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Volunteer for CACC at Wheatland Music Festival!

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For Info about Wheatland: <http://www.wheatlandmusic.org>

If you have never had an opportunity to attend the Wheatland Music Festival, (September 9 -11, 2011 in Remus, Michigan), you are missing one of the great delights of summer. You'll experience traditional homegrown and international musicians and singers, fine arts and crafts, meet adults, children, elders - alive with friendships, new and old - all learning, teaching, sharing, performing for three lively days.

CACC has been part of the Wheatland Music Festival for decades. CACC's cooks are legendary and CACC has a rich tradition of weaving fine arts and music into the work we do. So it was a natural fit for CACC to open its first Kitchen at Wheatland in the Big Tent. Phill Hunt, CACC co-founder, long-time Director and licensed contractor, designed and constructed the Wheatland Food Building that has housed CACC's Kitchen for decades - our hardshell tent! Wheatland remains CACC's biggest (fun)draiser.

At Wheatland, you'll help CACC crews cook, serve food, do dishes, have fun - all in the company of friends! We work in six hour shifts. Volunteers receive a free meal during their shift, and 1/2 off their food at the CACC concession all week-end. Ticket pricing (through CACC) is \$65 for workers, \$40 for senior workers (over 60), \$20 for Sunday only. After your shift, CACC reimburses \$50 for regular workers, \$30 for seniors, \$15 for Sunday. You'll also have the option to donate part or all of your reimbursement to CACC. Your gift of labor helps ensure CACC's important work to protect our watersheds.

The Sustainable Garden and Kitchen

This is a new column to celebrate CACC's roots in protecting our farmlands, our gardens and our communities from persistent toxins - a place that celebrates healthy soil, seeds, and a local harvest. In a world wired for fast food and treated fruits and vegetables, imported from fields afar, we celebrate the seminal, patient work of the gardener, the farmer and the imaginative cook. We want to share here our respect and care for Mother Earth and our interdependent ecosystems.

We will publish this column from time to time, as space allows. We open with a long-time favorite from The CACC Kitchen at Wheatland Week-end! Thanks to Connie Beauvais, CACC Director and Chef Extraordinaire.

Gypsy Stew

Serves 4

Sauté in olive oil for 5-8 minutes:

- 4 Tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups chopped onion
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup celery

Add & simmer, covered for 15 minutes:

- 1 cup cubed potatoes
- 2 cups cubed yams, sweet potatoes or butternut squash
- 3 cups water

Add:

- 1 1/2 cup cooked chickpeas
- 3/4 cup sweet peppers (red, gold, orange)
- 1 cup chopped tomatoes (fresh or canned)
- 2 t. paprika
- 1 t. turmeric
- 1 t. basil
- 1 t. salt
- 1 t. cinnamon
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 T. tamari
- Cayenne, to taste

Cook another 10-15 minutes and enjoy!



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Report from HEAL – CACC's Chapter in Alpena

HEAL is back in court not once, but twice again. Earlier this year, we had to challenge the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for delaying the implementation of the final rules for emissions from power plants and cement plants. The EPA has asked for the delay, to give the public the opportunity to make more comments on the rules. It is the position of Earthjustice and the environmental groups that brought the suit, that after years of comments and testimony, the delay is unjustified. Our appeal will be back before the same Washington DC Court of Appeals that ruled earlier that the EPA should set and enforce the rules to comply with The Clean Air Act. We believe that the EPA will enact the Final Rules before the court date, rather than face the court that ordered them to do their job.

Earthjustice is representing Sierra Club, Huron Environmental Activist League, Montanans Against Toxic Burning and Downwinders at Risk in challenging an egregious air pollution loophole, supported by the EPA. The suit disputes the Obama Administration's EPA's unprecedented assertion that burning industrial solid waste as fuel – akin to coal or natural gas - is a form of recycling, and therefore not subject to provisions of The Clean Air Act, that protect people from the harmful air emissions that result.

Under The Clean Air Act, any facility that burns industrial solid waste is supposed to be regulated as an incinerator - which would ensure that toxic air emissions from such burning are appropriately monitored and controlled to protect public health. But, whether a facility is actually regulated as an incinerator, depends on how solid waste is defined.

The Obama Administration's EPA has issued many exemptions of wastes which include: scrap plastics, spent solvents and chemicals, industrial sludges, whole tires, asphalt and chemically treated wood waste. The loophole seems to be a favor to industry that they have sought for quite some time. It is a burn-to-earn favor.

The latest EPA Clean Air Act ruling (delaying the court-mandated implementation of The Clean Air Act by both cement and power plants) makes one wonder just what is going on. The new Cross State Air Protection Rule will reduce smokestack emissions nationwide. It will protect 240 million Americans from smog and soot pollution, preventing 34,000 premature deaths, 15,000 nonfatal heart attacks, 19,000 cases of acute bronchitis, 400,000 cases of aggravated asthma and 1.8 million days of sick days a year, beginning in 2014 - achieving up to \$280 billion in annual health care benefits.

Consistency seems to be a problem.

Bill Freese,

Director Huron Environmental Activist League

CACC's ECO - Calendar

Please check CACC's online calendar at:

<http://www.caccmi.org/calendar/plans.cgi/>

NUCLEAR

The draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed deep geological repository for radioactive waste for 20 Ontario reactors beneath the shores of Lake Huron, near Kincardine, Ontario, is due out any day. There will be a 6



month comment period, followed by a joint panel hearing. Also, the draft EIS for a proposed costly, untried reactor at Monroe, Michigan, is due out in October, with an expected 75 day comment period. Both of these facilities could have serious impacts on the long-term health of our communities and watersheds. CACC will post more information on our website <http://www.caccmi.org/> once these comment periods are posted.

Bruce Power has temporarily withdrawn their application to ship radioactive steam generators through the Great Lakes to Sweden, where much of the still-contaminated metal would be mixed in with clean scrap metal, without labeling or consumer consent. Bruce Power is obliged under the law to consult with First Nations, many of whom are speaking out strongly against any such shipments.

Here at home, CACC, Beyond Nuclear and other groups are urging citizens to contact PHMSA (Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration) and call for a Programmatic EIS to address the potential environmental effects associated with all waterborne transports of nuclear materials requiring a PHMSA permit or license in the Great Lakes watershed areas. Write to: Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, East Building, 2nd Floor, Mail Stop: E27-300, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590.

Beyond Nuclear is offering the opportunity to host a screening of the documentary "Into Eternity" - A haunting look at the future of radioactive waste. See: http://www.specialtystudios.com/page.asp?content_id=28074&ref_idx-BEYONDNUCLEAR

The Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, assigned by President Obama to find a long-term solution for U.S. irradiated fuel, has issued their draft report. Beyond Nuclear has a good synopsis, as well as how to send comments at: <http://www.beyondnuclear.org/home/2011/8/5/take-action-on-radioactive-wast.html>

Great Lakes Watershed News

FLOW (For Love of Water) is an organization created in early 2009 by far-sighted individuals and groups to ensure that Great Lakes waters remain under public control and in the public trust. Great Lakes fresh waters face many serious threats and unless we, in community, act to protect these vital waters for all, we may leave future generations bereft of accessible, clean water. FLOW's website is: <http://www.flowforwater.org/index.html>. You can sign up for their email list: "Voices For Flow". They have excellent resources and a great Take Action page. Check them out!

The Council of Canadians released a critical report this spring: [Our Great Lakes Commons: A People's Plan to Protect the Great Lakes Forever](http://www.canadians.org/) - Their website is: <http://www.canadians.org/> - This is good preparatory reading for the upcoming Biennial Meeting October 12-14 at Wayne State University in Detroit of the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes and Canada. See: <http://www.ijc.org/rel/news/2011/BiennialNewRel-EN.htm>

Great Lakes United is offering access to a series of webinars about issues important to the Great Lakes region. The next webinar is "The Future of Mining on the Great Lakes" (Co-hosted with NorthWatch) on September 13, 2011 at noon (Eastern). Topics for future webinars and more information can be found at: <http://www.glu.org/issuebriefings>

Your workplace donation to EarthShare of Michigan helps CACC!

EarthShare of Michigan is part of a nationwide network of America's leading non-profit environmental and conservation organizations, which promotes environmental education and charitable giving through workplace giving campaigns. EarthShare is an opportunity for environmentally conscious employees and workplaces to support many environmental groups, through a charitable giving drive. If your workplace participates in EarthShare of Michigan, you can choose to designate CACC - Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination, as recipient of your donation. If you state you are with CACC, CACC will get credit for the campaign and a larger share of undesignated funds. If you would like to involve your workplace, or have questions, please contact EarthShare of Michigan at: <http://www.earthsharemichigan.org/>



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EarthShare of Michigan

Welcome new CACC Directors!

At CACC’s General Membership Meeting in June, CACC welcomed in four new CACC Directors! The new Directors are Kathryn Barnes, Joseph Badura, Otetwin Schrubbe and Kenneth Refior. We are happy to have you aboard! **Note:** **The new board will elect officers at the August Board of Directors Meeting.**

Calendar of Events:

Sept. 9-11 - Wheatland Music Festival
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Oct. 12-14 – IJC Biennial Meeting
at Wayne State University. Check the IJC website for more information: <http://www.ijc.org/>

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