



Flag to fly at half mast

According to a proclamation issued by Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper, the United States flag will be flown at half mast in respect and memory of Officer Tobin Thomas of the Eagle Lake Police Department until Friday, June 26, 1998.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Community Pool to be closed July 4th

The Community Pool will be closed Saturday, July 4, due to a shortage of life guards. Regular pool hours will resume following the holiday, but the number of swimmers admitted will depend on the number of life guards on duty. The fewer life guards... the fewer swimmers will be allowed in the pool.

Garbage pickup changed for July 4th holiday

The City of Eagle Lake will make a few changes in the garbage pickup for the July 4th Holiday. Thursday's trash will be picked up Wednesday; Friday's trash will be picked up Thursday.

Montgomery-Thatcher anniversary is June 27

The Montgomery-Thatcher Association will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of existence on Saturday, June 27, with a special ceremony at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to join them at the cemetery located in Matthews; (take 102 to Matthews and turn left about one mile down the road). Officers are President Carol Beth Gore, Secretary Dorothy Cox and Treasurer, Tom Paul. You're reminded to bring folding chairs and mosquito repellent.

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday, July 3

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' dance from 8 to 11:30 p.m., Friday, July 3, at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by Donnie Wavra. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

4th of July ice cream social scheduled

Senior Friends will be celebrating the 4th of July with an ice cream social on July 2, beginning at 2 p.m. in the classrooms of Gulf Coast Medical Center. A travel program will also be presented by Terry Mansfield of Pioneer Travel. To RSVP for this social, call Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808.

Antique Show set for July 4, 5

An Independence Day Weekend Antique Show will be held July 4-5 at St. Roch's Churchyard, eight miles east of Columbus, on FM 949, two miles north of I-10 in Mentz, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person. For more information call 409-865-5618.

Prayer warriors wanted!

Prayer warriors are wanted for the "What Would Jesus Do?" non-denominational prayer group. The meetings will be held every Monday morning at 7:15 a.m. For information call 409-234-7372 or 234-3009.

Tyler reunion to be held June 28

The family of Louie and Addie Flippen Tyler will hold a reunion on Sunday, June 28, at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz starting at 10 a.m., with a covered dish meal at noon. Visiting, picture taking and a silent auction will be held in the afternoon. Friends and family are invited to attend.

CCHF meeting set for July 7

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 7, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Spears, Norwood reunion is Saturday

The Spears and Norwood family reunion will be held in East Bernard, Saturday, June 27, at the American Legion Hall. Come and let's have a spiritual good time. For more information call 409-234-2497.

Stancik Reunion set for July 12

The 31st Stancik reunion will be held Sunday, July 12, at the St. Roch's Catholic Church Hall in Mentz. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and will include a basket lunch, lots of visiting and maybe even a few surprises. If you need more information, please call Melvin or Joyce Stancik at 409-234-3449. Mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a GREAT day!

RMC volunteer resale extravaganza is Aug. 22

Rice Medical Center Employees Volunteers will hold their First Annual Resale Extravaganza Saturday, Aug. 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. This event will offer a wide variety of arts and crafts booths along with a resale corner of bargains for everyone. Anyone interested in renting booth space for this event or donating items may do so by calling Roxanne Walker or Sharon Sommer at 409-234-5571. A \$25 fee will be collected for the booths which are available on a first come, first serve basis.

City mourns loss of Officer Tobin Thomas

With flags at half staff, the stunned community of Eagle Lake said its final farewell to Police Officer Tobin Thomas Saturday, June 20.

Thomas, 31, was killed in the line of duty Thursday morning, June 18.

Saturday morning, the streets around Dulany Funeral Home were lined with cars of all makes and descriptions as law enforcement officers from as far away as the City of Austin and Georgetown to Pasadena and everywhere in between attended Thomas' funeral services.

Most officers wore mourning bands across their badges which carried the Latin phrase "Nemo Me Impune Lacessit" (No one assails me with impunity).

Approximately 75 officers stood in the June heat outside the funeral home when there were no more seats

inside, stoically ignoring the heat to pay tribute to their fallen comrade.

The officers were joined by citizens of the Eagle Lake area in their vigil.

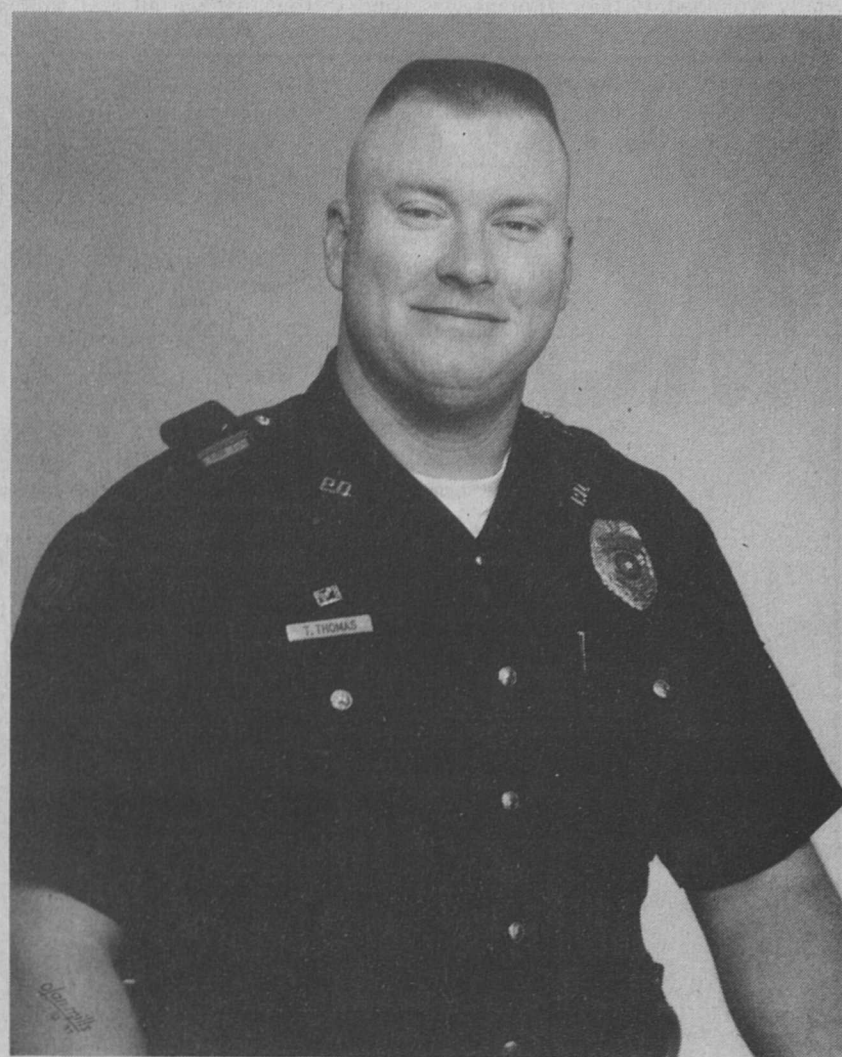
Thomas came to Eagle Lake in late 1996 seeking a position with the Eagle Lake Police Department. In Feb. 1997, he was added to the roster as an auxiliary officer.

When the Department received funding from the federal government for additional street officers, Thomas joined the force full time in April of this year.

According to Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb, Thomas "fell in love with Eagle Lake and moved his family here."

Tobin and Laura Thomas and their two-year-old daughter had been living

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Badge 307 retired

Prior to Tuesday night's Eagle Lake City Council meeting, Mayor Michael Cooper read a letter he had written to the citizens of the City (See Page 2), a Resolution and a Certificate officially retiring badge 307 (Tobin Thomas's badge number) in Eagle Lake.

A more formal ceremony will take place in the near future. No police officer with the Eagle Lake Police Department will ever wear badge 307 again.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending June 23.

On June 16, at 7:25 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was called out to Clark Street in reference to a welfare concern. After gaining entry to the residence, the EMS was dispatched to the scene.

Officer Crume was dispatched to N. Lake Avenue in reference to a disturbance at 12:16 p.m. No charges were filed.

Officer Crume received a concerned parent call at 2:01 p.m. at Glen Lake Court. A report was filed.

At 3:07 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore was dispatched to Church Street in reference to 9-1-1 hangups. He found children playing with the phone.

On June 17 at 3:35 a.m., Officer Tobin Thomas was dispatched to an alarm on S. McCarty. There were no signs of entry into the building.

At 9:04 a.m. Officer Crume was dispatched to Second Street in reference to a juvenile disturbance. Officer Crume spoke with the juvenile, but no police action was taken.

On June 18 at 9:14 p.m., Officer Risk received a call of people loitering on E. Main Street. Upon Officer Risk's arrival, the crowd was dis-

persed. At 10:25 p.m., Officer Risk received a disturbance call, and upon his arrival, discovered that the suspect had left the area.

On June 19 at 12:36 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant on Seaholm Street in reference to suspicious activity.

At 6:58 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore was dispatched to an alarm call, but found no signs of forced entry.

At 11:05 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with a complainant in reference to a past disturbance. No action was taken.

On June 20 at 6:05 p.m., a call was received on a burglary on C. Street. Trooper Korenek answered the call and discovered that nothing had been taken from the building. No further action was taken.

At 6:08 p.m., Officer Risk was notified of a structure fire on Commerce Street. Officer Risk, along with Sgt. Jack Knox, Trooper Korenek and Sgt. Gary Chandler extinguished the fire before the fire department arrived.

At 5:30 p.m., Sgt. Knox was contacted in reference to an assault in the 600 block of E. Main; charges are pending.

At 10:16 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox and Officer Brian Ochoa were dispatched to an assault at Glen Lake Court.

Kirby Gordon was arrested for assault, processed at the police department, then transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 11:55 p.m., Sgt. Knox investigated a hit and run accident at N. Lake and E. Main Street, which resulted in the arrest of Desi David Rivera for harassing while intoxicated.

After processing at the police department, Rivera was transported to CDC for confinement.

On June 21, at 1:10 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to a fight in progress at Didner Hall. County deputies arrived and assisted Officer Ochoa with dispersing the large crowd. Officer Ochoa did not receive any complaints of assault from anyone involved.

At 2:29 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to a disturbance at a residence on Fairview Street. One subject left the scene without incident.

At 3:34 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to a disturbance on Waverly Street. He stood by while the complainant gathered some items from the residence.

Officer Ochoa was contacted at 10:37 p.m. in reference to an aggravated assault with a motor vehicle. Information was gathered and the case is under investigation.

On June 22 at 6 p.m. Sgt. Knox, Chief Keith Webb and Officer Ochoa assisted the Rosenberg Police Depart-

ment in the location and arrest of a subject charged with a subject for aggravated robbery.

At 7:52 p.m., Sgt. Knox and Officer Ochoa were contacted at the police department in reference to a disturbance. Investigation revealed that no altercation had occurred.

At 8:28 p.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to N. Lake in reference to a disturbance involving family members. The problem was resolved.

Officer Ochoa was dispatched to

E. Main Street at 10:47 p.m. in reference to harassment. Information was gathered and a report filed.

A criminal trespass of a habitation report was filed by Officer Ochoa at 11:02 p.m., and is being investigated.

On June 23 at 1:35 p.m., Officer Ochoa was contacted at the police department in reference to someone in a complainant's yard.

He later located the suspect and issued him a warning for criminal trespass.

COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending June 21.

Monday, June 15, at 7:31 a.m., Deputy Rebel responded a call concerning a criminal mischief on Carter Walker Road. The complainant reported someone had broken a window and damaged a window air conditioning unit.

At 11:52 p.m., Deputy Benavides and Sgt. Troy Neisner responded to a call concerning an assault on Old Altair Road. The complainant reported she had been assaulted. The suspect was gone upon the deputies' arrival. The case is pending upon further investigation and obtaining a warrant.

Tuesday, June 16, at 3:06 p.m., Sgt. Lacourse responded a call concerning a disturbance in Sheridan. The complainants reported a juvenile was harassing them and their children.

At 3:10 p.m., Lt. Schleider met with a subject concerning an inter-

view. Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the subject had outstanding warrants for an unpaid traffic citation. Drew Arlen Kana, 18, of El Campo, was arrested.

At 3:45 p.m., Lt. Schleider, Weimar Police Chief Livingston and Officer Ulbrich served a warrant issued out of Kimble County for kidnapping on Lori Crockett Wools, 37, of Weimar. A 17-month-old child was found and later released to its mother.

At 9:50 p.m., Deputy Edman responded to a call concerning a burglary of a habitation in Rock Island. The complainant reported a Winchester .22 caliber rifle was stolen.

Wednesday, June 17, at 2:31 a.m., Sgt. Neisner responded to a call concerning a reported threat on Hwy. 90 near Hattermann Lane. There is no suspect or vehicle description.

At 1 p.m., Deputy Rebel talked with a complainant concerning a theft in Garwood. The complainant re-

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Entex issues hurricane safety information

Entex, a Houston Industries Incorporated company, has issued information regarding safety precautions to be taken in advance by customers in regard to natural gas service in the event a hurricane should strike the area.

"Entex strongly advises its customers not to turn off their gas at the meter," Dean Liollo Entex's vice president and South Texas-Texas Coast division manager, said. "The gas meter should be left on to maintain proper pressure in the gas piping within the house and to prevent water from entering the lines should flooding occur."

If a customer does wish to discontinue gas service, it is suggested that the gas be turned off at each appli-

ance. Later, to restore gas service to an appliance, it is only necessary to follow the written instructions located on the appliance for relighting.

If unable to locate instructions, call a qualified plumber.

Entex assures our customers that while gas lines are buried underground and are not normally affected by strong winds, high water or other abnormal weather conditions, the company is fully prepared to respond to any emergency situation that might arise due to a hurricane.

Customers who have questions concerning hurricane precautions may call their local Entex office.



Eagle Services cuts ribbon

Eagle Services' owner, Dominik Moszkowicz (third from right), was joined by representatives of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Thursday morning, June 18, for the official ribbon cutting at his business on FM 3013 at State Street. Pictured with Moszkowicz are, from left, Lana Dulany, Susan Wilkerson, Mary Ann Kaluza, Chamber President Sam Thomson, Moszkowicz, Kurt Coldewey and J.C. Cooper.

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