

# SANITARIANS' NEWS

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## WVPHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2014



The 90th Annual West Virginia Public Health Association Conference is planned for September 17-19, 2014 at Oglebay Resort and Conference Center in Wheeling, WV. This year's theme is "Rediscovering Good Old-Fashioned Public Health." Information about the WVPHA Conference and registration can be found at the WVPHA website: <http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvpha/>



## ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA—AT A GLANCE

Thursday, September 18, 2014

8:30-9:30  
Methamphetamine and Clandestine Methamphetamine Labs

9:30-10:00  
Remembering Environmental Health "Way Back When"

10:00-10:30  
Breaks and Exhibits

10:30 -12:00  
Hood Fire Suppression Systems in Food Service Establishments

12:00-1:00  
Luncheon

1:00-1:30  
Business Meeting

1:30-2:30  
Federal Food Labeling Requirements

2:30-3:00  
Breaks and Exhibits

3:00-4:00  
Health Command Response to the Water/MCHM Incident in Kanawha County

### Message from the President

As my two years of service, first as Vice President and then President draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who served on the WVAS Executive Board with me. I appreciate the work you have done and the support you have given.

I have enjoyed my time on the board, meeting new people and getting to know others better. I would recommend serving on this board at some point in your Sanitarian career. It is a chance to get to know people in your field and to serve your peers.

I thank you for the opportunity I have had to serve.



## Meet the Candidates



### VICE-PRESIDENT

#### Jimmy Casdorph

Hello all. My name is Jimmy Casdorph. I currently work as a Sanitarian at the Kanawha-Charleston Health Department. I came here in May from Lincoln County where I worked as a Sanitarian for three years. I live in Sissonville with my wife Micah, daughter Addison, and son Caleb. I graduated from West Virginia State University with a degree in Secondary Education. I also work as an Associate Pastor at Goldtown community Church in Goldtown, WV. I am running for the position of Vice President of the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians and I would very much appreciate your vote

#### David Whittaker

David G. Whittaker is a Sanitarian at the Lewis County Health Department.

### MEMBER-AT-LARGE

#### Brooke Hott

I received a BS degree in Health Communications from James Madison University in 2010. I worked in food service prior to becoming a Sanitarian in August 2012. I am employed by the Pendleton County Health Department, and will become a Registered Sanitarian at the end of August. I am a member of the West Virginia Association of Sanitarians, and the West Virginia Public Health Association. In my spare time I enjoy helping on my husband's family farm, watching/participating in sports and cooking.

#### Rich Lucas

Rich Lucas, Registered Sanitarian, is a District Sanitarian at the Wheeling District Office. He received his bachelor's degree in Environmental Health Science from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. He has worked in the field of Public Health for four-teen (14) years. He worked in Ohio as a Registered Sanitarian for seven (7) plus years and will be seven (7) years in Public Health in West Virginia in October. He was with the Marshall County Health Department from October 2007 until September 2013 as a Registered Sanitarian and Sanitarian Supervisor and currently the District Sanitarian with the WV Bureau of Public Health Division of the Office of Environmental Health Services at the Wheeling District Office covering the Mid-Ohio Valley Counties. He currently resides in Valley Grove, WV with his wife Kristen, their three children Caleb, Nathan and Sophia.

# SANITARIAN TRAINING CLASS

AUG 11 - DEC 12 , 2014

## Week One

August 11-15, Charleston  
Public Health 101, Epidemiology,  
Microbiology, OLS Lab Tour

## Week Two

August 25-29, Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV \*Please note the change in location  
On-Site Sewage

## Week Three

September 8-12, Morgantown  
On-Site Sewage, Insects, IMW, Rodents, Clean Indoor Air, Cross Connections

## Week Four

September 22-26, Charleston  
RTIA, Asbestos, Meth Lab Remediation, Radiation, Rabies, Milk, Threat Prep, Child Care, Bottled  
Water, Manufactured Housing Communities

## Week Five

October 6-10, Charleston  
Environmental Engineering, Public Water, Water Wells, Indoor Air, Solid Waste, Occupational Health,  
Waterborne Diseases

## Week Six

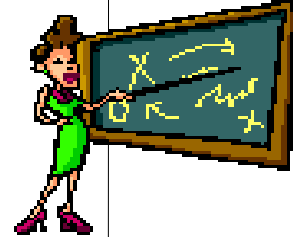
October 20-24, Morgantown  
General Sanitation, Tattoo/Body Piercing, Conflict Management, Home Loans, Complaints, Food

## Week Seven

November 17-21, Charleston  
Food

## Week Eight

December 8-12, Morgantown  
Recreational Water Facilities



## ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### September 4, 2014

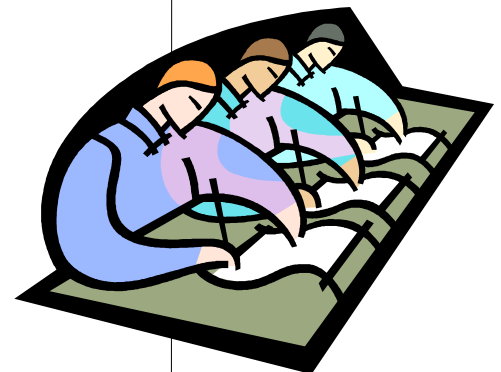
**St. Albans District In-Service:** Hosted by Mingo County Health Department.  
Location: Coalfield CAP Office, Williamson, WV

### September 12, 2014

**Beckley District In-Service:** Hosted by McDowell County Health Department  
Location: Beckley-Raleigh County Health Department, Beckley, WV

### September 24, 2014

**Tri State Environmental Health Association:** Hosted by Marietta City Health Department  
Location: WVU Extension Service, Moundsville, WV



# WVAS 2014 Official Ballot

## Vice President

Jimmy Casdorph

David Whittaker

## Member-At-Large

Brooke Hott

Rich Lucas

# 2014 Interstate Environmental Health Seminar

The 2014 IEHS is now in the history books and was a great success. They had a large turnout of 142 attendees of which 7 were from West Virginia. Many interesting topics were presented from Sewage topics to Risk Communication to Hoarding Consequences to Healthy Homes and many more.

WV speakers presented topics on the 2013 Boy Scout Jamboree, WV Rapid Response Team response to the Charleston Area Water Crisis and Methamphetamine Contamination Closes West Virginia School. Many very good topics were presented and the location was fantastic. I bet you have never sat in a meeting room and watched an Ocean going container ship go by right outside the window.

You missed your chance this year but there will be another chance to attend a great conference next July at the 2015 IEHS to be held at the Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Kentucky. Put it down on your calendar to go, it will be a great meeting with many good topics and it won't be that long a drive.

*\*\*\*Thanks to Dave Thornton for the 2014 IEHS information and photo.*



## Quiz Time—GMPs

1. **True or False**—The Good Manufacturing Practice regulations are designed to be minimum standards that the food industry must follow to produce safe and wholesome food under sanitary conditions.
2. **True or False**—The cleaning and sanitation crew should assume all responsibility to make sure that each company meets the requirements of the GMPs.
3. **True or False**—Humans and pests need food, shelter and water to survive.
4. **True or False**—Although pests are filthy, they do not spread disease causing bacteria or other microorganisms in a food facility.
5. **True or False**—Water is not necessarily a food safety concern if it is only used to clean equipment or utensils in a food processing or storage facility.





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### Quiz Time Answers

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. False



## WVAS Executive Council

### Elected Officers

**President:** Elizabeth Green

**Vice-President:** Jarod Dellinger

### Members at Large

**2-Year:** Jon Welch

**1-Year:** T.J. Witten

### Appointed Members

**Secretary-Treasurer:** Angela Linville    **Newsletter:** Jessica Douglas

### Ex-Officio Member

**Public Health Sanitation Director:** Brad Cochran

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## Health Department Use of Social Media to Identify Foodborne Illness—Chicago, IL, 2013-2014

On March 23, 2013, the Chicago Department of Public Health and its civic partners launched FoodBorne Chicago, a website aimed at improving food safety by identifying and responding to complaints on Twitter about possible foodborne illnesses. An estimated 55–105 million persons in the United States experience acute gastroenteritis caused by foodborne illness each year, resulting in costs of \$2–\$4 billion annually. This report summarizes how FoodBorne Chicago used social media to track complaints of foodborne illness.

Read the full report in the August 15, 2014 MMWR, Vol. 63, No.32 at the following website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

