

Attendance Awards

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Vazquez, Geovanni, Vega, Janelly, Whalon, Quavale.

Second grade: Barboza, Julian, Bartley, Nicholas, Belmares, Daniel, Cardriel, Jasmine Calderoni, Morgan, Casarez, Joseph, Castaneda, David, Castillo, Angela, Charles, Ja'Brea, Dela Garza, Jose Jr, Edwards, Mylik, Escobar, Rafael, Foster, LaRencia

Garay, Maria, Garcia, Eleno, Gonzalez, Zaida, Garcia, Jackelyn, Grounds, Alexus

Hernandez, Citlali, Hernandez-Chavira, Dylan, Johnson, Tegan, Kuykendall, De'Vantrey

Marquez, Manuel, Martinez, Cielo, Martinez-Anguiano, Cris-tofer, Meza-Coronado, Kane

Miller, Dai'Breun, Navarro, Kyle, Nichols, Shanice, Ochoa, Charles, Reyes, Destinee

Richardson, Jenessa, Robles, Daniel, Roy, Jasmine, Suarez, Simon, Thiele, Anthony

Thompson, Keiev, Torres, Luis, Vital Romero, Gloria.

Third grade: Allen, JaQuarry, Almanza-Shorter, Jadelyn, Alvarado, Mariah, Ambeau, Caitlin, Becerra, Melissa, Belmares, Gabriel, Brown, Jordan, Castillo, Julianna

Castillo, Miranda, Davila, Lucio, Escamilla, Arik, Esquivel, Javier, Ferguson, Hailey

Flores, Gabriella, Fry, Sierra, Garcia, Leah, George, Collin, Gott, Riley, Hargrove, Da Jeon, Johnson, Dajanique, Llanos, Chelsea, Lopez, Eduardo, McGrew, Ja Kavius

Muro, Sandra, Noska, Jacey, Noska, Jaycelin, Posada, Abril, Quenneville, Ariel

Rodriguez, Jason, Roy, Jraveric, Ruiz, Mya, Ruvalcaba, Orvil, Samaniego, Jaime

Scott, Chastity, Semora, Kelsey, Sosa, Brittany, Sosa, Wendy, Spears, Charla

Tavera, Andrew, Torres, Joshua, Trahan, Ryan, Wright, J Toria, Zarate, Summer

Zickuhr, Ryan.

Fourth grade: Belman, Berenice, Berzoza, Armando, Boone, Trevyon, Carter, Ty'Rell

Castillo, Alondra, Castillo, Bruno, Castillo Martinez, Aeling, Contreras, Adrian

Dela Garza, Heather, Dishongh, Christopher, Gasca, Zach-

ary, Gonzalez, Yessenia Henderson, Arlesia, Hercules, Enrique, Hodges, Meakayla, Llanos, Shayann

Lopez, Jose, Martinez, Hernan, McGrew, JaQuad, Palomares, Maricruz, Quenneville, Genevieve, Reeder, Logan, Ruiz, Sierra, Samaniego, Elizabeth, Shorter, Oliver

Soria, Jessenia, Thiele, Anna. **Fifth grade:** Alvarado, Miranda, Carter, Terrence, Castaneda, Jonathan, Castillo, Jazmin

Cole, Luther, Cranek, Nathan, Diaz, Carla, Dishongh, Luke, Garza, Emily, Gonzales, Jacob, Gonzales, Robert, Guzman-Arelano, Jose, Hernandez, Sergio, Johnson, Jordan

Martinez, Gerardo, Mendoza, Daegen, Navarro, Samantha, Quintero, Guadalupe

Reyes, Mason, Richardson, Dasia, Richardson, Troy, Rodriguez, Luz, Semora, Taylor

Serna, Victoria, Sosa, Mariah, Stovall, Candace, Teague, Brandon, Waddle, Anthonessa

Walker, Sidney, Wiese, Lauren.

Water Dist.

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Schonenberg said that the proposed budget was approved at the district's June 3 meeting and a final vote to approve the budget will be taken after the public hearing.

Schonenberg said that the budget includes approximately \$120,000 to cover salaries of an executive director, an administrative assistant and a field technician.

She said the district will begin searching for an executive director, in the salary range of \$60,000 annually, in the next few weeks.

She said the district does have a line of credit that would allow it to begin operations with paid staff in the next several months, but no final decision has been made on that.

Schonenberg said the budget can be viewed on the district's Web site at coloradocountyged.com.

County To Hold Off On Courthouse Windows

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They also voted to seek competitive bids for the repair work and not use a construction manager.

Jamison had favored the construction manager, but Helmcamp said that Chris Hutson, a representative of the architect, Volz and Associates, had said that normally a construction manager is employed much earlier in the process.

Helmcamp also said Hutson said it did not matter to his firm whether a construction manager was used or whether competitive bids were obtained.

Helmcamp said that he, Commissioner Doug Wessels and County Auditor Raymie Kana had visited with Hutson after the last commissioners court meet-

ing, when Jamison indicated he wanted to withdraw from working with the architect.

In other action, commissioners:

--Approved a contract with a company Image Tek to scan and index documents in the county clerk's office at a cost of \$322,000.

The work is scheduled to start June 23, be finished in six months and involves 1,955 record books in the clerk's office.

--Approved a resolution of support for continuing the 20 percent homestead exemption from county taxes.

--Agreed to write off delinquent bills from EMS for 2004 and 2005, totaling \$53,000. Auditor Raymie Kana said the delinquent bills totaled \$14,000 in 2004 and jumped to

almost \$398,000 in 2005. She said much of that increase was due to emergency calls during the Hurricane Rita evacuation.

--Approved the use of Beason Park for an Independence Day celebration on July 4 by the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Council Talks Manager

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importance of making sure that the city manager works for the council, and is under their direction.

They discussed updating the city manager ordinance to ensure that it reflects how the council wants the city manager to operate.

Council also discussed advertising for the position, and agreed that they should start working on an ad for the position.

The also discussed the procedure for hiring a manager and the interview process. They noted that they need to be sure to adhere to guidelines on what can and cannot be asked during

the interview process.

They agreed that a list of questions needs to be generated that each interviewee will be asked. They stressed that the questions needed to be ones that will help council determine which candidate will be best for the situation of Eagle Lake.

Council did stress the importance of getting an individual that will work hard for the city and help with economic development. They also expressed that they wanted someone who could handle working on the budget and someone that would represent the city to the community.

No action was taken, as the meeting was a workshop for discussion only.

Burn Ban

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It does not prohibit outdoor barbecues using above ground grills.

The fireworks ban does not cover other small fireworks classified as "Class C" fireworks.

Commissioners also said the ban on skyrockets and missiles would not affect larger community fireworks displays around the Fourth of July.

Fallen Officer Remembered

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geant in the department.

Tobin's widow, Laura Cousar, and daughter, Moira, recently visited Eagle Lake to mark ten years since the senseless and tragic death of Thomas. Moira was two at the time of the shooting. Laura has recently remarried and lives in Sugar Land.

"Officer Thomas exhibited the finest character for a peace officer and represented the City of Eagle Lake in the finest fashion. Laura and Moira have been a continued source of inspiration to those of us that still work here," said Lattimore.

Next time you go to the post office or city hall, stop by and remember the sacrifice made helping to protect all of us.

Following is the article that was published in the Headlight on June 25, 1998.

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 Impunelacessit" (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 in a house on E. Prai-

rie for just over two weeks when he was killed.

Chief Webb related the events of the early morning hours of June 18th:

At approximately 12:40 a.m. Thursday morning, June 18, Eagle Lake police officers responded to a dispatched call after a local resident reported that a man had told her he had just killed someone and she should call the police.

Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Officer Thomas reported.

Thomas located a black female lying in the roadway next to a vehicle on Fairview Street. The female was later identified as 28-year-old Betty Lou Holloway and pronounced dead at the scene.

Lattimore saw a male walking away from the scene and made contact with him. Before Lattimore could even question the man, he heard a single gun blast and handgun fire.

Lattimore returned to Thomas' location to find him lying in the street with a gunshot wound to his back.

Not knowing if Thomas' assailant was still in the area, Lattimore held his weapon in one hand while he began CPR on Officer Thomas.

Thomas was transported to Rice Medical Center where he was pronounced dead at 1:30 a.m.

Lattimore later located a black male several feet away from the spot Thomas had fallen. Later identified as 64-year-old Woodrow Wilson, Jr., he was also pronounced dead at the scene.

One of the seven shots fired by Thomas, after he was hit with the shotgun blast, struck Wilson in the head.

Further investigation lead Chief Webb to conclude that Wilson was in the process of reloading the shotgun when Thomas' handgun fire hit him, thereby saving Lattimore's life.

In the opinion of the medical examiner who performed the autopsy on Thomas, he should not have been able to draw his weapon, much less fire it that many times.

Wilson's 12-gauge shotgun had been loaded with 00 (double aught), the same load used by Eagle Lake Police in their shotguns.

The entire altercation started when Wilson found Holloway, his alleged girlfriend, at the Jazz Room, took her outside and shot her six times.

Wilson then took the handgun

to his car, got his shotgun and walked to a nearby house, telling the resident to call the police. He returned to the original crime scene and apparently hid in the grass, waiting for the officers to arrive.

At the conclusion of Saturday's services, Department of Public Safety Sgt. Gary Chandler answered the "Last Call" from Colorado County Sheriff's Department Dispatch Supervisor Jackie Waddle:

"County, 307...(pause).
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"County, 307...(pause).
"County, all units. Hold all traffic."

"County, 307..."
"2507, County, Authority 300, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb, effective 1:30 a.m. June 18, 1998, 307 is 10-42 (has ended tour of duty)."

The heart-wrenching version of "Amazing Grace", played on bagpipes, echoed as mourners filed out and took up positions of respect, lining both sides of McCarty Avenue, to "escort" Tobin's family home.

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My hero is what you are,

your always there when I fall.

You may not be one for cuddles,

and good at saying 'I love you'

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