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Joe Schletzbaum came to the Swing Away & Pray Golf Tournament with his team. We had a few golfers who have worked with Joe but never had the opportunity to meet him so it was great to see Joe out and sharing his knowledge again!

Pictured LtoR; Rob Weishaar, Kenny Fitkin, Glen Schmidt, Terry Schmidt, Joe Schletzbaum

Presidents Message

Steve Peter, President Elect

As is true for all of us it has been a busy summer. The time of year doesn't seem to matter any more as there is always a job to do. We have wheat harvest out of the way here and finally got the last of our planting done around the rains. I plan to head to Duluth the middle of next week for the Summer National LICA meeting. As with most meetings it seems like it never comes at a good time but just as KLICA is our association so is National LICA. It is up to us as members to be present and ensure we are being represented. There is a lot going on with National right now and making sure we have a voice and are involved is critical to making sure LICA is meeting our needs and the industry we represent. Our work plays a critical piece in our nations infrastructure and agricultural security. It is up to us to make sure we are present and make our voices heard. A few days away from your work may seem like something we can't afford to do but your time is well spent building a strong LICA and KLICA. Strong associations will pay us back with long term benefits to the industry and our businesses. Take the time to get involved for yourself and your fellow members, you won't regret it!

New Members

We welcome three new members to KLICA so far in 2025. If you know or run into one of these new members be sure to Thank them for joining and invite them to our future events.

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Members Passed

It is never easy to report passed members and we have lost three members since our last newsletter. Two long time members and one new member who just joined us this past year. Alice and Judy, along with their husbands, Orval and Marvin, are a big part of KLICA history. Chase, who just joined KLICA in 2024, was an outgoing personality liked by everyone he met and we were looking forward to his contributions in the future. May your summer be filled with the memory of love as you make new memories with those you love.



Alice L. Jueneman

April 23, 1942 -

April 2, 2025

Alice L. Jueneman passed away April 3, 2025 in Hanover, KS. Alice was the wife of Orval Jueneman, Orval Jueneman Dozer Service, Inc., member of KLICA since 1966. Alice was KLICA Lady of the Year in 2004. Alice was active

in several organizations, including the Red Hat Society, the Ballard Falls Needle Club, St. John's Altar Society, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She served on the St. John's cemetery board and was secretary of the Kloppenberg Center Board. Alice is survived by her 8 children: Lisa (John) Zabokrtsky, Hanover; Ron (Denae) Jueneman, Hanover; Greg (Kathy) Jueneman, Hanover; Brian (Christina) Jueneman, Waverly, NE; Tim (Michele) Jueneman, Hanover; Mark (Jessica) Jueneman, Manhattan, Gary (Karody) Jueneman and family, Hanover; 26 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, a sister and two brothers. Alice was laid to rest in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Hanover.



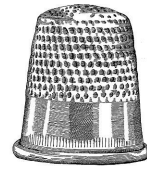
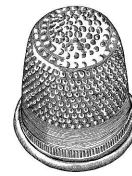
Judith Peery

September 23, 1940 -

April 6, 2025

Judith Peery passed away April 6, 2025 in Pittsburg, KS. Judy was the wife of Marvin Peery, Marvin Peery Construction, Kincaid, KS. Judy was KLICA Lady of the Year in 1989 & 2015. Judy collected thimbles,

loved bird watching, and was a member of the Kincaid Fair organization, the Deer Creek boosters, Advancers Club, Tuesday's study club and MS Association. Judy is survived by her daughter, Kim Peery (Dave Lewis), Baxter Springs and two grandchildren.



Chase Stephen Kesl

May 25, 1983 -

June 19, 2025

Chase Stephen Kesl passed away June 19, 2025. Chase, owner/operator of Elevation Earthworx Hoyt, KS, just recently joined KLICA in 2024.

Chase loved tractors, was a skilled mechanic and could fix almost anything. He was hardworking, honest, and funny, a devoted father, brother, friend, and son. Chase is survived by his three daughters; Nora, Josie, and Faye.



5th Annual Swing Away & Pray Golf Tournament



The 5th Annual KLICA Swing Away & Pray Golf Tournament was held June 20, 2025.

Unfortunately, we hit the hottest day of the year so far with temperatures approaching triple digits in the afternoon. Combining the heat with 25-30 mph winds didn't make for the nicest weather conditions but didn't stop our record number of 76 golfers on 19 teams from enjoying themselves!

We again had a great turnout of Associate Members present to golf and support us but this year it was also great to see so many of our contractor members also here golfing. One of the exciting elements these contractor golfers brought to the day and the crowd was youth. It was great to see a crowd dominated by a new generation of contractors and KLICA members. For me it was truly encouraging to see another generation of KLICA contractors who are ready to take on the challenges and work of the industry with new ideas and enthusiasm. And in true KLICA tradition they proved the "work hard play hard" spirit is not lost on their youth!

The competitive spirit and have fun comradery was the theme for the day as everyone indicated what a great time they had golfing, visiting, and

enjoying some cold beverages. Along with all the individuals who helped me with the logistics of the day I can't say Thank You enough to our golfers who took the opportunity to have fun together while talking a little business!

The others I need to Thank for their assistance are Jim Ladner, retired from Landoll Company, LLC, for showing up early in the morning at the same time I did. Jim put out sponsor signs, hole prize cards, and made sure everything was ready when our golfers took the course. Kathy Ungerer for handling pretty much all KLICA bookwork and signing up golfers the morning of the tournament. Marsha Schell for general assistance and being official photographer for the day. Our local Marshall County Conservation District for beverage cart assistance. A few other local individuals who help me out with golfing logistics and carts, and all the locals who allow us the use of their carts for the day.

Finally the Marysville Country Club for their beautiful facilities and great staff.

And of course our Associates and Sponsors who I will hopefully cover all of throughout the remainder of this newsletter.

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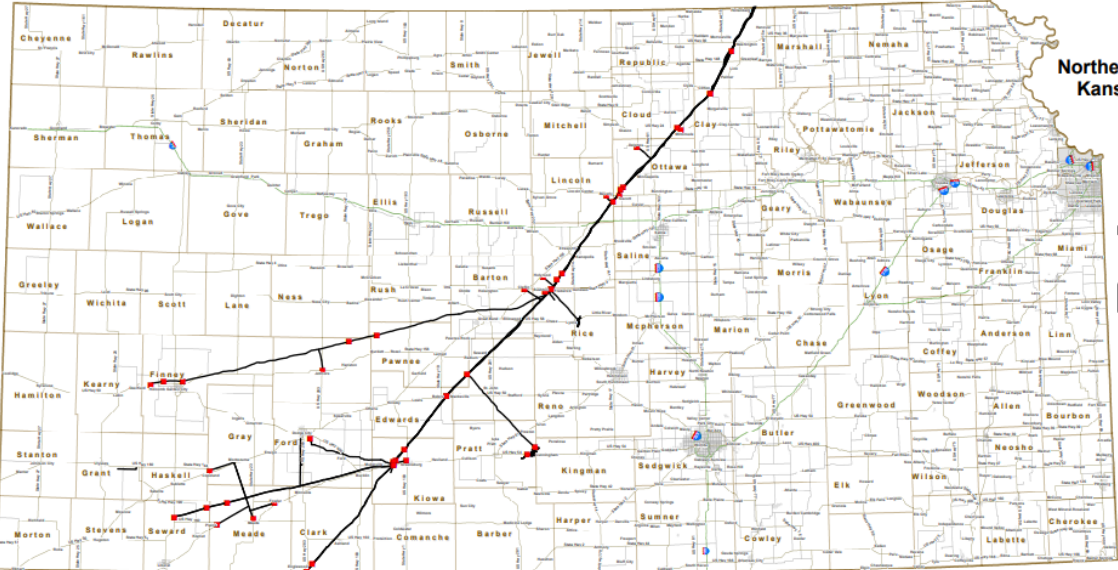
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Randy Rein took home a bottle of Crown Royal for being closest to the bottle off the tee on Hole 6.



Jeff Heinen took home a \$50.00 Texas Roadhouse Gift Card for closest to the pin from off the green on Hole 5 - which by the way was in the hole!



*Winners of our second flight were Foley Equipment Co. Team 1.
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5th Annual Swing Away & Pray



Golfers enjoy the cool of the Marysville Country Club clubhouse after a hot but fun day on the links.



Golfers, before taking to the links, listening to Golfer Instructions and Tee Off Assignments.

Right: Purple Wave Auction provided refreshments and other golfer amenities as our golfers rounded the course. Thank You to Mike Kemp, Territory Sales Manager, and Brie Maddux, Field & Marketing Manager, for braving the days heat to accommodate our golfers.



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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



My usual place at the kitchen table, but not the usual time. Just past 4:30, partly cloudy. We've had 3" of rain, no storms in this area. Too wet at the job site, but always shop work or "errands for the boys",

David & Lee.

Pasture and hayfield looking good. David had to cancel the "cattle working morning" for our little herd. "Spring tune up", vaccines and pour on dewormer, etc. Not doable in the rain.

David had a call for "burial duty" on the 9th of March. A powerpole had broken, 7 bred heifers were electrocuted. They were in a separate pasture, 40 in all. A tough loss for "New Haven Angus," a long time customer. David dug a trench, lined them up head to tail, enough to make a strong man cry!

Work continues to be plentiful, so many acres being sold and divided for housing. With the industry coming to Leavenworth County, many new developments popping up like mushrooms.

Some days bring smiles - David has been waiting for a 2 acre pond to drain, with only an 8 inch pipe it's taking awhile. During the wait a mother goose finished hatching her brood and moved on. Had it been necessary David would have waited a little longer. Those "dirt movin men" have tender hearts.

David takes time to keep our yards mowed. Mine looks like a park, so many flowers & shrubs; my flowers of numerous kinds, and Jean's have been fantastic.

I've lost a lot of energy in the past year, and a sprained ankle hasn't helped. A walker isn't my favorite mode of transportation.

David & Lee continue to have plenty of work. One different chore was grinding up trees to dispose of

them. They do some pruning occasionally; one comment "I didn't know you dirt guys did tree pruning." David's lift truck gets quite a bit of work. Good thing those two are versatile.

Tuesday they took some calves to St. Marys. The prices remain high, we have had enough rain for now, pastures and hay fields looking good.

Looking back over the past months, so much has happened in our family. Two weddings in the past weeks, one serious accident that could have been tragic, some very serious health problems and a lot of living.

Linda Orear keeps me informed about KLICA doings including the losses. The Memorial Committee did a beautiful job. The song "Scars in Heaven" means a lot to me - Lloyed had so many scars. I listen to it occasionally - almost brings tears. My sympathy for all who have walked that road.

Looking ahead to summers extra busy time, take care of yourself and those you love - it's a troublesome time we are living in. Count your blessings, make someone's day with a smile & "How are ya doin?" A little caring can go a long way. Blessings All.

Margaret

A little afterthought. David called last night I asked him if they had finished the "sandrock" job - they had. He called the landowner to ask what he thought of it - the answer "I love it!" He was out on the property, another happy customer. No wonder Jean and I are proud of "our boys?"





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Interest in home gardening continues to rise amid economic concerns. Although the annual Axiom Gardening Outlook Study found overall decreases in time spent gardening and plans to expand gardens, younger generations have been picking up gardening tools in recent years and plan to continue.

There's no denying that gardening has numerous benefits. It's a good way for households to get healthier and cheaper food, but it also helps people reach their movement goals. The CDC counts weeding, mulching and mowing as moderate exercises, while raking and digging are vigorous.

In addition to physical activity and healthier eating habits, consider these health benefits of gardening:

Increased vitamin D levels that are essential for body functions

Reduced cortisol levels that trigger stress

Improved mood

Relaxation and reduced anxiety

Boosted self-esteem

If you haven't started gardening yet, it's not too late to start and reap the benefits of time outside. Talk to your doctor to learn more about ways to manage your well-being.



Summer Food Safety Tips

You'll likely spend time outside with family and friends this summer at a picnic or backyard barbecue. However, if you aren't careful about handling foods and beverages during these cookouts, you're putting yourself and others at risk for potential food-related illnesses.

Bacteria multiply especially fast in the summer heat, making outdoor cookouts prime breeding grounds for *E. coli* and salmonella. Symptoms of foodborne illnesses may include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramping.

Prevent food poisoning at picnics and barbecues with these four simple steps from the CDC:

Clean. Wash cooking equipment, dishes and utensils between uses. Be sure to clean the grill's surface after each use and wash cutting boards after preparing raw meat. Germs can survive in many places, so washing your hands and surfaces is critical.

Separate. Use one cooler for drinks and one for food. It's also important to separate raw foods (e.g., poultry, seafood and eggs) from those ready to eat. Lastly, never eat anything left out of a refrigerator or cooler for more than two hours or one hour if the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

Cook. Food is safely cooked when the internal temperature is high enough to kill germs that can make you sick. The best way to know if food is cooked properly is by using a meat thermometer. For example, burgers and hot dogs should be cooked to 160 degrees Fahrenheit and chicken to 165.

Chill. Refrigerate food promptly since bacteria can rapidly multiply if left at room temperature. The "danger zone" for bacterial growth is 40-140 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you have mild food poisoning, it's important to stay hydrated. Keep in mind that more serious cases, which often include a fever and dehydration symptoms, require medical attention.

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Live Well, Work Well Newsletter June 26, 2025*

Work Safety - Heat

July is a hot month of the year — and it doesn't just mean sunny skies and summer enjoyment. It is also hazardous to the workplace. The activities that can quickly become dangerous unless addressed are the hot weather, the long exposure to the sun, and the festivals like fireworks.

This is the reason why employers and employees should be extra cautious in the month of July. This month is also known as the National Fireworks Safety Month and it is a wonderful time to create awareness on fire safety and heat-related hazards at work.

In the current article, we are going to go over the best safety themes to observe in July that will help you safeguard your team, minimize workplace injuries, and establish a safer workplace.

Heat/ Summer Hazards Safety

With the temperature rising in July, the danger of heat-related conditions, such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and heat cramps increases, particularly among workers who have to be exposed to the sun or hot indoor conditions, such as kitchens, warehouses, and factories. Following are the methods to get the protection from heat and avoid OSHA violations.

Make available lots of drinking water

Ensure that hydration stations are readily available, and make employees drink water throughout the day, preferably one cup every 15-20 minutes. It may be helpful to leave reminders or timers in hot work environments to remind the employee to take breaks and drink water.

Put in regular breaks

Give employees time to relax in cooled or shady areas. More frequent breaks are to be observed during the peak heat hours in order to avoid exhaustion. You can even change the teams to maintain the workload and rest period.

Reduce/increase working hours

Save the heavy work to the early mornings or late afternoons when the temperature is cooler. This aids in minimizing the chances of overworking and maintaining high productivity without jeopardizing safety.

Make employees aware of symptoms

Provide short toolbox discussions to go over early warning indicators such as dizziness or excessive sweating. Making employees feel free to talk about when they or a colleague are not feeling well- early intervention is a life-saver.

Help new and returning employees

Introduce heavy workloads gradually to individuals who are new to exposure to heat. Their bodies need time to adjust and develop tolerance, which is possible in a step-by-step process for 1 2 weeks.

Select materials of PPE that are breathable

Choose lightweight breathable fabric gear as much as possible. Moisture-wicking or ventilation can make a great difference in heat accumulation. Proper PPE fit Ensuring that the PPE fits properly is essential. PPE should be able to cover most of the body parts, and it should also be snug.

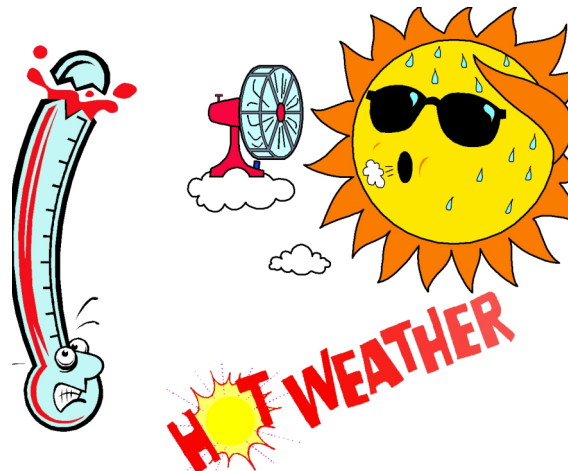
Maintain PPE dry and clean

Wet, damp protective equipment is irritating and may cause skin irritation or infection. Provide additional sets and encourage regular cleaning.

Risk indoor heat dangers

Heat stress is not a problem that occurs outside. Dangerous heat levels can be caused by machines, bad airflow or enclosed places inside the building. Install exhaust fans, permit hydration breaks, and check temperatures during the day.

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Farm Bill

While progress on a 2025 Farm Bill being pretty much nonexistent there are a number of provisions in the Reconciliation or One Big Beautiful Bill that address the needs of our nations agricultural producers. Provisions in the bill strengthen the farm safety net, provide investments biofuels and conservation, and extend key tax incentives. The Grassley Amendment would include payment limitations on farm subsidies. This amendment is opposed by a number of farm groups as they feel it would eliminate many of the positive improvements made in the original language of the reconciliation bill, including the expansion of access to disaster assistance and conservation programs for producers with 75% or more of their average gross income from farming, ranching or forestry. The Grassley Amendment would impose new restrictions on producers mandating one payment limit per framing operation and would also change the definition of what it means to be actively engaged in farming. Supporters of the Grassley Amendment, including the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition feel it would better target payments to working family farms and eliminate payments to non-farm investors, absentee landowners, and other recipients acting as pass throughs for payments.

While the Reconciliation or One Big Beautiful Bills fate will likely be decided by the time you read this Congress has made no progress on a new Farm Bill, since the previous one expired in 2023.

Agriculture has faced difficult times and without a comprehensive long term vision reflecting the full aspects of agriculture from producers to consumers these struggles will likely continue with short term fixes and changes in direction. Our Nations agricultural producers and citizens deserve a long term, comprehensive, joint vision for the future and it is past time for Congress to work together to make that happen.



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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

We had a really good turnout for our golf tournament this year and I cannot say Thank You enough to our sponsors, our golfers, and those who helped me out with the tournament logistics. It might be a tired old saying and it goes without saying but it really could not happen without all of you. Not being a golfer I wasn't sure about putting on a golf tournament but after 5 tournaments they have proven to be a great opportunity to get our Associates and members together in the summer. And even though I did not golf this year I actually realized it is kind of fun to lose 15 or 20 balls over 18 holes! So again, Thank You to all! We are just a few days away from leaving for Duluth as I write this. Attendance at this meeting is coming with mixed emotions as there will be much discussion about LICA and the direction of LICA moving forward. While I am not a contractor I can't begin to describe how my association with LICA has influenced my life. Contractors, National LICA staff, and executive directors are some of the finest individuals I have had the opportunity to meet. When I went to work for Kansas LICA 8 years ago I would never have imagined getting to know so many individuals I hope I can call friends. Of course that being said LICA is responsible to not only their members but also to the industry they represent. As such they need to ensure the wise use of funds and the knowledge of where and how those funds are being spent. Those who work for and promote LICA need to ensure they are following the direction of the board, who subsequently needs to ensure they are representing general membership. I have no doubt, with the individuals involved, that LICA can move forward professionally and personally. LICA is family, and like all family sometimes has disagreements and conflict. When this happens it takes work and putting aside personal feelings to accomplish what is best for all. I am looking forward to positive discussion to make this happen in Duluth. And I am looking forward to seeing so many friends. Kansas LICA is gaining a few new members. I am looking forward to our new members becoming involved with KLICA, providing new ideas, new perspectives, and becoming involved in KLICA leadership. Exciting times are ahead for KLICA. Unfortunately we also lost one of our new young members, whose personality brought smiles and excitement to all who knew him. As we continue to move forward we always have in our hearts those who did so much for KLICA, for our state, and for all the family and friends who knew them. The KLICA and associated LICA family has brought me smiles, laughter, and memories to last a lifetime and I look forward to many more.

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KLICA Continuing Education Opportunities

For those contractor members or their employees who have family members who will be pursuing continuing educational opportunities in 2026 don't forget the KLICA scholarship opportunity. KLICA has long offered scholarships for family members of our Contractor Members and have now expanded that opportunity to include the children of Contractor Members Employees. Applicants do not need to be attending a four year college. Trade schools and all forms of continuing education are accepted. An application form can be found on the following page. While the March 15 deadline for applications may be a ways off it is not too early to start exploring funding assistance opportunities.



Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Educational Institution Attending: _____

Present Year in School: _____ Major Course of Study: _____

Credit Hours Enrolling Next Year: Fall Semester _____ Spring Semester _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Contact Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Company Name/Employer Name

KLICA Contractor Member: _____

Applicant Relationship to Company Owner(s)/Employee: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Requirements/Instructions:

Include this completed form and the following -

- 1) A single page essay which describes your academic, vocational, and personal goals and objectives explaining why you think you should receive this scholarship.
- 2) Your college transcripts which shows your year in school and major course of study. If a college freshman include high school transcripts.
- 3) Three (3) signed letters of recommendation. These can be from school staff/employers/community leaders who are familiar with you and your skills/abilities.
- 4) A wallet size picture (approximately 2"x3"). This picture will be included in the KLICA Newsletter and Directory.

All materials must be mailed to the KLICA office and postmarked no later than **March 15**. Incomplete, late, or ineligible applications will not be considered.

Family members of contractor members and children of contractor member employees are eligible to apply for the KLICA continuing education scholarship.

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Kansas Land Improvement
Contractors Association
Membership Application

Date: _____
Company Name: _____
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Spouse: _____
Street Address: _____
Mailing Address if different: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Business phone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Fax: _____ Home phone: _____ Email: _____
Sponsor: _____

Annual Dues:	Contractor	Associate	Special
Circle Applicable Member Type	\$325	\$250	\$40

Contractor Services Provided:

<input type="checkbox"/> CH – Concrete/Hardscaping	<input type="checkbox"/> OD – Open Ditch Work/Dredging
<input type="checkbox"/> CR – Crane Service	<input type="checkbox"/> PD – Ponds/Dams
<input type="checkbox"/> DB – Directional Boring	<input type="checkbox"/> RP – Roads/Paving
<input type="checkbox"/> DW – Drainage/Water Mgmt./Irrigation	<input type="checkbox"/> SP – Site Preparation/Demolition
<input type="checkbox"/> EM – Earth moving/Grading/Leveling	<input type="checkbox"/> SS – Septic Systems/Onsite Wastewater Treatment
<input type="checkbox"/> EX – Excavating/Land Clearing	<input type="checkbox"/> TH – Trucking/Hauling
<input type="checkbox"/> GR – Gravel/Rock Production	<input type="checkbox"/> TW – Terraces/Waterways
<input type="checkbox"/> LS – Landscaping/Seeding/Sod	<input type="checkbox"/> UU – Underground Utilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Dealer/Service Company/Consultant/Insurance/Other	

Annual dues are due and payable on a calendar year basis, prior to January 1 of each year.
KLICA dues for new contractor members joining after March 1 are paid up for the next full calendar year.

Return Application to: Jon L. Ungerer, Executive Director
Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association
850 U.S. Hwy 77
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Contact Phone: 785-221-8697
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Important Dates for your Calendar.....

- 2025 National LICA Summer Mtg.
July 8 - 12, 2025
Radisson Duluth Harborview
Duluth, MN
- Summer Quarterly Board Meeting
To Be Determined
- January 25, 26, & 27, 2026
KLICA 74th Annual Convention & Mtg.
Hilton Garden Inn
Manhattan, KS

