

B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil

Knotty Pine Oil Co. began in 1942, owned by Lyle Fletcher. Knotty Pine Oil Co. evolved from White Rose fuel distributorship, owned by Lyle. Once Lyle built the Knotty Pine Truck Stop on Old Highway 75, he formed a corporation to house both entities. In 1965, Knotty Pine Oil Co. relocated its gas station and café to the new U.S. Highway 75 known as Trails Truck Stop and Café.



The present day location of B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil is at the original bulk plant, built in 1954, by Fred Zwonitzer, the original owner of B&P Propane. From 1964 to March 2017, the offices for B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil were located at 124 W. Fifth St. on Holton's Town Square.

In 1961, B&P owner Fred Zwonitzer and Lyle Fletcher, owner of Knotty Pine Oil, created a partnership known today as B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil. The two men were brothers-in-law. In 1974, Fred Zwonitzer retired and Lyle Fletcher became the sole owner of the company.

In 1980, Phillip Dean Fletcher, son of Lyle Fletcher, became the second-generation owner of B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil.

On Oct. 1, 2014, Brett (son of Phillip Dean) and Carly Fletcher purchased B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil from Phillip Dean Fletcher, becoming the third-generation owners.

B&P Propane/Knotty Pine Oil is invested in the community. We support our community. We are raising our families here. Our employees are raising their families here. We are locally owned and operated.

We supply commercial, residential and farm operations with propane and fuel products. We service a 45-mile radius encompassing the counties of Pottawatomie, Brown, Atchison, Jefferson, Shawnee, Nemaha and Jackson.

Our drivers are CETP safety certified. Our staff represents more than 30 years experience in the industry.

- We offer 24 hour emergency call service. Normal business hours are: Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- We are members of PMCA, PMAK, NPGA and Jackson County/Holton Chamber of Commerce.
- Kansas SBDC existing business of the year in 2016.
- We offer online pay services for propane customers at www.bp4propane.com. We offer pre-pay contracts to both propane and fuel customers.
- We proudly supply Power Max premium diesel, we offer both E10 and alcohol free gasoline and clean, energy efficient propane to our customers.
- Brett has worked at B&P Propane for 24 years. He and his wife, Carly, manage the daily operations of the business. Despite taking ownership of the business in 2014, Brett still drives his fuel route for Knotty Pine Oil Co. He says he enjoys visiting with his customers and spending time learning about their daily operations too much to give up driving his route.

Propane truck drivers are Tony Rieschick and Landon Bagby.