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SOME "CLASSIC" CONVENTION PHOTO'S



(front cover) several photos of the trade show along with the group shot of our exhibitors; Backhoe rodeo hosted by Birkey's; and Ivan Dozier, NRCS Acting State Conservationist (Above, left to right, top down) The Days & Beyers at opening reception; One of the newest ILICA members, dressed for Wild West Kickoff; Dinner conversation right before the live auction begins; Best Dressed award ended in a tie between the Streitmatters & Bill Dean; Backhoe Rodeo winners, Mystery Dinner Canadian Mountie Radcliffe; Jerry Biuso being threatened by our ILICA "warriors"; more trade show; Jerry Biuso in his nightgown & cap, made just for him by Jean Davis; Man of the Hour, Auctioneer Mark Reynolds who was pressed into service at the last minute, due to a unavoidable cancellation.

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Board Meeting Notice

March Board Meeting
 March 3, 2012 - 2 pm
 Committee Meetings
 10 am - 2:00 pm

Decatur Conference Center and Hotel
 4191 US RT. 36 West - Decatur, IL
(See map & directions on page 4)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello from Colfax Illinois,

Here it is February when it is supposed to be frozen and too cold to work. Well, it is almost too nice to work due to the temperature and sunshine. Not to complain about good weather, but I am sure that Mother Nature will make sure that things average out.

Coming off another successful convention in Bloomington, the committee is already planning the site for next year. February's educational workshop will cover business management and will be held in Morton. ADMC will be offering training in Drainage Water Management and TSP certification on the 28th and 29th of the month in Urbana.

Altorfer's in East Peoria is hosting the spring Area 3 member meeting on March 8th. The educational topic will be the vert popular IDOT Trucking Regulations for Contractors featuring the Illinois State Police Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Troopers from District 8. The summer picnic will feature



an equipment demo and dinner hosted by CAT at the Edwards demonstration facility on June 29th with the members meeting the following day. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy this outstanding facility that CAT has generously offered to us.

The annual drainage workshops are scheduled for August again this year. I encourage everyone to take advantage of these as there is always something new to pick up for future reference. Exact dates will be available soon.

As in the past, we will get together to "play golf" in early September as some people put it. The location is to be determined at this time so more on the subject in the future. Area 6 is also investigating the possibility of a second annual golf outing near Mattoon in early June.

Please plan on attending the membership meetings in your area and let's keep growing this association.

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From the North, follow I-74 West toward Springfield/Pana. Keep left to take US-51 S via Exit 133 toward Pana/US-36E/Decatur. Merge onto US-36E via Exit 133A toward Decatur and follow approximately 1.5 miles. Turn right onto CR-41 and take an immediate left onto the frontage road that leads to the hotel.

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We owe our thanks to the dedication and hard work of the membership committee's leadership and core traveling group, shown here. Wayne Litwiller, Jerry Biuso, Norm Kocher and Forrest Davis. You guys ROCK!

FALL - WINTER MEMBER MEETINGS DRAW SOME BIG CROWDS



This year, the membership committee decided to do things a little differently when setting up the fall meeting series. Bill Dean had stepped up as the lead for the first Area 6 meeting in Mattoon but said the November scheduling was a problem for him a lot of the contractors in that area. After some discussion, it was decided that early December would be a better time for the meetings in Southern Illinois.

So, Martin Equipment hosted the only November meeting this year, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington with Devon Hess and George Wacaser providing the program on Emissions and the Martin Max program. Jeremy Smith and Eugene Glueck helped coordinate the meeting and, as always, **promoted it to their customers too. Martin's continue to support nearly every ILICA event so it was good to see so many ILICA members and several potential members in attendance.**

This is the first year the ILICA membership committee has tried December scheduling as well as testing the waters in Area 6 with a December 13th meeting hosted by First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust at their Mattoon facility. Clay Dean and Mark Cox worked with Bill on the location, meal and set up, while Mike Slaughter of First Mid-Illinois Insurance group

fairly well known in the area ... which is mostly a good thing, so he made sure any of the contractors he knew in that part of the state were aware of the educational opportunity and free meal! Everything really came together because there were over 50 people in attendance that evening, making the first Area 6 meeting a great success. The First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust building was a beautiful venue for the meeting and they did an outstanding job as our host, providing an excellent meal for our guests and members.

That same week, Erb Equipment Company in Mt. Vernon hosted a meeting on Thursday, December 15th. Larry Medders has always been the most gracious host and once again, he had everything ready when we arrived. Norm Kocher, membership co-chair, had done his homework as well, getting the word out on this meeting. December scheduling worked well here too, with 40 attendees at this meeting. The State Police provided a modified IDOT regulation program with additional information on distracted driving and cell phone usage in commercial vehicles. Once again, the meal was great and the **hospitality can't be beat. It was great to see such a nice crowd of members and potential members at Erb's.**



helped to promote the meeting and spoke briefly on the new United Fire Group/state LICA insurance program. Since this was a new area for membership meetings, Jerry Biuso joined his favorite membership team to lend his dynamic personality to **the preparation and meetings. Don Spence of Birkey's** also helped promote the meeting to his customers and provided several door prize giveaways following the Illinois State Police IDOT Regulations for Contractors presentation. Bill Dean is

(top row, left to right) November 10 meeting hosted and facilitated by Martin Equipment: Trooper Kurt Welch at first Area 6 member meeting at First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, discussing IDOT regulations for contractors; Troopers Sneed and Bundy answer questions from contractors following the Area 8 meeting at Erb Equipment in Mt. Vernon.

(Above, left to right) Mike Slaughter of First Mid-Insurance group talking about the UFG/LICA insurance program. Full house at Erb Equipment in Mt. Vernon. George Wacaser from John Deere, presenting the new emission standards for equipment manufacturers.

ALTORFER'S TO HOST AREA 3 MEMBER MEETING ON MARCH 8TH



It is hard to believe that March is right around the corner. The central Illinois winter has been pretty mild, allowing many of our members to continue working, but that doesn't mean that any one of them is any less anxious about getting the work season going for real with spring's arrival. So, before things get too crazy, Altorfer's in East Peoria has volunteered to host the Area 3 spring membership meeting. It has actually been three years since we've done the IDOT program in this part of the state so Troopers Fred Thatcher and Nick Visione, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement officers, are on board and ready for a big turnout. Trooper Fred helped to facilitate the first membership meeting in Area 3 and did an outstanding job addressing contractors questions, so he knows what he's getting into and is looking forward to it.

The meal will begin at 6:30 pm as normal, but Altorfer's have also volunteered to provide a tour of the facility for anyone who is able to arrive at 5:30 pm. Area 3 still has the highest concentration of ILICA contractor members and all are encouraged to take ad-

vantage of this scheduling. Let's show our appreciation for Altorfer's outstanding hospitality, enjoy a great meal and get the latest information on medical cards, IDOT numbers, load securement and anything you care to ask these Troopers.

Of course, Altorfer's will have their staff available for any questions they can help with, the parts department is always open late and Altorfer's will put on a great feed, guaranteed! Look for more details on the website, www.illica.net, or call the office at (309) 446-3700 with any questions.

Altorfer's and Caterpillar have been great supporters of ILICA and this year is working out to be over the top. They provided the very popular Dirt Moving Productivity session at this year's convention, sponsored breaks and took part in the trade show, and they were just getting started! Check out the article on page 9 regarding this year's picnic and member meeting. Caterpillar hosting an equipment demo and dinner at the Edwards Proving Grounds to kick off the weekend so be sure to save the date. You're not going to want to miss this!



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LICA LADIES' PAGE

Hello fellow LICA ladies! Let's talk about cooking!

Please feel free to contact me (kristinstamps@yahoo.com), with any subjects you may be interested in, or have information on to include on this page.

HUGE kudos to Lori Kennedy and Holly Yordy for organizing the popular ladies' day activities at our 2012 winter convention. They went to great lengths to ensure our ladies are entertained and fed well. Next time you see Lori or Holly, please let them know their efforts are well appreciated.

Lori suggested that I include Sylvia Day's Crab Meat Canapés recipe in this article, which inspired a page of easy recipes and cooking tips.

CRAB MEAT CANAPES

1 stick butter	1 tsp garlic powder
1 can crab meat	1 ½ tbs mayo
5 oz jar Old English cheese	1 pkg English muffins

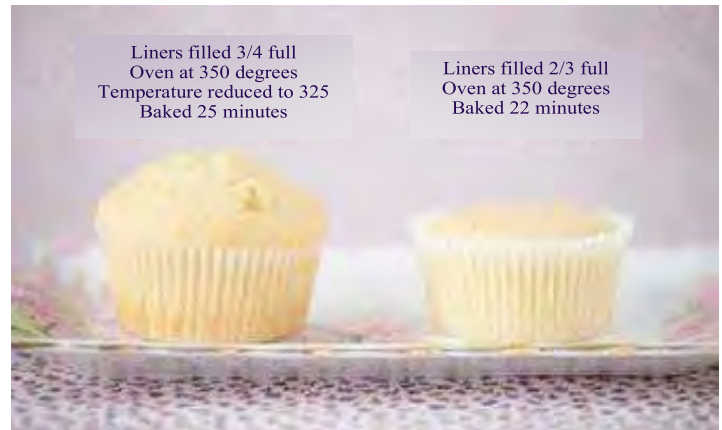
Mix all ingredients and spread on 12 English muffin halves (not toasted). Freeze on cookie sheet for 15 minutes. Remove from freezer and cut into quarters. Return to freezer on sheet and freeze. Place in plastic bag. When ready to serve, remove from freezer and bake at 350 degrees for 15-25 min.

It can't get much easier than that! These are simple, convenient, make-ahead appetizers that impress.

COOKING TIP #1 THE PERFECT CUPCAKE

Cupcakes are all the rage right now. In fact, the receptionist at my doctor's office started selling uniquely flavored cupcakes out of her home kitchen and has a booming business. Her flavors include Pink Lemonade, Margarita, Root Beer Float, Key Lime Pie and the biggest seller, Red Velvet.

Here's a tip I found on www.pinterest.com for baking the perfect cupcake. Mine always seem to look like the one on the right. The next time my kids need a treat for school, I'm going to give this a try.



TEXAS ROADHOUSE CINNAMON BUTTER

One of our family's favorite eateries is Texas Roadhouse. Without a doubt, the highlight of a meal there - the rolls and butter. I found this "copy-cat" recipe that you can enjoy at home.

1 cup butter, softened
1/3 cu sweetened, condensed milk, chilled
½ tsp corn syrup
¾-1 tsp cinnamon, to taste

Place all ingredients in a food processor, blend until smooth. Serve with hot rolls or muffins. The butter can be stored in the refrigerator.

COOKING TIP #1 COOLER CORN

Why didn't I think of this?

Fill the bottom of a clean cooler full of shucked sweet corn. Pour two kettles of boiling water over the corn, close the lid and wait 30 minutes. Voila! Perfectly cooked sweet corn for your next backyard barbeque or campsite meal!



The word for this issue is **FOOD**. If we enjoy the way we nourish our bodies in moderation, life is good. With easy recipes, convenient tips and friends to share ideas with, food can be fun and fulfilling.

-Kristin Kutemeier

CATERPILLAR® TO HOST EQUIPMENT DEMO & DINNER AT SUMMER PICNIC & MEMBER MEETING

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 29 - 30, 2012

The last two years the ILICA picnic has been held at the lovely home of Jon and Veronica Seevers and it's been a blast. Jon and Veronica were given a Merit Award at this year's convention for their outstanding hospitality, which was well deserved as everyone who attended either of these picnics had a wonderful time. But, in an effort to not wear out our welcome entirely, it was decided to look for another venue for this year. Several locations around the state were considered, but when Caterpillar mentioned that June was a good time for them to invite our members out to Edwards, it was too good of a deal to pass up.



several pieces of equipment during the day as well as enjoy a one of a kind equipment demonstration and a delicious hog roast on the following Friday evening. Over 250 guests showed up that night and all were very glad they did.


And although there won't be several contractors from around the country visiting this summer, it's a great opportunity for our Illinois contractors to enjoy the same outstanding hospitality we were shown in 2010. Tentatively, the demonstration will begin around 4 pm with dinner and cocktails following.

Those who attended the summer National LICA meetings in 2010 in Peoria are aware of what an outstanding facility this is. Visiting LICA contractors were able to operate


Details are still being worked out for the hotel block, transportation, ladies activities and other scheduling for Saturday following the member meeting, but please save the date and plan on being there. This is going to be fun!

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ANOTHER OUTSTANDING CONVENTION!



Although the January scheduling for ILICA's convention is partly tradition, it is partly mandated by this industry's work season and other LICA chapter and partner events. As the committee plans for convention each year, there is always that nagging worry about how the weather might impact things too. Often, there has been a severe cold snap and snow storms that drive everyone out of the field for a month or two until the spring thaw arrives. Sometimes you get a winter like this year; unseasonably warm for almost the entire season, allowing our contractors to keep on digging.

Sounds like a good problem to have, doesn't it? But not so much for those concerned with convention attendance. Other Midwest states saw a drop in their convention numbers and Illinois did too, although not by much. A seemingly well timed snow storm brought things to a halt but also made it difficult for some travelers to get there. Flights from some places were canceled and other folks just weren't comfortable trying to make the drive ... which brings us to a funny story about an averted disaster on convention kick off night.

Mid afternoon on Thursday, Mike Yordy finds out that the auctioneer that has been lined up for months has checked the road conditions between home and Bloomington and can't take the chance on making it over there and back. This is a bit of a problem, since the auction is set to start in about 4 hours. Not willing to concede defeat, Mike talks to some local contractors, makes some calls and finds Mark Reynolds of Mark Reynolds Auctions right there in town. Luckily, he is available that evening, agrees to come bail us out and even makes it over in time for dinner .

Mark did an outstanding job for us, helping to make the auction another huge success and bringing in an all time high donation amount for Paul, our Good Luck membership bear. We can't thank Mark enough for jumping right in to help us out and to Mike for never giving up until he got the job done! Auction proceeds go directly to support the convention, allowing registration prices to remain low so a big thank you goes out to all our outstanding members who provided or purchased auction items. This also allows our committee to continue planning the kind of outstanding programs and activities

that make up the convention each year.

And talking about the convention committee, these folks are nothing short of amazing. Chairperson, Kristin Kute-meier is also our designing decorator for the convention and she does a fantastic job of it. Lori Kennedy handled all the ladies day outing activities from site visits to the gift bags for participants. Holly Yordy took charge of the ladies craft activities and facilitated the card making and rock painting sessions herself. Brent Breedlove and Mike Yordy coordinated the educational sessions, introducing the speakers and keeping folks on time from session to session

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ANOTHER OUTSTANDING CONVENTION! (CONT.)

Bill Dean coordinated the Backhoe rodeo with Birkey's again this year and Bev Dean located and secured Friday's dinner murder mystery performance by the Champaign Theater Group, which was great fun! Working together, these dedicated volunteers put together what has been called one of the best conventions in recent years and if you had a good time this year, these are the folks to thank.

A list of our exhibitors, sponsors and facilitators can be found on these pages and they also have our sincere thanks for their time and support. The trade show even brought in potential members who read about it on our website, giving ILICA another opportunity to grow. Check out all the great photo's on the cover and page 2, and if you missed this year's convention, we hope you'll consider attending next years.



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- Tim Noon, Larry Sunday - Dirt Moving Productivity
- Holly Yordy - Ladies craft activities

BIRKEY'S BACKHOE RODEO WAS FUN AND EXCITING!

Birkey's opened their Bloomington location for the ILICA group again this year to host a Backhoe Rodeo as our Saturday afternoon convention activity. ILICA had worked with Birkey's on the lunch service during the Triple Threat competition this past summer in Bloomington so they were very well equipped to put another one on for our group. Birkey's also provided lunch for competitors and guests, had prizes for the top 5 finishes, and held a 50/50 raffle, donating their half of the proceeds back to ILICA. They really know how to take care of their friends!

Birkey's called in staff from several Illinois locations to make sure everything went smoothly, which it did and we thank each one of them for their part in hosting this fun and exciting event. The winners are shown on to the right, posed with their prizes and a cash prize was also awarded from the entry fees collected. Bill Dean wasn't sure if he wanted to brag about the rodeo winner, Clay Yantis, or fire him after he knocked Bill out of the 1st place time he held for much of the competition!



(Top 5; left to right) Dave Hurst, 3rd place; Brian Brooks, 5th place; Tim Rozendaal, 4th place; Bill Dean, 2nd place; and Clay Yantis, an employee of Dean Drainage, was our 1st place winner. Congratulations gentlemen!

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- Basic DWM concepts, rationale and benefits, history and present status of the practice.

Economics Considerations

- Discussion of systems costs, profitability analysis, and federal cost sharing availability.

DWM Design & Management

- Participants will develop a DWM plan and design on several fields, contrasting conventional drainage designs with zoned systems. Both retrofit and new systems will be discussed.
- Seasonal management considerations (offseason vs. growing season) and reducing risk of excess water and installing/checking wells with DWM will be discussed.

Workshop Start Time:

Wednesday, February 29 @ 8:00 A.M.

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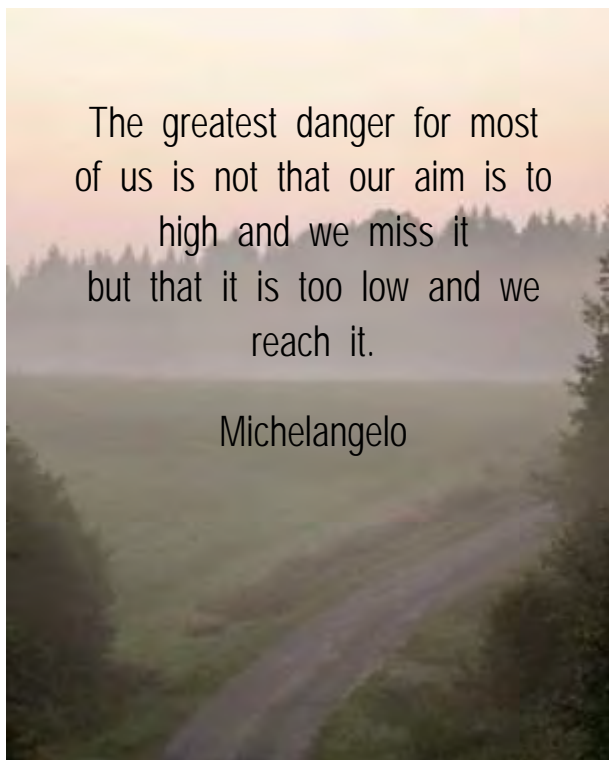
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ACTION ON AMENDING THE PWA TO EXCLUDE COST SHARE PROJECTS



Source: Rich Nichols, AISWCD Exec. Dir., rich.nichols@aiswcd.org

Rich Nichols and Lonnie Wilson of the Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) both spoke at this year's partner reports at convention and attended the member meeting that afternoon. Rich and the AISWCD have taken the lead in the battle to exclude cost share conservation projects from the Prevailing Wage Act (PWA). Working with the county SWCD offices and our contractors, Rich has tried to document the impact this regulation has on state cost share dollars, erosion control practice installations and the economy around Illinois. Recent developments bring some hope that someone is beginning to listen.

Initially, HB3094, sponsored by Tom Tryon was assigned to the labor committee asking for all projects of \$20,000 or less be exempt from the Prevailing Wage Act. This wasn't really what we were looking for but it would be better than nothing. Plus, a shell bill can be amended to include the desired language at almost any time up to adjournment.



However, on Thursday, February 9th, Rich sent an email stating that Representative Reis entered HB5366 the day before, asking to exempt the cost share program entirely from

HB 5366 - To Amend PWA to exclude cost share program:

"Public works" means all fixed works constructed or demolished by any public body, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" as defined herein includes all projects financed in whole or in part with bonds, grants, loans, or other funds made available by or through the State or any of its political subdivisions, including but not limited to: bonds issued under the Industrial Project Revenue Bond Act (Article 11, Division 74 of the Illinois Municipal Code), the Industrial Building Revenue Bond Act, the Illinois Finance Authority Act, the Illinois Sports Facilities Authority Act, or the Build Illinois Bond Act; loans or other funds made available pursuant to the Build Illinois Act; or funds from the Fund for Illinois' Future under Section 6z-47 of the State Finance Act, funds for school construction under Section 5 of the General Obligation Bond Act, funds authorized under Section 3 of the School Construction Bond Act, funds for school infrastructure under Section 6z-45 of the State Finance Act, and funds for transportation purposes under Section 4 of the General Obligation Bond Act. "Public works" also includes (i) all projects financed in whole or in part with funds from the Depart-

ment of Commerce and Economic Opportunity under the Illinois Renewable Fuels Development Program Act for which there is no project labor agreement; (ii) all work performed pursuant to a public private agreement under the Public Private Agreements for the Illiana Expressway Act; and (iii) all projects undertaken under a public-private agreement under the Public-Private Partnerships for Transportation Act. "Public works" also includes all projects at leased facility property used for airport purposes under Section 35 of the Local Government Facility Lease Act. "Public works" also includes the construction of a new wind power facility by a business designated as a High Impact Business under Section 5.5(a)(3)(E) of the Illinois Enterprise Zone Act.

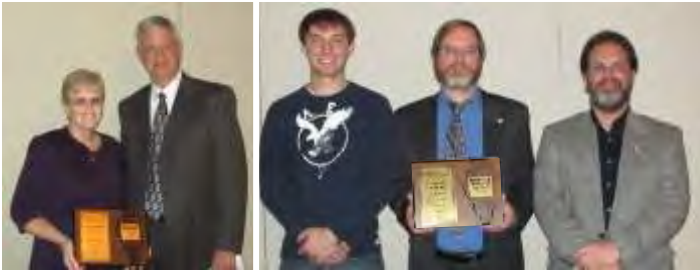
the prevailing wage act. Rich copied the section of the act and the language proposed for amendment, which appears below.

The potential negative impact of the PWA to our contractors is very real. If the contractor is not aware that a job is subject to prevailing wage, doesn't bid or charge for the job considering those elevated cost factors and is later notified by Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) that it involved state funding, the contractor is responsible for paying the additional wages plus any fines assessed by IDOL. Since prevailing wage can increase the cost of a job by as much as 30%, this could be a devastating blow to a contractors bottom line.

The AISWCD has, with our prompting, agreed to lead the charge on this legislative change but they need our contractors help. If you can document the costs of a state cost share project before PWA, compared to what it would have cost with this regulation in force should send that information to the AISWCD office. If Rich can show that the PWA has escalated the cost of applying conservation practices by X% which reduces the money available for conservation practices by X%, resulting in less conservation practices being put on the land, he thinks he can get the environmental groups on our side of this issue as well. Please contact Janet at the ILICA office or Rich directly if you have any questions or think you can help.

"Public works" does not include work done directly by any public utility company, whether or not done under public supervision or direction, or paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" does not include conservation projects or practices on private land paid for wholly or in part out of public funds. "Public works" does not include projects undertaken by the owner at an owner-occupied single-family residence or at an owner-occupied unit of a multi-family residence.

2011 ILICA AWARD WINNERS



This year's award's banquet was very well attended and a perfect end to a great convention. Eugene Glueck of Martin Equipment, the evening's meal sponsor, was our Master of Ceremony and he did an outstanding job, even working Jerry Biuso into the evening's comments.

Two Merit awards were given this year. Corey Getz was recognized for his efforts and dedication to the associate director position he holds. Corey has very busy weekend schedules but attends most board meetings anyway and always follows up with the ILICA office when he can't.

(above) Judy & Tom Beyers; Josh, Steve & Stuart Anderson; (rt.) Eugene Glueck, Awards Banquet MC with Lisa (behind the wheat ear decoration). (right) Veronica & Jon Seevers; Whitney, Riley and Corey Getz.



Jon and Veronica Seevers were recognized as well for their outstanding hospitality as hosts of the past two summer picnic's. Jon and Veronica went way above and beyond to make those events enjoyable for everyone attending.

Steve Anderson was awarded Mr. Contractor, which was well deserved after the many leadership roles he has taken on since his presidency. Judy Beyers was awarded Mrs. Contractor. Judy's willingness to help anyone with anything makes her not only indispensable to Tom at home but a huge asset to ILICA as well. Congratulations to you all.



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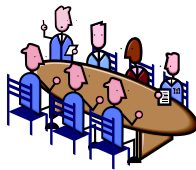
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Affiliate Membership - \$85 *(Affiliate members are individuals employed by an active member in the business that makes the active member eligible for membership)*

ILLINOIS LICA BENEFITS



Education

Illinois LICA provides many educational opportunities throughout the year with sessions at our annual convention, at Area member meetings and at workshops each year. Almost every Area is hosting meetings this year.

Illinois LICA state convention, which includes exhibits by our associate members, is scheduled each January in various locations around the state. First year contractor members will receive 1 free full participation registration to the convention, which includes all meals during the 3 day event. Several educational sessions are scheduled during the convention along with many social and networking opportunities.



Workshops are offered multiple times per year. In 2011 there were three scheduled; A 4 day safety workshop in February, the University of Illinois Erosion Control workshop in March and a drainage and drainage water management workshop set for August. OSHA 10 Hour certification will be offered every other year and Certified Flagger training is available as often as demand warrants.



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Legislative Representation

ILICA has an active Legislative Committee that monitors legislation that impacts small business in Illinois. They participate in the Agricultural Legislative Roundtable caucus and many other events then disseminate that information to ILICA members. They are currently working on a system to streamline this process for more effective communication.

ILICA not only maintains its own relationship with legislative contacts, Illinois along with other state chapters have a combined voice in Washington DC through national LICA. Each year, representation from ILICA travels to Washington DC along with several other chapters, to lobby their congressmen and women regarding legislation that affects land improvement contractors.



National Benefits

A LICA membership entitles contractors to many benefits that can give their company a competitive edge. Listed below are just a few:

- National LICA Contractor Magazine
- LICA Contractor Safety Management Plan
- National Equipment Register
- Petrocon Commodities Discount Program
- Beyond Perks Program
- National LICA Winter Convention and Summer Meeting
- National Scholarship Program
- LICA Hotel Savings Card
- Land & Water Magazine
- LICA Sponsored Limited Medical Program

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Illinois

ADMC Drainage Water Management Training
& NRCS TSP Certification Workshop
Holiday Inn - Urbana, IL
February 28 - 29, 2012
Sessions begin at 8 am, both days

ILICA Board Meeting
Decatur Conference Center & Hotel
March 3, 2012
Committee Meetings - 10 am - 1 pm
Board Meeting 2 - 4 pm

Area 3 Member Meeting
Altorfer Inc., East Peoria Location
IDOT Regulations for Contractors
March 8, 2012
Facility tour - 5:30 pm - Dinner - 6:30 pm - Program 7:30 pm

Summer Picnic & Member Meeting
Equipment Demo & Dinner
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June 29, 2012
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MARCH 15TH DEADLINE FOR LICA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS



Illinois has done very well with the entries for the National LICA scholarship program and it's that time of the year once again. Applications can be downloaded from the National LICA website (www.licanational.com) but the deadline is approaching fast. Applications must be postmarked or faxed no later than March 15th.

If you have any trouble locating the form on the web, contact Janet and she'll get a copy to you one way or another. The basic instructions appear below but please, download the official application, fill everything in and mail or fax to Eileen's attention at: 3080 Ogden Ave., Suite 300, Lisle, IL 60532 - Fax: 630-548-9189

- 1) Write an essay (300 words or less) describing your academic, vocational and personal goals and objectives and why you should receive this scholarship.
- 2) List your major course of study and include high school and/or college grade transcripts.
- 3) Include three letters of recommendation from your community, school or other adult non-relative.
- 4) Include a wallet size picture (2"x3" or equivalent), with the understanding that award recipients will be featured in the *LICA News*.
- 5) Application must be completed and mailed to the National LICA office with a postmark date no later than March 15. Incomplete applications and ineligible students are automatically disregarded.



NEW FIREWOOD WEBSITE HELPS BUYERS AVOID TROUBLES BY THE TRUCKLOAD



Source: Duane Friend, Extension Educator, Environmental and Energy Stewardship, friend@illinois.edu

You see the ads in the newspaper, along roadsides and just about everywhere else at this time of year: FIREWOOD FOR SALE.

Knowing where your firewood comes from can keep you from making some costly mistakes, according to Duane Friend, a University of Illinois Extension Educator in Environmental and Energy Stewardship based in Jacksonville.

Friend is the co-author of University of Illinois Extension's new Firewood in Illinois website, <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/firewood/>

"With Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) showing up in more Illinois counties, it's best to buy your firewood from trusted local sources if you possibly can," Friend said. "If it's not locally sourced, or from a reputable seller, you could end up buying troubles by the truckload."

The Illinois Department of Agriculture urges that firewood be produced, distributed, sold and burned locally to prevent the spread of EAB, an insect pest that kills ash trees.

Friend offers a few additional tips for people who are in the market for firewood:



- Ask the seller where the wood came from, and what kind of wood it is. Oak, hickory and ash are some of the best firewoods. All woods produce the same amount of heat per pound of weight, but some woods are denser than others, and denser woods provide more heat by volume.
- Find out how long the wood has been seasoned (allowed to dry). Firewood should be seasoned for six to nine months prior to burning, to remove moisture that sacrifices energy and produces smoke. Small cracks in the ends of the wood pieces are a sign that the wood has been seasoned.
- Be sure the length of the wood pieces will fit your fireplace or stove.

- Check the diameter of the logs. Splitting larger-diameter pieces may be necessary – and many homeowners do not have the tools they would need to split larger pieces of wood
- When storing firewood, keep the pile covered and off of the ground, and avoid direct contact with buildings.
- Friend notes that it is easier to start a fire with some types of wood than others, and some woods produce more sparks than others. For example, osage orange wood creates many sparks as it burns, so it may not be the best choice for use in a home fireplace. The website includes a handy chart that shows which woods ignite more readily and which ones tend to produce a lot of sparks.

It is not always easy for people to tell how much wood they are actually buying or selling, said Dave Shiley, Local Food Systems and Small Farms Educator with U of I Extension, based in Charleston. Shiley co-authored the website with Friend.



Most firewood is sold by the "cord," but Shiley says few people know exactly what that means. A standard cord contains 128 cubic feet of wood, but buyers may be getting closer to 80 to 90 cubic feet, due to the space between pieces.

"Both buyers and sellers sometimes use the words 'rick' or 'facecord' interchangeably with 'cord,' sometimes we find that people who buy a rick or a facecord don't actually get a full cord of wood."

Some buyers – and even some sellers – have hard time visualizing how much wood is in a cord. Shiley said the website includes information that firewood sellers will find useful, too.

A standard-size pickup truck with wood randomly thrown in to the top of the bed will equal about one-third of a cord, Shiley said. If the wood is neatly stacked, the amount of wood will be closer to one-half of a cord. Buyers can determine the volume by multiplying the wood pile's length by width by height.

"But that only gives you an accurate measure if the wood is neatly stacked without a lot of excess space between pieces," Shiley said. "That doesn't necessarily mean people should avoid buying a truckload of locally sourced wood that isn't neatly stacked. They just need to understand what they're buying."

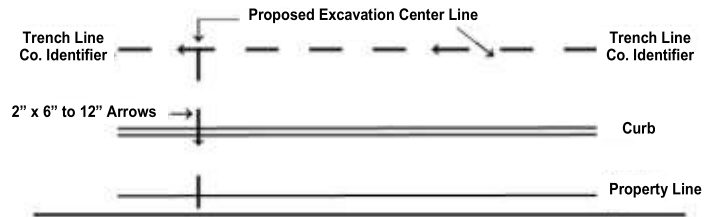
STATEWIDE PRE-MARKING GUIDELINES FOR EXCAVATORS



The use of white marking products (i.e. paint, flags, stakes, whiskers or a combination of these) may be used to identify the excavation site by excavators. Black paint may be used when snow is on the ground.

- ◆ All Pre-marks should be placed prior to contacting JULIE.
- ◆ Pre-marks clarify (narrow) the scope of the request but can never expand the scope.
- ◆ Width of each mark should be approximately 2".
- ◆ Length of each mark should be approximately 6" to 12".
- ◆ Distance between marks depends on site conditions, but no greater than 20'.
- ◆ Company identification painted at reasonable intervals to allow quick identification.
- ◆ Default radius of stake is 10' default path width is 20'.
- ◆ Pre-marks that box in the excavation are limited to that box (unless specified otherwise on that request).

variations with occasional arrows showing excavation direction from centerline with pre-marks at curb or property line if crossed.



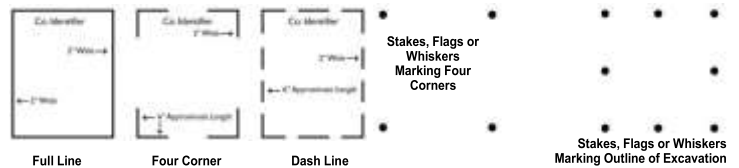
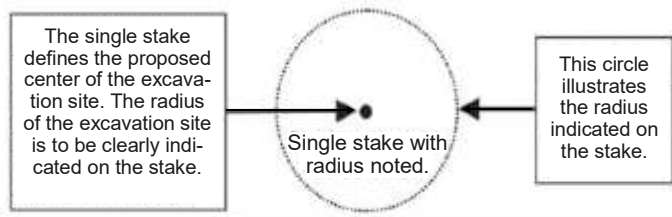
Non-Linear Excavation Pre-markings

Delineate in white the proposed area of excavation through the use of: a continuous line, dashes marking the four corners of the project or dashes outlining the excavation project. In lieu of paint, stakes, flags or whiskers, may be used. Limit the size of each dash to approximately 6" to 12" in length and 2" in width with interval spacing approximately 4' to 20' apart. The maximum separation of excavation pre-marks is to be reduced to a length that can be reasonably seen by the facility owner's locators when the terrain or excavation site conditions warrant it. Stakes, flags or whiskers are white in color with the excavator's company identifier (name, abbreviations, or initials) provided on the stake, flag or whisker.

MARKING SAMPLES

Single Stake Pre-markings Center Point of Excavation Site

When an excavation site is contained within a 50' radius or less, it can be delineated with a single stake that is positioned at the proposed center of the excavation. If the excavator chooses this type of delineation, they must convey that they have delineated the excavation site with a single stake at the center of the excavation and include the radius of the site in the notification to JULIE. This single stake is to be white in color with the following information: excavator's company identifier (name, abbreviations, or initials) and the radius of the excavation site in black letters on the stake or with a notice attached to the stake.



Trenching, Boring or Other Continuous Type Excavations

Pre-mark in white paint the proposed centerline of planned excavation using 6" to 12" x 2" arrows, approximately 4' to 20' apart to show direction of excavation. The maximum separation of excavation pre-marks would be determined by site conditions but should never exceed 20'. Pre-mark lateral exca-

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2011 brought 36 contractor and 9 associate members to ILICA. They are all listed here and have the sincere thanks of the association leadership and board. We appreciate your support and hope you are glad that you joined. And although only a few are pictured, each one listed is an important part of ILICA's continued growth.

Those pictured have taken advantage of an area meeting, workshop or convention. We'd love to see YOUR face on these pages too, so please join us for one of the many events held throughout the year that you will find mentioned in this newsletter. These guys are glad they did!

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