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THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

UPDATE: Employee killed in Maysville plant explosion

Madison County authorities said an employee was killed in an explosion at a cedar panel manufacturer Tuesday morning.

Madison County Deputy Coroner Tyler Berryhill said John Osmer, 61, of Gurley, was pronounced dead at 8:05 a.m.

The explosion happened around 7:45 a.m. at Giles and Kendall on Maysville Road.

Huntsville sent hazardous material teams in to clear the scene so they can find out what caused the explosion.

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Employee killed in CO2 leak at coffee company in east Houston

HOUSTON—An employee was killed in a gas leak at a coffee company in east Houston.

According to the Houston Fire Department, there was a CO2 leak at Atlantic Coffee Solutions in the 3900 block of Harrisburg Blvd around 9 a.m.

CO2 is used to decaffeinate coffee.

Alarms immediately sounded when the leak happened, and employees responded properly, but a man who was closest to the leak was affected, HFD said.

He was transported to the hospital in critical condition and later died.

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USMWF’S HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK!!!

Hoyt Ferguson, 46



A Real Cowboy Hoyt of Willard, Mo. passed away Thursday afternoon, June 14, 2012 from work related injuries from a pipeline installation accident.

Hoyt was killed on the job in June 2012 while working for MG Dyess in DeKalb, Mississippi (He resided in Willard, MO). He died when the pipes in the back of the truck smashed into the vehicle's cab.

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Wilcox VFD to get free grain tubes in Woollen's memory

WILCOX — The Wilcox Volunteer Fire Department will receive grain rescue tubes from the United Support and Memorial for Workplace Facilities at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the fire hall.

The presentation is in memory of Alex Woollen, a Wilcox teenager who died in an on-farm grain bin accident in August 1999.

USMWF is a family based national not-for-profit organization that offers support and guidance to people affected by work-related deaths or serious injuries and promotes awareness of workplace incidents, including grain entrapments.

USMWF officials announced that donations from ADM Cares have allowed them to donate the grain rescue tubes to the Wilcox and Ashland VFDs.

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Experts: Indiana's deficiencies could jeopardize worker safety

Indiana's workplace safety agency has too few inspectors, is slow to investigate complaints and fails to recognize deadly hazards, according to an annual federal monitoring report.

Experts say those problems could put the safety of Hoosier workers in jeopardy. They suggest many of the problems are indicative of a state that prioritizes a business-friendly environment and sees regulation as a potential impediment to economic growth.

Gov. Mike Pence disagreed with that assessment. He said through a spokesman that his administration "takes workplace safety very seriously."

"Any accusations of partisan mismanagement are cynical and unfounded," said Matt Lloyd, a spokesman for the governor. "Indiana's workplace injury rate is the second lowest on record, and the administration is always working for improvement as it continues to build one of the best business environments in the country."

The issues highlighted in the report are nothing new for the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which has struggled with inadequate staffing for years and has one of the lowest funding levels in the nation.

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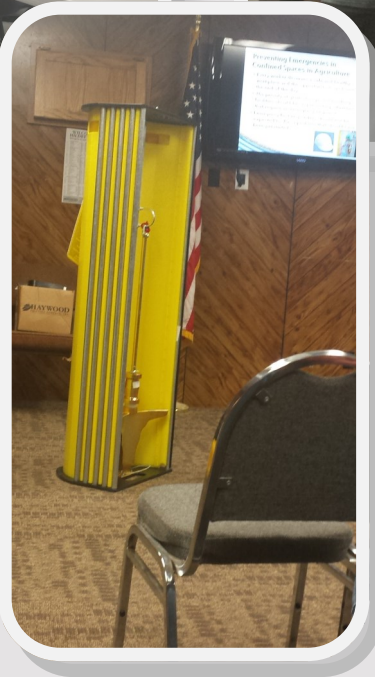
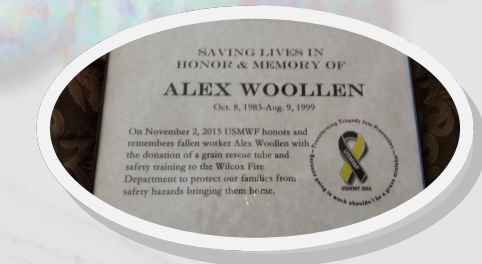
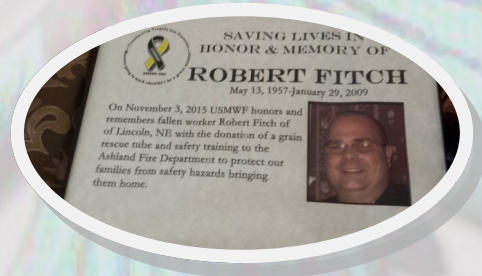
Met Tammy over 5 years ago and have admired and respected the work that she and USMWF have done. Help keep them assisting families and workers.

-Annie Marie Gibson

Bravo keep up the good work
- Regina Keenan



Safety "STEW"



Last week with the kind donation from ADM Cares, USMWF was honored to be able to donate two grain rescue tubes to two Fire Departments in Nebraska. One rescue tube was donated in honor of fallen worker Alex Woollen of Wilcox, Nebraska to Wilcox Fire Department and the second tube was donated to Ashland Fire Department in memory of Uncle Bobby

USMWF would like to thank ADM Cares and Dr. William Field, Professor Agricultural & Biological Engineering of Purdue University for delivering the grain rescue tubes to Nebraska and training each Fire Department on grain safety and how to use the grain tubes.

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