

Head Line Press

Official Newsletter of the Montana Board of Barbers & Cosmetologists

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Upcoming Board Meetings: April 27, 2009 July 20, 2009 October 19, 2009

Special Interest Articles:

- OFFICER ELECTIONS
- FISH PEDICURES
- INSPECTORS CORNER
- AUTOMATIC COMPLAINTS
- NECROTIZING FASCIITIS



BOARD STAFF

Shane Younger, Dennis Clark and Grace Berger (back row)

Barb Kibler, Susan Wevley, and Jeff Garden (front row)

Farewell...

Sadly we must say good-bye to Program Manager, **Andy Verbanac**. Andy left us to work in Human Resources with the MT Army National Guard.

Also, farewell to **Ed Dutton** who has resigned from the Board. Ed is a Barber and served the Cosmetology & Barbers Board for 6 years. Best Wishes to both!

Congratulations...

Governor Schweitzer reappointed Wendell Petersen and Jamie Ausk-Crisafull to the Board. Their terms will expire 2013.

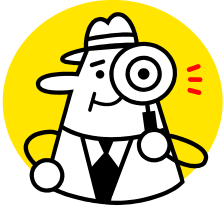
Welcome...

Governor Schweitzer has named **William Graves** to the Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists. He is a licensed Barber and will serve for a five year term.

The Board Staff are very happy to welcome **Susan Wevley** to our team as our Application Specialist. **Barb Kibler** has been assisting with calls, applications and special projects. **Shane Younger** is the new Program Manager. **Jeannie Worsche** has been promoted as the Bureau Chief of Business and Occupational licensing.



Inspector Jeff Garden recently returned from Nashville, TN. He was selected to participate as part of a team consisting of 14 Cosmetology Inspectors and 1 Infections Control expert. The goal of this team was to help develop and establish a Nationally Accredited Inspector/Investigator course specific to the Cosmetology Industry. *Congratulations Jeff!*



Inspector's Corner

NECROTIZING FASCIITIS

Commonly known as *The Flesh Eating Bacteria*, it is a bacterial infection caused most commonly by Strep A bacteria. Usually easily killed by antibiotics, sometimes a very strong variety of Strep occurs. This is the one that causes the life threatening cases. The bacteria destroys soft tissue and is coupled with toxic shock syndrome, both are deadly alone.

It can't necessarily be prevented, but you can lessen your chances with some basic hygiene practices. Buy anti-bacterial soap and use it! Also, cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze, throw away tissues, wash hands frequently, and avoid contact with persons showing sore throat symptoms. Fifteen to thirty percent of the population carries Strep A at any given time usually with no symptoms.

A case has been found in Arizona which came from the use of unsanitary tools/implements during a pedicure.

If you would like to read more about this infection, go to www.healthieryou.com/nnff.html.

-Information provided by NNFF, courtesy of CME LLC.



MRSA STATS



Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) is a bacteria which is resistant to antibiotics. If proper disinfection and sanitary procedures are not followed, bacteria may be transferred from client to client.

In 2007, it is estimated there were 94,000 infections and 19,000 deaths nationwide. 14% are from Community (public) associations and 86% are Healthcare (hospitals, etc.) associations. The majority of increase in MRSA is due to skin infections in patients under 45 years of age which may be related to Community associations.

-Statistics are courtesy of CDC.com

AUTOMATIC COMPLAINTS ✓✓✓

When the Inspector comes to inspect your salon, shop, booth or school, the Board has approved the following violations to be automatic Board generated complaints.

- **Unlicensed practice**, you must have the appropriate licenses to be practicing, or operating a booth, salon, shop or school. See Title 37-31-301, 302.
- **Second violations**
- **Prohibited items**, such as, blades, knives, lancets, pumice stones, refectioncil and tintocil (should not be used for brow and eyelash tinting). See Rule 24.121.1517
- **Non-Responses**, fail to respond to Inspection corrections.
- **Carpeting** is prohibited in working areas, dispensaries, and restrooms. See Rule 24.121.1501
- **Using machines not approved by the Board**
- **Three or more sanitary violations in 1 visit**

The Laws and Rules in place are for Public health and safety, as well as your own. Please take the time to create a routine that incorporates the proper safety, sanitizing and disinfecting procedures for your trade.

Top 4 Violations found in Montana Salons:

Violation:	# of Violations:
#1 Unlicensed Practice	41
#2 Implements or Tools (Improperly cleaned and disinfected)	33
#3 Contamination, Sanitation or Safety	30
#4 Single Service Items (reuse of)	23

Over a 3 month period



77% of our licensees renewed online this last renewal period! Yay!



Fish Pedicures

Fish Pedicures is a treatment where clients dip their feet in a water filled tub full of tiny fish (Garra Rufus or Chin Chin). The fish eat away dead skin or suck on the skin, leaving newer healthy skin exposed.

The Board moved to **disallow** Fish Pedicures in Montana because of concerns regarding the sanitation risk to Public Safety for this type of practice and because of the use of live fish.



Salon Owners . . . Please remember:

- to notify us in writing if you have changed your hours, retired, sold or closed your business.
- a salon license is not transferrable.
- when relocating, you must submit a salon application for the new location.

BOOTH RENTAL, SALON & SHOP LICENSE RENEWALS

As the 2008 license renewals wrap up, the Board Staff would like to *thank everyone* for their patience with us during this very busy time.

Spring will soon be here and with it renewals of Booth Rental, Salon and Shop licenses. **The renewal period begins May 1st and ends Midnight July 1st.** If you renewed your personal license online this winter, you were requested to establish an ePass account. This was new to all of you as well as Board Staff. If you already set up an online account, you will not be required to set up another to renew your Booth Rental, Shop or Salon license you can simply add an additional license.

NOTE:

- ▶ **All Salon, Shop and Booth Rental renewals posted after July 1st 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.**

...RULES...RULES...RULES...

You can find the updated Rules for the Board at our website:

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(Under the Regulations; Administrative Rules; Chapter 121)

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Barbers	526
Cosmetologists	6310
Electrologists	30
Estheticians	319
Manicurists	1114
Salons	1208
Barbershops	189
Cos. Instructors	129
Bar. Instructors	6
Cos. Schools	11
Bar. Schools	3
Booth Renters	1880

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