

LESSON 5 – CASE STUDIES

5.1 Local boy OK after accident

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Bryan - A local boy suffered relatively minor injuries Tuesday afternoon after falling from a tractor and being run over.

Ryan Holland, 12, rural Bryan, was riding in the bucket of the front-end loader of the 1961 model tractor driven by Billy Anderson, 12, of Bryan. The boys were picking up rocks in a field south of County Road 2818 E. in Kurten. As they traveled home across a cornfield, the tractor hit a bump, threw Ryan out of the loader, and ran over him.

Ryan was transported to St. Edwards Hospital, Houston, for treatment of a possible broken arm and internal injuries and was released the same day.

“Miraculously, he’s home and doing quite well,” Rachel Holland, Ryan’s mother, said today. “Ryan has a fractured shoulder, but he’s lucky that just the front wheels of the tractor ran over his back and shoulder.”

Mrs. Holland said that Ryan is recuperating at home and will see his doctor today. Ryan is the son of Roger and Rachel Holland, Bryan.

5.2 Tuesday farm accident kills Oakland man

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Tampico - A Lake City man died early Monday afternoon as a result of an agricultural equipment accident on his Frontier Road farm, according to the Lake City Bureau of Investigations.

Steven Fox, 38, was filling a silo by himself at approximately 12:15 p.m. when he became entangled in the unshielded power take-off shaft of his tractor. An employee of Fox’s, who had been cutting corn in a field at the time of the accident, returned to find the farmer unconscious and still entangled in the PTO assembly. He successfully extricated Fox immediately by reversing the equipment manually, but the victim never regained consciousness.

The Northern Rescue Squad responded to the scene and transported Fox to Harris County Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. The body was later transported to the State Medical Examiner’s Office in Des Moines for an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

5.3 Local farmer loses arm in farm accident

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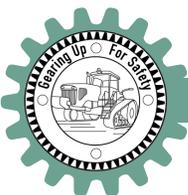
Palmer - Fredrick Heiner of rural Palmer is recovering at Shiner's Hospital in Lowville following a farm accident last Wednesday on his rural Palmer farm.

Heiner, 53, was cutting hay on his farm when the hydraulic system on the haybine malfunctioned. According to reports filed by the sheriff's department, fluid was escaping from the hydraulic system. Heiner, in an attempt to locate the leak, ran his right hand over the hose.

Apparently the fluid, which was under high pressure, penetrated Mr. Heiner's hand.

Later Wednesday evening, Heiner complained of severe swelling in his right hand. His wife called 911 and Heiner was transported by local ambulance to Palmer Memorial Hospital. Mr.

Heiner was later transported to Shiner's hospital where it was determined that the hydraulic fluid had spread and could not be completely removed. His right arm and hand were amputated on Friday. Heiner is still in Shiner Hospital where his wife reports that he is doing well.



5.4 Two brothers electrocuted on local farm

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Greenbush - Horace and Elisha Hostettler of rural Greenbush were killed instantly when the auger they were moving came into contact with a 7200-volt power line that ran between their grain storage facility and State Road 18. The high voltage also set the tires of the auger on fire causing the high grass around the bins to burn.

Members of the Greenbush Fire-Rescue Service had the grim task of removing the bodies that had been burned beyond recognition. Captain Jonathan Edwards indicated that both men were most likely in contact with the metal portion of the auger when it made contact with the power line. With that much voltage it was unlikely that either could have survived.

Green County REMC had to be called to disconnect the power before rescuers could access the bodies. Neighbors are planning a community effort to help the Hostettler family complete their fall harvest.

5.5 Female farm worker dies in cotton packing machine - Georgia

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Medora - A 16-year-old female farm worker died in a cotton packing machine after being covered with a load of cotton. The female worker, Leslie Patch, was riding with a co-worker who was operating the picker. When the picker was nearly full of cotton, the picker operator stopped and told Patch to walk over to the cotton packing machine and get ready to pack the load while he finished picking.

Approximately 20 minutes later, the picker operator drove the fully loaded 240-horsepower picker over to the packing machine. When he arrived at the cotton packing machine he noticed that the tractor used to power it was not running and its lights were not illuminated. He did not see Patch but, thinking she had walked to his truck to get some water or snack, drove the picker along the side of the cotton packing machine and dumped the load into it.

When Leslie didn't return and a few calls and shouts were made, the farm owner and operator began to search for her and when they could not locate her, decided to use the tractor to pull the cotton packing machine forward in order to expose the stack of cotton inside. They found the victim buried in loose cotton within the cotton stack and pulled her out. They found that she had no pulse and was not conscious or breathing, and immediately call for local emergency services.

