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Come to Big Mama's for Banquet, Auction

The annual banquet of Sierra Club's Nebraska Chapter will be Saturday, Nov. 12 at Big Mama's Kitchen Restaurant, 3223 N. 45th St., Omaha.

Go to Big Mama's web site <http://www.bigmamaskitchen.com> and read about how Mama's wonderful southern style cooking is bringing notoriety to Omaha!

Times: Reception (no alcohol) and silent auction 5:30 p.m., dinner: 6:30 p.m., awards and speaker: 7:30 p.m. [Need to be done and out by 9 p.m.]

Cost: \$25 per person

Driving directions: From eastbound or westbound I-80,

take Exit 452 to U.S. 75 North. Stay on U.S. 75 North past downtown Omaha. Stay in the right lanes and follow the signs "U.S. 75 North - Epply Airfield." In 2 miles take the Lake Street exit. Turn left

(west) on Lake Street and go to the "T" intersection at 45th Street. Turn right (north) on 45th Street

and go six blocks to Wirt St. The entrance to Big Mama's is on the right just north of Wirt St. The restaurant is located in the cafeteria for the old Nebraska School for the Deaf.

Parking is available on the west side of the building plus over-

Go to page 3 for reservation form and map to Big Mama's

Items needed for Fundraiser

We are accepting donations for the annual silent auction, which raises much-needed funds for our conservation and other programs. Ideas for nifty auction items include: gift certificates, food and drink gift baskets, outdoorsy things, a service in which you have expertise (such as leading a hike in the woods or the prairie, or offering a small workshop on say, how to build a rain barrel, bat house, butterfly habitat, etc.), home-baked food items and handmade items. Donations MUST be donated prior to the banquet and will be accepted through Nov. 10. Please contact Jane Wilson at japlapoo@netzero.net or 402-345-6317 if you have something you'd like to donate.

flow parking on the east side. Call Clyde at (402) 740-5556 if you need assistance.

Dinner menu selections: two-piece oven-fried chicken,

two-piece baked lemon chicken, smothered pork chop, and vegetable lasagna. Sides

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Rallies against Keystone XL

Tar Sands Pipeline Opponents Dominate (Again)

Kleeb on Pipeline at Oct. Program

Jane Kleeb from Bold Nebraska will be the speaker at the 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 program, at First United Methodist Church, 69th and Cass streets in Omaha.



Kleeb

Kleeb has been one of the forces fighting the attempt to run the Keystone XL pipeline across the Sandhills.

Kleeb is an editor and founder of Bold Nebraska, which has been strongly opposing the pipeline for more than a year.

**By Ken Winston
Public Policy Advocate**

I was never so proud to be a Nebraskan as I was while attending and participating in the hearings in Lincoln and Atkinson this week. More than 2,000 people opposed to the Keystone XL pipeline attended the two hearings, compared with about 250 pro-pipeline people in Lincoln and about 150 in Atkinson. All of our people got there on their own power and the vast majority of the pro-pipeline people were bused in, and most of them were from other states.

Our folks wrote their own testimony and spoke with eloquence and power and authenticity. Local nurse Cindy Myers presented her in-depth research on water

and toxins in the tar sands, landowners such as Teri Taylor, Susan Luebbe, and Randy Thompson told their stories of harassment by TransCanada, and a young mother who is also an Iraq war vet spoke movingly of her hopes and dreams for her young children. We had Sens. Ken Haar and Annette Dubas talking about the need for the state of Nebraska to take action to protect its resources. John Stansbury, the UNL scientist who wrote the worst-case report, did a great job attacking the credibility of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. Ben Gotschall debunked a bunch of TransCanada's lies with his usual eloquence. One after another, landowners

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Please vote for your Executive Committee. See attached ballot.

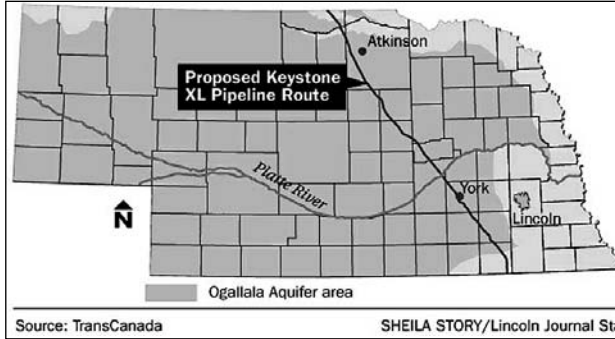
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Keystone Pipeline Proponents, Opponents Face Off in Hearings

and local residents showed that they know the land they live on and that they are the real experts on how to preserve and protect the Sandhills. The State Department should heed their message.

The pro-pipeline folks re-ran some of the same testimony they presented on Tuesday, as if they knew it wasn't credible and hoped that repeating it might improve it. Most of the union guys got up and read prepared statements. The representatives from the Platte Institute and the Americans for Prosperity and some of the union guys attacked the opponents as being radicals; particularly Bold Nebraska and the Sierra Club. I suggest they are the ones who are being radical, since our position (deny the permit) is the same as Republican Gov. Dave Heineman and Republican Sen. Mike Johanns. They are also curiously silent about protecting landowners' property rights, while those opposing the pipeline are the primary advocates for landowners against foreign corporations. Those in favor of the pipeline

also made snide comments about civil disobedience; I happen to know most of the people from Nebraska who got arrested and I will put their ethics and morals above any of these corporate shills any day of the week.



But all of this didn't just happen. A lot of us worked hard to develop relationships with landowners and local residents, to keep issues alive in the press, to let people know that their voices mattered and to give them a sense of empowerment. I want to give a big shout out to Jane Kleeb for the amazing work that she is doing and for making Bold Nebraska into a force to be

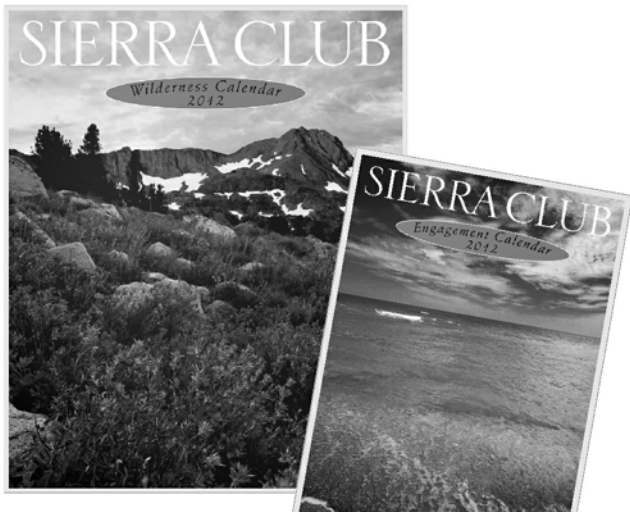
reckoned with, to John Hansen and Graham Christensen at Farmers Union, to Duane Hovorka at Nebraska Wildlife Federation and Marian Langan at Audubon Nebraska. I also want to recognize people such as Ben Gotschall, Malinda Frevrt and the other folks with Bold Nebraska, and Angel Romero and Brittany Crawford with the Nebraska Sierra Club for their work. And we greatly appreciate the support of our national partners, particularly the fact that Nic Callero from NWF was here in Nebraska this week.

I know we have a lot of work to do. There is the hearing in Washington D.C. next week and comments to be submitted. We are hard at work trying to get a special session in Nebraska. I am working with landowners to try to get their legal claims heard. We will have more events and more activities to bring our message to the people. We will keep working and fighting this atrocity, as my 14-year-old daughter called it.



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2012 Sierra Club Calendars



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SIERRA CLUB ANNUAL BANQUET RESERVATION

Please reserve _____ seat(s) for me at the Sierra Club Annual Banquet on Saturday, Nov. 12, at a cost of \$20 per person. I am enclosing a check for \$_____.

Please let us know how name(s) will appear on name tags, and entree choices:
(two-piece fried chicken, two-piece baked lemon chicken, smothered pork chop and vegetable lasagna)

NAMES _____ & _____ **ENTREES**

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Please return this form, and your check made out to Nebraska Sierra Club by Friday, Nov. 4 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.



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include greens, Georgia cheese potatoes, and green beans served at each table "family style." Dinner includes bread, beverage (coffee, iced tea, or water), and dessert. Fill out a REQUIRED reservation form above, and mail with your check by Friday, Nov. 4. Big Mama's only seats 60, so get your reservation in early!

Our banquet speaker will be nature writer John Price, who is a UNO English professor and the author of "Not Just Any Land: A Personal and Literary Journey into the American Grasslands." and "Man Killed by Pheasant and Other Kinships." John has received many recognitions for his work, including a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, and Man Killed by Pheasant was the winner of Orion Magazine's 2009 Readers' Choice Award. John will be reading from some of his work and sharing his thoughts as a nature writer.

Warmer Environment Pushing Birds Northward

Climate change, mostly in the form of a warmer environment, is affecting wildlife throughout North America. The National Audubon Society, which is primarily concerned with birds, recently published a report based on 40 years of data that found some 60 percent of the 305 avian species in North America during winter have been on the move in recent decades, shifting their ranges northward by an average of 35 miles, as habitat shifts thanks to rising temperatures. Not all species are willing or able to abandon old habitats, which may mean they can't reproduce at sustainable levels.

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