

THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE

An EH Newsletter from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Public and private water supplies permitting and inspections
- Groundwater monitoring
- Public Health review for property change
- Emergency response
- Septic system permitting and inspections
- Subdivision review
- Vacant land evaluations
- Tick and mosquito surveillance
- Complaint investigations and enforcement
- Household hazardous waste collections
- Child day care inspections
- Public education
- Disease investigation
- Adult foster care inspections
- Beach water monitoring
- Campground inspections
- Restaurant plan reviews and inspections
- Radon testing and education
- Public swimming pool inspections
- Body art and piercing facility inspections
- Temporary food establishment inspections
- Special transitory food unit inspections

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 72nd Michigan Onsite Wastewater Conference
- Michigan Groundwater Association Conference
- Michigan Environmental Health Association AEC March 2024



GETTING TO KNOW THE BEDHD EH DIVISION

Community Services Team



Nicholas Homant

EH Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 4 years

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Planes, Trains and Automobiles

What is your favorite season of the year and why? Fall because I can wear nicer clothes without having a heat stroke and still enjoy doing things outside while the trees turn beautiful colors. Also, Halloween is the best.



Amber Ghiardi

EH Specialist

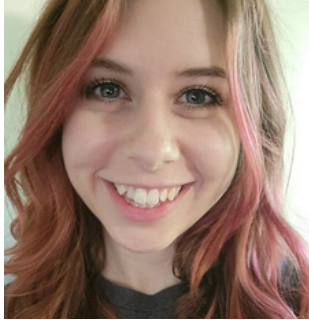
How long have you been with BEDHD? 3 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? Watching it snow with a cup of hot chocolate in my warm house and spending time with family during the holidays.

What is your favorite food? Lasagna!

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Lynsy Romanowski

EH Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 1.5 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? It's cozy season! Spending time with friends at bars/coffee shops/having DnD or gaming sessions.



Kalie Rolfe

EH Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 6 months

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron

What is your dream road trip destination? Visiting as many state parks as possible.

Water Protection Team



Carol Balkon, REHS

EH Specialist II

How long have you been with BEDHD? 23 years

What is your favorite thing about Winter? Being able to skip cardio workouts because of shoveling. This winter I look forward to getting my cross country skis on more than once.

What is one of the most fun childhood memories you have? Giving my dad weird hairdos with his very thin comover hair.



Wynn Berry

EH Specialist

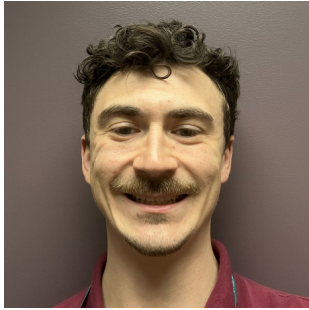
How long have you been with BEDHD? 23 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? When winter is over.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? Spring because the colorful spring flowers and greening of trees is such a welcoming sight after a drab dark winter.

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Water Protection Team



Matthew Hill, MPH

EH Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 2.5 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? I enjoy getting outside and snowboarding and tubing at the local ski hills. I also enjoy the pretty snow landscape.

What is your favorite season of the year and why? I enjoy fall the most. It is a season of change whether it be the leaves changing colors or a change in mindset. It also has the best temperatures for a nice bike ride.



Nick Justice, REHS

Type II Coordinator

How long have you been with BEDHD? Over 2 years

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Mary Poppins (either version works for me, Whimsical stuff & nonsense)

If you could have diner with a famous person (living or dead), who would you choose? Dike Van Dyke. He just seems so kind and sweet. Also anyone who can capture my heart as a chimney sweep, is worth a diner.



Shane Adams

EH Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 6 months

What is your favorite thing about winter? Watching it snow—the serene, peaceful, trance-like feel is so otherworldly. That and watching movies all covered up inside makes winter feel so special to me.

What is one of the most fun childhood memories you have? When I was 5 years old I visited my grandpa who lived on the border of Oregon and Washington State. We explored the Pacific Northwest from Haystack Rock to Multnomah Falls, to climbing Mount Hood, and seeing whales/sea loins in the Pacific Ocean. It was a trip I will remember for the rest of my life.

Data Specialist



Amy Sharrow, MPH, REHS

EH Data Specialist

How long have you been with BEDHD? 6 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? Playing out in the snow with my son. Every year we build a snowman and get to have at least one snow ball fight. We hope to be able to take him sledding for the first time this year!

If you could have diner with a famous person (living or dead), who would you choose? Andy Weir because he's my favorite author and I've read all of his novels (The Martian, Artemis and Project Hail Mary).

GETTING TO KNOW THE BEDHD EH DIVISION

Secretaries



Deb Fuller

Administrative Assistant/FIOA Coordinator

How long have you been with BEDHD? 23 years

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Titanic

What is your favorite food? Tacos



Sarah Dahlem

EH Secretary II

How long have you been with BEDHD? 8 years

What is your dream road trip destination? Anywhere that is beautiful, sunny and warm.

What is your favorite food? Pizza and ice cream



Amanda Robins

EH Secretary II

How long have you been with BEDHD? 7 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? When it's over

What is your favorite food? Tacos



Jennifer Ward

EH Secretary II

How long have you been with BEDHD? 2 years

What is one of the most fun childhood memories you have? We had a community pool and my friends and I would get season passes and ride our bikes there every day and swim. Afterwards we would go to the penny candy store.

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Dirty Dancing

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Administration



Jay VanStee, REHS

EH Director

How long have you been with BEDHD? Almost 20 years

What is your favorite thing about winter? Deer hunting in the snow.

Unfortunately no luck this year!

What is one of the most fun childhood memories you have? Camping trips up north with my brother and parents.



Jodi Pessell, REHS

Community Services Team Supervisor

How long have you been with BEDHD? Almost 24 years

What is one of the most fun childhood memories you have? Spending 1-2 weeks each summer with my grandparents and cousin in Nashville, TN. My grandparents lived there as my grandpa worked for Gibson Guitar. We used to tour the city and meet a lot of very nice people. It was fun spending time with them and I developed a whole new love for the city and state that I still have to this day.

What is your favorite movie to watch over and over again? Christmas movies. I watch The Grinch, Elf, Christmas Vacation, Fred Claus, It's A Wonderful Life, etc. at least once, maybe 2-3 times a year.



David Comeau, REHS

Water Protection Team Supervisor

How long have you been with BEDHD? 3 years

What is your favorite season of the year and why? Fall because I enjoy the weather and I like to be in the outdoors hunting.

What is your dream road trip destination? A trip out west to visit multiple National Parks.

