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The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department worked a grass fire last Thursday north of town. Much needed rain from Tropical Storm Eduardo should help alleviate dry conditions in the area.

Rice Shows TAKS Improvements

The Texas Education Agency recently released its accountability statistics for the 2008 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills testing.

Rice CISD received an overall rating of academically acceptable along with Rice High School, Eagle Lake Elementary, and Eagle Lake Junior High. Sheridan School received a Recognized rating and Garwood was recognized as an Exemplary Campus.

Below is a chart with the passing percentages for each campus.

Overall performance was up in the district, with Eagle Lake Junior High showing remarkable improvement in all areas.

"These improvements are the result of lots of people doing lots of real hard work," said Superintendent Michael Lanier.

"It is not just the teachers, but the students and parents as well," he added.

At the junior high, the percentage of students passing math rose a whopping 30 percent from 50 to 80 percent.

Science passing rates rose 47 percent from 21 to 68 percent, though the previous year was a

test run on the science portion for eighth graders.

Social studies rose from 74 to 91 percent and writing from 84 to 96 percent.

Reading scores were up 13 percent, from 80 to 93 percent.

"The junior high was just one subgroup away from being a recognized campus," said Lanier.

"I can't give them enough credit. They did an outstanding job," he said.

The junior high was academically unacceptable just a year ago.

"We really appreciate all of the parents help in getting this done," Lanier said.

Rice High School showed large improvements in social studies, raising scores 10 percent from 82 to 92 percent.

Science scores were also up from 48 to 70 percent at the high school.

The elementary school showed a large improvement in science with an increase of 25 percent from 39 to 64 percent.

The district as a whole showed the most improvement in science,

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Campus	Subject	2007	2008
Districtwide	Reading	89	92
	Writing	92	95
	Social Studies	83	93
	Math	74	82
	Science	49	72
Garwood	Reading	97	96
	Writing	97	96
	Social Studies	99	99
	Math	82	92
	Science	70	94
Sheridan	Reading	99	97
	Writing	99	99
	Social Studies	99	99
	Math	98	97
	Science	91	88
EL Elementary	Reading	79	84
	Writing	96	88
	Social Studies		
	Math	76	82
	Science	39	64
EL Junior High	Reading	80	93
	Writing	84	96
	Social Studies	74	91
	Math	50	80
	Science	21	68
Rice High School	Reading	94	94
	Writing		
	Social Studies	82	92
	Math	77	74
	Science	48	70

NEWSBRIEFS

Plaza To Hold Open Auditions

The Wharton Plaza Theatre on the Square will hold open auditions for the first production in its 2008-2009 season, John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, Aug. 18 and 20 at 6 p.m. at the theater. Director Janice McDonald seeks a multi-racial cast of nine men and one woman able to play ages 20 through 60+. For more information and character descriptions, please visit www.whartonplazatheatre.org. Performances are October 17-26.

Announcing narcotics anonymous

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Every Wednesday, night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

Laws and Regulation CEU program

The Colorado County Extension Office will be hosting a 2hr Laws and Regulation CEU program on Thursday August 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Colorado County Ag Building Conference Room. The guest speaker for that evening will be Texas Department of Agriculture inspector Melissa Barton. Who will talk about Laws and Regulation in regards to a private applicator certificate or license. Look forward to seeing you there.

WCBC Musical, celebration starts Aug. 8

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) invites the public to a musical Saturday, Aug. 9 at 7 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 10 join WCBC for their annual ministers, deacons and wives conference at 4 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Sylvester Duckens of Heavly Star BC of Houston.

Football camp is Saturday

A Little Raiders football camp will be held Saturday Aug. 9 from 8 to 10 a.m. The camp will be held at the Eagle Lake Elementary School. For more information call 979-232-0491.

Season football tickets on sale

2008 Rice Raider season football tickets are on sale thru Aug. 14 at the RCISD Administration Building. Starting Monday, Aug. 18 those who haven't held season tickets may purchase them on a first-come, first-serve basis thru Friday, Aug. 25 for \$30 per set (five home games this year). The cost at the gate will be \$6 per game. Reserved seats sold for individual games at the gate will be \$7. In addition this year a district pass will allow you to all home RCISD athletic events (excluding varsity football games). The price for this pass is \$50. Call the administration office at 234-3531, ext. 1001 for more information.

GMOBC "No More Chains!" Aug. 16

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC), 709 N. Lake Ave., will present "No More Chains!" on Saturday, Aug. 16. Workshops from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; lunch from noon to 1 p.m.; and worship and praise rally at 6 p.m. Youth and young adults are invited. Join them for food, fun, fellowship and freedom! Bring all the youth you know! The youth with the most guests will win a special prize! For more information call Pastor Dave Curry or Olivia Maxie at 234-7062.

Showmanship clinic set for Aug. 16

Showmanship clinics for beef, swine, lambs and goats are set for Saturday, Aug. 16 at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. The day will begin with a CCF Scramble Heifer Prospect Show at 8 a.m. The showmanship clinics will begin with the beef animals starting at approximately 9 a.m. The swine clinic will follow at 10 a.m. followed by the lamb and goat clinic at 11 a.m. The clinics should be concluded by 12 noon. You are encouraged to bring your livestock project(s) with you, but if you are not able to do so we can work around that. Scott Jones will also be at the fairgrounds on Aug. 16 to trim hooves on the beef cattle projects. He will be ready to start trimming at 9:30 a.m. and will stay until he finishes with those that bring their animals to be trimmed.

Conference to be held Aug. 16

The 20th Century Association ministers and wives. Deacons and wives conference presents Leadership Conference 2008, Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. Theme: "Coming Together for the Betterment of Leadership" Ephesians 4:11-16. Guest speaker will be Rev. S.D. Silverand of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in Hitchcock.

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This tree fell against a home in the 500 Block of First Street Sunday evening.



The Rice Raiders started practice this week. The Raiders will be looking to equal or better their regional championship from a year ago.