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Sunderman Honored

Henry Sunderman received a resolution from the state of Texas for his 32 years of service to the Soil and Water Conservation District at the district's annual banquet held last Friday in Weimar. From left: Deborah Herring, Sunderman, Tommy Hahn, who presented the resolution and W.J. Kleimann, chairman of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Henry Sunderman Honored By State

Henry Sunderman was honored at the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Banquet in Weimar on Friday evening with a resolution from the State of Texas acknowledging his 32 years of service to the district.

The resolution is signed by Representative Robby Cook. Below is a copy of the resolution.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Henry Sunderman of Eagle Lake retired from his position as chair of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District NO. 333 Board of Directors in February 2006, having greatly benefited area residents with

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Soil, Water Banquet Awards Given

The 57th Annual Awards banquet of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District #333 (CSWCD) was held Friday, March 31 at the Veteran's Memorial Hall in Weimar.

CSWCD Chairman W.J. Kleimann welcomed the guests. CSWCD director, Jerry F. Hudec led the pledges. Rev. Clayton Wallin of Columbus presented the invocation. Colorado County Commissioner Darrell Gertson presented a State of Texas resolution on behalf of Representative Robby Cook to Henry Sunderman of Eagle Lake. Sunderman retired from the District after 32 years of service. Chairman Kleimann presented Sunderman with a plaque in appreciation of his service to the District.

A fried fish meal was served by Garland Polasek Catering. John Buehler and Russell Prause provided the entertainment.

CSWCD vice-chairman Lawrence Shimek introduced the board and guests. CSWCD District Secretary Beverly Tuck reported on the Ag Partner activities and introduced partners in attendance.

CSWCD director Ted Schultz recognized the Women in Ag honorees who were featured in a series of articles last January. Kathy Burris, Nancy Holt, Shirley Smith and Betty Schuirring received flags courtesy of Woodmen of the World representative Deborah Herring.

Tara Lux and Donna Ross of Hibernia Bank presented "Bright Idea Awards" to Brenda Grahmann, Heather Hartley, Mikayla Hollmann, Jonis Nava, Ariel Poncik and Madison Wavra for their science fair projects related to conservation. The students attend Columbus Elementary.

The coloring contest winners were announced by Clara Gray Bartek and awards were presented by Eric Pesak of First National Bank and Gerald Heintschel of H & D Bulldozer. Coloring contest winners included Madison Chester, Camilla Cavazos, Maia Clayton, Julianna Castillo, Jose Lopez, Anna Kate Hrachovy and Ariel

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New Fire Truck Ready To Roll

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) recently received a new fire truck. The ELVFD received a \$108,000 grant from the Forest Service to help purchase the truck. The total cost of the fire truck was \$226,455. The City of Eagle Lake paid the difference, financing about \$75,000 of the cost over the next four years. Pictured are members of the department, standing on top, Kurt Sunderman; bottom row, left to right, Curtis Rose, Howard Wilkerson, Tim Jones, Chad Sunderman, Allen Walters of Metro Fire Co., and Darrell Stancik.

Council Approves Sewer Work Bid

Tuesday, March 28, the Eagle Lake City Council approved a bid submitted by Mercer Construction for work on the city's sewer system.

The work is being paid for using a \$350,000 grant from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA).

City Manager Ron Holland said that after engineering and administrative costs, there would be \$322,000 available for work on the city's sewer system.

He advised that after the work is done, the city will get an invoice from Mercer and will then receive the funds from ORCA to pay for the work.

Holland said that the bulk of the work will involve replacing three sewer lines in the Rice Mill area of town.

Lines will be replaced on Stevenson, Shirley and McCreary Streets. Lines will also be replaced on one block of Fairview and North Streets.

Holland said that the existing lines in these areas are deteriorated and in need of replacement.

Holland advised that the lines will be the same as the original, eight-inch.

In all, about 4,000 feet of new line will be installed.

He said that a number of manholes around town will also be replaced.

Holland said that it would probably be 60 to 90 days before work would get underway.

Council accepted the Mercer bid of \$222,330 plus an extra \$16,500 to bore under the streets instead of digging them up.

Holland recommended the extra for boring under the streets because of the work that was done on the streets last year.

Three other bids were submitted by Uticon, Inc. of Rosenberg

(\$235,162), Supak Construction of Orchard (\$278,295), and Horseshoe Construction of La Porte (\$310,456).

Holland said that the city has done work with Mercer before and have been happy with the results.

In other action:

-Council voted to cancel the May election as there are no contested races. Mike Morales will retain his seat as Mayor and John Young will return to his seat on council. Chriss Schiurring will replace Eric Nethery, who did not seek re-election, on the city council.

-Council voted to purchase a new phone system for city hall. Holland advised that there have been problems with the current system for a while, and that it needed to be replaced. The cost of the new system will be \$4,525 and will be installed by Condra of Columbus.

-Council also agreed to buy a new 15-foot flex wing mower for use on the property at the airport. The mower will cost about \$11,000.

-Council voted to purchase accounting software at a cost of about \$8,400.

Tyler To Strut His Stuff On Runway

Tony Tyler, local resident and 1977 graduate of Rice High School will be taking part in "Elegant Diversity," the annual fashion show of Callie Lewis-Watson and Forty Plus Models, Inc.

The show is Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Houston Grand Plaza.

Tyler is known throughout the area as a sculptor and artist.

Tyler has modeled in several shows, including one at the Reliant Center in late October last year.

Tyler said that the show raises money to be given out in the form of scholarships to high school students.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased from Tyler, or any of the models participating in the event.

Tony Tyler shows off a pose he may use at "Elegant Diversity," a fashion show he will participate in this weekend.



NEWSBRIEFS

Project Graduation dinner underway

A Project Graduation dinner will be held Wed., April 5. Plates to go consisting of BBQ chicken, green beans and buttered potatoes catered by Austin's BBQ are \$7 each. Plates will be delivered to Rice High School Wed., from 5 to 6, and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake Elementary School on Tate St. If you would like to purchase a dinner call Janice Danklefs at 758-4494 or go by Austin's BBQ and you may purchase a dinner there.

Vaccination clinic in Garwood Friday

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.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday

A Senior Citizen's Dance will be held Friday, April 7 at the Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. This Is It will provide the music. Admission is \$6 per person. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check out the big half-price sale and all racks and boxes outside marked 1/2 price. They still have lots of Easter baskets ready for delivery by the Easter Bunny.

GMOBC Art, craft, garage sale

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

Easter egg hunt is Saturday April 8

Power Unlimited, Inc. will host their 1st 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. Prizes 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 sign-ups start Saturday

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.

MMBC Anniversary weekend is Saturday

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) in Alleyton will be celebrating the 9th Pastoral Anniversary Weekend for Pastor Larry Davies with a Gospel Musical Explosion Saturday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m. and the Grand Finale Service Saturday, April 9 at 4 p.m. Both services will be held at the Hill Community Center, 1000 N. Main in Sealy. There will be many great gospel artist from around the state of Texas featured. Pastor Gregg Patrick of Southwest Community Church "The Bridge" will be guest speaker on Sunday. The public is invited. For more information call 281-342-7557 or 281-935-3573.

GMOMBC Anniversary services is April 9

Greater Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church (GMOMBC) cordially invites the public to their Pastor and Wife 4th 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".

Last Lenten Luncheon is Monday

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church (UMC) last Lenten Luncheons will be held Monday, April 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with special music. A love offering will be taken and net proceeds go to the Eagle Lake Community Food Pantry. The luncheon, April 10 will feature Rev. Ardie Nelson of Eagle Lake UMC as guest speaker. The Congregational Group of the UMC will provide.

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Play Ball!

The Eagle Lake Little League held its opening ceremonies on Saturday. Pictured above are some of the players and coaches during the opening ceremony.