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### Letter from "DRIP & DROP"

Hi Everyone

Well, we have a lot of information to tell you about in this month's newsletter. Arnold Miller has retired from the City of Weatherford, ODEQ is enforcing their Exam Application "3-Week" Rule, and everyone is required to submit new documentation to the ODEQ to obtain and/or keep their licenses. Please make sure you read the articles related to these topics in this newsletter.

The big news with OWPCA is we have relocated the OWPCA Annual Short School to the Rose State campus in the Professional Education and Training Center on North Hudiburg Drive. We are really excited about this move. We believe this will allow for more Training Classes and activities during the Short School.

We are now planning for the classes and activities currently, so if you are in a position to contribute to one of the classes or activities, please let a committee member know as soon as possible, so we can add your expertise to the program.

We are really excited about this year's OWPCA Annual Short School. The membership is definitely up and growing and our vendor list is also growing as well. So do NOT miss out on this year's OWPCA Annual Short School.

Sooo.... we will see you at the 2008 OWPCA Short School.

From "DRIP & DROP"

### **About OWPCA**

The Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Association is a non-profit operator association organized in 1926 and dedicated to the advancement of knowledge among water and wastewater system operators. OWPCA receives no state or federal funds. It is supported only through membership dues, advertising fees for the Drip Magazine, and the proceeds from its Annual Conference and Short School, held each year during the last week of October.

OWPCA works closely with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to provide high quality training opportunities that meet the standards for approved training credit. OWPCA District Directors and other volunteers conduct training sessions at District Meetings throughout the state. Over the years OWPCA has hosted hundreds of District Meetings providing approved Training to Operators over the State of Oklahoma.

### **OWPCA Mission**

OWPCA is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge pertaining to the science of Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Works Operations; the promotion of cooperation among members, the American Water Works Association, AWWA, the Water Environment Federation, WEF, the Oklahoma Rural Water Association, ORWA, and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, ODEQ; and the interchange of experience among all groups.

### **What OWPCA Provides**

- An Annual Conference & Short School
- Approved Operator Training at District Meetings Statewide
- Operator Training Materials and Publications
- Opportunities to "Network" with fellow Operators
- Limited Operator Consultation Services
- College Scholarships for Members and Families of Members
- Special Recognition for Outstanding Plants and Operators through Annual Awards Program
- Official Representation for Operators on Oklahoma Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Advisory Council
- Representation for Oklahoma Operators in National Legislation and Policy Development through AWWA & WEF
- Statewide Employment Listings for Positions Wanted and Positions Available
- Product and Service Referrals for Vendors

### **Reasons To Join OWPCA**

- Support your State Water, Waste Management and Wastewater Operator Association
- Receive Drip Magazine Quarterly
- Be Eligible for door prizes at OWPCA District Meetings
- Have Voting Privileges at OWPCA District Meetings
- Support Use of Most Current Operator Training Materials
- Gain a Stronger Voice in the Development of State and National Water and Pollution Control Regulation

**OWPCA**  
**Officers**

- President  
- Rodger Gilchrist
- Executive Secretary  
- Kristi Hill
- Program Chair  
- Alan Coffin
- Golf Tournament  
- Chair - Ray Gamble  
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- Exhibitor Committee  
- Chair - Scott Gouard  
- Co-Chair - Kristi Hill  
- Co-Chair - Kevin Menning
- Scholarship Committee  
- Chair - Arnold Miller  
- Co-Chair - Carl Gray  
- Co-Chair - Woody Epperson  
- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey  
- Co-Chair - Tom Tolbart  
- Co-Chair - Tony Lacy
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- Co-Chair - Woody Epperson
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- Co-Chair - Jim Pumphrey  
- Co-Chair - Alan Coffin  
- Co-Chair - Arnold Miller
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- Chair - Sam Drain  
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- Water Pollution Control Division  
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- Chair - Alan Coffin  
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- Clarke Hodson
- ODEQ Advisory Member  
- Chris Wisniewski



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**2008 OWPCA Meetings**

OWPCA holds District Meetings throughout the year to discuss and plan for the Annual OWPCA Short School, training classes throughout the state, and operating business of the OWPCA. The meetings are open for the public and members to attend. We do urge everyone to attend or contact your District Manager to express your interests and inputs for the organizational meetings. The following is the current schedule for the OWPCA Meetings. We hope to see you there. We have moved the meetings and the Annual Short School this year to the Professional Training and Education Center on Hudiburg Drive, Rose State College, in Midwest City.

- 08 February 2008 Rose State College  
11 April 2008 Rose State College  
13 June 2008 Rose State College  
22 August 2008 Rose State College  
**27 - 31 October 2008**

**Short School - Rose State College  
Professional Training & Education Center**

### The President's First Word

Well, Spring is in the air as I sit down to write this article for the Drip. I am struggling to find the strength to fight back the compelling urge to go out and play. This is one of my favorite times of the year here in Oklahoma. I know it is the same for many of you out there at your plants. We all have a lot to do with painting projects to complete and preparations that are underway at the Water Plants to get ready for the summer flows. The finishing touches are being put on the upcoming yearly budgets and the mowing equipment is coming out and getting serviced to prepare for another season of grass cutting. I know all of you are busy this time of year, so, I think I will just take this opportunity to remind you to get birth certificate over to DEQ for license renewal and tell you OWPCA Short School will be at Rose State Collage this October. I hope all of are doing well and I see you this year.



### **Rodger Gilchrist**



### The Secretary Sezs: "Welcome New Members"

Well, we just got word from Kristi Hill, the OWPCA Secretary, that the OWPCA Membership is growing by leaps and bounds. She wants to personally say "**Welcome**" to all the new corporate, city, and regular members who have joined. Last report, 30 new cities and 223 new members have joined since January 2008. This is **GREAT** News!



### The OWPCA Annual Short School has New Location

The 2008 OWPCA Short School has a new location. It is now being held at Rose State College at the new Professional Training and Education Center on North Hudiburg Drive in Midwest City, Oklahoma. The dates are October 27 - 31, 2008. Keep watching your newsletters and web page for future information.

**Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association**

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www.owpca.com

**Individual Active Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual Membership \$10.00**

**Invoice Information**

City / Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail Membership Application with Membership Dues to the above address.

Thank You and Welcome to the OWPCA.

We are looking for news & information about our members and communities that we can "Brag About." If you have a story to tell and would like to see it in the DRIP Newsletter and or the OWPCA Web Page, send it along to any of the Executive Committee Members or to Clarke Hodson at docentstw@brightok.net and ask them to consider it for the DRIP Newsletter and or the Web Page. We will try to utilize it as space is allowed. We reserve the right to edit it as necessary to accommodate it to the space available.

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## **Arnold Miller Retires After 48 Years with The City of Weatherford Water Department**

On January 4, 2008, Arnold Miller concluded a successful 48 year career with the City of Weatherford Water Utilities Department, serving almost 39 years as superintendent, under six different mayors. Through those years of service he has achieved many goals and received recognition locally, state wide and regionally.

Local recognition includes being inducted into the Weatherford Hall of Fame in 2006 and being chosen the first Employee of The Month for the City when the program was initiated in 1988. State wide recognitions include serving the Oklahoma Water and Pollution Control Association as president in 1978 and as president elect for the OWPCA in 2008. Arnold received the OWPCA Presidents Award For Outstanding Service in 2005 and has served on numerous boards and committees. Miller served on the Water and Wastewater Works Advisory Council from 1978 to 1981 and was appointed to another term by the Oklahoma State Senate in 2006, currently serving as chairman. He has been granted Life Time Membership in both OWPCA and the national American Water Works Association. The Oklahoma Department of Labor awarded him recognition for his efforts in employee safety. The goal of Class "A" certification in Water Works and Wastewater Works with the State of Oklahoma was achieved in 1972. During the 1970's he did contract training for the Oklahoma State Department of Health as well as teaching night classes in area Technology Centers.

On November 3, 1959 Miller began a journey that would last more than 48 years. Early in his career, because of his skills and ability, he operated and managed the City swimming pool, helped build roads, substituted as animal control officer and truck driver, although assigned to the water utilities department.

In 1967, Weatherford City Administrator George Wilkinson and Mayor G. Dean Rader appointed him Assistant Water Superintendent and in April of 1969, Water Utilities Superintendent. The first major project was the construction of a new three million gallons water storage along with two and a half miles of sixteen inch water main and a mile and a half of twelve water main. Through the years, twenty-two additional water wells, another one million gallon storage, and miles of water mainline have been added and more than four miles relocated to accommodate major highway construction. In the early days, the City's backhoe was three men with shovels, today there are three water department backhoes to facilitate the construction of these mainline projects.

There have been two additions, totaling one million five hundred thousand, to the wastewater treatment facility, making it a two million gallon per day treatment works. The collection system has grown with the addition of five major lift stations and many miles of collection lines.

**Congratulations, Arnold Miller, and thank you for all of your contributions.**

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## "Rules & Regulations" Corner

### Exam Application Procedures

The treatment of water and wastewater in Oklahoma is regulated by the EPA and ODEQ. The "Rules & Regulations" concerning the Oklahoma Operators and Laboratory Technicians can be found in the ODEQ Chapter 252:710 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operator Certification on the ODEQ web site at:

<http://www.deq.state.ok.us/mainlinks/degrules.htm>.

This month's topic(s) concerns the timing of submitting the ODEQ Exam Application(s) to ODEQ prior to taking the ODEQ State Certification Examinations. According to the Rule 252: 720-1-5, the ODEQ Examination Application(s) need to be **PROPERLY** filled out **AND** mailed a **MINIMUM** (at least) **three (3) weeks prior** to taking the examination. This allows enough time for ODEQ to process the Examination Application and establish the proper exam(s) for the operator or lab technician. This year, new documentation is also required to obtain and renew your licenses. This includes:

#### **ALL U.S. CITIZENS**

1. A copy of a valid, unexpired **Driver's License** or **Photo-Identification Card** from your state of residency; AND
2. An original or certified copy of a **Birth Certificate**, a photocopy of a valid, unexpired **U.S. Passport**, a photocopy of a **Certificate of Citizenship (N-560 or N-561)**, or a photocopy of a **Naturalization Certificate (N-550 or N-570)**; AND
3. A signed and notarized **Affidavit Regarding Citizenship** (see attached affidavit)

The other concern about the Examination Applications is: ODEQ will **not** issue the Operator or Lab Tech their license **UNTIL** the Examination Application is completely filled out properly, received by ODEQ **AND** the proper fee(s) are paid. So, if you took an ODEQ Examination and have NOT received your license in the mail after the 2 - 3 weeks period, it is probably due to ODEQ not receiving your examination application and/or receiving your payment for the examination(s).

If you have a concern about your ODEQ Certification License, please allow the 2 - 3 week period for them to process the exam scores and mail your license to you. If after the required 2 - 3 week period, and you still have not received your license(s), then call Angie Ratcliff at ODEQ at 405-702-8150.

So, to have the fullest understanding of submitting your Examination Application, please take some time to read and understand the "Rules & Regulations" regulating our industry. Remember, if you want the public and your city administrators to treat you and pay you like a professional, you must act like a professional. Follow the "Rules & Regulations" as mandated by the EPA and ODEQ.

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## ODEQ Raising Operator & Laboratory Licensing Fees

The ODEQ is proposing to raise the Operator and Laboratory Certification and Licensing Fees **beginning 01 July 2008**. The new proposed rules can be found at the ODEQ web at:

**[http://www.deq.state.ok.us./WQDnew/wwwac/proposed\\_rules/dec2007\\_710Rule.pdf](http://www.deq.state.ok.us./WQDnew/wwwac/proposed_rules/dec2007_710Rule.pdf)**

Please go to the above site to view all the new fees.

## ODEQ Enforcing the "3-Week" Rule on Exam Applications

Please be advised that ODEQ is enforcing their "3-Week" Ruling on getting your Exam Application and Documentation in a minimum of 3 weeks **BEFORE** you take the State Certification Examinations. You can get it in earlier than that, but no later than three (3) weeks before the exam dates.

This also means, you will also need to notify the training institution about your enrollment into a class at least 3 - 4 weeks **BEFORE** the class dates. And due to some training facilities filling up rather quickly, notifying the training institutions 2 - 3 months ahead of time would be greatly advisable.

Please also be aware that sending in your exam application to the state does **NOT** mean you are enrolled in a class. The exam application just notifies ODEQ that you want to take an Exam. You **MUST** still notify the Training Institution to make you Class Enrollments and to obtain the class number for the exam application.

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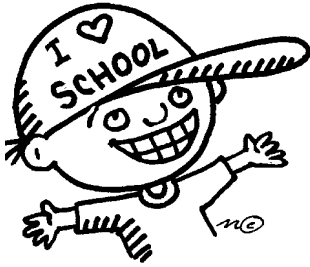
## OWPCA Web Page Updates

Check out the OWPCA Web Page at **[www.owpca.com](http://www.owpca.com)**. The web page is constantly being update with new information concerning Oklahoma and the Water Treatment Industry in Oklahoma posted under the "News Update" Page. This is where we provide information to you when it did not make the newsletter.



If you have some plant photos, information, or employment opportunities at your facility, please contact Clarke Hodson at Accurate Environmental Training Center at 1-800-516-5227, or e-mail him at [clarke-atc@accuratelabs.com](mailto:clarke-atc@accuratelabs.com) or [docentstw@brightok.net](mailto:docentstw@brightok.net). We will be more than happy to post them on the web site.

**AETC Offers \$500 Scholarship and  
Free OWPCA Membership Program**



Anyone who enrolls in one of the Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) Class A, B, or C Operator Classes or Class A or B Laboratory classes will have the opportunity to turn that enrollment into a \$500 check and a free membership into the Oklahoma Water & Pollution Control Association (OWPCA). All they have to do is to enroll in one of the above AETC classes, score a 90% or better on the state examination, and show up to the OWPCA Annual Short School for the Award Ceremony. AETC will offer up to two checks per OWPCA Annual School. But, you must enroll in and attend one of the above AETC Classes, score a 90% or better and attend the OWPCA Annual Short School to be eligible. Four checks have been awarded so far. For further information, contact Clarke Hodson at 1-800-516-5227.

**AETC Offers Free Tuition for 100% Exam Scores**



Accurate Environmental Training Center (AETC) offers their students the opportunity to receive "FREE" Tuition. Any student who attends any AETC Certification class and scores a 100% on the corresponding state examination will receive the same number of days "FREE" on their next class they take with AETC. They can apply this tuition to any AETC Class they want to take with AETC. They will receive one day "FREE" for each day of the original class they took to receive the 100%. For an example, if they took a three day "C" Water Operator Class and made a 100% on the State Examination for the "C" Water Operations, they would receive three days of "FREE" tuition on the next class they take at AETC. Two free tuitions have been given out so far. For further information, contact Clarke Hodson at 1-800-516-5227.

## Games & Comic Relief



### Some Oklahoma Lakes

O O Q X J F A Q A Z L R V C A N T O N Z S S Q A  
 R X E A L Z V I G B O H P H G H E M Z V T H T E  
 E Y U H B S K I A T O O K Q D T O M S N E E D I  
 L W F U F Z Z G J L F E D C R N I O L U D E L W  
 D Y S W T A M F O R T G I B S O N T Q S S W P B  
 N M E Y A P I P I X A K S W Z J E X Q R U Q R L  
 A Q V N V N A Z T J P E O I M O P Y O S G U O G  
 H U G D M Z I W B D V Y O Q Y V S H D T S W F J  
 C P I R P I A V N F Q S N L P O N C A H V E K W  
 Z A S G E E H O A E U T E N N A K A Y S T B C Y  
 B D R Q M A R C Y P E O R S C A C C U Y E B I E  
 A L I L H I T O E J S N W I W S R E V O X E R U  
 M A Q Y B Q E S U N W E R C S E A N N V H R E F  
 I W K X Q L Y A A U O E D L E F A J Y E O F D A  
 Q T S S O F A Q Z L M L C K B A H G M R M A E U  
 P O Z V Y C B C X A T Y A H O L A R F H A L R L  
 U N M N A I I E K N Y P H I I P S A C O K L F A  
 H K T F I L Q O L W F N L A K P Z N N L H S H Q  
 R A S N Z S F F I L E G R A I Q U D H S E U I V  
 K H A G A L O O H R C L G E I D Q U K E F D A Q  
 Y N A R B U C K L E G O L Y M N A L H R N V A M  
 R O B E R T S K E R R D W J E O S C G I E H G A  
 E G Y D R N Y Y R T R U M C M C O B R B R K J L  
 Z R R J S T A N L E Y D R A P E R B E A J F D V

American Horse  
 Arbuckle  
 Arcadia  
 Bell Cow  
 Boomer  
 Brushy Creek  
 Canton  
 Carl Blackwell  
 Chandler  
 Eufaula  
 Fort Gibson  
 Foss

Frederick  
 Grand  
 Great Salt Plains  
 Hefner  
 Kaw  
 Keystone  
 Lawtonka  
 Lone Chimney  
 McMurtry  
 Oolagah  
 Overholser  
 Pawnee

Ponca  
 Robert S Kerr  
 Skiatook  
 Sooner  
 Spavinaw  
 Stanley Draper  
 Texhoma  
 Tom Sneed  
 Webber Falls  
 Yahola

### Riddles

Four men were in a boat on the lake. The boat turns over, and all four men sink to the bottom of the lake, yet not a single man got wet! Why?

**Answer:** They were all married - no one was "single."

How many times can you subtract the number 5 from 25?

**Answer:** Only one time. After that, you would be subtracting from 20.

A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

**Answer:** She was walking.

**Advertise in The Drip Newsletter**



How would you like to get your company's name and advertisement seen by hundreds, maybe thousands, of operators, supervisors, superintendents, and city officials? You know, advertisements that would be seen by the actual people who buy your products. You can do that by placing your company's advertisement in the **OWPCA Drip Newsletter**. Go to the OWPCA web page at **www.owpca.com** and check out the advertisement form and send it in today. Not only will you get big advertisement for your dollars, you will also be supporting a great organization. So, what are you waiting for, go place your advertisement today.

**Advertisers**

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Duke's Root Control, Inc.

Brian Conroy  
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Syracuse, New York 13204  
315-472-4781  
www.dukes.com

Oklahoma One-Call System, Inc.

Jerry West  
2831 NW 59<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112  
405-840-9955 Ext. 7241  
www.callok.com  
dmacmillan@callok.com

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Francis Weedon & Johnny Just  
7221 NW Third  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73127  
www.frontierlogging.com  
borholog@sbcglobal.net

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6420 SE 15th Street  
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405-733-7488

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918-429-1440  
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Sswse1@aol.com



Wow! Look at my company's advertisement in the **OWPCA Drip Newsletter**. It looks **GREAT!** I am so glad I advertise in the **OWPCA DRIP Newsletter**.

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