

County gets greener with new solar panels

Clatsop County's commitment to renewable energy took shape last week with the installation of a solar panel structure on the roof of the Boyington Building.

The project comes courtesy of Pacific Power in recognition of the county's participation in the utility's Blue Sky Challenge.

The solar array, consisting of 45 panels, is expected to generate up to 15 kilowatts of energy for the building, which serves as the meeting space for the Board of Commissioners and

other bodies, as well as the ballot-counting site for the Elections Division.

Pacific Power provided a \$30,000 grant for the installation, which was performed by Precision Heating of Warrenton.

The Board of Commissioners voted in March 2017 to join the Blue Sky Challenge, an initiative of Pacific Power to promote renewable energy use by local-power customers, followed by the cities of Warrenton, Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart

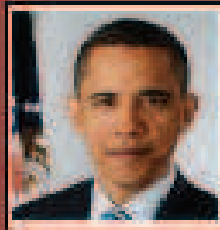
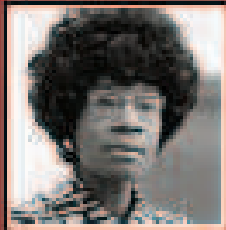
and Seaside. Blue Sky is a voluntary program that provides power customers the opportunity to support new energy sources and help build a larger market for renewable energy.

More than 900 residential and business customers in Clatsop County have signed up for Blue Sky, nearly double the local goal of 500. The county was the first in Oregon and only the second in the nation to join the Environmental Protection Agency's Green Power Partnership.

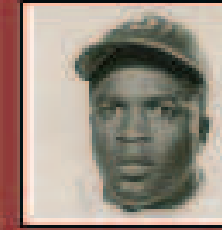
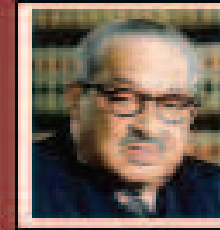
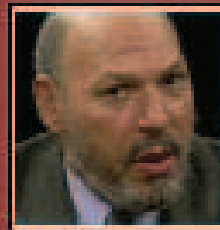
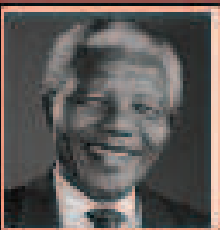


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