

MINUTES OF THE SENATE AGRICULTURE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Taddiken at 8:30 a.m. on January 10, 2006 in Room 423-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Tim Huelskamp - excused
Ralph Ostmeyer - excused

Committee staff present:

Raney Gilliland, Kansas Legislative Research
Amy VanHouse, Kansas Legislative Research
Lisa Montgomery, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Justin Holstin, Kansas Propane Education and Research Council (KanPERC)
Dr. Fred Cholick, Dean of Agriculture and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Taddiken welcomed everyone to the Committee. He introduced Judy Seitz, the new Committee secretary. He said there would be bill introductions each day.

Justin Holstin introduced Jim Brewer, Acting Chairman of the Council; Ron Davis, member of the Council, Helen Davis; Joyce French, member of the Council; Dan McLaughlin, Kansas State Fire Marshal designee; Natalie Busby, Director of Communications; and Greg Noll, Director of Education.

Mr. Holstin reported that KanPERC became effective in 2003 and received assessments of around \$244,000. The budget for this year is estimated to be at \$211,000. Financial information is included in his written report. The Council has nine members appointed by the Governor and a Fire Marshal designee. The Council holds quarterly meetings. He said the Council is working on coloring books for schools to provide safety education. Mr. Holstin also reported on the Duty to Warn Information, Public Safety Press Releases, Fire Safety Training Grants and Brochures (Attachment 1).

Mr. Holstin stood for questions.

Greg Noll reported that 42 training classes consisting of Certified Employee Training Programs (CETP) were conducted in 2005 (Attachment 2). The propane marketers can then educate their customers. He said there are more training classes scheduled for 2006 and called the Committee's attention to their web site: www.propaninkansas.org

Mr. Noll stood for questions.

Dr. Cholick said that the Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension service is a continuum of new knowledge and new products. The second step is to develop the human resources in students. He also stated that there is a shortage of students in the agriculture field (K-State Research & Extension Report to Kansas Legislature January 2006 on file in Senator Taddiken's office). He also reported that the accomplishments are a result of partnerships with state and federal agencies and other universities. Dr. Cholick reported on the wheat breeding program, beef cattle identification and technology, watershed specialists working with producers to control pollution and the 4-H program. He stated that K-State has over 150 research projects. Dr. Cholick reviewed the budget fund sources and budget responsibilities (Attachment 3).

Dr. Cholick introduced Chiquita Miller, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, Wyandotte County. She reported on the extension programs in Wyandotte County. She discussed the demographics and called attention to the following extension programs: 4-H, Camp C.A.R.V.E.R. (City Agricultural Resourceful Visionaries Entering Real Life), Master Gardeners and St. Joseph's Neighborhood Garden. Ms. Miller also

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reviewed basic living skills on nutrition, health, parenting, family life, job ready skills, household cleaning, clutter control, budgeting and food safety. She also reported on partnerships and collaboration with coalitions and Boards in the community (Mother-to-Mother and Back to School Fairs) (Attachment 4).

Dr. Cholick and Ms. Miller stood for questions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

The next meeting is January 11.

January 10, 2006

John A. Donley
Brend HARBELSON
Dan McLaughlin
Ren DAVIS
Helen N Davis
Lynn (Graham)
Jim Brewer
Natalie Busley
Greg Noll
Justin Helstis
Steven Graham
Angie Miller
Todd A. Cholicik
Daryl D. Buchholz
Army Billinger
Leslie Kaufman
Carole Jordan
SEAN MILLER
Julie Hein
Estelle Montgomery

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January 10, 2006

Chairman Taddiken and Members of the Senate Agriculture Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to brief you on the activities of the Kansas propane Education & Research Council as required by HB 2038. At anytime, please feel free to stop me and ask questions.

KanPERC became effective September 1, 2003 at 2/10 of a cent per gallon on odorized propane destined for end consumer use in Kansas. For the fiscal year 2004-2005 KanPERC received assessments of \$243,591.44 and expended a total of \$277,302.09 for programs. Assessments, budgeted on the previous year's of \$325,000, were dramatically down due to a warm winter and high energy prices during the "fall-fill" season. At the end of the fiscal year KanPERC had in reserves \$211,728.06 in order to compensate for any shortfalls in income and continue established programs. As you can see from the enclosed budget, the Council has trimmed expenses to act in a fiscally responsible manner. Also, after over a year of communication with the Internal Revenue Service, KanPERC has received non-profit designation. Financial information is included in attached documents including income, expenses, and budgets.

The Council holds quarterly meetings at the KanPERC office in Topeka. Current membership appointed by the governor:

Jim Brewer, Leon, Acting Chairman
Nadene Ervin, Chanute, Treasurer
Ron Davis, Nortonville
Joyce French, Emporia
Heather Kickhaefer, Mission
Brad Girton, Clay Center
Don Sutton, Kansas City
Cody Wray, Wichita
Joe Shriver, Arkansas City
Dan McLaughlin, Fire Marshal Designee

KanPERC strives to create new and bolster existing programs to better facilitate educational mandates of the enabling legislation, including but not limited to:

Coloring Books for Schools:

One of the first programs created by the Council was to reach out and provide safety information free of charge to all elementary schools in Kansas. Last year over 22,000 coloring books were distributed to schools and marketers free of charge. This year we are working on a Kansas specific customized book for children which should be ready to launch in early spring. A prototype is included in your packet. This will be an annual program.

KanPERC—An Industry Investment in the Safety and Education of Kansans 1/10/06

*Senate Agriculture
Committee
Attachment 1*

Duty to Warn Information:

All propane companies have been provided with Fire Marshal approved "scratch and sniff" safety brochures (duty to warn) to provide to customers. Over 200,000 have been sent annually around the state. This will be an annual program.

Education Classes:

KanPERC has provided many classes to marketers in the state. Planning for next year has begun with an emphasis on more classes and more audiences including plumbers and fire-fighters. Greg Noll, the Director of Education will address this in more detail.

Public Safety Press Releases:

The Council has created and disseminated press releases at various times throughout the year in regards to grilling and turkey-fryer safety and will continue to do more releases as issues present themselves.

Fire Training Grants:

The Council made available grants for fire fighting and first responder education and training. At this point, a company in LaCrosse is evaluating and revitalizing equipment which will be made available throughout the state for fire training.

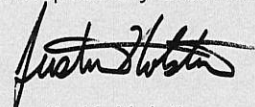
Brochures:

The Council is working on creating brochures that will address the needs of safety and information for Kansans including price information, regulator replacement information, and other information pertinent to Kansans.

Per the legislation there will be no advertising or promotion programs paid for by KanPERC.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council office.

Respectfully Submitted on Behalf of the Council,



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Executive Director

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Propane Industry Asks American Consumers to Grill Safely This Memorial Day Basic Safe Grilling Tips

Topeka, KS (May 24, 2005) — Memorial Day is the traditional start of the summer grilling season. To help grillers across the country enjoy this popular holiday as safely as possible, the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) and the Kansas Propane Education & Research Council (KanPERC) today has released its top ten safe grilling tips.

According to PERC and KanPERC, the most important tips for grilling safely with propane are:

1. When the cylinder is refilled, have the supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.
2. After filling or exchanging, take the cylinder home immediately. Keep the vehicle ventilated and the cylinder valve closed and capped.
3. Always use or store cylinders outdoors in an upright (vertical) position. Do not use, store, or transport cylinders near high temperatures (this includes storing spare cylinders near the grill).
4. Never leave the grill unattended. Always follow grill manufacturer's instructions on lighting the grill and make sure the grill top is open.
5. Before connecting or lighting a propane gas grill, use a leak-detection solution to check connections for tightness. Do not use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
6. If you suspect a gas leak, and are able to safely turn off the gas supply valve, do so immediately and call the fire department.
7. Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
8. Do not smoke while handling a propane cylinder.
9. Never pour an accelerant such as lighter fluid or gasoline on the grill.
10. When not in use, grill burner controls should be turned off and cylinder valve closed.

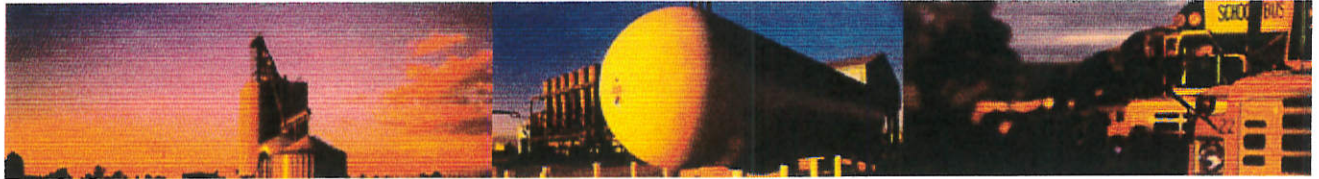
Grilling has become a staple of American culture. According to the Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, more than 80 percent of U.S. families now own a barbecue grill. Of those, nearly 65 percent own propane grills so the importance of following safe grilling tips is even more critical.

"Because most grilling in the United States is done on propane grills, these tips are especially relevant for the American consumer," said Greg Noll, Director of Education for the Kansas Propane Education and Research Council (KanPERC). "Following these safety tips is a simple way to ensure an enjoyable grilling experience this Memorial Day, as well as the entire summer."

For additional information about safe grilling tips, propane grills or other propane appliances, please visit www.propaneinkansas.com.



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Education Opportunities: Industry Education Calendar & Class Descriptions (Free Classes)

Regulator Change-Outs: What's Required-What's Suggested (click here)



Kansas Propane Education Research Council

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Consumers

Propane gas has many advantages that simply make life more pleasant. A propane gas water heater recovers twice as fast as an electric one - and can make running out of hot water a thing of the past. Most homeowners prefer propane gas furnaces because they are more comfortable. And a propane gas range heats more evenly and reduces the risk of burning with its "instant off" feature. It's also never effected by an electrical power outage.

[MORE CONSUMER INFORMATION ...](#)



Dealers & Suppliers

KanPERC takes pride in our commitment to our dealers and suppliers as well as leading the way in consumer information. KanPERC is a valuable source of information and training for individuals involved in the propane gas industry as well as a source of information for consumers.

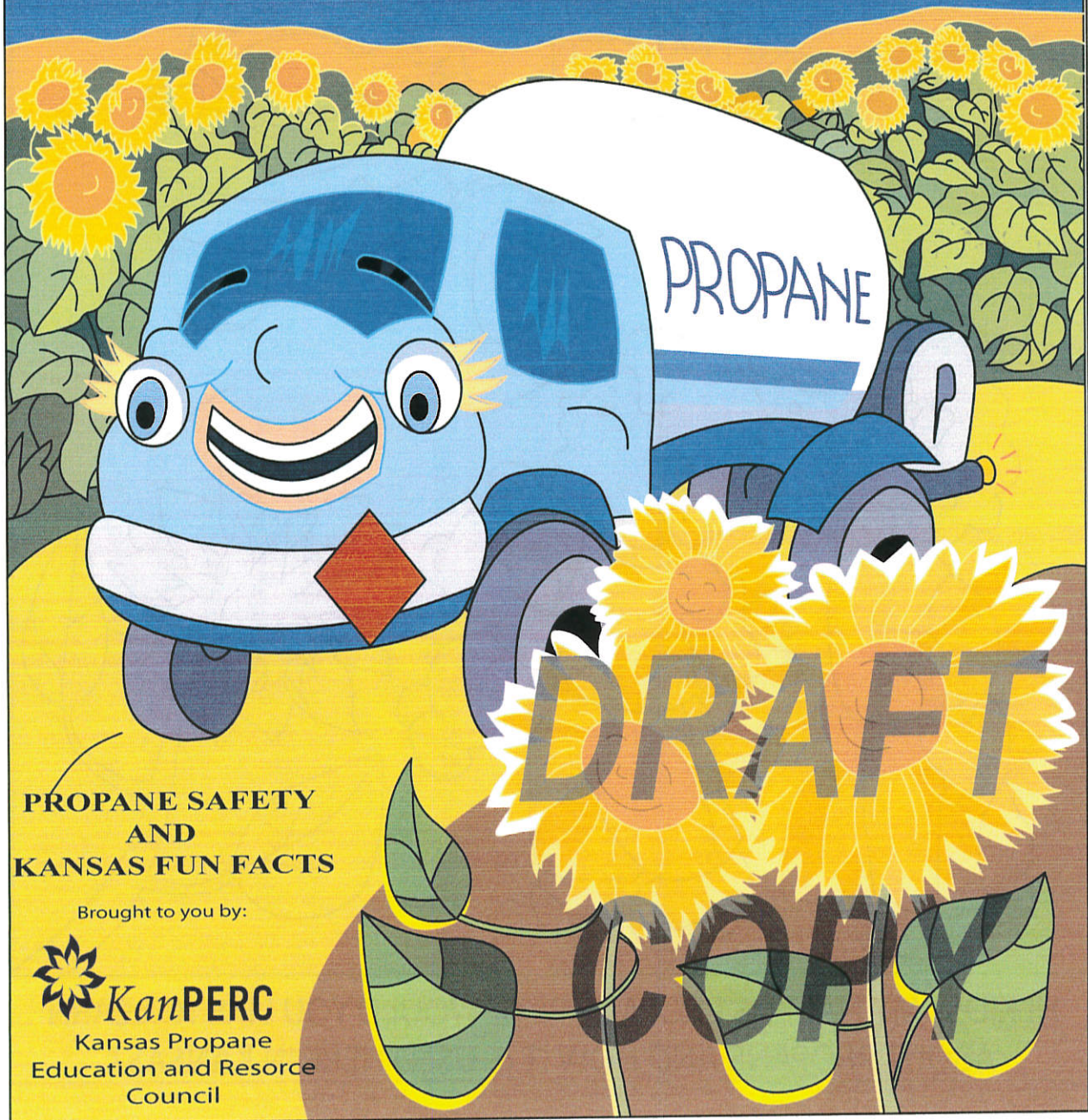
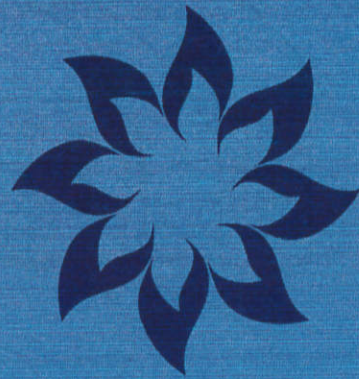
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PROPANE IN KANSAS



**PROPANE SAFETY
AND
KANSAS FUN FACTS**

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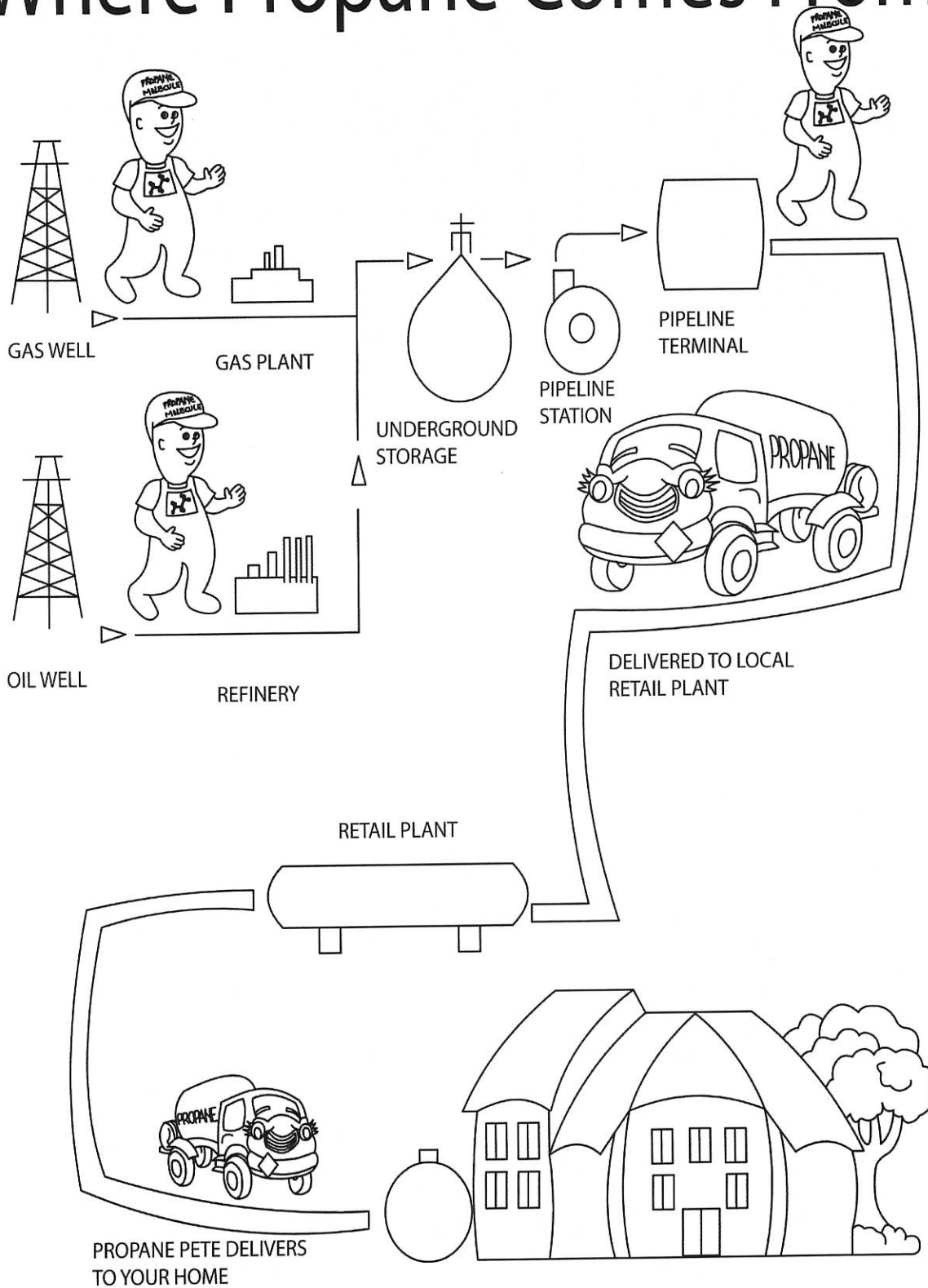


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HI KIDS! MY NAME IS PROPANE PETE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT PROPANE AND HOW IT IS USED HERE IN KANSAS?

Where Propane Comes From





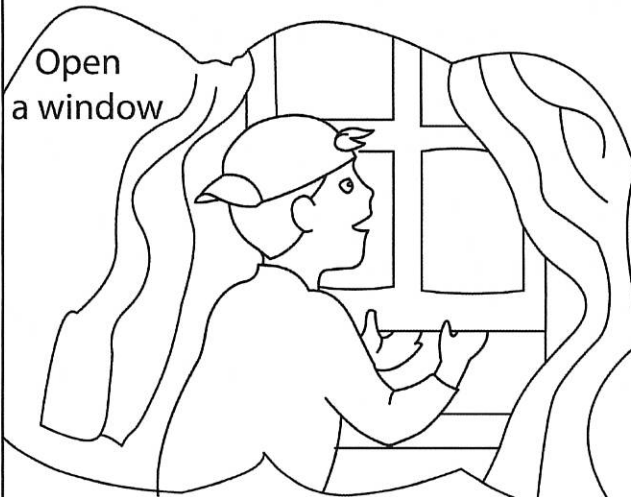
THIS IS WHERE MY FRIEND KENNY LIVES.
THEY USE PROPANE TO HEAT THIER HOME,
DRY LAUNDRY, COOK AND HEAT THE WATER.



MY NEXT STOP IS GREG'S HOUSE.
IT SURE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN!
GREG'S FAMILY USES PROPANE FOR GRILLING, BACKYARD LIGHTS, HEATING
THIER POOL AND HOT TUB AND KEEPING THOSE PESKY BUGS AWAY.

IF YOU SMELL SOMETHING FUNNY...

Open a window



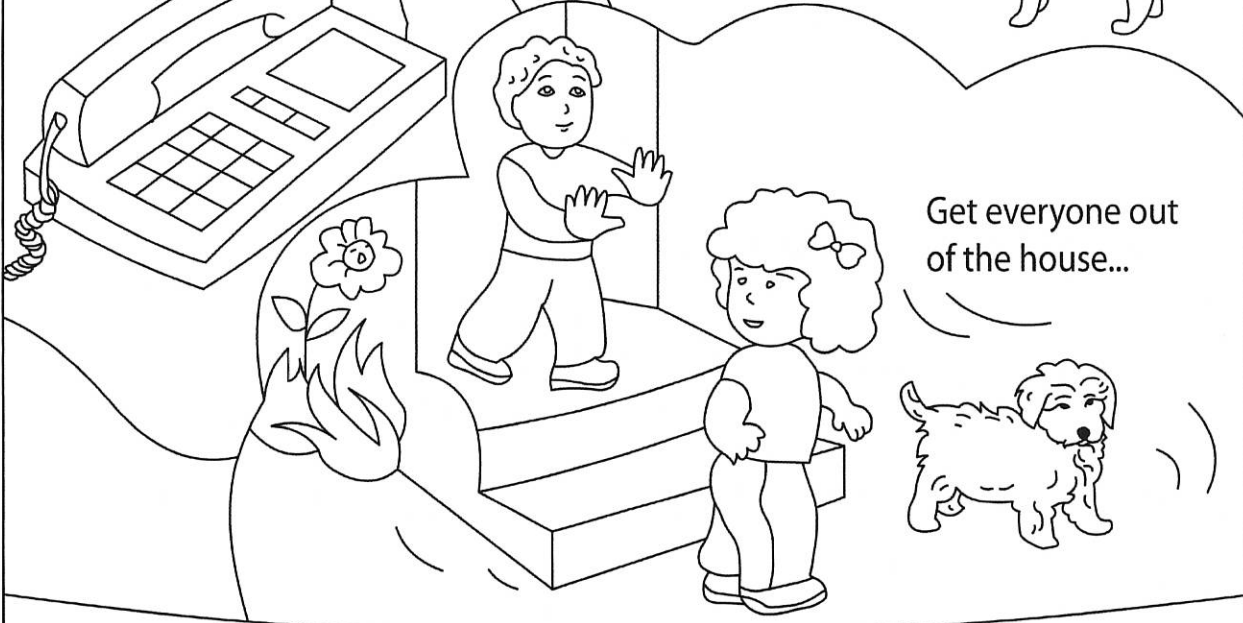
Ask a neighbor for help...



Don't use the phone or anything electrical.

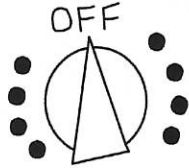


Get everyone out of the house...

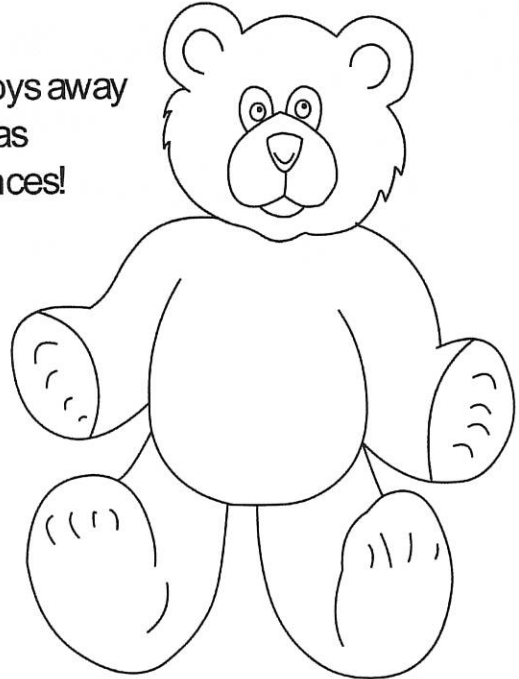


PROPANE IS A GOOD GAS, BUT HAS A STINKY SMELL. KIND OF LIKE ROTTEN EGGS. IF YOU EVER SMELL IT IN YOUR HOUSE, TELL AN ADULT AND GET OUT FAST!

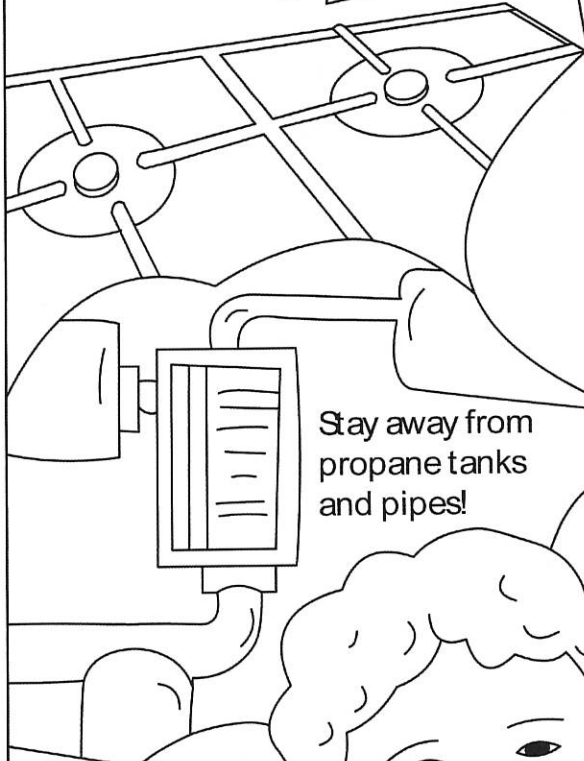
Never turn on the stove or other gas appliances by yourself!



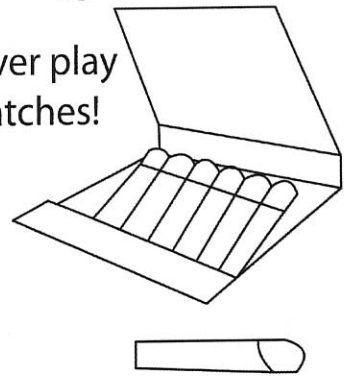
Keep toys away from gas appliances!



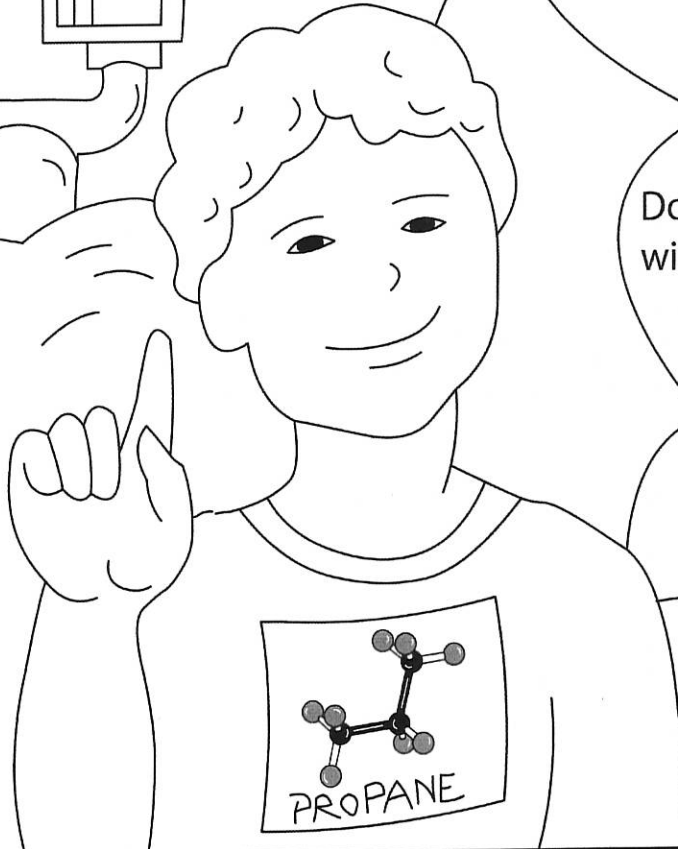
Stay away from propane tanks and pipes!



Don't ever play with matches!



You always need to play it safe around propane.



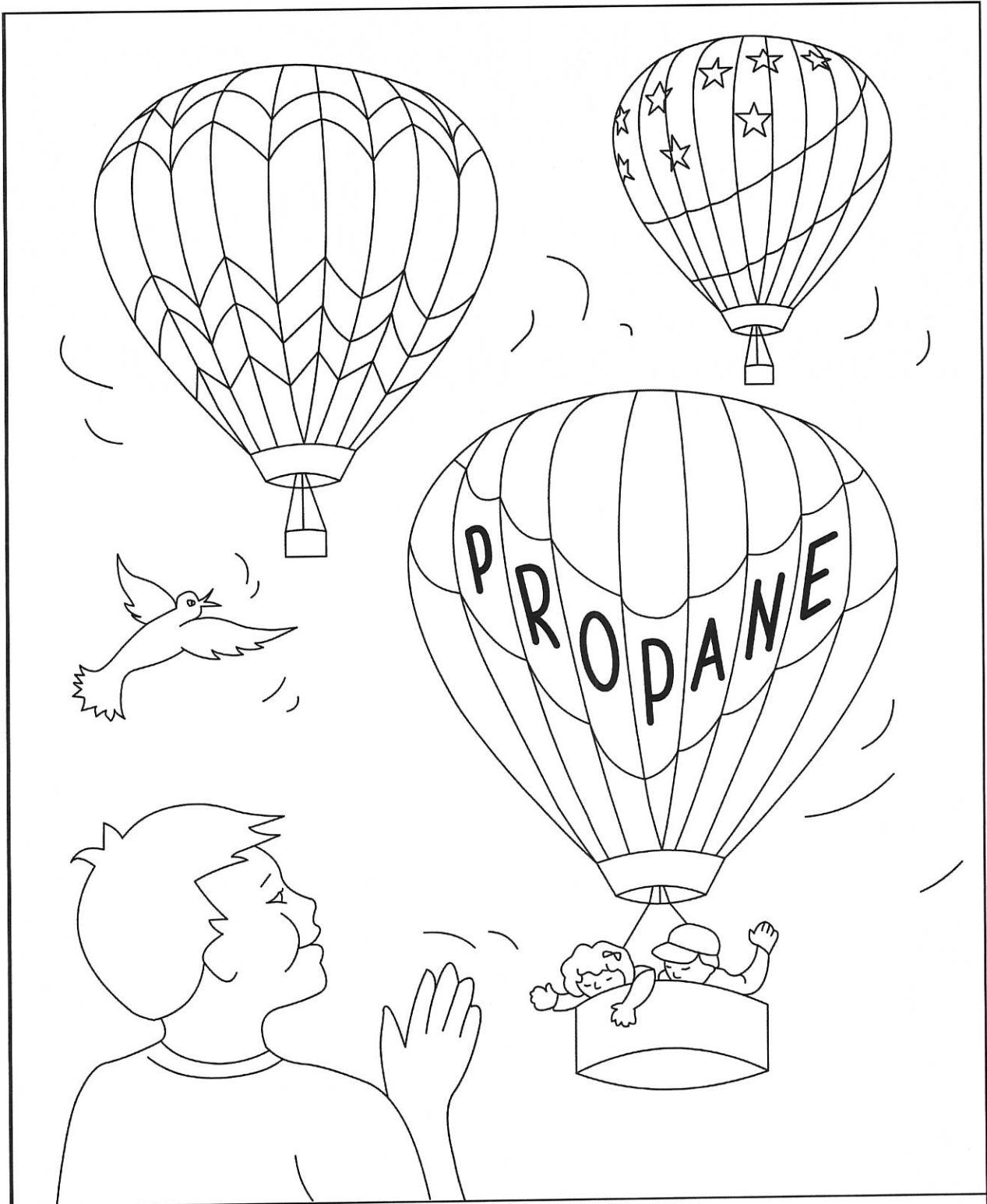
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CAN YOU FIND ALL THE WORDS ABOUT
PROPANE IN KANSAS?

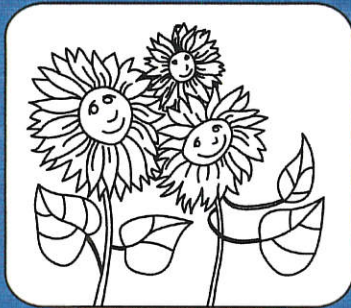
BARBEQUE COTTONWOOD HEAT
HOT AIR BALLOON KANSAS MEADOWLARK
PETE POOL PROPANE TOPEKA

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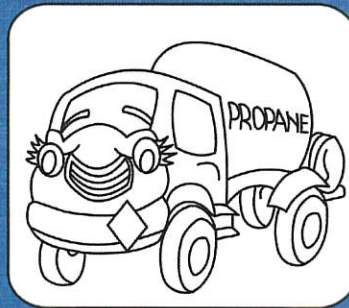
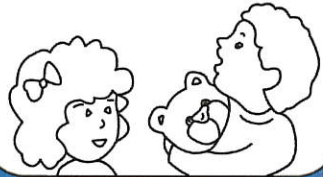




MY LAST STOP IS REALLY FUN!
DID YOU KNOW PROPANE IS HOW HOT AIR BALLOONS FLY HIGH IN THE SKY?
CAN YOU COLOR THESE BALLOONS SO THEY CAN BE SEEN IN THE SKY?



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Budget FY 2005

Final Report

Final Year End Report

	Adopted
Estimated Collections	\$ 325,000.00
Misc Income	
	\$ 325,000.00

Actual	% of Budget	"+/-" of Budget
\$ 240,903.23		
\$ 2,688.21		
\$ 243,591.44	75%	(\$81,408.56)

PROGRAMS

Safety & Industry Education (S&E)

CETP: 3 Basic, 3 Delivery, 2 Distribution	\$ 21,000.00
Modified Basic & HazMat Training	\$ 2,500.00
Interrupted System Startup Schools: 5 Schools	\$ 11,500.00
Propane 101, 202 & 303	\$ 1,000.00
Printing, Copying, Publications, Postage	\$ 6,000.00
Industry Pinnacle Registration Program 20 @ \$500	\$ 10,000.00
Cylinder Filling/Dispensing Tests Publications	\$ 500.00
Office Exp.	\$ 75,000.00
Total S&I Programs	\$ 127,500.00

\$ 41,606.97	(5 classes of B&D, 1 Dist.)	
\$ 2,623.63	(4 classes)	
\$ 7,520.92	(4 classes, canceled 1)	
\$ -	(no cost)	
\$ 4,146.97		
\$ 3,000.00		
\$ -		
\$ 79,512.21		
\$ 138,410.70	109%	\$10,910.70

Public Education (PE)

Staff travel (Pinnacle, PERC, & Exec. Summit, SEAC)	\$ 4,500.00
News Releases/Press Kits	\$ 500.00
Duty To Warn Information & Coloring Books for Schools Prog	\$ 76,000.00
Plumber Education Materials: CETP Appliance	\$ 3,250.00
Fire Training Grants	\$ 15,000.00
Total PE programs	\$ 99,250.00

\$ 7,499.85		
\$ -		
\$ 72,314.30		
\$ 4,718.10	(1 Basic Service Cert. Training)	
\$ -		
\$ 84,532.25	85%	(\$14,717.75)

Research & Development (R&D)

Nothing planned FY05	\$ -
Total R&D programs	\$ -

\$ -		
\$ -	0%	\$0.00

Administrative Expenses (Not Directly Related to Education max allowed 10% of income)

Insurance (D&O)	\$ 1,200.00
Professional Fees	\$ 2,000.00
Office Exp	\$ 27,000.00
Meeting Expense	\$ 500.00
Total Administrative	\$ 30,700.00

\$ 1,000.00		
\$ 2,012.95		
\$ 20,550.21		
\$ 795.98		
\$ 24,359.14	79%	(\$6,340.86)

TOTAL all programs	\$ 257,450.00
25% Council Directed Ending Balance	\$ 81,250.00

\$ 247,302.09	96%	(\$10,147.91)
\$ (3,710.65)	-5%	(\$84,960.65)

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Budget FY 2005

Final Report

Estimated Income	\$ 325,000.00
Estimated Expenses	\$ 257,450.00
Ending Balance	\$ 67,550.00

Income	\$ 243,591.44	75%	\$ (81,408.56)
Expenses	\$ 247,302.09	96%	\$ (10,147.91)
Net Income	\$ (3,710.65)	-5%	\$ (71,260.65)

Capital Reserves Ending 04-05

Predicted	\$ 282,550.00
Actual (Money Market, Savings, Equipment)	\$ 211,728.06

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Budget FY 2006

Adopted Budget

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Proposed Budget

	04-05 Actual
Estimated Collections	\$ 245,809.23
Misc Income	\$ 2,688.21
	\$ 248,497.44

	05-06 Proposed	% of Budget	"+/-" of Budget
	\$ 244,500.00		
	\$ 1,500.00		
	\$ 246,000.00	-1%	(\$2,497.44)

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	\$ 2,600.00		
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	\$ -		
	\$ 5,000.00		
	\$ 2,500.00		
	\$ 79,000.00		
	\$ 121,700.00	-14%	(\$16,710.70)

Public Education (PE)

Staff travel (Pinnacle, PERC, & Exec. Summit, SEAC)	\$ 7,499.85
News Releases/Press Kits	\$ -
Duty To Warn Information & Coloring Books for Schools Prog	\$ 72,314.30
Other Brochure Programs/Misc.	\$ -
Plumber Education: 1 Basic Service Training & PHCC	\$ 4,718.10
Total PE programs	\$ 84,532.25

	\$ 7,200.00		
	\$ 500.00		
	\$ 73,000.00		
	\$ 7,500.00		
	\$ 4,500.00		
	\$ 92,700.00	9%	\$8,167.75

Research & Development (R&D)

Fire Training Equipment	\$ -
Total R&D programs	\$ -

	\$ 4,500.00		
	\$ 4,500.00	100%	\$4,500.00

Administrative Expenses (Not Directly Related to Education max allowed 10% of income)

Insurance (D&O)	\$ 1,000.00
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Office Exp	\$ 20,550.21
Meeting Expense	\$ 795.98
Total Administrative	\$ 24,359.14

	\$ 1,000.00		
	\$ 1,250.00		
	\$ 20,000.00		
	\$ 500.00		
	\$ 22,750.00	-7%	(\$1,609.14)

Refunds of Assessments Paid	\$ 4,906.00
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	\$ 4,250.00	-15%	(\$656.00)
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TOTAL all programs	\$ 252,208.09
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	\$ 245,900.00	97%	(\$6,308.09)
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KanPERC

Budget FY 2006
Adopted Budget

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04-05 Actual

Income	\$ 248,497.44
Expenses	\$ 252,208.09
Net	\$ (3,710.65)

05-06 Proposed

			Change
Income	\$ 246,000.00	-1%	\$ (2,497.44)
Expenses	\$ 245,900.00	-3%	\$ (6,308.09)
Net Income	\$ 100.00		\$ 3,810.65

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KanPERC Safety Training Report

A Review of 2005 and a Preview of 2006

KanPERC-An industry commitment to the safety and education of Kansans.

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In 2005, KanPERC conducted 42 training classes consisting of Certified Employee Training Programs (CETP). CETP classes are considered to be "the standard for safety education in the propane industry" according to the National Propane Gas Association. CETP is a formal structure for training, testing and documentation to assure that workers in the propane industry have the necessary knowledge and skills to perform their work safely and effectively. Properly trained and educated employees, customers and end-users mean a safer and healthier organization. Propane marketers are considered experts in their trade and as such, must also assure that their customers are educated.

Training conducted in 2005 included:

- **CETP Basic Principles and Practices**
- **CETP Propane Delivery Operations**
- **CETP Vapor Distribution Systems Operations**
- **CETP Basic Principles and Practices & Propane Delivery Operations**
- **Certified DOT HazMat Refresher**
- **Certified Basic Service Training**
- **Certified Interrupted Service Startup Training**
- **Certified Safe Dispensing of Propane (30+ classes for cylinder fill training)**

KanPERC 2006 training schedule includes:

- **8 days of Basic Principles and Practices**
- **12 days of Propane Delivery Operations**
- **4 days of Modified Basic and Delivery Refresher**
- **4 days of Basic Service Training**
- **6 days of Vapor Distribution System Operations**
- **4 days of Propane Piping System Refresher Training**
- **7 days of HazMat Refresher Training**
- **Cylinder Fill Training - offered upon request**

All 2006 Training classes can be seen by logging onto our web site: www.propaninkansas.org. In addition to the training schedule on line, KanPERC also offers regulator awareness information and safety and training videos which can be checked out upon request and returned after viewing.

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January 10, 2006

TO: Kansas Legislators

FR: Dr. Fred A. Cholick *F. A. Cholick*
Dean, College of Agriculture
Director, K-State Research and Extension
Kansas State University

RE: Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops Annual Report

The Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops (KCSAAC) was established by Senate Bill 534, and passed by the 2000 Kansas Legislature out of concern for family farms in Kansas. KCSAAC, a center within K-State Research and Extension, works in partnership with state and federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, and agricultural organizations to assist family farmers and ranchers to boost farm profitability, protect natural resources, and enhance rural communities.

The Center is required to provide an annual report to the Senate and House Agriculture Committees. This year we are providing a written report and will stand for any questions during our regular agriculture briefings. A copy of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops 2005 Accomplishments Report is attached for your reference. As we have been able to leverage considerably more federal dollars with the rather small state investment (about \$65,000/yr), I believe you will see that this Center is paying off handsomely with respect to our ability to address sustainable agriculture issues and problems facing family farms in Kansas.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops or the Coordinator of KCSAAC, Jana Beckman, by calling 785-532-1440 or e-mailing beckman@oznet.ksu.edu.

cc: Sue Peterson, Steven Graham

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2005 Accomplishments

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Role of the Kansas Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops

- Serve as a resource center for producers and professionals searching for information to develop a more diversified, sustainable agriculture.
- Provide and facilitate a communications network among sustainable agriculture professionals and producers for increased collaboration and multidisciplinary projects and activities directed towards research and outreach needs expressed by Kansas producer stakeholders. Current priority areas include:
 - Grazing/livestock systems
 - Community based food systems
 - Organic production systems

Impacts of Community Based Food System Efforts

- Twenty-five Kansas producers have expanded or begun small scale value added processing and 12 new Kansas products for sale by small scale processors.
- Approximately 40 Kansas producers made an informed decision not to add small scale processing to their operation.
- Seven new producers in the Kansas City Metro area mentored through the Growing Growers project. One new restaurant in Lawrence that uses locally raised foods.
- Kansas was the only applicant to receive a grant from the USDA to develop a State Food Policy Council.

Impacts of Organic Production System Efforts

- Two meetings on transitioning to organic production hosted by the Kansas Organic Producers.
- Organics 101 – a workshop hosted by the Douglas County Extension Office.

KCSAAC website. The number of visits to the site averages approximately 2,700 per month, up from 2,000 in 2004. The most commonly visited pages are the Publications, Calendar of Events and Grant Opportunity pages. The url is <http://www.kansassustainableag.org>



Participated in organizing and hosting conferences, workshops and tours.

- 2005 Organic Agriculture Conference (approximately 300 people attended)
- Farmers Market Manager and Vendor (73 people attended)
- 2005 Kansas Graziers Association Winter Grazing Conference (approximately 110 attended)
- Find Direction for Your Marketing Workshop (approximately 30 attended)
- Three Value Added Processors Bus Tours (approximately 100 people participated)
- Four Fall Grazing Tours – highlighted water development (approximately 80 attended)
- Improving Your Financial Skills Workshop (approximately 20 attended)
- Two Farmer/Rancher Grant Writing Workshops (approximately 25 attended)

Upcoming activities include:

- Kansas Graziers Association Winter Grazing Conference on January 21, 2006
- Healthy Foods, Healthy Farms Conference on February 17-18, 2006
- Farmers Market Manager and Vendor workshop on February 24, 2006
- Farm to School Interactive Television Workshop on June 22, 2006

Responded to 310 requests for assistance in 2005.

<u>Total</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
1388	390	310	388	198	102

- 51% of the calls are from extension, agency and nonprofit organizations and educators
- 37% of the calls are from producers or consumers
- 12% of the calls are from businesses, educators, or the media
- The most common requests involve farmers’ market and labeling information; grant sources and grant writing resources; value-added processing; and livestock/grazing systems.

Facilitated the submission of \$6,811,883 of grant requests since January 2001. A total of \$2,706,979 has been funded. In 2005, \$1,187,330 of grant requests have been facilitated. In 2005, three grants totaling \$448,539 were funded and one project totaling \$149,375 is pending. The projects funded in 2005 include:

- 2005 Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Helping Farm Families Manage Successful Businesses
- Kansas Food Policy Council

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WYANDOTTE COUNTY'S CHANGING FACES

**Chiquita Miller, MS ,CFLE Family and Consumer Sciences Agent
Wyandotte County**

“Knowledge for life” Our Mission...

“We are dedicated to safe, sustainable, competitive food and fiber system and to strong, healthy communities, families and youth through integrated research, analysis and education.”

US CENSUS BUREAU 2000 DEMOGRAPHICS: Wyandotte County

Total Population

157,882

Race

White-91,856 58.2%

Black-44,724 28.3%

Hispanic-25,257 16.0%

Asian-2,568 1.6%

Extension Programs

Agriculture/4-H

**Eugene Lanham, County Director/Agriculture Agent e-mail glanham@ksu.edu
(913) 299-9300**

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Zelia Wiley, PHD Agriculture Academic Programs email zwh@ksu.edu (785) 532-6151

Camp C.A.R.V.E.R (City Agricultural Resourceful Visionaries Entering Real Life)

Mighty Men of Faith-John Drew e-mail themightymen@hotmail.com (913) 287-3365

Youth Agriculture Outreach, Organic Vegetables, Free Range Chickens, Farm Raised Catfish, Compost Worms.

Horticulture

Lynn Loughary, Horticulture Agent e-mail lloughar@ksu.edu (913) 299-9300

Master Gardeners: 38 Active Masters Gardener's, Over 4, 000 Volunteer Hours Equates to 110 hours per volunteer. The monetary value of their contributions totals an Est. \$68, 889 (2002 dollar value of volunteer time of \$16.54/hour per the Indep. Sector Website).

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Horticulture Continued:

Youth Education:

Saint Joseph's Neighborhood Garden-The youth were taught about birds, soils, insects, flowers, and herbs. In addition, the children collected insects in bug-collecting jars, made pressed flower cards, and salsa from the plants in the garden.

Family and Consumer Sciences

Basic Living Skills:

Nutrition/Health, Parenting/Family Life, Job Ready Skills, Household Cleaning/Clutter Control, Budgeting, Food Safety.

Lori Wuellner, FACS Agent-Nutrition, e-mail lwuellne@ksu.edu (913) 299-9300
Food Safety, Master food Volunteer,

Nozella Brown, Nutrition Assistant-FNP nlbrown2@ksu.edu phone (913) 299-9300
Working with the Health Department, SRS, and School district to provide Nutritional information.

Terri Bookless, FACS Agent e-mail terrib@ksu.edu phone (913) 432-3737 Bi-lingual Agent working with the Hispanic/Latino population in the Wyandotte. Office location in the Franklin Center, housed in the Argentine community of Wyandotte County. Current focus areas; Diabetes information, conducting needs assessments, and translation of materials in Spanish.

Chiquita Miller, FACS Agent e-mail chmiller@ksu.edu phone (913) 299-9300

Community Partnerships/Collaborations /Coalitions and Boards

Community Partnerships: SRS, Regional Prevention Center, Catholic Charities, Family Conservancy, Project Eagle, Parents as Teachers, School District, United Way, **Wyandotte County Sheriff Department**, Housing Authority, **Youth Friends**, KCKCC University Of Missouri Extension (Extension **Infonet**), **El Centro**.

Collaborations: Youth Net, Employment Consortium, **Emergency Assistance Coalition**, Children's Campus of Wyandotte County.

Coalitions: LICC, **Back to School Fair**, MLK Celebration, Healthy Relationship Initiative, C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team) **Parent's University**.

Board Membership: Mother to Mother Ministry, **City Vision Ministries**, Light House, Head Start of Shawnee Mission, LICC Executive Board, Tri-County Smart Start Advisory Council, New Beginnings.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to tell our story.

Community
Poem by La Shawn Williams