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A controlled burn got out of hand last week as the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called in to rein it back in.

## City To Apply For Planning Funds

The Eagle Lake City Council voted to apply for funding for a planning study for the city under the Community Development Block Grant program.

If the city receives funding, a ten-year plan would be prepared for the city that would cover a variety of areas, including infrastructure.

Having the plan in place would also help the city when applying for other grants, such as the block grants the city has received in recent years to pay for water storage tank rehabilitation and other sewer and water projects.

The plan would also provide new maps for the city.

Part of the planning process would include a town-hall type public meeting where citizens can give input into the plan.

If funding is awarded the city will have to pay a match of almost \$2,500 for the \$30,000 to \$50,000 project.

The funds would likely not

have to be paid until 2010 or even 2011.

Council also discussed the Johnson Control's annual performance report on water usage, but took no action on the matter.

Questions were raised regarding the report when the city found out that the company, Johnson Controls, was not paying the city a rebate based on the performance contract that was part of upgrading water meters.

Up until now, the city was receiving a substantial rebate because of shortfalls compared to what was guaranteed in the contract.

After a meeting with representatives from the company, questions about the report were still left unanswered, said Councilwoman Jane Meldahl.

She said the company was going to go back and do an accuracy report for the last five years,

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## Charlie Robison, Little Texas To Headline Fair

A top flight entertainment lineup is scheduled for the Colorado County Fair, Sept. 11 to Sept. 14 at the Ag Complex in Columbus.

The headliner for Friday night

is Charlie Robison, while the featured band on Saturday will be Little Texas.

In addition, there are seven other bands and entertainers

performing for the fair.

The 30th Colorado County Fair is held at the Colorado County Ag Complex. The 2008 Colorado County Fair and Rodeo features nationally known entertainers, a CPRA rodeo, tractor pull contest, quilt exhibit, needlework handicrafts, BBQ Cook-off, Carnival Rides, Livestock Exhibits and much more.

Here is the entertainment lineup:

**Thursday Sept. 11**

Johns Gun -- 8 p.m. to midnight.

**Friday Sept. 12**

Bart Crow Band -- 8:30 p.m.  
Charlie Robison -- 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday Sept. 13**

Katelyn & Christopher Hobaugh -- 7 p.m.

Southbound 955 -- 8 p.m. and midnight

John Conlee -- 9 p.m.

Little Texas -- 10:30 p.m.

**Sunday Sept. 14**

Three Man Band -- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Neil Ross Band -- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Narcotics anonymous meetings

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! Meetings are held every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call 713-858-5162.

### PTO HB supper is tonight

The Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO will hold a brown bag hamburger supper on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with Meet the Teacher Night. Tickets are \$5 each. Tickets are available and First National Bank and at Wallis State Bank in Eagle Lake. All proceeds benefit the Eagle Lake Elementary School PTO.

### RHS Schedules to be picked up today

Rice High School (RHS) students will pick up their class schedules for the upcoming school year from noon to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, August 21. Freshmen and their parents/guardians may visit the school to become familiar with the campus. Students who will be new RHS may plan on registering for the upcoming school year during this time period. 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 RHS 234-3535 if you have any questions about the 2008 - 2009 school year that will begin August 25.

### Democratic party to meet tonight

The Colorado County Democratic Party will meet Thursday, August 21 at 7 p.m. at The Mansfield Building 930 Travis in Columbus. For more information you may contact Susan Havelka at 979-732-9048.

### Bake sale is Friday

The Lil' Raiders football team will hold a bake sale Friday, August 22, from 8 to 10 a.m. in front of the First National Bank in Eagle Lake. Thank you in advance for your support.

### BBQ Dinner to be held Saturday

Jesus Is My Refuge Church located at 115 N. McCarty, will sell BBQ chicken plates Saturday, August 23 from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the church location. The meal includes half a chicken, rice, beans, and potato salad. Plates are \$7 each. Desserts will be available. To place an order call 234-3174. Thanks in advance for your support.

### Junior high athletics information

Seventh and eighth grade boys and girls will begin after school workouts on August 25. Bus transportation will be provided after practice is finished.

### Garwood to hold Meet the Teacher night

Garwood School will have Meet the Teacher on August 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Season football tickets on sale

2008 Rice Raider season football tickets are on sale at the RCISD Administration Building. Those who haven't held season tickets may purchase them on a first-come, first-serve basis thru Friday, Aug. 22 for \$30 per set (five home games this year). The cost at the gate will be \$6 per games. Reserved seats sold for individual games at the gate will be \$7. In addition this year a district pas 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.

### Books, schedules available Aug. 25

Students at Eagle Lake Junior High will be given books and schedules on the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 25. For more information call the school at 234-3501.

### Meet the Candidates night set

The Taxpayers Association of Colorado County will host a "Meet the Candidates Night" for those running for the office of U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the EMS building on Radio Lane from 7 to 9 p.m. The public is invited.

### Major show lamb and goat tags

Time is fast approaching for 4-Hers and FFA members to make the decision on how many ear tags they will need for the 2009 Texas 4-H/FFA Lamb Validation and Texas 4-H/FFA Goat Validation Programs for the major shows. The tags will cost \$9 each. 4-H members need to turn their orders to the Extension Office by August 29. FFA

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## Rice Board Gets TAKS Report

The Rice CISD Board of trustees heard reports on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills testing (TAKS), construction and the boot camp during their regular meeting on Monday, August 18.

Superintendent Michael Lanier gave the board a report on TAKS scores.

The district as a whole was acceptable, with Rice High School, Eagle Lake Junior High and Eagle Lake Elementary also acceptable.

Sheridan was recognized and Garwood was exemplary.

The junior high showed drastic improvements in raising their designation to acceptable.

Scores all over the district were up.

"Teachers, students and parents put in lots and lots of hard work to make this happen," said Lanier.

"They deserve all the credit," he added.

"I have nothing but great things to say about the scores, but just like in athletics, you may have a winning season one year, but you have to suit up and get ready for the next year. That's what we are doing now," he said.

The board expressed their appreciation for the hard work in achieving the improvements.

The board also got an update on construction of the new junior high facility.

Assistant Superintendent Bill Hefner said that there was a little issue with one section of the foundation, but that they were working to resolve the problem.

He said that ground-work is going on the gym, but had slowed due to the rain. He indicated that the school portion had reached a point where the rain will not effect progress too much.

He said that lightweight concrete panels have begun going up on the roof of the school.

They also got an update on the boot camp.

Lanier said that the tentative date for opening is October 7. He indicated that they are expecting 12 students at that point and then 12 more every two weeks until they reach around 100.

He said that unfortunately the

way the federal funding works, that the district would not be getting any significant funding for two years.

He said that he planned to talk to state officials to see if they could get some startup money to pay for an administrator/teacher position.

He said that he felt it was important that the taxpayers of Rice CISD not pay for kids from elsewhere.

He also said that he felt the company that will run the facility was more competent than the previous one.

In other action:

The board discussed use of charter buses for extracurricular

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Pictured on a trip to Europe are in front, Lucille and Henry Kretzschmar, Sr.; back row, Daniel Viktorin, Loretta Kretzschmar, Henry Lloyd Kretzschmar, Jr. and Kathy Viktorin. Kretzschmar, Sr. is a veteran of World War II. (See story page 5)



The Colorado County Wildlife Association (CCWA) recently donated \$1,000 to the Ministerial Alliance. From left to right, accepting the check were Kevin Collison, Treasurer of the Ministerial Alliance, Sandra Bengé, Food Pantry Coordinator, and Charlie Haines acting on behalf of the CCWA.