

Crime Stoppers 'Crimes of Week'

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 cash reward for information leading to the arrest and indictments of any person or persons involved in the following crimes:

•Tuesday, July 29, between 12 noon and 4 p.m., a burglar entered through a window of the residence at 214 W. Waverly and took cash money.

•Wednesday, Aug. 6, and Saturday, Aug. 9, a burglar entered through a door of the residence at 528 Westmoreland and stole a purse.

•Wednesday, Sept. 3, between 1 and 3:40 p.m., a burglar entered through a window of the residence at 612 Maple and took cash money.

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Raiders butcher Shorthorns, 20-7!

The Rice Raiders varsity football team turned to piracy to convincingly beat perennial power Shorthorns Friday night in Schulenburg.

Rice used two big interceptions to account for two of their touchdowns in

their defeat of the Shorthorns, 20-7, and upped their record to 2-0.

Pete Rangel turned the trick first as he picked off a Joel Blansitt pass in the first quarter then danced the sideline for 49 yards to the Shorthorn 16.

Rice overcame a holding penalty to score with 4:12 left on the clock on a six-yard sweep around left end by fullback Kenny Pipkins.

The PAT kick sailed wide, leaving the score at 6-0.

Both teams moved the ball in small chunks without threatening to score. Once again penalties, in which

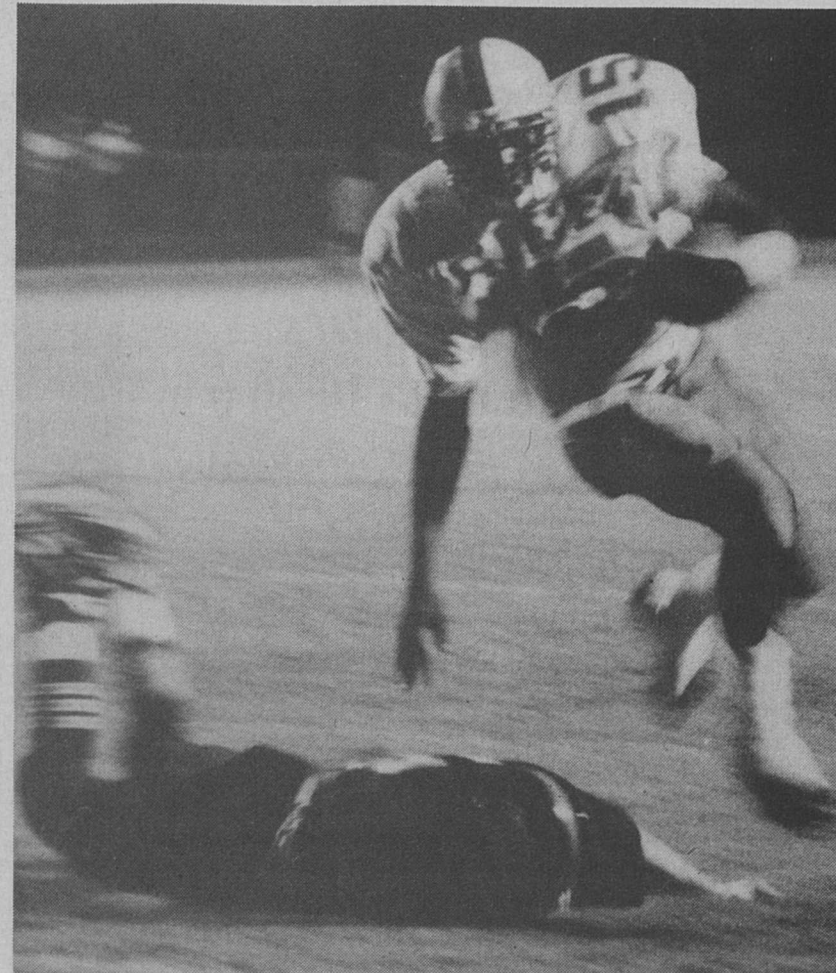
Rice was assessed 90 yards for the night, kept the Raiders from mounting a sustained drive.

Schulenburg was threatening with the ball at the Rice 45 when another Blansitt pass found itself in the hands of a Raider defender.

This time it was linebacker Jay Knight who broke on the ball that wobbled toward the left flat due to a hit by defensive end Jeremy Gohlke just as Blansitt was in his forward motion.

Knight caught the ball in stride, sprinting 59 yards untouched!

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About midway through the first quarter, Warren Scott smoothly sidestepped this Schulenburg defender to put the Raiders on the Shorthorns' six yard line. Unfortunately, a penalty took them back, but didn't get them down. With 4:12 left in the first quarter, Kenny Pipkins crossed the goal line for what would be the first of three touchdowns for Rice.

NEWSBRIEFS

Show your support... wear the colors!

Show your support for our athletes by wearing school colors to football, volleyball, basketball, powerlifting, track, softball and baseball games and meets. The Raider Booster Club will be selling shirts for \$15. Payment is due when the order is placed. Contact any Booster Club officer if you would like to buy one. The deadline to place an order is Sept. 23.

GUBC Homecoming is Sept. 21

The Greater Union Baptist Church Homecoming and Family and Friends Day will be held Sunday, Sept. 21. Rev. David Everson will be the guest speaker. You are invited to come and celebrate with us.

ELMS school pictures next Friday

Pictures will be taken at Eagle Lake Middle School next Friday, Sept. 26. Everyone needs to dress accordingly since these photos will be used in the annual even if the student does not order a package.

20th Century Scholarship Banquet is Sept. 20

The 20th Century District Association Annual Scholarship Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Tabernacle in Egypt at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be DeLoyd Parker, Administrator of the S.H.A.P.E. Community Center (Self Help for African People through Education). Proceeds from the banquet will benefit the scholarship fund of 20th Century District; Rev. O.D. Stegall, Moderator; Rev. O. Rhodes, Vice Moderator.

Swine validation needed by Sept. 22

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market swine projects at major livestock shows must validate swine projects through the Texas Swine Validation Program. Swine validation ear tags must be ordered through the County Extension office or your Ag teacher on or before Monday, Sept. 22, at a cost of \$2.50 per tag. Tags must be paid for at the time of order. For additional information contact the county Extension office or your ag teacher.

E.H. Henry Alumni to meet

E.H. Henry Alumni will meet Monday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. All members are asked to be present.

Duplex information now available

You have all seen and/or heard of the new duplexes nearing completion in Eagle Lake. If you need more information or would like to reserve a duplex, call 409-234-7892.

Class of 1976 plans group reunion

Rice High School Class of 1976 is planning a group reunion for Sept. 27 at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Included in this reunion will be the classes of '77, '78 and '79. Anyone with information on '76 graduates (addresses, etc.) may contact Denise Austin Janow, 409-234-2418; or Carolyn Bowen Baird, 234-5864. The class of '77 may call Cynthia Tomchesson Treybig at 281-343-1695, the class of '78 can call Becky Gertson Moulder at 234-5551 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and those in the class of '79 may call Michael Thomas at 234-3251.

RMC Pink Ladies need volunteers

The Rice Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) needs volunteers. Talk to any Pink Lady or come by the hospital auxiliary room for more information. Barbara Pidgeon is their president this year.

TWONC to meet Sept. 25

The Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 25, at 6 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake. There will be a short program on the status of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken by Terry Rossignol, APCNWR Manager. You don't have to be a member to come. As always, there is no charge or obligation to join. If you are interested in learning more about the most endangered bird the U.S., this would be a good start. Students, teachers and school administrators are encouraged to attend. Please come on time as there will be a lot of information covered.

APC Festival to hold meeting

A closing meeting for the 1997 Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival will be held Sept. 25 and will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum, following the monthly TWONC meeting and will last until 7 p.m. If your organization participated in last year's festival, please bring the results from your activity to the meeting or mail them by Sept. 22 to the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, 408 E. Main St., Eagle Lake, Tx 77434. The results from this meeting will be printed in *The Headlight*.

RMC offers yoga classes

Rice Medical Center is offering yoga classes. Anyone interested, may call 409-234-5571, ext. 5216.

Register for TAAS/TEAMS Oct. test

Individuals who are no longer enrolled in a Texas public school and who wish to register to retake the exit level TAAS test, and all individuals who wish to take the TEAMS test, may pick up a registration packet at any high school campus, district central office or education service center. The test registration form must be completed and returned in the pre-addressed envelope and must be received in Iowa City, Iowa no later than 5 p.m. Sept. 26.

VFW having fundraiser

The Eagle Lake VFW Post #8783 is working on a fundraising drawing to be held later in the year. Anyone wishing to donate an item to be included in the drawing should contact Earl Rodgers or any VFW member.

55 and over fitness classes offered

Rice Medical Center is providing free 55 and over fitness classes Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in joining or needing more information about the classes, may call 409-234-5571.

Hospice volunteers needed

Hospice, a program that provides supportive care for persons with a terminal illness and their families, needs volunteers. A training session is being planned for Sept./Oct. For more information, call Margaret at 409-543-9487.



Just in case you weren't able to be at last Friday's game, this is what you would have seen as the clock ticked down. How sweet!

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

City Council discusses recycling, tax rate

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Recycling and the property tax rate were major issues for Eagle Lake City Council at its Sept. 9 meeting.

Frank Parks and Cis Myers, representatives of the Central Texas Recycling Cooperative, told Council about recycling programs available through a cooperative.

According to Myers, recycling through a cooperative allows for better prices because of the volume.

Parks called attention to the fact that "anything you recycle you don't have to pay to dump at the landfill."

The City of Eagle Lake presently pays \$8.75 per compacted cubic yard, plus a state tax for landfill fees.

Different types of programs, such as curbside pickup, individual dropoff and sorting of recyclable materials versus mass collection, were discussed. The possibility of a recycling facility being set up at the juvenile bootcamp facility was also discussed.

Council agreed that it wants to see a realistic and successful recycling program, if and when a decision is reached on instituting one in the City.

Grant money is readily available to cities for recycling. A 50¢ fee from

landfill fees goes to funding these grants.

City Manager Ron Holland told Council the tax base for Eagle Lake dropped from \$63,400,132 in 1996 to \$57,625,390 in 1997. The reduction is due to the removal of motor vehicles from the tax rolls.

The Colorado County Central Appraisal District reported an effective tax rate of 57.089¢ per \$100 valuation; a 3% maximum rate of 58.801¢; and a rollback rate of 72.194¢. The City's debt service rate for this year is 20¢.

A tax rate of 65.114¢ per \$100 valuation for the City was recommended by Holland.

A public hearing on the tax rate has been scheduled for the next Council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 23. According to Holland, this is the rate needed to raise the same amount of revenue. The budget for 1997 was figured using 61¢.

Council approved accepting ownership of the Eagle Lake Community Center.

A tour of the facility by several members showed the building to be

structurally sound with a need for light renovation, "a good elbow-grease" cleaning and some floor plan rearrangement.

"I see nothing but plus in our acquiring the facility," said Councilman J.W. Shavers.

In other business, Council:

•Voted to pay overtime in the amount of \$32 for its officers to work security at the Colorado County Fair;

•Approved the purchase of a new garbage truck through the Houston-Galveston Area Council;

•Granted Holland permission to solicit bids for lease-purchase of two new City pickups;

•Took no action on a request from a coalition of counties, including Colorado, to undertake an agri-business study in the area with CP&L committed to provide half the \$34,000 cost and the City to contribute \$500; and

•Approved a municipal maintenance agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) that allows TxDOT to continue to maintain the state highways through town.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following cases handled during the past two weeks.

Monday, Sept. 1, at 4:44 p.m., Deputy Ron Knighten responded to a call concerning a burglary of habitation on Bostik Road. The complainant reported a window air conditioner unit valued at \$500 stolen.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 4:12 a.m., Deputy Troy Neisner responded to a call concerning an aggravated assault at Columbus Oaks Apartments. There was one suspect arrested in the case.

At 12:15 p.m., Deputy Doug Peterson responded to a call concerning a theft on County Road 215. The complainant reported 10 to 15 cedar logs stolen.

Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 10 a.m., Sgt. Richard Lacourse responded to a report of a cow shot on Hwy. 71 south of Columbus. The investigation continues.

At 10:24 p.m., Deputy Mike Schleider responded to a call concerning a family violence assault in Borden. One suspect was arrested.

Monday, Sept. 8, at 6:51 p.m., Deputy Jason Pavlicek responded to a call concerning a burglary of a motor vehicle at Columbus Oaks Apartments. The complainant reported nothing appeared to be missing.

Wednesday, Sept. 10, Deputy Schleider responded to a call concerning an assault at the Columbus Education Center. Two juvenile suspects were arrested and detained in Rockdale Juvenile Detention Center.

Friday, Sept. 12, at 1:01 a.m., Deputy Gene Rebel, while on patrol, dis-

covered entry had been made into Heinsohn's Store. A number of weapons were reported stolen.

At 3 p.m., Deputy David Furrh (See Sheriff, Page 10)

Accident sends one driver to hospital

At 6:55 p.m., Sgt. Jack. Knox was dispatched to the scene of a traffic accident in the 800 block of E. Main.

Reportedly, David Navarro of Eagle Lake was traveling east on Main in a white 1986 four door Nissan.

Sarah Sims of Eagle Lake, driving a red 1991 Oldsmobile, exited a parking lot onto Main Street causing a collision between her vehicle and Navarro's.

Navarro was taken to Rice Medical Center by Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit 803.

Sims was issued a citation for failing to yield the right of way.

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported these additional calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 15.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 3:38 p.m., Sgt. Knox answered a trespassing call in the 500 block of Third Street. He found the suspect gone upon his arrival. No further action was taken.

At 4:17 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to the 200 block of N. McCarty to investigate a civil dispute between two business owners. A mutual agreement was reached. No other action was required.

At 9:24 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Simple Simon's Pizza at 222 E. Main in reference to a possible

burglary. He investigated and determined that no burglary had occurred.

On Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 6:54 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was summoned to the 400 block of Austin Rd. in reference to disruptive juveniles at a bus stop. Information on the juveniles was turned over to the schools.

At 12:50 p.m., Officer Stary and Enforcement Officers of the Texas Comptroller's Office contacted Officer Brian Ochoa and requested he assist with a confidential investigation.

On Thursday, Sept. 11, Chief (See Police, Page 10)



This 1986 Nissan driven by David Navarro of Eagle Lake, was involved in a traffic accident Tuesday, Sept. 9. Navarro was taken to Rice Medical Center by Colorado County Emergency Medical Services Unit 803, suffering unknown injuries. Looking over the car are Dawn Horndt, who arrived at the scene a few moments before the ambulance, and Michelle Navarro, David's sister.

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