

The closing date for comments on the proposed Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation provisions, commonly referred to as cross-compliance, sodbuster and

swampbuster--of the Food Security Act of 1985 has been extended from August 26 to October 25 the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced recently.

These provisions are designed to reduce soil loss due to wind and water erosion; protect the nation's long-term capability to produce food and fiber; reduce sedimentation and improve water quality; assist in preserving the nation's wetlands; and lessen the incentives to produce agricultural commodities on highly erodible farmland.

The comment period was extended because of the complex issues involved in implementation of the new provisions.

Comments should be sent to Director, Cotton Grains and Rice Division, USDA/ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013 and must be received on or before October 27 to be assured of consideration.

ASCS office hours change

The Morrow County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office has announced a temporary change in office hours. The office will be closed from 8-10 a.m. until Friday, Oct. 3 and will be open from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Beginning Monday, Oct. 6, the ASCS office will return to its regular business hours.

Farm Safety Tips

The Heppner FFA Chapter wants to remind everyone that National Farm Safety Week is September 21 - 27. The FFA members would like to share this message from the National Farm Safety Council.

September - Be Protected from the unexpected

Though serious accidents are infrequent for most of us, they can be devastating when they happen. Therefore, can you afford not to be "protected from the unexpected" just in case? You can do much ahead of time to protect yourself from safety and health hazards you could meet during your day.

When driving or riding in a car, always wear your safety belt.

Equip your tractors (that can be fitted) with certified roll-over protection (ROPS)-cab or frame. Buckle your safety belt to keep yourself within the zone of protection in case of a tipover.

Keep all machinery guards in place.

When the hazards of the job or job site dictate it, use the appropriate personal protective equipment (hard hat, safety eyewear, respirator, safety shoes, etc.) to help prevent injury or illness.

Take good care of your equipment and motor vehicles to reduce chance of failure or breakdown, and perhaps an accident.

Be alert and prepared to act appropriately to unforeseen or sudden changes in the situation or conditions on the job or the roadway.

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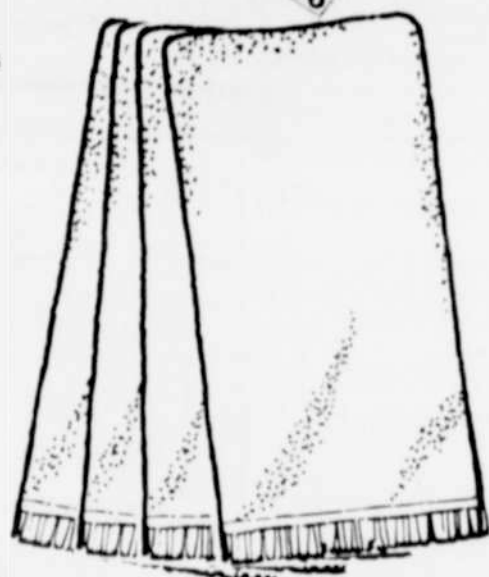
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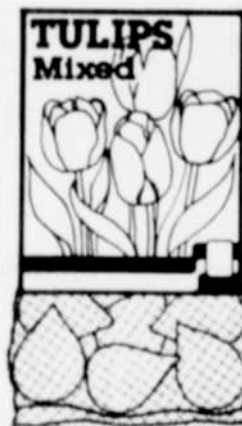
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Residents enjoy BBQ

Residents and 20 guests enjoyed a barbecue at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home last Wednesday. The activity department, nurses, aides, and the hospital kitchen staff helped plan and prepare for the event. Darrell McLachlan was the special volunteer who barbecued the roast.

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Museum considers computer

By Justine Weatherford

Morrow County Museum Commissioner Chairman Alma Green consulted with the High Desert Museum near Bend concerning the museum's use of a computer.

Chairman Green, Secretary Mary Goheen, Curator Johanne Wood and Margaret Hayes were instructed in the computer's use by Sharon Harliss of the High Desert Museum on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

In addition to effective use of the museum's computer, Harliss instructed them on the preservation of rare documents.

In their recent meetings the Morrow County Museum Commission has been considering the possibility of purchasing a computer and of using it for organizing the records and other significant information.

Chairman Green states that it is important to keep local folks and visitors coming into the museum. The hours it is open to the public each week are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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