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A Letter From The President

Season Greetings Everyone,

Season: remember the four. A season for planning (Winter). A season for springing into action (Spring). A season for work (Summer). A season for thankful (Fall). Also known as Thanksmass. (Thanksgiving and Christmas). After planning, action, work, and now thankfulness, it is truly a time to be thankful for all that was accomplished during the year. From as we grow in all parts of our lives, from business growth to family growth and individual growth, we prepare for the next invitation of opportunity. Embrace it with a YES!

I just got back from the National Groundwater week in Las Vegas. It was a good show. North Carolina was well represented. It was the first time I was part of the North Carolina delegation were we filled all 10 of our seats for the delegation meeting. Thank you to all of you that participated. It was a proud moment to show through action, our participation for North Carolina. Another proud moment for North Carolina was when John Boyette ran and was elected to be a director on the National Groundwater Association Board of Contractors. Congratulation to John on this great accomplishment. North Carolina has been active in leadership to the National Groundwater Association since its beginning, back in 1949.

Our winter trade show in Greensboro will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar: January 31, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Come be a part of a round table discussion on some of the most important topics in the industry. At 5:00 pm we move to the lobby bar for a meet and greet. It is a great time to catch up with old friends and create new friends as well. On February 1, 2019, there will be an opportunity to learn how others address well rehabilitation. From drilling to pump installation to water treatment, this is a topic all should be interested in. There will also be vendors set up to show you their latest and greatest products throughout the day. We will break for lunch and then have a general membership meeting. We will wrap up the day with our fundraiser auction. This year we are selling raffle tickets for a side by side ATV with a trailer. Someone is going to get a great deal for \$100. If you have an item you would like to donate, please don't forget to bring it. Help us to continue our efforts in providing, protecting and preserving our most precious resource, water.

As this year comes to a close let us not forget our blessings, gifts and grace. Prepare to say yes; to the invitation back to the manager and when called be ready to say, Here I am.

Merry Christmas.

Chauncey Leggett

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John Boyette pictured above - top row, fourth from the left

NCGWA Insurance Program - FAQs

The NCGWA Insurance Program is in the middle of its second year and is actively growing in participation due to excellent pricing and specific coverages for well drillers. As many of you know, the NCGWA partnered with Rakestraw Insurance Center and Frankenmuth Insurance to develop a group insurance program as one of its member benefits! Take a moment to read these FAQs to learn more about insurance and what the association is doing for its members.

Groundwater members have many questions about insurance, here are a few FAQs:

1. How can I save money on my premiums?

The NCGWA insurance program gives members an immediate 5% discount just for being a member. However, most participants usually save around 15 - 20% in premiums versus their current insurance policies. The power of being in an insurance group will generate more “pull” with the insurance company allowing more discounts on your policies. Also, a good claims history and safety program always allow for extra savings.

2. Am I covered correctly?

There are typical policies that each business needs before starting work: General Liability, Property, Inland Marine (contractor’s equipment), Commercial Auto, Worker’s Compensation, and an Umbrella policy. However, there are many variations of coverage within these policies and options to choose. For example, the NCGWA insurance program offers Down in the Hole coverage for drilling equipment and Loss of Business Income for your Well Rig if its damaged by a covered loss like fire, wind, highway accidents, etc. It is important to work with an agent that knows the groundwater industry, so they can make sure you have the correct coverages for your specific business.

3. Do I have the coverage limits I need?

An insurance policy can be written with a variety of limits of liability. There are some insurance policies that are written at the state minimum limits or statutory limits. It is important to have enough liability coverage in the case of an accident. Also, most general contractors require \$1,000,000 liability limits.

Ex: You work on the well and pump system of a \$750,000 house and your general liability coverage limit is only \$500,000. You need a higher liability limit! You should always carry a limit high enough to replace the buildings you are working on or near.

4. Is my well rig and chassis covered for what it is worth?

Each insurance company covers well rigs differently, rigs are placed on the auto and/or the inland marine policy. This makes it hard for a driller to make sure their rig is covered for the full amount of the rig and chassis value. Rakestraw Insurance can review your current policies for correct coverage. As part of the NCGWA insurance Program, well rigs that are 10 years old or newer can be covered for Replacement Cost.

The best way to answer all your questions and save money on your insurance premiums is to have an insurance review by a Rakestraw Insurance agent. There is no cost for the review; only the opportunity to optimize your insurance coverage and save money on your premiums.

An agent will be able to visit you at your office or jobsite. To set up a review or ask more questions please call Rakestraw Insurance at 1-800-849-4678.

Before You Make The Call To 811

Before you make the call to 811, pick up a shovel or start up a backhoe, there is something you can do to help the utility locators save time and relay exactly where you plan on digging. It's called white lining.

When an excavation site cannot be clearly and adequately identified when submitting a locate request to 811, you the excavator, are required per state statute to designate the route and/or area to be excavated using either white flags or water-soluble white paint. Both flags and paint can be obtained at most local hardware stores for a minimal cost. White lining or pre-marking must be done prior to calling 811 and before the utility locators arrive at your excavation site. This pre-marking allows you to properly communicate with the locators the exact area you plan on digging. This way they can focus on marking only that area and not an entire property or length of road or land that goes outside the scope of a jobsite. White lining is not just for professional excavators, it is for everyone.

A few guidelines to follow will help speed things along. Remember all markings whether they are paint or flags must be done in white. The American Public Works Association (APWA) designates white as the color for all proposed excavation sites.

You can delineate the proposed area of excavation using stakes or flags instead of spray paint to mark the corners of the project; or when outlining the excavation project. Stakes or flags should be white in color and display the excavator's company identifier (name, abbreviations, or initials).

It is recommended that you label your white lined area with something that indicates who the white lines are for. Due to the popularity of white lining in some areas, locators come across multiple white lines by different excavators in the same area. Also, it is recommended that you date the white lined area no more than 2 days prior to calling in your locate, to help the locator match up your white lined area to your locate ticket.

Using these methods of best practice when white lining will help speed up the process of having the utilities marked by the operator's locators and will help get your excavation project started on time. For more information and to view a video on white lining visit nc811.org.

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For eligibility requirements and an application form, please visit <http://www.ncgwa.org/content/uploads/2015/03/WorthPickardScholarshipApplication.pdf>

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