

Extensions offered on conservation land

Over 3,000 acres of Thomas County land, included in 47 contracts with the Conservation Reserve Program, are eligible for an extension being offered through the Farm Service Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The extension is available for some conservation reserve contracts scheduled to expire at the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30. Nationwide, about 1.5 million acres out of 3.9 million expiring this year will be included, those with the highest environmental benefit or the highest potential for soil erosion. Chosen contract holders will be offered a three- to five-year extension.

Sign-up for the voluntary ex-

tension will begin on Monday, May 18, and run through June 30. Application may be made at the county office of the Farm Service Agency, which administers the program on behalf of the Commodity Credit Corp.

The conservation program takes land out of agricultural production, said Ross Sloan, Thomas County executive director; it has to be planted to native grasses. To be eligible, land has to be either highly erodible or eroding.

No general sign-up is scheduled this year, he said, but landowners may continue to enroll relatively small, highly-desirable plots. Call the county office for information at 462-7671.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Sunday, April 26

2:39 p.m. - 12-year-old reported driving vehicle.

5:11 p.m. - Caller couldn't find on-duty clerk at Days Inn.

5:21 p.m. - Accident in parking lot at Wal-Mart. Report filed for driving while suspended.

6:09 p.m. - Two dogs caught on N. Franklin.

Monday, April 27

5:52 a.m. - Caller reported suicidal child. Protective custody and High Plains Mental Health contacted.

9:14 a.m. - Walk through at Sacred Heart School.

9:21 a.m. - Escort to Citizens Medical Center.

10:02 a.m. - Assisted sheriff's office and highway patrol on narcotics case at law enforcement center.

11:31 a.m. - Walk through at Colby High School.

11:51 a.m. - Walk through at Colby Middle School.

1:22 p.m. - Parked trailer reported as traffic hazard on W. Second. Spoke to owner.

1:26 p.m. - Dog caught at Plum and Range.

1:44 p.m. - Vehicle damaged in the north parking lot at Thomas County Courthouse.

3:32 p.m. - Warrant arrest.

11:34 p.m. - 911 call from Greyhound bus driver reported pregnant woman's water broke on the bus at mile post 34 eastbound on I-70. Turned over to emergency medical services and Sherman County.

11:44 p.m. - Loud party at South Park.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF Monday, April 27

2:14 p.m. - Caller reported resi-

dence broken into; items missing. 2:41 p.m. - Complaint about injured dog.

2:59 p.m. - Provided ride for two people from Law Enforcement Center to bus stop.

6:43 p.m. - Rape reported.

Tuesday, April 28

7:38 a.m. - Picked up prisoner in Wichita; transported to Colby.

8:45 a.m. - Accident at Kansas and Main, Brewster.

9:33 a.m. - Lost tag reported, unknown where.

10:10 a.m. - Civil standby.

12:47 p.m. - Served arrest warrant on James A. Graham.

5:14 p.m. - Removed tree limbs on U.S. 24 east of town.

Last Wednesday

1:57 p.m. - Report filed on damage and theft of copper wire back on Feb. 24, 2009.

8:47 p.m. - Vehicle parked by the railroad tracks.

Thursday

12:08 a.m. - Caller reported hitting a deer on westbound I-70. Butch's towed vehicle.

6:33 a.m. - Oakley police reported subject left behind at Mitens. Found vehicle at westbound I-70 rest area.

6:51 a.m. - Someone came to the Law Enforcement Center reporting he was in an accident south of Gem. Refused emergency medical services.

8:46 a.m. - Theft of fencing material.

2:59 p.m. - Lost tag reported.

4:29 p.m. - Lost cell phone reported.

6:27 p.m. - Mailboxes reported destroyed.

8:29 p.m. - Security at City Limits for college dance.

10:48 p.m. - Information to subject about civil standby.

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