riculture Rural Development is inviting applications for Value-Added Producer Grants, which can help independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives and agricultural producer groups.

"USDA Rural Development assists rural producers in adding value to their agricultural products through the Value-Added Producer Grants," said Rural Development state director Patty Clark. "Investing in the development of valueadded agricultural products provides producers with tools to help further develop additional revenue opportunities in rural America."

In 2009, Nu Life Market based in Scott City, received a Value-Added Producer Grant to establish markets for its grain sorghum bran. Grain sorghum used by Nu Life is grown, processed, packaged and marketed by regional farmers. The company's sorghum and beverage products, contains fice at (785) 271-2700.

The U.S. Department of Ag- phytonutrients that can help prevent cardiovascular disease, cancer and obesity.

> The application deadline for the grant program is Monday, Aug. 29. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the June 28, Federal Register.

Grants may be used for feasibility studies or business plans, working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy projects.

Eligible applicants include independent producers, cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups. Value-added products are created when a producer increases the consumer value of an agricultural commodity in the production or processing stage.

For information regarding this and other Rural Development programs visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/ bran, which can be used in food KS, or call the Agency's state of-

Colby pair recognized for home ownership

Company and Nicole Ratzlaff, the dream of homeownership," a Colby homeowner, were rec- Oliver said. "USDA Rural Deognized by the U.S. Department velopment has helped several of Agriculture for their support individuals that didn't qualify

National Homeownership Month.

Kent Colwell, the department's rural development area director, singled out Stock realtor Molly



Oliver as an "outstanding rural development enough room for her family. partner." Oliver referred several potential borrowers to the rural development office and worked with Ratzlaff, a single mother who had been living in apartments, to find a home in Colby. Colwell gave each a certificate.

"I work with potential homebuyers to help them find a home

Stock Realty and Auction that they can afford and achieve



Molly Oliver

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The rural development office has two home loan programs for rural residents, the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program and the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program. For information, visit www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Celebrate 133 years with Nicodemus

holding its 133rd Emancipation Homecoming Celebration Thursday through Sunday, July 28-31 with several special events and guests planned.

Featured guests and highlights at this year's celebration are:

Special guest speaker at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, is Joseph Marshall, a Lakota Sioux from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. He is a historian, educator, motivational speaker, and a Lakota craftsman, and has been both a technical advisor and an actor in television movies, including the Emmy-nominated TNT/ Dreamworks TV mini-series Into the West and Return to Lonesome *Dove*. He is the author of 15 books, including "The Long Knives are Crying," about the Battle of the Little Big Horn, "The Lakota Way," and "The Journey of Crazy Horse." He will be speaking about American experience on the 19th

The town of Nicodemus is century plains. He will also be available for a book signing.

At 2 p.m. there will be a short theatrical presentation of the Life and Times of the Buffalo Soldier by Barrie Tompkins, president of the Nicodemus Buffalo Soldier Association a re-enactment riding group. Barrie lives in the area and appeared in TNT movies "Buffalo Soldiers" and "Rough Riders."

Another highlight will be a one-hour ballet of playwright Pearl Cleage's play Flying West. The ballet and play is about four sisters who settle at Nicodemus. Wavery Lucas and his wife Nina, co-founders of Ballethnic Dance Company are former members of Alvin Ailey dance company of New York.

After a visit last year to the Nicodemus celebration, Waverly was inspired to adapt play to a ballet. They will perform an hour of the full-length play, which they the Native American and African are hoping to bring in full to the area in the near future.

Forecasters give all clear after Boulder flooding today

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - A second surge of water caused by forced an unknown number of evacuations early today, officials

The surged followed a 4-foot surge Wednesday evening that also caused no major damage.

Sirens sounded in Boulder to warn people about the first surge, and automated warning calls were sent to residents warning them to

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be aware of flood conditions.

Police and firefighters were heavy rain along Boulder Creek stationed along Boulder Creek to caused no serious damage but tell people to evacuate. Roads in Fourmile Canyon west of Boulder were closed by water and debris.

Recent heavy rains have heightened flooding concerns in the area because a wildfire last fall burned

Meanwhile, about 1,000 people spent the night at Denver International Airport following a hail at Fike Park. storm that damaged some aircraft.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE Tuesday

12:32 a.m. – Security check at Comfort Inn.

1:24 a.m. – Caller reported kids possibly going into the old hospital. Unable to find anyone inside, three subjects were walking by.

1:33 a.m. – Suspicious incident: caller reported a vehicle parked on W. Seventh. Vehicle still there, unable to locate anyone.

3:48 a.m. – Security check at the Aquatic Park.

6:19 a.m. – Unlocked building

7:48 a.m. - Caller reported barking and howling dogs. Unable to contact the owner.

checks written on closed account. reports filed.

10:11 a.m. – Two dogs at large behind the Law Enforcement Center. Owner contacted to pick up.

1:16 p.m. - Caller reported problems with juvenile. Located

juvenile report filed. 2:34 p.m. – Helped motorist at Range and Eighth.

7:21 a.m. - Helped ambulance tion to subject at Twisters.

6:34 p.m. – Accident at Dillons. 11 p.m. - Locked building at reported problem. Civil matter, Fike Park.

11:46 p.m. – Information pro-9:16 a.m. - Caller reported two vided on protection from abuse

> THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF **Tuesday**

ed assistance at the old hospital.

1:43 a.m. – Police units request-

3:34 p.m. – Driving while suspended report filed on incident.

meeting scheduled with commis-

11:48 a.m. - Dispute: caller

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Congrats, Molly Oliver on your Recognition from USDA Rural Development! 3:45 p.m. - Provided informa-June was National Homeownership Month and

USDA Rural Development staff honored Molly Oliver from Stock Realty and Auction Co. and homeowner Nicole Ratzlaff.







Oliver, Stock Realty & Auction Company; Nicole Ratzlaff, Colby Homeowner; Tracy McCubbin, USDA Housing Specialist; and Stacey Komarek, USDA Housing Technician.

vegetation off the mountainsides.

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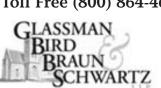
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