Your comment needed:
Report Shows Evergy’s Expensive Coal Fleet Bad For Ratepayers

A new study by the Sierra Club found that Westar/Evergy’s expensive coal fleet is bad for Kansas and Missouri ratepayers and will lose hundreds of millions on coal power relative to market energy pricing. Evergy provides power across eastern Kansas and western Missouri under the KCP&L and Westar brands, and while they double down on dirty energy, we pay the price.

Now, the Kansas Corporation Commission is requiring Westar/Evergy to develop a new long-range plan. Your voice will make a difference in holding them accountable for their expensive, dirty coal power, so please leave a comment by clicking below.

Read report

Leave a comment!
Kansas Health Institute Assesses Impact of Climate Crisis on Kansas

CRAIG VOLLAND, AIR QUALITY AND AG COMMITTEE CHAIR

In July, the Kansas Health Institute issued their analysis of the scientific literature on how climate change might impact Kansas. Because the range of effects becomes less certain when one focuses on smaller geographical areas, it’s not possible to be sure what will happen between now and the end of this century. Nonetheless the KHI does a good job of narrowing the range of likely impacts on agriculture, air quality and public health. Impacts will also differ from west to east sections of the state.

Their brief summary may be accessed here:

[Full Story]

KIDS’ CORNER: Kids of the United States (KOTUS) Collaboration on the Endangered Species Act

Calling all kids of the United States: Donald Trump wants to gut the Endangered Species Act, putting a lot of America’s
wildlife at risk of extinction. Help your child learn more about the Endangered Species Act and see how you can help!

**Counting on the Kansas Chapter:**

**2019 Statistics**

BY ROBERT F. SOMMER

Vital signs for the Kansas Chapter!

**conservation news**

To explore, enjoy, and protect the wild places of the earth...

BY ELAINE GIESSEL

Recently, the Sierra Club worked hard to ensure that the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was reauthorized permanently. In Kansas, our members successfully recruited the support of KS Reps. Roger Marshall and Sharice Davids. Now, Congress needs to pass two more parks-related bills to ensure that the public can enjoy access to outdoor recreation: Restore Our Parks (S 500/HR 1335) and Fully Fund the LWCF (S 1081/HR 3195).

**It's Hummingbird Migration Time!**

Fall is coming and ruby-throated hummingbirds are on the move. Males
are already heading from their northern summer homes for wintering grounds in Mexico and Central America, finding their way through the heartland. Learn more about hummingbird migration and see how you can report your sightings.

Learn More

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**group news & events**

**kanza group**

Kansas City and eastern Kansas

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**What is the “Green New Deal”**

9/10 | socializing and snacks, 7:00 p.m.
program begins | UCC Colonial Church, 7039 Mission Road, Prairie Village, KS 66208; park in back and meet in the Social Hall downstairs.

Khiana Harris, Hub Trainer for the Sunrise Movement Kansas City, will present on:
What Sunrise is
What the Green New Deal is
What we are doing locally
Upcoming events/ways to get involved
Sunrise is a national group run by young people with a passion for climate action. Their primary focus is on the Green New Deal.

[https://www.sunrisemovement.org/](https://www.sunrisemovement.org/)

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**Wilderness Navigation in Six Easy Classes**

1st Class:  9/11 | Central United Methodist Church, KCMO
In this series of six classes we will be using the book “Wilderness Navigation: Finding Your Way Using Map, Compass, Altimeter & GPS” by Bob & Mike Burns. The book is included with your $75 enrollment.  

MORE INFO

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### Backpacking 101 Series

**1st Class: 9/14 | Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, KCMO**

This workshop series will enable you to make choices about lightweight gear procurement without sacrificing safety and comfort. You will learn options and alternatives on how to outfit yourself for a weekend or week-long backpack trip.  

MORE INFO

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MORE KANZA EVENTS | VIEW ALL

- **SEP 14** - Metro KC Climate Action Coalition Summit
- **SEP 21-22** - Outdoor Leader Training
- **SEP 22** - Climate Action KC
- **2019** - Seeking Candidates for 2020-21 Kanza ExCom

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**southwind group**

Wichita and southern Kansas

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**Climate Crisis Town Hall**

**9/4 | 6:00 pm | Augustino Brewing Co., 756 N. Tyler Rd**

The 2020 Democratic field has been united in promising to combat climate change, with many candidates unveiling policy proposals to address the threat posed by a warming planet. President Donald Trump has pledged to leave the Paris climate accord and has said he does not believe government reports that cast grave warnings about the effects of climate change.  

MORE INFO
Bag Free City Council Meeting
9/10 | 9:00 – 10:00 am | Wichita City Hall, 455 N. Main

Bag Free Wichita will bring Jane Byrnes, Lori Lawrence, Lavonta Williams, Tina Slovak and Jessica Mounts to City Hall to speak during public comments on single-use plastic shopping bags and ask for an ordinance to ban them. Plan to attend! Invite your friends! Bring your kids...or your parents! Let Lori & Jane know you are there! There is strength in numbers! [MORE INFO]

General Meeting: The State of Recycling
9/13 | Dinner: 6:30, Speaker: 7:30 | Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 E. 29th St. N.

Beth McDonald from Plastic Recycling of Kansas is coming to speak with us Friday evening for our general meeting. Come learn about PRoKansas and what happens to our recyclables. Bring a dish to share at 6:30 or just come to hear Beth at 7:30. Bring your own tableware. Deborah may take home compostable items but things that you can take home and wash are best! [MORE INFO]

MORE SOUTHWIND EVENTS | [VIEW ALL]

- SEP 13 - FridaysForFuture Strikes in Wichita
- SEP 20 - Wichita Global Climate Strike
- SEP 21 - National Drive Electric Week ICT

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Topeka
The Last Wild Places of Kansas
9/10 | 7:00 p.m. | Unitarian Fellowship, 4775 SW 21st Street, Topeka, Kansas

In April, 2019, Brad Loveless was confirmed by the Kansas Senate as the Secretary of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism. Secretary Loveless will discuss the department’s mission and the goals he hopes to accomplish during his tenure. Please join us for this program. MORE INFO

wakarusa group
Lawrence

Climate Debate Town Hall Watch Party
9/4 | 7 – 10 p.m. | Six Mile Chop House, 4931 West 6th Street, Lawrence, KS  66049

The 2020 presidential Democratic field has been united in promising to combat climate change. To give candidates a platform to discuss their climate plans CNN is hosting a Democratic presidential town hall focused on the changing climate. MORE INFO

Lawrence Drives Electric Showcase (with Sustainability Action Network)
9/14 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Hy-Vee Parking Lot, 3504 Clinton Parkway, Lawrence, KS  66047

The second annual Lawrence Electric Vehicle Showcase is being organized by the Sustainability Action Network with a little help from us, the Wakarusa Group. The showcase will be at a new location, the HyVee Grocery Store at Clinton Parkway and Kasold Drive. The public will be able to talk with EV owners, and learn the advantages of driving an EV. EVs get 100mpg equivalent or better, and the driving range is from 100 miles to 335 miles. MORE INFO
September International Climate Strike Mobilization
9/20 - 9/27 | Various Locations Throughout The Week

The Wakarusa Group is partnering with the Sunrise Movement and other local environmental groups for a week of climate action, starting with an all-school, all-city strike at noon on the 20th and then a 5 p.m. rally at South Park with speakers and music. Some of the things we are working on are a march to City Hall with petitions and letters to the City Commissioners demanding action for the climate crisis. MORE INFO

MORE WAKARUSA EVENTS | VIEW ALL

OCT 2 - Environmental Justice & Climate Change Forum for Lawrence City Commission Candidates
OCT 5 - Fall Vegan Potluck (with Bonfire!)
FALL 2019 - Join the Wakarusa Executive Committee 2020-2021

featured waypoint
Mill Creek Streamway Park

“Mill Creek Streamway Park is a beautiful linear park with

Submitted by:
approximately 17 miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails. It also has three miles of equestrian trails and open spaces for jogging, picnicking, and hiking. The trail extends from Nelson Island on the Kansas River, south through the cities of Shawnee and Lenexa, and ends in Olathe.”– Read more

Show us your favorite Kansas nature or wilderness area! Submit a small description and a photo (if possible!) to sckscommunication@gmail.com

what are WAYPOINTS?

Waypoints: noun. A stopping place on a journey; an endpoint of the leg of a course, especially one whose coordinates have been generated by a computer.