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Youth in New London construct solar panels for community's storied theater

With materials measured and cut, and power tools in hand, members of the New London-Spicer Youth Energy Summit began building solar panels Tuesday at NLS Middle School.

The panels will help heat the Little Theatre in New London, part of a continuing effort by summit members to make the building increasingly energy efficient. In recent years, summit members, eighth-grade students at NLS, have also installed "green" insulation and compact fluorescent lighting at the theater.

Teresa Copley is an NLS teacher who leads the gifted and talented pull-out class where summit members work on the theater project. She said the students have attended a summit event in Marshall and a winter workshop at Prairie Woods.

John Duevel, owner of Three Seasons & More in Willmar, designed the panels, which are similar to those he built to heat the climbing wall area at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in rural Spicer.

As he worked with the students Tuesday, Duevel said some adults aren't going to change their mind about alternative forms of energy. That's why it's important to show young people what technologies like solar can do, he said.

A \$5,000 grant from the Minnesota Clean Energy Resource Teams is funding the project.

Link to the website: <http://www.wctrib.com/event/article/id/64674/>



Jakson Martens, 13, from left, Alisha Engelberkt, 13, build passive solar panels Tuesday at New London School. The panels will be installed at New London Duevel, not pictured, is the owner of Three Season and is leading the students in their effort. Duevel at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center in rural Spicer. photo by Gary Miller











Above, some of the food grown in the ACGC garden and served to students at lunch time includes potatoes and green peppers. At right, Tami Bennett-Tait talks with fifth- through eighth graders about the garden and nutrition.



A SHIP grant provided the funds, while students and staff provided the labor necessary to grow food in a garden outside ACGC's Junior-Senior High School that is incorporated into school lunches.

From garden to lunch tray

By Brent Schacherer
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School lunches took on a whole new meaning this fall at Atwater-Cassara-Green City schools. Lunch, regularly — hotfats, burgers, fries — still dot the daily menu. But in the first few weeks of school, those regulars were joined by fresh vegetables like peppers and squash, baked potatoes and cutouts.

That school lunches include vegetables isn't all that remarkable in itself. But where those vegetables come from — a garden about two football fields away from the ACGC Junior-Senior High School lunch room — certainly made lunch a little more interesting for



Janice Nichols serves food grown in the ACGC garden to students for lunch.

culturistas, as the result of collaboration between ACGC's Y2011 team and FFA chapters, aided by funding from the SHIP, or Statewide Health Improvement Program, grant administered by Mosley-McLeod-Hobby Public Health. The grant provided about \$4,000 to purchase seeds and gardening equipment, while all labor was volunteer.

Along with providing food for the school lunch room, the garden served as a sort of classroom for the students who worked in it throughout the summer and early fall.

"I think the kids that have been working in the garden feel really good," Tami Bennett-Tait, an ACGC science

ACGC students.

The garden, which produced about a ton of fresh produce for use in the school

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