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We Can Do It



Need a solution to soak those gaskets in to make final product assembly quick, easy, and meet all your "other" needs? We do it.

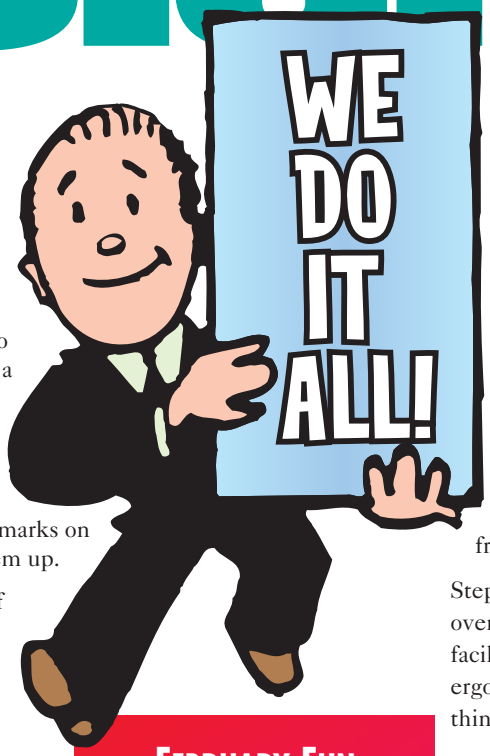
Are you a food processing facility that needs to use Kosher-certified products in your plant or a food hauler who is required to clean your vehicle with Kosher-certified cleaners? Many of our Manufacturing Centers are Kosher-certified.

Do you have the world's worst tow motor tire marks on the floor of your warehouse? We can clean them up.

Got a problem cleaning those yellow stains off eggs in your egg wash? We have the solution to that problem!

How about removing that 1/2"-thick rubber buildup at your tire manufacturing plant? Yes, we can do that, too.

With the ChemStation system and our team of chemists, you can be sure we'll find a solution to whatever cleaning challenges you have. We've been "Keeping it Clean" since 1984. ■



Pumper Expo – Louisville

The Pumper and Cleaner Environmental Expo attracts over 12,000 attendees from more than 4,000 companies and is the world's biggest annual trade show for the following environmental service professionals:

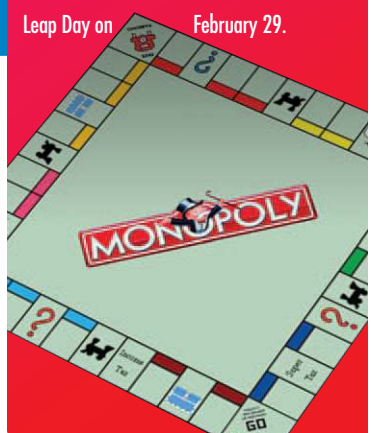
- Septic system installation and service contractors
- Drain and sewer cleaning and repair contractors
- Portable restroom operators/industrial maintenance and cleaning contractors
- Municipal water and sewer system maintenance managers

If your plans take you to the Pumper Expo, February 22 - March 1, stop by our booth (#14032) and say hello to the ChemStation staff. Find out more about why "Our System is Your Solution." ■



February Fun

February is a month for food and fun. It's National Cherry, National Grapefruit, and Creative Romance Month. The second week in February is Jello Week and the 18th-23rd is Pay Your Bills Week (that should be a lot of fun!). Mardi Gras comes early this year and ends on Fat Tuesday, February 5. Monopoly fun began on February 6, 1935 when the first board game went on sale. Of course, Valentine's Day falls on Thursday the 14th (one of the most widely observed unofficial holidays on the calendar). February 17 is when we celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day. International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day falls on the 23rd and we celebrate National Tooth Fairy Day on the 28th. It's Leap Year so we round out the month with Leap Day on February 29.



Shop Floor Ergonomics



Awkward positioning, repetitive movement and moving heavy items contribute to ergonomic issues on shoproom floors. Forklifts, dollies, and back support devices have all made certain manual tasks less daunting, but simple steps can still save you from future health problems.

Step stools are an easy fix to the problem of overextending yourself to get an item. Assess your facility to find and correct items that could lead to ergonomic problems and offer solutions before things get out of hand. ■

Working in Cold Environments

Working out in the cold is more than uncomfortable; it is dangerous. Hypothermia, trench foot and frostbite are all serious health problems that come from exposure to cold environments. Make sure you are able to spot symptoms of cold-exposure illnesses and injuries. Here are some ways to protect yourself from the cold.

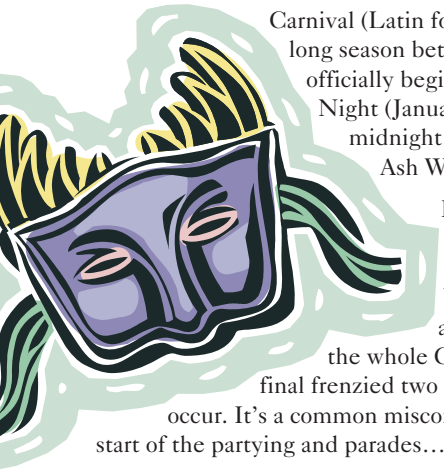
- Work during the warmest part of the day
- Don't work until you're exhausted
- Take breaks in warm, dry shelters to warm your body
- Do not consume caffeinated drinks …warm sweet beverages are recommended
- Eat high-calorie foods such as pasta
- Use the buddy system when out in dangerous environments
- Wear proper clothing in cold and wet environments



Cold stress symptoms include the following: drowsiness, fatigue, heavy shivering, uncomfortable coldness in limbs and euphoria. If you experience any of these symptoms get medical attention. ■

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What is Mardi Gras?



Carnival (Latin for "kiss your flesh goodbye") is a long season between Christmas and Lent. It officially begins in New Orleans on Twelfth Night (January 6) and continues until the midnight of Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday) technically applies only to the day before Ash Wednesday. But, "Mardi Gras" is also commonly used to refer to the whole Carnival season, especially the final frenzied two weeks when the most parades occur. It's a common misconception that Mardi Gras is the start of the partying and parades…in fact, it is the end.

The height of the party (including the most famous parades and other activities) is the last long five-day weekend, from Friday through Fat Tuesday (February 1-5). The weekend before that also offers a packed selection of parades and plenty of partying in the French Quarter. Some find the final frenzy overwhelming…others thrive on it. And, some locals schedule vacation and head to Dubuque. ■



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Soapbox

Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow.

The saying "Getting there is half the fun" became obsolete with the advent of commercial airlines.

Don't worry about getting a "handle on life"…If you ever did, it would probably break anyway.

Never eat anything whose listed ingredients cover more than one-third the package.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

Cookie pieces contain no calories. The process of breaking causes caloric leakage.

Minds are like parachutes…they work best when open.

Pascal, n. A programming language named after a man who would turn over in his grave if he knew about it.

Each of the first 10 U.S. presidents lived to be at least 70 in a time when the average male life expectancy was under 40 years of age.

Old is when you don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.

A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car.

It's hard to lead a cavalry charge if you think you look funny on a horse.

Idiot, n. A member of a large and powerful tribe whose influence in human affairs has always been dominant and controlling.

Don't knock the weather. If it didn't change once in a while, nine out of ten people couldn't start a conversation.

Nothing beats reading a good book when there is work to do.