

Nominations now open for county committee

The Thomas County Farm Service Agency committee is seeking interested farmers to serve as candidates in the local county committee election to be held this fall. Nomination forms must be postmarked or received in the Farm Service office by close of business on Monday, Aug. 1.

"Farmers and ranchers can nominate themselves or any other producer in local administration area 1 to run for a seat on the committee," stated Ross Sloan, county executive director for the agency. Local administrative area 1 is the eastern third of Thomas County.

County committees make decisions on commodity price support loans, conservation programs, disaster programs, employing county executive directors and other significant agricultural issues.

To hold office as a county committee member, a person must meet the basic eligibility requirements. For example, the person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by the agency, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and live in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

The locally elected committee is responsible for making national farm programs fit the needs and situations faced by local farmers and ranchers. It brings local expertise and knowledge to daily services.

"Eligible voters may circulate or sign nomination petitions for as many candidates as they choose," said Sloan. "Also, organizations representing minorities and women farmers or ranchers are encouraged to nominate candidates."

Mediation, financial guidance offered stressed wheat growers

With a large portion of the Kansas wheat crop struggling through a drought, some producers may be unable to make payments to creditors as usual.

The Kansas Agricultural Mediation Service offers free or low-cost services to farmers that are particularly helpful in situations such as this, according to Forrest Buhler, staff attorney with the service, which is part of K-State Research and Extension.

"With the Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service reporting 55 percent of the Kansas winter wheat crop in poor to very poor condition, farmers may be unable to make payments to creditors," Buhler said. "KAMS offers advice

and help in several areas." He cited a recent U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretarial disaster designation for 21 primary counties and 13 contiguous counties in western Kansas that makes producers in those counties eligible for Farm Service disaster loans as well as the disaster set-aside program. That allows a borrower to defer payment on certain loans to the end of the note.

- Services include:
- Mediate/negotiate with lenders and other creditors to restructure debt.
 - Develop feasible, objective restructure plans.
 - Analyze financial feasibility of alternative crops and other pro-

duction decisions.

- Assist with application for or denial of disaster loans from the Farm Service Agency.
- Determine loan restructure options on FSA direct and guaranteed loans.

The help offered also includes: low cost on-farm computer analysis of options through the K-State Research and Extension Farm Analyst Program; low cost legal advice through the Farm Mediation Legal Counseling Program through Kansas Legal Services; and mediation assistance through mediators.

Wheat growers, creditors and others interested in services can call (800) 321-FARM (3276).

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Last Wednesday

- 2:42 a.m. – Caller advised of subject going to harm himself. Everything OK.
 - 3 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 9:24 a.m. – Assisted Community Corrections at 300 N. Court.
 - 9:45 a.m. – Ernest D. Brown arrested on warrant.
 - 11:40 a.m. – Dog at large. Unable to locate.
 - 11:47 a.m. – Auto collision at 625 S. Franklin Ave.
 - 11:55 a.m. – Stray dog contained. Turned over to Animal Clinic.
 - 12:30 p.m. – Subject came to station about someone cashing fraudulent check through checking account. Report file for assisting other agencies.
 - 12:54 p.m. – Large snake disposed of.
 - 1:27 p.m. – Caller reported subject repeatedly approaching residence. Spoke with subject, information provided.
 - 4:10 p.m. – Provided check for a fix-it ticket.
- #### Thursday
- 2:24 a.m. – Security check to downtown businesses.
 - 9:20 a.m. – Forgery: report filed for fraudulent checks within the city limits of Colby.
 - 10:03 a.m. – Report of spray paint on building. Report filed.
 - 11:08 a.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 1:11 p.m. – Harassment: subject came to Law Enforcement Center reporting someone issuing threats. No report. Information provided.
 - 1:37 p.m. – Caller reported threat issued by neighbor. Civil matter, information provided.
 - 2:24 p.m. – Security check at Walmart.
 - 5:05 p.m. – Assisted ambulance

- crew on call.
 - 5:55 p.m. – Two dogs at large. Turned over to Colby Animal Clinic.
 - 6:30 p.m. – Caller reported subject will not let her contact subject. Spoke to reporting party; officer contacted subject.
 - 7:36 p.m. – Subject advised had vehicle run off onto shoulder three times while westbound from the 2100 block of U.S. 24. Not found.
 - 8:14 p.m. – Caller advised neighbor chased subjects back to yard. Spoke to subjects.
 - 10:03 p.m. – Protective custody: caller reported subject possibly suicidal. Report filed.
- #### Friday
- 3:19 a.m. – Caller reported loud music. Spoke with subject.
 - 5:40 a.m. – Caller reported alarm going off.
 - 10:16 a.m. – Caller reported dog chained in front yard, able to reach street. Unable to contact owners, will attempt later.
 - 1:32 p.m. – Caller reported juvenile leaving without permission. Report filed.
 - 2:05 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle on a jack parked for 2 or 3 days. Tow-away notice posted.
 - 7 p.m. – Theft of portable cattle chute. Report filed.
 - 8:42 p.m. – Caller concerned over welfare of dog chained up in back yard. Not found.
 - 8:48 p.m. – Callers reported railroad control arms blocking traffic way in the 900 block of N. Range. Provided traffic control; Kyle Railroad contacted.
 - 9:05 p.m. – Two vehicles partially blocking driveway and parked on grass at 1150 S. Franklin. Vehicles moved.
- #### Saturday
- 1:40 a.m. – Secured building at Meadow Lake.
 - 7:55 a.m. – Spoke to subject

- about posting signs on light poles.
 - 8:11 a.m. – Caller reported dog at large contained. Dog taken to Colby Animal Clinic.
 - 8:35 a.m. – subject reported receiving threatening text messages. Report filed.
 - 10:16 a.m. – Walk through at Fike Park.
 - 10:26 a.m. – Caller reported another subject hit him.
 - 1:22 p.m. – Walk-through at swimming pool.
 - 1:31 p.m. – Spoke to subject about phone harassment.
 - 5:21 p.m. – Battery/disorderly conduct: subject came to station reporting son battered by subject. Report filed.
 - 9:19 p.m. – Answered questions for caller about noise ordinances.
- #### Sunday
- 1:48 a.m. – Security at Twister's.
 - 2:38 a.m. – Domestic: subject came to the station wanting someone removed from residence. Report filed.
 - 10:07 a.m. – Three huskies running loose. Not found.
 - 11:36 a.m. – Caller having problems with son. Report filed.
 - 2:39 p.m. – Caller needed officer to assist getting into locked residence.
 - 2:51 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor yelled at subject. Spoke to subjects.
 - 8:38 p.m. – Spoke to subject on phone about items found in Love's parking lot.
 - 9:02 p.m. – Caller reported dogs at large. Notices to appear will be issued.
 - 9:07 p.m. – Caller reported dog at large Same owner as previous call, dog turned over to owner.
 - 9:07 p.m. – Caller reported barking dog. Not found.
 - 11:24 p.m. – Caller reported someone yelling at himself walk-

- ing south on Range. Subject located, taken to Bosselman's.
- #### Monday
- 12:27 a.m. – Dispute: caller having some problems with subject. Spoke to both parties, nothing happened.
 - 9:41 a.m. – Subjects reported motorcycle tag lost Friday. Report filed; entered in National Crime Information Center.
 - 10:51 a.m. – Funeral block.
 - 11:37 a.m. – Highway Patrol officer advised he was flagged down by male subject in reference to protection from abuse/battery that occurred. At 11:39, two subjects came to station about the same incident. Report filed.
 - 12:22 p.m. – Caller having problems with subject. Spoke to parent and juvenile; all OK.
 - 12:28 p.m. – Caller requested information about subject who lives in Colby.
 - 6:06 p.m. – Caller reported two dogs at large in the 500 block of N. Range. Not found.
 - 6:08 p.m. – Caller reported children fighting. Not found.
 - 6:35 p.m. – Provided information over telephone.
 - 8:49 p.m. – Caller reported a very drunk person behind business. Took subject to Budget Inn.
- #### THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF
- #### Thursday
- 9:42 a.m. – Subject waved deputy down at 1900 S. Range in reference to K-25 sign. Turned over to Kansas Department of Transportation.
 - 11:59 a.m. – Brought subject from Rawlins County Detention Center to Thomas County Sheriff's Office.
 - 2:05 p.m. – Released Lawrence Glenn Davis.
 - 2:42 p.m. – Released Ashley Backus.

- 4:50 p.m. – Booked Jerverno Maurice Lightbourne.
 - 6:59 p.m. – Caller reported two foster girls ran away. Located near Gem Cemetery, brought to station, turned over to foster parents. no report.
 - 8:14 p.m. – Caller reported juveniles riding go-carts in street. Spoke to subjects.
 - 10:34 p.m. – Benjamin L. Bohall arrested by Logan County Sheriff's Office.
 - 10:53 p.m. – Booked Bohall.
- #### Friday
- 2:16 a.m. – Booked Abraham Kirby.
 - 4:17 a.m. – Released Kirby.
 - 10:22 a.m. – Released Warren Lee Edmondson.
 - 1:44 p.m. – Assisted Colby Police.
 - 2:50 p.m. – Caller reported hitchhiker walking on the roadway in the 3400 block of U.S. 83. All OK, took subject to I-70 at exit 70.
 - 4:03 p.m. – Released Benjamin Lincoln Bohall.
 - 9:16 p.m. – Helped Colby Police provide traffic control of railroad crossing arm malfunction in the 900 block of N. Range.
- #### Saturday
- 12:50 a.m. – Released Jerberno Lightborn.
 - 1:45 a.m. – Booked Cody David Jamison.
 - 8:43 a.m. – Highway Patrol advised of stranded motorist at I-70 mile 71 eastbound. Wrecker contacted.
 - 9:51 a.m. – Removed road debris at I-70 mile 62 3/4 westbound.
 - 10:04 a.m. – Released Jamison.
 - 11:19 a.m. – Booked Kendall Leroy Morris.
 - 11:44 a.m. – Released Morris.
 - 9:08 p.m. – Booked Alfonso Morales Sanchez.

- 9:14 p.m. – Booked Javier Saldierna-Camacho.
 - 9:19 p.m. – Booked Richard Wayne Burrous.
- #### Sunday
- 2:57 a.m. – Booked Thomas A. Huelsman.
 - 7:20 a.m. – Released Sanchez.
 - 7:20 a.m. – Released Saldierna-Camacho.
 - 7:20 a.m. – Released Burrous.
 - 11:32 p.m. – Assisted police units.
- #### Monday
- 1:15 a.m. – 911 open line from a cell phone. Called number back and left message, then called main land line which was busy. Everything OK, spoke with subjects.
 - 9:02 a.m. – Subject called State Patrol to report she ran over a bobcat in the 1000 block of County Rd. 11 and injured it.
 - 10:51 a.m. – Assisted Colby Police with funeral block to Beulah Cemetery.
 - 11:54 a.m. – Assisted ambulance crew on call.
 - 1:34 p.m. – Released Thomas Alan Huelsman.
 - 4:51 p.m. – Caller reported vehicle all over the roadway on U.S. 83 by the Nine Mile Corner.
 - 6:27 p.m. – Released Shawn M. West.
 - 9:40 p.m. – Caller reported neighbor mowed over tree in front yard. Spoke with subjects, civil matter.



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