

PUBLIC NOTICE

You can prevent explosions

In the aftermath of an Oct. 29 grain elevator explosion in Atchison that claimed six lives and injured two others, Kansas State University grain scientist Leland McKinney said that while grain and other kinds of dust can be dangerous, steps can be taken to reduce risk.

"It's a real tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people who are affected by this," he said.

McKinney answered questions relating to grain dust explosions.

• Why do explosions happen sometimes in grain storage facilities?

McKinney: Several factors must be present for a grain dust explosion to occur. They all have to be present at the same time. These conditions are: 1) an ignition source, such as a hot bearing, welding or cutting; 2) an adequate concentration of low moisture grain dust; 3) the grain dust is in suspension; 4) the presence of oxygen; and 5) the ignition of the grain dust in an enclosure, such as an elevator.

Removing any of those factors reduces the likelihood of a grain dust explosion.

• What can grain storage facilities do to minimize the risk of explosions?

McKinney: Grain storage facilities can reduce their risk

of a grain dust explosion with good housekeeping practices to reduce grain dust levels and by installing monitoring devices on equipment to detect overheating of bearings.

Most primary explosions occur in a bucket elevator (leg). For that reason, modern facilities are designed with the leg on the outside of the facility in order to reduce risk. Older facilities were built with the leg inside.

The cleanliness of the facility is also a factor. Most of the destruction in a grain dust explosion is caused by secondary explosions, or a series of explosions, that occur through the facility. It's important that grain elevators have a good housekeeping program so that they keep the concentration of dust down and be very aware of any points where ignition may occur.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has recognized that this (grain dust) is a potential workplace hazard, and has grain handling standards in the regulations that address precautions that need to be taken. They address cleanliness of the facility and other hazards that occur in grain handling facilities.

• Do these kinds of explosions happen often?

McKinney: During the 10-

year period 1995-2005, there was an average of 10.5 explosions per year, according to statistics compiled by Robert Schoeff, professor emeritus here at K-State. He is now retired, but he devoted a major portion of his career toward collecting statistics and finding out why grain dust explosions occur. He was an internationally-recognized expert on the subject and his work resulted in a sharp decline in the number of explosions annually. That work included annual reports from 1980 to 2005 (K-State Research and Extension website: http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/historicpublications/Dust_Exp.htm).

• Are we seeing more grain storage facility explosions than we used to?

McKinney: The highest frequency of grain dust explosions occurred in the late 1970s and early 1980s. A lot of fact finding went on at that time.

• Does it make a difference what kind of grain is stored?

McKinney: All grain dust can be explosive given the conditions described earlier are met. Other kinds of dust can be explosive. I believe it was in 2009, there was a sugar mill that exploded in Georgia. Other kinds of dust, when suspended and there's a source of ignition, can cause a fire or an explosion.

• Does low atmospheric hu-

midity cause dust explosions?

McKinney: There's no data that indicate that low atmospheric humidity causes dust explosions.

• Can high atmospheric humidity prevent dust explosions?

McKinney: There's also no data that indicate that high atmospheric humidity prevents dust explosions.

• Is there more danger of an explosion in one type of construction - wood, steel or concrete - compared to others?

McKinney: No, there is no evidence to support that the type of construction makes a difference in grain dust explosions.

• Could this kind of accident happen in smaller, on-farm grain handling facilities?

McKinney: I would say any time you have a situation where you have an ignition source and grain dust, there's the potential for a flash fire or an explosion.

"You have to stay on top of your maintenance and housekeeping and always have safety on your mind in whatever industry you're in," the grain scientist said.

Information about grain processing, including how to obtain a video, "Deadly Dust," is available on the K-State Department of Grain Science and Industry website: www.grains.ksu.edu.

BOWLING

Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of Oct. 31

- 1. Animal Health- 29 wins, 11 losses
- 2. Geezeretts- 26 wins, 14 losses
- 3. BEB & Assoc.- 23 wins, 17 losses
- 4. Logan Gals- 19.5 wins, 20.5 losses
- 5. Nelson Bros.- 17 wins, 23 losses

High Line: Becky Williams-192, Margaret Thomas-182, Becky Williams-167, BEB & Assoc.-461, BEB & Assoc.-457, Animal Health-403.

High Line Handicap: Margaret Thomas-253, Becky Williams-242, Jean Johnson-223, Jackie Wright-223, Lynn Nelson, Animal Health-638, BEB & Assoc.-633, BEB & Assoc.-629.

High Series: Becky Williams-461, Margaret Thomas-457, Lynn Nelson-414, BEB & Assoc.-1317, Animal Health-1104, Geezeretts-1046.

High Series Handicap: Becky Williams-652, Margaret Thomas-635, Jackie Wright-616, BEB & Assoc.-1833, Animal Health-1809, Geezeretts-1757.

Inter-City League

Standings as of Nov. 3

- 1. Heartland Partners- 58.5 wins, 31.5

losses

- 2. Bailey Electric- 50.5 wins, 39.5 losses
- 3. Brooks Harvesting- 48.5 wins, 41.5 losses

- 4. Jett SS- 45.5 wins, 44.5 losses
- 5. Hawks Depot- 39 wins, 51 losses
- 6. The Where Evers- 28 wins, 62 losses

High Line: Nick Daniels-211, Mark Bailey-197, Dave Keller-193, Chris Davis-186, Bailey Electric-681, Hawks Depot-602.

High Line Handicap: Nick Daniels-261, Barb Goeken-243, Mark Bailey-240, Dave Keller-239, Chris Davis-239.

High Series: Mark Bailey-512, Nick Daniels-503, Chris Davis-497, Dave Keller-481, Bailey Electric-1849, Jett SS-1730.

High Series Handicap: Chris Davis-656, Nick Daniels-653, Mark Bailey-641, Dana Miller-628.

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Nov. 1

- 1. Don's Floor Coverings- 42 wins, 30 losses
- 2. Team #2- 40 wins, 32 losses
- 3. D & M Service- 35 wins, 37 losses
- 4. The WIFS- 27 wins, 45 losses

High Line: Rick Green-213, Barb Burk-

190, Doug Ray-180.

High Line Handicap: Rick Green-253, Barb Burk-248, Doug Ray-232, Don's Floor Coverings-853.

High Series: Doug Ray-520, Barb Burk-506, Rick Green-503.

High Series Handicap: Barb Burk-680, Doug Ray-676, Rick Green-623, Don's Floor Coverings-2409.

Tuesday Housewife League

Standings as of Nov. 1

- 1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 24.5 wins, 15.5 losses
- 2. BEB & Assoc.- 20.5 wins, 19.5 losses
- 3. Moffet Drug- 18 wins, 22 losses
- 4. Amateurs- 17 wins, 23 wins

High Line: Cheri Brooks-186, Carol Ross-166, Lenora Nutrition Center-439.

High Line Handicap: Carol Ross-237, Cheri Brooks-223, Lenora Nutrition Center-606.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-501, Jacque Griffey-461, Lenora Nutrition Center-1254.

High Series Handicap: Carol Ross-623, Cheri Brooks-612, BEB & Assoc.-1766.

Grant applications are now available

Kansas First Lady Mary Brownback announced recently that applications for Kansas Book Festival Grants can now be found online. Public libraries and school libraries located in Kansas are eligible to apply for the grants. Information and applications are available at kansasbookfestival.com/get-involved/grants/

"These grants will help libraries with resources to stay

ahead of the technology curve and to keep the materials on their shelves as relevant as possible to the young patrons of the library. I want all Kansas children to have a rich and fulfilling experience with libraries and books, and my hope is that these grants will help achieve that," said First Lady Brownback

The two grants will pay for either technology improvements or to fund book purchas-

es. Libraries may apply for both grants, but no library will be awarded both grants in the same calendar year.

Applications must be postmarked by Dec. 31 and grants will be awarded in March.

In conjunction with Governor Sam Brownback's initiative to improve the percentage of fourth-grade students reading at or above grade level, the First Lady created an annual book

festival for the state of Kansas. The Kansas Book Festival is a 501(c)3 organization through the Topeka Community Foundation, which makes all contributions tax deductible. For more information about library grants, event information, or to contribute to the Kansas Book Festival, please visit [://kansas-bookfestival.com/](http://kansas-bookfestival.com/).

Norton selected for department funding

Norton and Sharon Springs are among 14 Kansas cities that have been selected to receive fiscal year 2014 funding under the Kansas Department of Transportation's Geometric Improvement Program.

The Geometric Improvement Program provides funds for projects that will improve intersections and address road deficiencies. The state will provide \$8.7 million for the projects, which have a total estimated cost of nearly \$13 million. The cities will provide matching funds to cover the remainder of the costs. The percent of state funding is based on the population of the city and ranges from 75 percent for the largest cities

to 100 percent for the smallest.

The Norton improvement project includes replacing the pavement on US-36 Highway from the US-283 Junction west approximately 900 feet (near the intersection of Jones Avenue). Curb and guttering along that section of roadway is included in the scope of the work. The state is contributing \$750,000 of the estimated \$816,500 overall cost of construction.

The geometric improvement project in Sharon Springs is located along K-27 Highway beginning at the north end of a bridge over Eagle Tail Creek and extending north 765 feet to North Front Street. The state is contributing 100 percent of the

estimated cost of the project, tallied at \$612,500.

The Kansas Department of Transportation received 44 applications requesting \$25.5 million dollars of funding (\$36.3 million in total construction costs) statewide. Fourteen communities were selected as recipients for projects to be programmed for fiscal year 2014.

Those cities include: Manhattan, \$216,000; Seneca, \$700,000; Lawrence, \$500,000; Jewell, \$678,100; Abilene, \$691,300; Sharon Springs, \$612,500; Norton, \$750,000; Coffeyville, \$450,000; Pittsburg, \$800,000; Lyons, \$750,000; Wellington, \$495,000; Newton, \$594,000; Garden City, \$850,000; Jet-

more, \$700,000.

The projects are funded under the T-WORKS transportation program, which was passed by the 2010 Legislature. To track these and other T-WORKS projects, visit kdotapp.ksdot.org/TWorks/.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE D. RIMA

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of CLARENCE D. RIMA, deceased
Case No. 2011-PR-05
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

The State of Kansas
To All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of November, 2011, a Petition for Final Settlement was filed in this Court by Joyce Rima, executor, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of her acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses, and determination of the heirs, devisees

and legatees entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the will of Clarence D. Rima deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 1, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., on such day, in such Court in the City of Norton, in Norton County, at which time and place such cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Joyce Rima, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
UNITED NORTHWEST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
SAVANNAH WILHITE,)
JUSTIN WILHITE,)
CLINTON CARTER, AND)
STEVE JELTZ)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Norton, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court numbered 2010-CV-45, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:00 a.m., on the 15th day of November, 2011, at the front door of the Norton County Courthouse, the following described real estate located in the County of Norton, State of Kansas, to wit:
Lot Seventeen (17) in Block Ten (10) of Norton Town Association Addition to the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, LESS the North 41.2 feet of said lot or 301 E. Lincoln, Norton, Kansas.

TROY THOMSON
SHERIFF OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

SUBMITTED BY:
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NOTICE OF SUIT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT
CitiMortgage, Inc.)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
David W. Bainter aka David Bainter,)
Victoria A. Bainter aka Victoria Bainter,)
Jane Doe, and John Doe, et al.,)
Defendants.)

Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60
NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other persons who are or may be concerned:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Mortgage Foreclosure has been filed in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas by CitiMortgage, Inc., praying for foreclosure of certain real property legally described as follows:

A TRACT OF LAND COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SW/4 SE/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX (36), TOWNSHIP TWO (2) SOUTH, RANGE TWENTY-THREE (23) WEST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS, RUNNING THENCE NORTH 380 FEET, THENCE EAST 175 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 380 FEET, THENCE WEST 175 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Tax ID No. 1184-0
for a judgment against defendants and any other interested parties and, unless otherwise served by personal or mail service of summons, the time in which you have to plead to the Petition for Foreclosure in the District Court of Norton County, Kansas will expire on December 20, 2011. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC AS ATTORNEYS FOR CitiMortgage, Inc. IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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OCTOBER 2011 NORTON COUNTY VOUCHERS

Road and Bridge	\$15,926.01	911 TAX	\$1,082.63
Special Bridge	\$2,437.09	Alcohol & Drug Test Fund	\$87.10
Ambulance	\$23,873.33	Co. Attorney Diversion	\$504.19
Appraiser's Cost	\$3,267.08	Worthless Check Admin Fee	\$41.28
County Health	\$18,430.05	*Court Trustee - State	\$4,451.03
Economic Development	\$2,978.93	*Case Management	\$8,440.89
Election	\$637.12	*Juvenile Director	\$5.56
Employee Benefits	\$87,322.65	*JISP	\$7,488.04
4-H Maintenance	\$1,151.01	*Diversion	\$4,858.40
Noxious Weed	\$1,611.83	*Juvenile Intake	\$3,675.53
Solid Waste	\$11,080.86		
DISTRICT CORONER	\$200.00		

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Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse October 31, 2011 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office.

(* Juvenile Service Accounts)
CLAIMS-GROSS PAYROLL FUND TOTALS ONLY
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