

UPEHA 2007 Winter Newsletter



**Announcing the 2007 UPEHA Annual
Training Conference
March 14-16, 2007
Up Front & Company
Marquette, MI**

..SURVEY SAYS...

"Absolutely Wonderful Conference!"
"UPEHA Conferences are Michigan's Best Kept Secret!"
"The UPEHA Conference is on its way to being better than most State conferences."
"Up Front & Company is an EXCELLENT conference venue!"
"The speakers were excellent!"

2006 Speaker Favorites

Denise Bryant - Ground Beef Nicotine Contamination

"The final speaker was excellent. Great Job!"
"The Denise Bryant presentation was excellent!"
"Ground beef contamination - a good example of handling FBI situations."
"Denise Bryant was excellent"

Greg Kleinheinz - Microbial Source Tracking

"Microbes hit the beach - very informative."
"Excellent presentation by Kleinheinz."
"Presentation on Beach Monitoring was great!"
"Beach guy was funny and a good speaker!"

Joe Crigier - Down the Hole Camera

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"Joe Crigier was excellent!"

The 2006 Conference was very successful according to the satisfaction surveys returned to the committee at the end of the conference. The steering committee is on their way to planning yet another great conference for 2007. We are also in the process of revising our Constitution and Bylaws and if anyone has any comments or suggestions, please contact your regional UPEHA committee representative. Thanks for all your contributions, support and excellent comments , from the 2006 UPEHA

Committee.

**Sincerely,
Christine Daley, UPEHA Chair**

Future Upcoming Events

56 th MI Onsite Wastewater Conference January 9-11, 2007 Lansing, MI www.meha.net	U.P. Septage Haulers Training February 2007 Iron Mountain, MI Date: TBA	MEHA Recreational Water Conference March 27, 2007 Kalamazoo, MI www.great-lakes.net	MEHA 63 rd Annual Ed. Conference March 27-30, 2007 Kalamazoo, MI www.meha.net	NEHA 71 st Annual Ed. Conference June 18-21, 2007 Atlanta City, NJ www.neha.org
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Ideas For Silent Auction Donations

Framed Prints

Homemade Maple Syrup,
juice, & honey

Assorted food baskets

Hand-made wood carvings

Bath and beauty supplies

Gift certificates to
popular places

Silent Auction

The UPEHA Silent Auction for years has helped the Professional Organization raise money for several membership expenses and conference costs. Please participate by donating any craft project, specialty food, or cabin weekend get-aways!! Contact Christine Daley, UPEHA Chair at Chippewa County Health Department at (906) 635-3602 or email at cdaley@chippewahd.com .

Enteric Illness Report by Scott Schreiber, MPH

Region 8 Epidemiologist
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Michigan Department of Community Health

As of December 12th, there have been 126 confirmed cases of enteric illness reported to Upper Peninsula local health departments in 2006.

The most common infectious agents were Salmonella (46), Campylobacter (33), and Giardia (29). Peak en-

teric case counts were seen during the summer months of August (16) and September (18).

A number of Upper Peninsula jurisdictions experienced norovirus outbreaks in 2006, with Michigan as a whole reporting over 100 norovirus

outbreaks for the year. Also of note, 2 cases of salmonellosis in Mackinac county were linked to a multistate outbreak through pulsed-field gel electrophoresis (PFGE) testing. The outbreak resulted in 183 cases in 21 states.

Newly Hired Sanitarians

Wade Dishaw was just recently hired as a full-time sanitarian at the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department. Wade graduated in 1997 from Grand Valley State University and was hired at Dickinson-Iron in May of 2006. Welcome aboard Wade!

Septage Program Legal Action by Matthew Cambell, Septage Program Coordinator, MDEQ

As the DEQs Septage Program and local health staff inspect more land application sites during the winter months many problems are being noted. More and more citizens and local government officials are scrutinizing septage firms that land apply. Those firms that are poorly managing their sites are making it very difficult to do business for those firms that properly manage their sites.

The DEQ Septage Program continues its efforts to educate the public, septage haulers, local health and government officials by holding and participating in workshops throughout the state. Education efforts are very important as there is much at stake, since more and more scrutiny is given to land application practices. A prime example is the following landmark legal decision:

Landlord sentenced to prison for dumping sewage

A Ypsilanti-area landlord was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to pay a \$1 million fine on Wednesday for dumping 25,000-100,000 gallons of raw sewage into a drain that leads to the Huron River in 2004.

David J. Kircher, 64, is believed to be the first person to be convicted in the state on two violations of the Water Resources Protection and Conservation Act, including one count of causing **substantial endangerment to the public.**

It's a great day for the town-

ship, Ypsilanti Township building director Ron Fulton said after the sentencing. You can't arbitrarily dump raw sewage on the ground or in the sewers and the waters of the state to try to save money.

Welcome to In-coming UPEHA Steering Committee Member

Karen Beauchamp, P.E. at MDEQ

Newest steering committee member as of April 2006
Welcome Karen, we are excited to have you on the committee and look forward to your ideas and enthusiasm!



Picture taken by Shaun Schummer of CCHD in Spring 2006 driving down a remote road in Dafter Township.

**STRANGE
BUT TRUE**
A cockroach can live nine days without its head before it starves to death.



Picture taken by Joe Davis, R.S. with the Chippewa County Health Department, July of '06

Joe was conducting a site evaluation on a site in Raber, MI of Chippewa County in front of a fallen tree the day after a major storm!

Farewell to Out-going Committee Members

Tanya Halquist-Rule, R.S. at WUPDHD

Tanya is our outgoing member as of April of 2006.

Chuck Giotto, R.S. at Marquette Co. Health Department

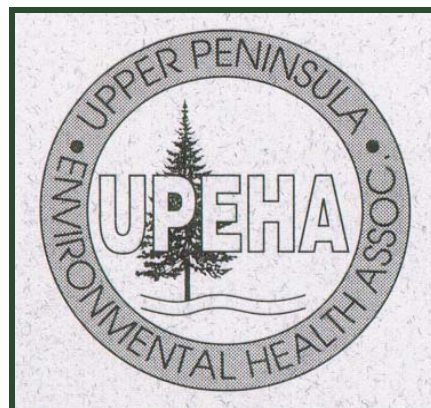
Chuck will be retiring from the Environmental Health Profession on January 16th, 2007. The status of his position is yet to be determined.

A Special Thank You to Tanya and Chuck

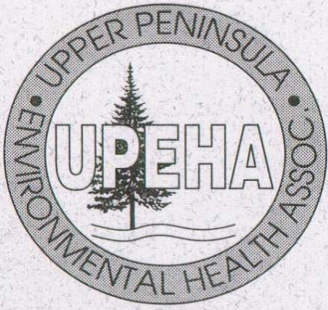
The UPEHA Steering Committee would like to extend a special Thank You for your hard work and dedication over the years on the committee. You and your enthusiasm will be dearly missed.



U.P.'s 2006 Big Buck
Jim LaFleur, sanitarian from Western U.P. District H.D. shot this 12 point Buck on November 17, 2006



L.P.'s 2006 Big Buck
Brian Cecil, of Cecil Consulting and Training shot this 11 point on November 9, 2006.



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