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

The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association (KLICA) thanks all who attended and participated in our convention. Following are convention sponsors and exhibitors whose generosity and time helped make our convention a success.

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Purple Wave Auction again made our auction the fun and successful event we've come to expect. See page 7 for a complete list of those who donated to our auction. See also page 3 for recognition of Purple Wave Auction as our 2019 Associate of the Year!

A big KLICA shout out and Thank You to all those listed above!

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President's Message: Clem Karlin, KLICA President

I hope our winter is over. I'm not one for cold weather, nor wet weather. We haven't had much snow, but a lot of rain which is keeping everything saturated. Salina was the place we had our annual convention and the facilities at the Hilton Garden Inn were great. We'll be at the winter meeting in Las Vegas, March 7th through the 9th and Con Expo from March 10th through the 14th. This is a very informative meeting with all of the different equipment assembled on the grounds from the world over. Hope you're able to make it. The summer meeting will be in Niagara, New York by the falls on July 7th through the 11th. See you on the Maid of the Mist.



Glen Rockers it was good to see you back at convention! Pictured with Coretha Rozendaal & Loretta Gartenbein.



Tuesday afternoon we visited the Kansas State University Polytechnic campus.



The Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, Kansas provided an excellent facility for the 2020 Convention.

Associate of the Year Purple Wave Auction

Purple Wave Auction was named the 2019 KLICA Associate of the Year. Purple Wave Auction has been assisting KLICA with the live auction at convention since 2008. They have ensured the auction is a fun successful event every year.

Pictured are James Fenwick, KLICA; Roger Kisner, Dave Brotten, & Bob McBride with Purple Wave Auction.



Lady of the Year Jenny Fenwick

Jenny Fenwick, wife of James Fenwick was named the 2019 KLICA Lady of the Year. Jenny has been ensuring James is up to the task since his election to Vice President in 2014.

Pictured are Marsha Schell, 2017 KLICA Lady of the Year and Jenny Fenwick.

Contractor of the Year James Fenwick

James Fenwick was named the 2019 KLICA Contractor of the Year. James has worked very hard as president the last two years. James donated two days to the SAVE Farm, attended Kansas Association of Conservation District conventions the last two years and has attended National.

Pictured are Jenny Fenwick, James Fenwick, and Jeff Schell, KLICA Immediate Past President.



The following members are recognized with Length of Membership certificates this year.

Contractor Members	Years
American Topsoil Inc.	5
Babcock Construction	5
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Rutz Construction LLC	5
Sooter Excavating, Inc.	5
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Lowe Construction	10
Osterhaus Bulldozing	10
Servaes Excavating, LLC	10
Henderson Grading, Inc.	20
Criqui Construction, Inc.	45
Haile Dirt Construction	50
L.G. Pike Construction Company, Inc.	50
Marten Dozing & Excavating, LLC	50
Wilbur Jueneman Construction, Inc.	50
Associate Members	Years
Modern Ag	5
The Insurance Guys	10
Roadbuilders Machine & Supply	30
Special Members	Years
Lyon County Conservation District	5
Gertsner, Joe & Sandra	50
Haile Dirt Construction Inc.	50

Welcome New Members

The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association welcomes the following new members. Thank you for joining and we look forward to years of mutual benefit.

Contractor Members

- Ohlsen Right of Way & Maintenance, Inc. Seneca, Kansas - Brett & Lisa Ohlsen

Associate Members

- Security Oil, El Dorado, Kansas
- Star Seed, Inc. Osborne, Kansas



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Jeff Schell, Immediate Past President, presents the outgoing presidents gavel to James Fenwick. James will now serve as the Immediate Past President.

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This years convention coincided with two special events for our members.

We were happy to have the opportunity to wish;

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Ladies painting canvasses.

Pictured left to right:

Linda Dick, Kala Bose, Amy Rutz, & Joann Hettenbach.

In the background:

Sarah Raifsnider



Length of Membership Awards presented by Clem Karlin, Incoming President.



**Gabe Gantz,
Modern Ag. Inc. 5 Years.**



**Fuzz Haile & James Fenwick
Haile Dirt Construction 50 Years**



**Keith Babcock
Babcock Construction 5 Years**



**Scott Lowe
Lowe Construction 10 Years**



**Kent Henderson
Henderson Grading Inc. 20 Years**

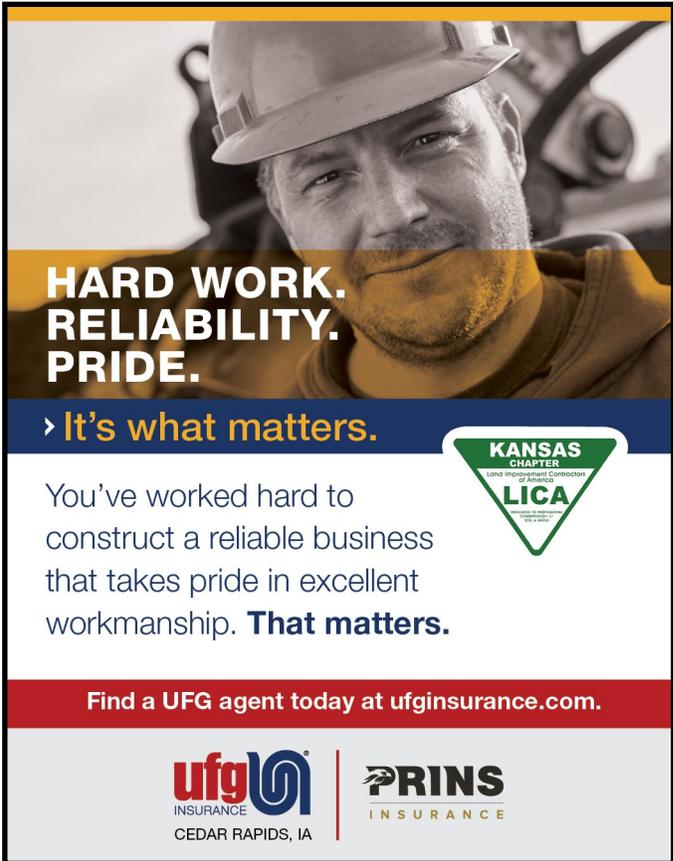


**Justin & Amy Rutz
Rutz Construction, LLC 5 Years**

The following donated items for the KLICA live auction at Convention this year. Many thanks for their donations which contributed to another very successful auction. Forty-five auction items with a few donations brought our auction total to \$9,030.

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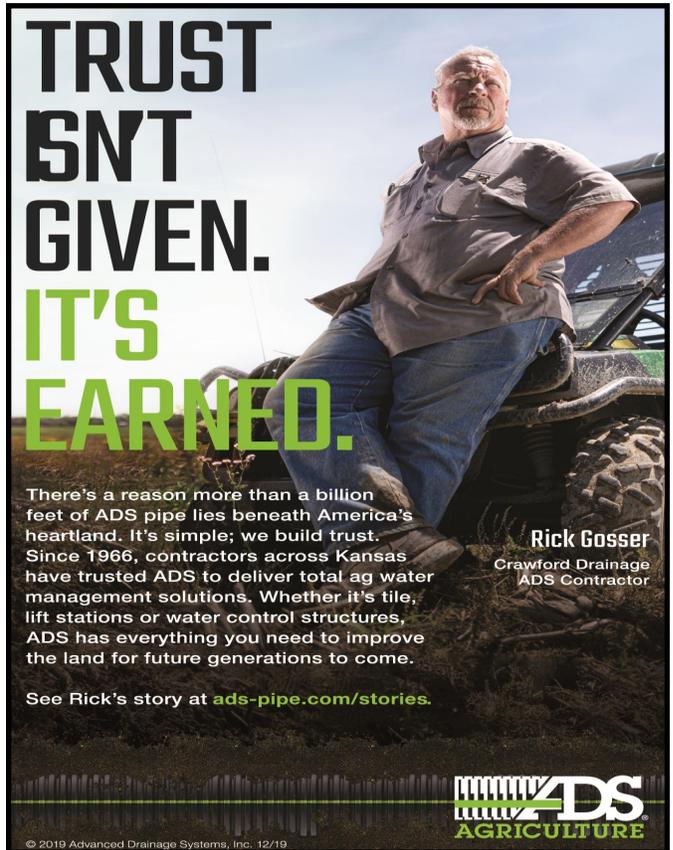
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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



The sun is making a feeble effort to shine, only a bit of snow left from last week's 2-3 inches. Like all you dirt movers, David and Lee are anxious to get back to work. They are in the shop this morning in their role as mechanics and fixer-uppers.

Some small jobs have been squeezed in between rains, ice, and the white stuff. Earlier they put 130 feet of overflow pipe in a pond that was built in the late '40s or early '50s. Rich New, one of Leavenworth County's early contractors, built it on the home place. The land remains as New Angus Farms. Brandon New called the finished work "phenomenal," an unusual compliment!

David had one burial lately, a sudden loss of one of our cows. Fortunately, her calf was sold for a 4-H project and went to a good home. An old friend, who realized such a loss hurts, would tell me, "Them that has must lose, and them that hasn't, can't." a lesson in life: if you don't take a risk, you never make any progress.

In the works of an old '60s song, "the times, they are a-changin'." We're seeing constant change in our area. Land less than a mile from us had been sold with the plan for seven more house sites. The city moves closer. Our narrow gravel road already has heavy traffic - 35 mph speed limit means nothing. Again, it is a "double edged sword,"

more work possible, more pasture and farm ground gone. Our roots are deep in the piece of land.

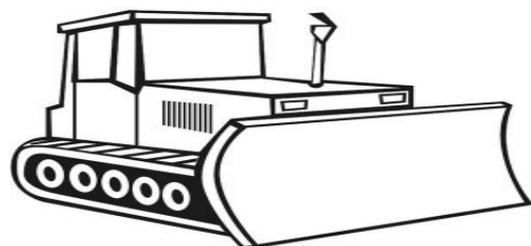
November and December hurried by. With our enlarging family, we get together in parts! A March wedding is planned for Lee and his Rachel, just down the road a piece in the Jarbalo U.M.E. Church. Two more "twigs" to add to the family tree, one in Montana, one near McLouth. Lots of blessing, much to celebrate.

Lloyd, David, and I recently went to the Wild Horse Cemetery for the burial of Irene White, Sharon Hartwich's mother. Sharon's parents lived in the McLouth area years ago. The ties remain and now they are "home." It was good to see Stan and Sharon though it was a cold afternoon. KLICA has certainly had many losses. My sympathy and caring to all. Jim O'Toole's death left a big hole in the lives of many. His was a life well lived and well loved. He surely "fought the good fight" with years of pain. He left big footprints in the land and people he loved.

It's time to put aside my pen, with noon approaching. Lloyd is working on a project in the basement. I have bread baking; that will help with "what's for dinner?" Cooking isn't a favorite job but I do like to make bread.

It's also time to put aside the mess in Washington, the coronavirus, the weather report, and the tax work. As one customer's favorite saying goes, "It is what it is." One of mine is, "It will work out."

Spring is coming, long working days ahead. May you all have "strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" and patience for "what it is!" that old adage "haste makes waste" is all too true, as well as, "the hurrier I go, the behinder I get!" Take care in the rush of long days, especially when a customer says, "Why weren't you here three weeks ago?" Until next time-





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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

Another convention is in the books. With new memberships coming in and plans being finalized for convention, January is a busy time for me and can result in some things getting set aside. I hope that hasn't been the case so much this year as my wife has pretty much taken over tracking membership duties. Although it's been stressful at times there are no restraining orders filed at this time. I was happy with convention as attendance numbers really picked up in January and we had right at 100 attendees for the Monday Memorial Luncheon and Associates Night Monday evening. The hotel facilities were nice and worked out well. If there's anything you would like to comment on, good or bad please let me know. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the SAVE Farm and hopefully a successful field day or two this Fall. Hopefully it will be a great summer for KLICA and all of you.



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In Memoriam

The KLICA family is sad to report the loss of two of our members. Our deepest condolences go out to the families of Loretta and Jim.



Loretta Jueneman was the wife of Wilbur Jueneman, Wilbur Jueneman Construction, Inc., Hanover, Kansas. Loretta passed away December 23, 2019 at the age of 86. Loretta is survived by her husband, Wilbur, three daughters, one son, 9 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.



James Sylvester O'Toole was owner/operator of O'Toole Construction, Girard, Kansas. Jim passed away February 5, 2020 at the age of 77. Jim is survived by his wife, Margaret, three daughters, and 10 grandchildren.

The following poem was written by Margaret Smelser after the passing of her dear friend Vida Mae Schell and was printed on the back of the 2020 Memorial Program. We think it is worth sharing with all.

*If I could send a letter
That would reach to Heaven's Gate,
I'd say again, "We love you"
Yet I know I have to wait.
There will be a day in Heaven
In that time which lies beyond,
With a "Welcome Home" you'll meet me,
With wide open arms respond.
Thanks for every prayer you've spoken,
Brought us through another day,
Helped us climb some rugged mountains,
God has heard you when you pray.
Oh, how rich I've been to know you,
And how blessed to call you friend.
How I'll miss your sweet voice calling,
Yet true friendship never ends.*

Margaret Smelser

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News & Notes

- A report from The National Weather Service indicates it may be another rough spring for the Northern Corn Belt. The report indicates a high risk of flooding again this spring in a region where the ground is already saturated. USDA Meteorologist Brad Rippey tells *Agri-Pulse* that adding a wet spring to already high river levels and snowpack offers a “three-pronged recipe” for disaster. “It’s only mid-February but given the forecast and antecedent conditions, we are looking at a broad area, especially across the northern Corn Belt, facing what would be the likelihood of fieldwork delays,” he says.

- The administrator of USDA’s Risk Management Agency, Martin Barbre, presented the latest numbers on 2019 prevented planting claims at the annual Crop Insurance Industry Convention. Farmers filed claims on 19.1 million acres, claiming indemnities totaling \$4.3 billion. That includes \$2.6 billion in benefits on 9.6 million acres that were supposed to be seeded to corn. South Dakota had the largest number of prevented planting acres, 3.9 million, followed by Illinois and Ohio at 1.44 million acres each. Missouri was next at 1.3 million acres.

- A group made up mostly of environmental organizations plans to sue EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers over the new “waters of the U.S.” rule, alleging the agencies did not properly consult with federal wildlife agencies over the impact the rule would have on endangered species. The EPA-Corps rule would categorically remove ephemeral streams from protection under the Clean Water Act, and limit protection of intermittent streams depending on their flow. “EPA’s action in repealing protections for categories of wetlands and other waters will have significant real-world impacts on those waters and the specific endangered and threatened species that rely on them,” the groups, led by the Center for Biological Diversity, say in their notice of intent to sue EPA and the Corps. The Center for Food Safety and several Waterkeeper groups also signed on.

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- **April 4, 2020**
KLICA Spring Board Meeting
M&R Grill
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- **July 7-11, 2020**
National LICA Summer Meeting
Sheraton Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls, New York
- **January 24, 25, & 26, 2021**
KLICA Annual Convention
Hilton Garden Inn
Salina, Kansas
- **February 9-13, 2021**
National LICA Winter Convention
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