

Loans available to farmers

Thomas County farmers who suffered livestock losses due to rain, winds, hail, lightning and tornados May 25 to 27 may apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans to help restore their operations.

Farm Loan Manager Dwight A. Jurey said applications for assistance for this event will be accepted until March 25.

He said farmers and ranchers in

Logan, Gove and Thomas counties who suffered losses from the drought this year also may be eligible for emergency loans.

"Loans covering physical losses are scheduled for repayment as rapidly as feasible," he said. "The current interest rate is 2.25 percent, subject to monthly changes."

Emergency loans covering physical losses may be used to replace installations, equipment, livestock

or buildings (including homes) lost through this disaster, he said. An applicant must be operating a family-size farm or ranch, unable to get credit elsewhere and have suffered a physical loss from the disaster.

Contact the agency's office in Oakley or call (785) 672-4861 for information on how to apply.

Feline mayor puts Alaska town on the map

TALKEETNA, Alaska (AP) — The mayor of a sleepy Alaska town is feline fine.

The part-Manx cat clawed his way onto the political scene of Talkeetna, Alaska, through a write-in campaign shortly after he was born 15 years ago.

KTUU-TV reported (bit.ly/LY-vzBV) Friday that residents didn't like the mayoral candidates years ago, so they encouraged enough people to elect Stubbs as a write-in candidate. The town has nearly 900 residents.

Although his position is honor-

ary, Stubbs' popularity is real. His election earned him enough press to catapult the town at the base of Mount McKinley into a tourist destination.

The general store where Stubbs hangs out says tourists ask for him daily.

On the Beat

COLBY POLICE

Wednesday

1:48 p.m. — Dog at large near Fifth St. and Country Club, taken to Colby Animal Clinic.

Thursday

9:01 a.m. — Collision in parking lot at 1775 W. Fourth.

10:35 a.m. — Five officers helped Highway Patrol and Thomas County Sheriff's Office on chase that began at eastbound I-70 mile 45 to K-25; to U.S. 40; to U.S. 83; to U.S. 24, ending by Seventh and Frenchw.

12:46 p.m. — Caller reported subjects being rude to another family member in parking lot. All OK.

K6:48 p.m. — Injury accident between vehicle and bicycle at Second and School.

THOMAS COUNTY SHERIFF

Wednesday

8:49 a.m. — Booked Anthony

Wright.

9:42 a.m. — Took prisoner to Rawlins County.

10:33 a.m. — Brought prisoner from Rawlins County.

12:51 p.m. — Brought prisoner from Sherman County.

2:20 p.m. — Took prisoner to Rawlins County.

3:14 p.m. — Christopher Deck arrested on warrant.

3:14 p.m. — Michael Saul arrested on warrant.

3:59 p.m. — Released Deck.

4:29 p.m. — Released Dee Petty.

Thursday

7:40 a.m. — Caller reported seven cattle out in corn field in the 1800 block of County Rd. 21. Unable to locate owner; chased further into field.

10:20 a.m. — Caller reported carpet and other items in ditch

near Veteran's Memorial Drive and County Rd. 21.

10:35 a.m. — Five officers assisted Highway Patrol and Colby Police Department on high speed chase that began at eastbound I-70 mile 45 to K-25; to U.S. 40; to U.S. 83; to U.S. 24, ending by Seventh and French.

11:25 a.m. — Booked Curtis C. Mack.

2:06 p.m. — Caller reported speeding trucks in vicinity of County Rd. 32 between County Rds. E and F.

2:38 p.m. — Civil forfeiture report filed in reference to chase at 10:35.

2:38 p.m. — Use of force report filed in reference to chase.

4:19 p.m. — Released Michael Saul.



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