size limits on the fish catch in its lakes, I am concerned about the potentially adverse impact the Texas fishing limits could have on our border lakes," Governor White said.

The Governor said he is also concerned that persons under age 17 or age 65 and older are still required to obtain a fishing license, although the Commission voted earlier this month not to charge these individuals for a license. He is asking the Commission to review this practice along with the inequity of charging children and senior citizens for saltwater sportfishing stamps.

Governor White praised the Commission for establishing a culling policy that allows Texas fishermen to release small fish while keeping the larger ones to fill out an individual's legal daily catch limit.

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German society to meet June 26

The Colorado County Texas German Society will meet on Thursday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mansfield Community Building in Columbus. The program will be a slide presentation on German Immigration to Texas, which traveled around the state with the "Lone Star and Eagle" exhibit.

All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome.

Little League Schedule

Wednesday, June 18: Cowpokes vs. Eagles, 5:30 p.m.; Panthers vs. Tigers, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 19: Rangers vs. Sox, 6 p.m.; Honey Bees vs. Fillies, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, June 20: Pirates vs. Dodgers, 6 p.m.; Yanks vs. Cubs, 8 p.m.

Columbus Livestock Market

The market this week was stronger in most areas from last week's market. Steer calves were $2-$4 a hundred higher on the light weights and $1 to $3 a hundred higher on classes over 400 pounds, says George Hagan and Don McAlister.

If we can be of any assistance in marketing or hauling your livestock, call collect 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5841. We have top market sales at Columbus Livestock Market every Thursday.

Cattle on hand, 492; hogs, 20; sheep, 6; horses, 4.

Packer Cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 39 to 42 cents per pound; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 33 to 38 cents; light weight canner cows, 29 to 35 cents.

Packer Bulls: heavyweight bulls, 48 to 51 cents per pound; utility and cutter bulls, 44 to 48 cents; light weight canner bulls, 40 to 44 cents.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good and choice, 48 to 52 cents per pound; standard, 45 to 48 cents.

Stocker and Feeder Calves and Yearlings: steer and bull calves 200-300 pounds, 75 to 94 cents per pound; 300-400 pounds, 63 to 78 cents; 400-500 pounds, 56 to 68 cents; 500-600 pounds, 50 to 62 cents. Heifer calves 200-300 pounds, 58 to 75 cents per pound; 300-400 pounds, 53 to 60 cents; 400-500 pounds, 50 to 58 cents; 500-600 pounds, 47 to 53 cents; replacement heifers, 58 to 60 cents

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows and heifers, 40 to 45 cents per pound; medium stocker cows and heifers, 36 to 40 cents; good cow and calf pairs, $500 to $575; medium cow and calf pairs, $450 to $500; common cow and calf pairs, $350 to $400.

Hogs: No. 1 butchers, 50 to 51.5 cents per pound; No. 2 and 3 butchers, 48 to 49.5 cents; feeder pigs and shoats, 50 to 60 cents; sows, 34 to 39 cents.

Sheep: ewes, 17 to 20 cents per pound; lambs, 40 to 55 cents; bucks, 14 to 17 cents; pairs, $25 to $35 per pair.

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