Aurie Gosnell, founder of the NIC

National Cosmetology Examination passed away Thursday, June 11th 2009. Mrs. Gosnell was born on August 26th 1916. She became a teacher and in 1936 owned the first two stylist Salons in her area. In 1947 she was appointed to the South Carolina State Board of Cosmetic Art where she was elected Chairman and was appointed to the Board for 36 consecutive years.

She became a member of the National Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) in 1956 and served until her death in 2009. In 1969, she went on to be a founder of the NIC National Testing Program and served as the first and only coordinator. Mrs. Gosnell was inducted in the National Cosmetology Hall of Fame as well as the South Carolina Cosmetology Hall of Fame. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards and honors and, by all accounts, served her family and community with the same devotion, commitment and inspiration that guided the Industry to be what it is today. Those that had the honor of knowing Auri Gosnell will miss her greatly.

Board Members Thayne Orton and William Graves will be attending the National Association of Barber Boards of America (NAABA) in Las Vegas, NV from September 12th-17th.

Board Members Wendell Petersen, Juanita Mace and Angela Prinz will be attending the National-Interstate Council of State Boards of Cosmetology (NIC) in Myrtle Beach, SC from September 24th-28th.

Farewell...

With mixed feelings must say goodbye to Field Inspector, Dennis Clark. Dennis has been promoted to Program Manager for the Board of Dentistry. “The Crew” will certainly miss him, but we wish him well in his new endeavors.

Also, farewell to Maggie Burton-Blize who has resigned from the Board. Maggie is a Barber and served the Board since April 24th 2006. We thank her for her services and wish her well.

Welcome...

Governor Schweitzer has named Thayne Orton to the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists. He is a licensed Barber and will serve his first term ending 10/01/2012.

The Board Staff are very happy to welcome Ryan Bahnmill to our team as our field inspector. He is temporarily filling the position once held by Dennis Clark.
PROHIBITED ITEMS: (see ARM 24.121.1517)
Include blades, knives, lancets, pumice stones, relectocil and tintocil (should not be used for brow and eyelash tinting). **Also, all acids for use in chemical exfoliation must be used in concentrations of 30% or less, a pH level of not less than 3.0, and shall be applied in a manner and for a duration as recommended by the manufacturer. See photo below for examples of prohibited items that were surrendered to the Inspector while performing salon inspections.

LICENSEE LOOKUP
Now when you look up a licensee, if they have had discipline action against them, it will be posted online... indefinitely. You can click on a link and read the Final Order documents as well. Disciplinary documents will not be posted until a Final Order has been issued.

To lookup up a license, go to: www.licenselookup.mt.gov

If you have questions, you may contact our Compliance department at 406-844-2386.

Sanitation and Disinfection
In the interest of protecting the public and the people that help them look their best, we hope the following tips will be useful:

Sanitation: The process of making an object clean before disinfecting by means of hot water detergents, antibacterial soaps and sanitizers.

Disinfection: The process that eliminates many disease producing germs and organisms.

Implement:
1. Sanitize the implements
2. Place in clean disinfecting solution
3. Submerge implements completely for 10-15 minutes
4. Remove items by using basket lift or tongs
5. Rinse, dry and store in a clean, disinfected dry and covered container.

Surface:
1. Clean with suitable cleaner
2. Apply disinfectant
3. Leave disinfectant on for at least ten minutes
4. Wipe dry with clean, damp cloth or paper towel

MASSAGE THERAPISTS
The 2009 Legislature passed a bill establishing a board granting authority to license massage therapists. Fees will be set no later than January 1, 2010 while the licenses will be issued no later than July 1, 2010.

For more information go to: www.massagetherapists.mt.gov
HEALTH HAZARDS IN NAIL SALONS

Many products are used during manicures and pedicures. A professional nail enamel application includes three layers of polish: a base coat, a pigmented enamel and a top coat. After each layer, several minutes are required for drying and hardening of the coat in which the solvents volatize – meaning it goes from a liquid to a gas.

Nail polish may contain formaldehyde and some methacrylates which can cause occupational asthma with repeated inhalation exposure. In addition, repeated skin contact can lead to sensitization where subsequent exposures will lead to an immunological response (allergic reaction); such as eczema, skin rashes and hives. Other chemicals such as xylene, ethacrylates, toluene, acetates and ketones can be skin irritants if proper skin protection is not worn. Skin irritation can include itchiness, swelling and/or burning sensation. Nail polish removers are strong solvents which are highly volatile. Exposure to organic solvents can cause many problems:

- Nose, throat, lung, skin & eye irritation
- Headaches
- Increased pulse rate
- Nausea
- Light-headedness
- Confusion

The degree to which each symptom is felt is related to the concentration of the solvent(s) in the air. Some solvents in nail polish and nail polish removers may also be absorbed through the skin. This will increase the worker’s overall exposure to a chemical.

The application process for artificial and sculptured nails can take anywhere from half hour to two hours. An acrylic glue is typically used to attach the artificial piece to the nail. Originally, methyl methacrylate (MMA) was used, but it has been removed from products because of its potential for sensitizing. A similar chemical, ethyl methacrylate (EMA) and other related methacrylates have now replaced MMA. Both MMA and EMA are known to cause occupational asthma and contact dermatitis (inflammation of the skin) in some workers.

Occupational asthma is caused when workers breathe in certain substances at work that can produce a hypersensitive response in the airways of the lung. Pre-existing asthma may also be aggravated by such substances. Signs and symptoms of asthma are as follows:

- Wheezing
- Coughing
- Chest tightness and/or
- Shortness of breath

Some of the solvents and chemicals used in nail salons are suspected reproductive toxins. It is important that exposure levels are minimized through proper ventilation to reduce the risk. Down-draft tables (where wind is pulled down and away from the worker) should be used as working surfaces. Nail treatment sometimes calls for the buffing or sculpting of real or artificial nails using a nail file. This process creates nuisance dusts that may be irritating when breathed in. Dust masks should be used to reduce the inhalation of dust. They, however, do not reduce the exposure to solvents and vapors. Safety glasses should also be worn to reduce any particulates from entering the eye.

The Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Worker’s Inc. published an article about Health Hazards in Nail Salons to better inform people working in the Nail Industry and within the Salon environment. We are including this in our newsletter so as to encourage everyone to be vigilant about the ventilation in your work area.

RENEWAL information...

The 2009 Salon, Shop and Booth Rental renewal cycle has come to an end with some impressive numbers! The following renewed online utilizing the State ePass option:

- 76% Booth Renters
- 79% Salons
- 52% Barber Shops

The overall renewal percentage online is a whopping 78.84%.

Fall renewals are nearly here for personal and school licenses. The renewal period begins November 1st and ends Midnight December 31st. If you already have an ePass account you will not be required to set up another one to renew your personal license, you can simply add an additional license.

NOTE:

⇒ All Barber, Cosmetologist, Electrologist, Esthetician, Manicurist, Instructor, and School renewals posted after December 31st will be subject to the late renewal fees.

⇒ You MUST complete a renewal form, if mailing in your license fee. Forms can be printed from our website or requested from our office.

⇒ Please...check the expiration date on your license, not everyone renews the same year.

***Interesting Tidbit***

Board Staff are conducting School Audits of all 11 schools throughout Montana to see how they maintain their records, and if they are in accordance to Montana laws and rules.
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Licensee Stats:

Barbers 536
Cosmetologists 6170
Electrologists 31
Estheticians 341
Manicurists 1093
Salons 1179
Barbershops 176
Cos. Instructors 128
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