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Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association

**Pre Convention Edition** 

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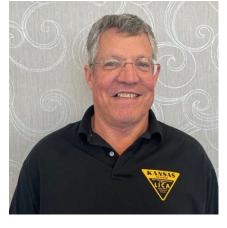
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Message:
Kent Henderson,
KLICA President

#### Greetings,

As we go into November it's pretty dry in Hays. It worked out for us that it stayed dry through October because of the job we had.

The landowner went through permitting a new waterway that was about a mile long, four to five feet deep, with a 25 foot wide channel.

Looks like a canal. It followed the old stream some, cut through a couple hills and cut through some flat areas. Mike Loflin brought his scraper over, so with two scrapers it moved right along.

If much rain had happened it would have gotten messy. Hitting it in a dry time really worked out.

Happy Thanksgiving,

#### Kent



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Don't leave convention without the latest in fashion style. KLICA has new caps that will be available for purchase at convention. Don't leave convention without the latest fashion sensation on the market. Available in green and a limited number of brown! Will be available for sale during convention.





72nd Annual KLICA Winter Convention & Business Meeting January 28, 29, & 30, 2024 Drury Plaza Hotel Broadview Wichita, Kansas

#### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

Sunday, January 28, 2024

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration

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3:00 pm

Budget & Finance Committee Mtg.

4:00 pm

Officers & Directors Board Mtg.

The Drury has complimentary drinks & snacks from 5:30—7:00 pm. Don't worry we'll still have a bar and light snacks at the tournament/reception.

6:00 pm

Cornhole Tournament Registration 6:30 pm

Cornhole Tournament & Informal Reception

This will be the 2nd year for our Cornhole
Tournament. While last years tournament had to
compete with the Chiefs game and Dueling Pianos
we think our competitors had a lot of fun and hope
we can improve on last years. I hope last years
champions—Bernie Peterson, William R. Peterson
Construction, Inc. and Luke Wiman, HeavyQuip of
Kansas are up for all challengers. This years
champions will again sign the back of the Official
KLICA Boards so I hope you are the ones to add
your names to our List of Champions!



#### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

Monday, January 29, 2024

6:00 - 9:30 am Breakfast - Drury Inn

#### **Red Cross Training**

7:00 - 12:00 Noon

Certified Training by the American Red Cross There will be a break offering an opportunity to visit with our Associate Exhibitors.

#### 12:30 pm Memorial Luncheon

Remembering those we lost in 2023 Norma Rae Faelber John Loflin

#### **General Session**

1:45 - 2:15 pm NRCS Report

2:15 - 3:00 pm

Electronic Design

NRCS & Modern Ag Inc.

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 - 4:15 pm

Kansas One-Call

5:30 - 6:30 pm

**District Meetings** 

The Drury has complimentary drinks & snacks from 5:30—7:00 pm. Have your committee meeting while enjoying a beverage and snack.

#### **Associates Evening**

6:30 pm

Social & Awards
Length of Membership
Contractor of the Year
Lady of the Year

Associate of the Year

7:15 pm

Auction

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#### **Ladies Programs**

Monday Morning: On Site 9:00 - 11:00

Wheat Weaving - Dianne Gardner will show the ladies the art of wheat weaving. Dianne and some of her wheat weaving colleagues will give a demonstration and teach you how to weave wheat into a design of your own to take home. They will also have some of their own items on hand for

purchase.



Monday Afternoon: Mark Arts Studio 1:30 - 4:00

The ladies will travel to the Mark Arts Studio where they will be treated to a tour of the facility. After the tour they will attend a Culinary Charcuterie Board Making Class. Snacks & beverages are allowed. Mark Arts is a vibrant arts hub in Wichita and the region providing opportunities to appreciate and create art in an atmosphere of lifelong learning.



If you plan to attend one or both of these sessions please let Kathy know at 785-221-2275 or include notice with your convention registration so we have an accurate count.

#### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:00 - 9:30 am Breakfast - Drury Inn

8:00 - 9:00 am Committee Meetings

10:00 - 11:30 Members Annual Business Mtg.

Noon - 2:00 pm Lunch and Tour Hosted by Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. 5255 N Deere Rd. Park City, KS 67219

Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. will host us at their corporate headquarters located just north of Wichita as you are going up I-135. We will again have another great door prize - you must be present to win.

Planned is a lunch at their corporate offices, followed by a welcome. After lunch we will tour their branch facility, Parts/Service/ Training Room, across from the corporate office.









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If you have a donation of an auction item(s) you would like to indicate at this time please list below:

Please contact Jon at jungerer@kansaslica.com or 785 221-8697 with any questions.

Cut-off date for reservations at the group rate is **December 27, 2023** to guarantee this price.

Auction Item(s):

Return completed form with appropriate payment by January 15, 2024 to: KLICA, Jon L Ungerer, 850 US Hwy 77, Marysville, KS 66508 (No refunds after January 15,2024)

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# Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association 72nd Annual Convention

Drury Plaza Hotel, 400 West Douglas Avenue, Wichita, Kansas January 28, 29 & 30, 2024 Attendee Registration Form

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Cut-off date for hotel reservations at the group rate is December 27, 2023 to guarantee this price.

Individuals must request code "10065853" group at the time of booking in order to receive the group rate of \$119.00 plus taxes

For hotel reservations please contact the Drury Plaza Hotel directly at 316-262-5000 or 800-325-0720

#### Daylight Saving Time's Impact on the Brain

Most of the United States alternates between standard and daylight saving time (DST) every year so people can enjoy the daylight more. Clocks were set back an hour on Sunday, Nov. 5, when DST ended, giving you an extra hour in your day. Although you may be excited about gaining an hour, DST can negatively impact your mental health and cognitive function.

The time change of DST can disrupt your body's circadian rhythm—the 24-hour biological cycle that regulates sleep, mood and appetite. As a result, many people struggle to adapt their sleeping schedule to the new time. It can take days or even a week to adjust to your new schedule, which can cause sleep deprivation.

Disrupted sleep can cause you to feel groggy, irritable and unfocused. It can also exacerbate existing mental health conditions, such as anxiety, depression, seasonal affective disorder, substance abuse and suicidal thoughts.

#### Adjusting to DST

You can prepare your mind and body for DST by altering your sleep time a few days before the clocks change. For example, you can adjust your wake-up time by fifteen minutes each day or postpone morning tasks for fifteen minutes to prepare your body for the adjustment.

After the time change, you can help recover lost sleep with extra naps during the afternoon. Additionally, you can use the change to evaluate your sleep hygiene. Remember that using technology (e.g., phones and TV) right before bed can cause difficulty falling asleep and reduce rapid eye movement (REM) cycles. Try reading a book, relaxing or meditating before bed to help yourself fall asleep.

You can also improve your sleep quality by exercising during the day. This will tire your body and help you adjust to an altered sleep schedule.

#### Conclusion

Helping your body prepare for the end of DST can reduce its impact on your sleep, mood and fatigue levels. Use the healthy tips in this article to reduce the impact of DST on your sleep schedule.

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#### John Clifford Loflin

June 15, 1928 -

September 11, 2023

John Clifford Loflin passed away September 11, 2023 at the age of 95. John was owner/operator of Loflin Earth Moving, Ogallah, Kansas, and a proud member of KLICA since 1968. John loved attending KLICA conventions and events. John loved the land, making new friends and had the most genuine smile and laugh. John served his country in the United States Navy prior to forming the Loflin Earth Moving soil conservation business. John is survived by his wife Irene, two sons, two daughters, a sister, seven grandchildren, and ten, soon to be eleven, great grandchildren. John's son, Mike, continues the business as Loflin Dirt Construction, Hays, Kansas. John was laid to rest, with Military Honors, on September 16, 2023 at Mount Hope Cemetery, Ellis, Kansas.







Throughout the years we had the opportunity to celebrate anniversaries with John & Irene at conventions.



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#### EPA and Army Corps Sign Coordination Memos on WOTUS

In September, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers released two joint coordination memorandums on jurisdictional determinations 1) under the 2023 waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule (as amended in September) and 2) under the "pre-2015 regulatory regime" that is in effect in the 27 states where the Biden Administration's rule is on hold. The memos outline similar processes for coordination, wherein EPA plays an active role. Neither memo provides insight on how the agencies will determine jurisdiction nor how they will implement the relatively permanent test. All draft approved JDs assessing wetlands under paragraph (a)(7) and other waters under paragraph (a)(3) of the 1986 regulations shall be coordinated at the local level in accordance with the procedures in this memorandum.

The memos outline the coordination process required for all draft approved jurisdictional determinations assessing certain wetlands and waters dependent on the applicable rule (pre-2015 regime or the 2023 rule). A summary of the coordination process is provided below.

- EPA region notifies the Corps whether they will provide comments on a draft approved jurisdictional determination (AJD). If yes, then comments need to be made within 10 business days.
- EPA region may choose to elevate the draft AJD within the 10 business day period to headquarters for review or guidance.
- If EPA region provides comments within the 10 business days, then the agencies must coordinate and make every attempt to resolve any issues. Any meetings must be held within the 10 business day coordination period. After the initial coordination, the Corps may pull the draft AJD for reconsideration or the Corps may provide EPA region with a revised draft AJD. During this step, EPA may choose to elevate the draft AJD to headquarters or notify the Corps that they can proceed with the AJD.
- If a draft AJD is elevated to headquarters (HQ) then EPA HQ and Corps HQ will have 10 business days to coordinate. If a mutual decision is made, then headquarters may provide guidance for the local region and district to proceed. If no mutual decision is made, then EPA provides guidance and the Corps district will need resubmit a revised final AJD describing how EPA's guidance was applied.
- EPA retains ultimate administrative authority to construe geographic jurisdiction. EPA HQ may notify the Corps that it plans to make a project-specific jurisdictional decision covered by the draft AJD. This decision would be binding.
- An AJD issued after consideration of HQ-level guidance received through the coordination process is an appealable action.

#### LICA Members Benefit

National LICA has received another benefit for our members. BigIron has partnered with LICA to host quarterly Focus Auctions, offering LICA members special rates with no added fees. BigIron will host quarterly auctions throughout 2024 with an initial auction in December, 2023. Below is the general information for this benefit along with an ad for the December, 2023 auction. Additional ads will be updated for the 2024 auctions. Information on this benefit is also now found on the National Website LICA Members Benefit page:

https://www.licanational.com/#member-link

Thank You BigIron for partnering with LICA.







#### Scholarships





#### **KLICA Contractor Family Member Annual \$500.00**

If you're a KLICA Contractor Member and have a family member who will be in college next school year don't miss out on this opportunity to get them some assistance. This scholarship is available annually. KLICA Scholarship Applications need to be submitted with all requested materials by March 15, 2024. An application may be found on the KLICA Members webpage.

https://kansaslica.com/members



#### NCK Technical College **Heavy Equipment Operator Annual \$1,00.00**

If you are thinking about becoming a heavy equipment operator and wish to attend a Vo-Tech school the North Central Kansas Technical College has a 'Heavy Equipment Operator' program. KLICA has partnered with NCK to fund an endowment scholarship for this program. As an endowment scholarship this scholarship will be available annually. Selection made by NCK Technical College. Please contact the NCK Technical College for additional information: https://ncktc.edu



#### **NCK Technical College Diesel Technology School Year 2024 - 2025 \$500.00 Lloyd Smelser Memorial**

This scholarship is available for the 2024 - 2025 school year for the Diesel Technology program at the North Central Kansas Technical College. It is given in memory of Lloyd Smelser, long time member of KLICA and believer in a knowledge of diesel mechanics. Selection made by NCK Technical College. Please contact the NCK Technical College for additional information: https://ncktc.edu



#### Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association Scholarship Application

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Company Name of current KLICA Contractor Member:		
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Applicant Signature:		Date:

#### Application Requirements/Instructions:

#### Include this completed form and the following -

- A single page essay which describes your academic, vocational, and personal goals and objectives explaining why you think you should receive this scholarship.
- Your college transcripts which shows your year in school and major course of study. If a college freshman include high school transcripts.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation. These can be from school staff/employers/community leaders who are familiar with you and your skills/abilities.
- 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.

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#### On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser



A quiet afternoon, an unusual time for me to start this - what temperature change we sweatshirt!

Welcomed my niece and

nephew from Wiggins, CO and then Jeannie came. Sunday is "Homecoming" at Stanwood Church, With our country and the world is such turmoil it's where we were members for many years. Other hard to look ahead to Thanksgiving and Christmas. family members are coming.

at least it's a little break, for both.

An unexpected shut down at the site they've been working on at Springdale, close to the church. (Land had been divided into 10 acre plots.) they had it. It is not shameful to admit we need help. finished a building pad 130 foot wide by 300 foot Smile, open a conversation, it's easy for me to do. long, for a green house, and smaller pads. Somehow Could be the only smile for that persons day. I've the land has become a spot for an archeological dig - met some interesting people in a waiting room by something historical. There are stories about the smiling and speaking. Life is too short to frown all "Underground Railroad" for escaping slaves on their the time! way to Canada. The Friends Church was known to Enough of my sermonizing - faith, hope, and assist them. Whatever, it's going to be interesting. strength for the days ahead. Blessings All! David and Lee hadn't uncovered anything special, just dry dirt! Possibly Indian artifacts - a first for them.

David recently met Brian Lange from Melvern, at our local mechanics shop. He came clear up here with a D6 with a final drive problem - a long way to go to a repair shop. Randy, of Seber's Field Service has done a lot for us, and is a good friend. He's overrun with work and has trouble finding reliable help.

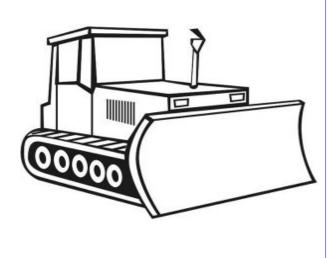
Sadness came into our lives again, when Jeannie's Jerry lost his hard fought battle with lung cancer on August 20. With Hospice care and his devoted family he was able to be at home. I call their little farm "The Happy Place", their family loves to gather there.

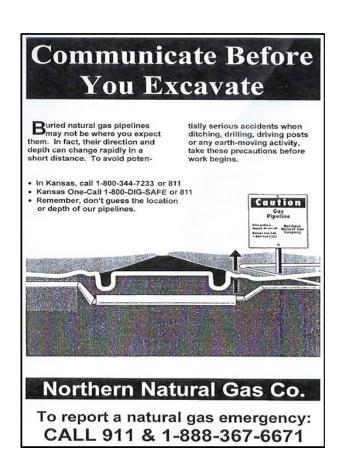
A short time before, my beloved friend, 97 year old Trule Smith was "released" from her wheelchair, how I miss her on Sunday morning - a great inspiration.

We have a new "crop" of calves to sell, hopefully tomorrow - to Rezacs at St. Marys. And some cull cows. Still have some grass, plenty of hay, but ponds are low.

are having. I turned the I've had some really good response to my book, our furnace on early, and surgeon friend who did so much for Lloyd, used one changed from a t-shirt to of my poems, called "Love Is", in a pre-med class at KU. If anyone is interested, get in touch, for a very minimal cost and postage I will send you one. I'm still writing - it helps in the lonely times.

I read more about the problems so many are having David & Jean are taking a short trip, Jean mentioned in ag and small business, heard so many are battling Omaha. It's not easy for David to take time off, but depression and financial problems. Donna Sullivan, editor of Grass & Grain wrote concerning this crisis stress and mental health. Quoting "Tell Your Story Now, Today" - someone's life may be dependent on







#### 2024 National LICA Winter Convention



Virginia Beach isn't just an idyllic summer destination – our coastal charm remains just as magical when the winter weather rolls in. U.S. adventurers, jet setters, and vacationers are heading to our seaside sanctuary this season – and according to Tripadvisor, Virginia Beach has become one of the fastest growing domestic destinations users are searching for.

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#### Christmas Tree

This Christmas bring the outdoors into your house with an Eastern Red Cedar Christmas Tree. Using a Cedar Tree for Christmas has many advantages;

- They smell wonderful and will fill your house with the scent of Cedar.
- The Cedar scent repels insects—thus the use of cedar chests to store clothes and protect them from moths.
- Free they dot the landscape in Kansas.
- With water they will easily last a month staying green for the entire holiday season.
- Cutting a Cedar Tree down rids your, or your neighbors, pasture of an invasive tree that without proper management will take over our native grasslands. Cedar Trees use an incredible amount of water and removing heavy infestations will actually restore stream flow.

Some of my best memories as a young boy were the annual Christmas Tree cutting. The entire family would go walking through a pasture looking for the right tree. Many years we would take our shotguns and would always jump a covey or two of quail, providing an opportunity for one or more of us to brag about our wing shooting abilities over Christmas Dinner. We continued this tradition with our boys who still utilize Cedar Trees for Christmas.

So try something new this year and take your family on a Christmas Tree walk through a pasture searching for just the right Christmas Tree. If you don't have any ask your neighbor or local farmer/ rancher - let them know you will cut down 6 or 8 while you're out there and you will make extra

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#### Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

As we move into winter we continue to have some things going on with KLICA that are exciting and beneficial to our chapter and the industry. As you saw in this newsletter our Endowment Scholarship with the North Central Kansas (NCK) Technical College will start this next school year, 2024 - 2025. The Board has also designated another \$500 scholarship through NCK Technical College to be awarded to a student in their Diesel Technology Program. This scholarship will be in honor of Lloyd Smelser. I know I've said it before but I'm really excited about these scholarships being provided by KLICA. The KLICA Board also has plans to again have their Spring 2024 Board Meeting at the NCK facilities. At this meeting we have plans to present each student with a t-shirt and first aid kit sponsored by KLICA and Prins/UFG. The front and back of the shirt is pictured on this page.

I'm excited about convention this year. Although there will be a few logistical changes to contend with I think it will be worthwhile. The facilities at the Drury Inn should allow our Convention Exhibitors an excellent set-up with maximum exposure to convention goers as they move around to events. One thing to be aware of is we will not have sit down breakfasts this year. The Drury Inn provides daily breakfast buffets we will take advantage of. This will also allow those attending the Red Cross training to eat an early breakfast before the training begins at 7:00 am. This years Memorial Luncheon we will remember two very long time KLICA family members. In my short time with

KLICA I've had the opportunity to meet and get to know many members. When one passes they are no longer just a face or a name to me but someone I've come to consider a friend. Monday evening the Drury Inn sponsors a hot food reception with a bar which will allow those in District Meetings an opportunity to enjoy something to eat along with a cold drink during their meeting. Our hope is all convention attendees will have the opportunity to take advantage of these amenities hosted by the hotel prior to Associates Night. Not to worry we will still have the bar at Associates Night along with snacks. Kathy has again arranged for a couple of ladies programs that should be enjoyable for those attending. She puts in a lot of time searching for these programs so I hope the ladies find them entertaining and pleasurable.

On Tuesday afternoon to close out our 2024 convention we will be the guests of Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co. for lunch and a tour of their Wichita facility. Last year we had the opportunity to be the guests of Foley Equipment Co. in Topeka. I love these opportunities for our associate members to host contractor members at their facilities. You can never get too many opportunities for this kind of interaction between our members. I hope our associate members feel it is beneficial for them.

Second Dues Notices will be going out - please have your dues paid by Dec. 1, 2023.

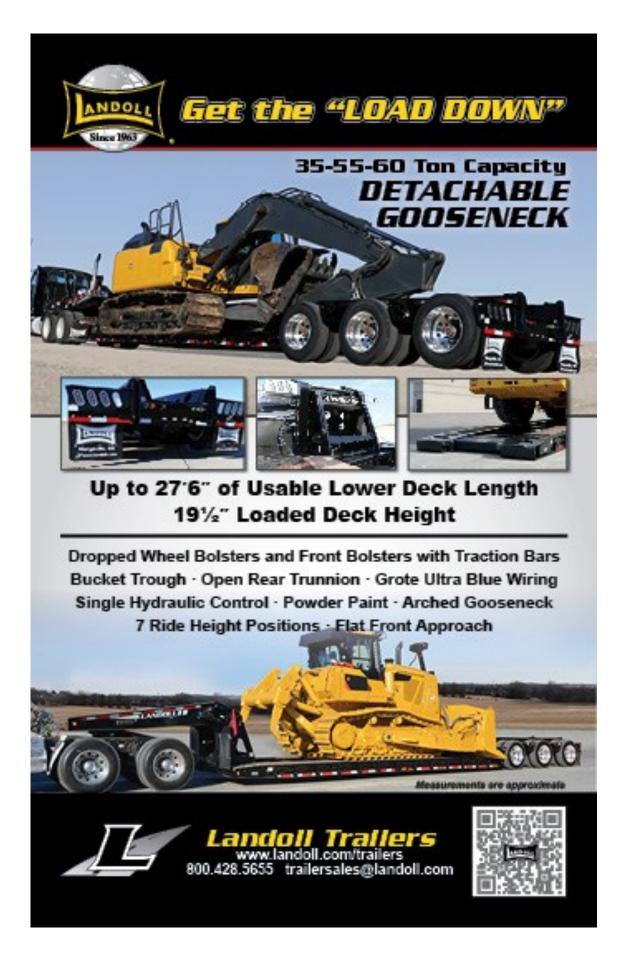
As always please let me know if there is anything you need.













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#### Important Dates for your Calendar.....

- January 28, 29, & 30, 2024 KLICA Winter Convention Drury Inn Wichita, KS
- February 13 17, 2024
   National LICA Winter Convention
   Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
   Virginia Beach, VA

