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President's Message

Well, another AEC is in the books and I think it was very successful. Everyone had the opportunity to learn more about our profession as well as what some of our public health counterparts are doing on their side of the office. With our ever-changing world, it is becoming more important than ever to work with others in the public health arena. "Others" may include public health nursing, state or local departments, cross county or state jurisdictions or possibly even the office of Homeland Security, whomever the "other" may be it is important to know that we (Environmental Health) are only one part of the puzzle. The AEC has proven to be a valuable tool for all of us to gain knowledge in areas we may not be proficient and at the same time give us an atmosphere in which we can meet people whom may become valuable resources when a situation arises in which we need experience, knowledge or even an extra hand.

Having let you know how important I feel the AEC is, I want to say thank you to all those who helped put this years conference together. Bryan Grapes and Sherry Maston have done a wonderful job obtaining speakers and helping with logistics, not to mention they were willing to drive to Cheyenne for the planning meetings. I also want to extend my gratitude to the Wyoming Public Health Association for all the time and effort they have put into making this a great AEC. I hope all of our future AEC's are as good as this one has been.

I would like to encourage all the new staff members (EH and CHS) to become actively involved with your Wyoming Environmental Health Association. We are still a year away from electing new officers but I want everyone to think about how you can play a part in WEHA. WEHA has several committees that are an important part in keeping our association working, and about a year from now we will be asking for nominations for new officers for the Board. The association is only as good as the people who participate and I want to encourage everyone to get involved.

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When I took over as President a year ago I mentioned some of the things I would like to do while in the office, one of those is providing more educational opportunities to the members. I have a couple of ideas for one-day trainings that I would like to see happen this spring. One of those is a seminar on public water systems. I feel this is something we can provide to the members at a very reasonable cost and at the same time get them some useful information. Look for more to come this spring.

I also would like to encourage all of you out there who are not members of NEHA to seriously take a look at becoming members of that organization not only because we are their local affiliate but because they have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to provide professionals across the country with a vast amount of information and services that make us better at what we do. The Journal of Environmental Health will keep you informed on what is going on in the field of environmental health; the members across the country can be a valuable asset when we need information on something we haven't seen in Wyoming; NEHA provides an ongoing array of training opportunities to assist us in keeping our CEU's current; and lastly NEHA is going to hold their National AEC in Anchorage, Alaska next year. This may be a once in a lifetime chance to see the last frontier and prices to attend are much better for members. I hope to see Wyoming well represented in May 2004.

Employee of the Month for August, 2003

The WDA is proud to announce that our Employee of the Month for August is Sherry Maston of Consumer Health Services. Sherry was nominated by Wayne Cook and Bill Locker, who had the following to say in their nomination.

This nomination isn't for a specific event; it is because she always completes her own base work in a timely manner. That in and of itself is enough to do, however, Sherry is also the meat compliance officer, which means she gets to prepare all the reports for meat violation issues. Meat violations are always confrontational and unpleasant because of the large amounts of money that can be involved. She does this willingly with a happy, care free, pleasant attitude. She works many evenings on her own time preparing these reports so the agency looks and acts professionally, and if we end up in court we have the proper supporting documentation for the Attorney General's office.

She helps her supervisors by working in IPPS quarterly reviews of meat plants, when they ask her to help. This requires nights away from home and additional report writing, with occasional long drives after work to be in the correct place for the next day's commitment. She also works and participates on many committees, plans and conducts many food safety training classes, and she writes food safety tidbits for the newspaper. She is always working to magnify her responsibility in protecting Wyoming's food supply.

As President of the Wyoming Food Safety Coalition, Sherry helped organize a food safety promotion for the Cheyenne Frontier Days Celebration for the weekend of July 18-20, 2003. She arranged for USDA/FSIS to bring their "Fight Bac" display trailer with custom and educational materials. At the same time, she arranged for the "Clean Team" tent to be set up with hand washing/black light demonstrations and secured volunteers to help with both promotions. Good job Sherry!

September, 2003 WDA Employee the Month

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is proud to announce that September's Employee of the Month is Shawn Moore of Consumer Health Services. Shawn was nominated by Wayne Cook, who had the following to say in his nomination.

I'd like to nominate Shawn Moore as employee of the month. He is deserving of this honor for the following reasons: He is always well organized and has his work done timely and thoroughly, and manages to save some time to take on extra projects.

He recently had the Rainbow Coalition visit the greater Evanston area. He was involved with the local community leaders in dealing with this extra event. A coalition was organized where all the people involved in public health, law enforcement and Forest Service issues from both Wyoming and Utah held planning and updating meetings so everyone would know what others were doing, and what the issues were. He in turned passed this information on to his supervisors so they would know what was happening, also. This group came and went without a big disaster or crisis.

He recently identified some improperly labeled meat coming out of Utah and helped Sherry do a compliance investigation and report. He recently helped Sweetwater County teach a full serve-safe course to their patrons. He has also organized a swimming pool regulations short course for the pool operators in Uinta County and teaches many food safety classes locally. He is always willing to help out with sharing his knowledge and experience. He recently traveled to Thayne to answer questions and help a meat processor, who he is not responsible for, refine and improve a Jerky stick product. He also recently attended the trainer program in Texas and he is always working to improve his knowledge and skills.

Your hard work is notice and appreciated, Shawn. We are certainly glad to have you as a member of our team. Congratulations, Shawn!!

CASPER HEALTH DEPARTMENT CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

The Casper/Natrona County Health Department is celebrating its 50th anniversary. They have contracted to have a book published commemorating the past 50 years. Many people played a role in the development and growth of the CHCHD but one of the more colorful and pro-active people was Nix Anderson. John Drinnon, the current Environmental Health Director, provided the following insight on Nix.

During Nix's arrival in Casper in the early 60's, Public Health was still in its beginnings in terms of what it is today! Improvements in food safety and one of the first individual on site wastewater disposal programs in the entire state were initiated under Nix's oversight. He was visionary in many respects, expanding public health programs based on needs. Nix was not reluctant to "push" programs through the board of health as well as lobbying at the state legislature. He was fervent about advancing public health in Natrona County and took a pro-active position when necessary.

Although Wyoming was probably considered "rural" during Nix's tenure here, the greater Casper area was somewhat industrialized with the 3 principal refineries. Nix began an ambient air quality program (since relegated to WDEQ), by placing fixed samplers at some of the City/ Co buildings. He also saw a need to have a comprehensive public health laboratory and expanded services to include water quality testing (principally bact T). The water lab was EPA certified. The lab was also capable of identifying causative organisms for sexually transmitted diseases in patients, and tested food samples to support epidemiological investigations. Many of these functions are now supported at the state lab, however at the time, these services were not available.

Nix saw the need, requisitioned funds and hired staff. In terms of planning and zoning, Nix insured that our department was involved in approving land divisions principally focusing on water and wastewater issues. He believed in maintaining competent staff and insisted that all environmental health specialists be registered. He also organized a mosquito control program, recognizing that these vectors were instrumental in transmitting numerous zoonotic diseases. In conclusion, with that ever present cigar and colorful personality, the CNCHD as it is today is a benefaction left behind by Nix Anderson.



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GOVERNOR'S FOOD SAFETY COUNCIL NEWS

Congratulations to Pamela Hall and Dean Finkenbinder, who were recently appointed to serve on the Governor's Food Safety Council.

The Governor's Food Safety Council was recommended by the Food Safety Task Force and was created in the Wyoming Food, Drug and Cosmetic Safety Act (W.S. 35-7-127.) As set by statute, the council consists of four members from the regulatory community, four members from food industry, two members representing the general public, and one ex officio member from the University of Wyoming cooperative extension service.

The function and duties of the Governor's Food Safety Council are to provide comments to the Wyoming Department of Agriculture and local health departments before any rules are promulgated and then after reviewing the promulgated rules, make recommendations on those rules. The Council can also be used as a sounding board to help to clarify and interpret questions that may come up about the Wyoming Food, Drug and Cosmetic Safety Act or the Wyoming Food Safety Rule. The Council also functions as an information clearinghouse, passing on best practices from industry and keeping the public and industry informed of upcoming regulatory changes. In addition, the Council can help formulate and politically legitimize policies and protocols. We also want to ensure that promulgated rules are consistent across the state.

At its most recent meeting, Bob Harrington of the Casper/Natrona County Health Department was elected Chairman and Dean Finkenbinder of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture was elected Secretary. One of the issues before the council at this meeting was to review and make recommendations on guidelines for processing raw agricultural products. Linda Stratton and Dean Finkenbinder of the WDA presented to the Council a set of guidelines for consumer health specialists to follow when determining if a producer should be licensed or not. The guidelines should provide clarification and consistency across the state for the inspectors.



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GUS LOPEZ RECEIVES ARTHUR WILLIAMSON AWARD

Submitted by: Roy Kroeger

For those of you who do not know the origin of the Arthur Williamson award, I would like to give mention as to who he was and why this award carries his name. Arthur Williamson was the director of the Water Quality Division at the State Health Department before the USEPA and the WY DEQ were ever dreamt of. He was a strong proponent of Public Health for Wyoming and worked with the CDC to promote public health worldwide. His tenure in Wyoming started in 1960 and ran through much of the 1970's.

Many of you in this room here tonight will know this years recipient of the Arthur Williamson Award very well, after all with three plus decades of service he should have gotten to know a lot of people that he has worked with. He has served as a role model and a mentor to many in the Environmental Health field in Wyoming over those thirty plus years and tonight we are presenting him with the highest achievement to be bestowed upon someone in our profession from this association.



Gus Lopez receives Art Williamson Award

Before we introduce this year's recipient I would like to give everyone a little bit of background on this person. He was born on September 12, 1943 in Greeley, CO., where he and his family lived until moving to Cheyenne about 1948 or 49. He graduated from Central High School in Cheyenne 1963 and went to work after high school trying several different jobs. As a foreman for Benham Concrete Company, he suffered a workplace injury that ended his career there. During the next couple of years he underwent rehabilitation and took classes. During this period of time he had the fortune to meet Jack Rich, a health inspector with the Laramie County Health Department, who hired him in 1969.

He has helped bring Environmental Health from its infancy to what is one of the most respected local environmental health programs not only in Wyoming but the entire Rocky Mountain region. Often peers asking for advice, to do a presentation, or just to find out how he would handle a certain situation, have called upon him. He has been proud to be a sanitarian, or

environmental health specialist as most of us are now referred to. For many years he has worked hard to bring more respect and credibility to the profession. His staff recognizes him as someone who is eagerly willing to accept new challenges in the workplace, as he sees those new challenges as a way to make environmental health a more respected part of society. Often he is at the forefront of environmental health issues in Wyoming. During legislature you can find him there lobbying to improve the profession and push for needed revisions in laws or new regulations to improve environmental and public health. Our recipient has also been active in many public health associations serving as one of the earliest presidents of this, the Wyoming Environmental Health Association. He was the inaugural President of the Wyoming Food Safety Coalition and is currently President-Elect for the Wyoming Public Health Association. He was active in setting up training programs for many different areas of Environmental Health, some of which include: food safety and radon.

He has also been instrumental locally in pushing to adopt a comprehensive regulation for Body Art and Pet Shop Sanitation; these are rules that many environmental health programs would not even begin to venture into. I know I am leaving out several other accomplishments that he has been involved in.

Pushing for high tech improvements in the way environmental health operates was another initiative that he has worked to promote and one of his accomplishments that I am most grateful of. High tech is a very expensive venture and it often requires grant funding to get it started. Our office pushed for years to become fully computerized and that was not realized until he became the Director of Environmental Health. Since our original venture into computers, we have advanced into using GIS Mapping services for many of our programs such as GPS for putting public health information on the map (things like septic systems, prairie dog colonies and mosquito breeding sites are just some of the possibilities).

Recent events have shifted many in environmental health toward Bio-Terrorism/Homeland Security planning and training. This is an area where our recipient has excelled. According to several at the State Health Department, his office had one of the most successful Smallpox Vaccination Programs in the Rocky Mountain region. There were more vaccinations given at his office than in many of the much larger Denver area clinics to the south. He has been very involved in Homeland Security issues and gives staff the opportunity to receive needed training whenever possible.

Diplomacy is another strong suit of this year's award recipient; in fact his staff has teased him for years that he was running for mayor. All kidding aside, he has always taken the time to sit down and listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision on how to handle any situation. He works with people and gives them the benefit of the doubt in a business where many others have come to the conclusion that most of the public is trying to pull something over on us. It is a real attribute to be able to stay objective in a field that tends to breed cynicism.

When not working in Environmental Health, he is still involved in many community events such as the United Way Campaign, Leadership Cheyenne and the Lions Club where he has served as District Governor. I am pleased to announce the recipient of the Arthur Williamson Award, to my friend and colleague: Gus Lopez.

2003 OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST IS DOUG EVANS

This year's Outstanding Environmental Health Professional is a Department of Agriculture employee and a 1995 graduate of Black Hills State University in Spearfish, South Dakota. He obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education with a Biology major. He was formerly employed as a sporting goods store manager in Gillette where his specialty was athletic shoes. He was also employed as a driller and blaster at the Black Thunder coal mine in Campbell County. When he gets frustrated with his job now, all he has to do is think back to the coal-mining job when it's in the middle of the night with the temperature well below zero and he's out drilling holes in the ground. He didn't like that because it wasn't a "thinking man's job", plus the fact he was freezing to death and quite a ways away from his wife and kids. He has a lovely wife named Terra and two children, Jordan age 5 and Ashtyn who is 3. His hobbies are hunting, knife making and basically anything to do with any kind of sports. It's good that his father is a taxidermist or he would certainly be in the poor house with all the trophy mounts he has on his walls.



He began his employment with our department in the spring of 2000. He earned credentials as a Certified Food Safety Professional in 2000 and is currently working toward his Registered Sanitarian certification. He is a member of the Wyoming Environmental Health Association and the National Environmental Health Association. He is currently the Treasurer of WEHA. He is also on the Governor's Water/Wastewater Task Force and does extensive work with Dennis Lamb of the DEQ and Dr. McMurtry, the county health officer for Campbell County.

Even though he is very busy with over 300 regular inspections in his county, he has never asked for assistance. He is always willing to help others when needed by making inspections in Weston, Converse and Park Counties. He has always been available to help teach food safety classes in my area with even to the point of conducting them in my absence when I was unable to attend. He continues to do more than his share of the work at the annual Ham N Jam party in Hulett during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. His positive attitude and upbeat personality is a great asset to our entire department. It is with great pleasure that the Outstanding Environmental Health Specialist Award is presented to Doug Evans.

JOSH SANDLIAN RECEIVES THE COVETED 2003 DONKEY TAIL AWARD

The recipient of this year's Donkey Tail Award is unique in his regulatory field. There are times when as an inspector you want certain things to happen but cannot make them happen. But this guy puts them into action.

He was until January 1, 2003, (the significance of this date is soon to be revealed) located in Worland, WY where life as an inspector was uneventful. But things were soon to change like a raging dragon. He had the opportunity to move to Albany County but little did he know how his life and reputation would change when he moved to Laramie to take over the inspection duties from a former inspector on January 1, 2003. On that very day in history, he had to investigate a fire that burned down a ski lodge in his new inspection area. He thought WOW this is not what I had in mind to get broken into in this area.

The plot thickens when approximately 6 months later he was conveniently out of town and another one of the establishments in his inspection area caught fire and was damaged enough to keep them closed. HMMM, one might wonder about this series of events. Then 2 months after this fire (he was just returning from a 3 week stay out of state) another one of the establishments under his inspection caught fire and burned to the ground.

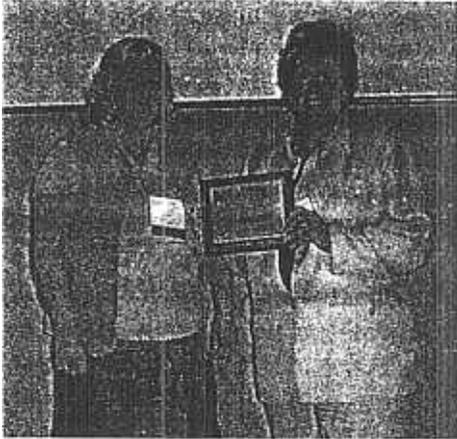
There seems to be a pattern. So if you travel and plan on staying in Albany County, particularly in one of Josh Sandlian's inspected facilities, be sure to check the fire exits and carry a fire extinguisher. So due to these untimely events, Josh receives the Donkey Tail Award for 2003.



Monica Miller is Nancy Rieke Award Winner for 2003

Submitted by: Suzy Pelican

Monica Miller is the Communications Director for the Wyoming Lodging and Restaurant Association (WLRA). In that capacity she interacts frequently with the National Restaurant Association (NRA) and the NRA's Educational Foundation. Because of her extensive knowledge about both these organizations, her firm commitment to high-quality food-safety education in Wyoming, and her generosity with regard to her own time and energy, she has played a unique and invaluable role in helping the WFSC have a productive relationship with the Educational Foundation. Thanks to Monica and her close work with WFSC Program Associate Beth Kamber, WFSC's relationship with the Educational Foundation is positive for the Coalition as well as for the food-service operations and food handlers that the Coalition serves throughout the state.



Much of Monica's assistance goes on behind the scenes. She secures the maximum discount on educational materials purchased by WFSC for local ServSafe trainings, and more than once, she has taken personal time to smooth out--calmly and patiently--misunderstandings that have arisen as a result of local teams not realizing the timing and procedures required by the Educational Foundation. In addition, she is a valuable member of WFSC Board of Directors and has served ably as secretary. Finally, she is a tireless promoter of WFSC and the important role our organization plays in food safety in Wyoming. For all these reasons and many more, Monica is named the Nancy Rieke Award winner for 2003. Congratulations, Monica.

The Nancy Rieke Award is in honor of Nancy Rieke who began her employment with WY Dept of Agriculture, Consumer Health Services, in Worland on August 1, 1990 until April 30, 2001 when she was taken from us by a heart attack at the age of 39. Nancy was a very active member of the Wyoming Food Safety Coalition and loved to teach food safety. She was instrumental in teaching ServSafe and Going For The Gold food safety classes. She particularly enjoyed doing hand washing activities in grade schools in the Big Horn Basin area. She felt it important that good personal hygiene begin at the earliest level possible to prevent the spread of disease.

Nancy practiced teamwork by covering for colleagues and assisting with training classes in other Wyoming communities. She worked closely with school nurses, homemakers and 4-H fair groups to ensure the Big Horn Basin's food supply remained safe.

Once, she attended a HACCP Training (she was part of the team nutrition training) at the University of Mississippi. Even though she was a participant of the class, she was asked by the University to educate the class on HACCP since she was more knowledgeable in the subject matter than their instructor.

Nancy was family oriented and showed a sentimental side toward her loved ones, including her pets. She was also good for a giggle (so I am told by those that worked closely with her).

After her death, the WFSC identified their annual award as the Nancy Rieke Award to commemorate Nancy's dedication, enthusiasm, and application of food safety.

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Vector Control Efforts in Laramie County by Roy Kroeger

The Cheyenne/Laramie County Health Department in cooperation with the Cheyenne Environmental Management Office has been spending much of the year working on Vector Control Projects. Most of our efforts have been focused around mosquito control since West Nile Virus was going to become a prominent concern across Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain Region this summer. Parts of Wyoming have done a great job with mosquito control for many years (Albany County is an example), however we are fairly new at the mosquito control game and were entering the season with little previous experience or funding. We did, however, have promises from local authorities that they would fund the necessary costs to control the mosquitoes if needed. Joint planning started in January trying to understand what resources might be needed and where those resources would come from. Efforts included lobbying the legislature to put money into the Emergency Insect Management Funding bill (HB 236) so as to provide monies to communities who may need it to fight insect problems. We worked out our plan of action and then focused on getting the public and local officials on board with our upcoming efforts.

Public information meetings were held during the early spring in communities around the county to make people aware of West Nile Virus. We also tried to educate citizens on ways to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and spreading the virus. Several local television and radio spots were done as well as many articles in the newspapers. Staff also distributed West Nile Virus posters, informational brochures and wallet sized info cards to educate those who could not attend public meetings.

The Cheyenne Environmental Management Office has done some mosquito control in and around the city limits for some time now but nothing on the scale of what was to be undertaken this year. Our combined efforts started with two full time ground crews spraying liquid larvicide (BTI) in April, wherever water stood long enough to breed mosquitoes. In late May, the health department hired a full time person to do surveillance away from the city and treat waters that were found to be mosquito breeding sites. In July, the health department received notice that matching grant monies would be made available to us through the Emergency Insect Management Funding in the amount of \$155,000. The additional funding made it possible to hire an aircraft contractor to spray larvicide on all the major drainages throughout the county, between 400 and 450 lineal miles. The aerial spraying quickly became a labor-intensive effort because the contractor was not familiar with the county and where drainages were located, not to mention that many of our drainages are intermittent which means much of a drainage may be dry. Environmental Health staff became very valuable in this effort as our staff is very knowledgeable of the county and were able to provide the pilots with spotting and ground information to direct them where spraying was needed. Our efforts so far have included two aerial applications one in August and another in September. Each application has required about twenty flights where the contractor has sprayed close to five hundred gallons of larvicide in a liquid solution each time. The flights were completed over a total of eleven days. Both applications have been followed up with dip testing in areas where no other prevention has taken place and the spraying was found to be very effective in reducing mosquito larvae.

Another control effort included the trapping of mosquitoes with "Mosquito Magnets" and identification of the trapped mosquitoes to find where the female *Culex tarsalis* were most prevalent. That way, we could focus our control efforts on those areas which were at a higher risk. Site investigations were also performed for all properties where positive WNV cases lived so we could determine if more effort was needed in a specific area or neighborhood. Treatment of all the catch basins in the City of Cheyenne's storm water drainage system was also performed after several tests showed a large amount of mosquito breeding in each of the basins.

In all of our efforts, we have avoided using adulticides (fogging and aerial spraying) as much as possible. Environmentalists and others are opposed to the spraying of adulticides in fear that it could harm people and wildlife, including fish and beneficial insects such as bees.

Cheyenne/Laramie County GIS Cooperative information was also very helpful in mapping all the drainage systems and all the storm sewers throughout the county. Having accurate, readily available maps made it quicker and easier to plan our treatment methodology. Time has been taken to map all treatment areas by using GPS to show where temporary ponds, mud holes, etc... are located, so future efforts can be directed toward investigation and treatment of these low areas if needed.

During our West Nile Virus prevention labors we had to take the time starting in mid June to control the flies in and around Cheyenne Frontier Days and the Laramie County Fair. This has been one summer where much of the environmental health staff has looked eagerly upon the return of winter weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 28-30, 2003
FDA SW Region Food Conf.
Marriott University Park Hotel
Salt Lake City, UT

December 3-5, 2003
CDC National Environmental
Public Health Conference
Hilton Atlanta Hotel
Atlanta, GA

May 8-12, 2004
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NEHA Offers Food Safety Trainer Registration

An exciting new opportunity from NEHA Training allows qualified applicants to become registered food safety trainers for *free* through December 31, 2003.

NEHA Training, a subsidiary of NEHA, was created to register qualified food safety trainers and provide them with low-cost, high-quality training resources to train food safety managers seeking certification. To become a registered trainer, an applicant must show a minimum level of competency in the three core areas recommended by the Conference for Food Protection: 1) food safety knowledge, 2) training or teaching skills, and 3) experience in the food industry.

For details about how to meet NEHA Training's minimum competency requirements and receive an application form, contact NEHA Training at (303) 756-9090, extension 347, or e-mail support@nehatraining.com. Alternatively, the application form and guidance notes are online on NEHA Training's Web site, at www.nehatraining.com.

Registered trainers offer their training services to clients nationwide, whether through side businesses of their own or at places of employment such as health departments. The advantages to using NEHA Training's materials include the proven effectiveness of the student textbook *Food Safety Management Principles*, its affordability (\$10 to \$16 per copy, depending on the quantity purchased), and the high quality of the course curricula and training resources provided to trainers. NEHA Training also sells the nationally recognized Food Safety Manager Certification Exam, from the National Registry of Food Safety Professionals, for \$20 per exam in bundles with NEHA Training books.

Food Safety Management Principles, NEHA Training's student textbook for food safety manager certification, is based on the Food and Drug Administration *Model Food Code*, and it is concise and brightly illustrated. *Food Safety Management Principles* presents all the essential microbiological and technical food safety principles food safety managers need to know in a way that is easy to read, understand, and retain. This low-cost book is ideal for teaching food safety managers how to become certified and skilled at their jobs.



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CHANGING OF THE GUARD - NEW EDITOR

After 7 years of wielding the pen as the WEHA Newsletter editor, I have decided to turn it over to someone with new and fresh ideas. Josh Sandlian of Consumer Health Services in Laramie will take over the duties as Newsletter editor with the next issue. It doesn't seem like it's been 7 years but you know what they say, "Time Flies When You're Having Fun".

I took a look at that first Newsletter when I became editor and would like to mention a few items that were newsworthy then: Stephanie Whitman who was then with the City of Laramie Health Dept. was President of WEHA; Don Pack who was with the Cheyenne Health Dept. announced his retirement; Shirley Etzell (Tschannen) received the Outstanding Sanitarian Award (it's now called the Outstanding Environmental Health Professional Award); Howard Hutchings formerly of the WDA and WDH received the Arthur Williamson Award; and Jennifer Rucinski (O'Malley) received the coveted Donkey Tail Award. The AEC was in Evanston of that year and was held in April. Also, that year was the infamous food borne outbreak in Riverton at the Republican State Convention.

It's been fun and sometimes, well most of the time, hectic but I enjoyed being editor of the WEHA Newsletter. I am especially looking forward to the next Newsletter when all I'll have to do is read it.