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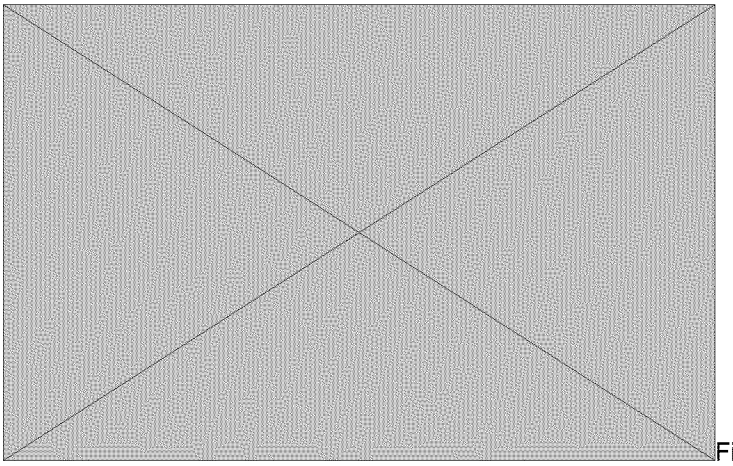
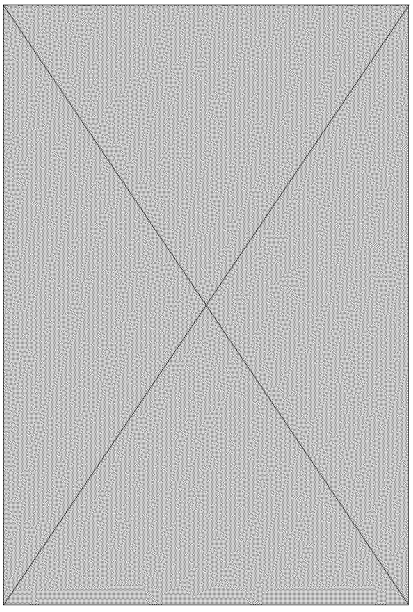
 First, a reminder about our exciting event this Sunday with Jane Kleeb and Josh Fox. We'll watch Fox's new film on climate, and Jane will update us on the battle to stop the pipeline. We'll enjoy music from Josh and some of our Native allies and remarks from Adam Mason with Iowa CCI. Cyd's Catering is bringing some wonderful snacks made from Iowa-grown food. Oh, and I'll emcee, assuring that no other theater in America this weekend will feature a state's "Number One Hellraiser" and another state's "Most Controversial Woman." Really, you don't want to miss this. Details here.



Shirley Gerjets and her unwelcome guests: A large security force and an even larger pipeline.

What else don't you want to miss? #FarmersDefenseCamp! This week, we set up an encampment on land owned by Shirley Gerjets, a farmer who has fought the pipeline every step of the way. While the camp itself can accommodate about twenty overnight campers (let us know if you're interested), we hope hundreds turn out for the actions, especially this coming Saturday. Deatils here.

If you ever feel that our efforts are in vain, well here's proof that they're not. Kudos to Marisa

Cummings and her daughter for standing strong and speaking out against injustice. And thank you to Calhoun County Sheriff Bill Davis for pushing Dakota Access to do the right thing, and for pipeline fighter Heather Pearson for doing such a great job at being our liaison with local law enforcement. Here's the press release:

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Dakota Access Employee Who Made Sexual Solicitation of Water Protector and Daughter is Fired, Sent Back to Texas

Dakota Access worker heard asking, "How much for the little girl?" out of his pickup trick window during Bold Iowa direct action on Oct. 15

Des Moines — The Dakota Access employee who made a sexual solicitation of a peaceful female Water Protector and her daughter during Bold Iowa's nonviolent direct action on Oct. 15 has been terminated and sent back to Texas, Bold Iowa has learned.

The Dakota Access employee was driving a silver Ford pickup truck with Texas license plates when he shouted at the woman and her daughter, "How much for the little girl?"

Calhoun County sheriff William Davis reports that the employee, whose identity was not disclosed, has been identified by Dakota Access, and terminated from his position with the company as a result of the disgusting incident.

"When one asks to purchase a woman of color near a pipeline site, you evoke a feeling of threat and intimidation," said Marisa Cummings, who along with her daughter was the target of the solicitation by the Dakota Access employee on Oct. 15. "Native American women are found missing and murdered throughout the oil fields of America and Canada. We are more likely to be raped by a non-Native male than any other racial group. Human trafficking and rape is a reality for our women. We want the man who attempted to intimidate and harass us held accountable for his actions. I am disappointed that local law enforcement did not allow us to file charges. I will not pat the Dakota Access Pipeline workers on the back for terminating the employee. The action against their employee was only taken after we went to the media and released our story and gained a public outcry for his actions."

Video of the sexual solicitation by a Dakota Access employee of a woman and her daughter during Bold Iowa's Oct. 15 action may be viewed here: https://www.facebook.com/NowThisNews/videos/1197616650328457/

Bold Iowa sees this incident as indicative of what has already been documented at "mancamps" set up by pipeline companies to house construction and oilfield workers — increased violence, drugs, and human trafficking.

To date, more than 2,500 people have signed the Bakken Pipeline Pledge of Resistance, which is supported by Bold Iowa, Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, CREDO Action, and 100 Grannies for a Livable Future.

View the Bakken Pipeline Pledge of Resistance here.

On Oct. 25, Bold Iowa set up an encampment in Calhoun County with farmer Shirley Gerjets, whose land was taken against her wishes via eminent domain by Dakota Access to build the pipeline.

(**DETAILS**: http://boldiowa.org/action/nodaplcamp)

On Aug. 31, 30 people were arrested during a Bakken Pledge of Resistance direct action to stop pipeline construction in Boone County.

On Sept. 10, 19 people were arrested at a Bakken Pledge direct action in Boone County.

On Sept. 22, more than 175 people participated in a "Midwest Mobilization" action that stopped construction on the pipeline in Boone County.

On Oct. 15, landowner Cyndy Coppola and Bold Iowa director Ed Fallon were arrested on Cyndy's own property, which lies inside the pipeline route.

Bold Iowa Action Teams (BATs) have also participated in smaller, decentralized direct actions to stop construction on the pipeline at various locations over the past few weeks — including on Sept. 21 in Webster County, and at other sites in Boone County and near Farrar, in Polk County.

Between Bakken Pipeline Pledge of Resistance actions, and the nonviolent actions that have been organized by allies at the "Mississippi Stand" encampment in southeast Iowa, to date **close to 170 arrests of Pipeline Fighters have been made in Iowa** while standing up to stop Dakota Access.

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- Live Mondays, 11:00-12:00 noon CT on La Reina KDLF 1260 AM (Des Moines, IA)
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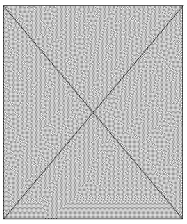

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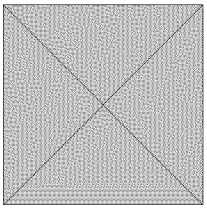
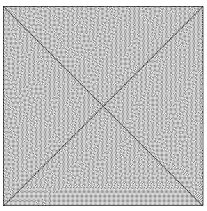
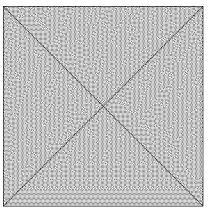


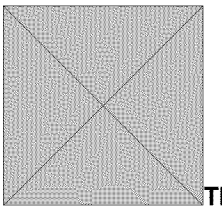
Wed, Oct 26 – Celebration of International Day of Peace (Des Moines)
At 6:30 p.m. at Peace Garden in Cowles Commons, 221 Walnut St. This service will express a vision of peace and a position against war shared by all faith traditions. The Rev. Ryan Arnold will be the keynote speaker. The Diversity Chorus will present a couple of numbers on the theme of peace. Contact Chet Guinn at 515-282-8054 or Eloise Cranke at ecranke@mchsi.com.



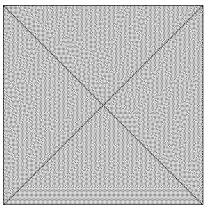
Thur, Oct 27 – The Solar Experience: An Introduction to Photovoltaics (Hiawatha)
Learn from solar experts how to get and use solar panels for your home from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presented by: Alliant Energy, Moxie Solar, I-Renew, Prairiewoods Residential solar is on the rise, but you still may have questions about technology, contractors, rebates or working with your utilities provider. Join us at Prairiewoods in Hiawatha to learn from those who are familiar with the process: Alliant Energy, Moxie Solar and a local homeowner with a solar unit will present and go over aspects of residential solar to help you make an informed decision. There will also be time for questions. This is a free event open to the public. Registration is requested by Oct. 26. Click here to register or call 319-395-6700.



Sun, Oct 30 – Josh Fox's Climate Revolution Rally (Des Moines)
At 4:30pm at Fleur Cinema, 4545 Fleur Drive. Bold Iowa hosts Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Josh Fox ("Gasland") and the Climate Revolution Rally stop in Des Moines. The Climate Revolution Rally will feature speakers Josh Fox and Jane Kleeb (Bold Nebraska) with an update on the Dakota Access pipeline fight, live music, and a discussion and screening with Josh Fox of his new documentary, "How to Let Go of the World And Love All the Things Climate Can't Change." Tickets to the all-ages, family-friendly event support Bold Iowa's work to protect our land, water and climate. Click here to purchase tickets for a $10 donation to Bold Iowa.

 **Thur, Nov 3 – #ExxonKnew House Party (Des Moines)**
From 4:00-5:30 p.m. at 530 56th Street. Learn more about the #ExxonKnew campaign, and how you can get involved. Bold Iowa director Ed Fallon will give an overview of the Exxon Knew campaign. Blockbuster reporting by InsideClimate News and the Los Angeles Times revealed that Exxon's own scientists connected burning fossil fuels to climate change way back in the 70's, but the company quashed this scientific research and instead spent decades and millions of dollars instead funding climate denial. The company misled the public and its own investors and must be held accountable. Light snacks and drinks will be served. Click here for more information.

Fri, Nov 4 – Women, Food and Agriculture Network Annual Conference (Nebraska City)
At 9:00 a.m. at Lied Lodge and Conference Center, 2700 Sylvan Road. This year's theme is Women and Permaculture: Making a Living in Harmony with the Land. You can find the agenda and registration information here.



Sun, Nov 6 – Food, Faith, Climate Workshop (Mt. Vernon)
Workshop at 1:00 p.m. Lunch before workshop at Cornell's dining hall. This workshop is for anyone who would like to cut the carbs from their food practices. Carbon emissions that is! We look at how our food practices contribute to climate change, and how our faith traditions call us to respond with practical solutions. Then we look at our own food practices and create a plan for more climate-friendly choices. Join us for lunch before the 1:00 p.m. workshop to meet others at Cornell's newly renovated dining hall that has been ranked 2nd in the nation for using local ingredients and cooking from scratch! Lunch is $8.50 at the dining hall. Pre-registration required. REGISTER for the Mt. Vernon workshop at http://iowaipl.org/act/register-events Thanks to a generous donation from our sponsors the workshop is free to the public.

Sun, Nov 13 – Iowa Interfaith Power & Light Dubuque Chapter Meeting (Dubuque)
From 3:00-4:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 255 W 10th St. Join the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa IPL! We'll be sharing stories and resources, learning about different ways to assess our congregations on how they are caring for creation, and planning a "Green Team" Training day. All Dubuque and area congregations welcome to attend. Contact Sarah at programs@iowaipl.org.

Sun, Nov 13 – River Guardian Benefit Show (Omaha)
From 1:00-8:00 p.m. at The 21st Saloon, 4727 S 96th St. Please come support the No Bakken Legal Defense Fund. Sometimes we have to resort to peaceful civil disobedience in order to make our voices heard and to hold our elected officials accountable. This fund will help cover legal fees and fines for those who have been arrested in Iowa while peacefully protesting the Dakota Access Pipeline. All Ages. Seven hours of live music! Silent Auction with fun prizes! Food and Cocktails. Click here for more information.

Sat, Nov 19 – Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit (Ankeny)
From 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the FFA Enrichment Center, Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Ankeny Campus, 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway. The Immigrant Entrepreneurs Summit's mission is to bring businesses of diverse backgrounds together to share, learn, and celebrate the immigrant entrepreneurship experience and contribution to the overall community. The Summit will exhibit the success stories of immigrant entrepreneurs. Create true understanding among different ethnic groups and business growth tips are shared among immigrant business owners and the keys to succeed by working with immigrant populations are shared in a creative, competitive, and supportive environment. Register at www.iesusa.org.

Sun, Dec 11 – Iowa Interfaith Power & Light Dubuque Chapter Meeting (Dubuque)
From 3:00-4:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1276 White St. Join the Dubuque Chapter of Iowa IPL! We'll be sharing stories and resources, learning about different ways to assess our congregations on how they are caring for creation, and planning a "Green Team" Training day. All Dubuque and area congregations welcome to attend. Contact Sarah at programs@iowaipl.org.

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