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Emergency responders and workers at the grain elevator in Bryan's Corner, Okla., scurry to suppress a fire in the elevator's short chute mid-morning Friday. R.G. Welding of Cactus, Texas, was replacing a busted bearing when the belt caught fire. The burned belt fell down the short leg chute and stuck halfway down the chute igniting grain dust. There was the possibility of an explosion with the elevator sitting empty in preparation for the area's wheat harvest. General manager of Equity Exchange in Perryton, Texas, which owns the Bryan's Corner elevator, Shawn Hughes said, "Everyone working here followed the proper procedures. That's why we got through this OK." Hughes added that the bins had been kept clean for this very

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reason. If the bins were not clean and full of grain dust, it could have caused an explosion, he explained. Firefighters from Elmwood, Okla., Balko, Okla., Turpin, Okla., and Perryton were on the scene to help take care of the fire. Daily Leader photos/Jason Epp