Celebrate our Public Lands and the Centennial of the National Park System!

By Elaine Giessel, Conservation Chair

My husband and I were just pulling into the remote Arizona campground, when I spotted the backs of two large black critters hustling away through the brush between the road and the creek. A trained naturalist should know better, but before I could confirm the sighting, I yelled, “BEARS!” Richard slammed on the brakes, but a closer look revealed only two yearling calves turning to stare at us in mutual surprise.

Ursine vs. bovine turns out to be both bad news and good news. I’m no fan of bears in campsites, but sharing our public lands with cattle has its disadvantages, too. A recent flood in the canyon had knocked down the barbed wire designed to keep the animals out of the campground. Wasn’t long before our dog found a fresh cowpie and happily dove in. This, following an earlier dustbath in skunk spray on our hike at the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area. Yuck.

Hard to complain, however, when cows are the only other occupants of your camp. This 4-site campground in the Apache National Forest apparently had not been upgraded since its construction over 65 years ago. There was some nice post-Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) rock work, including a sturdy stile over the now-defunct fence, an abandoned water well sans pump and an old-school, one-hole Forest Service-brown wooden outhouse replete with winter mouse droppings. Nearby was the Blue Range Primitive Area, the last designated...
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Criminal Racketeering by the Fossil Fuel Industry Accelerates Climate Change

By Toby Grotz

If it is illegal to shout, “Fire, Fire” in a crowded theater if there is no fire, then it should also be illegal to shout, “There is No Fire, There is No Fire.” if there IS a fire in a crowded theater. If you pay to enlist others into this conspiracy to shout out “There is no Fire, There is no Fire” and drown out or suppress the observations of those who see the fire in a conspiracy to suppress the truth, which results in great damage and death, then that it is a criminal act, and the conspirators are guilty of murder.

And others are warning that, indeed, “There is a Fire.” There is a fire and people are dying of starvation in drought stricken areas affected by rapid climate change.

Climate change deniers are claiming there is no fire while a record number of forest fires have ravaged the western U.S. in the last ten years, and the world is experiences record heat waves. Climate change deniers are shouting down observed, recorded scientific facts and observations. Their actions are a clear and present danger to the people and to the republic, and are funded by the fossil fuel industry, racketeering against the common good.

Drilling in Paradise

The fossil fuel industry wants to exploit $400 trillion worth of resources still left in the ground. They suppress the development of renewable energy by creating opposition to renewable energy. They fund climate change denial propaganda as part of their effort to keep their oil, coal, natural gas and nuclear subsidies and tax credits to prevent competition. They buy legislators to eliminate renewable energy buy back credits. Let’s just call it what it is. It is racketeering. And the fossil fuel industry and their supporters are engaging in antitrust violations by suppressing competition in an entire industry.

The environmental movement needs to unite and instigate anti-

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Save the date! Friday June 10, 10, 6:30-??

**Southwind Group Annual Picnic**

Please join us! Our annual picnic will once again be held at Deborah’s pond, RSVP to dsgafvert@gmail.com for directions.

We have 400 sq. ft. of covered canopy so, unless there is a severe storm warning, the picnic is ON, come rain or shine.

Let’s do a Mexican themed potluck this year! In consideration of our many vegetarian members, try to make your dish vegetarian, if it is just not the same without meat, prepare the meat separately and serve it as a garnish. Since this is a private party on private property, adult beverages are fine. Bring enough to share!

We’ll have smooth jazz. You can swim if you want. Come and hang out with the best folks in the area!

You will be able to explore some of the eco-updates to this 1970’s ranch house, including geothermal hvac, rain barrels, berms, passive solar, rain “pockets” (to capture water and prevent runoff), grey water, conventional chlorine pool converted to “natural swimming pool” (pond), eco-landscape, and a few other features.

At approximately 8:00 to 8:30 pm we will retire indoors to look at the film “Cowspiracy”, which helps us understand the many eco benefits of more mindful eating. Caution: if you are allergic to cats, this indoor showing is not for you, but you will be fine at the picnic itself.

Please bring at least one chair for every two persons attending the picnic. And be sure to RSVP, especially if you are staying for the film so we can be prepared with adequate indoor seating.

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**Old Goat Ranch Cook Out - Camp Out, April 30**

Bill and Yvonne Cather is hosting a cook out - camp out and hike at the Old Goat Ranch south of Mulvane, Kansas at noon on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at the Margaret and Paul Miller campground on the Giants Path. Bring whatever you want cooked and Bill will cook and then we will hike from the forest trail front of Two Devils to the lair in the afternoon. Canoeing on the Ark River is available from the landing to the grand strainer.

**RSVP** - Call 316-522-4749 to make your reservation or email: Yvonne.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org. Max 20 people free - donation to Southwind Sierra Club.
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Dr. Christopher J. Anderson will present How Kansas Could Benefit from the Paris Climate Agreement. Dr. Anderson is Research Assistant Professor at Iowa State University, and Assistant Director of the Iowa State University Climate Science Program, a Signature Program of the ISU BioEconomy Institute.

Now, you can make a difference. Support Sierra Club’s work. See you on April 16.
Southwind Banquet
Thank You

By Deborah Gafvert, Southwind Group Chair

Thank you to everyone who helped make our sixth Annual Fragile Earth Banquet a huge success.

Thanks to Wes Jackson for his many years of service to the Land Institute and for his inspiring and uplifting keynote address.

Thanks to Mediterranean Grill for the wonderful veggie lasagna and fatousch, and to Juarez Bakery for the beautiful and delicious Mexican dessert cookies.

Thanks to the folks at Unity Church for being such gracious and accommodating hosts for our event once again and for providing us with such a lovely, inviting space.

Thanks to Mike Kandt at Kansas Pond Society for the sound system and instructions in its usage.

Thanks to Neil Marcus, Jim and Cindy Griggs, Tina Heinrich, Jane Byrnes, and all of our other very generous auction donors.

Thanks to Don and Ellie Skokan and Alyce Zenziger for spending their afternoon getting the facility ready.

Thanks to David Kirkbride of KNEA for emergency seating for our overflow crowd.

Thanks to our many callers who helped bring out the crowd.

Thanks to Peace and Social Justice, AR Wichita, Bartlett Arboretum, Great Plains Institute, Dyck Arboretum, Kansas Pond Society, and the Land Institute for promoting our event to their members.

Special thanks to State Chapter Chair Yvonne Cather for staying up half the night for many, many nights taking care of RSVPs and keeping our counts straight.

Of course thanks to Southwind ExCom for all you do, and for ExCom spouses who get recruited for so many helper duties.

And thanks to all of you attended. Without you there is no event!

We hope you enjoyed your evening and that we will see you again next year. We had our best attendance ever, our best gross revenue ever, and a very good auction. Now, we start planning for next year! Do you have suggestions for us about anything related to the banquet? Ideas for inspiring speakers? A lovely Wichita area venue that is a little larger? Recipes for really good vegetarian or vegan entrees? If you do, by all means, let me know.

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in the national forest system.

We hiked that afternoon along a little-used dirt road with long views over the Blue River canyon to the distant Blue Range Wilderness in New Mexico. In the steep basalt valley wall, we discovered small geodes filled with tiny glittering quartz crystals. Sitting under the bare, bone-white sycamore branches, we recognized the cascading warble of the invisible canyon wren. And that night we slept under a full moon and star-filled sky, free of the distractions of civilization – no RV generators, no ATVs, no lights, no traffic noises, no TV, no phones, no computers.

Truly wild places are a rarity these days; we are grateful for the experience and the chance to decompress. As holders of federal “senior passes,” we deliberately seek opportunities to camp on public lands overseen by various federal agencies, even if it sometimes means minimal amenities. Private and state-owned facilities are becoming increasingly crowded and expensive, with virtually all sites having hook-ups for the RV crowd. Fortunately, our small truck with a simple camper shell is pretty self-sufficient; going without water and electrical hook-ups is no big deal.

This March, we enjoyed low cost stays in the Cimarron National Grasslands of far southwestern KS and in the Coro-

nado and Apache National Forests of Arizona. We visited the White Sands and Chiricahua National Monuments and the Coronado National Memorial. We lunched in magnificent Saguaro National Park east of Tucson. We can personally attest to the fact that our public lands are well worth celebrating.

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service turns 100. John Muir, founder of the Sierra Club and “Father of the National Park Service,” was an early supporter of the designation of federal lands for public use. Muir’s writings convinced the U.S. government to protect Yosemite, Sequoia, Grand Canyon and Mt. Rainier as national parks.

This centennial year, the Sierra Club is working to ensure more Americans have the chance to get outside and enjoy all our public lands have to offer. Chapters and groups nationwide are scheduling special outings to national parks to celebrate. (http://www.sierraclub.org/nps100)

While we don’t have a national park in Kansas, local Sierra Club leaders have planned outings to the Kansas Tallgrass Prairie Preserve in the Flint Hills near Strong City. The preserve is managed by the National Park System and protects a nationally significant remnant of the once vast tallgrass prairie and its cultural resources. The April 23 outing led by KC Metro-area members is already filled, but a May 7 outing is still open to Sierrans across the state. Find details at: http://kansas.sierraclub.org/outings/

A colleague reminded me recently that we really should spend as much time enjoying our planet as we devote to protecting it. Make time this year to celebrate our national park system and to commit to supporting our public lands for future generations. If you can’t participate in the NPS Centennial events in Kansas, find public lands somewhere that inspire you and connect you to our wild spaces.

Editor’s note: The outstanding Ken Burns series “The National Parks” will be re-aired on KCPT starting April 25 (check your local listings). If you can’t get out to visit a park, at least see them and John Muir in the comfort of your own home!

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trust lawsuits and criminal racketeering charges against the likes of Exxon-Mobil, Peabody Coal. We need to start a 21st century version of the Scopes Monkey trial for the people and for a healthy and safe planet.

If a powerful company uses market muscle to stifle competition, that is an antitrust violation.

The last drop of oil burned on this planet is likely to be in a Hummer guarding an oil field in the Middle East. So...

In the future,
We will sit on our front porches
With family, friends and neighbors,
Singing and playing acoustic music,
Until the stars come out and shine down upon us,
Undimmed by the fires of fossil fuels.

Toby Grotz is a former ExCom member of the Kanza Group who spent five years in the Geophysics Industry exploring for oil and natural gas and six years in aerospace working with solar simulators. He has worked in oil refineries, coal, gas, and nuclear power plants.
Kanza Day III: Summer Solstice at
The Barn at Kill Creek Farm

Wednesday, June 29

4:30-6:30 pm Meet the local growers at the Fresh Promises Farmer’s Market; bring a cooler to haul purchases home!

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Picnic supper, drinks and entertainment provided. We cannot accommodate special dietary needs. Bring folding/Captain’s chairs or picnic blankets. We will gather, rain or shine! Please leave dogs at home; this is a working farm.

Where -- 9200 Kill Creek Road, Desoto, KS, immediately north of K-10 highway at the Kill Creek exit.
“Irresponsible Gods” or Happy Humans?
Eating as Though the Earth Matters

By

In his New York Times bestseller, Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind, author Yuval Noah Harari recounts that 70,000 years ago we sapiens folks were “insignificant animal[s] minding our own business.” Tracking our “progress” since then, he notes that we have set up empires everywhere and have seemingly mastered the world, but we have not increased human happiness and we have caused massive suffering for other animals. “…Accountable to no one,” he states, “We are consequently wreaking havoc on our fellow animals and on the surrounding ecosystem, seeking little more than our own comfort and amusement, yet never finding satisfaction.” Glumly, he asks in his final paragraph, “Is there anything more dangerous than dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who don’t know what they want?”

As activists, we see evidence of this everywhere, both in our history and in the present. Some of Harari’s possible future scenarios for our species are chilling, but we would not be activists if we did not believe that human nature can change, indeed, that human beings can wake up and stop our destructive behavior. His book is important, I believe, because he demonstrates how the many different horrors we have unleashed upon each other, nature, and animals are all connected by a common root. That root is the relentless desire for more pleasure and power by an all too clever and anxious animal.

Reading through our winter issue Planet Kansas, we see multiple evidence of this common root that links so many issues. The Sierra Club and Public Justice have threatened legal action to slow down the frackers in Oklahoma. Overcome by greed and empowered by science-without-ethics, frackers knowingly inject toxins into our precious earth, causing earthquakes, harming life, and justifying it all without remorse. The “Paris and the Climate Crisis” article describes how the fossil fuel giants are fighting all of us, desperate to force the world to buy their dirty, destructive products. But as Craig Wolfe explained so well in the article, we can do a lot on our own to show the giants their days are numbered. We can switch to hybrid cars, use solar and wind power, use less energy, and “change our diets.”

As Robert Sommer stated in his “The Real Death Star” article regarding ExxonMobil, “facts don’t interest them. Money and power do.” Reading on we learn, in Craig Volland’s article about the new hog factory in Greeley County, that Seaboard Foods got a permit to add 132,000 more hogs to their operation. Added to their other 330,000 hogs, the waste from these factories will be “equivalent to a city of one million people.” But a city of that size has a sophisticated sewer system—right? The hogs? No sewer system required. Instead open air lagoons receive the endless flow of contaminated poop ruining air quality and threatening all the water sources nearby. And there may not even be enough water in the aquifer to support this expansion. This is clearly another example of the clever, anxious, and way too powerful human animal gone mad—dangerous, dissatisfied, irresponsible “gods,” as Harari would describe them.

And the prairie dogs! Elaine Giessel’s article alerts us all about the dangers they face and the losses they have incurred. Ninety percent of prairie dog towns have been destroyed, often for the sake of cattle ranchers who claim they compete with cows for grass, in spite of some science that shows otherwise. So much suffering and death has been caused to these gentle creatures, other wildlife, and the cows themselves, so that ranchers can make a profit.

Yet, while it is easy to blame Big Ag, Big Pharma, Big Oil, Big everything, we know that pitting us against them is missing something. In the Big Picture (so to speak) we are all connected. We have many of the same characteristics of seeking pleasure and wanting to be in control of our world. We are all Homo sapiens. While some may be extreme psychopaths, and others may be saints, nevertheless, we must each face what we contribute to the mess humanity as a whole has made. If we eat pigs, we are contributing to the profits of Seaboard, a company that makes no attempt to care about the environment, people’s health, or the massive suffering of pigs, who are at least as intelligent as dogs and just as capable of emotional and physical pain.

If we eat cows, we contribute to the poisoning of prairie dogs, overgrazing, loss of wildlife habitat, species extinction, air and water pollution of feedlots, and the profits of slaughterhouses. If we eat chickens, fishes, or any animals, our money brings profits to those who are killing them and ravaging the earth and the sea. If we buy dairy products and eat eggs, we help those farmers cut the lives of cows and chickens short and take their babies from them, all the while contributing to further degradation of ecosystems, water and air quality, and our own health.

As I mentioned in my column in the winter issue of Planet Kansas, trying to help by buying “humane” meat, dairy and eggs, leads nowhere. Most of the labels are false, as we are now learning from investigators of Whole Foods “humane” farms and others. They are, it turns out, factory farms with meaningless labels. And even the local farms in which animals actually have a little room to play and lie down (although you don’t know for sure unless you visit one), the animals still must eat much more grain than they give up through death in a pound of their flesh. If pressed to be honest, most “humane” farms will admit that there is no possible way for all human beings to eat the quantity of meat they want if animals are not factory farmed. That is simple math. There is not enough pasture for the animals and not enough land on earth to grow their grain and hay if they were all to be raised outside of cages. Of course, even on these small, local farms, the animals are killed,
and “humane killing” is an oxymoron only a clever Homo sapiens could conjure up.

Harari speaks of us evolving into what might become a new species, but not necessarily one that we might want to be. He acknowledges that we have the capacity to find happiness through meditation and rise above our relentless pursuit of pleasure and avoidance of pain. But, as science-without-ethics races forward at breakneck speed, inserting worm genes into pigs to make pork seem healthier, working to computerize human brains, inventing an endless list of drugs promising pleasure, he questions which path we will take.

We are at a cross roads. As activists, I think we all feel that very strongly. We know how destructive our species has been, and we know human beings are equally capable of taking either road. We work in all our individual ways to help evolve our species to become nonviolent and nurturing in our relationship to life and the earth. But we are also aware that we could evolve, as Harari warns, and become even more devoid of a sense of justice, kindness, and responsibility.

We will carry on and keep doing what each of us is called to do at this critical time. When people see a large group behaving in a new way, a way that nurtures life, it helps them see that it is possible to leave the old ways behind and still survive. It took many people living without slaves to show that families could survive and prosper without causing immense tragedy to other families. Craig Wolfe’s article shows us how powerful it can be when we switch to solar and cut way back on fossil fuels, for example. By doing those things, we normalize them and help people see that it’s not weird or crazy.

And, best of all, we demonstrate what ordinary people can do with or without the help of governments. We can personally refuse to support the companies that are destroying people, animals, and the earth.

Of course, as I always point out in my columns, the most massive change each one of us can make is to stop supporting the animal agriculture industry that survives for only one reason—people buy their animal products. Imagine the benefits to every life form on earth, including Homo sapiens, if animal agriculture became a thing of the past, and eating a plant-based diet became the norm. As we know, growing animals for food is intrinsically linked to deforestation to grow feed and farmed animals; desertification; horrifying pollution of all our seas, rivers, creeks, aquifers, air, and land; unprecedented species extinction; use of fossil fuels to grow and transport feed, to transport animals to feedlots and slaughter, to heat and cool huge farm buildings, and to transport packaged products to stores. The next time we see a truck on the highway taking pigs to a distant slaughterhouse, let us imagine that one truck multiplied by all the other trucks doing the same thing at that very moment. Imagine the fumes polluting the air, the oil spills that took place before the truck drivers filled up their trucks at the last truck stops, and the destruction of habitats and wild animals that took place to drill for the oil. Imagine the amount of fossil fuels that would no longer be needed if all those trucks (and ships) all over the world were no longer needed to transport for animal agriculture.

We can educate; we can demonstrate with our own lives; we can bring hope, and we can say that the earth and the animals will one day no longer be in danger from “dissatisfied and irresponsible gods who don’t know what they want?” As we learn to develop our own inner peace and live, eat, and celebrate “as though the earth matters,” we can become, not dissatisfied “gods” but joyful fellow beings sharing and caring for this precious earth we all call home.

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Kansas Legislative News

Planet Kansas Edition

By Zack Pistora, Chapter Legislative Director

Kansas Lawmakers Finish Short Session; A Handful of Environmental Bills Pass, a Few Remain

The Kansas Legislature wrapped up their regular session and is now on their month-long Spring Break preparing for the ever-important Veto Session. In recent times, the Veto Session has become the “overtime” period in which lawmakers finalize any remaining priority issues and resolve the broken budget situation from the 2012 tax cuts.

Without speaking too soon, the 2016 session was fairly mild for environmental concerns. In other words, our Republican lawmakers did not cause too much trouble (like they did last year with the rolling back of our renewable energy standards), but opted for a few incremental policy improvements. However, some of our priority bill concerns, such as a bill that deals with changing our Kansas Nongame and Endangered Species Act and the Kansas Noxious Weed Law, are still undergoing negotiations between a small joint committee of legislators in the final month of session. For those keeping track, the 2016 session will resume April 27th and is rumored to end before Mother’s day (May 8th).

Here’s the tally on the bills we tracked this year:

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<td>The 2016 Session was not too bad. Lawmakers should not mess around in the veto session.</td>
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<td>From the list above, you can see that the KS Legislature has done okay this year on environmental concerns. Lawmakers passed a couple bills (SB 329 and SB 330) on improving water conservation, which is badly needed for Western Kansas (which is on the current path of draining their major groundwater source in the Ogallala aquifer). The other bright spot for environmental legislation is the approval for SB 314, the local food and farm task force, which aims at fostering better opportunities for Kansas food-growers. Lawmakers also passed two suspicious resolutions in HCR 5008 and HR 6045 that hopefully don’t actualize any negative agendas.</td>
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| + SB 330 – Establishing the KS Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (H 97-26, S 40-0) | o SB 425 – Eliminating perpetuity of Conservation Easements (died in Senate Committee) + H Sub for SB 106 – Enacting the Alternative Crop Research Act (Industrial Hemp) o SB 2479 – Amendments to Kansas Noxious Weed Law (Amended Significantly) | o S Sub for HB 2059 – Appropriating Water that Otherwise Leaves the State (S 22-18) o S Sub for HB 2479 – Amendments to Kansas Noxious Weed Law (Amended Significantly) | The real evaluation of the 2016 session rests in what happens during the Veto Session. Formerly SB 384, now HB 2547 (concerning the Act on KS threatened and endangered species) has been amended to be less damaging to current habitat protections for Kansas’ most vulnerable wildlife, but still would solidify exemptions for farming and development in statute. The rub on this bill is that the House has not had a chance to debate or deliberate on this bill at all. The same goes for S Sub for HB 2059, which deals with allowing a less-costly application fee for appropriating surface water that would otherwise leave the state. H Sub for HB 2059, dealing with Noxious Weed Law is anyone’s guess, as the bill has two
very different versions being debated in the Agriculture and Natural Resources conference committee. HB 2479 has a good shot at passing into law if the KS Dept. of Agriculture gives its blessing. SB 318 is also in conference committee, but is likely to be passed during Veto Session.

Perhaps the most important environmental issues that Kansas faces are issues that DID NOT get addressed this year in the Legislature. Governor Brownback and the Legislature have not found a solution for protecting folks from further financial harms from earthquake damages from oil and gas industry's waste injection wells involved in fracking operations in South-Central Kansas. The Governor still hasn't followed Kansas law that requires he transfer $6 million to the State Water Plan Fund that would have helped water problems across the state, and the Legislature didn't bother debating HB 2510, a water bill that could have helped resolve that financial shortcoming. Finally, the Legislature looks like it will retract supporting a state plan to address climate change. With little to show for major environmental advancement in a serious time of need, surely some voters will be scratching their heads on whether current leadership deserves reelection. And that's not mentioning the other state struggles of education funding and our broken state budget.

Thank you for supporting our Lobbying efforts in Topeka.

Your support of the Kansas Sierra Club helps fund our Statehouse lobbying efforts in Topeka. With your financial backing, our Chapter is able to keep our important work of advocating for crucial Kansas policies that help our environment. The Kansas Sierra Club supports the only lobbyist that works on all issues dealing with our environment: fracking, climate change, water, wildlife, toxic pollution, agriculture, and more.

As always, thank you for being part of our Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club, for caring about our environment, and for reading my update. Without your support, we'd be without a strong defender of environment. Thank you for contributing to Kansas Sierra Club and a better world! Please contact me if I can be of any help.

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“The Moral Imperative of the Climate Crisis” - Another Impressive Chapter Event

Our Second Biennial Conference

Our Chapter event held on March 12, 2016, in Topeka at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka proved to be a very successful and meaningful event. Special thanks goes to our Director of Development Bob Sommer for the inspiration and organization for the day's activities. Of course, Bob could not do it all alone and was helped by the key volunteers of Gary Anderson, Yvonne Cather, Bill Cutler, Elaine Giessel, Zack Pistora, and Craig Wolfe. See the photos for our outstanding lineup of presenters.

Poetic Invocation, was given by Wyatt Townley, Poet Laureate of Kansas, 2013-2015

Dr. Donald Worster, our keynote speaker, is the author of *A Passion for Nature: The Life of John Muir* and *Shrinking the Earth: The Rise and Decline of American Abundance.*

The Kansas Chapter Report was given by Yvonne Cather, Kansas Chapter Chair

Director of Development Bob Sommer was our creator and organizer for the event.

Our special panel on Environmentalism Beyond the Echo Chamber, left to right, Dr. Paul Adams, Dean of Education, Fort Hays State University; Lewis Diuguid, Editorial Board, The Kansas City Star; Rev. Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka; and Moderator Elaine Giessel, Conservation Chair, Kansas Chapter
The Conservation Report was provided by Elaine Giessel, Chapter Conservation Co-Chair, who also

The Legislative Report was given by Zack Pistora, Legislative Director

The Political Report was given by Jennifer Robinson, Political Chair.

The Outings Update was provided by Outings Chair David Kirkbride.

Communications Strategies were updated by Craig Wolfe, Communications Director

And most importantly, our great audience!

Other participants not pictured were Gary Anderson, leading the Building Climate Action Alliances with People of Faith Workshop; and Olga Sauerwein and Chris Carey from The Climate + Energy Project leading the Clean Power Plan Workshop.

The event also generated two great videos: a personal video message from National Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune; and a great endorsement for the Kansas Chapter from Kansas City Royals TV and radio announcer Steve Physioc and his wife Stacey. Links for both can be found on our home page www.Kansas.SierraClub.org.
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Groups are the local body of the Kansas State Chapter

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Spring - 2016
General Meetings

More details at www.Kansas.SierraClub.org/Calendar/

Kanza Group (Kansas City)
Saturday, April 16, 6:00 - 9:30 pm
Kanza Annual Fundraiser and Silent Auction
See ad on page 5 for details
Annual silent auction, live auction, food, drink, music, speaker. Dr. Christopher J. Anderson will present How Kansas Could Benefit from the Paris Climate Agreement. Fabulous Silent Auction Selections- Great Bargains - Delicious Heavy Hors D'oeuvres - Local and Earth Friendly - Great Wines and Beers from Local Vineyards and Breweries - Stimulating Speaker Admission: Limited seating. Be safe. Purchase tickets in advance!
Where - Thompson Barn, 11184 Lackman Rd, Lenexa, KS
Contact - Craig Wolfe, 913-299-4474, info@Kansas.SierraClub.org

Kanza Group (Kansas City)
Tuesday, May 10, 6:45 pm
Fossil Fuel Divestment.
Divestment: An important tool to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Jim Horlacher and John Kurmann will discuss how we can divest, and the strategies they used in their work to convince KC, Mo to divest.
Where - Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W 79th St, Overland Park, KS
Contact - C Elaine Giessel 913-206-1180 sealaine@yahoo.com.

Kanza Group (Kansas City)
Wednesday, June 29, 6:30 pm
Kanza Day III: Summer Solstice Party at Kill Creek Farm.
See ad on page 9 for details
4:30-6:30 pm - Meet the local growers at the Fresh Promises Farmer's Market; bring a cooler to haul purchases home!
6:30-9:30 pm - After the Market closes, join fellow-Sierrans for a family-friendly, FREE! social event at the Zimmerman Barn, on three acres surrounded by a historic 30-acre farmstead.
Where - 9200 Kill Creek Road, Desoto, KS, just north of K-10 on Kill Creek Rd.
Contact – C Elaine Giessel 913-206-1180 sealaine@yahoo.com.

Southwind Group (Wichita)
Friday, April 8, 6:30 pm
Hydroponic Community Garden Initiative.
6:30 pm - Social hour begins. Soup and Salad will be available. Please bring your own place setting.
7:30 pm - Presentation by Andrea Knighton on Hydroponic Community Garden initiative
Where - Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS
Contact - Deborah Gafvert 316-733-5102 dsgafvert@gmail.com.

Southwind Group (Wichita)
Friday, May 13, 6:30 pm
Racing to Extinction & Just 1 Thing Initiative.
6:30 pm - Social hour begins. Pizza and Salad will be available. Please bring your own place setting.
7:30 pm - Presentation: Racing to Extinction & Just 1 Thing Initiative
Where - Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 East 29th St N, Wichita, KS
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Topeka Group
Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm.
Climate Reality Project Presentation by Craig Wolfe
6:30 pm - “Meet, Greet and Gather”
7:00 pm - Climate Reality Project Presentation. Craig Wolfe, Communications Director for Kansas Sierra Club will present. We all know the climate crisis is real. But what are the real facts and the real threats that we face? What can and must individuals do to avert the worst consequences of the climate crisis? Are we making any progress to solve the climate crisis? Craig has been trained by the Al Gore Climate Reality Leadership Corps. Using slides prepared by the Climate Reality Project as well as his own, he will demonstrate the seriousness of the climate crisis and provide actions we must take before the clock runs out on our window of opportunity to fight the climate crisis.
Where - Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Topeka, 4775 SW 21st St., Topeka, KS
Contact - Gary Anderson 785-246-3229 for info.

Topeka Group
Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm
Mother Ocean: Heartland-Ocean Connections.
6:30 pm - “Meet, Greet & Gather”
7:00 pm - “Mother Ocean: Heartland-Ocean Connections” by Elaine Giessel, Chapter Conservation Chair and Kanza Group Chair, Water Quality Co-Chair. She will share her knowledge of Oceans and our water connections we have in the Heartland of the U.S. Please join us for up-to-date information on all water issues in the state.
Where - Topeka Shawnee County Public Library Marvin Auditorium 101C, 1515 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS.
Contact - Gary Anderson, 785-246-3229, gjanderson1963@hotmail.com for info.

Topeka Group
Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm.
Monthly meeting to be decided.
6:30 pm - “Meet, Greet and Gather”
7:00 pm - Presentation
Where - Topeka Shawnee County Public Library, Marvin Auditorium 101C, 1515 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS.
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Spring - 2016
Sierra Club Outings

General public is welcome to participate

Below is the combined list of all outings by the Kansas Chapter and Groups. Please contact the outing leader listed after the description by phone or e-mail before attending any of these activities. For trips requiring physical exertion, leaders need to know your ability and condition. Sierra Club policy also requires participants to sign a liability waiver or acknowledgement of risk prior to departing the trailhead. Outings organizers have a Meetup webpage for the latest outings updates at: http://www.meetup.com/KC-Sierra-Club-Outings/. Outings are also listed at http://kansas.sierraclub.org/outings/.

Sat, Apr 02, 10:00 AM. Kanza Outing. AT CAPACITY Day Hike at Clinton Lake (George Latham Trail).
Chantal Hoffecker 816-665-5841 positively_radiant@hotmail.com. Come hike this 4.5 mile loop with some nice views of the lake. Dogs welcome!

Sat, Apr 02, 12:30 PM. Kanza Outing. AT CAPACITY Harry S Truman Home Tour & National Historic Walking Tour, Independence, MO.
Eileen McManus 816-523-7823 eileen4250@sbcglobal.net. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, join us on a guided tour of the Truman Home and the neighborhood where Harry and Bess Truman lived for more than five decades. We will meet at the Visitor's Center where you will purchase your ticket and view the introductory film. $3 donation requested.

Fri, Apr 08, to Sun, Apr 10. Kanza Outing. Backpacking in the Devil's Backbone Wilderness, Pottersville, MO.
Eileen McManus 816-523-7823 eileen4250@sbcglobal.net. Let's backpack this wilderness jewel within the Mark Twain National Forest and enjoy the spring flowering trees and the gorgeous Blue Spring. We will talk about the renewal of The Land and Water Conservation Fund established in 1964 which has provided $2 million in funds to Missouri's Forest Legacy Program. $10 donation requested.

Thurs, Apr 14, to Sun, Apr 17. Kanza Outing. AT CAPACITY Women's Backpack Buffalo River Trail: Kyles Landing to Pruitt.
Chantal Hoffecker 816-665-5841 positively_radiant@hotmail.com. We will be backpacking the remaining two sections of the Buffalo River Trail, a 15.7 mile route spanning from Kyles Landing to Pruitt near Jasper, AR. This section has some of the most spectacular bluffs, most active river landings and most interesting historical sites, it is also the most popular.

Sat, Apr 23, to Sun, Apr 24. Kanza Outing. AT CAPACITY Hiking and Camping Overnight in the Flint Hills, Strong City, KS.
Renee Andriani 913-341-4753 randri4445@gmail.com. Let's celebrate the Flint Hills and our National Park Service's centennial with a 9 mile loop that will take us through the bison pasture and out to the north end of the preserve. Watch for nesting birds and early wildflowers! After the hike, we'll camp at nearby Chase State Fishing Lake where we can take in more beautiful views, hike to the waterfalls below the dam and enjoy a spectacular sunrise. Bring your boots, tent and whatever you want to cook over a campfire!

Fri, Apr 29, to Sun, May 01. Kanza Outing. Backpack the Irish Wilderness, Doniphan, MO.
Eileen McManus 816-523-7823 eileen4250@sbcglobal.net. Let's backpack this lucky loop and experience the beautiful green colors of spring. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service we will take a side trip to a portion of the Eleven Point National Wild and Scenic River which is within this wilderness. We will also talk about the renewal of The Land and Water Conservation Fund established in 1964 which provided funds to protect this Missouri treasure. $10 donation requested.

Fri, Apr 29, to Sun, May 01. Kanza Outing. AT CAPACITY Bike Hike Kayak and Camp at Watkins Mill State Park, Lawson, MO.
Melissa LeSage 913-219-6941 jmfamily76@hotmail.com. Join us at Watkins Mill State Park for a weekend of camping, hiking, picnicking and fishing. We may tour the Watkins Woolen Mill on Sat, and head to Excelsior Springs for lunch on Sun. $10 donation requested.

Sat, May 07, 10:00 AM. Wakarusa Outing. Day Hike at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, Strong City, KS.
Travis Robinett 512-775-4040 travis.robinett@gmail.com. Join the Wakarusa Group at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve at 10 AM, May 6th, where spring wild flowers and migrating birds will be in season for beautiful views. We will meet at the park headquarters and hike approximately
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General public is welcome to participate

5 miles. Maybe we’ll even see the bison herd that lives on site! $3 donation requested.

Sat, May 14, 9:00 AM. Wakarusa Outing. Hiking at Kill Creek Park, DeSoto, KS.
Olga Khakova 479-889-7900 olgakhakova@gmail.com. Join us for a beautiful 3.5 mile moderate hike at the Kill Creek Park. We will hike through both paved and unpaved wooded and prairie trails and keep our eyes open for wildlife. $3 donation requested.

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Sat, May 21, to Sun, May 22,. Wakarusa Outing. Paddling Trip on the Kaw River, Wamego to Bellvue, KS.
Tim Cross tecross3@gmail.com. Enjoy a 2-day spring paddle on the Kaw River. We’ll put in at the Wamego, KS access ramp and take out at the Bellvue, KS ramp, camping overnight on a sandbar on the way. Total distance: 10 miles. Some paddling and camping experience required. Must supply your own canoe or kayak. $10 donation requested.

Sat, May 28, 9:00 AM,. Kanza Outing,. Hiking on the Blue River South Trail, Kansas City, MO.
Steve Hassler 913-707-3296 hassler@planetkc.com. We'll hike the secluded trail that follows the Blue River between Martin City and the Kenneth Road athletic fields. Our round-trip journey of approximately 4 miles will alternate between heavy woods and open meadows where deer and several other species may be found. $3 donation requested.

Sun, June 05, 12:00 PM, (Time Tentative). Kanza Outing. Annual Summer Bike Ride to Powell Gardens, Kingsville, MO.
Paul Gross 816-228-6563 wildwoodp@hotmail.com. Join us for this 25-mile ride of rolling hills and rural settings, as we ride from Blue Springs to Powell Gardens. We will reward ourselves to a delicious lunch buffet at Café Thyme, followed by a hike through the gardens and all its summer flowers and foliage. For the return trip, a trailer for bikes and car rides will be available. $3 donation requested.

Sat, June 18, 12:00 PM, (Time Tentative). Kanza Outing. Big Muddy National Fish and Wildlife Refuge & Arrow Rock Historic Site. Arrow Rock, MO.
Eileen McManus 816-523-7823 eileen4250@sbcglobal.net. We’ll hike the 1-mile Lewis and Clark Trail of Discovery to learn about the history and habitat of the area from interpretive signs along the trail. The hike ends along the banks of the Missouri River. We’ll also talk about the renewal of The Land and Water Conservation Fund established in 1964 to provide funds for the 12 units along the Missouri which protect habitat for fish and wildlife. Afterwards, we’ll visit the historic community of Arrow Rock. $3 donation requested.
Deadline for the next issue is June 10

Calendar of Events

Summary of all Kansas Chapter Events

Below is a listing of all General Meetings, Outings, and Events for the Kansas Chapter and Groups. For specific information, see General Meetings page 17 and Outings page 18. For the latest update on events, go to http://kansas.sierraclub.org/calendar/

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Tues, June 28, 7:00 PM. Topeka Group Monthly Presentation. Gary Anderson 785-246-3229 gjanderson1963@hotmail.com. Monthly program at the Topeka Shawnee County Public Library to be decided.