



LOCAL CIRCUIT

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And the winners are ...

Last June we asked students in grades K– 6 to submit original artwork that showcased their creativity and appreciation of renewable energy resources such as wind, water, sun, biomass and more.



Thanks to all of the students who submitted artwork and congratulations to the three winners of the WPPI Renewable Energy Art Contest:

First Prize (\$100) went to Tracy Raatz from Two Rivers, Wis. Tracy is a 6th grade student at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic School and her winning entry is pictured above.

Second Prize (\$50) went to Gabrielle Carlson from Waunakee, Wis. Gabrielle is a 3rd grade student at Carlson Academy Home School.

Third Prize (\$25) went to Michaela Baker from Columbus, Wis. Michaela is a 4th grade student at St. Jerome School.

Give the gift of energy savings

Help your friends and family turn down the heat this holiday season by stuffing their stockings with these great energy savers:

- ENERGY STAR® qualified electronics, appliances and lamps
- Light-emitting diode (LED) night lights and flashlights
- Warm slippers, bulky sweaters, blankets and thermal socks
- Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), water heater wrap, programmable thermostats and low-flow showerheads
- Draft-dodgers that lie at the bottom of doors and windows to prevent cold air from sneaking in

Power supplier goes green with building expansion and remodel

Our power supplier, Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI), began construction in September on its \$6.9 million addition and remodel project.

WPPI's office and operations facility is anticipated to be the first building in Sun Prairie, Wis. to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) New Construction "Gold" certification for energy efficiency and sustainability.

Building improvements will provide significantly more space to



meet WPPI's growing needs, reduce energy consumption and incorporate daylighting technologies to allow more natural light into the building.

The building expansion and remodel will be completed in two construction phases. The exterior of the 24,755 square-foot addition will incorporate design elements from the 24,950 square-feet of original building space to be remodeled, providing continuity for the facility's appearance as a whole.

The 49,705 square-foot project is scheduled for completion in September 2009.



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Headed to college?

Evansville Water & Light is offering a Public Power scholarship for local high school students. The \$1,000 scholarship will be presented to a high school senior who plans to attend a two-year technical college or a four-year university.

Applicants will be judged on a variety of criteria, including academic and extracurricular achievement, work and volunteer experience and future career goals.

Our scholarship program is designed to provide educational opportunities for promising local students and to promote awareness of our community-owned utility. To be eligible, students or their parents/guardians must be customers of Evansville Water & Light. Dependents of utility personnel are not eligible.

For application materials and program guidelines, contact the Evansville High School guidance office.

HomeEnergySuite available 24/7

The next time you're surfing the Internet, check out the Home Energy Suite at www.ci.evansville.wi.gov/utilities/toolkit.htm. It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is just another way we're working to help you manage your home energy use and costs.

NEV added to local fleet

Since its inception in 2007, several communities have taken advantage of our power supplier's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program. This program allows WPPI members to demonstrate their commitment to technology and the environment in promoting and advancing new technology and accomplishing electric conservation and efficiency.

In the last two years, 12 WPPI members have purchased a Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) for their community. NEVs are designed to operate on streets with speed limits up to 25 mph and are proving to be a clean, effective and affordable business transportation solution.

NEVs are equipped with seat belts, windshields and windshield wipers, running lights, headlights, brake lights, reflectors, rear view mirrors and turn signals. The vehicles require 8-12 hours to charge and have a range of 40 to 50 miles.

Emissions-free NEVs offer businesses the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint and spend less on foreign oil. In addition, the use of safe, low-speed NEVs for light errands allow companies to free up their larger fleet vehicles for heavy duty work.

Evansville joined the effort to "lead by example" in the area of green vehicle technology by adding a NEV to our local fleet. "We are extremely excited about our new vehicle, and this car will allow us to maximize our fuel economy while significantly reducing emissions that are harmful to the environment," said Superintendent Scott George.

Our NEV is powered by rechargeable batteries and electric motors. Depending on the size and options, a NEV could cost between \$7,800 and \$10,500. A full battery charge will take from eight to 10 hours. Evansville Water & Light was able to purchase the NEV with an incentive from WPPI's Electric Vehicle Incentive Program.