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MLICA Heads West for the Winter!



The Missouri Land Improvement Contractors are heading west for its 2008 Winter Convention ... well, at least as "west" as Columbia! On January 11 & 12, 2008, members of Missouri LICA will gather at the Holiday Inn Select to share some memories from 2007, learn a thing or two about working smarter, and celebrate the beginning of a new year. We invite you to join in the "western" fun!

Our generous Company Associates will host the Exhibit Hall on Friday night with door prizes, great food and some fine beverages. Then, on Saturday night, we'll head out west and challenge your "ropin' and ridin' skills. Just how good a cowboy are you? Come dressed for the fun!

Our education topics will include an update on CDL and tie-down requirements, 401 and 404 permits, why ponds leak, and an update on the NRCS EQIP program and DNR Soil and Water Program.

We're finalizing the speaker list and will have details in the mail to you soon. In the meantime, why don't you make your hotel reservations? We've negotiated a discounted rate of \$69.95 (plus tax and a \$1.95 service charge per night). You can make your reservation by calling **1-800-HOLIDAY (1-800-465-4329)** and ask for the group block "LIC." The hotel will hold this special rate until **December 27, 2007**. After that, rooms will be reserved on a "space available" basis and at the regular rate. If you must cancel your reservation, you will need to call the same number before 6:00pm one day prior to your scheduled arrival.

So, rustle up your cowpokes, the little woman, and the hired hands ... then head west with LICA for the best Winter Convention ever!!

Proposed One Call Changes

Missouri LICA has been participating in meetings with other excavating associations and the staff at Missouri One Call to review some proposed changes to the one call legislation currently on the books.

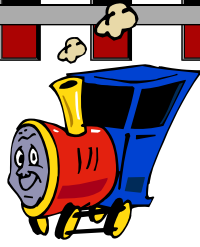
There are several areas being addressed, including the two-day time-frame for a one call notification, what happens when a locate isn't made within the required time, the agricultural exemption, how future installations will

mark utilities, and when a notification ticket is considered "closed," to name a few. The exact language for the proposed changes is still being determined.

If you would like a copy of the proposed changes and would like to work with other LICA contractors during the upcoming Missouri Legislative Session, please call Debbie at the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001). We need your help!

Welcome Aboard!

We'd like to welcome the following members to Missouri LICA ... and thank the current LICA members who signed them up! Why don't you take a few minutes and personally welcome them to our association?



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From the Dash of the Dozer ...

Greetings All,

I don't have much to talk about, other than our attempt at a Strategic Planning Meeting and a Board Meeting which were in competition with the beautiful fall weather ... and the weather won. With only four members attending, there was not a quorum. So, we had a nice visit and went home with a lot of unfinished business.

I would like to encourage all members to get involved and stay involved because this is OUR association. The more you put in, the more you will get out of it.

That being said, our Winter Convention is being held at the Holiday Inn Select in Columbia on January 11&12. It sounds like it will be a lot of fun, with the theme being Old Western. So put on your best Matt Dillon costume (OK, some may want to go for the Festus look). And the Ladies will look stunning as Miss Kitty. I hope to see everyone of you there.

Milburn Davis
MLICA President

Directory Updates

Virginia and Melvin Beckemeyer have a new email address. It is mitgin@embarqmail.com.

Altorfer CAT has a new MLICA contact. He is **Derek Altorfer**; Altorfer CAT; 2600 6th St. SW; Cedar Rapids, IA 52404; Ph: 319-365-0551, xt 203.

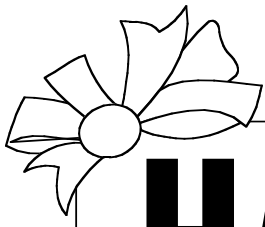
Andrew County Soil & Water District has a new MLICA contact. She is **Kami Hubach**. All other contact information remains the same.

Steve Champlin has a new cell number. It is 660-464-0219.

Mo-Ag Industries Council has a new name. It is **Missouri Agribusiness Association**. All other contact information remains the same.

Prinsco, Inc. has a new MLICA contact. She is **Elizabeth VanDerBill**; Prinsco, Inc.; 1717 16th St. NE, 3rd Floor; Willmar, MN 56201

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

November

02 Larry LaFollette
 03 Philip Sayer
 05 Olin Struchtemeyer
 Bennie Young
 06 John Bestgen
 11 Angela Johnston
 13 Barbara Alexander
 15 Arlene Hill
 17 Gene Bell
 18 Gladys Wyatt
 20 Greg Alderson
 25 Clint Levings
 26 Ryan Dobson
 28 Helen Kleinsorge
 30 Diana Kelly

December

01 Bob Cretzmeyer
 06 Butch Cooper
 08 Loretta McClanahan
 09 Dana Rackers
 10 Larry Slayden
 12 Caryl Lance
 18 Steve Milne
 19 Norman Boone
 20 Terry Guinn
 21 Eric Levings
 22 Paul Jacquin
 23 Rod Schottel
 27 Roger Limback
 28 Mike Hern
 29 Randy Acker
 Ralph Bailey
 30 Phillip Mather
 31 Sarrah Dobson

January

03 Shirley Scott
 05 Jay Thoroughman
 09 Carie O'Neill
 10 Pat Turpin
 12 Larry Walters
 15 Philip Kirkpatrick
 Alice Walters
 19 Phil Wilson
 Coleen Yoder
 25 Grant Matthews
 26 Jerry Koechner
 27 Jim Collins
 29 Jeff Schnieders

February

01 Gerald Wyatt
 02 Sandra Fuller
 05 Caelene Lance
 10 Greg Fuller
 John Houston
 12 Ken Kauffman
 13 Matt Walter
 15 Nelson Wilson
 16 Darren Woods
 17 Mona Bledsoe
 Lester Rufenacht
 18 Roger Hinck
 Laura Thompson
 20 Carol Zink
 21 Jim Bledsoe
 26 Bruce Tague

The Dividends Are Out!

Over \$30,000 in premium dividends was distributed to Missouri LICA members for their 2006 participation in the LICA Safety Insurance Group. If you believe you were entitled to a dividend and did not receive it, please contact Debbie at the MLICA office (573634-3001).



If you haven't done so yet, today would be a good day to review your insurance needs, what your policy covers, and whether or not you should move your coverage. Whether you are a member of the LICA Safety Insurance Group or not, you should review your insurance coverage annually. So, do it today!

The Stickers Are In!



Are those MLICA stickers on your equipment and truck looking a little tired? Well, MLICA has now got a whole new supply! And, for our members, they're FREE! Just call Debbie at the MLICA office (573-634-3001) and we'll get them in the mail to you!

We're Counting On You!

The Missouri LICA 2008 membership year began on October 1, 2007. If you have not renewed your dues yet, please do so today! We're counting on you!



This coming year, there will be new legislation proposed which relates to the One Call system. Your voice is important to make sure the proposal addresses your concerns. If you aren't a member of an association, your voice won't be heard. Missouri LICA is the only association representing the small, family-owned contractor in Missouri. So, please take this time to renew your support ... as we support your business!

And, to our Associates and Supporting members ... we need you, too!

Does This Make Any Sense?

The following article was written by Charles Kruse, Missouri Farm Bureau President and is reprinted with permission of the Missouri Farm Bureau.



Charles Kruse

When I first heard the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) had plans to dump 24 million tons of soil into the Missouri River, I thought it was a joke. It may sound far-fetched, but it is true.

The federal government via the Corps and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is proceeding to dump the equivalent of a million truckloads of soil into the Missouri River. In an unbelievable display of arrogance, these agencies argue a “paradigm shift” has resulted in the need for more sediment in the Missouri River under the auspices of an experiment to improve shallow water habitat for the pallid sturgeon.

The Corps and USFWS plan to construct 22 “chutes” along the Missouri River. These chutes are dredged ditches allowed to erode to approximately 300 feet in width. A \$3.7 million chute being constructed near the town of Arrow Rock will be 1.85 miles long. All told, the Missouri River Mitigation Project is expected to exceed \$1 billion in tax dollars over a 20-year period.

This intentional muddying of the Missouri River is in sharp contrast to three decades of state soil conservation efforts.

In the early 1980s, Missouri had the second highest rate of soil erosion in the nation. Missouri Farm Bureau helped convince voters in 1984 to adopt a 1/10th cent state sales tax, with half of the revenue earmarked for soil conservation and the other half for state parks.

Since then, continuation of the programs was approved on two different statewide ballots. In 2006, Missouri voters approved the programs for another 10-year period by a margin of 3-to-1. The sales tax generates approximately \$41 million annually for Missouri soil conservation programs, which also require farmers to provide costshare funding.

By all accounts these statewide soil conservation programs are a success. Farmers and all Missourians are proud of what they have accomplished and our efforts are recognized as a national model.

Missouri soil erosion has fallen by more than 50 percent from 10.9 tons in 1982 to 5.3 tons per acre per year of cultivated cropland in 2003. It is estimated more than 158 million tons of soil will be saved over the life of soil conservation practices since the start of the program.

That brings us back to the Corps’ dubious experiment.

How can it be acceptable for federal agencies to intentionally dump soil in a Missouri river when individuals can be fined for far less?

How do we in Farm Bureau explain to our members and other citizens who worked so hard to pass the soils and parks sales tax that their work was not in vain?

Why shouldn’t farmers, who have invested their own dollars and who must comply with federal restrictions on soil erosion, feel upset with the double-standard of these federal agencies?

Paradigm shift or not, shouldn’t these federal agencies understand the importance of finding alternatives that do not require millions of tons of soil to be dumped in the Missouri River? And where are the so-called environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club? Why haven’t they expressed their outrage?

Elected officials ask themselves why there is such a lack of faith and a lack of trust by the American people in their government. There is no better example than what the Corps and USFWS are doing.

The lack of common sense exhibited by the Corps and USFWS, apparently with the approval of the Environmental Protection Agency, makes me wonder if saving an endangered species is the real intent. The real purpose of the mitigation program may well be to purchase as much land along the Missouri River as possible and to shut down river transportation.

The Corps has the responsibility of managing the navigable rivers of the United States of America, and I’ve testified before the Corps stating that somewhere along the way they lost sight of their real objective.

The Missouri River can be managed for multiple uses, including habitat preservation and commercial navigation. With our aging highways and bridges, and with growing demand generating record fuel prices, turning to more efficient, safer river navigation is essential.

So, here are Missouri taxpayers and farmers reaching into their pockets to help prevent soil from eroding into the state’s waterways, only to learn that money coming from another pocket is being used to fund federal agencies intentionally doing the exact opposite — dumping millions of tons of soil into the Missouri River. Where has our common sense gone?