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Chapter Banquet Nov. 13 in Omaha

The Annual Banquet of Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club will be Saturday, Nov. 13 in Omaha. The banquet, and the silent auction, will be at the Old Fashioned Garden Café in the Rockbrook Village shopping center southwest of 108th Street & W. Center Road. The address is 11040 Oak St.

The evening will include a social hour with cash bar and silent auction at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., a brief presentation of awards, and a program.

The name of the speaker will be posted on the MoValley Sierra Club website when plans are finalized.

Cost for the banquet is \$22. Price includes buffet dinner with three entrees including a vegetarian selection, two salads, two sides, rolls, coffee, and tea.

In conjunction with the dinner, the Missouri Valley Group will hold a silent auction. The new 2011 Sierra Club calendars will also be on sale.

For reservations, mail the form on page 4 with your check by Monday, Nov. 8.

Donations are needed for the silent auc-

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October Program

Pipeline over Sandhills Hazardous



**By Mary Green
Mo Valley Program
Director**

Join the Sierra Club to explore the environmental implications of the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline. Our Oct. 28 program features some of Nebraska's leading opponents of the pipeline,

including Duane Hvorka from the Nebraska Wildlife Federation, Jane Kleebe from Bold Nebraska, and Sierra Club lobbyist Ken Winston.

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TransCanada's pro- **See Pipeline page 3**

Sierra Club Program
**Keystone XL Pipeline:
A Nebraska
Perspective**

Thursday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
69th & Cass streets, Omaha
Enter north door
**The public is welcome at all Sierra
Club educational programs.**

posed pipeline would be used to transport crude oil, mined from tar sands in Alberta, Canada, to refineries in Oklahoma and Texas. According to TransCanada, the pipeline is needed to make the U.S. more energy secure and

Boyer Chute Day Hike, Tasting Nebraska Wines

**By James Phernetton
MVG Outings Leader**

A day hike at Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge followed by a Nebraska wine tasting at Too Far North in Fort Calhoun is on the calendar.

Meet Saturday, Nov. 20, 10 a.m. at the main parking lot in Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge, 3720 Rivers Way, Fort Calhoun, Neb., for a fairly easy 4-mile hike.

Afterward, we will stop in the heart of Fort Calhoun at Too Far North, a wine shop and tasting room, which specializes in Nebraska wines, wine tastings, Nebraska microbrews, custom wine labels, and gifts. www.toofarnorthwine.com

The owner, Sandy Kucera, will have a special tasting of four Nebraska wines for us. We will focus on the environmental benefits of buying locally

produced wines, and discuss the different varieties of grapes that grow in the state. Local breads, cheeses, chocolates and sausages will also be available for purchase. If anyone wishes to attend only the wine tasting, please meet at noon at Too Far North, 111 N. 14th (Hwy 75), Fort Calhoun, Neb.

We will hike for about two hours on easy trails, at a moderate pace. There is a Sierra

Club Outing fee of \$1 per person, paid to the hike leader to support the continued training of outings leaders. There is a \$5 charge for the four-wine tasting. Additional wine tastings, glasses of wine, beer tastings, glasses of beer, food items, bottles of wine, etc. are all available at extra charge. Remember that Thanksgiving

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Outing at Boyer Chute NWR, then Wine

is the following week, and this will be a great opportunity to purchase some locally produced vino for your holiday festivities.

If you are interested in carpooling, let me know when you RSVP. I can forward email addresses or phone numbers of those interested in driving or riding, so they can make arrangements with fellow hikers.

Please RSVP with first and last name, phone number, and email so you can be contacted in case of cancellation, and so we can get an idea of the number people attending the tasting.

James Phernetton, MVG Outings leader, jamesphernetton@gmail.com, 402-319-2322 (cell)

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Sierra Auction Needs Donations, Bidders

tion, which is an important part of the banquet, and an important part of raising funds for the Sierra Club.

Think about what you could donate, whether an item or a service (or even baked goods!). Donations will be greatly appreciated.

Money raised from the silent auction is a vital part of the local group's budget and will be used primarily for participation in the political process. Contributions to the Sierra Club are not tax-deductible; they

support citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts. We hope you will donate to the silent auction as well as attend the banquet and have fun bidding on auction items, all in support of your local Sierra Club.

To donate to the auction or for more info, call Mary Bamesberger (402) 895-1635, Jane Wilson (402) 345-6317 or Carole Larson (402) 558-4663 by Nov. 11 so arrangements can be made to pick up your item(s) BEFORE the night of the banquet.

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- John Muir

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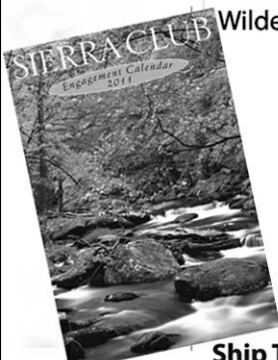
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Enclose a check and mail to Sierra Club, P.O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80322-2968 or visit our website www.sierraclub.org

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Sierra Club 2011 Calendars



Item	Cost	Quantity	Total
Engagement Calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> \$14.	_____	_____
Wilderness Calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> \$13.	_____	_____

Subtotal _____
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Please make checks payable to "Sierra Club" and mail to the return address shown on your newsletter.

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For a calendar, contact Valerie Murray at 345-5668, or send this form and a check to 1935 S. 37th St., Omaha, NE 68105

Continued from page 1 Sandhills Pipeline Opposed

decrease its reliance on foreign oil. The project has gained the support of Nebraska labor leaders, who expect at least 500 new, one-year construction jobs in the state. However, other information indicates that it is likely that there will be only 100 temporary jobs for Nebraskans and these would be low-wage jobs.

There are environmental concerns for every step of the project, starting with the clear cutting of Canadian forests and then strip mining the landscape. The refining process requires a great deal of energy and creates toxic by-products that are stored in huge tailings ponds. These tailings ponds



By Scott R Kemper

Jane Wilson has organized protests against running the Keystone XL Pipeline through the Sandhills.



By Jane Wilson

Protesting the Keystone XL Pipeline in the Old Market



By Scott R Kemper

Pipeline protesters get organized at 72nd & Pacific streets.



By Scott R Kemper

Passing commuters honked in opposition to the Keystone XL pipeline.

have killed hundreds of waterfowl and may be leaking toxic materials into the Athabasca

River. Tar sands oil is considered a dirty fuel because of the environmental damage the mining process creates, the

large amount of energy required, and the greenhouse gases generated in the production process.

In Nebraska, the pipeline threatens the fragile Sandhills eco-system; water resources such as wetlands, rivers, and streams; and the Ogallala aquifer, which is one of the world's largest aquifers. The Ogallala provides 30 percent of the ground water used for irrigation in the U.S., and provides drinking water to 82 percent of the people within the aquifer boundary. An oil leak into the aquifer would be difficult if not impossible to clean up.

Also, Nebraska political and environmental leaders have criticized the letters TransCanada sent to landown-

ers in late July, which threatened to use eminent domain to gain easements unless landowners agreed to selling terms with TransCanada. TransCanada has since lifted its negotiating deadline.

Because the pipeline comes from Canada, final permits for construction must be approved by the U.S. State Department.

You are invited to learn more about the risks of the proposed pipeline, and what you can do about it, at our Oct. 28 program. Sierra Club programs are free and open to the public.

For more information on the proposed Keystone XL Pipeline, go to <http://sierranebraska.org> and click on the XL Pipeline link at the top of the page.

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Please reserve _____ seat(s) for me at the Sierra Club Annual Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 13, at a cost of \$22 per person. I am enclosing a check for \$_____ .

Name(s) as they will appear on name tags:

Phone Number _____

Please return this form, and your check made out to Nebraska Sierra Club by Monday, Nov. 8 to Sierra Club Banquet, c/o Clyde Anderson, 7020 Burt St., Omaha, NE 68132. For more information, call Clyde at (402) 932-7225 or email ClydeLAnderson@cox.net.