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ATTENTION:

July 27 & 28, 2011



Iowa LICA and others will be hosting the 2nd Midwest Construction Expo and Field Day at the Iowa LICA Farm located approximately 1/2 mile east of Melbourne, Iowa on **July 27 & 28, 2011**. The last Expo & Field Day was a great success. We had

over 1000 contractors from all over Iowa and the Midwest in attendance. We had dozers, backhoes, excavators, concrete recycling machines, a tree mulcher, backfillers, trenchers, plows, and the list goes on.

Don't miss this one. If you have any



questions about the expo, please feel free to contact me at 319-240-2420.



Get your reservations now. Marshalltown is very busy during the summer months so don't delay in getting your room reservations.

I have contacted a few motels in Marshalltown letting them know that we are coming during the week of July 25th. Below are the rates that the motels provided.

Hampton Inn	641-753-6795	\$94.00	+ tax
AmericInn	800-634-3444	\$79.90	+ tax
Comfort Inn	641-752-6000	\$69.99	+ tax
Super 8	641-753-3333	\$50.00	+ tax

This is a partial listing of Associate Members who participated in the 2009 Midwest Construction Expo and Field Day

*A & E Construction Supply
Burchland Mfg. LLC
Continental Western
Hancor, Inc.
Lee Agency
Mid-Tech Services
Northland Trenching
Prinsco, Inc.
Roeder Implement
RWF Industries
Star Equipment, Ltd*

*Agri Drain Corp.
Century Plastics
Gierke-Robinson Co.
Hickenbottom, Inc.
Mid America Trenchers
Moyson Resources
Precision Intakes
Quinn Equipment Co.
RTL Equipment, Inc.
Springfield Plastics, Inc.
WI. Plastic Drain Tile Corp.*

*Altorfer, Inc.
Common Ground Iowa
Great Lakes Inter-Drain, Inc.
Hotsy Equipment Co.
Mid Country Machinery, Inc.
Murphy Tractor & Equip.Co.
Prins Insurance, Inc.
Rexco Equipment Co.
Road Machinery & Supplies
Titan Machinery
Ziegler Cat*

Iowa LICA/Agency Meeting

On Thursday, March 3, 2011, several members of Iowa LICA met with the NRCS, IDAL, and DNR at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Members met for over two hours discussing the different programs that are available for LICA contractors. We also spent time discussing some of the problems that LICA members are having in the field.

State Wide District Meeting sponsored by Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co.

Iowa LICA Chairman of the Board, Randy Liddle, worked hard to get this meeting set up. Many members had expressed their desire to visit "The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum". I didn't get to the meeting until the tour was over, but I understand everyone had a great time. Thanks to **Murphy Tractor and Equipment Co.** for sponsoring the meeting.

Our condolences go out to the family of Richard Blount of the Northeast District. Richard was a long time member of Iowa LICA from Independence, Iowa.

Iowa's Nonpoint Source Management Plan

The University of Northern Iowa's Institute for Decision Making (IDM) will be facilitating the development of Iowa's Nonpoint Source Management Plan in coordination with an intra-agency partner group comprised of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Iowa State University, and Conservation Districts of Iowa. Iowa LICA has been identified as a stakeholder in this plan and was extended an invitation to get involved in this important process. UNI has identified 8 different categories of stakeholder groups that will be brought to the planning table. Iowa LICA was placed in the Business & Industry group which includes:

- . Iowa Limestone Producers Association
- . Agribusiness Association of Iowa
- . Association of Business and Industry
- . Iowa Certified Crop Advisors
- . Iowa Commercial Nutrient Applicators Association
- . Iowa Fertilizer Institute
- . Iowa Forage and Grassland Council
- . Iowa Renewable Fuels Association

To successfully administer this process, UNI cannot have representatives from all stakeholder groups identified physically present at the planning sessions. Each stakeholder group will receive two spokespersons to represent the collective interests from this group. At the State Wide District Meeting the members asked Mark Erpelding of Algona to check into this process and see what role Iowa LICA could play. I was recently contacted by Erpelding who said that Iowa LICA has been asked to be one of the two spokesmen for the group.

“Honest Abe” and ???

You never know who you may run into while at the State Capitol. A couple of weeks ago this is who I met. That was definitely a treat!



Work at the Capitol is moving along-never as fast as we would like. By the time you receive this newsletter, the second funnel date will have passed.

All bills to be debated this year will have to be out of committee and be ready for floor debate.

This past week we debated a bill that would place much of the “319” money that now goes to the Department of Natural Resources for watershed work into the hands of the Iowa Department of Land

Stewardship. That is where I always thought it should be. Many in the Chamber fought to keep the money in the hands of the DNR. There was a lot of false information going back and forth among the representatives during the debate. I listened as long as I could and finally I pushed the “mic” button. When I finished there was no more talking- the debate was over! The bill passed with bipartisan support. The bill goes to the Senate. I am not sure how it will fare there but, we can hope they will follow through and put the money where it can do the most good.

8th Grade Final Exam: Salina , KS - 1895

Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895?

This is about half of the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina , Kansas , USA . It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina and reprinted by the Salina Journal.

Grammar (Time, one hour)

1. Give nine rules for the use of capital letters.
2. Name the parts of speech and define those that have no modifications
3. Define verse, stanza and paragraph.
4. What are the principal parts of a verb? Give principal parts of 'lie,' 'play,' and 'run'.
5. Define case; illustrate each case.
- 6 What is punctuation? Give rules for principal marks of punctuation.
- 7 - 10. Write a composition of about 150 words and show therein that you understand the practical use of the rules of grammar.

Arithmetic (Time,1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet Long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs, what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs for tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.

U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus .
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States .

Orthography (Time, one hour) [Do we even know what this is??]

1. What is meant by the following: alphabet, phonetic, orthography, etymology, syllabication?
2. What are elementary sounds? How classified?
3. What are the following, and give examples of each: trigraph, subvocals, diphthong, cognate letters, linguals?
4. Give four substitutes for caret 'u'.
5. Give two rules for spelling words with final 'e.' Name two exceptions under each rule. marks and by syllabication.

Geography (Time, one hour)

- 1 What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas ?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America .
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia , Odessa , Denver , Manitoba , Hecla , Yukon , St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco .
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each.

Gives the saying 'he only had an 8th grade education' a whole new meaning, doesn't it?!

