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UPCOMING EVENTS

OMNI and Community

MAY

May 1 - Buffalo River hog farm forum - 6:00pm Fay Library

May 1 - Soldier's Heart CD Release, 7 pm Teatro Scarpino, West St

<https://www.facebook.com/events/131464123704390/>

May 4 - Springfest Returns - Dickson St.

May 4 - Citizens Climate Lobby - 11:00-1:00 @ OMNI

May 4 - Cinco de Mayo - Jones Center Springdale

May 5 - OMNI 350 - Tar Sands activists about Mayflower, Bill McKibben movie - 1:30 pm @ Fay Library

May 5 - Open Mic @ OMNI -7:00 pm OMNI - last Open Mic of the season!

May 8 - May Veggie Potluck 6:30 @ OMNI. Joanna Pollock talks about the powerful KXL protest in DC that 15 Arkansans attended.

May 13 - Peace Pole Painting Party @ OMNI 5:15-ish

May 18 - Food Insecurity Forum, Trinity Methodist Church 10-4:00

May 19 - Block Street Block Party - 1:00-5:00 - OMNI 350, OMNI Youth and Fayetteville Community Radio will be there. Look for 'em when you go.

May 25 - OMNI Peace Gardens Tour - 10-3, **[Peace Gardens listed here](#)**

May 25 - March Against Monsanto - 2:00 Town Square

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Greetings!



We're still looking forward to spring, and hope it arrives before summer, but the flowers know it's here. With all the disturbing news, take a day off on May 25 for the annual **Peace Gardens**

Tour. It'll be your gift to yourself. Here's a link for more info:

[Peace Gardens Tour 2013](#)

In Peace,
OMNI Newsletter Team

Special Events



Hog Farm Town Hall Meeting

May 1 -- 6:00-7:30

All our questions will be answered. Fayetteville Public Library

[Complete information here](#)

Petition the President to Save the Buffalo

<http://www.change.org/petitions/keep-america-s-first-national-river-the-buffalo-river-clean-and-pristine>

Every week @ OMNI -
7:00 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.

Jasper Forum on the Hog Factory May 8, 4:00 pm, Buffalo Theater Jasper

Citizens group opposes 6,500-head hog farm located on major tributary of Buffalo National River

The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance hosts a public meeting to discuss impact of the largest confined-animal-feeding-operation (CAFO) ever permitted in Arkansas and located near the Buffalo National River, 4:00 pm, Buffalo Theatre on the Jasper Square. More information here: <http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/buffalo-hog-farm-forum-jasper-may-8.html>



OMNI 350 Meetings for May

> **Citizen's Climate Lobby**
Meeting, Saturday, May 4th, from 11 am - 1 pm at OMNI Center at 3274 N. Lee ave. National call-in about climate change and continuing actions to promote a revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend. OMNI 350 is a proud affiliate of Citizens Climate Lobby.

> **Mayflower Rupture** - May 1:30 at Fay Library - OMNI350 is hosting a presentation by April Lane from the Greenbrier Citizen Advisory Group about the pipe rupture and spill of over 800,000 gallons of heavy crude in Mayflower that occurred on March 29th, with latest updates and citizen response (other sources say 294,000, but we've heard up to 800,000...don't know which it is) . The exciting video from the 350.org "Do the Math Tour" will also be shown, Sunday, May 5th, Fayetteville Public Library Walker Room.

Here are websites with photos:

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130425/arkansas-oil-spill-damage-assessment-if-not-feds-then-who?page=2>
<http://www.opednews.com/articles/Breaking-New-Photos-Vide-by-Meryl-Ann-Butler-130413-853.html>

Shelley Buonaiuto, OMNI 350 Chair

Extra-Special Last
Open Mic of the



Season



[Hear the whole story HERE](#)

Greetings! This coming Open Mic is EXTRA special...it is Cinco De Mayo and our opening act is Elizabeth Scott! Elizabeth works as an interpreter in the Hispanic community and is a wonderful songbird. Come and be CHARMED!

Also...rumor has it that Papa Rap will be coming to this Open Mic as well. That's amazing!

Kelly and Donna - 582-2291
Omni Center for Peace, Justice, and Ecology

Fossil Fuel Reports

Reports from the field about the invasion of fossil-fuel related problems we're dealing with



One Movement Against Keystone XL - Nebraska State Department Hearing

Nebraska on Tar Sands

"Nebraskans see the pipeline through their watershed differently than Oklahomans or Arkansans do. This captures the mood well..." David Druding, hearing attendee.

Tar Sands Truth Force Forum

March 24 update -- Tar Sands Protester Rita Beving speaks eloquently at March 24 Tar Sands Truthforce Forum:





Rita Beving lead speaker for Truth Force Forum
in Oklahoma

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QrSE5URViQY>

Look under the name: Rita Beving lead speaker for Truth Force Forum in Oklahoma. Thank you Quinn Montana and Luke Simon for the footage, and Aubrey Shepherd for editing.

Great Plains Tar Sands Resistance - Updates, Events, News

Lots is going on with Tar Sands Resisters in Oklahoma. Find out what they're doing at this link. If you're interested you can find ways to contact them here, too.

From gptsresistance@riseup.net

<http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/tar-sands-resistance-news.html>

Remember Mayflower - Tar Sands Oil and Water Don't Mix

Date: April 29, 2013 11:07:13 AM CDT

For Immediate Release: Contact: JP Strother

April 29, 2013 jpstrot1@yahoo.com

<http://www.arktimes.com/ArkansasBlog/archives/2013/04/29/the-mayflower-oil-spill-continues-to-make-headlines>

Stand With Mayflower Coalition says: "Remember Mayflower, Arkansas - Tar Sands Oil and Water Don't Mix"

<http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/remember-mayflower.html>

Suing TransCanada - for pete sake revoke that permit

March 26, Douglass, TX



"There are some strong arguments to revoke the TransCanada permit, including some Consti-tutional ones. It seems that no one wants to be the one to tell the emperor he has no clothes, but I just did."

Michael Bishop asked TransCanada to move their pipeline a mile over so it wouldn't disturb his organic gardens, so they arrogantly and deliberately plowed straight through them. It made him so furious that he found a way to sue. His statement is at the link: <http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/suing-transcanada-ongoing-saga-of-michael-bishop.html>

Arkansas Proud



So Proud of OMNI member and OMNI TLC alumni Andrea Love!

Andrea Love, a young OMNI person with her hands in many of the important projects OMNI tackles, received a scholarship to be excited about. Read the story from the UA Newswire here:

<http://newswire.uark.edu/articles/21057/andrea-love-named-2013-udall-scholar-for-commitment-to-environment>

Victory on PACE!

Advanced Energy moves forward with PACE financing (Property Assessed Clean Energy)

One of a slim few victories for the environment this session. Here are some of the people we have to thank for this one... <http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/victory-on-pace.html>

PACE was not the only victory though. David Whittaker got a bill through that created Benefit Corporations in Arkansas. And here's a link to a summary of bills passed, the good, the bad and the ugly. It was put together by Senator Uvalde Lindsey. Thank you Senator.

Arkansas Legislature Bill Summery

He also did a good spreadsheet of the tax cuts, but it won't fit on the webpage. Email gladystiffany@yahoo.com, or uvalde.lindsey@senate.ar.gov, and ask for a copy if you'd like to see it.

Arkansas Audubon Ecology Camp for Kids... sign up now

1st session starts Sunday June 9 - Friday June 14. 2nd session Sunday June 16 to Friday June 21

AR Audubon is looking for 100 new students who are interested in hands-on natural sciences. If you know of any 11- or 12-year old youth who are interested in the natural

sciences-ornithology, herpetology, mammalogy, aquatic biology, entomology, geology and botany-please make sure they and their families hear about this terrific educational opportunity. The whole scoop is here: <http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/your-kids-will-love-ecology-camp.html>

Visit the Ecology Camp website:

http://www.arbirds.org/halberg_ecology_camp.html You will find information about the Ecology Camp plus a downloadable application form and camp brochure.

Celebrate the Springs - Eureka Springs Festival

<http://www.omnicenter.org/community-events/2013/4/29/celebrate-the-springs.html>

Carroll Electric Co-op Update

From [Gordon and Susan Watkins](#) April 24, 2013

Dear Carroll Electric Concerned Members and Supporters:

We have some good news and some not so good news. First the not so good news -

Carroll County Electric update

We believe that CE as a cooperative and 'self regulating' entity must be transparent. We believe it is time for a fair and impartial body to determine the constitutionality of CE's bylaws as well as CE's board of directors' nomination process and elections.

Thank you for your support.

National and Global Notes

Betty Reardon nominated for Nobel Peace Prize



Story HERE

She helped lay the intellectual foundations for a whole new cross-disciplinary field at a time when the political atmosphere was intensely hostile. An amazing woman and peace educator.

<http://www.peace-ed-campaign.org/newsletter/archives/current.html>

On Mon, Apr 15, 2013 at 4:05 PM, L. Woodall
<larrywoodall727@gmail.com> wrote

InsideClimateNews wins Pulitzer Prize in journalism for reporting on the Mayflower spill

[New York Times story HERE](#)

Here's website with reports that won InsideClimate News their Pulitzer

<http://insideclimatenews.org/exxon-oil-spill-arkansas>

and here is their ongoing reporting on pipeline dangers

<http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130412/exxons-22-foot-rupture-illustrates-tremendous-operating-pressure-oil-pipelines>

Mission Statement:

OMNI Center for Peace, Justice & Ecology educates, empowers and connects people to actively build a nonviolent, sustainable and just world.

