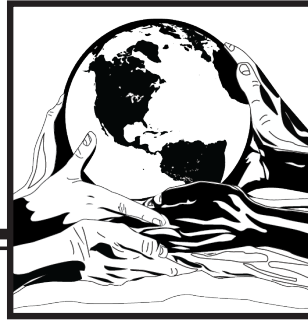


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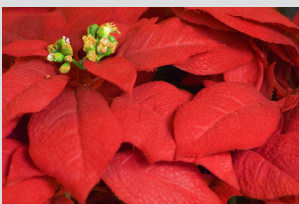
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Dec. 8, 2018** - 10:00am - 12  
 Recycling Craft: Recycled Gift-Giving & Tile Decorations  
 Ann Arbor District Library Westgate Branch, 2503 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor. events are FREE pre-registration is recommended [education@ecocenter.org](mailto:education@ecocenter.org)

**Dec. 9, 2018** - 3:30 pm- 5pm,  
 Long Memory Project Performance, Kirkbride Hall, 700 Cottageview Dr #200, Traverse City, MI - Connecting community elders with young artists to share stories of action and activism around the environment, peace and justice. Sponsored by Crosshatch. Learn more: <http://www.crosshatch.org/events/>

**Jan. 19, 2019** - 10:00 am -12  
 Recycling Craft: Making Mini Musical Mechanisms Ann Arbor District Library Westgate Branch, 2503 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor MI events are FREE and materials are provided. Pre-registering is encouraged. [education@ecocenter.org](mailto:education@ecocenter.org) .

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## Letter from the CACC Chairman

Hello fellow CACC members! Hard to believe that 2018 is coming to an end and we are getting ready to embark on yet another year. We just completed our 40th year of serving food at Wheatland and it seems like just yesterday CACC was born (1978). Some original founders are still board members to this day! I joined the board earlier this year and this summer took on the role of Chairman. For years prior to this I have been a member growing up participating and being “voluntold” (gladly) with my parents, Annie and Phill Hunt, donating time, skills, ideas, money and passion to the organization. Fast forward to today and the board doesn’t have any less passion. It has just gotten older as the days have passed... I am happy to report to duty as part of the next generation to help CACC continue on the path of educating Michigan’s residents.

CACC has been busy in 2018 including: CAFO 101 training including several co-sponsors, CAFO busters group formed, Wheatland Music Festival, 4th Annual Rally to Protect the Great Lakes, sponsored guest speaker Dave Dempsey from FLOW (For Love of Water) at CACC meeting and participated in several stop actions for the transit of Nuclear waste through Michigan.

Now comes the “so what” part of this note. So what can you do? Do you have a skill set, a passion for the environment? We want to grow and thrive, and need your help. If you are willing we can use your help with events, participation on monthly calls, recruitment of volunteers, donation collection, fresh ideas and representing the group. You or your business can also provide a donation (tax deductible) to CACC yet in the 2018 calendar year. Now is the time to get involved so don’t let another second pass! Contact me or any one of the board members to learn more. [Chancehunt1234@gmail.com](mailto:Chancehunt1234@gmail.com) – Chance Hunt, CACC Chairman



Please check CACC’s online calendar at: <http://caccmi.org>

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## The CACC Food Kitchen/Tent – Four Decades of Service

*By Chambre Beauvais, CACC Director*

To paraphrase a quote attributed to Pete Seger, the two essentials to getting people to show up and get involved are Good Music and Good Food. That is the connection between Wheatland Music Organization (WMO) and Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination (CACC). It seems to have worked very well for over 40 years. Those first years were literally in a tent set-up in a field near a small stage made from reclaimed barn wood. The tent is now used as the Hospitality tent for CACC volunteers. The stage is now tucked back atop Kids Hill as an intimate venue for the little ones and the still young at heart. Like any 40+ year old relationship, it has gone through periods of infatuation, sibling rivalry and now has matured into a mutually respectful old-friendship. And true to Pete's insight it has succeeded in bringing people together year after year. Friends made, families healed, traditions created.



Food trends like time tested friendships ebb and flow. Some things change some things become constants. Hoagies, Polish sausage and sauerkraut, and corn-on-the-cob are no longer on the menu. Fried potatoes, whole-hog sausage, pancakes and Spanish Rice remain. Saturday and Sunday morning Grand Slam Breakfasts, UP Pasties and Whitefish Dinners, all accompanied by the ever present Bluegrass sounds of Fifth stage, are traditions.

Speaking of trends and traditions, this year the Vegetarian Pasties were the first to sell out. The Hoagies, once a menu staple, was revived with much anticipation and lack-luster sales. The Taco experiment seemed to be popular in spite of some execution hiccups. Finding the right, easy to produce, high value, hand-food is still a challenge. Ideas are welcome. Contact any board member with your family favorite. After a short hiatus, the Whitefish and Baked Chicken entrees were brought back to an overwhelming response. Both sold out in less than an hour and a half, to the disappointment of many. Next year's quantities will go back to our original estimates. The Grand Slam Breakfast and the genuine UP Pasties are still the stalwart items and bookend the menu.

Over the decades the kitchen has moved inside, become permanent and filled with an ever improving list of equipment. CACC rents 2 spaces from WMO, one for the main kitchen and one for the Snack Bar. It takes over 120 volunteers and hundreds of hours of planning to maintain, clean, stock and staff a full service restaurant for just 3 days of service. Just as Wheatland transforms from a mowed field into a small town of over 15,000 people, the CACC end of the WMO Food Building rises from the dust and detritus to a fully functional and health department inspected kitchen – in less than



a week! There are way to many people to thank, here; but, Laura Sanderson (volunteer coordinator) and Connie Beauvais (kitchen coordinator) need special recognition.

It is always good to see familiar faces when we go to our favorite restaurant, bank or grocery store. The CACC kitchen is no different. We all have dear friends that we only see at Wheatland. But you may have noticed many of the familiar faces at CACC are a little more wrinkled and grayer. Like most organizations, particularly volunteer based, the CACC leadership and heart is aging. In the last couple of years we have had a much needed and welcome influx of younger people getting involved. If you are not a volunteer, yet, this is the perfect time to get involved. With new younger leadership building on the traditions and experience of the elders, CACC is maturing and working toward a better future. There are many ways to get involved and volunteer, but joining the kitchen team is a great starting point. You don't need to be a kitchen professional, but some basic understanding of food and sanitation is beneficial. A discounted ticket, half priced food and a great Hospitality Tent are a great value for a few hours of kitchen play. See you at the Tent!



# Will Michigan turn into a CAFO State?

By Monica King, CACC Board Member

Michigan is being targeted for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFOs) and processing facilities. Michigan has 272 CAFOs to date. CAFOs are not friendly to the environment and are creating huge problems across the United States. Our state is slated for a huge milk processing facility in St. John. On 10/17/18 ground was broke on this \$555 million facility. It is projected to process 8 million pounds of milk/day into cheese and whey products and employ 250 people.

Bloomberg has recently reported that the milk market is down and farmers are dumping millions of gallons of milk on their fields. This new processing plant will produce jobs and eliminate the milk waste. However, it also has devastating effects on our environment.

The processing facility will have waste water to be disposed of, which is also a pollutant and can put additional strain on the waste water treatment. "Normal" dairy production has waste 10x's the strength of domestic waste. This plant is beyond "normal".

This plant is causing a domino effect. Now Prairie View Dairy, a Delton CAFO, wants to expand their herd from 3,150 head of cattle by 10%. This means more animal housing and manure storage. Its manure production would go from 22,207,835 gallons to 27,610,432 gallons, a 24 percent increase. Their waste storage capacity would increase from 14,840,147 gallons to 19,720,769 gallons.

Not to mention, the hog processing facility built in Coldwater needs more hogs to keep its operation running smoothly. This plant can process 10,000 hogs/day. Farmers are looking for locations to build these CAFOs that house 2,500 hogs/barn, usually 2 barns/site. Keep in mind that a pig produces 10x's the amount of urine as a human. Therefore, these farms that typically house 5,000 pigs have the waste of 50,000 people. It has to go somewhere.....

The proposed 2019 GAAMPs, Generally Accepted Agricultural & Management Practices, removes any protections from local zoning boards that protect local citizens and the environment. This GAAMP

gives big agriculture free reign and eliminates local authorities rights. If this proposal is adopted, Michigan residents will have even less power.

When will we care? When it moves in next door? Farmers have all the rights and we are at a loss. It seems that we have no rights and the animals have no rights. Where is common sense? What can the land support? Pretty soon we will not be "Pure Michigan". We will be "Polluted Michigan, Land of the CAFOs!" I can smell the manure now.....

Check out [www.caccmi.org](http://www.caccmi.org) for actions you can take to be proactive.

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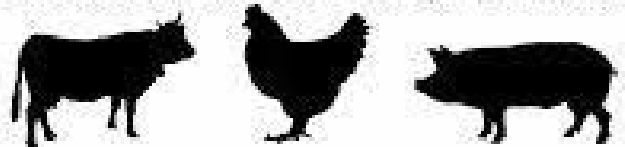
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(Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations)





# New Environmental Resources Available!

By Kay Cumbow, CACC Education Committee Member

Posted below are links to new resources from other organizations concerned about our shared environment. Please read and make use of them.

“Groundwater – the Sixth Great Lake -The Emergency Threatening Michigan’s Overlooked Groundwater Resource” - published September 2018 by FLOW (For Love of Water) - Michigan’s groundwater occupies a volume close to the size of Lake Huron, and its quality has vital importance to the health of Michigan’s residents and ecosystems and to our economy. Much of it is seriously contaminated from closed (legacy) sites, agricultural and urban runoff, abandoned wells, hydrofracking, leaking underground storage tanks and landfills, failing septic systems and persistent chemical contaminants - such as PFAS -perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, currently in the news and formerly used widely in many industrial, food and textile applications.

FLOW offers key recommendations. Among them: setting a state groundwater policy protecting groundwater as a paramount public trust, ending sacrifice zones, guaranteeing the public’s right to know, improving data collection and educating Michigan’s citizens on the importance of these unseen waters, that we all depend on. Download the handout and full report here: <http://flowforwater.org/sixth-great-lake/>

“Radiation and Harm to Human Health” - a chapter of Beyond Nuclear’s anti-nuclear handbook, is available now for download and printing as a standalone booklet. Beyond Nuclear writes: “In...[this chapter], we endeavor to both explain and synthesize the many ways that radioactivity released through the nuclear power sector damages human health, especially the most vulnerable members of our population - women, pregnancy, babies and young children.”

“Radioactive releases occur all along the uranium fuel chain, beginning with uranium mining and culminating in radioactive waste “management”. All ... releases - whether large or small (because there is no “safe” dose) — impact human health with varying degrees of severity. And yet most of the time, these impacts are poorly understood.... The fact remains...that both the immediate and long-term damage done to human health - which can last for generations - is the single, most compelling reason not to continue with the use of nuclear power and the extractive, polluting industries that must support it.”

Written simply and concisely, Beyond Nuclear urges citizens “...to use this booklet to educate residents, politicians, and the press about the true risks of accepting uranium mining operations, nuclear power plants or radioactive waste management schemes into your communities.” Beyond Nuclear is also accepting donations to help print booklets for communities facing immediate nuclear threats. Learn more here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8scr448> Visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxocfuu> to **download the booklet.**

“Global Warming of 1.5°C [Celcius], an IPCC\* special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.” This latest U.N. report, with 91 authors and editors from 40 countries, cites over 6,000 scientific references and details clear benefits to human communities and the world’s ecosystems, if we work together now to limit global warming to 1.5°C.

To accomplish this will take “unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.” However, doing so is also key to “a more sustainable and equitable society.” The report also gives grim warning for future catastrophic weather and climate changes that can upend civilization’s resources and abilities to survive, if we fail to act. “...we are already seeing the consequences of 1°C of global warming through more extreme weather, rising sea levels and diminishing Arctic sea ice, among other changes,” said Panmao Zhai, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group I. Read the summary or full report, with the panel’s recommendations here: <http://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>

\* United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



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**Jan. 19th CACC in person Board Meeting 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.** at the Alice and Jack Wirt Public Library 500 Center Avenue, Bay City, MI 48708. Please bring a dish to pass and meet the board.

**Jan. 25 & 26, 2019** -Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference, Grand Traverse Resort and **January 25** - 9am – 5pm, Spa – Farm School, To learn more, visit:

<http://www.smallfarmconference.com/>

**Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) Calendar-** <https://tinyurl.com/y8luw99e> MDEQ website: [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)

**New website for the International Joint Commission (IJC):** <https://www.ijc.org/>

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