

2017 Annual Chili Cook Off



The 4th Annual Chili Cook Off was a huge success this year with a fun time for all. We thank everyone that bought and enjoyed the chili, it was delicious. We had a range from traditional to white to multi-meat chili's making it a difficult decision for everyone to choose their favorite. The following are the names of our chili entries: Buckshot Chili, Lawsuit Chili, 12 Meat Monster, No Name Chili, All Jacked Up, Killer Chili, White Chicken Chili, Methane Master, Bowel Buster, Awesome White Chili, Just Plain Chili, Carol's Country Chili and General's Chili.

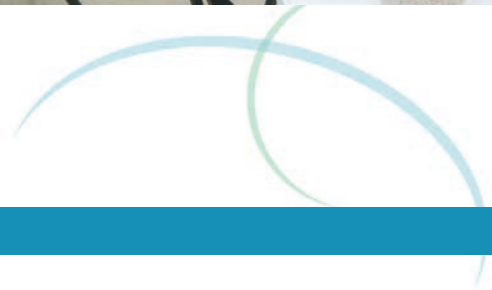
1st place went to Methane Master, masterpiece of Mark Scott. Mark won a basket which included 4 Saginaw Spirit Tickets and Two Hearted Ale Beer and munchies. This prize was donated by Jamie Farrell of Fabiano Brother's, The General Agency and Mick Natzel.

2nd place went to Awesome White Chili, masterpiece of Julie Kreh. Julie won a basket which included 6 Flint Firebird Tickets and Budweiser Beer and munchies. This prize was donated by Jamie Farrell of Fabiano Brother's, The General Agency and Mick Natzel.

3rd place went to No Name Chili, masterpiece of Chris Sloan. Chris won a basket which included 4 Flint Firebird Tickets and Bud Light Beer and munchies. This prize was donated by Jamie Farrell of Fabiano Brother's, The General Agency and Mick Natzel.

Thank you to everyone that brought a dessert, it was the perfect ending to a fabulous lunch!! We were all winners in this contest.

A big thank you to Jamie Farrell and Fabiano Brothers, Mick Natzel, and the General Agency for their ongoing support of MSTa and for helping to make the fall meeting a huge success.



MSTA Annual Raffle Tickets On Sale Now

We are happy to be hosting the 5th Annual Raffle at the MSTA Banquet during the 2018 Onsite Wastewater Conference in January. Below is a list of prizes you could win:

- 1st: Weatherby Orion I over / under Woodstock 12 or 20 OR \$750 Cash
- 2nd: Browning AR II Synthetic/Blued (choice of caliber) OR \$500 Cash
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- 5th: Glock G43 9mm Pistol OR \$300 Cash
- 6th: Ruger LCP II 380 OR \$200 Cash
- 7th: CVA Hunter 44 mag Rifle OR \$175 Cash
- 8th: Ruger 10/22 Wood/Blue OR \$150 Cash

Thank you to **BRENDEL SEPTIC** for sponsoring the raffle tickets this year.

The tickets are 3 for \$25 and you do not have to be present to win. They would make a good present for the deer hunters on your Christmas list or just for yourself! Contact Chris Sloan if you want to purchase tickets. Call Chris at 989-845-6280 right away as the tickets will go quickly. If there are any left, they will be available for purchase at the conference.

Sincerely,
MSTA Raffle Committee



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2017 Fall Meeting Thank You

The 2017 Fall Meeting was a great success. We had the support of 52 MSTA members, and friends. These people took time from work and families to show their support attending the meeting on a Saturday. 13 people brought a chili for our contest and our lunch. We also had a huge variety of deserts which were brought in. Thru the help of the General Agency, and members we had plenty of hot coffee, cold beverages and a clean comfortable hall for our meeting. All gave their undivided and respectful attention to the speakers that took personal tie to support the association.

We sincerely thank each and every one of you for an amazing fall meeting. It is always a pleasure to be a part of the Michigan Septic Tank Association.

Thank you, the Board of Directors, Karlyn and Julie.

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I hope everyone had an eventful summer and fall and are getting ready for the upcoming holidays again. It's hard to believe they are just around the corner all ready. A lot went on this year. You can hardly turn on the television without hearing all about the President of the United States dilemma and the negative media up roar. The disasters in Texas, Florida and sad and disgusting event that went on in Las Vegas. We will pick ourselves up and rebuild and heal in time. That's what we do. We are Americans and proud whether your standing or kneeling. I have seen, through the media, the kind hearts that have erupted in times of these tragedies. I hope my grandkids, in their life time, do not have to witness some of the events we have witnessed but are inspired by the good people that have stood up to help during it.

Okay, let's move on to happier topics. We are getting closer to another Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference on January 9, 10, 11, 2018 at the Kellogg Center in Lansing. So don't forget to register and make those hotel reservations. The Conference Committee has been working on this event since the end of the last one. It sounds like it is coming together and the committee should be thanked for their dedication to our industry.

We will have our annual banquet during the conference again. This is a good time to kick back relax and enjoy a fantastic meal from the kitchen staff of the Kellogg Center and have a few cocktails with our members and vendors. We seem to be able to get a legislator or two to join us and show them what we are all about. Also we will have raffles tickets on sale so if you want to buy get a hold of one of the directors or if you want to sell some get a hold of Chris Sloan. And thank you to Chris Sloan for organizing the raffle again this year.

As most of you know by now, Joe Williams is no longer a director of the association and has been able to sell his business. Joe has been secretary of MSTA for some time and has been inspirational on some of the things that have been done throughout the association. I would like to give a big thank you to Joe from the association and to let you know you will be missed. I hope your future will be prosperous and you keep in touch with us.

Everyone enjoy the holidays with family and friends and I will see you in Lansing in 2018.

Submitted by:

Dave W. Snyder (MSTA President)



67TH MICHIGAN ON-SITE WASTEWATER DISPOSAL CONFERENCE

Planning Please mark your calendar for January 9-11, 2018 (Tuesday – Thursday) for the 67th Michigan On-Site Wastewater Disposal Conference. The conference will be held once again at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing, MI. The 2017 conference brought in a good crowd of onsite professionals and was quite successful. The annual conference is a great time to learn more about our industry. You have the opportunity to rub shoulders with suppliers, regulators, colleagues, competitors, friends, and educators. Furthermore, this GREAT educational opportunity is offered at a time of year most onsite professionals are not as busy.

Arrangements are being made for Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) accreditation of all the conference sessions to count toward continuing education credit hours required for MDEQ licensed septage haulers.

Vendor Booths are planning to be open Tuesday afternoon and through most the day Wednesday. Please contact Dan Milan, onsite wastewater vice-chair and vendor coordinator at 800-756-4526, if you are interested in a booth this year.

Some of the topics discussed at the previous planning meetings for possible inclusion in the 2018 conference are:

- Keynote - Onsite regulations across the nation; similarities, differences
Chuck Cousino [Coordinator - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment]
- What's New in Liquid Waste Disposal
- Michigan Truck Safety Simulator
- CDL Drug Testing and Recommended Training
- Do you have a Pollution Prevention Plan?
- Vacuum Pump/Blower Session
- Important Rules and Regulations for Portable and Onsite Wastewater on the Farm
- Septage Waste Management Basics
- Land Application of Septage Waste and Disposal at Septage Waste Receiving Facilities
– What's Working and What's Not Working
- Development and Review of Cropping Plans
- Succession Planning for the Family Business
- What is Onsite Wastewater in the State of Michigan?
- Local Health Department Efforts to Meet Onsite Wastewater Accreditation Measures
- Understanding System Failure; The Many Things to Consider
- Mobile Truck Simulator
- MDEQ One-On-One (30-minute segments)
- Electronic Reporting for Onsite Systems
- Using Septic System Data to Assess Risk & Gain New Insights
- Portable Sanitation Panel Discussion
- MDEQ Question & Answer Session
- MDEQ Onsite Wastewater Program Sessions
- MSTA & MOWRA Business Meetings
- Internet ideas for promoting my Sanitation Business
- Preparing Yourself for Dog Encounters
- Vermont and New England States Statewide Code Perspective
- State Wide Sanitary Code (Panel) Session

Round Table Discussions (including):

- MDEQ Onsite Wastewater Program and LHD Accreditation
- Health Care Reform Update
- What's New in Liquid Waste Disposal
- Understanding Your Credit Card Processing Statement and What You Are Paying Portable Restroom Discussion
- Proper Techniques for Solvent Welding Plastic Joints
- Succession Planning for the Family Business
- Inappropriate Wastes for a Part 117 Hauler to Transport and Why [TBA (MDEQ)]
- Drop Box vs Distribution
- More TBA

MSTA planning committee members include: Jason Spangle (Esch Septic Service, LLC at 989-848-2391) Ralph Bailey (American Rentals at 517-719-6412) and Mark N. Scott (Scott's Excavating at 989-275-5011).

It is the intent of these annual wastewater conferences, organized as a joint venture by the Michigan Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (MOWRA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) with the Michigan Environmental Health Association (MEHA), the Michigan Septic Tank Association (MSTA), the Michigan Water Environmental Association (MWEA) and Michigan State University, to educate people involved in the onsite wastewater field.

So, if you want an educated approach to competing in your industry this is an excellent opportunity for you and your employees. The conference registration flyers will be mailed early November. Registration forms will also be available on line at www.msta.biz . Hope to see each of you there!

Article submitted by: Mark N. Scott (Member - Michigan Wastewater Conference Committee)

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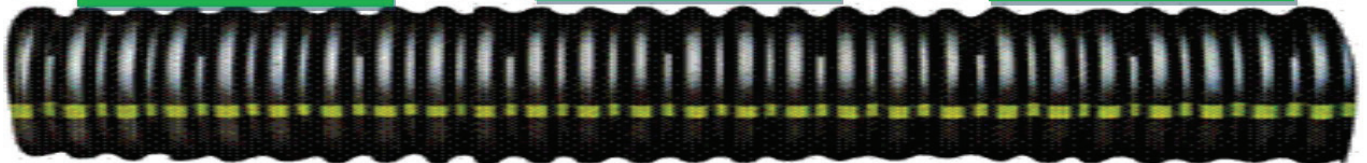
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2018 Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference

Please join us January 9-11, 2018 for the Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference, an annual three-day educational conference for the industry including septic tank service providers/pumpers, portable toilet service companies, local public health, engineers, consultants, installation contractors and other interested parties. Participants will learn about the latest in onsite wastewater industry trends, regulatory changes, wastewater management options and the latest technologies. Organized as a joint venture by the Michigan Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (MOWRA), the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Michigan Environmental Health Association (MEHA), the Michigan Septic Tank Association (MSTA), the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA) and Michigan State University (MSU) to educate those involved in the onsite wastewater field.

Onsite Wastewater – Protecting Our Water Resources Program Schedule (subject to change)

Tuesday 1/9/2018 – 6 CSE total for the day
Registration starts at 7:45am

	Track 1 – Lincoln Room	Track 2 - Auditorium	Track 3 – Rooms 104 A & B
8.30 am	What motor carrier safety regulations apply to you	Septage Waste Management Basics	Michigan's Approach to Onsite Wastewater - Are We Protecting?
9.30 am	CDL Drug Testing and recommended training	Land Application of Septage Waste, Storage Facilities & Disposal at Septage Waste Receiving Facilities	Local Health Department efforts to meet Onsite Wastewater accreditation measures
10:30	Do you have a Pollution Prevention Plan?	Land Application of Septage Waste, Storage Facilities & Disposal at Septage Waste Receiving Facilities	Understanding system failure: the many things to consider
11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
12:30	Vacuum Pump/Blower Session	Land application of septage waste and disposal at Septage Waste Receiving Facilities	Room 104A: Fundamental components of a system Room 104B: DEQ Administrative Rules for Onsite WW Systems
1:30	Important Rules and regulations for Portable and Onsite WW on the farm	Development and review of cropping plans	Room 104A: Soils training 101 Room 104B: Prescriptive vs Performance
2:30	Succession planning for the family business		Soils Texture Calibration

In addition to the above schedule, MDEQ will have one-on-one meetings with those interested. Sign up for your 30-minute session when you arrive. There will also be a Mobile Truck Simulator located outside for viewing and demonstrations.

The exhibit hall will be open from 3:00 to 5:30 with a light buffet dinner provided by MOWRA and cash giveaways from the vendors.

Wednesday 1/10/2018 – 6 CSE total for the day
Registration starts at 7:45am

8:30	Introduction – Big Ten Room
8:35	Onsite Regulations Across the Nation: Similarities and Differences, Chuck Cousino, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
10:00	Break
10:15	Building a Better business: Are you still considering processing your liquid waste?, Therese Wheaton, Crystal Environmental

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11:15	Break in Exhibit Hall		
12:00	Lunch		
1:00	Track 1 - Lincoln Room Electronic reporting for Onsite Systems	Track 2 - Auditorium Portable Sanitation panel session	Track 3 - Rooms 104 A&B Vermont and New England States
2:00	Break in Exhibit Hall		
2:30	Using septic system data to assess risk and gain new insights	MDEQ Septage Program questions and answers	MDEQ Onsite Wastewater program sessions

Association Meeting:

The MSTA Annual Meeting will take place in the Auditorium at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Social Hour: Please make plans to attend the Social Hour in the Big Ten A starting at 5:30.

MSTA Banquet: The MSTA Banquet starts at 6:30, ticket required, and will include a raffle with some great prizes. See a list of prizes in this newsletter.

Exhibits: The exhibit room will be open most of the day, so please visit the vendors who help keep the cost of our conference down with their booth fees plus there will be cash giveaways in the afternoon.

Thursday 1/11/2018 – 5.5 CSE total for the day

Registration starts at 7:45am

	Roundtable Discussions – Big Ten Rooms		
8:15	1. MDEQ Onsite Wastewater Program and LHD Accreditation 2. Health Care Reform Update 3. What's New in Liquid Waste Disposal 4. Understanding your Credit Card Processing Statement and What You Are Paying 5. Portable Restroom Discussion 6. Proper Techniques for Solvent Welding Plastic Joints 7. Succession Planning for the Family Business 8. Inappropriate Wastes for a Part 117 Hauler to Transport and Why 9. Drop Box vs Distribution Boxes 10. Homeowner Septic System Education 11. FETCH EH Mapping 12. Electronic Reporting for Onsite Systems		
11:15	Break	Break	Break
	Track 1 – Lincoln Room	Track 2 - Auditorium	Track 3 – Outside
11:30	Internet Ideas for Promoting my Sanitation Business	MSU Student Research Project	Mobile Truck Simulator
12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1:00	Preparing Yourself for Dog Encounters – Dog Bite Prevention Training	Statewide Sanitary Code Session	Mobile Truck Simulator
3:00		Prize Drawing in Auditorium Must be Present to WIN	

Location: The conference will be held at the Kellogg Center at the corner of Michigan Avenue and Harrison Road in East Lansing. The address is: 219 South Harrison, East Lansing 48824. The conference site features spacious meeting facility and excellent overnight accommodations. Parking in the ramp south of center is included in the registration.

Exhibits: With over 30 exhibitors in the hall, this will be an ideal place to exchange ideas and discuss new products &/or services. Representatives from all major suppliers will be present Tuesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:30 and Wednesday from 8:30 to 4:00. Social hour on Wednesday will start at 5:30 in the exhibit hall in the north end of the Big Ten Hall.

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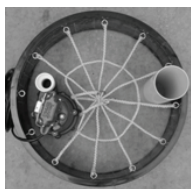
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Registration:

Full Conference: \$140 per person (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
One-day Fee: \$35 for Tuesday and \$65 for Wednesday OR Thursday

Conference registration includes lunch and snacks at breaks. REGISTRATION for the conference is **REQUIRED**
The registration deadline is December 8, 2017. There will be a \$15 late fee after **December 8, 2017.**
After December 15, 2017 the late fee increases to \$25. Walk-ins will pay \$25 late fee.

Lodging: Arrangements have been made with the Kellogg Center for a special conference room rate of \$90 for a single or double, plus taxes. Lodging reservations must be received by **December 8, 2017** to assure the room. After that date, rooms will be on a space available basis. Kellogg Center has great amenities including the excellent State Room restaurant and the Spartan Pub. Room reservations can be made by call 800-875-5090 or online at www.kelloggcenter.com using group code 1801MIONSI.

MSTA Banquet: The annual Michigan Septic Tank Association Banquet will be held the evening of Wednesday January 10th at 6:30 and everyone is invited. Each current MSTA member is entitled to (2) discounted pre-registration tickets at \$10 each. Additional tickets for members and non-members will be \$30 each and can be purchased with registration. Please note MSTA members **MUST** reserve their discounted banquet tickets on the registration form. Please contact Karlyn Wickham at executiveofficer.msta.biz@gmail.com if you need to check MSTA membership status.

Continuing Septage Education: Licensed Septic Haulers will have the opportunity to earn up to 17.5 continuing septage education credits at the 2018 conference. Obtaining 30 CSE hours is required by all haulers to meet the license renewal requirements. The Continuing Septage Education Enrollment is now included on the Conference Registration Flyer which will be mailed in November and posted on the MSTA website at www.msta.biz. As with previous years, there will be no charge for CSE tracking for current MSTA members. The fee for non-members will be \$100 per day or \$300 for all three days. For more information, contact Karlyn Wickham at executiveofficer.msta.biz@gmail.com.

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Legislative Report for MSTA

Judy Augenstein, Legislative Consultant

September 2017

Not since 1952 has a Republican won the 109th House District covering Luce, Alger, Schoolcraft and Marquette counties in the Upper Peninsula, but that could change in the November special election to replace the late Rep. John Kivela. Republicans are anxious to see how Republican candidate Rich Rossway of Marquette does over the next few months. Rossway is the president of the Marquette Area Public School Board of Education. Republicans do see a potential victory with a predicted low voter turnout in the special election.

Candidate Rossway said he is focusing on what is important for voters in the U.P. He said the political climate is frustrating for many of the voters he meets and he plans to vote based on what is good for residents, not Republicans. He admits it is an uphill battle for him as a Republican. He will face Democrat candidate Sara Cambensy, a Marquette city commissioner who went up against Mr. Kivela in the 2016 primary. In 2016 Marquette County went for the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton 49 % to Mr. Trump's 45 %. Marquette County provides more votes than the other three counties combined.

Turnout will likely be much lower than the 2016 election and the 2014 election, which creates uncertainty. Ms. Cambensy commented she is planning to reach out to her opponents in the Democratic primary and their supporters in an attempt to widen her support.

In the Wayne County special election, Tenisha Yancey, the former assistant Wayne County prosecutor, withstood a stream of media attention over criminal charges from her youth, to win the special Democratic primary in the 1st House District vacated by former Rep. Brian Banks who resigned as part of a plea deal with the Attorney General. Ms. Yancey contends people voted for her once they heard her story and her strong commitment to turn her life around after all her troubles in her teens.

Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Senator Coleman Young II advanced to the November general election in the Detroit major's race with Duggan in the lead with a 69.5 % margin over Mr. Young's 27.1 margin. A big surprise in the Detroit City Council primary was former Senator Virgil Smith, who resigned last year after pleading guilty to a felony charge for shooting up his ex-wife's vehicle, qualified for the November general election in the Detroit City Council's second district and knocked former Rep. George Cushingberry, Jr, the longtime incumbent off the council in the process.

Michigan voters approved most local property tax increase requests in the August election, though they appeared to be more supportive of municipal services than schools. An analysis of election results across the state showed 77 % of all property tax proposals passed. Leading the way were requests for police, fire and ambulance services.

The Legislature returns to Lansing on Wednesday, September 6 to resume work on their agenda for the fall session. I continue to meet with members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee to review their position on HB 4438, a bill to allow farmers to move porta johns from field to field without being pumped. So far, a majority of the committee members "oppose" the bill. Please contact your senator to urge him/her to oppose HB 4438.

October 2017

Attorney General Bill Schuette announced his bid for governor at his annual barbecue fundraiser at the Midland County Fairgrounds. He vowed to be the "jobs" governor" and said it is past time for the state to cut the income tax. Bill Schuette appears to be the front runner for the Republican nomination. He has the visibility that comes with almost seven years as attorney general and decades of relationships in Michigan Republican politics. Two other Republicans are in the race so far.

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Senator Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton is running a Ted Cruz type campaign. Schuette is more of a hybrid Chamber of Commerce/social conservative Republican. Senator Colbeck comes out of the tea party movement and very anti-establishment. Dr. Jim Hines is the outsider and only candidate in the race at this point who has never held elective office. The other potential big name in the race is Lt. Governor Brian Calley, who has said he will not make a decision on whether to run until after he holds a series of town halls in October and November.

HJR “V”, sponsored by Rep. Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, would petition Congress to call a constitutional convention to discuss a balanced budget amendment for the federal government, limit the federal government’s powers and establish congressional term limits. The measure was approved by the House Government Operations Committee chaired by Rep. Chatfield and now moves to the full House for more consideration.

HJR “R” sponsored by Rep. Jeff Yaroch, R-Richmond would move Michigan to a unicameral legislature by eliminating the Senate. Rep. Yaroch said the measure would save \$50 million a year and commented that there is no compelling reason to have a bicameral legislature other than tradition, given the requirement for more than 50 years that all legislative districts be based on population. The measure received committee debate, but was not voted out of committee.

HB 4644, legislation to allow a multiple use permit instead of a commodity hauler having to obtain a permit for each piece of equipment hauled is scheduled for Senate Transportation Committee debate on Thursday, October 5, 8:30 A.M. I have canvassed the committee for votes and also to answer questions ahead of the committee meeting. It is important to complete legislative action on key legislation before January. Active campaigning will begin at the start of the New Year with some 48 House members termed out and 20 Senate members termed out as required by the Michigan term limit law.

The Senate Natural Resources Committee has been holding meetings, but HB 4438 has NOT been scheduled for debate. I recently had another discussion with Senator Tom Casperson and at this point he does NOT want to schedule the bill for debate. Senator Casperson recalls that Wayne Stenberg did contact him about opposing the bill. Recently, Senator Jim Stamas, R-Midland requested MSTA compromise with Farm Bureau HB 4438. The compromise I suggest would be that farmers become licensed septage haulers or anytime a porta john is moved across a public road way they be serviced by a licensed septic pumper.

November 2017

Michigan’s 32nd official Christmas tree was delivered to the State Capitol on October 28. The tree is 60 feet tall and was donated by William Winter and Alex Stevens of Stephenson, Michigan. The tree was selected, cut and transported to Lansing with the assistance of the Michigan Association of Timbermen, the Great Lakes Timber Professionals and the Michigan Operators Engineers.

Senators continue to study a no-fault auto insurance proposal recently unveiled by House members and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan. Senate Majority Leader, Arlan Meekhof, R-Grand Haven has consistently said mandated insurance rate rollbacks are a nonstarter in the Senate. The plan was announced during a press conference by House Speaker Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt, Mayor Duggan and Rep. Lana Theis, R-Brighton who chairs the House Insurance Committee. More than 20 House Republicans and a handful of House Democrats joined Mayor Duggan in announcing the latest attempt at what has been years of failed efforts to rein in auto insurance costs for Michigan motorists.

As written, the House plan would allow drivers the choice of \$250,000, \$500,000 or unlimited medical coverage through their auto insurance. Seniors on Medicare or with lifetime retirement health care could opt-out of personal injury protection. The plan would allow the state to regulate rate increases for 5 years.

Proponents contend the plan would lead to an average decrease in auto insurance premiums of 20% for drivers. Older drivers could save up to 32% while drivers without collision or theft coverage could save up to 50%. House Insurance

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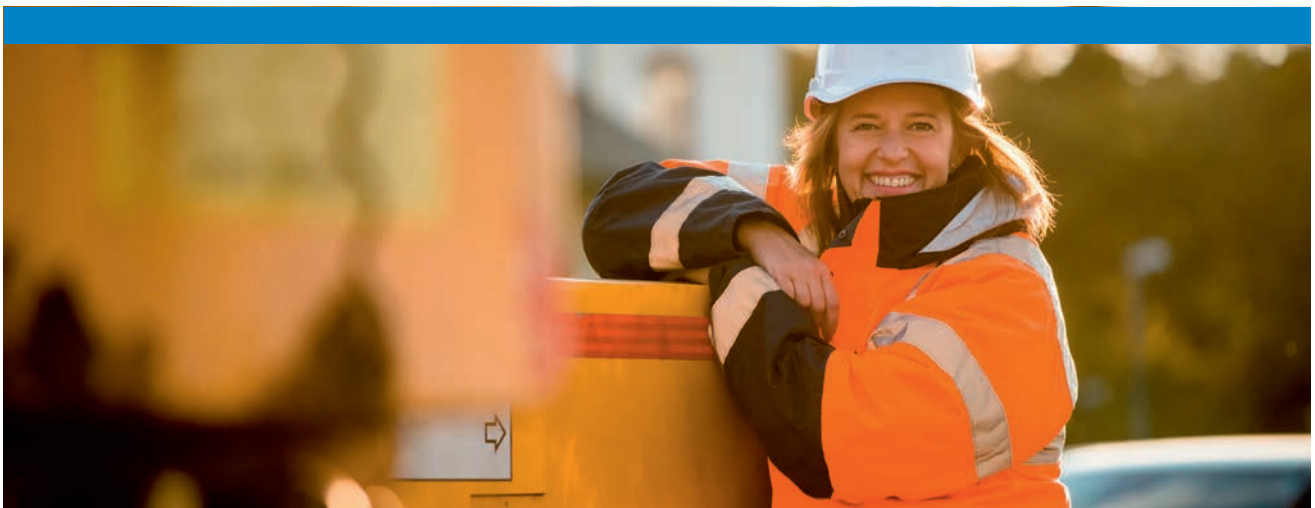
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Committee Chair Rep. Lana Theis has held committee meetings on the proposal. Rep. Theis commented “The system is broken. It is unsustainable and it has to be fixed. These sky rocketing prices have to stop.” Auto insurance reform is at the top of the agenda of issues to be addressed during the fall session for House and Senate Republicans.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce announced it is taking steps to consider seeking a constitutional amendment revising term limits as well as a yet to be defined “government accountability proposal.” Rich Studley, President and CEO of the Chamber has directed staff to reach out to other individuals and groups to determine if there is enough support to proceed in 2018 with an amendment to the Constitution on term limits and government accountability. The government reform effort would focus on revising term limits and other changes to improve the effectiveness, accountability and transparency of the state Legislature.

I continue to work with Senator Jim Stamas, R-Midland to craft an amendment to HB 4438, legislation to allow farmers to provide and move porta johns from field to field. Senator Stamas is a friend to MSTA and a member of the Senate Natural Resources Committee which has received the bill for consideration. The Stamas amendment will most likely require farmers to have any and all porta johns pumped clean before they are transported on a public roadway. At MSTA request, Senator Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba and chair of the Senate Natural Resources Committee continues to stall setting the bill for debate by the committee.

The Michigan Legislature will hold approximately 15 more session days before the end of the 2017 year. I will diligently work to stall the bill for committee consideration. It is my opinion that the 2018 campaign to elect 48 new House members and 20 new Senators will move into high gear sometime in February; and it is my view that HB 4438 will NOT be a Senate priority unless Speaker of the House Tom Leonard, R-DeWitt, requests Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-Grand Haven, to set the bill for debate---the two leaders are known for disagreeing on issues.

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