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KLICA Provides SAVE Farm Assistance

On September 19 and 20 a number of KLICA members volunteered their time and expertise to complete on the ground improvements of the SAVE farm. This work included the repair of a pond emergency spillway, placement of a culvert for a stream crossing, extension of a stream crossing culvert, and tree removal for livestock operation facilities and power lines.

This work enables the short term needs of the SAVE Farm to be met. Combine access to cropland, swather access to alfalfa, construction of livestock handling facilities, and preservation of a large pond are all now possible and ensured through this work. Machinery for this work was provided by Foley Rental, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., and PrairieLand Partners. Rock was provided by Bayer Construction Company and fuel by PRINS/UFG. After crops come off the fields next year KLICA plans to have additional work days, this time making one day a field day including the opportunity for associates to come and promote their products or services. The focus of land improvement will be installing a new tile terrace system on the largest of the SAVE Farm cropland fields. Due to the current condition of the dated and ineffective terrace system on this field it is difficult to farm due to erosion. KLICA looks forward to providing these updates for the SAVE Farm and our nations hero veterans.



KLICA members who generously donated their time and expertise.

Thanks to Bayer Construction Company for the rock and PRINS/UFG for fuel.



Machinery to get the job done generously donated by Associates and Partners. Thanks

to Foley Rentals, Murphy Tractor & Equipment, and Prairieland Partners.

THANK YOU!!!



President's Message: James Fenwick, KLICA President

So summer has come to an end and I still have work to do from last summer. It has been an interesting summer to say the least! We just had a field day for the Save Farm in Manhattan and I know a lot of you wanted to be there but just couldn't. Even so, I would like to thank those of you who could make it even if it was for just one day. I would also like to thank our associates who gracefully supplied us with some nice equipment to get the job done. It's always good to do work with people who know how to get a job done and it was fun! Maybe next time we can get more people involved.

So fall is in the air and we all know that means corn harvest, deer season, the holidays and fun with family. Don't forget to winterize your equipment. I really don't have too much to say so I hope to see all of you in Salina for our winter convention. I hope you all have a safe and productive fall and enjoy the holidays to come with those you love.

James Fenwick



KLICA wishes all members a bountiful Fall and Happy Thanksgiving. We hope you all enjoy some time with your families.



Happy Thanksgiving!

Welcome New Members

The Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association continues to grow and we want to welcome the following new members. Thank you for joining and we look forward to years of mutual benefit to your business and KLICA.

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Rambling Thoughts of an Executive Director

First a confession, my wife (Kathy) says not to point this out but, I'm late getting this newsletter out and I apologize. It's been a busy Summer and Fall for me and I still procrastinate worse than ever. Kathy is going to start assisting me with the every day paperwork of membership and other activities of KLICA so I'm going to challenge myself to do a better job with other tasks - newsletters, getting out to visit members, etc.

As you can see KLICA did some land improvement for the SAVE Farm this Summer! We couldn't have asked for much better weather for the two work days and I know the KLICA members who volunteered their time had long lists of jobs needing their attention at home. Even knowing that they took the time to give their time and expertise to this effort. I enjoyed every minute of both days watching them work and provide long term benefits to an effort to improve the lives of our nations veterans. So I'd like to say Thank You to them and to our associates and partners who provided the machinery, materials, and fuel to accomplish this work.

The plan is to have a field day on the farm next Fall when we complete a tile outlet terrace system for them on their large field of cropland. I hope to make this a big event and will be looking to members, both contractor and associate, NRCS, partners, and many others to assist with making this a successful day. Hopefully we can generate some interest in KLICA and bring some new members in, both contractor and associate. And all while helping the SAVE Farm and our veterans.

While we're on the subject of new members if you know of someone, either contractor or associate you think would make a good member feel free to get me their contact information and I will give them a call or stop in and see them. While we always have a need and desire for additional contractor members I think there is an opportunity for us to grow our associate members also.

Fall and harvest are looking a lot like spring and planting. The weather is going to make it interesting. Here's hoping everyone has a safe and successful fall harvest and gets it wrapped up in time to enjoy Thanksgiving with their families.

As reported below we lost three members since our last newsletter. After being around for awhile now and getting to know more members I've personally got to meet and know some of the members KLICA has lost this past year. They have become more than just members to me, they have become someone I know personally, and someone I'd gladly call a friend.

In Memoriam

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

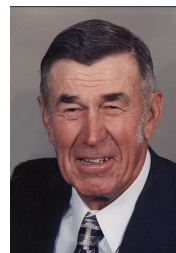


Brad Lee Marten owner/operator of Marten Dozing and Excavating, Onaga, Kansas passed away July 28, 2019.



Irene Ann Pacey wife of Larry Pacey of Pacey Construction, Ellsworth, Kansas passed away August 30, 2019.

Merle LeRoy Lietz owner/operator of Lietz Construction Company, Paxico, Kansas passed away September 12, 2019.



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Jeff and Marsha Schell of Schell Farm & Construction, Inc. were the lucky winners of the Kansas State Wildcats football tickets at last years Associates Night Auction. They attended the Kansas State University vs. Baylor University football game on Oct. 5, 2019. Although the outcome of the game wasn't what we'd hoped for they enjoyed a fun tailgate with good food and cold beer before the game. Thanks to Jeff & Marsha for their purchase of these tickets and support of KLICA - this could be YOU next year!



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**Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association
2020 69th Annual Convention
Salina Hilton Garden Inn**

Join us next year for the KLICA 69th Annual Convention on
January 26, 27, & 28, 2020
at the Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, KS

**Make your room reservations now by calling 785-309-0440.
KLICA room rate of \$109.00 available till January 10, 2020.**

Don't show up for the Convention Undressed!

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If you have any questions or problems please let me know.

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
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 January 26, 27, & 28, 2020
 Registration Form

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(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.)

Forms may also be emailed to jungerer@kansaslica.com with payment to follow.
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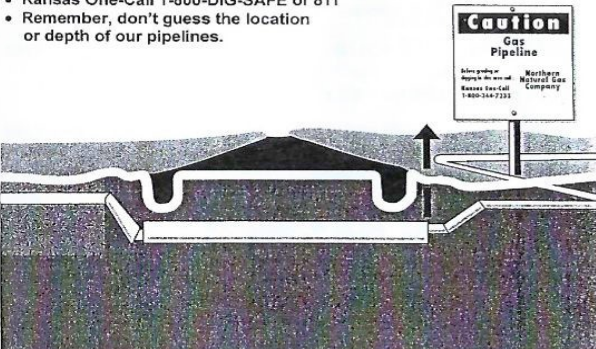
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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade

by Margaret Smelser

Looking at the walls of Room 220 in Lawrence Memorial Hospital, is quite a different view than from our kitchen table. Lloyd is going through another battle (as Tom Selleck says in that aggravating commercial), "It's not our first rodeo!" Excellent care, great staff, lots of prayers. Always, caring family and friends.

David and Lee are doing "catchup" in this dry spell. The usual variety of jobs with plenty ahead. They have been at the "Ponderosa" finishing up the clearing and burning the brush. Sadly, their work there may be ending,

as Bob, one of our best customers, lost his battle with cancer, too many years of heavy smoking. Now that beautiful acreage is in limbo. Bob and his wife moved across the road from us about 30 years ago from an "oil patch" in Kentucky. A smart businessman, he went from an employee to owning oil wells and a cattle herd on his own "Ponderosa". He called us mom and pop and David "little brother." Only 64, far too young. What a loss.

On a recent job, David did the finish grading inside a 30 x 40 building. Sort of "after the fact". Something out of the ordinary. Early one evening David and Lee did an "emergency" mowing at the Wild Horse Cemetery. The previous caretakers had sadly neglected his job and it looked like a hayfield. Now, it is being taken care of. A beautiful sacred country cemetery, the name comes from a near by spring where wild horses came to drink.

On October 6th after the "Homecoming" at the old country church, there will be a memorial service for my beloved sister. She will be "home" again after many years in Colorado. She was my friend, my buddy, my protector. And oh, how we could argue. I was the pesky little sis. We spent hours riding our horses and singing the old cowboy songs our dad loved. Deep faith, strength and character were evident in her life.

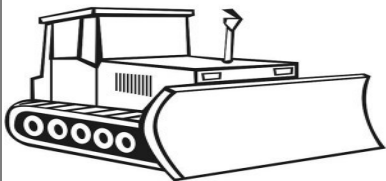
Sad news to hear of the passing of Merle Lietz - a great and talented gentleman. He and Nora - such a gracious couple.

Lest I sound all "doom and gloom" there is always much to be thankful for. Love and support of friends and family, abundant grass for the cattle, the hay finally put up, and strength for our days ahead.

Though names and faces change in KLICA, I hope all of you we haven't met feel you know us through my efforts. We're all just "down to Earth folks."

Take care, count your blessings, tell your family you love them and "hey, you did a great job."

Until later.



P.S. Good news, no surgery for Lloyd, soft food tomorrow!
Yeah!

Lloyd went home September 21st. Thank You Lord!

National LICA

2020 National Winter Convention & CONEXPO

The 2020 National LICA Winter Convention will again be in Las Vegas this year. The Convention will be at Harrah's Hotel & Casino and will run from Saturday, March 7 through Monday, March 9, 2020. Once again CONEXPO will follow the LICA Convention and will run from Tuesday, March 10 through Saturday, March 14, 2020. Information is available on the updated National LICA website. <https://www.licanational.com/> Did you catch that word "updated"?

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SAVE Farm Workday Photos



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Completed repair.
Rock here and on culvert crossings provided by Bayer Construction Company.



Working on the narrow crossing a combine can't get through with the header on.



Completed with culvert extension and room to clear the header.



A crossing to reach the alfalfa field.



Cleaned up headquarters and roadway to allow for power line installation.



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