

THE EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT

Division of Beal Publications, LLC • (USPS 163-760)
 P.O. Box 67 - 220 East Main
 CITY OF EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS 77434-0067
 979-234-5521 • Fax: 979-234-5522
 email: eaglelakeheadlight@sbcglobal.net
 Published Weekly-Every Thursday



The Eagle Lake Headlight reserves the right to reject, edit or omit editorial content and/or advertisement for any reason in order to conform to the paper's policy.

Produced and Distributed By:

James Sweet
 Carol Cardenas • Doug Beal
 Donna Samora

Advertising and News Deadline: 5 P.M. Monday
Subscription Rates

Colorado County (including Lissie & Egypt)	\$19.50
Fayette, Lavaca, Wharton & Austin Counties	\$22.00
Other Texas Residents	\$22.50
Outside of Texas; Inside U.S.	\$24.00

Single Copy Price : 50¢
 Second class postage paid at Eagle Lake, Texas

Address Corrections
 should be sent to P.O. Box 67
 Eagle Lake, Texas 77434-0067

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri-8-5 Wed-8:30-3

Education Committee Eyeing Update Of Accountability Standards

AUSTIN - In 1984, the 68th Texas Legislature passed HB 72, a groundbreaking attempt to increase the quality of public education with accountability standards.

HB 72 put the greatest weight in rating public schools on student academic performance and also created the no-pass no-play rule, lowered the students-to-teacher ratio, ended social promotion of

students and initiated a teacher career ladder.

In the quarter century since passage of HB 72, lawmakers have reworked the school accountability puzzle a few times. For example, in 1994, lawmakers made school accountability hinge on high-stakes academic testing. In 2003, the Legislature made changes to put accountability standards in synch with the fed-

eral No Child Left Behind Act.

Two bills filed March 5 would revise in 2011 the current system of rating schools that is based on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or "TAKS," the standardized test that evaluates students' skills in reading, writing, math, science and social studies at various grade levels.

SB 3, authored by state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and its twin, HB 3 by state Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, would employ a two-tiered method that values more than TAKS.

The first tier, accreditation, would judge schools on student achievement, the growth of post-secondary readiness and graduation rates. The second tier, called the distinction tier, would reward school districts and campuses for excellence in other areas, including growth in student achievement, fine arts and second language skills.

College readiness under SB 3 and HB 3 is based on student performance in English and algebra end-of-course exams. Skilled workforce readiness factors in English and algebra scores and rates those against success in

training and certification programs at technical or community colleges.

Shapiro, chair of the Senate Education Committee, called the legislation "dramatic" and credited a 15-member select committee that met over the legislative interim for its efforts.

Eissler, chair of the House Public Education Committee, said "we recognize the need for more flexibility for students to pursue an academic path that allows them to nurture their individual interests and talents."

Senate and House education committees will soon consider the bills.

Web page tracks stimulus money

Comptroller Susan Combs' office announced it is reviewing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

And while the Legislature wrestles with how to deal with the sudden influx of \$16 billion in federal funding, citizens who have Web access can keep informed by visiting "Tracking the Texas Stimulus," a page linked to the comptroller's Web site. The page will help state and local officials,

business leaders, economic developers, human service providers and taxpayers track what Texas may receive from the estimated \$787 billion in federal economic stimulus funds, Combs said.

Those who visit the page will find a spreadsheet listing the provisions of the federal bill, preliminary estimates of federal spending and the amounts Texas might expect to see.

Perry renews disaster declaration

Gov. Rick Perry on March 5 officially renewed his Hurricane Ike disaster declaration, effective March 7.

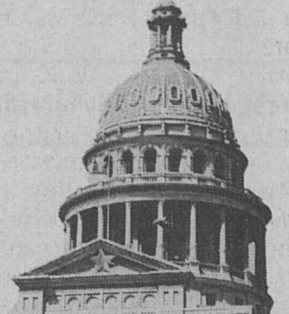
The declaration, in effect until April 5, "suspends all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response" to the hurricane that hit Galveston Sept. 13, 2008, and ravaged a long list of counties in South and East Texas.

In other news, on March 6, Perry asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide disaster relief assistance for farms and ranches suffering from severe drought.

Drought conditions and high winds have exacerbated wildfires.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
 By Ed Sterling

Since Jan. 1, 3,685 wildfires have burned 118,061 acres of land across the state.

Bill toughens tanning regulations

State Rep. Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton, filed HB 1310, legislation to limit minors' access to tanning salons.

"There are multiple studies which show that excessive exposure to tanning leads to melanoma which is the deadliest form of skin cancer," he said.

HB 1310 would require a minor to get parental permission and supervision and a doctor's note to use electromagnetic radiation exposure commonly offered by indoor tanning salons.

Baumgart Agencies
INSURANCE

The Baumgart Agencies
Open House Monday, March 23
1-6 p.m. 1127 Bowie Columbus

Service Awards

- Mary Ann Kaluza-35 Years Agent and Branch Manager Eagle Lake office
- Judy Vornsand-20 Years Agent
- Susan Glithero-22 Years Agent
- Douglas Lillie-36 Years Retiring Agent

Join Us for Refreshments and Celebration!

New Beginnings Child Development Center
 979-234-2785

Open 5:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
Free breakfast, lunch, snack and infant formula provided

Weekly Tuition

0-17mth \$100*18-35mth \$85*36mths-2yrs \$80
 6-12 yrs \$75

(Homework tutoring provided)
 Before and afterschool \$45
 Call for tour and space availability!

Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant
 20 Calhoun Road • Eagle Lake
 979-234-3984

Breakfast Specials: Mon.-Fri., 8 to 11:30 a.m.

Lunch and Dinner Specials
 Mon.-Fri. Beginning at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Buffet Tuesdays and Thursdays
 11 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Hours:
 Mon.-Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
 Fri. and Sat.: 8 a.m. to 9:15 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

COLORADO COUNTY 2009 GO TEXAN BBQ DONORS

Shoppa's Farm Supply
 Eagle Lake, El Campo, Bay City, East Bernard, Edna

Colorado County Rice Mill, Eagle Lake

Innovative X-Ray, Alvin

Headwaters Construction
Drymalla Construction, Columbus
Houston/Katy Medical Equipment
Rice Medical Associates/Dr. Penick, East Bernard

Columbus Livestock

Thanks!

Dr. Ken Quenneville, Eagle Lake	Middlefork Ranch K. Ray Campbell, Houston	Buc-ee's, Eagle Lake
ELC Internet, Eagle Lake	S.U.E. Ultrasound, El Campo	Trafco, Eagle Lake
First National Bank, Eagle Lake	Austin's BBQ, Eagle Lake	Apex Traffic Supply Employees, Eagle Lake
Eagle Lake Funeral Home	Janik's Meat Market, Eagle Lake	Schindler LPG, Eagle Lake
Jeff Frnka, Eagle Lake	Prasek's Hillje Smokehouse	Dave & Jane Meldahl, Eagle Lake
Area Rice Marketing, Eagle Lake	Brookshire Brother's, Eagle Lake	Albert & Amy Perez, Joshua
Todd & Lisa Krenek, Garwood	HEB, Columbus	Edward Sunderman, Eagle Lake
Irving Williams, Eagle Lake		

Thank you to all of our donors.
 A special thank you goes to Betsy Glaiser and to those who came out to join us and support our team!

Let's Look Back...
24 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1985
 Mr. and Mrs. Allen Valigura, of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born on March 25 at 7:45 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Rachel Alana and weighed seven pounds at birth. The baby is welcomed home by a sister, Lisa Beth, four years old. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Grigar of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Valigura of El Campo. Great grandmother is Mrs. Willie Supak of Rosenberg...
Jennifer Kathryn Seaholm

was born on March 13 to Jeff and Twyla Seaholm of Austin. She arrived at 10:21 p.m. and weighed five pounds eight ounces. Paternal grandparents are Carl and Nancy Seaholm of Eagle Lake...
Eluia and Raul Ortiz of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on Monday, March 18 at 5:13 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Aldo Ivan Ortiz and weighed seven pounds 11 ounces...
 Miss Judy Bunge has been designated a college scholar by the dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin. Judy will be honored in recognition of her scholastic

attainments along with the other college scholar designates at the 37th annual Honors Day Convocation on Saturday, April 13 in the Concert Hall of the Performing Arts Center...
Richard William Brown, 79, of Eagle Lake, passed away on March 26 at Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake following a lengthy illness. Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 29 from the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk, officiating. Burial was at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake...
Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Stiles of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the engagement of their

daughter, Patricia Christine to **Robert Gordon Reitz**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce S. Satterla. A June 8 wedding is planned at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Eagle Lake...
Ginger Kay Benton and Paul Joseph Furrow will exchange vows on Saturday, April 20 at the First United Methodist Church in East Bernard...
Barbara Wilson is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, **Deborah Ann to Robert Lee Labay**, son of **Lawrence and Agnes Labay of Nada**. The two will unite in marriage on Saturday, May 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Twenty-Four Sentenced In County Court
 Twenty-four individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, March 4. They included:
 Tabitha Brimsey, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 15 days in jail.
 Katherine M. Dillow, false report to police officer/law enforcement employee. Fined \$100 plus court costs, reduced to Class C attempt false report.
 Latasha R. Douglass, possession of marijuana. All money paid, discharged from probation.
 John T. Johnson, driving while intoxicated. Probation extended three months.

Colby Koehn, possession of marijuana and possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs, abandon count II.
 Felicia Lampasas, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 18 months probation, fined \$750 plus court costs, restitution to be determined.
 Lynn Allen Reising, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Francisco Juarez Rojas, driving while license invalid with previous conviction. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$100 plus court costs.
 Charles E. Williams, criminal mischief. Sentenced to one year

deferred adjudication, \$250 fine plus court costs, \$250 restitution.
 Santos Hernandez Agapito, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$250 plus court costs.
 Angela K. Bittner, driving while intoxicated-2nd offense. Sentenced to one year probated, fined \$1,000 plus court costs, interlock device, nine days in jail as COP.
 Clayton Faraday, criminal trespass. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Iva Lee Johnson, theft of stolen property. Sentenced to four days in jail.
 Robert Kalous, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs, interlock device.
 Jessie Lule, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 10 days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.
 Nicholas Lule, failure to identify giving false/fictitious information and illegal license/certificate. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$2,000 plus court costs, abandon count II.
 Lorenzo Mesa, wrong/fictitious/altered/obscured vehicle registration. Sentenced to three days in jail, fined \$350 plus court costs.
 Marco A. Pizad-Ibarra, driving while intoxicated/open alcoholic container. Sentenced to 20 days in jail, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Carl R. Sidney, assault causes bodily injury. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.
 Carl R. Sidney, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

er's license suspension, abandon count two.
 Gloria Tedford, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Kristyn Ward, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to 60 days in jail.
 Billy White, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to one year probation, fined \$500 plus court costs.
 Dina R. Wright, burglary of vehicle. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$350 plus court costs.

Two Suits Filed In District Court
 Two lawsuits were filed in Colorado County District Court in the last week.
 On March 6, the Bank of New York Mellon filed suit seeking an order of foreclosure on property at 312 Dobbins in Eagle Lake.
 Named as defendant was Frederick L. Broesche.
 The suit claims that \$46,604 is owed on a promissory note.
 On March 9, Southwest Rail Industries Inc. filed suit against MCRB I Ltd., doing business as Meridian Technologies, in a contract dispute.
 The dispute involves leasing of 15 railroad cars by Meridian from Southwest Rail. The suit contends the contract was breached by Meridian and seeks a judgment in the amount of \$101,600.

Divorces Filed
 Linda Smith Semora and Michael Wayne Semora, March 5.
 Valerie Crane Kutach and Victor Wesley Kutach, March 9.
 Nancy Lynn Nelson and Stephen Daniel Nelson Jr., March 9.

Headlight
Want Ads Work Wonders!