

Sunderman Running For Commissioner

Eagle Lake native, Edward Sunderman, is proud to announce his candidacy for Colorado County Commissioner, Precinct 4. "It is time for Precinct 4's constituents' needs to be represented in Colorado County," exclaimed Sunderman.

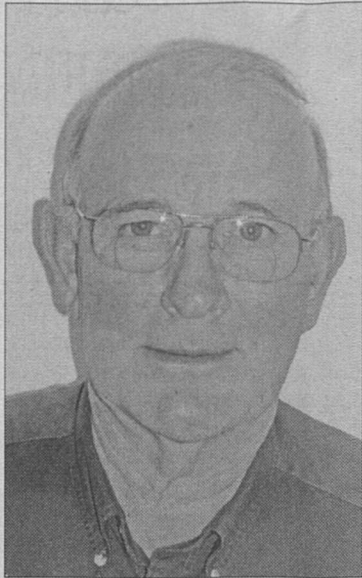
Edward Sunderman is a fourth generation Texan. His family has been residents of Colorado County since 1898. Sunderman, his wife Cynthia Spanihel Sunderman, sons Chad and Kurt Sunderman attended Eagle Lake / Rice District schools and proceeded to be involved in the Eagle Lake / Colorado County community throughout the years.

Mr. Sunderman, an independent businessman since 1984, has many years of management, sales, service and farming experience. Before branching out on his own, Sunderman was responsible for sales and service with Eagle Lake Implement Company for thirteen years, spent several years with Trailer Enterprises as a product manager and manages two privately owned farms.

Mr. Sunderman's managerial experience will allow him to effectively oversee the construction,

maintenance and improvement of county roads, bridges, buildings and facilities and work with county employees and other entities, individually and as a team, to ensure all tasks are being completed in a timely and efficient manner. His background in sales, service and experience working with the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation District and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service on land projects, will afford him the opportunity to work with city, state and county agencies, outside vendors and others to properly represent Colorado County, work as a team to assure that county roads are maintained in a budget-friendly manner and find solutions to Colorado County's drainage issues.

Edward Sunderman is known for his integrity. He pledges to listen to constituents and work with them to fulfill their needs. As an independent businessman, Mr. Sunderman understands budgeting and will aggressively examine Colorado County's and Precinct 4's budget to ensure funds are being allocated correctly. He will work with other Colorado County



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commissioners and the county judge to set the budget for all county departments and adopt a tax rate while making certain Precinct 4 constituents' voices are heard. Sunderman understands Precinct 4 citizens are unhappy with the current condition of many roads and guarantees he will diligently work to maintain, repair and build county roads.

If elected, Edward Sunderman

vows to make Precinct 4 and Colorado County a top priority. He will work full-time to ensure his constituents' needs are met. Edward Sunderman will be a hands-on commissioner and will be a great asset to Colorado County and Precinct 4 in the courthouse and out in the field.

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Headlight Year In Review: Part 1

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want to try to be more than fair," he said.

On March 14, Rice High School theatre performed "Gloria Mundi" at the UIL One-Act Play zone competition hosted by Schulenburg High School. The students did an excellent job, and their play was chosen to advance to the next level of competition.

April

During their regular meeting on March 24 the Eagle Lake City Council voted to cancel the May 9 election since there are only three candidates for the three at-large places up for election. Jane Meldahl, Michael Cooper and Tony Tyler will be sworn in May. Meldahl and Cooper are currently on the council and Tony Tyler will be a new addition.

Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi Chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, named Lois Herman the Eagle Lake First Lady of the Year.

Emily Mahalite, an 8th grader at Garwood Jr. High School and a member of the Rice Consolidated FFA, exhibited the Lightweight Class Champion Hereford with her 1249 lb. steer, Rocky, at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Forty-two volunteers came together at City Hall on April 4 to participate in the Great Texas Trash-off. Because of their effort 100 thirty-gallon trash bags were filled with bottles, litter and debris from the roadways! In addition, several businesses along 90-A participated by cleaning their property of litter and debris.

A former Parish of the Nativity priest, 69-year old Father Jesse Euresti, was found slain outside Nuevo Laredo on Sunday, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. Euresti served the parish here in Eagle Lake from 1986 to 1992. He was currently serving in East Austin at Cristo Rey Catholic Church.

Amber Huvar has committed to St. Thomas University in Houston to play volleyball in 2009. Amber is the daughter of Phillip and Danette Huvar.

Rice outstanding baseball player Matthew Charles Hernandez has officially accepted a scholarship to attend Lindenwood University and play baseball. Lindenwood is located in St. Charles, Missouri and competes in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II - Heart of America Conference. Matthew is the son of Carlos and Imelda Hernandez of Eagle Lake.

The Rice Raider boy's golf teams competed in the District 26AA Golf Tournament held at Stephen F. Austin Golf Course in Sealy on April 13. The Blue Team consisting of Wesly Arrison, Travis Kaley, Myles Dumont, Carlos Sosa and Nick Duarte, fired a round of 351 finishing second behind Weimar. The leading scorers for the team were Duarte and Arrison, who fired 83 and 86 respectively.

The Rice CISD Board of Trustees voted to move ahead with the purchase of 92 new computers for use in classrooms district-wide. Every classroom in the district will receive a new desktop computer. The computers will cost about \$74,000 and the district will transfer money from their fund balance to pay for them.

The Rice Raider Boys Golf Teams Competed in the Region IV Golf Tournament, held at Quail Creek Country Club, located in San Marcos, Texas, on April 20th and 21st. The team, consisting

of Wesly Arrison, Travis Kaley, Myles Dumont, Carlos Sosa, Nick Duarte and Mario Hull, fired a 2 day total of 690 finishing second behind Salado and 1 shot ahead of Weimar. The leading scorers for the team were Carlos Sosa and Nick Duarte, who fired 166 and 172 respectively for the 2 days. This marks the first time in the history of Rice High School that a golf team has made it to State. The State Tournament will be held at Roy Kizer Golf Course, in Austin, Texas on May 11th and 12th.

An accident at an antique tractor pull event in Wharton Saturday claimed the life of a Columbus woman, Dorothy Potter, 59. The accident occurred about 5:30 p.m. at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. Wharton County Sheriff's Lt. Daniel Marek said Potter was accidentally run over by the rear axle of a sled that was being pulled by a tractor.

Raider Regional Track Qualifiers: Josh Williams, Ziggy Foster, Lance Howard, Cody Lantelme, Kris Talton, Patrick Dota, Corey Farrow, Mario Hull, Chris Dorsey, Carlos Sosa, Dominique Weeks, Destinea Williams, Porshia Morris, Allyssa Krpec, Felice Smith, Annica Williams, Chelsea Korenek, Rebecca Dota, Clarencia Weeks, Lauren Shimek, Brittani Bartlett, Jaquita Woods, Brittany Parker.

The Eagle Lake Police Department recently received \$125,000 from the seizure of \$742,320 on November 4, 2008. The amount was given to Eagle Lake from the Weimar Police Department out of their 70 percent share of the cash due to Eagle Lake's drug dog Lulu finding the cash on a bus.

May

The Eagle Lake City Council, during their regular meeting April 28, heard a report from Police Chief W. E. Lattimore on the \$125,000 that the department has received as their share of proceeds from a drug money seizure back in November of 2008. By law the funds must be used for law enforcement purposes and cannot be used to pay any salaries. Lattimore detailed his plans for the money in his report to council. He said that he would be purchasing three new police vehicles for use by officers in the department.

The Rice Raider baseball team

defeated Weimar last Friday night 6-3 to advance to the playoffs for the first time in school history. Trent Popp was the winning pitcher in a complete game effort. The Raiders' win also snapped a 15-year playoff streak for the Wildcats.

The Colorado County Sheriff's Office has received a \$35,000 grant from the Wintermann Foundation in Eagle Lake. The grant was used to purchase a Laser Shot Firearms Simulator that will be available for use by all the Law Enforcement agencies in the county for firearms training.

Sixty-three students are set to graduate during commencement ceremonies at Rice High School in Altair on Wednesday, June 3 at 8 p.m. Garreth Casper will deliver the valedictory address and Sabara Saenz the salutatory. Honor graduates in the class include: Garreth Casper, Sabara Saenz, Frank Cisneros, II, Nicholas Duarte, Amber Huvar, Chelsea Korenek, Veronica Lipperdt, Crystal O'Mary, Trent Popp, Tori Rathburn, and Jessica Walzer.

June

Rice High Outstanding Athletes Of The Year: Chelsea Korenek and Zacchaeus Foster.

The Eagle Lake City Council swore in three council members to new terms during their regular meeting on May 26. Newcomer to the council Tony Tyler was sworn in for his first term. Council members Jane Meldahl and Michael Cooper were also sworn in for new terms.

Chris Dorsey earned the bronze medal in discus at the State Track and Field Championships last Friday. His best throw was 158' 2".

During their regular meeting on June 8, the Rice Board of Trustees voted to award the construction and remodeling bid on the Eagle Lake Intermediate School on Tate Street to Bass Construction out of Rosenberg. The total bid for the project came in at \$2.709 million and includes a few other projects that were added on to the project. Those projects include a bus barn in Altair, canopies in Altair, new roofing for the whole Eagle Lake project, and a new fire alarm system at the high school.

More next week...

McTear Case Ongoing

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Lattimore had said last week that Smith told him she ran over McTear at the police station early December 22. Shortly after that, Lattimore arrested her for murder and transported her to the Colorado County Detention Center.

Lattimore said that he anticipated turning the case over to the district attorney by Thursday.

He said the next major step in the case would be when the

county attorney's office presents the case to the grand jury to seek an indictment on the murder charge.

He gave no indication of a timeline for the future of the case.

A call to the Colorado County Detention Center as of press time confirmed that Smith was still being held there on bond.

Funeral services for McTear were held on Saturday, December 26.

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