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69th Annual KLICA Convention January 26, 27, & 28, 2020

Hilton Garden Inn
Salina, Kansas
Don't Miss This!

Sunday January 26, 2020

3:00-6:00 pm Registration
3:00 pm Budget & Finance Comm.
4:00 pm Officers and Directors Mtg
6:00 pm Informal Reception

Exhibitor Set-Up

Exhibitors may set up upon arrival Sunday or Monday morning. Please be set up by Monday morning break (10:00 am).

Monday January 27, 2020

7:00 am Registration
7:30 am Breakfast
8:00 am Welcome

Member Workshop

8:30 - 9:15 am
KDA Division of Conservation
9:15 am - 10:00 am
Kansas Water Office
10:00 am - 10:15 am
Break
10:15 am - 11:45 am
KHP/KDOT

12:00 Noon Memorial Luncheon

Member Workshop

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm
USACE/Division of Water Resources
2:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Break
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Monday January 27 Cont.

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Associate Members Meeting
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm
District Meetings

Monday January 27, 2020

9:00 am Ladies Program On Site
Yoga/Stretching - Healthy Snacks
1:30 am Ladies Program On Site
Barn Quilt Canvass Painting

Associates Evening

5:30 pm Social
6:00 pm Awards
Length of Membership
Lady of the Year
Contractor of the Year
Associate of the Year
7:00 pm Auction

Tuesday January 30, 2020

7:30 am Breakfast Buffet/Bar
8:30 am - 10:30 am
Safety Training
10:30 am Committee Meetings
11:00 am Members Annual Business Meeting
12:00 Noon Closing Luncheon
Adjourn



Some Important Notes:

Oversight in October Newsletter

In the October Newsletter story about the assistance on the SAVE Farm I failed to include Berry Tractor with the list of those who provided machinery to assist with the work. Again thanks to all those who assisted with this effort.

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I also failed to identify the individuals in the picture who donated their time and skills to complete the land improvement work on the SAVE Farm.



Left to Right: Dave Bose, Steve Peter, Randy Myers, Jeff Schell, Dave Orear, and James Fenwick.



President's Message: James Fenwick, KLICA President

Well, 2019 is about in the books. Hope you have had a good year. Mine has been interesting to say the least. Jon and I attended the annual KACD meeting in Wichita a few weeks ago and made contact with prospects for associate members. As always they are trying to get more equipment money to do various projects.

On a more personal note, my grandson is a nut and growing like a weed and his mom matches him stride for stride. My oldest son and his fiancé are expecting their first child, a baby girl, so we are pretty excited about that. My youngest son is on the downhill side of his senior year in high school and is doing great. He's already taking several college courses and is getting excited for the next step in his life. And as always, my amazing wife is there to keep us all alive and on the right track. I'm not sure things would run as smoothly without a good wife.

Despite all the rain earlier in the year, we have been extremely busy doing all kinds of jobs from lagoons, laying pipe, installing drainage, and building roads. I hope you have had a good year as well.

I am ready for a new year. I can't wait to see what my grandson does next and what my granddaughter looks like. However, I'm not excited to be another year older, but that's life. Just like taxes, can't stop it.

This is my last newsletter as your president and it's been fun. I suppose I, like many, started out thinking I am going to do something amazing and then it changes to I hope I don't screw it up. I truly enjoy being a part of this amazing organization. I wish the best to all our members, contractor and associate. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope to see you at the convention in Salina.

2020 69th Annual Convention

For the 2020 Convention we're going to try something different. All awards will be presented at Associates Night Monday evening. These will include Contractor of the Year, Lady of the Year, Associate of the Year and Length of Service certificates. We will still have the Memorial Luncheon Monday Noon and close out with a luncheon Tuesday at Noon. *If attending only the Monday Memorial Luncheon you may purchase tickets for \$30.00.* A registration form is below. Please don't hesitate to ask me if you have any questions.



Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association
69th Annual Convention
 Hilton Garden Inn, 3320 South 9th Street, Salina, Kansas
 January 26, 27, & 28, 2020
 Registration Form

Business Name _____

	Entire Convention \$150.00	Single Day \$50.00	<i>Monday Memorial Luncheon Only</i> \$30.00
Individual Names Registering:		Indicate S, M, or T	
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Totals:	_____	_____	_____

Registration must be returned by January 13, 2020

(No refunds after January 13, 2020)

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

**Credit cards are accepted with a 3% service fee added to the total. You will need to complete a registration form and I will send you an invoice for the amount owed.*

(By registering for the KLICA 2020 State Convention you agree that any photograph taken of you during the Convention may be used in KLICA communications including the KLICA website and Facebook pages and newsletter.)

Please return to:
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 Marysville, KS 66508

Forms may also be emailed to jungerer@kansaslica.com with payment to follow.
 If you have questions please contact Jon at 785 221-8697 or jungerer@kansaslica.com

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Auction Items Needed!

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- Socializing Personality
- Item for the Auction
- Checkbook to Bid
 - Appetite
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For additional information please contact Jon Ungerer, Executive Director at jungerer@kansaslica.com or 785-221-8697.

Don't get missed in future Newsletters!

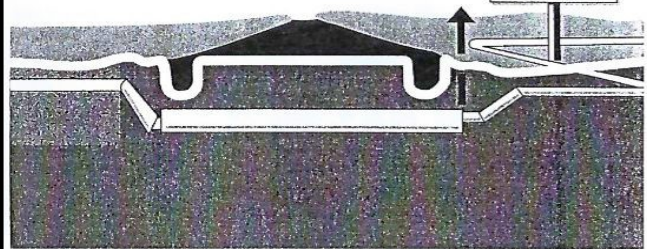
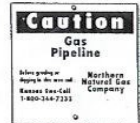
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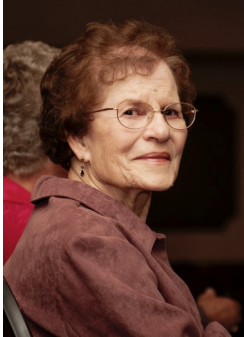
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In Memoriam

The KLICA family is sad to report the loss of two of our members.



"The song is ended, but the melody lingers on." Irving Berlin

Vida Mae Schell wife of Lorane Schell (deceased) of Schell Farm and Construction, Marysville, Kansas passed away October 30, 2019.

Joseph Gerstner owner/operator of Joe Gerstner Terracing (retired) Scott City, Kansas passed away November 13, 2019.

NATIONAL LICA WINTER CONVENTION

MARCH 7-9, 2020

Harrah's Hotel & Casino

Tentative Winter Convention Agenda Saturday, March 7

- Executive Committee

Sunday, March 8

- Committee Meetings
- Associates' Night

Monday, March 9

- Delegates & Board Meetings
- Awards Banquet

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If you're a contractor member and will have a family member attending college next year don't forget they are eligible for a KLICA Educational Scholarship. Scholarship applications must be submitted by March 15 to be considered for the following school year.

Scholarship applications and the information required for submission may be found on the website under the "Members" tab.

Requirements in brief:

- Application
- Essay
- Transcripts
- Three letters of recommendation
- Wallet size picture



Don't forget - Applications must be postmarked by March 15, 2020 for Fall 2020 Semester.

Membership Notes:

- If you haven't yet please submit your 2020 membership dues.
- Don't forget to register for and Attend the 69th Annual Convention in Salina if possible.
- Follow KLICA on Facebook
- Check the KLICA webpage regularly for news and updates.
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- Check the National webpage regularly for news and updates.
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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



The north wind doth blow and we shall have snow; a line from an old poem. After days of mild weather, the temperature is dropping, no snow yet.

I just came in from my morning chores - feeding the hens, and my expensive "hobby", giving range cubes to Babe, our young Angus bull. Resisting the urge to pet him, a pet bull is a dangerous bull. David does the big chores & Lloyd would do mine but I need to get outside.

December hurries by, somehow in the midst of all the mad rush to buy, buy, buy, Christ, the "reason for the season" seems to be lost. I won't say "Happy Holidays," Merry Christmas please! It's easy to forget all the good things that are done, behind all the hype.

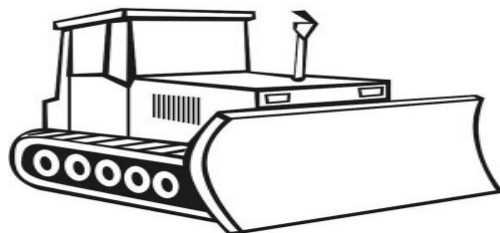
David & Lee continue to be busy. One recent job was preparing a building site near an old Pioneer cemetery. The ancient stones could tell a story of long forgotten hardships. They did brush clearing and a drainage job at a church in the outskirts of Lansing. Neighbors complained, I had to provide proof of insurance so Lansing would issue a business license. Mowing & grading at the Tonganoxie Historical Society, a drainage problem for Dr. Dean in Tonganoxie, or long-time optometrist. Dr. Dean still reminisces about Lloyd changing a small creek channel years

ago, behind his house. Now that would take an "Act of Congress". No, Congress wouldn't have time, they are too busy with their senseless arguing, infighting, and impeachment hearings. What has happened to the "Land of the Free & the Home of the Brave"?

Rules and regulations are putting more of a stranglehold, not only on earthmoving but on the livestock business. A bill sailed through Congress which passed the PACT Act. This stands for Preventing Animal Cruelty & Torture Act. Sounds good, who wants animals tortured? This has been pushed by the bleeding hearts who have no understanding of handling livestock. It puts pets at a level on or above children. I only learned of this through Trent Loos column in the High Plains Journal. And a few days later in the Kansas City Star, that it had passed. Cattle & all livestock are important to many contractors livelihood. Even our small herd. Another major issue to deal with - it is very subtle & sneaky.

The KLICA lost a great lady when Vida Mae Schell was called "home". A wonderful friend to many, she was a person of deep faith & beauty, a loving caring heart, with also a sense of humor. I was so blessed to call her friend. Ending our last phone call, just two weeks before her "homegoing", she said again, "I'm praying for you". What a legacy, what a precious memory. May her family know the comfort of "The Everlasting Arms" of our Lord, as well as all those who have experienced heart break & loss this past year.

Now as I look back over the last months, birthdays, our 70th anniversary, Thanksgiving - I realize again how blessed we are. May there be a joyous Christmas for all, making more memories and looking ahead to a New Year. Remember to make a life, not just a living as we look forward to 2020.



Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

For those of you who have been to convention you've had the opportunity to meet my wife Kathy. Since I became a part of KLICA she has worked hard to assist me at Convention. This last year she retired from her full time employment and has volunteered to provide me additional assistance with the paperwork associated with KLICA. This will be a big help to me and will allow me more time to promote KLICA and meet with members.

If you haven't already made your plans to attend this years convention I hope you will do so soon. Aside from the normal slate of speakers this year we have Bob Tust, Technical Training Instructor with Foley Equipment who will provide safety training for us Tuesday morning.



We've also changed the format up a little bit although you really can't tell by just looking at the scheduled events. The change is we will be presenting all awards on Associates Night. These will include Contractor of the Year, Lady of the Year, Length of Membership Certificates, and of course the Associate of the Year. We still plan to have the auction start by 7:00 pm so come early, come hungry & thirsty, and especially come ready to bid!

The Memorial Luncheon will still be Monday Noon as we remember too many of our friends and family who we lost this past year.

For the ladies we have two programs we hope you'll be as excited about as we are. First on Monday morning we'll have Chair Yoga - 40 minutes of stretching and breathing while seated or using a chair as support while standing. Someone will also present some information on healthy snacking and nutrition. Monday afternoon we'll have a local representative give a class for Barn Quilt painting. Both these classes will take place at the hotel so there is no need for transportation arrangements. If you'd like to attend please let us know as soon as possible for our count.

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Finally, the KLICA Executive Directors had a meeting/training at KLICA's office in Illinois this Fall. I'd like to thank Debbie Dickens, Missouri, Ryan Arch, Illinois, Allison Hack and Eileen Levy, National, for their work in putting it together and their hospitality.

One of the items discussed was newsletters and how to better format them. Hopefully, I learned a little bit and you can see a difference in this newsletter making it more attractive to look through and easier to read - Thanks Again Debbie.

Please remember to follow KLICA on Facebook, reactions to our posts will help us reach more people, and check out our webpage on a regular basis.

As always if there is anything you need or would like to discuss don't hesitate to contact me.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! I hope the New Year brings you good health, prosperous times, and much happiness.



NRCS State Conservationist Karen Woodrich speaking, with Senator Moran on the left in the background.

Photo credits Sheila L. Forrester, NRCS Public Affairs Specialist.

Kim and Joe listening to discussion.



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KLICA Representatives attend Senator Moran Conservation Tour

On September 4, 2019 KLICA members attended Senator Moran's 15th Annual Conservation Tour. Senator Moran has held a regular conservation tour since becoming a member of Congress. These tours allow the Senator an opportunity to meet with conservation leaders across the state and observe firsthand new and ongoing conservation efforts.

This year's tour was in the Northeast Kansas counties of Brown, Doniphan, Atchison, and Wyandotte. The tour included discussion of the Emergency Watershed Protection Program and Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and firsthand views to flood damages to roads and the Missouri River bottom cropland protection levee system. The Kansas Iowa Tribe showcased their Tribal Soil Climate Analysis Network (TSCAN) and their climate data and how it is being utilized to monitor drought and predict changes in crop, irrigation, range, and woodland needs and requirements. We heard how Kansas Department of Wildlife Parks & Tourism (KDWPT) is managing habitat including timber, native grasses, and

wetlands on land protected and purchased through the Mitigation Project in the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. These lands allow for excess flood waters to be better managed and decrease downstream damage. The tour concluded with a stop where the Kansas and Missouri Rivers converge and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nature Conservancy's efforts to improve management through the Sustainable Rivers Program.

The tour was attended by many conservation groups and organizations across the state of Kansas including NRCS Chief Matthew Lohr, NRCS State Conservation Karen Woodrich, and Kansas Farm Service Agency (FSA) Director David Schemm.

Attending from KLICA were Joe Schletzbaum, Kim Bramhall, and Jon Ungerer. KLICA appreciates the invitation from Senator Moran to participate in this tour and visit with the Congressman, his staff, and conservation leaders across the state.

National LICA

- Open House in new offices. National LICA moved into their new offices the first of this year. They have 3 offices, a conference room and large space to accommodate big groups. Approximately 50 members from across the US attended an open house in October to see the new space.
- Working on an MOU with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Initial comments and suggestions have been brought forward after the initial draft. A teleconference will be held this month to further the discussion and progress towards completion of the MOU.
- The National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) board has also agreed an MOU with the Land Improvement Contractor's Association would benefit both parties. They are putting a team together to pursue this and will also be holding a teleconference to begin the initial discussions.
- Continuing to pursue additional benefits and advantages for members. The member benefits are constantly being updated as new partners and benefits become available. Check out the "Benefits" page on National LICA at:
- <https://www.licanational.com/benefits/>

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- **December 25, 2019, Christmas Day**
- **December 31, 2019, New Years Eve.**



Liberty Bowl: Memphis, TN
KSU vs. NAVY - GO CATS!



- **January 1, 2020, Happy New Year**
- **January 26, 27, & 28, 2020; 69th Annual KLICA Convention**
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