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INSIGHTS

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A Better Option

One chemical used in washing vehicles in the trucking industry is the same chemical that, when combined with uranium, fuels nuclear power plants.

We're talking about hydrofluoric acid (HF-A). It takes one teaspoon of HF-A to kill a person. Hydrofluoric acid is one of the most dangerous chemicals known to mankind.

Go online, type in "hydrofluoric acid" and you will find unbelievable horror stories about injuries and death caused by this highly regulated toxic chemical.

There are better options and ChemStation can help you find a safer alternative for your vehicle washing and wheel cleaning challenges. While the cost of HF-A cleaning solutions are sometimes less expensive than safer soap options, the costs (personal protective equipment for handling the toxin) add up to outweigh the savings...not to mention the safety factor for your employees.

ChemStation's professional team of chemists has developed a safer alternative to be used in our custom-blended formulations. If you're looking for a safer solution to your industrial cleaning problems, give your local ChemStation representative a call. ■

Poultry Show – Atlanta

The International Poultry Exposition is scheduled for January 24-26, 2007 in Atlanta. ChemStation is proud to be an exhibitor at this premier industry trade show. Keeping it Clean means more than floor scrubbing and parts washing…we also customize products specifically for use in the food processing industry.

If your plans take you to Atlanta and the International Poultry Exposition, stop by our booth (#2143) and say hello to the ChemStation staff. Find out more about why "Our System is Your Solution." ■



Enjoying January

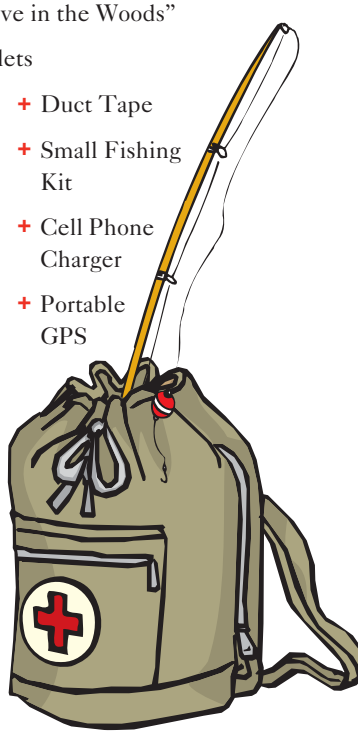
Monthly observances for January include Hobby Month, Jump Out of Bed Month, Hot Tea Month, and National Skating Month. Celebrate the Circus Week is observed January 7-13. During the third week (January 21-27) we recognize Hunt for Happiness Week and National Creative Frugality Week. Bald Eagle Appreciation Days are scheduled for January 20-21. After the New Year's Day celebrations, you can gear up for National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day on the 3rd and Dimpled Chad Day on January 4. Fruitcake Toss Day is January 6. On January 11, 1973, American League baseball adopted the Designated Hitter rule. The Pentagon opened its doors on January 15, 1943. Mark your calendars for Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day on January 23. Eighty-three years ago (January 25, 1924), the first Winter Olympic games began in Chamonix, France. Round out the month by celebrating Inane Answering Message Day on January 30.



Portable Emergency Kit for Your Car

Build a kit for less than $100 (that fits into a backpack) and be prepared whether you're driving to the mall or cross country. Following is a list of items that can be easily contained in a small backpack and stored in the trunk of your car.

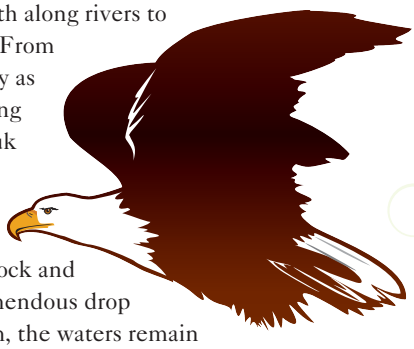
- ER Bar (Emergency Food Rations)
- Book: "How to Stay Alive in the Woods"
- Water Purification Tablets
- Tough Leather Gloves
- First Aid Kit
- Waterproof Matches
- Outdoor Lighter
- Survival Knife
- Small Hatchet
- Swiss Army Knife
- Emergency Blanket
- Plastic Rain Poncho
- Flashlight
- Pen and Paper
- Whistle
- Compass
- Wristwatch
- Hand Mirror
- Duct Tape
- Small Fishing Kit
- Cell Phone Charger
- Portable GPS



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An American Emblem

The Bald Eagle was officially adopted in 1787 as the emblem of the United States because of its long life, great strength, and majestic looks. Since 1984, the city of Keokuk, IA has hosted Bald Eagle Appreciation Days in recognition of our country's national emblem.



As the eagles' primary feeding areas in Canada and Alaska begin to freeze over, the birds fly south along rivers to find fish in the open waters. From November to March, as many as 1,400 Bald Eagles winter along the Mississippi River. Keokuk enjoys one of the highest concentrations of the feeding eagles in and around the open waters of Lock and Dam 19. Because of the tremendous drop from above to below the dam, the waters remain open and provide the eagles their primary food source – fish.

Bald Eagles were placed on the endangered species list in 1967. In July 1995 their status was upgraded to "threatened." The average Bald Eagle is 30" to 37" in size and weighs 10 to 14 pounds (females are larger). Their wingspan varies from 79" to 90" and the average lifespan is 15-20 years; although a captive Bald Eagle in New York lived to age 48! ■



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Soapbox

Are snakes afraid of other snakes?

Opera, n. A play where somebody gets stabbed and everybody sings about it.

A penny saved is a penny saved…think bigger!

Learn from the mosquito; it never waits for an opening…it makes one.

Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.

What most people want is all of the power and none of the responsibility.

If you're leading a dog's life, please stay off the furniture.

A budget is a method of worrying before you spend money as well as afterward.

Did you hear the one about the Chinese restaurant? The food they served was so bad that all the fortune cookies contained "get well" cards.

Optimists are the people who can always see the bright side of your problems.

Sure there are things harder than a diamond…the payments on it for one thing.

Humility is the embarrassment you feel when you tell people how wonderful you are.

Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without asking a clear question.

Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night." Charles M. Schulz

Saying what we think gives us a wider conversational range than saying what we know.

The future is much like the present, only longer.