

WCCOFF Newsletter

Special Interest:

- Vreba-Hoff Dairy, LLC, has filed a site plan with the Wood County Health Department. Contact any of the Board to get a copy of the plan.
- The plan calls for a 120' by 280' manure lagoon.

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Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms Protecting Our Water, Land and Health

Six Attend Water Sampling Clinic

Dan Whitacre, John Roller, Norm Carpenter, Rose Kuhlman, Julie Baumgardner and Nadine Musser attended an all day water-testing clinic on Saturday, June 23 at Sauders Village. Over 50 individuals from Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan attended the clinic.

The Ohio Environmental Council's Susan Studer King hosted

the event.

Helen Reddout from the Yakima Valley in Washington State was the morning speaker. This farm wife along with 3 others have fought and won 7 civil action suits against 7 dairy corporations in the valley. The valley has 79 dairy corporations in an 18-mile square. Most of the operations are over 1000 head of dairy. Helen owns a 75 acres bing

cherry farm with her husband and was a school teacher for 25 years.

The afternoon was spent learning to test water for the Ohio EPA. A test kit and documentation materials were provided to WCCOFF as a grant from the Ohio Environmental Council.

What Can You Do to Help?

Recommendations from the morning session were to document all activity at the dairy corporation. This means taking pictures and video and writing this information down in a notebook that could be referred to in the future.

This documentation done by the group in Yakima, Washington has won them 7 civil cases against 7 dairies. It also has gotten the dairies to clean up and not pollute the water.

Helens recommendations:
 — Always carry a camera of some kind.
 — Carry extra film, nothing is more frustrating than running out of film on a big violation.
 — A telephoto lens is an effective tool.
 — Before you load the camera mark the film with an ID number and place that number in your notebook.
 — In the notebook you will need to document the following:

1. Time, date and location
2. Who's with you (a witness)
3. Give distance from nearest crossroad
4. Name the dairy operation being filmed
5. Note the direction of the picture (ie: looking south on Rangeline Road)

What Can You Do to Help cont.

6. Describe, in detail, the violation you see
7. Describe, in detail, the surroundings - even things that are perfectly obvious

Take the photos of the violations from several directions. It's better to take too many shots, than

not enough.

As soon as you get home, sit down and write a descriptive narrative of the shoot. Using a camcorder expedites the data keeping. You can narrate as you shoot the footage. The audio will be used as a part of the legal statement if it goes to court.

To establish the sequence of shots, shoot

a landmark of some kind on the right side of the picture; then that landmark becomes the left side of the next shot. Continue doing that for each shot and you develop a panoramic view of the area.

Get the largest prints you can afford. Matte finish is best.

Do not write on the back of photo.

*"Grant me the courage
not to give up even
though I think it is
hopeless."*

Chester W. Nimitz

Deadline is approaching for EPA action.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking comment for its proposed rule for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Regulations and Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOS).

Comments can be submitted in writing or electronically by July 30th to:

U.S. EPA

Office of Water
Engineering and Analysis
Division (MC-1303)
1200 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20160

Email:
CAFOS.comment@epa.gov

Fair Booth

WCCOFF is sponsoring a tent at the Wood County Fair. We need your help.

If you are willing to staff the booth during the fair please give John Roller a call at 669-3419.

The booth will be stocked with information on dairy corporations and you are needed to answer any questions that might arise.

Offer two hours of your time to disseminate the information to the

general public.

Become A Member of WCCOFF

Many people have expressed interest in being a part of stopping the onslaught of factory farming operations infiltrating Wood County and Ohio, but don't know how they can help.

One way is to become a member of WCCOFF.

Membership levels begin at \$20.

By joining you will receive this newsletter and be an initial part of protecting our WATER, LAND and HEALTH for generations to come.

The membership form is attached, please send it today!

Current members are:

Matthew and Julie Baumgardner
Dan and Linda Whitacre
Lee and Margaret Whitacre
Norm and Carol Carpenter
Orel Carpenter
Charles and Marcie Reynolds
Donavon and Marilyn Bower
John and Holli Roller
Tom and Rose Kuhlman
Rich Anderson & Debbie Dalke
Harry and Shirley Hoemann
Bob and Jan Harr
Jaqui Nathan & Kay Chapman
Ruth Larabee
Dave and Jeannie Householder
Wilfred and Norma Heermeier
Richard and Leona Kinney
Beatrice McCreary

Herman McCreary
Loren and Ida Roe
Dean and Mary Sautter
Dale and Jackie Bailey
Rick & Nadine Musser



Billboard on south Route 25.

Wells Tested

The Wood County Health Department has tested the wells within a one-mile radius of the proposed dairy corporation.

15 of the 19 wells were tested for total coliform, nitrites and nitrates.

All 15 of the wells tested negative for nitrites and nitrates. 6 of the wells tested positive for total coliform.

The families were given instructions on how

to get rid of the bacteria and could have the health department out to retest.

Four different samples were taken from the ditches in the immediate area. All of this is being done to establish a baseline for future reference.

The Health Department is setting up flytraps in June through September to determine a baseline for flies.

You can request

any of the information collected by the Health Department, it is public information.

Appraisals have begun by the appraisal company. They should be contacting the families very soon to set up a time to appraise the property.

"A setback is the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently."

Henry Ford

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Membership Form

Yes, I would like to support WCCOFF in protecting our WATER, LAND AND HEALTH by joining at the

\$20 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

I would like to assist on one of the committees. *(Please check if you would like to help.)*

Membership entitles you to an annual newsletter and updates on current issues related to factory farming in Wood County, Ohio, and in the United States.

**Make checks payable to the non-profit organization:
WCCOFF (Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms)**

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