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*“Going To Work Should Not Be A Grave Mistake!”*

## THIS WEEK’S HEADLINES

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**USMWF**  
*because going to work shouldn't be a grave mistake!*

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Tonay Bullock, 71 ~ Gail Sandidge 57 ~ Travis Koehler 26

Families

**USMWF 's New Website.....**  
USMWF is currently working to insure the site is accessible by phones and tablets along with making is easier to maneuver around the site and a place that we can respectfully honor those we have lost due to work related incidents. We invite you to visit our site at [www.usmwf.org](http://www.usmwf.org) were you can see our Tributes to our fallen workers', about USMWF, our staff, our amazing volunteers, how you can support and donate to USMWF, Family Resources, Newsletters and coming soon you can easily search USMWF's Fatality Data.

### Family identifies worker killed at U.S. Bank Stadium site ;

MINNEAPOLIS - Family members have identified the man killed at the U.S. Bank Stadium construction site Wednesday morning.

Jeramie Gruber, 35, of Northfield, died after falling 50 feet into a snow gutter at U.S. Bank Stadium.

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### Slain Virginia reporter, photographer are latest journalists in only handful to be killed on U.S. soil

The double-killing of a WBDJ-TV news crew adds to the short list of at least six journalists killed in the United States in more than two decades.

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## WORKPLACE SAFETY CORNER *(click each video to view)*



H&S Summit Memorial.  
By: USMWF



Public Welfare Foundation Grantee:  
Beyond OSHA

Featured is Celeste Monforton, Project Director for Beyond OSHA.

### **MSHA issues 87 citations at six metal/nonmetal mines during July impact inspections:**

The Mine Safety and Health Administration doled out 87 citations and four orders at six metal and non-metal mines during its July monthly inspections.

[According to MSHA](#), one serious infraction came at Ulrich Gravel in Valley County, Nebraska, where inspectors found hazards that mirrored the one's at the plant when one of the miners died in an accident back in May. The miner died two days after the loaded haul truck he was operating near a dredge pond drifted into the water.

The inspectors witnessed a contract welder at Ulrich Gravel slide down a bank, step from small boat to a dredge pontoon and then from an 8-inch pipe to a walkway. MSHA said the worker could have “easily” slipped and drowned.

MSHA laid down 13 citations on Ulrich Gravel and issued two imminent danger orders to remove miners at the operation from dangers and unprotected walkways near the water.

“MSHA is looking hard at conditions that can lead to fatal accidents to reverse the recent increase of deaths in the metal and nonmetal mining industry,” MSHA’s assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health Joseph A. Main said. “This inspection identified an apparent failure by the mine operator to take necessary actions to find and fix hazards similar to ones resulting in a miner’s death at the mine. The Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 holds mine operators accountable for conducting workplace examinations, and MSHA will enforce that law.”

MSHA cited Ulrich Gravel for the following violations:

- Lack of berms or guardrails on mine haulage roads located adjacent to bodies of open water
  - Failure to provide berms for large pieces of equipment that travel the roadway
  - Obscured visibility caused by cracks in the windshield of a front-end loader
  - Failure to provide hard hats in an area where falling materials could strike miners
  - Handrails made of loose and sagging cable, creating hazards for miners walking across raised planks
- Lafarge-North America’s Alpena Mine led the way in terms of citations during the July inspections, however. The company was cited 25 times – six of which were considered serious and substantial. Lehigh Southwest Cement had the second most with 21 citations, including eight serious and substantial. [The full list can be found on the Department of Labor’s website here.](#)

- See more at: <http://www.aggman.com/msha-issues-87-citations-at-six-metalnonmetal-mines-during-july-impact-inspections/#sthash.YF4KaOiu.dpuf>

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## USMWF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

### USMWF's VOLUNTEER

USMWF is largely a volunteer organization comprised of individuals who have lost loved ones from workplace hazards.



Like the USMWF staff, they want to see improvements in workplace safety policies so other families do not have to suffer the same pain and loss that they have endured.

We would like to take a moment and thank USMWF Family Member and Volunteer, LeeAnna Mann. LeeAnna's husband Russell was killed in September 2012 while

working for Wynnewood Refining Company (CVR Energy Inc.-owned plant) in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. He was killed when a boiler exploded. Billy Guy Smith, 34 was killed in the same incident.

LeeAnna has honored her husband and the men and women that have died due to work related incidents in Oklahoma by hosting Workers' Memorial Day events in Oklahoma in April of 2014 and 2015.

Lost love is still love. It takes a different form, that's all. You can't see their smile or bring them food or tousle their hair or move them around a dance floor. But when those senses weaken another heightens. Memory. Memory becomes your partner. You nurture it. You hold it. You dance with it.-Mitch Albom.

We want to thank LeeAnna for her time, dedication and love to USMWF.





# USMWF CONTEST

We are looking for your creative abilities. Take a moment and take a photo, draw a picture, digitally create a picture.....whatever you like of road construction. Somewhere on the design must have our logo and website address (which if you would like we can digitally add to the design and the following words.... "Be A Leader.....the drivers behind you will follow your example...they have no choice!"



Help Our Workers Go Home to Their Families.....DRIVE SAFE IN WORK ZONES! The design that is picked to represent USMWF and our goal will be used on our multiple social media sites and website and will be printed for events that we will be attending.

If your photo is chosen then you win a prize from USMWF. \*\*\*Please know that USMWF will NOT accept photos taken while in a motor vehicle. This contest is to be safe for all.\*\*\* All ages are welcome to submit their photo to [tonyaford@usmwf.org](mailto:tonyaford@usmwf.org) CONTEST DEAD LINE IS SEPTEMBER 1, 2015.

We are excited to see your designs.

## ARTICLES:

9/11 'Dust Lady' dies after cancer battle

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Authorities: Pilot dies in crash of crop-dusting plane on potato farm in central Wisconsin

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An employee at the coop in Farnhamville, Iowa, died Thursday in a grain bin accident.

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OSHA fines Omaha moving company in worker's heat-related death

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GRAIN MILL ACCIDENTS:

<https://www.facebook.com/GrainMillAccidents>

## USMWF's UPCOMING EVENTS



**CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2015  
11AM-2PM

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR  
USMWF's CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW**  
To help make awareness to workplace safety by helping USMWF reach their goal of donating safety equipment to high schools' construction course across the U.S.

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\$20 ENTRY FEE  
(CAR/TRUCK/MOTORCYCLE FEE)  
(SHOW NO REFUNDS)



Safety equipment donated to Grand Island Northwest High in honor of fallen worker Ryan Hitchler.

To register your car or motorcycle to be in USMWF's Car/Motorcycle Show, please complete the form, [click here](#).

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