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Presidents Message by
Jon L. Ungerer, Executive Director

I did not ask Joe for an article for this edition. Joe had a minor stroke in May and is currently working hard to get back to full strength. I have spoken with both Joe and his daughter in the last couple of weeks and he is making good progress, although it is going to be a long road back for him.

Due to that Joe has made the decision to step down as your KLICA President. I know Joe did not take this decision lightly. Joe, like all KLICA contractors, does not like to take any days off work. That being said Joe had made a promise to being present for all Kansas Meetings and Events along with National Summer and Winter Meetings. Joe loves his work, the industry and the people of KLICA and was fully committed to his role as State President.

Steve Peter will take over as KLICA President. Steve, like all presidents I have had the pleasure and honor of working for has also made KLICA a big part of his life and will take his role as President with just as much commitment. I have found it doesn't matter who the President is this organization will move forward.

We all wish Joe the best and look forward to seeing him at Convention in Wichita!

And welcome Steve, I look forward to working with you!

Jon

Welcome!

KLICA is pleased to welcome our newest Associate Member, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneering. If you know or run into Kurt please welcome Ritchie Bros. and Kurt to the KLICA family. Hope to see you soon!

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4th Annual KLICA Swing Away & Pray Golf Tournament

The 4th Annual KLICA Swing Away & Pray Golf Tournament on June 7, 2024 started out as a beautiful sunny summer day and got better from there! Although there was enough of a breeze most of the day to affect the flight of golf balls it wasn't so much to ruin anybody's game and the sun stayed out till the day was over and everyone had gone home.

We had our best turnout of golfers ever with 16 teams playing. My team was paired with the defending champions, Landmark Implement. After two holes they were ready to concede the day to us as we birdied our first two holes. But the other three members of the team soon tired of trying to carry me and reality set in as we quickly came down to Earth with a Bogey on our third hole. And actually they were never stressed as they started the first seven holes with birdies before showing us they were human by taking a

par on a couple holes. They were soon back to shooting birdies and defended their title with a one stroke victory, shooting a 12 under par score of 60 on the day.

We had four teams shoot 10 under par or better on the day with Landmark Implement shooting the 60, Landoll Company Team 1 shot a 61, Oehm Plumbing a 61, and Team Horse Soldier a 62.

With 16 teams playing and a handful of them shooting so well we decided to flight the field this year. Winning our second flight with a score of 68 was the Foley Equipment Team 1.

Thank You so much to all our sponsors who make this day possible.

I hope all our golfers had as much fun as I did and hoping to see you all next year.



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Tournament Champions



*Landmark Implement - Flight 1 Winners with a 60
Tyler Nemec, DJ Mangnall, Wade Maddox, Eric Wright*



*Foley Equipment Team 1—Flight 2 winners with a 68
Fred Coble, Phil Bruna, Don Bruna, Brandon Kirby*

Hole Prize Winners



*Amber Bosma - Hole 1
Closest to the pin from off the green
Bottle of Makers Mark
Donated by Schell Farm & Construction, Inc.*



*Jim Jansen - Hole 2
Closest to the pin on second shot
Box of Titleist Pro V1x
Donated by Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers*

Hole Prize Winners - Continued



Charlie Oehm - Hole 3
Longest putt made
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Eric Wright - Hole 4
Longest Drive in the Fairway
Bottle of Crown Royal
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Gary Duever - Hole 5
Closest to the pin from off the green
Bottle of Chopin Vodka
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Joe Krogman - Hole 6
Closest to the bottle from off the tee
Bottle of 1800 Silver Tequila
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Hole Prize Winners - Continued



*John Malone - Hole 7
Longest putt made
Cooler, Tumblers, Sunglasses
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Whoops - might see these on Ebay?!?*



*Jim Jansen - Hole 8
Closest to the pin from off the tee
Bottle of Makers Mark
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Thank You to all those donating hole prizes to our tournament. This year we had a hole prize for every hole. We tried to make our hole prizes competitive but with a few of them set up so average golfers would also have the opportunity to win one. Jim Jansen is obviously not your average golfer as he won two hole prizes. If you remember, Jim is also half of the reigning cornhole champion team at convention. When he's not managing insurance Jim spends his free time honing his athletic abilities!

With the assistance of the local golfers who help me put on this tournament, we are always looking for ways to make it fun for all those golfing. We'll continue to explore little ways to add fun for all levels of golfers without slowing down play of the tournament.



*Tim Adams - Hole 9
Longest drive in the fairway used for teams shot
Box of Titleist Pro V1
Donated by Prins/UFG*

Thank Yous and Acknowledgements

The four ladies pictured on the right were great help for me and our golfers throughout the day. Holly & Liz drove the beer cart hundreds of miles throughout the day, ensuring our golfers were never without something cold to drink. Although they spent the entire day in the heat they graciously donated all their tips to the KLICA Scholarship Fund.

Leslie & Marsha arrived early and spent their morning checking in golfers, taking payment, handing out the commemorative golf balls, golfer goodie bags provided by Precision Intakes and generally making sure everyone got what they needed to start the day.

Thank You also to the ladies for taking pictures of our golfers throughout the day and awards presentation.

With Landmark Implement donating back their team winnings \$601.00 will be going to the KLICA Scholarship Fund! Thank You Holly, Liz, all tipplers and Landmark Golfers!



L-R: Holly Holthaus, Leslie Holthaus, Marsha Schell, & Liz Bohlken.




- Precision Intakes for the golfer goodie bags.
- Jim Ladner, Landoll Company, LLC for assisting me with getting tee/green sponsor signs out and the hole prize card holders.
- Gary Duever for assisting with getting golf carts and general help
- Mike Duever for the score cards, hole prize ideas and general help.
- All the locals who allowed us the use of their carts for our tournament.
- Jennifer Lister and the Marysville Country Club for being great hosts.




*L-R: Chase Waldman & Kyle Eastwood
Purple Wave Auction set up a hospitality tent between tees 1 and 4. They provided cold drinks, snacks, koozies and other amenities to our golfers.*




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Board Meets with NCK Tech Heavy Equipment Operations Students



The students were attentive and had great questions in the classroom discussion with the board.



The class with their t-shirts and caps.



After checking out the shop there was a lot of one on one discussions which the students all stayed for even though class time was over!

The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association Board of Directors held their Second Quarter Board Meeting April 2 at the NCK Tech School in Beloit, KS.

In the morning NCK Tech graciously allowed us to meet in their conference room for the board meeting. Mendi Anschutz, NCK Tech Director of Advancement, took time to attend the board meeting and discuss the scholarships KLICA has funded. We were glad to meet Mendi in person and look forward to continuing to work with her as KLICA continues to fund scholarship opportunities for NCK Tech students. NCK Tech will host a Scholarship Day this Fall allowing an opportunity for some of our Board of Directors to meet the KLICA Scholarship awardees. We look forward to our first school year of assisting NCK Tech students with their education and future employment in the Heavy Equipment Operating and Diesel Technologies industries.

Following the Board Meeting the Board enjoyed lunch at the NCK Tech Cafeteria. From there we traveled to the NCK Tech Heavy Equipment Operations School north of town.

At the school the Board had the opportunity to meet this years class of students. It was the last week of class and the students were preparing to go to work for the summer and at internships.

Although, they had a lot on their minds the students were fully engaged in conversation with Board members and had some great questions for the Board.

After an hour or so of discussion the board presented t-shirts and KLICA caps to the students. We then toured the shop and had the opportunity for small group and one on one discussions. If this class of students is any indication a new group of hard working, intelligent heavy equipment operators will be available to move into the industry every year from NCK Tech.

Thank You to Mendi, Mark Jones, Heavy Equipment Operation Department Chair, and the rest of the administration and staff at NCK Tech for their hospitality.



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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



Newsletter time again, I'm in my usual place, looking out my "window on the world." Tuesday afternoon, David & Lee have been on a "parts run", little 2 year old Cora likes to go with them. Her shiny red curls attract a lot of

attention. The seat thing they are needing for a high loader is available in Florida!

Cloudy again, maybe another shower. We have had abundant rain - spotty at times. Where David was working yesterday, several miles east it was dry.

Much of their work has been pond cleaning. Finishing a particularly tough job David said, "Cleaning a pond is like a blind date, you never know what you're getting into!" A recent call they built a small pond for on a small acreage, a water line had to be moved. He told David the pond was nearly full & that he & his wife sit by it every evening. That's appreciation.

It's time to make an appointment with the Vet to get our little herd ready for the summer. He comes from Oskaloosa, we have good facilities here. Thanks to Davids expertise our feeder calves brought an almost unbelievable price. Taxes & insurance & all the expenses make keeping cattle necessary. They help keep the farm going.

Son, Fred, is taking time off from his county job, to help his son, Sam, haul cattle to Flint Hills pasture for Sams boss, from near Miltonvale. I think trucks are in this family's DNA!

I am still rather in awe for being chosen as "Lady of the Year." How I wish I could have been there. What a special morning when David and Linda made the trip here to bring the award. Thanks to all of you who read these chapters of my life. It's almost like writing for my family. David and Linda are some of the "forever friends" we have made in KLICA.

I've been writing for around 20 years since Penny asked me. Good business years, some not so good. Gains & losses. Missing Lloyd and Jeannie's Jerry; more great grandchildren adding to the family tree, life goes on.

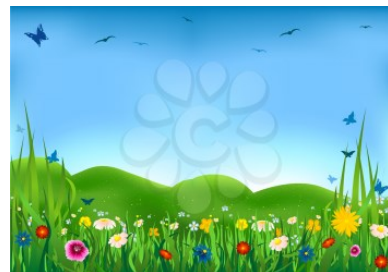
My backyard looks like a park, thanks to all the mowing David does. Jean helps too. I have so many flower beds I can't keep up. David & Rusty gave me a lightweight "weedeater" for Mothers Day - a great help. My "garden" consists of five tomato plants. Two are "Sun Sugar" cherry types - the best ever & a favorite snack.

I'm proud to be a member of KLICA, what a great honor to be No. 1. Thanks to Jon, Jeff Schell, the officers & directors for doing such a great job. The members, advertisers & all who made this possible all play a part.

My "window" the glass door, keeps me entertained, with the multitude of birds at the feeder or a fly by. The first year I've had orioles, with their flash of color.

A dove is strolling across the deck, looking so calm and peaceful. If only our world could find some peace. I'm reminded of Christ's words, "My peace I give unto you" - when we have inner peace we can pass it on, a smile, a compliment, an "I care" or "I'm praying for you", can help a hurting heart.

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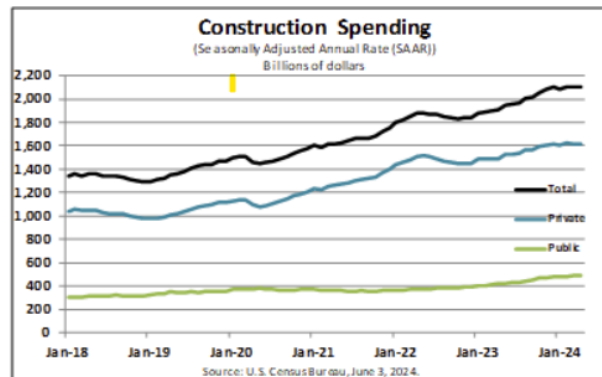
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Infrastructure Funding Getting to States/Localities

Nick Yaksich

Reports out of Washington about the slow pace of spending from the massive infrastructure funding Congress approved and the President signed continue to put pressure on federal and state agencies to get the money out. The huge influx of money has been a boon to consultants to plan and design projects eligible for the federal spending. The American Road and Transportation Builders Association continues to track the flow of construction funds. What happened: Transportation construction activity reached a record \$16.4 billion in April 2024, up from \$14.4 billion in April 2023, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. Driven by federal, state, and local investments, year-to-date work on highways was up 21 percent, while bridge work jumped 20 percent compared to the same time period last year.

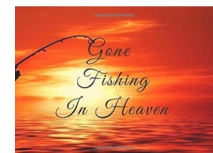
Why it matters: Current market activity – or the Value of Construction Put in Place – is released by the Bureau and tracks the work completed on a project each month, regardless of the total size of a project or when it was awarded. As projects funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) are put out to bid and contractors start to work, the value of construction and overall market activity has also increased.



Dirk Riniker

June 23, 1956 - June 9, 2024

Dirk Riniker passed away June 9, 2024 at the age of 67. Dirk worked as a heavy construction equipment operator for Bayer Construction, Manhattan, Kansas, Midwest Construction, Kansas City, Missouri, and Ebert Construction where his natural leadership enabled him to work his way up to President and CEO of the business, until his retirement. Dirk was a respected leader in the construction industry and served as KLICA President in 2004 and was named 2005 Contractor of the Year. Dirk served as National LICA President from 2010 - 2011 and as regional director for many years. Dirk served on the board of directors of the Kansas Contractors Association (KCA) from 2014 - 2019. Dirk is survived by his wife, Becky, two sons, Derek & Dylan, one daughter, Amanda, his mother, twin brothers, father-in-law, mother-in-law, three sisters-in-law, a brother-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. Dirk was buried in the Wamego City Cemetery on June 18, 2024.





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Three Students Receive 2024 Scholarships for Continuing Education

At their Spring Board Meeting the KLICA Board approved three scholarships for contractor family members to continue their education. KLICA wishes Tiffani, Austin, & Charlie all the best in the pursuit of their chosen career paths.

Tiffani Allerheiligen

Tiffani Allerheiligen, daughter of Dan & Cindy Allerheiligen. Tiffani will be a sophomore at Kansas State University where she is majoring in Agricultural Communications & Journalism. Tiffani is the granddaughter of the late Jim Jueneman and Deanna Jueneman, of Land Improvement Center, Inc., Greenleaf, Kansas.



Austin Raifsnider

Austin Raifsnider, son of Brad & Sarah Raifsnider. Austin will be attending North Central Kansas - Technical College where he will study AG Technology. Brad & Sarah Raifsnider are owners/operator of Rocking R Dirtworks, Ness City, Kansas.



Charlie Daugherty

Charlie Daugherty, son of Amanda & Randy Daugherty. Charlie will be attending WyoTech where he will study Diesel Mechanics. Charlie is the grandson of Steven & Linda Dick, Henry Dick Digging, Inc., Milton, Kansas.



Family members of contractor members and children of contractor member employees are eligible to apply for a continuing education scholarship awarded by KLICA. The information required can be found on the application form which will be in future newsletters and is available on the KLICA website.

2024 National LICA Summer Meeting

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
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Educational Seminars

Friday, July 12

National LICA Leadership Panel

Presented by: Tony Cain, National LICA President; Adam Cook, Region 3 Vice President, Ted Lashley, Region 6 Vice President

Have you ever thought about serving on your State Chapter Board or even on the National Board? Most members do not know how to get involved – or even what a position on the board entails. During this session you will hear from LICA Board Members about their experiences at the State and National level. Members can get their questions answered about leadership roles within LICA, from the people who have held them. Hear them tell their stories: why they joined, how and why they served in leadership roles, and why they benefited from serving LICA.

Beneath the Surface: Unveiling the Power of Subsurface Utility Engineering and Pointman GIS Mapping Software

*Presented by: Brenda Reigle, DIG Prevention Consulting
Bill McIntyre, ProStar Pointman, VP of Business Development*

In this session, delve into the intricacies of subsurface utility engineering (SUE) and the innovative Pointman GIS mapping software. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the importance of a accurately mapping underground utilities, the challenges associated with traditional methods, and how SUE techniques coupled with Pointman GIS can revolutionize utility mapping processes. The presentation will showcase a real-world case, highlighting the enhanced efficiency, cost savings, and risk mitigation benefits achieved through the integration of these advanced technologies. Participants will leave with a comprehensive understanding of how to leverage SUE and Pointman GIS to unlock the full potential of subsurface utility mapping for the future.



Agenda

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Registration

7:45 am - 5:30 pm

Flight 93 Memorial
& Falling Water Tour

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Registration

8:45 am - 4:30 pm

Duquesne Incline, &
Carrie Blast Furnace Tour
Executive Committee

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Thursday, July 11

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Registration

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Committee Meetings

12:30 pm

Lunch

Friday, July 12

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Registration

8:00 am

Breakfast

9:15 am - 10:30 pm

"Leadership Panel"

10:45 am - 12:45 pm

"Beneath the Surface"

1:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Executive Directors'
Meeting

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Associates' Committee

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Associates' Night
(Exhibition)

Saturday, July 13

7:00 am - 7:30 am

Devotions

8:00 am

Breakfast

9:30 am-10:30 am

Board Meeting

Tours

- Flight 93 Memorial & Fallingwater Frank Lloyd Wright House
- Duquesne Incline, Pump House, & Carrie Blast Furnace Tour

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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

With another golf tournament in the books things are going to slow down for the summer. I can't say enough about our golf tournament sponsors and golfers. With 15 teams registered to golf and unable to recruit a 16th I recruited a local team of golfing regulars to join us. They all told me how much fun they had and that it was one of the best tournaments they have played in. Coming from a couple of individuals who golf daily and play tournaments almost every week that was good to hear. And it just reinforces what a great bunch of people make up KLICA because it's the sponsors and golfers that make a tournament fun. The interaction with golfers; the generosity of sponsors to provide lunch, refreshments, hole sponsorships, hole prizes and other amenities for the golfers is what makes the day so fun for those involved. Sixteen teams was our best number of golfers in the four years of tournaments and made for a full course but quick moving tournament, hopefully we can repeat that number next year. And Thank You again to our sponsors and golfers - you make me look good when I really had nothing to do with making the day so great!

Speaking of the great people who make up LICA - Kansas, National, and the Construction Industry lost one of the best with the passing of Dirk Riniker. I'd never met Dirk before starting this position but had a number of opportunities to get to know him since. At the 2020 National Winter Convention we took advantage of a slow day to run over to Tombstone and take in that history. While there we ran in to Dirk and Becky. Like someone said to me the other day, no matter how bad of day you are having 20 minutes with Dirk will have you smiling again. Dirk will be missed and our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

I also wish to express my thoughts and wishes for a speedy recovery to Joe Schletzbaum. Joe has been great to work with and has been very involved in moving KLICA forward. I was looking forward to Joe getting more involved with National and working closer with him as President to keep LICA moving forward. Joe is not used to not working 12 hours a day and I know he will put that same kind of effort into getting back up and going.

Finally if you did not notice Jim Jansen was on the winning cornhole team, with another Iowan, at convention and took home two hole prizes in the golf tournament! Let's go Kansans!

See you in Pittsburgh.



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Important Dates for your Calendar.....

- July 9 - 13, 2024
National LICA Summer Meeting
Omni William Penn Hotel
Pittsburgh, PA
- July 27, 2024 10:00 AM
KLICA Third Quarter Board Mtg.
SAVE Farm
Riley, KS
- January 26, 27 & 28, 2025
KLICA 73rd Annual Convention
Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview
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