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Intro: According to the National Children’s Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety, 33 children are injured in farming-related accidents every day. On average, a child dies in a farm mishap every three days. A Minnesota farm family knows just how easily the joys of childhood can be broken. But, with the help of a team of surgeons, they are determined to help their little girl put the pieces back together. Here’s Dennis Douda for the Mayo Clinic News Network.

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Jen Kordiak speaking	“It was a split-second, freak accident you can never expect to happen.”
Dennis Douda speaking	Seven-year-old Amber-Rose Kordiac had no problem staying entertained on the family farm. But, one July day in 2013, with her father working just a few steps away, her playtime turned tragic, when she toppled this 600 pound tractor tire and rim on top of herself.
TITLE: Jen Kordiak Amber-Rose’s Mother	“I heard a blood-curdling scream come out of my husband from the house. And you act, and I ran out there. He had pulled the tire off her and thought she was dead. Like, it was – you couldn’t recognize her face. It was cut in half.”
Dr. Uldis Bite speaking	“The bones around her eye socket and the upper and lower jaws and nose were really shattered, and that’s why it was difficult to do any reconstruction.”
Dennis Douda speaking	Craniofacial and pediatric plastic surgeon Dr. Uldis Bite says other surgeons did what they could at the time. Now, he is helping to take her recovery much further.
TITLE: Uldis Bite, M.D. Mayo Clinic Reconstructive Surgeon	“She’s a wonderful child. She’s... if you’ve met her, you know that – that she’ll win your heart immediately from the first minute or so.”
Jen Kordiak speaking	“She loves people.”
Dennis Douda speaking	After three years of visits to various doctors and hospitals, Amber-Rose’s family says, at the Mayo Clinic Children’s Center, they’ve found an approach that’s given them new hope: the hope that Amber-Rose can be seen for who she is – not for what happened to her.
Amber-Rose Kordiak speaking	“Cause everybody stares at me.”

Jen Kordiak speaking	“What worked for Mayo is that all the specialists are here. It saved her a lot more surgeries, and she’s already been through 12.”
Dr. Elizabeth Bradley speaking	“Good to see you. Hi, Amber-Rose, how are you doing?”
Dennis Douda speaking	Helping to achieve several repairs in a single operation, oculoplastic and orbital surgeon Dr. Elizabeth Bradley’s role on the diverse medical team will be reconstructing Amber-Rose’s damaged eye socket.
TITLE: Elizabeth Bradley, M.D. Mayo Clinic Ophthalmology	“So we don’t want to do anything that would increase the risk of damaging the optic nerve.”
Dennis Douda speaking	Other surgical specialists will restore Amber-Rose’s sinuses to normal, improve the flexibility and alignment of her jaws, her ability to smile and nerve function in her face. Dr. Bite is taking the first steps to rebuild her nose. He’s also realigning her eyes for a more balanced appearance.
Dr. Uldis Bite speaking	“From the CT scan, we can have a 3-D printed model made of her skull, and, from that, we can have a custom-designed implant made that would restore the shape of the right eye socket to a mirror image of the left eye socket, so basically to be as normal as possible.”
Dennis Douda speaking	Because Amber-Rose is still growing, not all of the repairs can be made this day.
Jen Kordiak speaking	“But I feel she got through a 15-hour surgery on several parts of her face and she’s doing great. She can get through this.”
Dennis Douda speaking	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Dennis Douda.

Anchor tag: Because she is breathing more easily after her latest surgeries, the vent tube in Amber-Rose’s trachea may be coming out very soon. When that happens, she says, her dream is to swim in the ocean with the dolphins.

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