

Hoxie company designed system for bins

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Need a lift? No, I'm not talking about giving hitchhikers a ride. I'm referring to an innovative hydraulic jacking system which allows grain bins and other cylindrical towers to be lifted into place as they are constructed. This ingenious system is being utilized around the world, but it was created and produced in rural Kansas.

Wes Bainter is the founder and owner of Bainter Construction, which created and produces this innovative jacking and lifting system. Wes has been described as a "prolific inventor."

He is an entrepreneur with deep roots in rural Kansas. In fact, Wes lives on ground which his family homesteaded more than a hundred years ago east of Hoxie.

Wes went into the construction business after school and found that he loved it. In 1972, he started

his own construction company in Hoxie.

Today, Bainter Construction includes several businesses. One specializes in the construction and operation of senior independent living complexes. Wes has an apartment complex under construction in Cimarron and is already operating complexes in such rural communities as Hoxie, Smith Center, and Hill City, population 1,543 people. Now, that's rural.

These senior apartment complexes include dining and meeting rooms plus roomy, two-bedroom apartments that are wheelchair and scooter accessible with no-step shower stalls. Wes said, "This allows our older citizens to continue to make their own decisions and live independently. Since there's no government money that goes into these, there are no regulations that would keep a family member from living with them, for example. We offer a lot of flexibility and service."

Bainter Construction also spe-

cializes in the hydraulic bin jacking business. Wes designed and patented a system for lifting and building grain bins. He started out building grain bins on western Kansas farms, but today his business has gone global.

"We have a patented jacking system for nearly every cylindrical tower- type structure made in the U.S.," he said. The system starts with a center support and a rolling stairway. Curved metal panels are bolted into a ring, which the hydraulic jacks simultaneously lift into place until another ring can be placed below it. As the process is repeated, the round metal bin is essentially lifted up into position.

Today, Bainter Construction makes the jacking system for both on-farm and large commercial construction. A set of 40 commercial jacks, for example, can build a 105 foot diameter bin weighing up to 500,000 pounds.

The Bainter Hydraulic Grain Bin Jacking System is used from coast to coast and around the world. Wes

said, "We have 95 percent of all the (bin jacking) business in this country, and we've shipped them to every continent in the world except the Antarctic." Gee, I think those penguins should get a grain bin.

In the U.S., grain bins are used for storage and export. In countries such as Israel, grain bins are used for storage of imported grains. In both cases, grain bins are an essential part of the operation, and the Bainter system is utilized.

Wes Bainter's innovative mind continues to work. When skid loaders became popular several

years ago, many attachments were developed for them. The only such trencher, however, would dig only while backing up. Wes said, "For our construction, we needed that trencher to dig forward so we could see exactly where it needed to go." Wes designed such a piece of equipment, and now his patented trencher sells coast to coast.

"We've got to build our business in these rural communities if they're going to survive," Wes said. "We're trying to help our community and serve our fellow man."

For more information, go to

www.bainterconstruction.com. Need a lift? No, not a ride to town. I'm referring to this innovative hydraulic jacking system from Hoxie, Kansas which is being used around the globe. We commend Wes Bainter for his entrepreneurship and innovation, which is making a difference for rural Kansas. Not only is his hydraulic jacking system lifting grain bins, it is helping to lift rural communities.

And there's more. Wes Bainter's innovation now extends into your kitchen. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.

It doesn't take a fire to seriously burn a child

During National Burn Awareness Week (Saturday to Saturday, Feb. 7 to 13), Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers that fire is just one cause of burn injuries — children can also be seriously injured by hot foods and beverages, heating appliances, hot pots and pans, electrical currents and chemicals.

Among all accidental injuries, fire and burns are the number five cause of death in children ages 14 and under — in part because young children cannot recognize heat-related hazards quickly enough to react appropriately. Children's skin burns at lower temperatures and more deeply than that of older children and adults. A child exposed to 140-degree liquid for five seconds will sustain a third-degree burn.

Each year, approximately 113,600 children ages 14 and under are treated for fire/burn injuries and 518 children die due to unintentional fire- and burn-related injury in the U. S. Scald burns, caused by hot liquids or steam, are more common types of burn-related injuries among young children, compared to contact burns, caused by direct contact with fire, which is more prevalent among older children. Hot tap water accounts for nearly one in four of all scald burns among children and is associated with more deaths and hospitalizations than any other hot liquid burns. "Kids are also at risk around hot foods and beverages, space heaters, steam irons and curling irons," says Cherie Sage, State Director for Safe Kids Kansas. "There's a lot you can do around the home to minimize the risk of burn injuries in everyday life."

Safe Kids Kansas urges caregivers to:

- Reduce water temperature. Set your hot water heater to 120 degrees. Consider putting anti-scald devices (about \$40) on each water faucet and shower head. Check the bath water with your wrist or elbow before placing your child in it.

- Prevent spills. If possible, cook with pots and pans on back burners and turn handles away from the front. Avoid wearing long sleeves or baggy clothes in the kitchen. Don't place containers of hot food or liquid near the edge of a counter or table and remove tablecloths.

Establish a "kid-free zone." Make the stove area a "kid-free zone" (three feet is a good distance). Mark it on the floor with bright tape. Never leave your child alone in the kitchen. Don't hold children while cooking or while carrying hot foods and beverages.

Test food and drink temperature. Taste cooked foods and heated liquids to make sure they're not too hot for children. Never microwave a baby's bottle. Drinks heated in a microwave may be much hotter than their containers. Instead, heat bottles with warm water and test them before feeding your child.

- Keep electrical cords out of reach — especially extension cords and cords connected to heating appliances such as coffee pots and deep fryers. Make sure electrical cords can't be pulled or snagged into a bathtub or sink. Don't leave a hot iron sitting on an ironing board unattended.

- Childproof your home. Cover open electrical outlets so children can't insert metal objects into outlets, which can cause electrical burns. Lock matches, lighters and

flammable materials out of a child's reach. Keep children away from candles and other open flames.

- Actively supervise. Simply being in the same room with a child is not necessarily supervising. Safety precautions are important, but there is no substitute for active supervision.

- Don't let children play with or ignite fireworks. Fireworks injured more than 2,600 children in 2007 in the U.S. In Kansas, 25 children ages 14 and under were admitted to a hospital for injuries involving fireworks between the years 1999 and 2007. Fireworks are intended for use by adults in open spaces with plenty of active supervision for every child present.

It is still important to take precautions against fire, too. "You need a smoke alarm on each level of your home and in every sleeping area. Make sure each alarm actually works," says Sage. Test your smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries once a year (except for lithium batteries that last for 10 years, according to manufacturer's instructions). A working smoke alarm reduces the risk of dying in a fire by about 50 percent.

For more information about burn prevention, visit www.usa.safekids.org.

Safe Kids Kansas, Inc. is a non-profit Coalition of over 70 state-wide organizations and businesses dedicated to preventing accidental injuries to Kansas children from birth to age 14. The lead agency for Safe Kids Kansas is the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Visit us at www.safekidskansas.org.

public notice

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Your personal belongings in storage will be sold if restitution is not made in full. The sale of your belongings will be sold on February 20, 2010 at 1618 Main, Goodland, Kansas, ay 10:00 a.m.	Your personal belongings in storage will be sold if restitution is not made in full. The sale of your belongings will be sold on February 20, 2010 at 1618 Main, Goodland, Kansas, ay 10:00 a.m.
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SHERMAN COUNTY KANSAS TREASURER'S QUARTERLY REPORT

January 31, 2010

Total Cash in the Treasury as at the above date \$7,130,198.73

FUND	FUND BALANCE
APPRAISER'S COST	\$79,231.53
MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATING FUND	\$36,969.71
BOND & INTEREST	\$65,003.13
COUNTY HEALTH	\$110,569.29
DIRECT ELECTION	\$57,704.02
TRASH HAULING	\$114,051.94
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$451,096.86
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS HEALTH RESERVE	\$112,598.39
GENERAL FUND	\$845,290.55
HOME MAINTENANCE	\$29,900.61
POST CLOSURE ACCT-LANDFILL	\$225,000.00
LANDFILL EXCAVATION	\$275,434.00
NOXIOUS WEED	\$60,601.82
REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOL	\$7,006.61
OVER & UNDER	-\$1.00
PROS ATTY (TRAINING FUND)	\$36.51
PROS ATTY (DIVERSION)	\$3,291.57
ROAD AND BRIDGE	\$978,340.63
SALES TAX	\$11,932.75
SC RURAL FIRE DIST #1	\$173,822.72
SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK	\$20,535.99
SOLID WASTE FUND	\$766,287.74
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$116,288.05
EQUIPMENT RESERVE FUND	\$31,342.60
SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND	\$198,779.86
TORT LIABILITY	-\$5,120.43
CONCEALED WEAPONS	\$2,393.33
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$15,168.59
DRIVER'S LICENSE	\$287.50
NOXIOUS WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$437.47
SC RFD #1 EQUIP RESERVE	\$22,274.30
HERITAGE TRUST FUND	\$633.59
SHERIFF DRUG SEIZURE FUND	\$10,748.65
COUNTY HEALTH CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$26,830.16
AUTO MOTOR STATE	\$9,167.17
HEALTH CARE SERVICES	\$119,594.69
COUNTY REDEMPTION	\$31,352.43
CURRENT TAX	\$94,058.62
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAX	\$1,998.51
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TAX	\$148.83
IN LIEU OF TAX	\$5,911.73
LOCAL RETAIL SALES TAX	\$44,379.33
MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	\$12,364.28
MICRO LOANS	\$13,935.36
SHERIFF REWARD DONATION FUND	\$1,180.63
911 WIRELESS	\$48,509.77
ESCAPED TAX	\$190.94
SCRFD #1 SPECIAL FUND	\$5,903.50
911 TELEPHONE SERVICE	\$6,620.51
SUSPENSE FUND	\$18,733.26
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$108,397.27
SHERMANVILLE/GENERAL	\$91.05

CDBG GRANT \$100.36
PROJECT FUND-GO ROAD PROJECT \$498,333.32
LOCAL 1% SALES TAX FOR ROAD PROJECT \$1,266,414.20

TOTAL ALL FUNDS \$7,130,198.73

STATE OF KANSAS
SHERMAN COUNTY ss.

I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

Signature on file
County Treasurer, Sherman County, Kansas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Feb., 2010.



Signature on file
County Clerk - Notary Public

My commission expires Jan. 2013