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## Congressman Hinojosa Dedicates Art House

U.S. Congressman Ruben Hinojosa joined with the Lighthouse of Eagle Lake's board of directors and community supporters to officially dedicate Eagle Lake's first ever 'Art House'. This is the first facility of its kind dedicated to teaching Eagle

Lake's young people a multifaceted arts and crafts program.

Joining Congressman Hinojosa were Sam Kana, President, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Bill Harrison, Chairman, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Bob Whisnant, Founder, Southwest Concrete, Terry Rossignol and Justin Roach, Manager and Assistant Manager, Attwater National Wildlife Refuge, Michael Morales, Mayor, Eagle Lake and Chris Thacker, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake. Each of these organizations was specifically thanked for their support in making the new Art House a reality for Eagle Lake's youth.

Having begun in January 2004, the Lighthouse After School Program reports that it has been privileged to serve over 380 local youth and that these youth have attended over 9,000 times in the last two years. Over 9,000 full meals have been served at no cost to the youth.

The mission of the Lighthouse is to offer a multi-faceted, character, education and activity center focused on improving the quality of life for the youth of Eagle Lake. One board member stated, "We believe that any community is only as strong as its commitment to its youth and we believe that a community can be transformed by transforming its children."

This mission is made operational through four major program components: Facilities, Food, Child Development and Recreation. The critical Child Development component in particular is composed of four major areas: Comprehensive scholastic, personality, character, health, life issues

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## Little League Opening Day Saturday

Eagle Lake Little League Opening Day ceremonies are scheduled for Saturday, April 1. The league hopes the community will come out to enjoy a great day of baseball and food. We look forward to having a great season!

The schedule is as follows:  
9 a.m. Diamond Jaxx vs. Yanks  
10 a.m. Padres vs. Lynxx  
11 a.m. Angels vs. to be determined  
12 noon Opening Ceremony  
1 p.m. Pirates vs. White Sox  
2 p.m. Look Outs vs. Twins  
3 p.m. Indians vs. Astros  
4 p.m. Wildcats vs. to be determined  
5 p.m. Mudcats vs. Mets  
Please make sure that all players are there on time. All games have a 55-minute time limit.



Daylight Saving Time Begins April 21

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Relay for Life bake sale is Friday

The Eagle Lake Drugstore team, "Butterfly Kisses" will hold a bake sale March 31 in front of the drugstore from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

### Hope Warriors to hold yard sale Saturday

"Hope Warriors" Relay for Life yard sale will be held Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m. to noon at 906 B Street. Rain or Shine! All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

### Lions Club BBQ is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will hold their barbecue Sunday, April 2. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased from any Lions Club member.

### CCRTA Meeting is Monday, April 3

The Colorado County Retired Teachers Association (CCRTA) will meet Monday, April 3 at noon. The regular scheduled meeting will be held at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus. All retired school personnel are urged to attend.

### UMC hosting Lenten Luncheons

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church (UMC) is hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Lenten Luncheons each Monday, through Monday, April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with special music and guest speakers. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The next luncheon, April 3 will feature Rev. Steve Whitfield of Eagle Lake Christ Episcopal Church as guest speaker. Christ Episcopal Church will provide soups and desserts. A sliced meat and cheese tray, crackers, sandwich bread, hot cornbread, iced tea and coffee will be furnished by the UMC. Lenten Luncheon cookbooks are now available for \$8 each at the luncheons on Mondays at the church office during the week. Everyone is cordially invited...bring a friend!

### Vaccination clinic in Garwood April 7

There will be a rabies vaccination clinic in Garwood on Friday, April 7. Stop by the Garwood Fire Station from 4 to 6 p.m. Dr. Potter will administer the vaccinations for \$10 each pet.

### GMOBC Art, craft, garage sale

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) invites everyone to its Pastor Aide Garage Sale that will continue on April 1 and April 8. Stop at the sale at Hwy. 90A, 606 East.

### Easter egg hunt is April 8

Power Unlimited, Inc. will host their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8 in the Eagle Lake City Park. The event is for children ages 18 months to 10 years of age. Prices will be given for each age group. Hunt times: 18 mths.-3 yrs., 10 a.m.; 4 to 5 yrs., 11 a.m.; 6 to 7 yrs., 12 p.m.; and 8 to 10 yrs., 1 p.m. Pictures available with the Easter Bunny from 1 to 2 p.m. Come out and join them for a great time!

### Gator Swim team registration starts April 8

Gator Swim team registration will be held at Golden Goose Designs, 217 E. Main from 10 a.m. to noon April 8, 15, and 22. Registration fee is \$35 for each swimmer. Registration includes Gator fee, team t-shirt, CCAA dues, and TMF insurance for the regular season. Team swimsuit fillings will be held at registration. The cost of the team swimsuit varies with the gender/size of the swimmer and the additional gear selected for purchase. Register on these dates to get the group rate on the swimsuit. It will go up after these registration dates.

### GMOMBC Anniversary services are April 9

Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church (GMOMBC) cordially invites the public to their Pastor and Wife 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Services on April 9 at 4 p.m. GMOMBC will honor Rev. and Sis. Thomas E. Kuykendall. Guest speaker will be Rev. Ben Roy Lillie of Greater True Faith MBC of Houston. Theme: "The Man Behind the Vision".

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U.S. Representative Ruben Hinojosa visited the Lighthouse in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, March 22 to help dedicate a new art building. Members of the community and kids from the Lighthouse gathered for a photo before Hinojosa left Eagle Lake. From left to right are in the back row, Lyle Anderson, Dana Anderson, Sam Kana, Brenda Besch; third row, Mike Morales, Terry Morales, Ruben Hinojosa; front row, Carselin Smith, Diana Mendoza, Justin Roach, Mikayea Scott, Katerina Gonzales, Chynna Hargrove, Marisol Mendoza, Darius Smallwood, LaShonda Smallwood, Chris Thacker, Terry Rossignol and McKinley Boutte.

## Gov. Hopeful Strayhorn Stops In Eagle Lake

Carole Keeton Strayhorn brought her independent campaign for Texas governor to Colorado County on Tuesday, March 21.

She gave an interview to the Headlight, gave a speech in Weimar and had a reception in Columbus.

In a rapid-fire delivery, Strayhorn blasted incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and said she can do a better job.

Strayhorn, who currently serves as state comptroller, said that she is running as an independent because Perry has so politically fractured the state that running as an independent "is the only way to get anything done."

Strayhorn said that Perry has had nine opportunities to address public education finance problems and hasn't gotten it fixed.

"Nothing is more important than education," she said. "My passion is education."

She said Perry has promised to fix school finance and lower property taxes and hasn't delivered on either measure.

But she also said he has promised a "bloody, brutal" campaign.

"That's one promise I believe he'll keep," she said.

"We've got to cut sky rocketing local property taxes and we need to say out loud we need more dollars for education," she said. At one time, Strayhorn said the state paid 60 percent of the cost of education, and now local districts pay 64 percent of the cost.

"If you're simply shifting the same dollars around, it's like rearranging the chairs on the Titanic, the problem's not going to go away," Strayhorn said.

And she added: "It's a shame to preach excellence and deliver mediocrity."

She said the governor's first pro-

posal on education funding would have provided no new dollars for the Weimar, Columbus or the Rice school districts.

"He even recommended partnering with sexually oriented businesses to finance our kids' education."

The comptroller said the governor vetoed all of the funding for education after the regular session and she blamed Perry for delays in getting textbooks to students.

"There is no shortfall when it

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Hopeful candidate for Governor Carol Keeton Strayhorn stopped by the Headlight Office last Tuesday on a drive to get the 45,000 necessary signatures to get on the ballot for governor as an independent. She is pictured with Headlight publisher James Sweet.



The Rotary and Lions clubs recently presented a check to Eagle Lake American Legion Post for Boys' State. From left to right Victor Scott, Legion Adjutant; Brian Wiese, President Eagle Lake Lions; Chris Thacker, President Eagle Lake Rotary; Kenneth Craig, Legion Commander. (Story on page 12)