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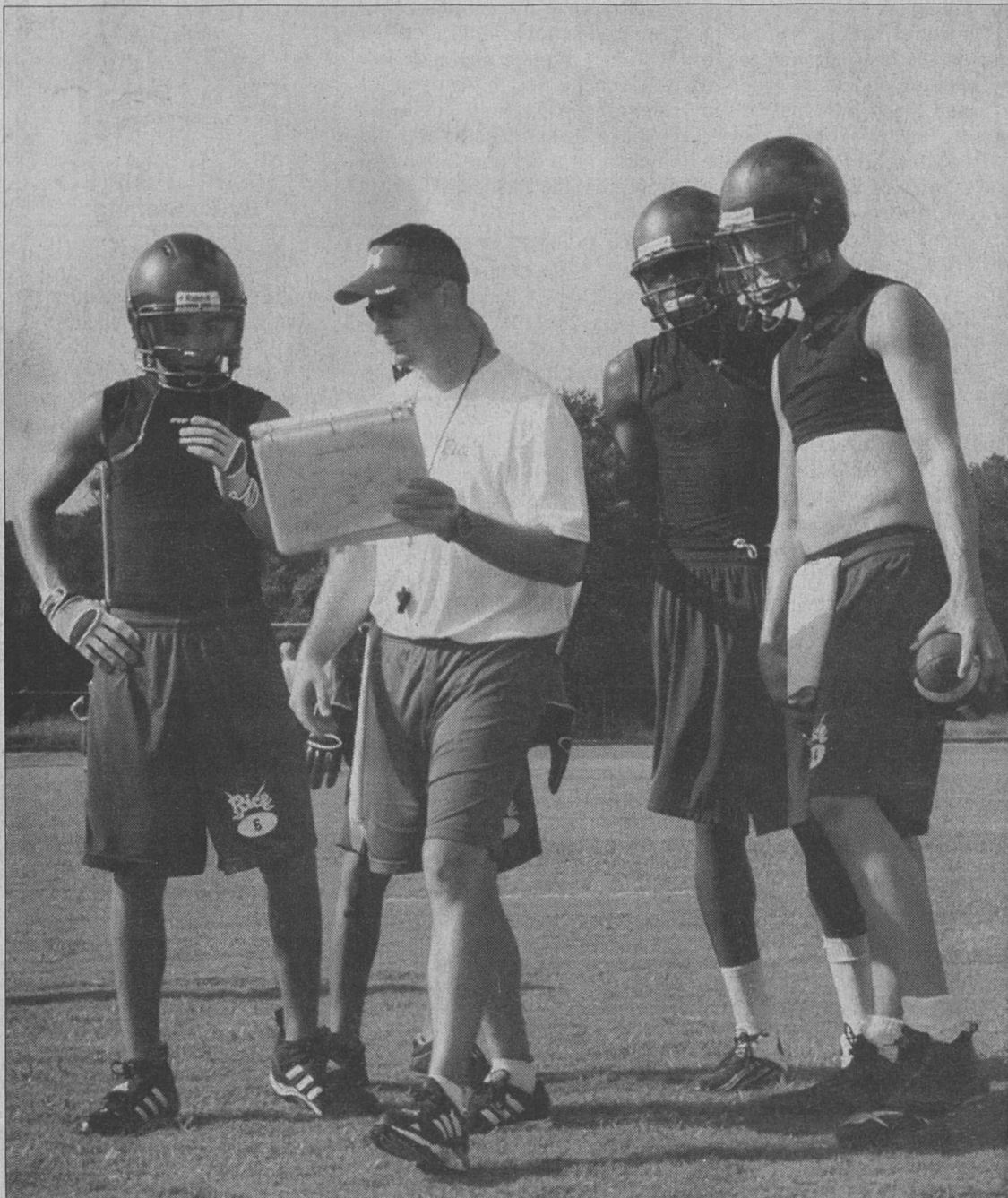
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Coach Dustin Smith works on the offense during workouts on Tuesday. The Raiders first scrimmage is on August 18 against Needville with the regular season opening on August 30 in Luling. Full schedule on page 12.

## TAKS Tests Results Released; Sheridan Exemplary Campus

Results from the 2007 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) Test have been released.

Rice CISD had three ratings of Acceptable, one Unacceptable and Sheridan School received a rating of Exemplary.

Rice High School, Garwood and Eagle Lake Elementary were Acceptable while Eagle Lake Elementary was Unacceptable.

Eagle Lake Junior High showed improvement in every area, but received the unacceptable rating due to low math performance in one subgroup.

"We have known these scores were coming from preliminary results and we have already made some adjustments to help out," said Rice Superintendent Michael Lanier.

"If you take that one score out, the school (Eagle Lake Junior High) would be a recognized campus," said Lanier, discussing how a school's small size can cause standardized test results to be a little misleading.

"I think we have made up a lot of ground over last year and we are all focused on making sure that all kids in the district are successful," he said.

The junior high has shown marked improvement over last year. Reading went from 68% passing to 80%, writing from 73% to 84% and social studies from 64% to 80%. Math increased from 48% to 50% of students overall

who passed.

Lanier said that they were very proud of the hard work put in on the Sheridan campus in achieving an Exemplary rating.

Sheridan had 99% passing in reading, writing, and social stud-

ies with 98% in math and 93% in science.

Compared to last year's scores, all of the campuses in the district are showing improvement (Score charts for each campus on back page).

## Wreck on CR 111 Kills Sheridan Man

A 27-year-old Sheridan man was killed and a Columbus woman injured in a one-vehicle accident south of Rock Island early Friday morning.

Killed was Clinton McMillian and injured was Britni Payne, 17, of Columbus.

McMillian was pronounced dead at the scene and Payne was taken by Emergency Medical Service ambulance to Rice Medical Center for treatment of multiple injuries.

According to a report by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the accident occurred about 4 a.m. on County Road 111, about 6.7 miles south of Rock Island.

The accident location was just before the road's intersection with FM 1693.

A passerby discovered the wreck about 6:25 a.m.

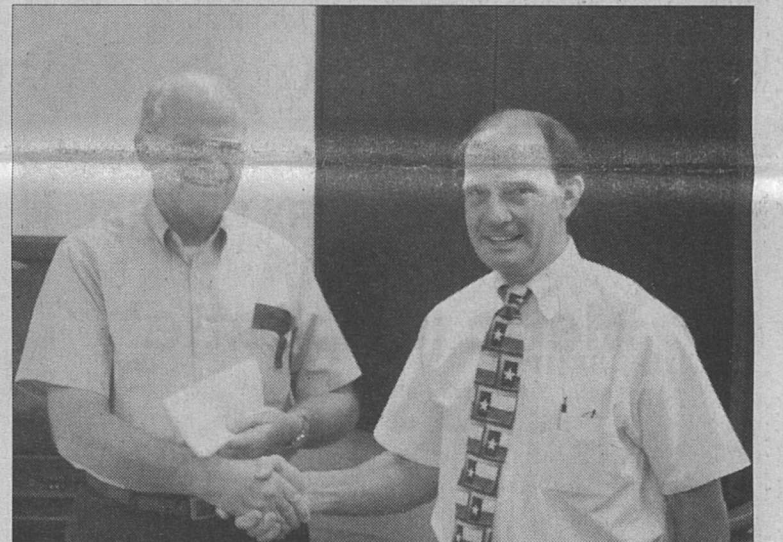
McMillian was driving a 2000 Toyota Tundra pickup truck and was westbound on County Road 111, according to the report.

The report stated that the vehicle failed to negotiate a left hand curve just before the intersection with FM 1693, went through a bar ditch and two fences and became airborne over FM 1693.

The report said the vehicle struck an embankment in a rice field and landed on its roof.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Thomas Janak, who was assisted by DPS Trooper Billy McCloskey.

Peace Justice Billy Hefner pronounced McMillian dead at the scene.



Steve Balas, right, presents a check to Mark Anderson for the purchase of a new primary anesthesia machine for the surgical department at Rice Medical Center.

## Foundation Donates Equipment To Rice Med.

The David and Eula Wintermann Foundation awarded a generous grant to Rice Medical Center for the purchase of a primary anesthesia machine for the surgical department.

The Wintermann Foundation board of directors includes Jack and Judi Johnson, Donald Bendy, and Steve Balas.

Presenting the check on behalf of the Wintermann foundation is Steve Balas and accepting for Rice Medical Center is Mark Anderson, Chairman of the Board.

Mr. Anderson stated, "The Wintermanns' were always great supporters of the hospital and their legacy continues with the help of the foundation."

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Sunderman golf tournament is Saturday

The Stephanie Sunderman Memorial Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Aug. 11. The four-person scramble will include a registration fee of \$50 per player. Food and drink will be furnished. Call 979-234-5981 or 234-5002 for more information. The tournament supports the future of our nurses.

### Mt. Olive Baptist musical Aug. 11-12

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist male choir and brotherhood would like to cordially invite you to share in our musical on August 11 at 6 p.m. featuring The Spiritual Temptations of Houston. Male choir and brotherhood annual on August 12 at 3 p.m. "100 Men in Black" guest are Rev. Jackie Gilmore and Greater Zachary Baptist Church Family of Fulshear.

### White Cloud to hold Conference Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church ministers, deacons and wives to hold their annual conference on Sunday, August 12 at 4 p.m. with Rev. O. Rhodes.

### RHS schedules ready beginning Aug. 13

Rice High School students may begin picking up their class schedules for the upcoming school year after 9:00 A.M., Monday, August 13, 2007. Freshmen and their parents/guardians may visit the school after this date to become familiar with the campus. Students who will be new to Rice High School may plan on registering for the upcoming school year during this time period, also. If you would like to register, please have the following paperwork with you at registration: proof of residence within Rice CISD, birth certificate, social security card, immunization records and last report card from your previous school. Please call Rice High School if you have any questions about the 2007-2008 school year which will begin August 27, 2007.

### White Cloud Revival August 13-17

Community Revival Services at White Cloud Baptist Church will be August 13-17 at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. C.L. Wallace from Mother Zion Baptist Church. Sponsors are Rev. O. Rhodes from White Cloud Baptist Church and Rev. T. Scott, Sr. from Greater Rising Star Baptist Church.

### Meet the Raiders, Lady Raiders Aug. 15

Come out to Rice High School to meet the Raiders, the Lady Raiders and the coaching staff for the 2007-2008 school year, on Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30 in the gym. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Hope to see you there!

### WIC celebration scheduled for Aug. 17

The WIC Program will celebrate National Breastfeeding month Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Columbus WIC Clinic at 520 Washington St. Classes to motivate mothers as to the benefits of breastfeeding will be provided. Volunteers who make baby quilts, clothes and toys will be honored. These items are given to breastfeeding mothers as an incentive to continue breastfeeding.

### Booster Club hamburger supper Aug. 18

The Rice Raider football team will host the Needville Bluejays in a scrimmage on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. The Booster Club will be selling hamburgers, chips, drinks and candy. Athletes wishing to be eligible for the Booster Club scholarships, along with their parents are reminded that working this event and future ones gets the athlete closer to qualifying for a college scholarship.

### ELJH book pick-up is Aug. 23-24

Thursday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 24 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. will be textbook pick up day for all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Eagle Lake Jr. High (ELJH). Please come by the school and get your child's books on either of these days. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

## June-July One Of Wettest On Record

Through July, Eagle Lake was just two inches short of the average rainfall for the entire year, based on data from the last 31 years collected at the Rice Research Facility on FM 102.

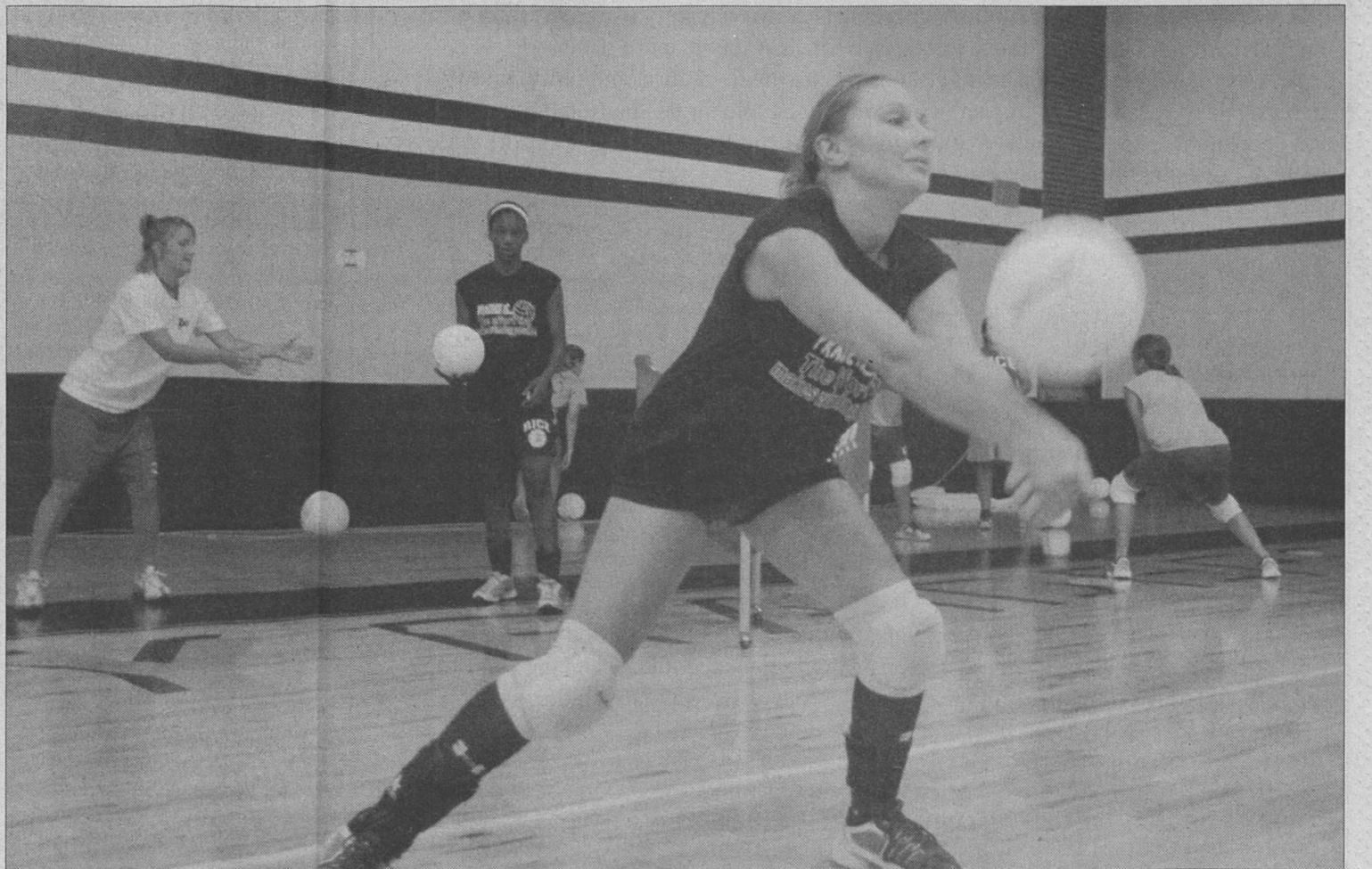
For the year, Eagle Lake is about 15.5 inches of rain ahead of where the area normally would be, 39.72 inches. The yearly average for the area is just below 42 inches of rain.

July this year was the second wettest in the last 31 years with 8.85 inches, with last year's 10.25

being the wettest. The average for July is only 2.77 inches.

Combined with June's 5.65 inches, the last two months were the second wettest with 14.5 inches. In 1993 it rained 20.2 inches in June, followed by less than one in July.

If we received average rainfall for the remainder of the year, we would total about 58 inches or 16 inches above normal and about six inches short of 1993's 63.78-inch record for the last 31 years.



The Rice Lady Raiders Volleyball team started workouts on Monday. The first scrimmage is Friday in Round Top. Full schedule on page 13. Pictured above, April Pagel works on passing.

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