

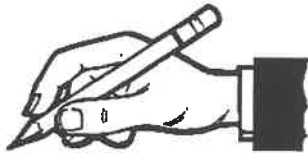
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EDITOR'S NOTES

Boy, has this been a winter or what? We get two major snow storms, and then flooding all in one month! I was stranded in Mineral Wells for a couple of days without a coat during the cold spell, and to top that off, my heater in my truck didn't work. It got down to minus 35 on my farm, but only had to fix one water pipe. So far this winter, I have replaced a truck starter, a broken accelerator cable, fixed a clutch pressure plate, replaced two master cylinders, repaired a leaking gas tank (boy that one was tough... couldn't see it leaking for all the snow!) and fighting the fenderbergs (see sniglets.) Some people complain about the cold here in West Virginia, but if you love hardwoods, and our wildlife, it is a necessary part of everything. It helps to kill bugs, and replenishes our water table. I'm glad to see summer approaching though!

When submitting articles for

this newsletter *please* help by having it in a form that is easy for me to use. I am getting tons of information, but I have to edit each article (some several pages long) to a short info piece. My preference is to have the article submitted on a 3 1/2" floppy disk in Word Perfect format (any version), or in ASCII text. I will continue to accept faxes, or photocopied newspaper articles, but please indicate the newspaper and date so I can give credit. Thanks.

For those of you with a modem, I can be reached through:

EchoNet

(Fred Barley 50:5011/1152),
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(Fred Barley, 89:89/5).

I can also be reached through my BBS system, "Cabin Fever" at 304-684-7987

TRI-STATE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION - submitted by Anthony LaPosta

Sanitarians from Hancock, Brook, Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel-Tyler counties attend monthly educational meetings hosted by various county or municipal health departments from Ohio and West Virginia. The Tri-State EH Association was formed in the late 1940's as a result of milk Sanitarian's need for a forum to exchange information.

The Association is a recognized

agency for CEU/CEH approval for both West Virginia and Ohio. Current officers are: George Sobota. President from Marshall County HD; Stanley Giorgiandis, VP from Jefferson County, Ohio; and Anthony LaPosta, Sec/Tres from Hancock County HD.

Recent topics included lead detection, gravelless piping systems, interior cleaning of food service establishments, underground construction and digging hazards, fire prevention systems, holistic wellness, EPA hazardous waste site cleanups, and field trips including Waste Technologies Industries, in East Liverpool, Ohio; Touchstone Labs in Wheeling; and Morgan Brothers Sewage Construction in Wellsburg.

Dues are \$10.00 per year and all retiree memberships are free.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TOM FELTON - submitted by Brad Cochran

Our part-time sanitarian, part-time comedian recently entered a comedy show contest in Morgantown sponsored by Morgantown Mall and radio station WVAQ. It was held centerstage at the mall and the grand prize was \$150. Tom's skit was easily the best there and he won the \$150.

Highlights of Tom's routine was the "Clarence Clapsaddle skit, Rodney Dangerfield, Howard Cosell and Muhammad Ali.

Several sanitarians were in the audience to lend moral support. We also thought Tom would buy later, but NOoooo!

INTERCEPTED LETTER TO THE EDITOR - submitted by Rich Wheeler COUNTY SANITARIANS DO A MIGHTLY FINE JOB

To the editor: Are you about to realize your dreams of owning your own home or beginning your own business outside the city limits?

WV DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) is going to raise the cost of your dream by \$33.75 for each septic tank with a registration tag to go on your permit, beginning Oct 1.

Last year 8,000 new septic systems were installed in West Virginia: \$33.75 times 8,000 equals \$270,000. This makes a beautiful and sizable "sludge fund" whose announced intent is to protect our West Virginia water resources.

Thanks, DEP, for your help. You see, we neither want your "services" nor need your fee. West Virginia has a mighty fine force of people already doing this job and their title is county sanitarian. They do a tremendous job for all of us each at our own local-county level. They are already protecting our groundwater supply by making sure there is proper distance between water source (well) and end-of-line use (septic system).

Now is the time to get on our individual and collective "high horses." Political pressures brought to bear remove people from appointed jobs. It's time

to get a useless and high-hooded fee withdrawn either by legislative action (who snuck this one through on the tag end of which bill?) or this "emergency rule" withdrawn. The 1994 election year is getting closer by the moment. Few in office neglect to plan for the next event.

For more information call your local sanitarian and/or district DNR office to ask for the brochure title, "New Septic Systems Registration Fees." All the services outlined in the brochure are already being covered. By the way, also request a copy of "Procedure for Collecting Septic Tank Fees." Very enlightening.

Now is the time to move on this issue. Take your own individual and responsible action. (And while you are on the phone, call your sanitarian and tell him/her thanks for a job well done.)

Together we can refuse to be streamrolled, fleeced and sludged.

Nannette E. Milleon, Springfield, W.Va. (newspaper unknown)

Congratulations

submitted by Ron Forren

Recent-successful-PES-exam-takers were: George Sabota, Marshall cty; Roger Hanna, Clay cty.; Nada Beneke, Monongalia cty.

SANITARIAN AWARDS - Submitted by: Gary L.

Hamilton

Seven sanitarians and an environmental health association were honored with plaques at the Association's annual awards presentation at Canaan Valley on September 23. Those honored were: Tri-State Environmental Health Association as an "Outstanding professional organization that has promoted public health education and service for over 40 years"; Twila Stowers Carr, R.S., for "Initiating an aggressive food sanitation program in Berkeley County"; Fred R. Barley, R.S., for his "Time and effort in publishing the W. V. A. S. Newsletter"; Earl L. Burgess, Jr., R.S., for his "Legislative and other contributions on behalf of the W. V. A. S."; Clarence T. Christian, R.S., due to "Improvement in sanitation level of the food stands and overall environment at the West Virginia State Fair"; Daniel A. Parker, S.I.T., as "Sanitarian Trainee of the Year"; Clarence T. Christian, R.S., as "Outgoing President of the W. V. A. S."; and Art Adams, R.S., as "Outgoing Executive Board Member of the W. V. A. S."



In addition to the plaques, the Awards Committee cited nine sanitarians, two county health departments and an individual with another state agency with Certificates of Recognition or Appreciation. Those so noted were: Max R. Fisher, R.S., Charles Saber, R.S., Francis Holton, R.S., Flem O'Dell,

R.S., Gary L. Epling, R.S., Tom Felton, R.S. Philip Jones, R.S., Jefferson County Health Department, Monongalia County Health Department and Gus Douglas of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. Bruce Jenkins, R.S., was awarded the 4th Annual Bubba Award, which was presented by Tom Felton, along with Tom reading a great poem that caused many tears to flow from those who laughed too hard. The aforementioned, other than one, have all demonstrated a uniqueness that elevated our profession in an inspirational way and were formally recognized before the assemblage. The exception of the aforementioned has been instrumental in unifying and strengthening the resolve of the members of our association toward a common cause. Toward that gentleman, the award was respectful, but hardly flattering!

I believe that the Awards Committee members, Randy DeHaven, R.S., Ron Forren, R.S., and Anita Ray, R.S., did a great job and I certainly appreciated their cooperation and assistance, as well as Karen Hall-Dundas, R.S., for her annual efforts to have the plaques prepared. Thanks!

HOT AIR DRYERS IN RESTROOMS INCREASE GERMS, STUDY SAYS - submitted by

Clarence Christian



The bacteria washed away in a public restroom can come flying back through a hot-air-dryer, a British study says. But scientists do not know whether that finding, if

confirmed, represents any threat to public health.

A University of Westminster study, financed by the Association of Soft Tissue Paper Manufactures, found that hot-air driers in public restrooms increased bacteria on hands more than 500 percent. Those using towels had fewer germs after washing. Researchers insisted the study was conducted scientifically although it was sponsored by paper towel makers. Restroom habits were studied by watching, and it was found that they spent about eleven seconds washing. Few used the hand drier's full thirty second drying cycle. Men left after about 19.6 seconds, women after 25.4 seconds. After hot-air drying, about 40 percent of the volunteers wiped their hands on their clothes. About 60 percent of women proceeded to fix their make-up. Rubbing clothes or sticking fingers near eyes could spread bacteria. (newspaper unknown)

SNIGLETS - submitted by Sam E. Tarian

Aquadextrous - adj. Possessing the ability to turn the bathtub faucet on and off with your toes.

Blithwapping - v. Using anything BUT a hammer to hammer a nail into the wall, such as shoes, lamp bases, doorstops, etc.

Burbulation - n. The obsessive act of opening and closing a refrigerator door in an attempt to catch it before the automatic light comes on.

Cinemuck - n. The combination of popcorn, soda, and melted chocolate which covers the floors of movie theaters.

Elbonics - n. The actions of two people maneuvering for one armrest in a movie theatre.

Fenderberg - n. The large glacial deposits that form on the insides of car fenders during snowstorms.

Flannister - n. The plastic yoke that holds a six-pack of beer together.

Furbling - v. Having to wander through a maze of ropes at an airport or bank even when you are the only person in line.

Genderplex - n. The predicament of a person in a restaurant who is unable to determine his or her designated restroom (e.g. turtles and tortoises).

Glemites - n. Petrified deposits of toothpaste found in sinks.

Gurmlish - n. The red warning flag at the top of a club sandwich which prevents the person from biting into it and puncturing the roof of his mouth.

Idiot Box - n. The part of the envelope that tells a person where to place the stamp when they can't quite figure it out for themselves.

Krogt - n. (chemical symbol: Kr) The metallic silver coating found on fast-food game cards.

Lactomangulation - n. Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side.

Magnocartic - n. Any automobile that, when left unattended, attracts shopping carts.

Mittsquinter - n. A ballplayer who looks into his glove after missing the ball, as if, somehow, the cause of the error lies there.

Mustgo - n. Any item of food that has been sitting in the refrigerator so long it has become a science project.

Narcolepulacy (nar ko lep' ul ah see) - n. The contagious action of yawning, causing everyone in sight to also yawn.

Nugloo (nug' lew) - n. Single continuous eyebrow that covers the entire forehead.

Phosflink - v. To flick a bulb on and off when it burns out (as if, somehow, that will bring it back to life).

PIYAN (pi' an) - n. (acronym: "Plus If You Act Now") Any miscellaneous item thrown in on a late night television ad.

Purpitation - v. To take something off the grocery shelf, decide you don't want it, and then put it in another section.

Relative Humidity -n. The little drops of sweat that roll down your back when you are having sex with your sister-in-law.

Scribline - n. The blank area on the back of credit cards where one's signature goes.

Slurm - n. The slime that accumulates on the underside of a soap bar when it sits in the dish too long.

Snacktrek - n. The peculiar habit, when searching for a snack, of constantly returning to the refrigerator in hopes that something new will have materialized.

Spagmumps - n. Any of the millions of Styrofoam wads that accompany mail-order items.

Spirobites - n. The frayed bits of left-behind paper in a spiral notebook.

Spirtle - n. The fine stream from a grapefruit that always lands right in your eye.

MONONGALIA COUNTY NEWS - submitted by John Hathaway

Terri Miller joined our sanitarian staff in June. Welcome Terri! We were awarded a \$500 grant from the WVPHA to compile radon statistics for Monongalia County. There are still monies available. Contact Joe Shock for more details. Bob White was elected to the WVAS Board. Arthur Adams was chosen to represent the Philippi District on the Liaison Committee.



COMPUTER TALK - submitted by Fred Barley

Have you ever used the computer to write an article, memo, letter, etc., and needed to insert some special characters??? You can do lots of things using the IBM extended character set. You are limited by what your printer and software program supports (my DTP program does not

support them), but most will work just fine. Here are some tips (to produce them on your work processor, press and hold down the ALT key while typing in the three digit number. Once number is entered, release the ALT key):

ALT-130 produces an €

ALT-155 a cent sign ¢

ALT-171 a one-half mark ½

ALT-172 a quarter sign ¼

ALT-236 an infinity mark ∞

ALT-241 a plus/minus mark ±

ALT-242 a greater than or equal mark ≥

ALT-243 a less than or equal mark ≤

ALT-247 an approximately mark ≈

ALT-248 a degree mark °

ALT-253 a squared mark ²

You can combine these to show "Food must be ≥140°F, and must be checked with a thermometer that is accurate to ±2°F." Or in sewage, "1200 feet²."

DISHING IT OUT - submitted by Karol Wallingford

The quality of food served in Penn State University dining commons is of major concern to students, but all of diners' favorites, including nachos, deli meats and the revered chicken cosmo, are inspected regularly for health requirements. The process by which the food is inspected is quite extensive, as is its name - Hazard Analysis/Critical Control Point Approach (HACCP). Penn State adopted the method in Fall Semester 1988.

The system of seeing if the ceilings are clean doesn't cut it today, Dave Ginger, coordinator of the University's version of HACCP. Employees at the snack bar now pay

attention to taking the temperature of food on the line every half hour. "The main thing is holding the food at proper temperature", Ginger said.

LOLLAPALOOZA 1993 - submitted by Rich Wheeler

What do flesh piercing, alternative rock music, moshing pit, and \$22 pizza all have in common? They were part of the Lollapalooza Concert held at the old Shenandoah Downs Race Track just outside of Charles Town, WV. The tour is a nationally syndicated production which involves musical acts as well as the sale of a variety of merchandise. Once you pay the \$30 admission fee, you are not allowed to leave the grounds without forfeiting the ticket fee.

Food and beverage could not be brought in to the concert grounds by the attendees. Food, water, and tee shirt sales were the major sources of revenue.

This was the third year for the tour in the D.C. area. The past two years it was held in Reston, VA, but the facility was not large enough to handle the anticipated crowd, plus the people in Reston had a mutiny and refused to let the concert back to their city because of the nuisance factor.

The production manager did not want to commit ~~*any*~~ of the plans for the facilities to be provided in writing. No less than six meetings, four letters, and 37 phone calls were required to obtain enough information about the water supply, the sanitary facilities, and the trash collector to determine that the facilities would be in compliance with the applicable regulations. The

complete information was not received until three days before the event.

From day to day the food menu format would change. The proposed operations were constantly changing as well. Tent changes were accepted, but the menu changes were not. Fifteen temporary food service operations to serve exotic food were denied the approval needed to operate at the event.

The week before the concert, Lisa Dunn and Judi Rice make site visits every day. While reviewing the facilities, Judi stepped into a ground hog hole, and broke her foot in two places. Extra help was called in, and Clarence Christian, Ron Forren, Joe Wyatt, Norman Moore, Bill Nichols, Max Fisher and Alan Marchum all helped with the enormous effort.

Sewage disposal was provided via 225 chemical toilets. Two pumper trucks were permitted to clean the toilets and disposal of the sewage at the Race Track Treatment Plant. Potable water was provided by two tanker trucks. One truck held 6,000 gallons and the other held 1,000 gallons. Trash disposal was provided by the concert production unit, and consisted of over 1,000 cardboard trash containers with plastic liners.

It has been estimated that the cost of this event to the county and state was around \$8,500. The Health Department received under \$300 in permit fees and Jefferson County received no permit fees or tax money at all.

WVAS MID-YEAR MEETING - submitted by Gary Hamilton

The Sanitarian Mid-Year Training Course will be held at Cedar Lakes from Tuesday, May 3, 1994, to Friday, May 6, 1994.

The course offers a diverse program. To cover costs of refreshments at breaks, speaker's fees and materials expenses, a registration fee of twenty dollars is required of attendees of the entire course. The Association will permit single day registration for Wednesday and Thursday at ten dollars for each day, and a five dollar fee on Friday. The Sanitarian's Business Meeting is open to all paid Association members and does not require a registration fee. If possible, please inform Cedar Lakes of your reservations to help the facility and the Association in determining adequate seating, supplies, refreshments and food.

SILENT AUCTION - submitted by Clarence Christian

The WV Association of Sanitarians would like to thank all those who contributed to the silent auction by either donating an item and/or purchasing an item.

