

First, second and third place all in one



A piece made entirely of award ribbons is just one of the quilts at the Timeless Quilted Treasures show at the Prairie Museum of Art and History this month. The show, which is part of the Thomas County 125th Anniversary Celebration, will continue until Sunday, Oct. 31.

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Farmers anxious over dust review

STERLING (AP) – A federal review of dirt particles has some Kansas farmers wondering how they would be expected to grow crops without kicking up the dust that is a normal byproduct of working the land.

tion in Kansas. She said research has shown the particles can cause early death, heart attacks, strokes and asthma attacks, and have been linked to lung cancer. She estimates 2,000 people in Kansas have lung cancer.

The Environmental Protection Agency is required to review its airborne pollutant standards every five years under the Clean Air Act. That includes "coarse particulate matter," which includes dust. A draft report issued by the agency in July would tighten air particle standards from 150 micrograms per cubic meter to between 65 and 85 micrograms.

"Once the EPA determines what that level should be, then state and local folks will be able to come together – including farmers – to decide how best to move forward," she said. "Bottom line, this standard will help protect the health of people in farms and farm communities."

Mark Smith, president of the Kansas Livestock Association, tells The Hutchinson News that it would be nearly impossible for farmers to meet such low levels.

A bipartisan group of 75 lawmakers, including Kansas Reps. Jerry Moran, Todd Tiahrt and Lynn Jenkins, wrote to Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson in late September expressing concern about the impact the draft proposal would have on rural America.

"I don't think there is a day in the western United States that at that level, it would be attainable," he said.

The same issue was discussed five years ago, but the agency curtailed the effort after the previous agency director visited a farm and said the rule wasn't designed for agriculture settings, said Steve Swaffer, director of natural resources for the Kansas Farm Bureau.

Supporters of reducing the standards cite health problems caused by the dust particles. An agency report found that agriculture tilling and confined animal feeding operations are the largest contributors to ag-related dust in the central United States. Kansas leads the region in both those areas.

"Go out to plant or spray or harvest, you generate dust, period," Swaffer said. "I don't know how you could control it."

The particles that the agency is considering regulating include diesel exhaust from tractors and trucks, animal manure, insecticides, pesticides and soil, said Diane Tinker, development director for the American Lung Association.

And he said lowering the standards wouldn't just affect farmer. "You regulate the dust off county roads, how does a county tax base pay for that?" he asked.

Deer collisions higher in the fall, insurance institute says

Approximately 1.6 million motor vehicle crashes are caused by deer each year, and spike October through December due to deer mating season, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

These collisions make up over \$3.6 billion in vehicle damage per year, with each incident averaging \$3,000 worth of damage, based on statistics from the institute.

"It is essential that drivers stay focused and alert when driving in densely populated deer areas," said Jim Hanni, executive vice president of public and government affairs at American Automobile Association.

"Collisions caused by deer are generally covered under insurance policies. However, if involved in an accident, it is best to contact your insurance company immediately."

say most damage from deer collisions occurs in the front or on the side of a car. If involved in a crash, association agents encourage drivers to first call local law enforcement for assistance and then to make note of the date, time, street name and take any pictures to help document the incident.

If a collision is unavoidable, press the brakes firmly and remain in your lane. Swerving to avoid a deer can often cause a more serious crash or result in drivers losing control of vehicles.

Brides, grooms crowd churches for "10-10-10"

LAS VEGAS (AP) – Churches, banquet halls and other wedding venues across the country were extra busy Sunday as couples seeking a perfect 10 rushed to tie the knot on a once-in-a-century milestone: Oct. 10, 2010.

In Las Vegas – long a destination for weddings – one marriage license bureau extended its Sunday hours from 6 p.m. to midnight to accommodate the rush. Hotels and churches in New Hampshire's Seacoast area were booked long before Oct. 10.

restaurant operator, said her Las Vegas wedding was "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get married on 10-10-10."

At the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa in Reno. The couple said they will celebrate 10 years of being together on Dec. 10.

Use high beam headlights if there is no oncoming traffic. Deer may be spotted sooner when using high beams allowing time to slow down, move over or beep to scare the deer away from the road.

Drivers should always wear a seat belt and drivers should remain awake, alert and sober.

Businesses said the day was perhaps the most sought-after wedding date since July 7, 2007, when the lucky 07-07-07 marked the calendar. Some 10-10-10 couples even chose to take their vows at 10 a.m.

Renee Fletcher, a hostess at the Arch of Reno Wedding Chapel, said the business was staging more than 40 weddings Sunday.

"That day will never happen again," she added.

"We thought it would be fun to have all 10s as our anniversary," Tom told the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

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