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President's Message: Kent Henderson, KLICA President

Hi Everyone!

The SAVE Farm field day has come and gone.

Thanks to Foley Equipment, Berry Tractor, Murphy Tractor, KanEquip, Modern Ag, Advanced Drainage Systems Inc, Joe Schletzbaum Construction LLC, J&J Drainage Products, and Prins/UFG Insurance for the Machines and Materials.

Big thank you to all the members who showed up to help. Paul White, Joe Schletzbaum, Randy Myers and Jon Ungerer put in a lot of work, I don't think the job would have been accomplished without them putting in the time they did.

I was able to make it there for several days. Joe has perfected tile outlet installation down to an art, it was enjoyable being able to help lay some pipe. It was a bit hot out, air conditioning on the machine Joe was running wasn't working right, not good, but he got er done.

Got to lay some pipe behind Joe, along with Randy and Jon we laid a lot of it. I was able to learn some things.

Since it was hot out and some pipe laying was going on, I wore my most thin old shirt I had with me, on. Maybe keep off the sun, let the breeze through. Of course that would be the day the camera people came, "You're the President, get over here", they said. Fortunately most of my camera time ended up on the cutting room floor, lol.

Tile outlet terraces are not my usual thing, so I enjoyed learning some things from Paul. I have watched dozers work many times and been impressed by the way operators can push dirt into a desired shape. Watching Paul it was evident he has developed a love for his work and what he builds. Then I had the opportunity to put some blade tracks on his work, lol. His dozer is a nice rig.

I had the opportunity to operate the John Deere blade and Cat dozer. Very nice machines.

Made it look easy.

Kent

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The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association second annual golf tournament opened with a beautiful day for golf. With high temperatures in the low 80s the 14 teams felt a big relief from the sweltering heat of last years triple digit temperature. This allowed the 14 teams of 56 golfers a comfortable day to chase their golf balls down the fairway - or for some of us to hunt for our ball in the rough.

We cannot thank our sponsors enough for their contributions to make this day enjoyable for our guests who spent their day golfing with contractor and associate friends, old and new. Check out the list of sponsors and be sure to let them know of your appreciation and remember them when doing business.

Scott Lowe, Lowe Construction, LLC donated a set of cornhole boards he made and Murphy Tractor a cooler filled with golf goodies. These items were auctioned off after the tournament providing for a lively and fun filled conclusion to the day.

Once again the Marysville Country Club provided a fun and maintained course in nice condition for the days play. The grab and go lunch sandwiches provided a delicious meal for the golfers as they passed by the clubhouse at the half way point.

This years winning team once again came from Landoll Company, LLC in a closely contested bid for the trophies.

Again, I can't thank those who helped with this tournament enough. The local individuals who assisted me with carts and other logistics and Jim Ladner of Landoll Company, LLC who was there at sunrise to assist and stayed to take pictures of our golfers throughout the morning.







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Additional Thanks to:

- Dan Gudenkauf & other NRCS Staff
- Kansas Association of Conservation Districts & Riley County Conservation District
- Melissa Wahl, Virgil Williams & others with the SAVE Farm

The headline on the front page of Grass & Grain says it all about this project - “Healing Veterans, healing the land - KLICA donates work to SAVE Farm.”

The first week of August KLICA constructed a tile outlet terrace system on the Servicemember Agricultural Vocation Education (SAVE) Farm. This terrace system addressed an erosion concern due to an old terrace system which was no longer functioning and was creating ditches and erosion problems throughout the field.

The KLICA Board of Directors took an interest in the SAVE Farm when they spoke at our January, 2019 Convention. That interest grew into a commitment to assistance and that summer KLICA volunteers utilized Associate provided machinery and materials to install and improve water crossings, improve the area around the headquarters and livestock operation, and clear a path for power lines to reach the farm headquarters.

At that time there was discussion of future needs on the farm with the erosion concern on the cropland being noted as one of the biggest conservation needs and planning to address this issue was set in motion. Although, there were a few minor hiccups along the way this planning came together this past year with a conservation plan developed through the Riley County Conservation District and a tile outlet terrace system laid out and designed by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

NRCS was an instrumental partner in planning and designing this project and we cannot say enough about the technical assistance provided by Dan Gudenkauf, Civil Engineering Technician in Manhattan.



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Kevin Religa, Supervisory District Conservationist, Manhattan, Gaye Benfer, Assistant State Conservationist, Manhattan, and Karen Woodrich, State Conservationist, Salina also deserve a big Thank You for their commitment to assistance and partnership efforts keeping this project moving forward. Dan Meyerhoff and Troy Munsch, with the Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) provided a great team to assist with documentation and promotion of this effort through pictures and video. You can check out the video promoting KLICA and featuring Kent Henderson, Jeff Schell, and Ron Jueneman on our very own KLICA YouTube page!

Melissa Wahl, Virgil Williams, and Tod Bunting, SAVE Farm Staff & Board members stayed on top of this project from the beginning coordinating with the Riley County Conservation District, NRCS, and KLICA. During construction Melissa kept all the workers fed and hydrated. Throughout a long hot and humid week she was always there making sure the workers needs were met.

And it was hot, Kent Henderson and Randy Myers spent many hours in ditches laying pipe. Joe Schletzbaum spent long days in a hot excavator digging ditches. Paul White was there for a week from sun up to sun down pushing dirt, directing machines and people, and ensuring the finished job was farmable and something to be proud of. See the list of additional KLICA members who contributed their time and skills to completion of this project. This job also could not have been accomplished without the machinery, materials, and assistance provided by our Associates. Advanced Drainage Systems provided all the pipe, Berry Tractor a dozer, Foley Equipment a dozer and excavator, Murphy Tractor a motor grader, KanEquip an Excavator, Modern Ag provided satellite systems, J&J Drainage provided end pieces, Joe Scheltzbaum provided risers, and Prins/UFG provided financial assistance. Finally, the KLICA Executive Director operated a couple of dozers! As directed by Paul he pushed around some dirt on the back side of a terrace. Then, as further directed he provided some ice cold beverages for Paul and Jeff after they spent a couple extra hours fixing what he pushed!

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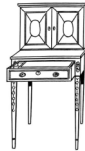
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Bonnie Haile
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Bonnie Kay Haile passed away July 30, 2022. Bonnie was the wife of Guy “Fuzz” Haile, owner/operator of Haile’s Dirt Construction, Sterling, Kansas. Bonnie was KLICA Lady of the Year in 1996. Bonnie enjoyed refinishing furniture. Bonnie is survived by her husband, Fuzz, one daughter-in-law, one sister-in-law, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

“Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in a time of sorrow.” – Robert Louis Stevenson



2023 71st Annual Winter Convention
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Topeka, Kansas
January 29, 30, & 31, 2023

Attention Ladies!

I have some very exciting news for Monday, January 30th! I have secured two vendors for the ladies activities. Monday morning will be held at the hotel so no need for transportation.

The afternoon session will be off site so I will need some volunteers to car pool you to the activity. I will need a count ahead of time who will be participating in one or both sessions. Refer to the “Attendee Registration Form.”

More information to come soon in the membership renewal packets which will include convention registration forms.

Kathy



This winter the Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association will move their convention back to our state capital, Topeka, Kansas. Convention registration forms are on the following two pages. Association members please note we have made a few changes to the sponsorship form with opportunities to now sponsor meals/events at convention. We also plan a few changes in our speaker line up which we hope will improve your convention experience and provide you a better overall experience contributing to benefit your business and personal lives.

Convention will kick off Sunday Evening with our usual informal reception, but with an added twist this year. A cornhole tournament will add a little fun and competition to the Sunday evening activities so come prepared to get acquainted with old and new friends and maybe find out who gets a little competitive.

Make your plans now to visit Topeka and attend the 71st Annual KLICA Winter Convention.



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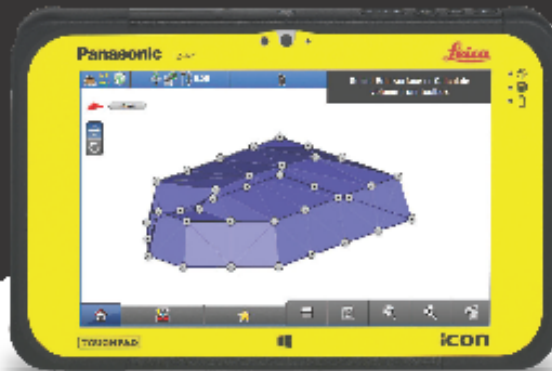
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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



On an early morning in August, another hot, dry day ahead. We really need rain, but this area is so much better off than farther west. Adequate pasture & water, and a fair hay crop.

My poor little garden gave up in the heat. Squash and cucumbers barely set on. I don't think they were pollinated. I haven't seen a honey bee all summer. I shudder when I hear the drone of a spray plane. An adjoining landowner, also a fertilizer dealer, has a lot of spraying done. We know the spray overlaps on this land. I do have tomatoes, along the deck and ramp. They thrive and are close to water. The "sun sugar" cherry tomatoes are my favorite snack all summer.

David and Lee continue to be "snowed under" with work. I asked him for suggestions to write and he gave me a list - I'll quote him: "Landscape job with 627 scraper hauled 30 loads of black dirt around swimming pool & house. Used the bucket truck to do several jobs tree trimming. Changing oil in a windmill & bulb in a steeple in Jarbalu Community Church. Clearing job that turned into trip to Emergency Room and 18 stitches, but not a chainsaw. Excavated for root cellar under a \$300,000 earth contact barn, might turn into indoor swimming pool due to ground water." On job finish they were treated to strawberry shortcake as they were eating their lunches under a shade tree. I reminded him they had another horse buried earlier- price went from

\$100 to \$150 dollars. Well earned - not a favorite job.

Just this week David & Lee had another job, delivering a calf. One of the hardest I've ever seen. A big sturdy first calf heifer and a dead calf. Called the vet and he was on vacation. Thankfully the boys did a great job and the mom is OK. Made a late morning just to get to their "real" job!

It's always sad to hear of another loss in our KLICA family. My sympathy to "Fuzz" and the Haile family. I know Bonnie had a long period of health problems, though I didn't know her well. I know she was a very special person.

Jeannie's' family has gone through a rough few months. Jeannie was always there to help me through Lloyd's struggles, now her husband is beginning treatment for lung cancer. Earlier her daughter had a double mastectomy and oldest son open heart surgery. Jeannie is a strong person but this seems to be an overload.

I was so disappointed in the outcome of the primary on the Both Lives Matter vote. So Kansas continues to be a "Bleeding Kansas". Lee and Rachel were here with little Cora Marie, now over 3 months old, and I said "how can anyone harm a precious little one?"

That seems a sad note to send on, we must count our blessings, have faith in the heartaches and daily struggles. Remember the good advice in the last newsletter about dealing with the heat. One day at a time, we must use it wisely, and please throw those cigarettes away, Jerry has a rough road ahead.





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Above: Senator Moran's Conservation Tour.

Below: SAVE Farm KSU President Linton's visit.



KLICA Attends Senator Moran's Conservation Tour

Steve Peter, Vice President, and Jon Ungerer, Executive Director attended Senator Moran's Conservation Tour in Garden City, Kansas on August 22. The primary focus of the tour was water conservation efforts related to the High Plains Aquifer, which includes the Ogallala, Great Bend Prairie and Equus Beds aquifers. This was a great opportunity to visit with conservation and agricultural related partners across the state. We thank Senator Moran for recognizing the contributions of KLICA to conservation and agriculture in our state by inviting us to be a part of these tours.

Kansas State University President Visits SAVE Farm

Dr. Richard H. Linton, current president of Kansas State University visited the SAVE Farm on September 1, 2022. Visiting the SAVE Farm allowed President Linton to meet and hear from the many partners, including KLICA, who have worked with the SAVE Farm to benefit our Service Member heroes. While at the Farm President Linton got to view the tile outlet terrace system installed by KLICA and partners. KLICA President Kent Henderson and District 1 Director Brad Raifsnider were present to visit with President Linton and talk about KLICA's work and partnership with SAVE.

It was great to be present for the visit. A couple of service members who have been through the SAVE program shared their experience with the group and what it has meant to them. One of these individuals indicated the SAVE Farm turned his life around and brought him back from a very dark place. Hearing these stories of how the SAVE Farm has benefitted our nation's heroes by not only providing them an educational background for them to transition back to civilian life, but has benefitted them mentally makes KLICA's partnership and assistance so rewarding for our members. I am proud to be associated with KLICA and proud of how KLICA has partnered with the SAVE Farm.



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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

The recent work completed on the SAVE Farm is one of the most exciting projects I've been involved with. As someone who never served in the military of this great country I try to always recognize the sacrifices our service members and their families have made on behalf of this nation and freedoms around the world. Training and counseling provided by SAVE and the National LICA Foundation for Veterans that provide opportunities for our veterans to transition back to civilian life are great ways to support our nations heroes. As a member of the American Legion Riders it is an honor to ride and stand flag lines for service members.

While this is not a forum to be political I am going to be this once. With all the above in mind we need to find a path to bring this country back to the realization we are one United States. Members of both sides of the aisle have defended and given their lives for our freedom and freedoms around the world. It is up to us to prove their sacrifices were not wasted on division, that if allowed to continue and grow I fear will destroy this nation.

As you may have noticed I like quotes and will provide a couple from a man I greatly respected and who was a champion for our nations veterans.

"America has never achieved greatness when Republicans and Democrats simply manage to work together or tolerate each other. We have overcome our biggest challenges only when we focused on our shared values and experiences. These common ties form much stronger bonds than political parties." Bob Dole



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Rambling Thoughts cont.

"I cannot pretend that I have not been a loyal champion for my party, but I always served my country best when I did so first and foremost as an American. I fought for veterans benefits not as a Republican but as someone who witnessed the heroism of our service members firsthand. I advocated for those with disabilities not as a member of the GOP but as someone who personally understood the limitations of a world without basic accommodations. I stood up for those going hungry not as a leader in my party but as someone who had seen too many folks sweat through a hard day's work without being able to put dinner on the table."

Bob Dole

Our nations enemies are those who benefit from our division and you can be sure they are taking every opportunity to further divide and weaken us. I fear for the survival of our nation and the future of my grandchildren on the path our nation is starting down. We have been and need to remain a UNITED STATES. We owe it to those who have sacrificed so much.



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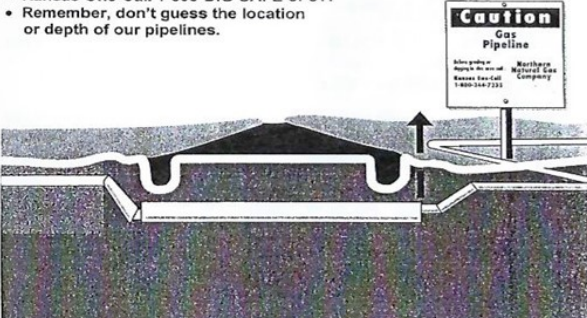
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KLICA Clothing

There has been quite a bit of interest in clothing with the KLICA logo lately. Three Carhartt coats with KLICA logos were donated for the 2022 Winter Convention auction and sold really well. These coats were purchased from Idntiteez in Marysville. If anyone is interested in obtaining clothing with the KLICA or LICA logo they do great work. They can put this logo on just about any type of shirt/jacket/cap that you might be interested in. If you're interested in clothing you can let me know what you would like or contact Idntiteez directly at 785-562-2300.



Leather patches sealed to the shirt - right has KLICA stitching.

The above two examples are stitched into the clothing.



**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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CUI Cable/Utility Line Installation | <input type="checkbox"/> OSW On-Site Waste Treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DB Directional Boring | <input type="checkbox"/> PD Ponds/Dams |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DI Drainage or Irrigation | <input type="checkbox"/> R Reclamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EC Erosion Control | <input type="checkbox"/> SEP Septic Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXG Excavation or Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> SP Site Preparation/Development |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GR Gravel/Rock Production | <input type="checkbox"/> SWU Sewer/Water/Underground Utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LL Land Leveling | <input type="checkbox"/> TH Trucking/Hauling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LS Landscaping | <input type="checkbox"/> TW Terraces/Waterways |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODW Open Ditch Work Crane Service | <input type="checkbox"/> WM Water Management |
| <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
 Marysville, KS 66508

Contact Phone: 785-221-8697
 Email: jungerer@kansaslica.com



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Important Dates for your Calendar.....

- October 29, 2022
KLICA Board Meeting
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
Topeka, Kansas
- January 29 - 31, 2023
KLICA Annual Winter Convention
Ramada Inn & Convention Center
Topeka, Kansas
- March 11 - 13, 2023
National LICA Winter Convention
Harrah's Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada
- CONEXPO-CON/AGG
March 14 - 18, 2023
Las Vegas, Nevada

