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Man dead after farm machinery accident

LANCASTER (AP)

A man died after he was pinned by farm machinery he was using to build a fence Tuesday, Oct. 23, authorities said.

David L. Ashton, 59, of Lancaster was using a skid loader to dig holes for fence posts when the arms of the loader moved, pinning him to the front of the machine, said Deputy Todd M. Carl of the Grant County Sheriff's Department.

Ashton's wife, a neighbor and a farm employee were helping build the fence,

Carl said.

"There were three people there with him, and none of them saw what happened," Carl said.

The accident happened just before 3 p.m., Carl said.

Ashton was taken to a Lancaster hospital and then by helicopter to University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison, where he was pronounced dead, Carl said.