

## AFFEW NEWSLETTER - September 1993

This newsletter is also a study of the effects of trying to write important documents before morning caffeine has set in. All errors in this work can be blamed on the lack of the brown transfusion, and lawsuits may be filed against Juan-the-Columbian's mule, Myrtle Mae.

**RABBLE ROUSING NEEDED:** There is a September 13 deadline! Help! The Great Lakes initiative is a move to help maintain the quality of our lakes, and maybe even to improve it. Please write to the EPA telling them you support this move-- the expense of protecting the lakes now is tiny compared to the expense that would be required to clean them up later. (Cost of proper waste disposal is the usual argument against this initiative. It is said that industry would leave rather than clean up. Health of the region's residents, human and non, is rarely mentioned.) PLEASE WRITE TO: Carol Browner, US EPA 401 M. Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460

It would help to mention that you support (1) ending the discharge of chemicals that build up in the food chain, (2) setting water quality standards for mercury, (not the planet) PCB's, dioxin, and DDT, and (3) keeping clean waters clean. Then encourage the powers to start on "round 2" which will try to control agricultural runoff and other diffuse sources of bad stuff. Things may be rotten in Denmark, but it would be better if we didn't rot, too. Make a copy of your letter and sent it to the Governor, while you're at it.

Honorable John Engler, State Capitol, Lansing MI 48909

BE SURE TO WRITE, EVEN IF IT IS PAST SEPT. 13! When has our government ever met or finished any of its deadlines.

AFFEW ANNUAL MEETING - Tuesday, November 9 at 7:30 in the Rotary Room of the Ludington Public Library. We will elect officers, plan future projects, and go over past projects and accomplishments. Your input would be most welcome.

### EVENTS:

Adopt-A-Highway crew will leap into the fray on October 2nd, Saturday, at 10 AM. Call Muriel at 843-3628 to volunteer; it helps her to know who is going to be there, so please call her!

There will be a BEACH SWEEP adventure at 10 AM on September 18, a beautiful late summer Saturday. Meet at the FCS (fish cleaning station).

In the near future we will want to raise big bucks to build a hazardous household waste building at the landfill. A total of about \$5000. will be needed, and it looks like we will get funds to match contributions up to a total of \$2000.

If you have questions about any of the foregoing, call Julie at 845-0053. And for those of you who asked, this great newsletter is always printed on recycled paper. Maybe in the future it will be on old WESCO cups or trash from the beach, but the aroma is still a problem with them.

Newsletter editor, Dave Hall

New events! In order to get more people involved in community service, various organizations will sponsor MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY. On October 23 these groups will have booths at Ludington K-Mart. An idea they are encouraging is a "GIVE FIVE" concept where you can pledge 5% as a donation, 5 hours of your time or give up 5 of your children to your favorite organizations. Just kidding about the 5 children. PLEASE ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING !!!!!

On Oct 21-24 there will be a meeting in Windsor, Canada to discuss the clean water act and zero discharge concept. This is sponsored by the International Joint Commission of U.S. and Canada. If you want to attend or get further info call Julie at 845-0053.