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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### OMNI and Community

## APRIL

7 - 1:30 pm OMNI 350  
Book Discussion "Carbon  
Free - Nuke Free" led by  
Quinn Montana, Fay Library

7 - 7 pm - Open Mic  
Emily Kaitz featured artist

15 - 7 pm About The  
Budget - Americans for  
Tax Fairness forum on the  
federal budget @ OMNI

19 - 7 pm - Nonviolence  
in Religious Traditions  
Forum - OMNI Center  
Read More [HERE](#)

20 - 10 am OMNI Garden  
workday

20 - 10 am to 3 pm  
Tri Cycle Farm "Seed The  
Earth" Day

April 21 - 1 pm to 4 pm  
Earth Day at World Peace  
Wetland Prairie - family fun

April 22 - 6pm EARTH DAY

## OMNI INMOtion Apr 2013

Greetings!

Can you believe the number of things that have been attacking us this month? We've endured two months of regressive legislative bills while our states deep and real needs have been successfully sidelined. Now we watch as tar sands sludge floods Mayflower and a huge hog farm is forced into the Buffalo River watershed. Info about these striking crises is linked below.

There are good things happening though. Start with the activities Saturday, and read on to see some good coming through the Arkansas legislature, even though we'll be a long time cleaning up the mess from all of this c#@p for a long time to come.

In Peace,  
OMNI Newsletter Team

## 3 Events This Weekend!

### Citizens Climate Lobby Leading the charge Sat. April 6th 11am-1pm

OMNI 350 Citizen's Climate  
Lobby meets at OMNI  
Center, 3274 N. Lee Ave. to  
plan actions to promote a  
carbon fee and dividend and  
protest the KXL Pipeline. All



Concert for the Earth  
Global Campus on the  
Square

23 - 6 pm Nobel winner  
Leymah Gbowee speaks at  
Clinton Center. Make your  
reservations now for Nobel  
Laureate Leymah Gbowee,  
part of the Frank and Kula  
Kumpuris Distinguished  
Lecture Series. (Great Hall)  
\*In partnership with the  
Clinton Foundation and  
AT&T. Read More [HERE](#)

April 26 - 6 pm Dialogue  
Dinner Facilitators Test  
Dinner - "exploring the  
process" @ OMNI

April 27 - 10:30 am  
Compassion Circle #3  
Fay Library

April 30 - Earth Day at  
Botanical Garden of the  
Ozarks

Every week @ OMNI

7 pm Mondays - Falun  
Gong meditation group  
meets in the OMNI library

Quaker Meetings 9:30 am  
Sundays. Anyone invited.

First Sundays 1-5 pm -  
Rooted Vision Healing  
Drums

Publications donated  
to Omni Library  
Thank you Dan Dean, for  
donating several books,  
magazines and dvd's to  
OMNI's library. Check out  
the list [here](#). Ask a staffer  
at OMNI to help you find  
these resources if you're  
interested.

welcome. Pot luck lunch.

## Climate Change Book Club

Sunday, April 7th, 1:30 - 3pm

Meeting at the Fayetteville Public Library, the OMNI  
350 Climate Change Book Forum will discuss Carbon  
Free Nuclear Free by Arjun Makhijani. A nuclear  
physicist writes that a zero-CO2 U.S. economy can be  
achieved within the next thirty to fifty years without  
the use of nuclear power and with technologies that  
are now available or foreseeable. Facilitated by Quinn  
Montana. All welcome. For more information call  
Shelley - 479-445-6567

## Omni Open Mic for April featuring Emily Kaitz

Sunday April 7, 7pm

Emily is well known for her  
razor sharp topical songs.  
Many of these songs were  
debuted at the Omni Open  
Mic over the last 10 years.

On Sunday, we will get to hear a whole mini concert  
of such jewels.

Following Emily's set, the regular Open Mic will  
commence and all are welcome to contribute a song  
or poem. It all happens at the Omni Center. This is  
going to be a good one!!!  
Spread the word!  
Sincerely, Kelly and Donna



## Arkansas Under Attack

**OMG... Exxon literally spilled a million gallons  
of tar sands oil in our backyard!**



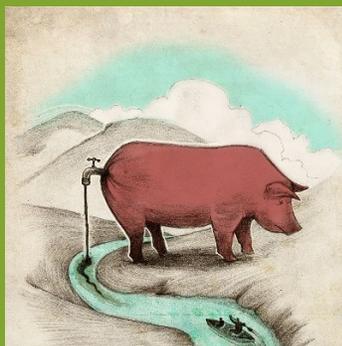
Exxon Pipeline Breaks in Arkansas

More [HERE](#)

March 29 the idyllic town of Mayflower AR was flooded with oil from a pipeline built to transport regular oil, but refitted to "handle" tar sands sludge. There will be an immediate attempt to gloss over this, but Mayflower people will be dealing with it for at least the next decade. Can we, for just a minute, look far ahead enough to see that this is the future for all of us if we don't insist that the oil giants exploiting us act responsibly. There ARE best practices for doing these things. They don't involve stealing property by eminent domain, or shoddy pipe welding, or cost-cutting to save a buck. But if they want to make money off of us they need to be responsible citizens.

Here's the view of the League of Conservation Voters, and a petition to take action.

[Click HERE](#)



Keep The Buffalo  
National  
River Clean and  
Pristine

A huge, 6,000 hog "CAFO" (Commercial Animal Feeding Operation) has been

given a permit to build just above the Buffalo River. The environmental implications of this are serious, and the time is short. If you'd like to be included in upcoming meetings to take action email [Rya Morgan](#).

A group of environmental friends are asking that concerned Arkansans vlog to Andrea Thomas, Senior VP for Sustainability at Walmart, and ask her to help. Here's a suggested letter you could read. Please vlog her! If you don't know how to do that, now would be a great time to learn... but then, some of y'all know these things. **[Read on!](#)**

But if you'd rather just sign a regular petition, here's a beautiful and wide-ranging one for you.

Click **[HERE](#)**

## Is it the end of pristine water in Arkansas?

Read About it **[Here](#)** then send a letter.

You can use this sample letter from OMNI and Sierra Club leader Joanna Pollock.

Honorable Senator Ronald Caldwell,

Please oppose HB 1929, which is in violation of the Clean Water Act. The Environmental Protection Agency is highly likely to disapprove state water quality standards based on HB 1929, resulting in a waste of time and tax payer dollars.

Please refer HB 1929 to an interim study so it can be evaluated further and adapted to ensure that it would not result in unsafe drinking water for Arkansans and/or unnecessary costs from the EPA. Even the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality is opposed to HB 1929 and they are well known as a prudent organization.

Thank you for your consideration to oppose HB 1929 and for your service to Arkansas.

Sincerely, Joanna Pollock, Arkansas Resident

## "All is Not Lost" Section...

Good things are happening. Take heart in

some of these items, some of which are downright amazing. And enhance the work by jumping in and taking part yourself. If things get better it'll be because we did something.

## Landowners Bill of Rights Success!

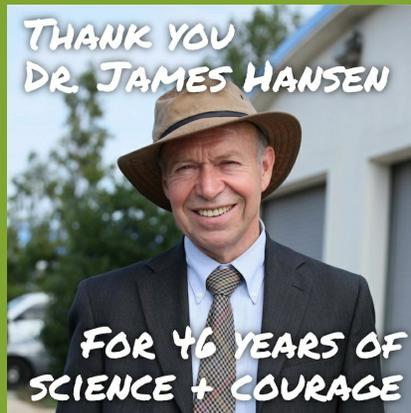
HB 2001, the Landowners Bill of Rights, concerning protection of landowners from oil and gas mining interests, made it through the Agriculture Committee last week. The bill was proposed by our own Citizens First Congress, and successfully negotiated through committee. There is generally a reasonable chance of it passing at this point. Here's a report about the process from Joyce Hale:

"The Arkansas Public Policy Panel (parent org to Citizens First Congress) has carefully steered the negotiations with the gas industry and the state agencies so that the Landowners' Bill of Rights will be moving without debate or resistance through the legislature. This is a marked achievement and should be recognized by all concerned with gas development. A thanks to those who have supported this in committee is an important gesture to let them know how pleased we are with the unusually cooperative working relationship. I encourage Arkansans to thank those who have voted for this passage.

Thanks, Joyce Hale"

Here's the [link](#) to the bill from Citizens First's website.

## Thanks, James Hansen



The patron saint of climate change is retiring from government service so he can speak out. The retirement gift he'd like from you is to [sign](#) this petition. Please.

## Global Arms Trade Treaty Passes at Last!

The NRA has fought this for years, but the times are right, and the UN adopted the treaty at last. The excitement in the General Assembly was uncontainable. Watch the vote [here](#).

Delegates to the United Nations General Assembly applaud the passage of the first UN treaty regulating the international arms trade in conventional arms at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, April 2, 2013.

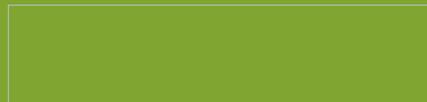
Credit: Reuters/Devra Berkowitz/United Nations/Handout

## Truthforce Concert takes tar sands information to Oklahoma

March 26, Fayetteville native David Druding, organized a group of concerned people to hold a concert in Edmond, OK to educate people near the path of the Tar Sands Pipeline about the dangers. Headlining the event was the sublime Buffy St. Marie, who traveled 3 days through blizzards to get there for an incredible performance. Dynamic rock band "Indigenous" performed, and a young Nebraskan with some good songs whose name I didn't get, but he was great.

But the real story was the profoundly thoughtful and moving reports of speakers who are being impacted by the pipeline. An excellent report by Jessica Bruha in the Norman Transcript gives you a good feel for what we heard. Here's the [link](#).

## Hatebase tracks speech predicting violence



Read about it [HERE](#) and there is More [HERE](#)

## The Last Letter:

A Message to George W Bush and Dick Cheney From a Dying Veteran



Read it [HERE](#)

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