

Ever dream of going to D.C.?

Have you ever dreamed of going to Washington, D.C.? Why not check it out!

Ray Sykowski (former history teacher at the Eagle Lake Middle School and now a counselor at Eagle Lake Primary School) is announcing that, once again, he will lead a group of students to Washington, D.C.

Students in the Rice CISD and surrounding communities have previously taken nine trips with Sykowski and the tour company he works with.

The trip is not a school district related trip!

Sykowski takes full responsibility for all the details and planning of the Washington tour.

This past June, a group of 23 students and six adults took the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C., with Sykowski who was accompanied by his wife, Suzanne. (See Trip, Page 4)

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Big plays help...

Edna Cowboys lasso Raiders

Edna's B.J. Muschalek was the big play man in the Cowboys' 21-6 win over Rice Friday night, Oct. 3. Muschalek returned an interception 72 yards with 53 seconds left in the first half to tie the score.

Victor Cruz's PAT kick gave the Cowboys the lead for good at 7-6.

Rice scored on their third play from the line of scrimmage after holding Edna to three plays and a punt.

Edna's quarterback was sacked for a 15-yard loss, putting them in a deep hole.

Rice's Eric Johnson broke a counter play off right tackle, going untouched for 40 yards.

Jonathan Burrow, Charles Axel, Clint Gertson and Brandon Shanks were the main linemen opening the gaping hole.

Hoffman's try for the extra point hooked to the left, so Rice jumped out to an early 6-0 lead.

Both teams had problems moving the ball until the closing moments of the second quarter.

Rice had some success moving the ball on quarterback keeps, putting themselves deep in Cowboy territory

with only second to play.

Rice elected to throw a sprintout pass only to have a Cowboy defensive end, LeDale Rucker in Warren Scott's face, hitting Scott just as he threw the ball.

Jeremy Gohlke had gained some steps on Cowboy defender Muschalek only to have the ball fall short and into the defender's hands.

Muschalek weaved his way up to the Edna sideline for the distance.

During the second half, both teams continued to sputter offensively but both defenses kept the pressure on.

Midway into the third quarter, Muschalek found wingback Bobby Joe Ferguson open deep, completing his only pass for the night.

The play gave Edna first and goal on the Raider four.

Two plays later, Shaun Adams scored off left tackle.

Cruz's kick was true, giving the Cowboys a 14-6 lead.

Rice fought the "field position" game during the entire second half, having to take over inside their own 25 yard line on almost every possession.

Raider linemen, overmatched by

size in almost every position, had their hands full blocking the likes of Rucker, Kyle McElveen and Robert Martin throughout the night.

Edna's final tally came with only 17 ticks left on the clock following a fumble at the end of a Rice screen pass.

Edna returned the fumble inside the 10. Muschalek scored on a one-yard keep.

With the PAT kick added, Edna upped its record to 3-2 for the year.

Defensive standouts were tackle Kyle Korenek and Jeremy Weishuhn and defensive backs Warren Scott and Eric Johnson. It was the most action that Korenek and Weishuhn have seen this year.

Rice held Edna to 127 yards on offense, but could only muster 163 yards themselves.

The "big play" contributed to all of the touchdowns.

"We played hard all night, defensively. Some of our less experienced kids are coming around and contributing. After Johnson's run, we couldn't sustain anything offensively," mention Coach Russell Roark.

Rice must regroup with a 2-3 record to host a strong La Grange team on Friday, Oct. 10.

The Leopards are 3-2, having dropped a 28-14 decision to top-ranked Sealy. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Raider Field.

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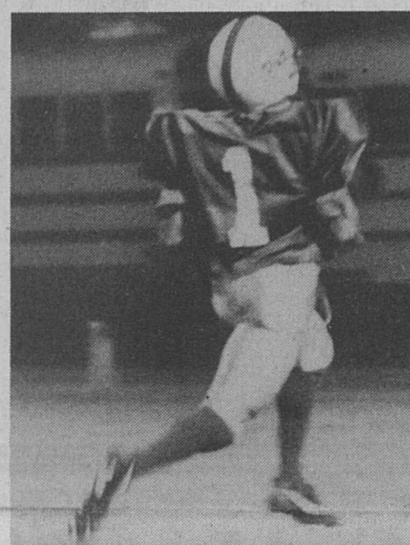


Off to the races!

In photo above, Rice Raider running back Eric Johnson, #1, begins a 40-yard sprint down the field to cross the goal line with a little more than four minutes gone in the first quarter for the team's only score Friday night against the Cowboys.

Unfortunately, the Cowboys learned their lesson much quicker than most of the teams Rice has played this year. What lesson, you ask? DON'T LET GO OF "LITTLE RED" UNTIL THE WHISTLE BLOWS or all you'll see is what's shown in the photo at left... his back side as he crosses the goal line!

Headlight Photos
By Jeannine Fearing



NEWSBRIEFS

ELPS book fair continues

Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair daily from 9-11 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. through Oct. 13. This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers and presents students, parents and teachers a golden opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers. Admission is free. For more information, call 234-3587. Don't miss it!

1st Annual Fall Festival scheduled at ELMS

Kids and parents don't put those Halloween costumes in storage too soon. On Nov. 1, from 4 to 9 p.m., Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) will host a family festival with games, haunted house, dunking booth, food, drinks and fun. For more information, contact Vicki Gray or Deborah Haman at ELMS.

Fall blood drive is Monday

A Fall Blood Drive will be held Monday, Oct. 13, from 12 noon until 7 p.m. at the Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center Classrooms in Wharton. Call Carol Wootton at 409-282-6090 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

GCA to meet Oct. 14

The Garwood Community Association (GCA) invites you to meet with them, Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Building and asks that you bring ideas and comments concerning our upcoming "Huge Christmas in a Tiny Town" festivities set for Dec. 6.

Methodist Church to celebrate anniversary

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church will celebrate their 125th anniversary this weekend. Join them Saturday, Oct. 11, from 2 to 5 p.m. for an open house. On Sunday, Oct. 12, worship service will be at 10:45; and, after worship, a group photo will be taken. Don't leave after the photo because a catered lunch will follow in the fellowship hall.

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31

Students, parents and citizens are asked to wear red ribbons during the week of Oct. 23-31, Texans' War on Drugs Red Ribbon Week. The fight against drugs can only be won with education, dedication and determination so please put a red ribbon on your car antenna and your front door at home. The red ribbon campaign is an opportunity for schools, parents, students, civic groups, businesses, the media, law enforcement and all other concerned citizens to unite against drug dealers, pushers, suppliers and users.

Semana de la cinta roja el 23-31 de Oct.

Los estudiantes, padres y ciudadanos son invitados a llevar cintas rojas durante la semana de 23-31 de Octubre, 1997, que es la Semana de la Cinta Roja e la Guerra Contra las Drogas. La guerra contra drogas puede ser ganada solamente con educacion, dedicacion, y determinacion. Favor de poner la cinta roja en su carro y la puerta de su casa. Este es un oportunidad para escuelas, padres, estudiantes, grupos de negocios, el radio y television, la policia, y otros a unificar contra las personas quienes venden, compran y usen drogas.

Sheridan Baptist Church to hold revival

The First Baptist Church in Sheridan will hold a revival Oct. 19-22. Sundays service will start at 6:30 p.m. The rest of the weeks services will start at 7 p.m. Speakers for the revival will be Charles Bush and Blaine Hollub.

'Small Town Christmas' date set

The Sheridan Lions Club held their first meeting to plan their "Small Town Christmas" last Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. The group will continue to meet each Sunday at 4 p.m. in preparation for the program slated for Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. at Logan Park in Sheridan. Zelda Walker and Brent Pittman encourage all to attend.

Great Mt.Olive Church schedules fundraiser

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold a car wash fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 11, at the church located at 709 N. Lake Ave. from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come by for a cup of coffee or call 409-234-3545 for pick up and delivery. We thank you in advance for your donation.

FFA is selling sausage

The Rice FFA Chapter is having its annual sausage sale, selling Golden Valley products this year. The line offers sausage, hams, turkeys, fajita meat, bacon and breakfast tacos. The fundraiser runs through Oct. 13. If you are interested in purchasing, call Mr. Stavino at 409-234-3535 ext. Ag Dept. You may also contact Brooke Cranek, 409-758-3886.

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EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Oct. 6.

On Sept. 30, at 8:02 a.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to B Street in reference to criminal trespass. A warning was issued and no other action was taken.

At 9:05 p.m., Sgt. Jack. Knox was advised of some type of disturbance on State Street. Sgt. Knox checked the area, but was unable to locate any activity.

At 11:15 p.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to C Street in reference to a disturbance. It was learned that there had been an argument, but no offense had been committed.

On Oct. 1 at 2:47 p.m., Officer Ochoa provided civil standby while a subject removed belongings from a residence.

At 4:57 p.m., Sgt. Knox met with a complainant at the police department and took a report of a burglary of a motor vehicle. The case is under investigation.

At 7:58 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to A Street in reference to a juvenile problem which was resolved at the scene.

At 8:48 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to C Street in reference to a theft. A report was made and the case is being investigated.

On Oct. 2, at 7:38 p.m., Officer Bill Lattimore received a report of a loose dog on Fairview Street. Lattimore located the dog at its residence, where it was secured.

At 6:45 p.m., Officer Lattimore was advised of a subject on Willow Lane known to have an outstanding warrant. Lattimore, along with Officer Crume, arrested Dr. Jose Manuel Ugarte on outstanding warrant and, after processing at the police department, transported him to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 7:04 p.m., Officer Crume and Reserve Officer Tobin Thomas were dispatched to Raezer Street to provide civil standby while a subject removed

belongings from the residence.

At 8:34 p.m., Officers Crume and Thomas received a report of a possible intoxicated driver. The vehicle was located and the driver found not to be intoxicated.

At 9:29 p.m., Officers Crume and Thomas were dispatched to a disturbance on Seaholm Street.

The officers spoke with the complainant and learned no offense had occurred.

At 11:52 p.m., Officers Carl Risk, Lattimore and Thomas located a subject known to them to have outstanding warrants. When the officers attempted to stop the subject and execute the warrants, the subject fled in his vehicle, but was later located and arrested.

It was later learned the subject, Torres, also had outstanding warrants from El Campo. After processing at the police department, Alfred Torres Jr. was transported to CDC for confinement.

On Oct. 4 at 2:30 a.m., Officer Risk received a call of a disturbance on B Street. Upon his arrival, he learned there was no offense and no action was necessary.

At 9:45 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson met with a complainant at the police department in reference to a civil matter.

Lt. Johnson advised the subject of the proper procedure. No other action was necessary.

At 11 a.m., Lt. Johnson was dispatched to C Street in reference to vandalism. A report was filed accordingly.

At 5:20 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to Dobbins Street in reference to a reckless driver.

Knox arrived on the scene and a report was taken. He later located the suspect driver.

At 7 p.m., Officer Lattimore was flagged down by a complainant in reference to juveniles fighting.

Lattimore met with all the subjects and the matter was resolved at the scene.

At 7:45 p.m., Officer Crume conducted a traffic stop in the 100 block of Boothe Drive which resulted in the driver, Abel Lopez, being arrested for driving while intoxicated. After processing, Lopez was transported to CDC for confinement.

At 9:20 p.m., Officer Lattimore received a report of a suspicious subject

on Boothe Drive. The subject was later identified. No action was taken.

At 10:36 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to the 600 block of East Main in reference to people loitering.

Upon his arrival, the subjects were no longer on the property.

On Oct. 5, at 5:28 a.m., Officer Risk received a call of an assault on Fifth Street.

Upon his arrival, Officer Risk learned that no offense had been committed, only an argument, and no action was necessary.

At 8:30 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Pendleton and Stevenson Streets in reference to a suspicious person in the area. The area was checked, but no one suspicious was located.

At 3:09 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to B&B Store in reference to a gas drive-off.

The subject was later located and issued a citation for theft.

At 7:15 p.m., Officer Lattimore was dispatched to B Street in reference to an argument.

Officer Lattimore, as well as Sgt. Knox and Reserve Officer Eric Bilbo, stood by while the subject collected some belongings, then left the residence.

At 9:23 p.m., Officer Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to a verbal dispute.

One subject left the residence and no other action was taken.

On Oct. 6, at 9:48 a.m., Chief Keith Webb received a call in reference to truancy.

Chief Webb located the subjects and transported them to the police department where Colorado County Deputy Mike Schleider met with the subjects and issued them truancy warnings.

SUMMARY

Sept. 1997

The Sept. summary for the Eagle Lake Police Department lists 188 calls answered; 123 miscellaneous, 23 disturbances, 12 criminal mischief, 10 assaults, eight thefts, eight accidents, five burglaries.

Officers investigated 37 criminal cases, cleared 25, made 32 arrests (26 misdemeanor, six felony) and handled two juveniles.

Officers issued 57 citations and 81 warnings.



Dr. Raymond honored

A reception honoring Dr. Raymond Thomas, recently chosen Texas Physician of the Year, was held Friday, Oct. 3, in the Rice Medical Center lobby. Family, friends and co-workers joined in wishing Dr. Raymond congratulations. David Keith, Hospital Administrator, commented, "It was an honor to work with someone of Dr. Thomas' caliber." Pictured above with Dr. Raymond are, from left, his wife, Elle, granddaughters, Anna and Clara Pardue, daughter, Julia Pardue, and one of his sons, Dr. R. Russell Thomas.

A portrait is being painted and will be unveiled at a later date. It wasn't quite ready in time for the reception. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas