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### Tuesday, July 9- Mount St. Helen's



Stops at Silver Lake Visitors Center, Forest Learning Center and Johnston Ridge are in order. See the monumental devastation left by the eruption on May 18, 1980. The force of the blast flattened trees and destroyed nearly everything in its path. Come now and witness the rebirth that has occurred since that morning. Includes lunch.

### Wednesday, July 10

#### Columbia River Gorge & Mount Hood



Take in the breathtaking view from Crown Point Vista House high above the Columbia River. This tour passes several waterfalls, including Multnomah Falls. We will visit the Bonneville Dam and fish hatchery as well. From there we will visit Mt. Hood. Enjoy the beautiful alpine scenery while you make your way to Timberline Lodge. This National Historic Landmark features year round downhill skiing, and is the frequent training site of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team. Lunch is included.

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## Tentative Agenda

### Tuesday, July 9

- Mount St. Helen's Tour

### Wednesday, July 10

- Columbia River Gorge & Mount Hood Tour

### Thursday, July 11

- Executive Director's Meeting
- Educational Seminars
- Associates' Night

### Friday, July 12

- Committee Meetings

### Saturday, July 13

- Board Meeting
- Tour (TBA)

*More information is coming soon!  
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## GREETINGS From Your PRESIDENT

### **2019 MNLICA Presidential Report**

In March, the National LICA winter convention was held in Tucson, AZ. Congratulations to Doug Breberg for being named National LICA Contractor of the Year and to Minnesota for receiving the Kemps Award for legislative participation.

Thank you to Kevin & Jeanie Bakken, Jim Walker, Stu Frazeur and Mark Morreim for meeting with State Representatives at the Capital in St Paul in February. You can check out the legislative issues promoted by MNLICA and other recent posts on <https://www.facebook.com/MNLICA> or [www.mnllica.org](http://www.mnllica.org).

Hats off to the crew at United Fire General and Prins Insurance, who held their annual regional LICA State Group educational meetings in March in Cedar Rapids, IA. They shared great information for promoting LICA using the best social media tool for the task.

The March MNLICA sponsored Competent Person training was well attended at the New Ulm Best Western. Always keep safety primary on the jobsite, especially in the backhoe and excavator.

We are anticipating the release of the LICA Drainage History Book compiled by National LICA board members and staff. Thank you to those individuals for their many hours of research and editorial work compiling material from all state LICA chapters.

Please share any ideas you may have for educational seminars for the 2020 MNLICA winter convention. Training, business development, reviews of new technology, updates from governmental agencies are among those ideas being considered.

**Michael Lehmann - MNLICA President**

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## Land Improvement Contractor Short Course

by Curtis Larson

St. Paul, Minn.—The first Land Improvement Contractors Short Course was held at the Agricultural Engineering Building on the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus on February 26 and 27. Over 100 people attended the talks on drainage and soil conservation, panel discussions, and laboratory sessions on welding and earth moving.

A. F. Moratz, Engineer for the Soil Conservation Service from Milwaukee, pointed out that Minnesota land improvement contractors should equip and train themselves for building the many small structures that will be required for erosion control and drainage in the future. Everyone concerned will be better off if the same contractor can do both the earth moving and concrete work.

Paul Jacobson, State Engineer for the Soil Conservation Service, in his talk on "Trends in Terracing" said that parallel terracing is now practical and is rapidly replacing non-parallel terraces in many states. Although this requires heavy earth moving equipment, the cost is still low considering the benefits. Furthermore, terraces must be made parallel if they are to be farmed with 4 or 6-row equipment.

Alf Larson, State Representative from Hayfield spoke at a dinner meeting on February 27 and discussed legislation affecting drainage and soil conservation activities, including the highway bill and the wetlands bill which were passed by the 1957 legislature.

A new contractors organization was formed and will be known as "The Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors". Orlean Olson of Montevideo, Minnesota, was elected president. Local groups have already been organized in both Southeast and Southwest Minnesota.

In another session, Milton Maxwell, LeSeuer farmer and president of the Minnesota Association of Soil Conservation Districts explained the role of the districts in soil conservation. He pointed out that Soil Conservation Districts are governed by farmers of the district and that their purpose is to provide local cooperation to go along with the technical assistance provided by the Soil Conservation Service. Morrie Bolline, Deputy State Conservation-

## Iowa Land Improvement Contractors

Ames, Iowa—Land Improvement Contractors Short Course. The Land Improvement Contractors Short Course was conducted by Ted Willrich, Extension Agriculture Engineer. On the program were Howard Johnson discussing Surface Drainage in Southern Iowa, Kyle Hummel discussing Concrete Structures for Gully Control and Tile Outlets, and Ted Willrich leading the discussion on Tiling and Trenching, and a discussion on Surveying for Drainage. At this short course the Land Improvement Contractors of the Midwest, the Northeast Iowa Drainage Contractors, and the Southeast Iowa Drainage Contractors, the Southern Contractors Associations formed a State Association called the Iowa Land Improvement Contractors Association. For contractors interested in the land improvement contractors organizations in Minnesota and Iowa, be sure to contact Jack Williams, Structural Clay Products Institute, 120½ Welch Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

ist explained how the Soil Conservation Service carries out its program through area and county offices with trained farm planners, soil scientists, and engineers.

In the drainage session, K. R. Klingelhofer, Assistant State Engineer for SCS showed that the use of automatic pumping plants as tile drainage outlets is becoming a common practice and discussed construction methods. Phil Manson, Professor of Agricultural Engineering, explained the Minnesota drain tile testing program and said that the better tile quality which has come from it, has been of great benefit to the farmers of the state.

Laboratory sessions were also held at the short course. Representatives of several companies showed the contractors how to apply hard-surfacing to machine parts, thereby saving on replacement costs. Charles Jett of the Caterpillar Company showed contractors how to calculate hourly operating costs.

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By Webfoot Tyler

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Ted Willrich and Curt Larson are to be congratulated on their fine short courses for land improvement contractors this year. At these short courses two new contractor organizations were organized. In Minnesota the Minnesota Land Improvement Contractors and in Iowa the Iowa Land Improvement Contractors. I am sure as these contractors organizations develop, you will hear more and more of their fine program. For additional information with reference to these organizations contact Jack Williams, Structural Clay Products Institute, 120½ Welch Avenue, Ames, Iowa.

According to all reports there are many things taught at these short courses such as a good card game in Hearts and 500. If you would like to sign up for lessons, talk to Jack Williams or Walt Meyne.

I am sure by now that everyone in the farming business is well aware of what an old-fashioned wet spring is. This weather will reduce the tile installed this spring but it will promote more tiling for summer and fall work. There are fewer projects this spring but as a rule they are larger than what they were a year ago. The Editor was out completing a preliminary survey in a combination of ankle-deep water and hip-deep snow. Most of the work that was done in March was done under these conditions though, as you are well aware. I understand this year that the Soil Conservation Service is again requiring complete records of tile drainage work. On the back page of TDC is a sample of notes submitted by the Soil Conservation office. Note the list of information that is required for each job. This particular sample was suggested by Henry W. Waldorf, Work Unit Conversationist of Black Hawk county.

To error is human but when the eraser wears out before the pencil, look out.

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From: CenturyLink

Brian Fanciulli

Vice President Local Field Operations

To: Minnesota Excavator Community with copy to MN Office of Pipeline Safety and Gopher State One Call

This is a follow-up to an email sent to this same distribution list on April 19th concerning CenturyLink's challenges with completing facility locates in a timely fashion. Here are the key actions that CenturyLink and our locate contractor DirectSat have taken since:

- Nearly quadrupled the workforce dedicated to locates.
  - Expanded our dispatch center to handle inquiry and escalations from excavators relating to open and recently completed locate requests (1-800-667-9963). I attached a contact sheet that includes the dispatch center number and list of local field contacts, should you need to contact us regarding locate status or issues.
  - Implemented a proactive communication process (in place as of today) for locate requests that are at risk of being missed by the due date/time:
  - For "Emergency" tickets, this is a phone call to the number listed for the requestor to make the excavator aware of the expected completion window.
  - For "Meet" tickets, this is an auto message or text with notification that we are running behind, along with a way to reach us for more information.
- We are nearly staffed to the level needed to keep up with the volume of locate requests we are receiving. However, we have backlog that we have to contend with, so we continue to add both contracted and company resources to help catch up and deal with increasing volumes as the dig season ramps.

I will be hosting an informational Excavator Forum on **May 6th at 8am Central** along with the Minnesota Office of Pipeline Safety and Gopher State One Call to provide additional information on CenturyLink's status, as well as actions the state is taking to address these performance issues.

### Excavator Forum Participant Access Information

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- **Company Name:** CenturyLink
- **Event Title:** Conference CenturyLink/MN Ops Excavator Forum
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To help ensure your conference begins in a timely manner, please ask all participants to dial in 5 to 10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time. Thank you, Brian Fanciulli Vice President - Local Field Operations WI, MN, ND & SD CenturyLink 651-312-7186

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

The weather has definitely put us to the test so far this year. But you know, the weather isn't something we can control or do anything about so all we can do is deal with it

Jeanie was busy putting together the directory for 2019-2020. She got it done in April this year, thanks to help from Debbie Dickens, MO with converting an excel file into a word file. The directory can be a useful tool when looking for services that you may need. Why not choose a LICA Contractor to help with services that you can't provide. So take the time to look through the directory, you might find it very helpful with your business needs.

We have another board meeting coming up on June 20th in Lucan. We will tour Country Enterprises,. Its fun to see all the things they can make in that building and I'm sure they will be great hosts as they have been in the past.

Stay safe this spring and we will see the board members in June.

*Kevin and Jeanie*





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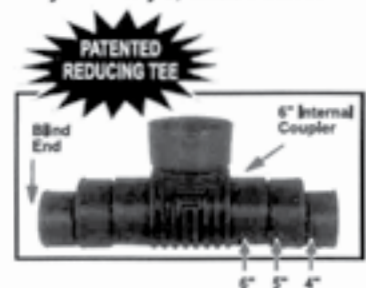
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## SAVE THE DATE Board Meeting

Will be held on

***June 20th, 2019  
Lucan, MN***

**Tour at 4:00 PM at  
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Meeting to follow at  
***Knott's Corner***

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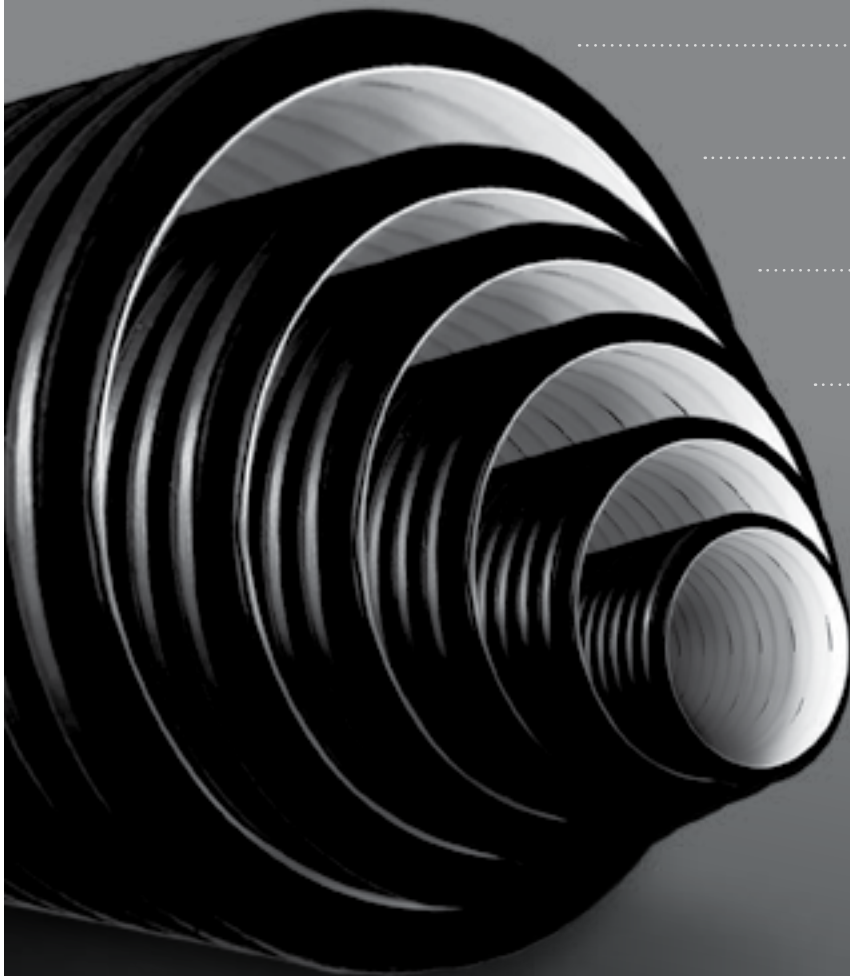


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**Web-site: [www.mnlica.org](http://www.mnlica.org)**

**June 20th, 2019—Summer Board Meeting—Lucan, MN**

**July 9th—13th, 2019—National LICA Summer Meeting—Vancouver, WA**

**July 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – ISG Sponsoring Agricultural Drainage + Future of Water Quality Workshop –**  
Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall

**August 22nd, 2019—Fall Board Meeting—TBD**

**September 6th, 2019—Scholarship Event—TBD**

**November 21st, 2019—Winter Board Meeting—TBD**

**January 15th, 2020—SSTS Class—New Ulm, MN**

**January 16th—17th, 2020—MNLICA Winter Convention—New Ulm, MN**

**February 2020—MSHA Class—Dennison, MN**

**February/March 2020—National Winter Convention—Las Vegas, NV**

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