



Missouri LICA NEWS

April/May, 2004

Our Winning Vivian!!



← **Sandy Welker, CNA, (left) helps Vivian Limback, Missouri LICA, celebrate being named "Contractor Wife of the Year at the National LICA Winter Convention in Lexington, Kentucky.**

At the 2004 National LICA Winter Convention, Vivian Limback was named the "Contractor Wife of the Year." We are so very proud of Vivian and completely understand how much she deserved this award. Below is an excerpt from what Sandy Welker, CNA, read when she presented Vivian with the award:

As the wife of Roger Limback, owner of Limback Drainage, Vivian has dealt directly with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices in both Higginsville, Mo and Marshall, MO. She has an understanding of the complexities of conservation work based on over 30 years of experience. When all of the other members of the company are in the field, Vivian has no trouble responding to technical questions. She is knowledgeable about and comfortable with equipment and tile. Occasionally, when there is a need, Vivian can install tile with the best of them!

Vivian Limback understands that the future of conservation rests with young people. She encourages students to apply for the scholarships offered by the MLICA Ladies Auxiliary, instructing students on what they should know about conservation, if they intend to devote themselves to this work. The Missouri Auxiliary has distributed \$21,000 in educational scholarships and Vivian has been a significant participant in raising those funds.

"Basically, she is the backbone of the business," according to her son, Brent Limback, himself part of the business. On a day-to-day basis, Vivian is the entire office support staff. She does all of the paperwork; handles all of the tickets, billing, payroll, taxes; fields questions from customers and suppliers ... everything! She knows exactly what restrictions apply to the company, what can and cannot be billed. Her daughter-in-law, Angela Limback says it simply, "Roger would not be as successful as he is without Vivian!"

Vivian is very active in her church, Trinity Lutheran. She invests herself in the Guild, doing whatever it takes to help. As a member of the Funeral Committee, she meets the needs of the bereaved, providing food and comfort. She enjoys bible study. When asked to provide information about her mother-in-law, Angela attested to Vivian's total character. "God broke the mold when he made Vivian. I couldn't be more blessed with a giving, caring, considerate mother-in-law." Rounding out her approval of Vivian, Angela wants it understood that Vivian is no wimp! "She stands her ground!"

"Vivian" >p2

Who Is Missouri's Best Backhoe Operator?

The answer to that question was discovered at the Missouri LICA 2004 Backhoe Rodeo Competition ... Leon Gann, Stewartsville, Missouri! Leon competed at the Chillicothe event with a total time of 4:13:75 ... that's 4 minutes, 13 seconds, and 75 100th seconds!!

With invaluable help from Oscar Cooke, Pat Cooke, and the whole staffs of Cooke Sales and Service at Chillicothe, Sedalia, and Fulton, it's safe to say the Backhoe Rodeo was a success! The weather, of course, didn't want to cooperate, but just like the invitation said, "When has that ever stopped us?!"

Cooke Sales & Service provided the equipment, locations, staff to work the events, lunch for all attendees, a skid loader event complete with prizes, and helped with the promotion! Now, it's our turn to thank them ... when you are looking for equipment, parts, repair, etc. ... who should you call? COOKE'S! Remember, our relationships with our Associates only work when we support them as much as they support us!

We would be remiss if we didn't also acknowledge the support we received from Agri Drain Corporation. Their generosity allowed us to really add some zip to the prizes. Each location had a First, Second, and Third place winner; then there was a Grand Prize winner overall. Agri Drain donated coupons to each of these winners.

We also want to thank all the Missouri LICA members who helped set up the challenges before the events, re-set the challenges during the events, stored the "games" after the events, served as time-keepers, welcomed the participants, cleaned up after the luncheon and events, and shared the benefits of Missouri LICA with the attendees. Thank You!! We couldn't have done it without you!

Approximately 250 people attended the Backhoe Rodeo, with over 75 contractors competing and almost 40 of those registering their times. On top of that, the event received a full article in the "farm issue" of the Mexico Ledger and was covered by two television stations, one of whom is producing a feature story. What great name recognition! Now, all we need to do is follow up on that by asking some of these attendees to join Missouri LICA!

There are pictures of the backhoe rodeo included on page 6 of this newsletter, but if you'd like to see more, visit our website at: www.MLICA.org!



A Note From Our President



As Judy Wilson's father used to say, "The dirt gets deep this time of year." Well, I hope this letter finds everyone busy and prosperous, but not so busy they don't have time to read this newsletter.

As far as our Backhoe Rodeos went, I thought they were a success. I want to thank all of you that helped. It can't be done without people. Hopefully, we can hold another one next year. Congratulations to all the winners!

I especially want to thank Nelson Wilson for covering the Field Day at Boone County Fairgrounds for me. And special thanks for those that helped him - Brad Kleinsorge, Roy Baker (one of Nelson's employees), and Phil Wilson. As I understand, it rained through most of it. But we (LICA) were ready and willing to do our part.

Hope to see everyone at the Summer Meeting in Hannibal, August 7th. It should be a blast! Keep your powder dry!

Eddie

P.S. Remember ... membership, membership!

Iowa LICA Field Day July 23 & 24



On behalf of the Iowa LICA, I would like to invite all of the contractor and associate members belonging to Region IV LICA, to join us at our field day event on July 23 and 24. We have campsites available at the site. [Headquarters Motel: AmericInn, Osceola - 641-342-9400; tell them you're with LICA. \$79 rate good until June 1st. Other Motels: Best Western (641-342-2123, \$59/night); Days Inn (641-342-6666; \$63/night; & Super 8 (641-342-6594; \$50/night).

It might be a good idea to line up a bus for those who would like to attend from your state. We are expecting 400 to 600 people at the event. Backhoe rodeo, pond construction, terraces, tiling, antique equipment, safety programs, pipeline explosion, trench cave-in evacuation. The list goes on and on. If it fits your schedule I'm sure it will be worth your while to attend. Hope to see you there. Any questions, you can phone me at 641-394-5062 or email me at billort@iowatelecom.net. Please let me know how many are planning to attend and if you plan to camp.

Bill Ort, ILICA Field Day Coordinator

Vivian *(Continued from page 1)*

Vivian has been a valuable member of MLICA and the MLICA Ladies Auxiliary. She has served on every Auxiliary committee at one time or another and Auxiliary President for two terms. In Missouri, the Auxiliary plays a prominent role in the whole association's functions and Vivian has been instrumental in both organizations. She has always been ready to help when asked, and she has been asked a lot!

She has written skits for the Winter Convention attendees' entertainment; served as a one-woman day-care center for the children of our new, young contractors so that their wives have a chance to meet other Auxiliary members; assumed sole responsibility for bringing in the Auxiliary's charter members for a celebration and remembrance of its 30th anniversary; wrote a history of the Auxiliary and its accomplishments; and represented the Auxiliary at the MLICA Board Meetings. In addition, she has been an invaluable resource for the Executive Director - from the very first convention that Executive Director ever planned straight through to this year's celebration.

MLICA can rely on Vivian to support whatever is going on. She and Roger are faithful attendees of LICA and MLICA functions. In 2002, she won the National LICA raffle's First Prize ... a skid loader. By the time it arrived, she had tee shirts made proclaiming, "Viv's Skid Loader Service." What's more, she donated its use to the successful MLICA 2000 Wetlands Field Days.

Again, Congratulations, Vivian! You sure deserve the recognition. Thank you so much for all you do for Missouri LICA!

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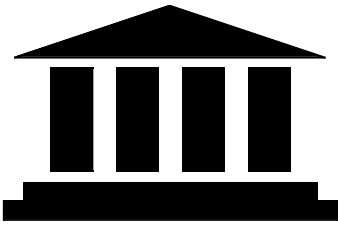
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News From The Missouri Capitol

The following bills are currently being debated before the Missouri General Assembly. If you believe they are important to your business, speak up!! Call your Representative and Senator to voice your opinion. If you would like to follow the progress of these bills, visit the Missouri Government link on the MLICA website (www.MLICA.org), or contact the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001).

SJR 47 - 1/10th Soil, Water & State Parks Sales Tax

At the time of this newsletter, this bill is tentatively set for a Committee hearing on April 29. Below is a brief summary:

This resolution submits to the voters, an amendment to the Missouri Constitution changing Section 43(a) of Article IV, so that the conservation sales tax would be reconsidered by a vote of the people every ten years.

[Editor's Note: The General Assembly is considering an amendment to place the issue on the ballot approximately 1-2 years before the tax expires, allowing for the possibility of another vote before the tax expires. However, this bill is not expected to make it to the Governor's desk this session. The current tax will expire in 2008. Until this or similar legislation is passed, there is no guarantee the legislature will place the issue on the ballot for renewal. A Citizen's Committee will meet on April 29 in Jefferson City to discuss the potential initiative petition process for the next renewal. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Missouri LICA state office @ 573-634-3001.]

SCS/SB 757 - LIC License

This act modifies the definition of "driveaway operation" and "driveaway operator," as well as addressing the mileage limits of the Land Improvement Contractor (LIC) License. At the time of this writing, it is scheduled for the House Consent Calendar on April 26.

Here's the language which relates to the LIC License:

The act extends the area for certain land improvement contractors' commercial motor vehicles from 25 miles to 50 miles.

SS/SS/SB 718 - Small Business Impact Statements

This bill has been voted Due Pass out of the House Committee. Below is a brief summary:

This act requires state agencies which are proposing rules to determine whether the proposed rulemaking affects small businesses and to prepare a small business impact statement. A small business is defined as a for-profit enterprise consisting of fewer than 50 full or part-time employees. The provisions of this act shall not apply to emergency rules, federally mandated rules, any rule that substantially codifies existing federal or state law, or to constitutionally required rulemaking by the Department of Conservation.

HCS/SB 739 - Regulatory Impact Report

This bill is currently in conference. Below is a brief summary:

This act requires a regulatory impact report of the rules of the hazardous waste, soil and water, petroleum storage tank insurers, land reclamation, safe drinking water, air conservation, and clean water commissions and funds.

1. The regulatory impact report shall contain a qualitative and quantitative impact report regarding the rule. The impact report shall be published in at least one newspaper and be filed with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

The act also provides that the burden of proof shall be on the boards or commissions promulgating rules to prove that the rule is necessary to prevent the specific circumstance or condition that would cause harm to human health, public welfare, or the environment.

The act requires that the Department of Natural Resources submit all permits to the applicants in ample time for their final review before public comment. If the Department denies the permit, they must state the reasons for the denial.

[Editor's Note: These summaries are prepared by the Research Staff of the Missouri House of Representatives and are used by permission.]

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Using a free consultation service largely funded by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), employers can find out about potential hazards at their worksites, improve their occupational safety and health management systems, and even qualify for a one-year exemption from routine OSHA inspections.

The service is delivered by state governments using well-trained professional staff. Most consultations take place on-site, though limited services away from the worksite are available.

Primarily targeted for smaller businesses, this safety and health consultation program is completely separate from the OSHA inspection effort. In addition, no citations are issued or penalties proposed.

It's confidential, too. Your name, your firm's name, and any information you provide about your workplace, plus any unsafe or unhealthful working conditions that the consultant uncovers, will not be reported routinely to the OSHA inspection staff.

Your only obligation will be to commit yourself to correcting serious job safety and health hazards -- a commitment which you are expected to make prior to the actual visit and carry out in a timely manner.

How To Get Started

Because consultation is a voluntary activity, you must request it. Your telephone call or letter sets the consulting machinery in motion. The consultant will discuss your specific needs with you and set up a visit date based on the priority assigned to your request, your work schedule, and the time needed for the consultant to adequately prepare to serve you. OSHA encourages a complete review of your firm's safety and health situation; however, if you wish you may limit the visit to one or more specific problems.

Opening Conference

When the consultant arrives at your worksite for the scheduled visit, he or she will first meet with you in an opening conference to briefly review the consultant's role and the obligation you incur as an employer.

Walk Through

Together, you and the consultant will examine conditions in your workplace. OSHA strongly encourages maximum employee participation in the walk-through. Better informed and more alert employees can more easily work with you to identify and correct potential injury and illness hazards in your workplace. Talking with employees during the walk-through helps the consultant identify and judge the nature and extent of specific hazards.

The consultant will study your entire workplace or the specific operations you designate and discuss the applicable OSHA standards. Consultants also will point out other safety or health risks that might not be cited under OSHA standards, but nevertheless may pose safety or health risks to your employees. They may suggest and even provide other measures such as self-inspection and safety and health training you and your employees can use to prevent future hazardous situations.

A comprehensive consultation also includes (1) appraisal of all mechanical and environmental hazards and physical work practices, (2) appraisal of the present job safety and health program or establishment of one, (3) a conference with management on

findings, (4) a written report of recommendations and agreements, and (5) training and assistance with implementing recommendations.

Closing Conference

The consultant will then review detailed findings with you in a closing conference. You will learn not only what you need to improve, but also what you are doing right. At that time you can discuss problems, possible solutions and abatement periods to eliminate or control any serious hazards identified during the walk-through. In rare instances, the consultant may find an "imminent danger" situation during the walk-through. If so, you must take immediate action to protect all employees. In certain other situations that would be judged a "serious violation" under OSHA criteria, you and the consultant are required to develop and agree to a reasonable plan and schedule to eliminate or control that hazard. The consultants will offer general approaches and options to you. They may also suggest other sources for technical help.

Abatement and Follow Through

Following the closing conference, the consultant will send you a detailed written report explaining the findings and confirming any abatement periods agreed upon. Consultants may also contact you from time to time to check your progress. You, of course, may always contact them for assistance. Ultimately, OSHA requires hazard abatement so that each consultation visit achieves its objective -- effective employee protection. If you fail to eliminate or control identified serious hazards (or an imminent danger) according to the plan and within the limits agreed upon or an agreed-upon extension, the situation must be referred from consultation to an OSHA enforcement office for appropriate action. This has rarely occurred in the past.

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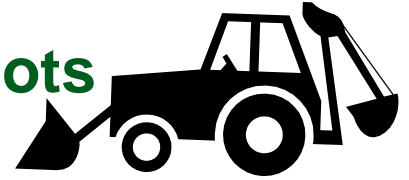
- Help you recognize hazards in your workplace
- Suggest general approaches or options for solving a safety or health problem
- Identify kinds of help available if you need further assistance
- Provide you a written report summarizing findings
- Assist you to develop or maintain an effective safety and health program
- Provide training and education for you and your employees
- Recommend you for a one-year exclusion from OSHA programmed inspections, once program criteria are met.

The On-Site Consultants Will Not:

- Issue citations or propose penalties for violations of OSHA standards.
- Report possible violations to OSHA enforcement staff.
- Guarantee that your workplace will "pass" an OSHA inspection.

[Editor's Note: This article was prepared by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). If you would like more information, please contact www.osha.gov or call the Missouri LICA state office.]

Backhoe Snapshots



↑ *MLICA President Eddie Gilmore (left) congratulates Grand Prize Winner Leon Gann on a job well done!*

Cooke Sales & Service had lots of equipment for the competitors to test their skills! →



↑ *One of the highlights was the wonderful luncheon served by Cooke Sales & Service!*



↑ *Even our future contractors got into the act!*



↑ *MLICA volunteers and competitors get their "marching orders" from District #3 President John Houston!*



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Updates For Your Directory

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Ken and Carol Balkenbusch have a new address. It is: 162 County Road 401; Linn, MO 65051. The phone numbers remain the same.

Page 7:

Please add Doug Davis; Davis Farms; 3311 County Rd. 48; Fillmore, MO 64449; District: 1 County: Andrew; Phone: 816-487-2031.

Page 9:

Jerry Heath has moved. His new information is: Jerry Heath; Custom Dozing; Box 104-6; Harwood, MO 64750; District: #1 County: Vernon; Phone: 417-876-1414; Mobile: 417-876-8720.

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Jeff Lance has an additional email address. It is: dirtape@ponyexpress.net.

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Roger & Kenna Levings have a changed their email address. It is: levings@tarkio.net

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The St. Joseph information for Cooke Sales and Service was mis-printed in the directory. The correct contact information is: Cooke Sales & Service; MLICA Contact: Phil Noel; 4814 South 169 Highway; St. Joseph; MO 64507; Phone: 816-233-2545; Fax: 816-233-5725; Mobile: 816-390-5200.



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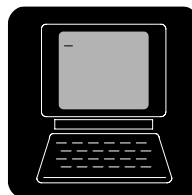
The Challenge



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**Chick Ackers,
District #4
"models" this
old Caterpillar.
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next newsletter
and find out!**

Bob Parks wants to know who owns the oldest piece of equipment in Missouri LICA. And, who owns the oldest piece of equipment still used in your operation.

If you have an old, beloved piece of equipment, take a picture, send it to the Missouri LICA office and we'll print it in the next newsletter! [Please send along a little note telling us how old it is!!]



More eGovernment

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced the availability of an electronic Customer Statement, as part of the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) electronic government (eGovernment)

initiative. "eGovernment solutions will be a major focus for USDA this year." said Veneman. The Customer Statement allows USDA customers to view:

- Participation and application status in various conservation programs,
- Payments associated with commodity and conservation programs,
- Information on farm loans, and
- Conservation plan and land unit information.

In January, USDA unveiled a new design of the USDA website, which is the first phase in efforts to make the website more powerful and accessible to USDA information and science. Features will continually be added throughout 2004, such as the Customer Statement, and culminating in August with the launch of 'MyUSDA.gov' to provide a customized version of the USDA homepage for individual users based on their unique needs. To view a Customer Statement, users can visit www.usda.gov and click on the Customer Statement button.

Attention Ladies!

Would you please send your email addresses to the MLICA office at: MLICA@aol.com? Please put "Auxiliary" in the subject line to make sure your email doesn't get accidentally deleted!

We'd like to be able to keep in touch with you as the Ladies Auxiliary makes its plans for children and spouse activities at the Summer Meeting and Winter Convention. Thank you!!



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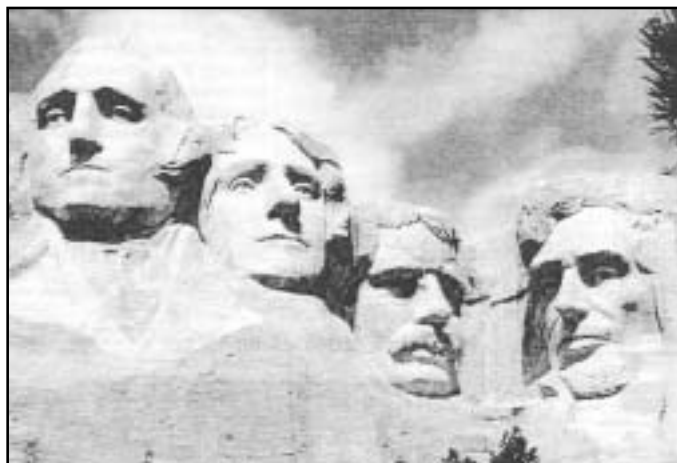
Work consists of construction of seven retarding structures consisting of approximately 29.5 AC of clearing and grubbing; 23,190 CY excavation; 126 LF 6" diameter welded steel pipe; 552 LF 8" diameter welded steel pipe; 277 LF 12" diameter welded steel pipe; 141,700 CY earthfill; 8,809 LF heavy duty barbed wire fence; 37.2 AC seeding and mulching; 10 TN temporary mulch cover and 4 stock watering systems. Estimated price range: \$250,000 to \$500,000. Bid Opening Time: 10:00am; May 21, 2004.

Worth County:

Work consists of construction of a single purpose floodwater retarding structure including approximately 27,500 CY of common excavation; 110,000 CY of earthfill; 798 CY of drainfill; 2,500 CY of rock riprap; 74.4 CY of concrete; 9,483 LB steel reinforcement; 270 LF of prestressed concrete pressure pipe; 27,100 SY topsoil; 17.2 AC of temporary seeding and mulching; 28 AC of clearing and grubbing; 2,150 LF of farm field fence; 839 LF PVC plastic pipe. Estimated price range: \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Bid Opening Time: 10:00am; May 10, 2004

Sullivan County:

Works consists of approximately 20.9 AC clearing and grubbing; 138 LF 6" diameter welded steel pipe; 436 LF 8" diameter welded steel pipe; 150 LF 12" diameter welded steel pipe; 17,496 CY excavation; 110,916 CY earthfill; 10,466 LF barbed wire fence; 30 AC seeding and mulching; 2,100 LF 1 1/4" diameter plastic stock water pipe; 6 livestock water valves; one rock chute; 205 SY geotextile; 330 TN rock riprap. Estimated price range: \$250,000 to \$500,000. Bid Opening Time: 10:00am; May 25, 2004.



Come See Mount Rushmore!

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