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# MISSOURI LICA NEWS

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The Land Improvement Contractors of America started in Missouri in 1941. So, we are hosting the 75th Summer Meeting in Kansas City. If you've never attended a LICA Convention, this will be a great one to get your feet wet! Come for all of it or a part of it ... but come join in the fun!

### Attention Missouri LICA Volunteers ...

If you haven't done so already, give Debbie a call (573-634-3001) and give her your t-shirt size, as well as the time(s) you will be on hand to welcome our National LICA guests. We need volunteers ...

**Tuesday** - Big Brutus Tour

**Wednesday** - Water, Water Everywhere Tour

**Thursday** - Greeters for our guests, assistance for the seminar speakers, car-pool drivers for the Culinary Adventure, set-up/tear-down for the Associate's Night (Exhibit Hall), assistance with the Associate's Night games

**Friday** - Greeters for our guests, car pool drivers for the KC Royals Game or other individual activities in the evening

**Saturday** - Greeters for our guests; set-up/tear down for the Safety Challenge and LICA Cook-Off; time-keepers for the Safety Challenge; and assistance with the OSHA Forklift Certification, Equipment Demo, and Equipment Rodeo

*So, please give the office a call and let us know  
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*Don't forget ...*

*The Hotel reservation cut-off: June 27*

*The LICA Early-Bird Registration cut-off: July 1*



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# Member News

## On a Personal Note ...

On the first day of our Winter Convention in 2007, my mother, Odie, got sick and I was not able to attend the Convention. From that day to today, the members of Missouri LICA have stood by me, offering constant support.

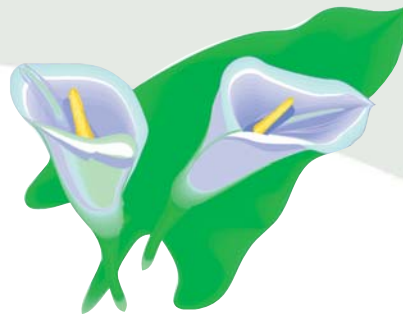
When I moved out to mom's home to take care of her - LICA was there to move my belongings. When her needs exceeded my abilities and she had to move into a nursing home - LICA was there to move mom into the nursing home and me back into my home. When her health would fluxuate and I couldn't attend a meeting or a project was later than expected - LICA was there to fill in for me, offer me kind words of encouragement, and allow me to be late.

And, when mom passed away on March 26 - LICA was there. The cards, letters and phone calls were so very kind and came at a time when I needed the support. In addition, I want to thank the Ladies Auxiliary for the beautiful flower arrangement, the District 5 members for the commemorative plaque, and the individuals who sent contributions to the Rape and Abuse Crisis Service, a very important volunteer project for mom. All of these are a reminder to me of how lucky I am to be a part of LICA's very special family ... and I am truly grateful.

Many of you may remember mom's workshop, "The Little Red Wagon." She got a kick out of presenting that workshop and often commented on the warm reception she received from LICA members. She loved LICA as much as I do and was so honored to be invited to the celebration of my 10-year anniversary, as well as to share her 80th birthday with several members.

I will never be able to repay the kindness and support which LICA has shown me over the last nine years, but I hope you will accept this as an attempt to say, from the bottom of my heart - Thank You!

**Debbie**



## *With Sympathy*

Irene Koechner passed away on March 28, 2016. She was the widow of Melvin Koechner and mother of Jerry Koechner, long-time members of Missouri LICA. Condolences may be mailed to Jerry Koechner; P.O. Box 531; Cameron, MO 64429.

Leslie Hoer lost her mother on April 7, 2016. Leslie is the widow of Phil Wilson, the daughter-in-law of Judy & Nelson Wilson, and a LICA Auxiliary member. Condolences may be mailed to Leslie at 1015 Robinhood; Mexico, MO 65265-1169.

## In Phil's Honor ...

We want to thank the following people for their generous contributions to our *LICA Memorial Scholarship Fund* in honor of Phil Wilson. We know their contributions will be gratefully received by a deserving student.

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# 1/10th Cent Soil, Water, and State Parks Sales Tax Renewal Vote ... November 8

As this newsletter goes to print, Missouri LICA and its members have raised over \$9,000 in support of renewing the 1/10th Cent Soil, Water, and State Parks Sales Tax which funds our state cost-share program. Thank you to the following members who have stepped up to help support this effort. **If your business benefits from this sales tax, it's not too late to help.** Please send your check, made payable to the "Citizens' Committee for Soil Water and State Parks," to MLICA at 1101 West High Street; Jefferson City, MO 65109.

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|-------------------|------------------------|
| Jim Bledsoe       | Jake Gingerich         |
| Steve Milne       | Melvin Beckemeyer      |
| Bob Parks         | Dennis Brinton         |
| Bob Cretzmeyer    | Jeff Lance             |
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And, a very special 'THANK YOU' to RoadBuilders Machinery & Supply, Co. and Winter-Dent & Company ... two Associate members who have also shown their support for our members and their customers by making a donation.



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**Contractors**

**Tristan Dennis; Brittani**

Dennis Excavating LLC  
Rt. 62, Box 2462  
Mansfield, MO 65704  
Ph: 417-830-6195  
Em: tristandennis@live.com  
MLICA District: 5  
Missouri County: Wright

**Work Categories:** *Excavating/Grading*  
**Equipment:** *Backhoe, Dump Truck*

**Jason Evans**

Jason Evans Excavating  
517 Whetstone Way  
Jackson, MO 63755-3087  
Cell: 573-703-3135  
Em: racin88jason@aol.com  
MLICA District: 6

Missouri County: Cape Girardeau  
**Work Categories:** *Excavating/Grading*  
**Equipment:** *Dozer, Excavator*

**Gary Hamilton**

Gary W. Hamilton Excavating Services  
19346 Monroe Road 249  
Paris, Missouri 65275  
Ph: 573-473-4815  
Em: gwhamilton@live.com  
MLICA District: 2  
Missouri County: Monroe

**Work Categories:** *Drainage/Irrigation, Earthmoving/Land Clearing, Erosion Control, Excavating/Grading, Land Leveling, Landscaping, Ponds/Dams*  
**Equipment:** *Backhoe, Crawler Loader, Dump Truck, Excavator, Skid Steer, Trencher*

**Mark Morgan; Ashley**

Mark Morgan Dozing  
19893 Route JJ  
Holliday, MO 65258  
Cell: 660-651-9442  
Em: ammorgan@mcmsys.com  
MLICA District: 2  
Missouri County: Monroe

**Work Categories:** *Earthmoving/Land Clearing, Excavating/Grading, Land Leveling, Ponds/Dams, Terraces/Waterways*  
**Equipment:** *Dirt Pan, Dozer*

**Contractors (Continued)**

**James Owens**

Owens Built Properties Inc.  
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Kansas City, MO 64190  
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Em: jowens25@kc.rr.com  
MLICA District: 1  
Missouri County: Platte

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MLICA District: 4  
Missouri County: Vernon

### **Tara Schrage, Barry**

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Cell: 660-341-7995  
Fx: 660-423-5145  
Em: taradawnschrage@gmail.com  
MLICA District: 2  
Missouri County: Knox

**Work Categories:** *Drainage/Irrigation, Earthmoving/Land Clearing, Excavating/Grading, Land Leveling, Open Ditch Work, Ponds/Dams, Reclamation, Road Boring/Drainage, Sewer/Water/Underground Utilities, Site Prep./Development, Trucking/Hauling*  
**Equipment:** *Dozer, Dump Truck, Excavator, Grader, Scraper, Skid Steer*

### **Colby Vifquain; Anne**

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Grain Valley, MO 64029  
Ph: 816-806-5565  
Em: colby@icongrading.com  
MLICA District: 3  
Missouri County: Jackson  
**Work Categories:** *Excavating/Grading*

## Associates

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Web: [www.LakenanInsurance.com](http://www.LakenanInsurance.com)

### **Risk Consulting Partners**

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at the  
**2016 LICA Summer Meeting**  
**July 19-23, 2016**  
**Kansas City**

## Agenda (Note: Times may change slightly; check your program when you register.)

### Tuesday, July 19

8:00am - 5:00pm Big Brutus Tour  
 6:00pm Executive Committee

### Wednesday, July 20

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Water, Water Everywhere Tour

### Thursday, July 21

8:00 am - 8:45 am LICA Benefits  
 9:00 am - 9:45 am "A Flood of Rules, Regulations, & Legislation"  
 10:00 am - 10:45 am "Drones for Contractors"  
 11:00 am - 11:45 am "Why OSHA Is Up In the Air Over Your Forklift"  
 1:00 pm - 1:45 pm "Watch the "Fine Print" When Buying Insurance"  
 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm Culinary Scavenger Hunt & Adventure Tour  
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm "Protecting Your Assets"  
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Associates' Night (Sports-Themed Exhibit Hall)

### Friday, July 23

7:00 am - 7:30 am Devotions  
 7:00 am - 7:30 am Committee Chairs  
 7:30 am Opening Breakfast

### Friday, July 23 (Continued)

**Committee Meetings**  
 8:45 am - 9:45 am Education/Tech Legislative Water Table Mgmt. Executive Directors  
 10:00 am - 11:00 am By- Laws Conservation, Exc. Ladies & Devotions Executive Directors (Cont.)  
 11:15 am - 12:15 pm Convention Long-Term/Past Pres. On-Site Waste Safety/Insurance  
 12:30 pm Lunch  
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Membership Policy Associates  
 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm Region Meetings  
 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Budget  
 7:15 pm Royals Game (Game starts at 7:15 pm.)

### Saturday, July 24

8:00 am - 8:30 am Devotions  
 9:15 am - 10:30 am Board Meeting  
 11:30 am Lunch  
 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm LICA Anniversary Celebration at Foley Equip.



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# Tours

## Big Brutus - Tuesday, July 19

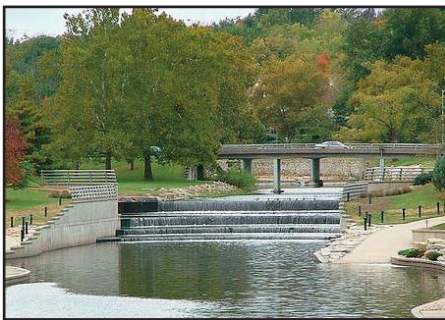


We are going to head to West Mineral, Kansas, little over two hours from the hotel, to tour Big Brutus, the largest electric shovel in the world. It stands 16 stories tall (160 feet), weighs 11 million pounds, with a 150-foot long boom and was built at a cost of \$6.5 million in 1962. In addition to touring the museum, we can climb up into Big Brutus for a firsthand view of this magnificent machine. After we leave Big Brutus, we'll head to Chicken Mary's outside of Pittsburg, KS for lunch. In the 1930s, after her husband was injured in the mines, Mary began supporting her family by using her home as a restaurant to serve other miners. Chicken Mary's will be opening just for us so that we can have some of their award-winning fried chicken, along with nine different side dishes.

## Water, Water Everywhere - Wednesday, July 20



This is a three-part tour, starting with Kansas City's Overflow Control Program, hosted by Burns & McDonnell, an international engineering, architecture and consulting firm. This is the first federally-approved Consent Decree project, incorporating green infrastructure to capture rainwater and keep it out of the City's combined sewer system.



On the second part of the tour, we will learn about the Brush Creek Flood Control and Beautification Project. In 1977, Brush Creek overflowed, killing 25 people and causing nearly \$100 million in property damage. Since then, there has been a comprehensive plan for flood damage reduction, ecosystem restoration, water quality and flood warning in the 29-square mile watershed.



The last stop will be the Steamboat Arabia Museum, where you can have lunch on your own, followed by a guided tour of the museum. In 1856, the Arabia, carrying 200 tons of cargo, sank in the Missouri River. After being lost for 132 years, the Arabia was recovered 45 feet beneath a Kansas cornfield. The excavation resulted in the discovery of the largest collection of pre-Civil War artifacts in the world.



# Tours *(Continued)*

## Culinary Scavenger Hunt & Adventure - Thursday, July 21



We will carpool over to the Culinary Center of Kansas City where we will be greeted in the Kitchen Shop with an interesting craft cocktail demonstration and tasting, along with a light appetizer. Then the fun begins when we break into small teams and venture into the fair village of Downtown Overland Park for a culinary scavenger hunt. Teams will visit various unique shops to find items and clues. Upon our return, each team will create an appetizer in the Santa Fe Kitchen, using the bounty from their scavenger hunt. The Culinary Center of Kansas City will even throw in a complimentary glass of wine while we're cooking!

## Kansas City Royals - Friday, July 22



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# Seminars

*In Kansas City, we have an entire day of educational seminars planned for Thursday, July 21. From laws and legislation, to OSHA and contracts, there's plenty to learn. All summer meeting attendees are able attend the seminars, no extra cost required.*

## ***“National Benefits”***

Speaker: Jerry Biuso, CEO  
National LICA

An overview of the benefits available to members. This is a great place to get your questions answered. LICA will also be unveiling a new benefit!

## ***“A Flood Of Rules, Regulations, And Legislation”***

Speaker: Karin Jacoby; Attorney  
Husch & Blackwell

While most everyone has heard of the new rule for the Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS), there are other things in the works, such as the new Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS). This talk will offer an informed view of the changing landscape of levees and flood protection – and perhaps an indication of what may come about in similar industries.

## ***“Drones For Contractors”***

Speaker: Bob Parker; Sales Manager  
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This course will discuss the implementation of Unmanned Air Vehicles (UAVs), the advantages they have over traditional surveying for the contractor, and a comparison of fixed-wing units and quad-copters.

## ***“Why OSHA Is Up In The Air Over Your Forklift”***

Speaker: Bruce Mosier; Co-Owner  
Prins Insurance, Inc.

OSHA requires anyone who operates a forklift to be certified ... and it considers a skid steer with forks a “forklift.” This certification is valid for three years and requires classroom instruction, as well as in-the-field testing. The in-the-field portion of this course will take place on Saturday afternoon at Foley Equipment during our 75-Year Celebration.

## ***“Watch The “Fine Print” When Buying Insurance”***

Speaker: Jason Oswald; Assistant Vice President & Construction Industry Leader; CNA Insurance

Most insurance policies today are multiple pages in length, filled with legal terms, and often confusing. This course will walk us through the fine print, provide specifics of what to look for and offer some suggestions for managing our insurance costs, both before and after we purchase a policy.

## ***“Protecting Your Assets”***

Speaker: Dave Bandré; Attorney  
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# Associate's Night (Exhibits)

## Thursday, July 21 (7pm-10pm)

Associates' Night is the official opening of the National Summer Meeting. National and Missouri Associates members will be exhibiting their products and services, while networking with LICA members.

This year, the theme of the night is "Sports!" Everyone is encouraged to wear their favorite teams' gear: baseball or hockey, college or professional, doesn't matter.

Missouri LICA has a few games in store for members and the LICA Ladies will be hosting a designer purse silent auction.

So, come dressed in your favorited team's jersey ... or come as you are ... but make plans to come join us for an evening of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, games ... and networking!

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# Keynote Speakers



## Friday, July 22 Andrew McCrea

Since 1996, Andrew McCrea has traveled the nation, producing the "American Countryside" features that are heard each day on radio stations coast-to-coast. He continues

to manage and work on his family's 3,500 acre ranch in northwest Missouri. He checks cattle on horseback and even tracks down news stories on his cell phone while operating a combine or tractor. His blend of humor and real-life strategies for living life with purpose inspire groups to action. Andrew brings his unparalleled insights to audiences ... inspiring and motivating them to make real world differences in life.



## Saturday, July 23 Richard Fordyce

Richard Fordyce is a fourth-generation Missouri farmer; a contractor member of Missouri LICA; and the Director of the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

He has held leadership roles in agriculture on the local, state and national levels for more than 20 years and worked his entire life to move the agriculture industry to new heights. As Ag Director, he has set forth priorities to advance youth in agriculture, international trade, farm safety, consumer awareness and environmental stewardship. Richard and his wife, Renee, grow soybeans and corn, as well as raise beef cattle on the family farm in Harrison County.

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## KC BBQ, Equipment Demo & Rodeo ... Fun!

Included with your Summer Meeting Registration is an afternoon filled with machines, food and games at Foley Equipment! While on site, members can demo different kinds of equipment. You can also participate in "The Contractor Games" which will consist of Backhoe Basketball, Skidsteer Relay and a Mini Excavator Challenge. Anyone who was in the Forklift certification class can take the second part, the in-the-field testing. There will be an air-conditioned tent for anyone who wants to cool down, as well as real Kansas City BBQ for supper. Please note: to join in the fun, you must take the bus provided by LICA.

## LICA Cook-Off Challenge

*(at Foley Equipment)*

If you are a backyard chef, Saturday afternoon will be your chance to show off your grilling skills while we're at Foley. We will provide a grill, charcoal, lighter fluid, tongs, and two KC strips. You will provide your talent, spices, rubs, sauces - and your sense of humor! After a timed challenge, our "expert" panel of judges will determine who owns the bragging rights and we'll give a few prizes out, too!

**To compete ... Sign-up on the Summer Meeting Registration Form.**



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