

This Week's Action!

Date	Team, Time, Place
Thurs.-Sat.,	Lady Raider varsity volleyball at Aug. 20-22
Aug. 20-22	Columbus Tournament
Fri., Aug. 21	Raider varsity & JV football vs. Van Vleck, scrimmage, Here, 7 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22	Lady Raider F & JV volleyball at Brazosport Tournament
Tues., Aug. 25	Lady Raider volleyball at Weimar, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 27	Raider varsity and JV at Boling, scrimmage, 5 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 28	Lady Raider volleyball vs. St. Joseph, Here, 4 p.m.

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SPORTS

Moulder wins five swimming medals

Sunday, July 28, the West Houston Aquatics League held their ALL STAR MEET at Katy High School Aquatics Pool.

Mindy Moulder, daughter of Billy and Becky Moulder of Eagle Lake and a member of the Columbus Catfish, received five medals in the 9 and 10 year old division.

Her individual medals were for being: third in the 25 yard backstroke; fourth in the 25 yard freestyle and sixth in the 25 yard butterfly.

The 9-10 Girls' Relay team, which consisted of Mindy, Casey Wessels and Stacey Epps of Columbus and Renee Grohmann of Weimar, placed sixth in the freestyle and seventh in the medley relay.

This is the best performance Mindy has made in all her years of competing. She has really worked hard to get this far, said her Mom.

Most of the kids she competed against swim all year round, not just during the summer.

From the Weston Lakers, Harrison Duncan placed seventh in the six and under mixed relay.

Mindy Moulder

Ratings

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La Grange School District: La Grange High School, recognized; La Grange Middle School, acceptable; Hermes Elementary, acceptable; La Grange Intermediate, acceptable.

Schulenburg School District: Schulenburg High School, recognized; Schulenburg Jr. High, exemplary; Schulenburg Elementary, acceptable.

Fayetteville School District: Fayetteville High School, recognized; Fayetteville Elementary, recognized.

Round Top-Carmine School District: Carmine High School, exemplary; Round Top Elementary, recognized.

Fifteen percent, or 1042 of the state's 6,654 public school campuses, were rated exemplary. Last year, 683 campuses received the top rating.

The number of low-performing campuses hit a record low, even though more stringent performance standards are in place. Sixty schools (less than 1%) were rated low-performing.

"We raised the bar for Texas schools again this year," said Commissioner of Education Mike Moses. "They not only met the challenge, most exceeded it. The ratings show the strong improvement that is occurring in Texas public schools.

Districts can earn one of four ratings: exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, and academically unacceptable.

Some districts with year-round education programs will not receive their ratings until Sept. 1.

Rice Consolidated Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott in his "State of the District" Address to faculty and staff on the opening day of the new school year stated that the TAAS report was an overall outstanding report that compared to past years, but these are some serious problem areas and they have to be fixed."

One major concern cited by Gott is the attendance rate at Rice High School for 1997. The 92.3% was rated unacceptable. The state standard is 95%. The district attendance was 95.0.

Strengths and weaknesses in all areas, grades, and ethnic groups, campus by campus were pointed out by Gott.

Gott stated, "That's the joys and discomforts of our school district. My job is outlining the plan and the product, and you as professionals will analyze the problem. The administration is behind you. My Board holds me accountable, and I hold you accountable. There are no excuses. It's time for a plan and time for action."

Rice CISD
1997 TAAS Report
(Listed grade, campus, percentage)

Reading
Third: Primary, 97; Garwood, 73; Sheridan, 100; District, 93.
Fourth: Middle, 75; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 83.
Fifth: Middle, 67; Garwood, 92; Sheridan, 100; District, 78.
Sixth: Middle, 74; Garwood, 88; Sheridan, 94; District, 80.
Seventh: Middle, 85; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 90.
Eighth: Middle, 88; Garwood, 93; Sheridan, 90; District, 89.
Exit: Rice High, 83.

Mathematics
Third: Primary, 74; Garwood, 91; Sheridan, 100; District, 84.
Fourth: Middle, 84; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 89.
Fifth: Middle, 75; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 84.
Sixth: Middle, 88; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 75; District, 88.
Seventh: Middle, 79; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 86.
Eighth: Middle, 97; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 90; District, 96.
Exit: Rice High, 66.

Writing
Fourth: Middle, 70; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 100; District, 79.
Eighth: Middle, 77; Garwood, 100; Sheridan, 90; District, 83.
Exit: Rice High, 85.

Ag. Commissioner Perry re-instates 'Hay Hotline'

The Texas Department of Agriculture has set up a Hay Hotline to help connect farmers and ranchers who need hay with those producers who have hay for sale.

The Hay Hotline number is 1-877-429-1998 (1-UPS-HAY-1998).

The hotline is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and is a free call.

"The Hay Hotline is an opportunity for farmers and ranchers to locate forage during this difficult time," Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry said.

"The hot, dry weather continues to take its toll on range and pastureland across Texas, and producers in scattered areas need additional forage supplies for their livestock."

Many ranges and pastures are not providing adequate grazing, and producers are rapidly depleting carryover hay stocks.

In addition, many pasture and hay fields have not had sufficient regrowth following the first hay cutting.

In some parts of the state, producers were not able to get a first cutting.

"We want to make sure that our livestock producers have access to adequate forage supplies this summer and into the fall and winter months," Perry said.

"The Hay Hotline is a precautionary measure since there is no federal Emergency Feed Program this year."

Producers with hay can call the toll-free number and be put on a list of suppliers.

Farmers and ranchers who need hay can call and request a list of hay suppliers.

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develop and sponsor the league. Donations go toward purchasing uniforms, equipment and goal posts.

Donations from the public are appreciated.

For more information, contact Richard Saucedo or David Keith at 234-5571.

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"Although it's important to release as many Attwater's as we can in the wild," Refuge Manager Terry Rossignol says that "it's more important that we replenish our captive breeding flock and keep it genetically healthy because it is the life line to saving this species."

As in previous releases, all of this year's birds will be fitted with a small, light-weight radio transmitter so that biologists can evaluate survival after release.

Each transmitter is equipped with a mortality sensor, which indicates when a bird dies. Such data enables biologists to "fine tune" release and rearing techniques to maximize survival for future releases.

The birds will be placed in 30-by 50-foot acclimation pens constructed of chainlink fencing material prior to release. A soft netting is draped within the inside of the pen to prevent injury to birds that fly to the top or the sides of the pen.

A solar-powered electric fence surrounds each pen to discourage predators from attacking the birds during their stay.

Following a two-week acclimation period in their pens, biologists will open the gates at the ends of each pen to allow the birds to wander into their new prairie home at their leisure. This type of release is referred to as a "soft" release.

A member of the grouse family, the APC is a ground-dwelling bird about the size of a domestic chicken that inhabits coastal prairies.

Historically, it was found along the Texas coastal bend and in southwestern Louisiana.

Today, it is found in only three Texas counties including Colorado, Galveston and Refugio.

In the late 1800s, up to 1 million birds roamed across about 6 million acres of coastal prairie. Loss and degradation of its habitat is the number one reason for its decline.

For more information about the releases or other APC recovery activities, individuals are encouraged to contact personnel at the APCNWR at 490-234-3021.

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guests present were Loretta and Janelle Miller, Sandra and Bubba Sparks, Sue Pullin, Wanda Dodson, Bill Blair, Don Spalinger and Lanny and Clark Powers...

Attending a livestock marketing school in Houston for three days will be L.J. Rosprim, local vocational agriculture teacher; W.C. Smith, Garwood ag instructor; and Troy Krennek, veteran ag teacher of Garwood...

Henry Tate (one of the mechanical Tates) sets one day aside to pay bills-calls it "exchange day"...

Mathematical wizards have nothing on Harold Ware after Saturday night. Harold was playing 10 bingo cards at one time during the American Legion Carnival. Brother, was he busy... whew! P.S. He finally won a game though...

By popular demand, Kolberg's Dairy, which heretofore dealt only in home deliveries, is leaving milk in downtown grocers (A B Store and Wilcox Grocery), Donald Kolberg has announced...

When you go out to watch the Eagle Lake High School Eagles perform on the gridiron next Sept., take special note of the cheerleaders, Arline Marie Gertson, Coco McDonald, Joel Ann Middlebrook, Sue Mooney and Martha Ann Walker. They're not just ordinary cheerleaders. They are recent graduates of the nation's only yell leading school, held annually on the campus of Sam Houston Teacher College.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

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