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President's Message:

Hello to all from Marshall County!

2016 has flown by faster than an F-15 fighter jet! A lot has happened in the past year, not only in the Schell household, but, also in KLICA. First off, Marsha and I were blessed with two grandchildren this year, Isabel Lorane Sharp and Barrett Louis Schell. In December our son, Justin, and his wife, Micala, moved back to Marysville. They purchased a business in town, and Justin also will be helping out on the farm and with the construction business.

In October, the KLICA Board of Directors hired our new Executive Secretary, Jon Ungerer. Jon has hit the ground running, and is doing all he can to make our association strong. This brings me to our winter convention, which will be held in Topeka on January 29th and 30th. I truly hope that we can get a large turnout at our convention this year. We need to have an influx of our new and younger members to help this organization grow and prosper. I hope you will come to the convention to meet Jon and welcome him to KLICA.

I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2017! Hope to see you in Topeka!
Work safe!

Jeff Schell, President



Kansas Land Improvement Contractors Association
2017 Annual Convention
January 29 & 30, 2017
Capital Plaza Hotel

The 2017 KLICA Convention is coming up the end of January. It's not too late to register and be a part of this event. This is a great opportunity to meet other KLICA members and learn what is happening in the industry. See page 3 for Convention Schedule.

Registration for the entire convention prior to January 16, 2017 is \$150.00 per registration. This includes all meals and meetings. After January 16, 2017 and on site the cost is \$160.00.

Please complete the information below and mail it to:

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For hotel rooms please contact the Capitol Plaza Hotel directly at 785 431-7200.

When you register for the 2017 KLICA Convention you agree that any photography taken of you during the Convention or Convention activities is the property of KLICA and can be used by KLICA in communications and other uses.



2017 KLICA Convention Schedule

Sunday January 29

9:00 a.m.	Budget Committee mtg
10:00 a.m.	Officers and Directors mtg
10:00 a.m.	Registration Opens
Noon	Buffet Lunch
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.	General Session
3:00 p.m.	Associate Members mtg
5:00 p.m.	Associate Social, Awards, and Auction

Monday January 30

8:00 a.m. - Noon	General Session
Noon	Memorial Lunch
1:00 p.m.	General Session
2:30 p.m.	Annual KLICA Members mtg
5:00 p.m.	KLICA Social & Awards Dinner

The Sunday night auction will feature many great donated items. The money raised through the auction benefits your organization so bring an item for the auction and take two home!




NATIONAL LICA WINTER CONVENTION and CONEXPO-CON/AGG

The National LICA Winter Convention will be March 4-6, 2017 at Harrah's in Las Vegas Nevada.

CONEXPO-CON/AGG and the co-located IFPE exhibitions will be March 7-11, 2017 at the Las Vegas Convention Center. LICA is proud to co-locate with CONEXPO-CON/AGG; which spotlights the latest technologies and products along with the best practices for the construction, construction materials, and fluid power/power transmission/motion control industries.

This year's CONEXPO is offering a record number of educational sessions — 143. Eight of these educational sessions are sponsored by LICA in the Earthmoving and Site Development and Safety and Regulations Tracks.

See the National LICA website for additional details along with registration and other information.



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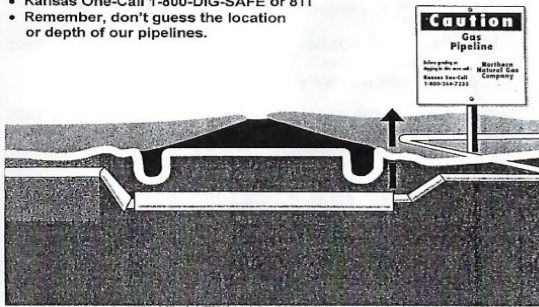


The members of KLICA send condolences to the family of Ellis "John" Graham Jr. of Graham Conservation Contractor, Reading, Kansas. John passed away November 29, 2016.

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On the Other Side of the Dozer Blade by Margaret Smelser

The day after Christmas and I saw the setting sun behind the bare hedge row. (Kansas sunsets are especially beautiful). Today was above freezing and clear, yesterday was dismal and very foggy. A mixed up winter is predicted.

Today has been quite after yesterdays houseful. I listened to some favorite CDs on my gift, a radio/CD player. One of my favorites that survived the fire 'God is there "For All the Days That End in Why" has a lot of meaning for me. We've had so many "why" days which are a part of everyone's life.

After church our house filled with family, friends, food and fellowship. Our bunch does loud well. A good day, great grandson Weston at 9 months was all smiles.

Work for David Lee came to a halt with below zero, bitter cold days. If the mild temps continues they'll be back on the big pond they've cleared for. It's been an extra busy fall, much better than last year. Jobs continue to be varied—David had his first multiple burial—horse/dog/chickens. Not his favorite work.

David & Jean had to make the sad decision to give up their beloved dog, Smokey. He's been David's partner for 11 years, often on the job. Cancer plays no favorites and we'll all miss him.

As the next few days of 2014 wind down I count our blessings. Lloyd is doing well, after his tough summer. He is always busy, choring etc. Our pastor told us yesterday to keep Christmas every day, and it often takes so little to brighten someone's life. This world has a whole lot of hurting people.

We've survived the election, cattle prices are some better. There's a New Year ahead! As Tiny Tim said in the Christmas Carol "God Bless us Everyone!" Hope to see you in January.

In the last newsletter you read that changes were taking place at KLICA as Penny Hughes was leaving her position as Executive Director. I have accepted the position vacated by Penny. I was a career employee with the USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service and have recently retired after almost 33 years. I worked in numerous counties across Kansas and never regretted my career choice because of the people I had the opportunity to work with — conservation contractors and ag producers. I would like to thank the KLICA Board of Directors for trusting me with this chance to continue working for them and Penny for helping me to transition into this position.

As you probably know by now I'm from Marysville, Kansas — 850 U.S. Hwy 77 to be exact. The 850 was left off the first correspondence you received from me and the post office would like me to correct that oversight! My family is my wife Kathy who works for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program here in Marshall County; son James who works for NRCS in Manhattan, KS; son Jeremiah, an Inventory Management Planner, for Payless Shoes Corporate Office in Topeka, KS; and son Jared who is moving back to Kansas after 5 years in the Marine Corps and will be going to wind energy school in Wichita, KS. Coming with him will be his wife Macy and our grandson Jaxson. Soon after the first of the year we will gain another daughter in law, Amie, and grandson, Alec, when James gets married. Spending time with our sons, their wife, soon to be wife, girl friend, Brandy, and our grandchildren is important to us. Kathy and I also hope to take more trips on our Harley now that I'm retired. I like to fish and hunt and have a small acreage where as the boys say I like to spend time piddling. I don't like to miss watching Kansas State University sports — especially football tailgates.

I look forward to meeting the contractor, associate, and special members of KLICA and hearing your thoughts and ideas about how I can help the association. Penny did an excellent job for 10 years and I welcome any assistance/help you can provide to aid me in continuing that work. It's the members that make any organization what it is and my time with NRCS has already shown me what great individuals make up KLICA. I'm looking forward to assisting you with your ideas to make KLICA the best it can be.

Jon L. Ungerer
Executive Director

"I saw all the people hustling early in the morning to go into the factories and the stores and the office buildings, to do their job, to get their check. But ultimately it's not office buildings or jobs that give us our checks. It's the soil. The soil is what gives us the real income that supports us all." - Ed Begley, Jr.



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Important dates for your calendar.

- **January 29—30, 2017**
KLICA Winter Convention
Capitol Plaza Hotel
Topeka, KS
- **March 4—6, 2017**
National LICA Winter Convention
Harrah's Hotel
Las Vegas, NV
- **March 7—11, 2017**
CONEXPO-CON/AGG
Las Vegas Convention Center
Las Vegas, NV
- **July 11—16, 2017**
National LICA Summer Convention
Elegante Hotel
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