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The Kansas Chapter has placed on our website a number of detailed fact sheets and communication tools that will help you take action on Global Warming, the Kansas Connection. These fact sheets cover the status of coal-fired power plants proposed for Kansas, pollution from burning coal, political barriers to using our vast wind resources and more. Sample comments and letters to the editor will help you communicate your concern to the media, politicians, regulatory agencies, and to friends and family. Go to www.kansas.sierraclub.org and click the red banner.

It’s particularly important that you attend candidate forums and ask why Kansas is building coal plants instead of wind farms. Why aren’t we requiring utility companies to use more renewable energy and implement strong energy efficiency programs? We need to break through the strong institutional inertia afflicting Kansas that is preventing action on global warming. We need your help now.

Want Change? Go Vote!

See Chapter Election Endorsements

By Tom Thompson, Chapter Political Co-Chair

On Tuesday, November 7, 2006 send a message that our leaders must do better on environmental issues. Kansas has critical energy initiatives for Wind Power that must be addressed by our Governor and legislature. We must all go to the polls and get our friends and relatives who support the environment to vote. Find out who the candidates are in your area and contact them about your concerns. The best time to communicate with them is now, when they want something from you—your vote.

If you aren’t registered to vote, do so. Register at most libraries, city halls or when you get your drivers license.

Your Voting Options
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• Request an Advance Ballot be mailed to you. Do this well ahead of time to ensure that you get your ballot and have time to return it. In many counties, the Advance Ballot

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It’s Time for Kansas to Get Serious About Wind Power

Demand Governor Sebelius Use Her Leadership and Do What’s Right!

Below is a sample letter. If you agree, then it’s time to get MAD and not take it any more. Make the wording your own. With global warming, damaging coal pollution, and an end to oil in sight, we must demand responsible leadership!

Governor Kathleen Sebelius
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Dear Governor Sebelius:

I am writing to express concern about the lack of leadership in promoting wind energy in Kansas. As you know, rising emissions of greenhouse gases from the combustion of fossil fuels are causing global warming. Dwindling natural gas resources in western Kansas have made us a net importer of fossil fuels. As a nation, we are running out of oil. For both environmental and economic reasons, development of our wind industry is absolutely essential to the well-being of our state and nation.

Despite having the third largest wind resources of any state, Kansas has developed only a small wind industry compared to neighboring states. Meanwhile utilities such as Sunflower Electric Power and Weststar plan to build huge new plants using coal railed down from Wyoming. These polluting coal plants will crowd out production from wind, a clean, renewable resource in great abundance IN KANSAS. Kansas landowners

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Who Gets the Power from the Holcomb Coal Plants?

Sunflower Electric is seeking a permit to build three new 660 megawatt coal-fired power plants about four miles south of Holcomb, Ks. They will be called Holcomb 2, 3 & 4. Holcomb 1, a 360 MW coal plant at this location, commenced operation in 1983.

Sunflower Electric serves only 115,000 people in western Kansas, so why would they need to increase the size of their base load capacity by a factor of more than 6? The answer is, they don’t. Almost all of this new power will be owned by other electricity distributors and sold to customers outside of Kansas.

All the power from Holcomb 3 & 4 will belong to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association and will be sold to customers in Colorado, New Mexico, Nebraska and Wyoming. Golden Spread Coop will own 400 MW of the capacity from Holcomb 2. It will be sold to its customers in Oklahoma and Texas. Sunflower says it will sell 150 MW from Holcomb 2 to its member coops and to Mid-Kansas Electric. Thus Kansans will receive only about 8% of the power from the expansion at Holcomb.

The proposed cap on the KCC’s authority to consider the intangible benefits of wind power will become a de facto cap on utility scale projects in Kansas. Kansas power companies will use the 100 MW cap as justification for their lack of interest. Since the KCC rarely if ever challenges the utility companies’ choice of generating systems, the public, namely the Sierra Club will have to intervene and file suit to get fair consideration for wind power.

The KEC’s proposal would help get a small amount of community scale wind power installed in the state. The 100 MW facilities into place, and hopefully this part of the problem will be solved.

Our study of wind resources in Kansas indicates that dispersed wind farms in western and central Kansas would make a strong contribution to the grid when reliability is most important, during heat waves. On the few days when the wind is not blowing well, power companies could use their natural gas fired facilities or buy power on the open market, like they routinely do now. Power companies also have the option of instituting strong energy efficiency programs with their customers. In any event, spending $1.3 billion or so on a new coal plant would be like shooting a fly with a cannon. See the fact sheets on our website for a more detailed discussion of this issue.

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worth of these small projects would amount to whopping 0.7% of the state’s electricity production. That’s a drop in the bucket compared to the need for a rapid shift away from burning coal toward the use of renewable energy. If it’s the right thing to authorize the KCC to consider the intangible benefits of wind and the real costs of burning coal, and it surely is, then it would be the right thing to proceed without limit to use renewable energy in the state. In other words, scrap the cap!

This plan would also create a bureaucratic nightmare. It would require a wide geographic distribution of this 200 MW of wind power, a procedure which would mainly serve to chop up the total into smaller, less economic projects. There would be meetings to coordinate and vet developers and investors and then proceedings to create a standardized wind contract. Then there would be contract approval standards and specifications for operation, maintenance and warranties. It would take years to get all this worked out, all for a measly 200 MW of wind power.

This plan is a distraction from what really needs to be done. Some politicians will point to the KEC plan as evidence they are actually doing something when, in fact, they are not. Instead Kansas should join 23 other states who have instituted a renewable portfolio standard that simply requires power companies to use a substantial amount of renewable energy. Other states long ago struggled through their baby steps.

We must do something now about global warming, and it makes absolutely no sense to burn more coal. Kansas can contribute by using our vast renewable energy resources. If we do not act we will condemn future generations not only to the environmental and health impacts of burning coal but to an economy based on obsolete technology.

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No Kansas Chapter Gubernatorial Endorsement

After thorough discussion, the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club has not voted to make an endorsement in the race for Kansas Governor. It was felt that to endorse in a race of such importance that environmental leadership was necessary. Neither Candidate has exhibited this characteristic to a degree worthy of an endorsement. There was not enough support among the members of the Executive Committee to reach the two-thirds vote to endorse. The Chapter Executive Committee has chosen to put support behind legislative and congressional candidates it believes can make a difference. Sierra Club members are encouraged to ask environmental questions of gubernatorial candidates and press them to support important environmental issues, including support for important Wind Power initiatives vital to the state’s economy and the nations energy independence. Governor Kathleen Sebelius is being challenged by Jim Barnett.

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are missing out on the opportunity to generate income from leasing property to wind plants. Moreover, not only will coal plants pollute our air with mercury, acid rain producing sulfur dioxides and nitrogen oxides, but also produce large amounts of carbon dioxide.

When you add in the costs of the damage done by coal plants to our environment and the healthcare costs directly attributed to coal plant pollution, it’s not even close: the electricity from coal plants with those costs added in is more than double the costs of wind power.

Many states, such as Iowa, have Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) requiring that regulated utilities generate clean power from renewable resources to offset pollution from fossil fuel based plants. It is essential to pass RPS legislation that has been languishing in the legislature for several years. In addition, a crash program to build the new transmission lines needed to bring clean power to eastern Kansas and beyond is critical.

Leadership on the clean, alternative sources of energy issue is desperately needed from your office and the legislature. We must immediately wean ourselves from dwindling oil resources and polluting coal. We must begin solving our energy issues with Wind Power, right here in Kansas.

There is no more important issues facing the citizens of Kansas, the Nation, or the Planet.

Sincerely yours,

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YOUR ADDRESS
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Nancy Boyda vs. Jim Ryun for U.S. 2nd Congressional District

By Nancy Boyda

Editor Note: Nancy Boyda has been endorsed by the Sierra Club for the U.S. Congressional 2nd District. Now THAT’s a clear choice!!

It’s election season again -- time for politicians to parade in their skivvies before the voters and declare, in their loudest and most righteous voices, that of course they’re wearing clothes.

Need an example? Look no further than my opponent’s recent campaign ad highlighting his dedication to conservation, alternative energy, and energy independence.

There are layers upon layers of irony here. For one, according to the League of Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club, my opponent hasn’t cast an environment-friendly vote this decade -- but that isn’t his commercial’s greatest irony.

No, the most incredible part is that, while earnestly discussing the importance of conservation and while railing against Congressional “liberals” who have blocked his energy-saving proposals, my opponent is fueling up his SUV.

Let’s be frank. The reason why America’s energy policy is so dangerously outdated isn’t because of some liberal conspiracy to block common-sense policy. It’s because disingenuous politicians like my opponent have stood in the way of proposals to increase energy efficiency, to research alternative fuel sources, and to strengthen emissions standards. This state of affairs has gone on far too long, and we’ve reached a crisis point. We must overhaul our national energy policy within the next 18-24 months.

First, America must catch up with the technology curve and embrace alternative fuel technologies that are already under development elsewhere in the world. Second, we should establish meaningful CAFE standards for motor vehicles and devote national attention to increasing energy efficiencies in homes and businesses. Third, we must address global warming as a real, critical issue of national security -- not an overblown myth, as my opponent believes. Most importantly, we must fund an all-out R&D program aimed at delivering sustainable energy independence within 10 years. This ambitious program would create millions of good-paying jobs, free the nation from imported oil, promote a healthier environment, and perhaps most importantly, return a sense of hope to the American people.

I’m certain that, as a member of the Sierra Club, you share both my priorities and my sense of urgency, and I’m counting on your support. Please visit my website at www.NancyForCongress.com to learn more about my campaign and to make an online contribution.

With your help, on November 7th, we’ll elect a representative who can stand on her record instead of on misleading election-year claims -- someone who will seek solutions, not excuses. I thank you for your support.

Moore Enviro Rating Far Outpaces Rest of Kansans in Congress

Once again the Sierra Club Kansas Chapter Executive Committee voted to endorse Dennis Moore for the Kansas Third Congressional District Representative to the U. S. House of Representatives.

Although Sierrans typically want perfect performance from their elected leaders, Moore continues to perform far far better on environmental issues than others in the Kansas Congressional Delegation. League of Conservation Voters gives Sen. Pat Roberts a 0% rating and Sen. Sam Brownback a 10% rating. Congressman Dennis Moore, on the other hand, had a 78% rating. Moore continued to lead the way on the environment in Kansas. Previous Moore ratings have been 90% for the 108th Congress, 82% for the 107th and 87% for the 106th.

Moore has consistently defended the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge by voting against oil drilling there three times so far during the 109th Congress. Attempts have been made to open Federal Lands to mining and oil drilling, but Moore has voted against such efforts. He also voted for environmental justice when he voted for the Hastings Amendment of H.R.6, the House Energy Bill. The Hastings amendment would have required federal agencies to identify the impacts of their programs on minority and low-income populations and to develop policies for implementing their programs in a nondiscriminatory manner.

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Kansas Chapter
Endorses State
Legislative Candidates

Kansas House of Representative seats are up for election every two years, and Kansas Senate seats are up every four years. This year only members of the House are being elected. The Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club screened two groups of candidates for endorsement.

The first group is incumbents who cooperated with the Sierra Club in promoting pro-environment legislation or helped fight legislation bad for the environment. Many were supportive of environmental issues in House deliberations, especially in committees. Most were endorsed previously.

**Endorsed Incumbents:**
3rd Pittsburg, Julie Menghini
8th Chanute, Jerry Williams
10th Baldwin City, Tom Holland
13th Fredonia, Forrest Knox
17th Lenexa, Stephanie Sharp
25th Mission Hills, Terrie Huntington
27th Overland Park, Sue Storm
33rd Kansas City, Tom Burroughs
35th Kansas City, Broderick Henderson
40th Leavenworth, Candy Ruff
41st Leavenworth, Marti Crow
45th Lawrence, Tom Sloan
46th Lawrence, Paul Davis
53rd Topeka, Ann E. Mah
55th Topeka, Annie Kuether
57th Topeka, Vaughn Flora
58th Topeka, Harold Lane
66th Manhattan, Sydney Carlin
67th Manhattan, Tom Hawk
84th Topeka, Oleta Faust-Goudeau
88th Wichita, Jim Ward
89th Park City, Melody McCray-Miller
92nd Wichita, Nile Dilmore
98th Wichita, Geraldine Flaharty
103rd Wichita, Delia Garcia
108th Ellsworth, Joshua Lee Svaty
114th Saint John, Mitch Holmes
121st Colby, Jim Morrison

A second group of candidates have not been endorsed previously, and most are not incumbents. They returned our questionnaires on clean air, clean water, transportation, wind energy, CAFO’s, net metering, public lands, coal fired power plants, renewable portfolio standards and conservation. The primary source of information for making an endorsement decision was their answers. When possible, feedback from local Sierra Club leaders was also considered.

**They are as follows:**
16th Overland Park - Gene Rardin
18th Shawnee - Cindy Neighbor
24th Mission/RP, dual endorsement - Andy Sandler and Ed O’Malley
30th Lenexa - Amy Kamm
49th Overland Park - Bond Faulwell
52nd Topeka - Letha Swank
54th Topeka - Tanya Dorf
64th Clay Center - Vern Swanson
76th - Emporia - Susan Fowler
81st Clearwater - Judy Armstrong
91st Wichita - Walt Chappell
105th Wichita - Jane Byrnes

To be endorsed, candidates were voted on by two Sierra Club Committees—the Kansas Chapter Political Committee and the Kansas Chapter Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote was needed for endorsement.

To get more information about these candidates at Project Vote Smart, go to our website www.kansas.sierraclub.org and click on Chapter Endorsements in “Hot Stuff” on the left of each page.

If you live in a district where there is no endorsed candidate, ask questions about where they stand before voting. Contact information for all candidates is available on the Vote Smart Web page.

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is the only way to vote and have a paper trail. Get an advance ballot request form from the Secretary of States Office. See the link on our website for this form at: http://kansas.sierraclub.org/Endorsements/2006-Endorsements.htm

Advanced Ballot is selection AV1 and is a .pdf that can be downloaded.

Go vote for pro-environmental candidates. Elect leaders in Kansas willing to listen when environmentalists call.

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Make Wichita Our Cool City!!

By Yvonne A. Cather, Chapter Vice Chair

On August 22, 2006, the Wichita City Council conducted a Cool Cities Workshop which proved to be a positive outcome in the respect that we were able to keep the request alive in the form of allowing the Air Quality Improvement Task Force to meet with Sierra Club and any other individual or group that can explore how to resolve the 1990 baseline issue. Once we have explored avenues of developing the baseline with the Air Quality Improvement Task Force then the Wichita City Council will put Sierra Club’s request of adopting the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and the request of pledging to become a Cool City back on the schedule for another workshop.

Professor Bill Wentz with Wichita State University (WSU) offered to recruit a small group of volunteer retired engineers/scientists from the community to assist in developing the 1990 baseline needed to quantify the Cool Cities initiative. He understands the city’s reluctance to invest costly staff hours in an endeavor to re-create the past. He believes that technical volunteers could research the situation, and make a reasonable estimate of the 1990 baseline without requiring extensive city staff time. Professor Wentz met with the Southwind Group on September 3, 2006 and stated that he has already met with John Stark with the Department of Environmental Services and has formed a technical volunteer group to go ahead with the baseline research. The Southwind Group hopes that once Professor Wentz and his volunteers finish gathering the data required, they will go before the Air Quality Improvement Task Force to discuss the outcome of the research and to recommend the Air Quality Improvement Task Force to support and recommend to the Wichita City Council to sign onto the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and to pledge becoming a Cool City.

At the Cool City Workshop, it was voiced by Councilwoman Sharon Fearey, who was the initiator and proponent of keeping Sierra Club’s request alive, to allow Sierra Club the opportunity to research the viability of establishing a baseline. Councilman Bob Martz showed favoritism towards this effort as well but was concerned about going back to 1990 for the baseline. Mayor Carlos Mayans voiced his support in the form of stating that he would have signed the agreement sometime back if our form of government was a strong mayoral form of government that would give the mayor the decision and budget to allocate to go forwards. The other council members did not make any comments nor did they ask questions.

Kay Johnson, Director of Environmental Services with the City of Wichita, gave the presentation, and felt that she represented what efforts had been made towards researching the requests made by Sierra Club up to this point. She presented three options to the council that the department heads recommended at this workshop as follows: 1) Adopting the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and pledging to become a Cool City; 2) “Continue As Is” regarding the City’s efforts at reducing emissions and not signing the agreement; and, 3) Developing a Wichita strategic plan in reducing emissions with the focus towards keeping attainment status with regards to ozone and not signing the agreement.
Topeka Group Expands Participation In “Cool Cities”

By Paul Post, Topeka Group Chair

In June, Topeka Group member Phil Morse agreed to serve as the Group's political chair/Cool Cities chair. Phil is a recently retired commercial real estate broker, and had served for many years on the Topeka and Shawnee County Planning Commission. Phil's first goal as political chair was to help Topeka move forward with its involvement in the Cool Cities program. Topeka was the first city in Kansas to become a Cool City, when former Mayor James McClinton issued a proclamation designed to implement this goal in December 2004.

Phil requested that interested Topeka Group members join him in this effort, and formed a committee consisting of Kay Kelly, Anita Frank, Ramon Powers, and Paul Post. The committee planned two immediate goals: update the Topeka information on the national Cool Cities web site, and seek to assist the city government to move forward with the program as envisioned by Mayor McClinton's proclamation.

Phil scheduled a meeting with Topeka City Manager Norton Bonaparte on August 5, 2006. Committee members Phil Morse, Anita Frank, and Paul Post attended. Mr. Bonaparte was briefed on the efforts to date to build on Topeka's commitment to the Cool Cities program. Mr. Bonaparte was provided the Cool Cities web site information, as well as the Sierra Club brochure on the Cool Cities program. He was also given several copies of the Kansas Chapter's new brochure, "A Clear Voice for a Sustainable Kansas."

Phil complimented Topeka on the effort that has already been undertaken to date by the Public Works Department to implement Cool Cities goals. Mr. Bonaparte agreed to a news conference in October to inform the public of the Cool Cities program, and Topeka's participation in it.

Phil has also updated the Topeka page on the Cool Cities web site. The Green Vehicles Campaign undertaken by Topeka includes looking for electric vehicles for the Parking Meter Officers, but the city has not yet found a suitable model. One electric prototype is currently being tested. Topeka has also looked at alternate fuels for city vehicles, but, apparently, although little thought has yet been given to purchasing hybrid cars.

The Energy Efficiency Campaign has progressed with leadership by Mike McGee, Director of the Public Works Division. Mike reports that Topeka has completed Phase I and is embarking on Phase II of a program aimed at conserving energy usage within the city's operations. Phase I began with execution of a contract that provided an energy audit of five city buildings: City Hall and the Topeka Performing Arts Center, the Law Enforcement Center, the Fire Department Administration Bldg, Fleet Offices, and Fire Station #3. As a result of the audit and the projected savings in energy costs, the City entered into a $340,000 contract that included: installing energy efficient lighting in the five buildings (estimated yearly saving of $10,000 at a cost of $145,000); replacement five obsolete air handlers at City Hall; and new filtration units in the City Hall air conditioning system. Also as part of Phase II, the City is installing "Set Back Scheduling Thermostats" in City Hall. The estimated yearly savings derived from these thermostats is $21,800.

Phase II will involve all other City facilities, including the water plant and the sewage treatment facilities. The audit of those facilities is underway and the report is expected shortly. Action will be based on findings of the audit. Mike McGee reports these efforts began as a result of Councilman Clark Duffy suggesting Public Works contact the Kansas Energy Office.

Phil believes that Topeka has made a good start in moving along the Cool Cities path. He plans to enlist the assistance of Topeka Group members to help Topeka keep moving forward in this venture.

Remembering Gene Copeland

Topeka Group members Bill and Linda Lucero recently made a donation to the Topeka Group in memory of Gene Copeland. Gene was a retired engineer whose hobbies included silver-smithing and photography. Gene died on April 26, 2002 at the age of 85.
Local Sierra Club Celebrates 10 Years with Guest Speaker

Lobbyist Speaks On Global Warming

By Kristina Monroe

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About 35 people gathered at the Manhattan Public Library Thursday night to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Flint Hills Sierra Club with a guest speaker, music and refreshments.

Anne Zimmerman, a local singer, sang both serious and funny songs that emphasized her passion for environmental issues. Guests enjoyed a selection of cookies, cakes and punch.

Charles M. Benjamin, attorney and lobbyist for the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club, took the floor and began his PowerPoint presentation, “Global Warming and the Kansas Connection.”

Benjamin has been the attorney and lobbyist for the Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club for 10 years. He said Kansas Sierra Club Chapter has a special structure.

“There’s not another one like it,” Benjamin said. “Most chapters have a paid staff. We tried that, and it didn’t work. Kansas is a tough state, dominated by agriculture. The Kansas Chapter tried it a different way. Volunteers decide what I work on.”

High on his list of concerns is a plan by Sunflower Electric to build a 2,100-megawatt, coal-fired power plant in Holcomb, Kan., in addition to the existing plant. This would be the largest coal-fired power plant west of the Mississippi River. These plants heat coal with boiling water.

The Holcomb plant would get that water from the High Plains Ogallala Aquifer, Benjamin said. The Ogallala aquifer can only handle its current demands and the demands of the new power plant for 60-70 years once the plant starts operating. Then it will go dry, he said.

“It gets worse,” Benjamin said. “The plant will use coal from Wyoming - Dick Cheney coal or Halliburton coal - which is full of mercury. The mercury goes up in the air through the smoke stacks and comes down in rain. Western Kansas doesn’t get much rain, so current weather patterns predict that it will come down in northeastern Kansas. It will come down right here.”

If that happens, Benjamin said it will pollute the rivers and poison the fish. Fish poisoned with mercury are extremely dangerous for pregnant women to eat.

Later, Benjamin also highlighted the wonders of wind-powered electricity and its potential use in Kansas.

During his time with the Sierra Club, Benjamin said he has seen members achieve many goals.

“Because of lawsuits filed by the Sierra Club, the Clean Water Act is now being fully implemented,” Benjamin said.

He also credits the club with helping to stop the growth of commercial hog farms in western Kansas.

“Now we are focused on global warming,” Benjamin said. “It affects every state and nation in the world. It is our number-one priority.” Locally, Benjamin said he is focused on stopping the wave of coal-fired plants attempting to find a home in Kansas.

Flint Hills Group Chair Scott Smith said he agrees with Benjamin when it comes to stopping the coal-fired plants.

“These plants are trying to get in here before the state passes laws that require a certain percentage of their energy to come from renewable resources,” Smith said.

Smith said he is excited about the prospects for wind-powered electricity.

“It has the potential to be much less expensive,” he said.

In addition to being the Group Chair, Smith also is the Group Treasurer and a professor in the Department of Animal Science at K-State.

Smith said he chose Benjamin to give his presentation for the Group’s 10th anniversary celebration because he felt the club’s members could benefit from the presentation.

Smith said he is proud of the club’s accomplishments and looks forward to its future successes.

“We have a general meeting coming up. No date has been set yet, and I would like to see trips to the wetlands project north of Milford Lake and the Tallgrass Preserve,” he said.

Larry Erickson, Flint Hills Group vice chair, Conservation Chair and Environmental Education Chair, said he enjoys being part of the Sierra Club.

“It’s a club for people who are concerned with being good environmental stewards and for people who enjoy the outdoors,” he said. Erickson pointed to coal-fired plants as his main environmental concern right now.

“The western third of Kansas has a major potential for wind-powered electricity,” he said. “We need to use that resource.”

“If there is one thing you can do, change your light bulbs to ones that save energy, and if you drink beer, don’t store it in an old refrigerator in the garage,” Benjamin said. “Consider buying appliances that are energy efficient and unplug all electronics that aren’t in use.”

Benjamin said he also advocates students talking to their elected officials about the issues that are important to them.

“The people of Kansas are the only ones who can stop these plants from moving in,” Benjamin said.

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Exciting News!!

The Southwind Group introduces the beginning of an electronic newsletter. The newsletter will come out quarterly and will have articles of interest to southern Kansas.

To start receiving the newsletter through your email, send an email to

stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org.

Put in the subject—”Newsletter Subscription”.

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Water levels were low, but the wildlife was plentiful as members of the Southwind Group launched four kayaks and a canoe at the Grouse Creek Landing on the Arkansas River in 102 degree heat during the afternoon of August 12. The remote and hard-to-find landing south of Arkansas City is located at the confluence of Grouse Creek and the Arkansas River.

The group of paddlers, including Kathryn Buck, Diana Challis, Yvonne Cather, and Dave Kirkbride, was led by Bill Cather, Southwind Group chair. Their destination was Fort Fernandina which is located on Traders Bend in northern Oklahoma. The fort was established by the French in 1754 to protect the Louisiana Territory. Area near the fort was used as a rendezvous spot for fur traders as well as for commerce with Native Americans.

The paddlers pitched their tents that evening on a large sandbar just south of the Kansas-Oklahoma border which is known by local paddlers as “The Hilton.” As darkness enveloped the campsite, Diana Challis, an astronomer and planetary geologist at Wichita State University, identified stars and constellations for the group. Storm clouds and lightening threatened as the paddlers headed for their tents, but the rain avoided the campsite.

Bird songs and the sounds of thrashing river fish punctuated the refreshingly cool air as the group rose to a beautiful morning. After a leisurely breakfast, the paddlers continued their trek amid beaver dens and an abundance of other wildlife: egrets, white pelicans, seagulls, a bald eagle, deer and some very large fish (including a catfish with an estimated weight of 50 pounds).

As the group approached the site of the old fort, they wondered aloud about what the scene must have been like during the mid-eighteenth century when French soldiers, fur traders, and Native Americans interacted at that spot on the river.
2006 Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues
The 5th annual Community Forum on Kansas Environmental Issues
Sponsored by Kansas Natural Resources Council and the Prairie Village Environmental Committee

Thursday, October 12
Village Presbyterian Church
6641 Mission Road
Prairie Village, Kansas.

This year’s theme is “Growing Food as if the Future Matters”. Guest speaker Ken Warren, Managing Director of The Land Institute in Salina, Kansas will discuss the urgency of rethinking how food is grown in the U.S. He writes, “Many of today’s headline grabbing problems (global warming, depletion of natural resources, human health, sustainability, and conservation) have a direct link to the way we grow our food.

Come to hear if one of the keys to a more certain future might be changing the 10,000 year-old business of agriculture. Will these new routes (and new roots) have a Kansas connection?”

5:30 pm Exhibits by environmental organizations and appetizers
6:00 pm A light supper of locally grown foods catered by Blue Bird Bistro
7:00 pm Program

Advance reservations for supper are needed by October 2.
A $15.00 supper donation is requested for the evening event.
Reservations after October 2 do not require a $15.00 supper donation.
Send name, address, and email or phone with number of reservations and check made to:
KNRC/Community Forum, 7301 Mission Rd, Suite 248, Prairie Village, KS, 66208
Questions?? Margaret Thomas, mgt84roc@aol.com
Kathy Riordan 913-383-7882
Arkansas River Float
September 9 and 10, 2006

By Bob Hoopes

Beautiful weather, good river level and light winds made for a great float from the Goat Ranch near Mulvane to Geuda Springs, a distance of approximately 23 miles. Bill Cather and I had the river to ourselves Saturday, and we enjoyed the solitude and many wildlife experiences. We saw beaver, deer, eagles, teal, herons, fish and turtles. The foliage was showing the first hint of fall colors, and the river banks displayed an array of wildflowers including Indian Paint Brush, Dames Rocket, sunflowers, Rough Asters and Trumpet Vine.

The Ark is special in many ways. It takes some route finding to stay in the braided channels, and strong south winds can make for a long day. But the Ark rewards floaters with a constant current and very few intrusions in the natural wooded corridor. There are abundant campsites on the expansive sandbars and plenty of driftwood for campfires.

We reached Oxford in early evening and walked into town for beer and food. A few locals were having a cookout and party on Main Street. We bought a six-pack, ordered a pizza and joined them. Soon the police arrived and informed the group that we needed to have our drinks in paper cups, and the sidewalk was to remain open. We got our pizza and returned to the river.

Camp was on a clean sandbar. Sunday morning during breakfast Yvonne Cather came paddling down the river. She had put in at Oxford and joined us for the 15 miles to Geuda Springs. She even brought cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks for us.

Water depth and current improved below Oxford. The river is much wider in this area but maintains its pristine beauty. When we took out at the Geuda Springs Bridge and looked on down river, we wondered what’s around the next bend. I hope to find out soon.

Lawrence’s Sixth Annual Home Energy Conservation Fair

Make plans now to attend Lawrence’s Sixth Annual Home Energy Conservation Fair and the Heartland Renewable Energy Society’s Sustainable Homes Tour. The event is planned for Sunday, October 8 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, Building 21. The fair will run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and provide attendees the opportunity to see the latest products, talk to experts, attend demonstrations and speakers on current energy and conservation trends, and take the Sustainable Homes Tour.

The Fair is presented by the City of Lawrence Waste Reduction & Recycling Division. It will take place in conjunction with the Douglas County Sustainable Homes Tour, co-sponsored by the Heartland Renewable Energy Society. The tour will feature highly efficient homes which include earth-sheltered, straw bale, insulating foam and concrete constructions. All homes incorporate active and/or passive solar. Buses for the Sustainable Homes Tour will leave the fairgrounds at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tour tickets cost $6 for adults at $2 for individuals under 14, and are available in advance at the Community Mercantile, 901 Iowa St. in Lawrence, or the day of at the Home Energy Conservation Fair.

Sponsors of this year’s Fair and Tour include Cottin’s Hardware & Rental, Cromwell Environmental, Hughes Consulting Engineering, Pilgrim Page. Aquila, Westar Energy, Scott Temperature Equipment, Gould Evans and J. Steven Lane, Architect.

For more information, call the Waste Reduction and Recycling Division at 832-3030 or visit www.LawrenceRecycles.org.

Confirmed speakers for the day include Kansas Representative Tom Sloan, Gary Hogsett, building energy expert and former Energy Engineer for the State of Kansas, Bill Roush, Solar Electric Systems, KC and Aron Cromwell of Cromwell Environmental.
Kansas Sierra Club Tells Capitol Hill To Protect Our Rivers

Charles Benjamin Travels to Washington, D.C. to Promote River Safeguards

Rivers and streams in our region got a bigger voice in Washington, D.C. in mid-September. Charles Benjamin, lawyer and lobbyist for the Kansas Chapter of Sierra Club, met with Congressman Dennis Moore to discuss ways to safeguard the Kansas River and support measures that ensure clean water and healthy rivers in communities across the country. He was one of more than 130 river citizen advocates in Washington this week as part of an annual effort by the national non-profit American Rivers.

“The Kansas River and other rivers are important to Kansas communities and we’ve got to take every opportunity we can to speak out for them. The chance to make that case in Washington, D.C. was just too good to pass up,” said Benjamin. “Dennis Moore was extremely interested when I told him about how national policies affect the rivers people love back home and how the Kansas River has twice been listed on American Rivers’ “Most Endangered List”. I thanked Congressman Moore for his sponsorship of the Clean Water Authority Restoration Act (H.R. 1356) that would reaffirm Congress’ original intent to protect all the nation’s rivers, streams and wetlands by clearing up confusion caused by a murky and splintered 2006 U.S. Supreme Court decision that places clean water at risk by creating uncertainty as to which waters are covered under the Clean Water Act.

Benjamin also emphasized the importance of protecting wetlands, and small, sometimes intermittent streams, in order to ensure clean water in our rivers and lakes. Safeguarding these small waters, which are often easy to overlook, is vital to any effort to protect or enhance drinking water, fishing, swimming and other recreation in the rivers and lakes that our important to towns and cities across Kansas.

The Kansas Chapter of the Sierra Club has advocated for and litigated to get the 1972 Clean Water Act fully implemented in Kansas in order to achieve the goals set by Congress to restore the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation’s waters.

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Wakarusa Group (Lawrence)
General Meetings

Flint Hills Group
(Manhattan)
**General Information**
For information please call Scott Smith at 785-539-1973 anytime or email wizard13@cox.net.

Kanza Group
Nov 14. 7:00 pm.
**Global Warming: The Kansas Connection**
Come early at 7:00 pm, share some snacks, and enjoy meeting your Kanza Group leaders and members. At 7:30, Craig Volland and other energy committee members will present how Kansas has the opportunity to play a major role in reducing threats to global warming, if only we can promote our wind power potential and stop polluting coal plants scheduled for construction. Our meetings are at the Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th Street. Park on north side. Directions at www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

Kanza Group
Jan 9. 7:00 pm.
**Close Loop Energy System for Dairy Production**
Come early at 7:00 pm, share some snacks, and enjoy meeting your Kanza Group leaders and members. At 7:30, Dennis Langley, CEO of E3 biofuels, will give a presentation of his company’s close loop energy system for dairy production. This should be a stimulating and thought-provoking look at a different way of running an agricultural operation. Our meetings are at the Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th Street. Park on north side. Directions at www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org

Southwind Group
Oct 13. 6:30 pm
**Program by photographer Jim Griggs**
Great Plains Nature Center. Bill Cather (316) 522-4749, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Southwind Group
Nov 10. 6:30 pm.
**Program to be announced**
Great Plains Nature Center. Bill Cather (316) 522-4749, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Topeka Group
Oct 7. 6:30 am.
**The Land Institute’s 30th Annual Prairie Festival**
Day trip to the Prairie Festival at the Land Institute in Salina. Speakers include, Wes Jackson, Founder of the Land Institute; Wendell Berry, farmer, essayist, and conservationist; Ann Zimmerman, singer and songwriter; Doug Tompkins, conservationist and activist; Frances Beinecke of the National Resources Defense Council, and others. Cost is $8.00 per person, and $12.50 for dinner, payable to the Land Institute. Contact Paul Post for registration specifics or www.landinstitute.org. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

Topeka.
Oct 24. 7:00 pm.
**Meet the Candidates**
Meet the Candidates: Congressional candidate for the Second District, Nancy Boyda, will be present to answer questions. Incumbent Jim Ryun has been invited. State legislator Annie Keuther will also be speaking. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Street. A “no host” dinner for members and guests will be at Annie’s Place, Gage Center at 5:30 p.m.. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

Topeka Group
Nov 28. 7:00 pm.
**New Developments in Wind Power in Kansas**
Craig Volland, long time Sierra Club member from Kansas City, will be our speaker and will discuss recent studies which have been conducted in in Kansas and which demonstrate that wind energy can be a reliable energy source for our state. Craig will also discuss proposed new coal plant developments and the probable effect that these plants will have on global warming and mercury emissions. Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Street. A “no host” dinner for members and guests will be at Annie’s Place, Gage Center at 5:30 p.m.. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

Wakarusa Group
(Lawrence)
**General Information**
The Wakarusa Group is limiting its general meetings in order to concentrate on holding special events. Contact Mike Campbell at (785)542-3885 or shamsoup@yahoo.com for more information. To get the most up-to-date announcements on our events, please add your name to our e-mail list. You can add your name to the list by contacting Carey Maynard Moody at careymm@sunflower.com.
Sierra Club Outings

General public is welcome to participate

Below is the combined list of all outings by the Kansas Chapter and Groups. The number in [brackets] indicates the area of the outing as shown on the map. 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.

[1] Call. Canoe Floats
All day canoe floats up above Lawrence on the Kaw River. For specific information check our web site. Kanza. Jim Fox, canoeist3@msn.com

Get on our list if you are interested in being contacted to help lop the invasive honeysuckle at Hidden Valley in our ongoing efforts. Kanza. Bob Sherrick, (816) 779-6708, bsherrick@missouri.sierraclub.org

Explore many of the art galleries and the street life in Kansas City’s newly transformed pedestrian friendly Crossroads Art District. Kanza. Claus Wawrzinek, (816) 561-7863, clausw@worldnet.att.net

Join the fun at this state wide Ozark Chapter get together. Kanza. Keet Kopecky, (816) 966-9544, kkopecky@kc.rr.com

[2] Oct 7-8. 11:00 am. Hike the Gyp Hills
Meet at the Kirkbride Ranch Southwest of Medicine Lodge. Southwind. Dave Kirkbride, (316) 945-0728, dave.kirkbride@knea.org

Join us as we tour an organic farming operation right next to I 635 in KCK! We’ll tour both the fields and the greenhouse, and also learn what a “hoop house” is. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org

Learn photography techniques for outdoor photography. Bring your camera (digital or film) and different lenses and filters if you have them. Group size limited to 8. Please RSVP by Oct 12. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Claus Wawrzinek, (816) 561-7863, clausw@worldnet.att.net

[2] Oct 14-15. 9:00 a.m.. Sierra Riverfest Series
Arkansas River Float. Southwind. Bill Cather (316) 522-4749, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Meet at the Old Goat Ranch at Old Goat Ranch Road and 120th – South of Mulvane. Southwind. Bill Cather (316) 522-4749, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Join us at 3 pm, for a day hike at Parkville Nature Sanctuary, followed by a visit to one of Parkville’s nearby eateries. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Ellen Brenneman, (816) 213-2415 mobile, ebrenn1@yahoo.com

[4] Oct 21 22. Day hike at James A. Reed WMA, Jackson County, MO
Take in Fall colors and maybe migrating water fowl on a day hike southeast of Kansas City. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Bob Dennis earthling@planetkc.com or Paul Gross, 816 228 6563 paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org

Enjoy the crisp fall air, and the impressive views as we hike to Bell Mtn. From our vantage point, we’ll be able to survey our Saturday’s bushwhack day hike to Lindsey Mtn. $10 donation requested. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org

Enjoy a crisp fall day helping us maintain the Perry Lake Trail between Lawrence and Topeka. Visit http://www.perrylaketrail.net for more information on current conditions as the time approaches. Steve Hassler, 913 707 3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org
Committee Meetings

Kanza Group
(Kansas City)

Executive Committee
Oct 26, Nov 16 - 7:00 pm,
Contact: Elaine Giessel, (913) 888-8517, elaine.giessel@kansas.sierraclub.org

Joint Action Committee
Oct 26, Nov 16 - 7:00 pm,
Conservation, legislative, political and population. Contact: Frank Drinkwine, (913) 385-0385, frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org

Southwind Group
(Wichita)

Executive and Fundraising Committee
Oct 1, Nov 5 - 6:00 pm
2935 S. Seneca, Wichita. Bill Cather (316) 522-4741, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Conservation Committee
Date TBA - 6:00 pm
2935 S. Seneca, Wichita. Bill Cather (316) 522-4741, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

Topeka Group, ExCom meets quarterly, date and time announced by email
Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

Kansas Chapter: (State), Executive Committee, Nov 11 (time & location TBA)
Bill Griffith, (913) 772-8960, bill.griffith@kansas.sierraclub.org

Wakarusa Group
(Lawrence)

Executive Committee
1st Sunday of month, 7:00 pm,
Location TBA. Mike Campbell, (785) 542-3885, mike.campbell@kansas.sierraclub.org

Conservation Committee
Contact Carey Maynard-Moody, (785) 842-6517, careymm@kansas.sierraclub.org

Join us for a day watching numerous species of waterfowl and eagles. Great for all ages. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Dave Patton, (816) 461-6091, dave.patton@missouri.sierraclub.org

This seasonal urban adventure among the festive lights on Kansas City’s Plaza will be fun for the entire family. Please bring warm clothing if necessary. We will meet at a restaurant on the Plaza after the hike to round out the evening. Please RSVP by December 1. Kanza. Claus Wawrzinek, (816) 561-7863, clausw@worldnet.att.net

Throw your warm stuff in your pack and join us for a quick weekend backpack. $10 donation requested. Kanza. Dave Patton, (816) 461-6091, dave.patton@missouri.sierraclub.org

Enjoy the crisp winter air as we hike and explore some off trail ravines and woodlands. Bring your lunch, and we’ll provide the hot chocolate. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org
Calendar of Events

Summary of all Kansas Chapter Events

Below is a listing of all General Meetings (GM), Outings (Out), and Committee Meetings (CM) for the Kansas Chapter and Groups. For specific information, see General Meetings page 17, Outings page 18, and Committee Meetings page 19. For the latest update on events, go to www.kansas.sierraclub.org/EventsSearch.htm.

Out Oct 5. Day Hike at Parkville Nature Sanctuary, Parkville, MO. Kanza. Ellen Brenneman, (816) 213-2415 mobile, ebrenn1@yahoo.com
Out Oct 7-8. Annual Ozark Chapter Camp out, Lake of the Ozarks State Park, MO. Kanza. Keet Kopecky, (816) 966-9544, kkopecyk@kcrr.com
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CM Oct 26. 7:00 pm. Conservation and Joint Action Committee. Kanza. Frank Drinkwine, (913) 385-0385, frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org
CM Oct 26. 7:00 pm. Kanza ExCom meeting. Kanza. Elaine Giessel, (913) 888-8517, elaine.giessel@kansas.sierraclub.org
Out Nov 4-5. Backpacking Trip, Bell Mountain Wilderness, MO. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org
CM Nov 5. 5:00 pm. Fundraising Committee Meeting. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 685-3492, stuart.bolt@kansas.sierraclub.org
GM Nov 10.6:30 pm. Program to be announced. Southwind. Bill Cather (316) 522-4749, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org
Out Nov 11. Perry Lake Trail Maintenance, Perry, KS. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org
CM Nov 11. TBA. Kansas Chapter ExCom. Chapter. Bill Griffith, 913-772-8960, bill.griffith@kansas.sierraclub.org
GM Nov 14. 7:00 pm. Global Warming: The Kansas Connection. Kanza. Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, info@kansas.sierraclub.org
CM Nov 16. 7:00 pm. Conservation and Joint Action Committee. Kanza. Frank Drinkwine, (913) 385-0385, frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org
CM Nov 16. 7:00 pm. Kanza ExCom meeting. Kanza. Elaine Giessel, (913) 888-8517, elaine.giessel@kansas.sierraclub.org
Out Nov 25. Annual Bird watching trip, Squaw Creek NWR, MO. Kanza. Dave Patton, (816) 461-6091, dave.pattton@missouri.sierraclub.org
GM Nov 28. 7:00 pm. New Developments in Wind Power in Kansas. Topeka. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com
Out Dec 2. Seasonal scavenger hunt and dinner on the Plaza, Kansas City, MO. Kanza. Claus Wawrzinek, (816) 561-7863, clausw@worldnet.att.net
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