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## Thanks, but no thanks, to solar farm

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The Village of Carbon Hill went on record last week in telling the developer of a proposed 25-acre solar farm that it's not interested.

After a Nov. 7 board meeting, Carbon Hill Mayor Adam Johnson sent a letter to Cenergy Power of Carlsbad, CA stating the village is not interested in annexing a solar farm planned on private property north of the village.

"...After much discussion (the board) has decided not to move forward with an agreement with Cenergy Power on the solar project proposal," the letter stated. "The majority of the Board members didn't feel as if this was in the best interest of the residents of Carbon Hill and the Village at this time."

Johnson thanked the solar farm company for its time and effort and wished them the best of luck in future endeavors.

The letter came after a 4-2 vote by board members who heard opposition from residents closest to the project site.

Cenergy Power wants to install 11,745 solar modules on 135 racks on property near Carbon Hill Road/County Road 6000 E and Cameron. The acreage is located just north of W. Judson Street within the village limits and south of the Claypool drainage ditch. The land is owned by Scott Giordano.

"The main issue was a handful of village residents

were not pleased with it being located on the north side of town," said Mayor Johnson. "They were the most vocal residents and the board felt they needed to represent them with a no vote."

The solar company, in a Powerpoint presentation, listed a handful of benefits for the village. If annexed, Carbon Hill residents would see a minimum 30% savings on the usage part of their utility bill.

The village would also benefit from up to \$40,000 in annual property taxes. Cenergy was also offering the village a one-time \$400,000 contribution based on final project size and cost. It claimed the village would see other benefits in the locally generated clean energy project while landowner would receive recurring lease payments.

Johnson said he canvassed the 15 or so houses closest to the site to let the homeowners know. Some were in favor "while 5 or 6 were absolutely against it."

The Carbon Hill site is located next to an existing ComEd high tension power line which would make it convenient to feed into the grid. The solar panels would charge five 20-foot battery containers located within the 25-acre footprint. All of it would be surrounded by a 7-foot high chain link fence. A vegetative screen area would be installed between village houses and the fence. It's width is slightly

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**TIME TO MAKE THE TURKEY**— First graders in Tiffany Stewart's class at Coal City Early Childhood Center are ready to dig into the Thanksgiving feast, but first they need to prepare the turkey. In keeping with holiday tradition, the students have prepared their "not kitchen tested" recipes for cooking the bird.

## How to cook the Thanksgiving turkey

In preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday the following turkey recipes were submitted by first grade students in Tiffany Stewart's class at Coal City Early Childhood Center. The submission of student's turkey recipes began some time ago with first grade teacher Ann Quinzio-Zafran who suggested the tradition continue after her retirement.

What you should know is each submission, with some writing prompts from their teacher, appear as written by the students who are just learning the art of writing and these recipes are 'not' kitchen tested.

—Get a turkey from Berkots. Before you cook it you need to unwrap wash it & season it. Cook the turkey at 400 degrees for 2 hours. The

turkey is done with it beeps. You can eat mashed potatoes & corn with the turkey.

For dessert you can eat pumpkin pie with whipped cream.—Norah

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—Get a turkey from a farmer. Before you cook it you need to pluck the fethers off. Cook the turkey at 50 degrees for 20 mins. The turkey is done when it beeps. You can eat apples & beans with the turkey. For dessert you can eat

branas.—Elijan

—Get a turkey from stor. Before you cook it you need to wshit in the senc. Cook the turkey at 4 degrees for 5 minits. The turkey is done when it beps. You can eat mashed potatoes with the turkey. For dessert you can eat pumpkin pie.—Rayden

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## Santa to kick-off holiday season with downtown lighting Sunday

STAFF REPORT

Santa Claus and his elves at the North Pole are busy preparing for Christmas, but the jolly old elf himself will make a pre-Christmas visit to the village of Coal City this weekend.

During the visit, Santa will flip the switch to turn on the village's holiday tree and decorations.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in the village Sunday, Nov. 26 and make his way to Campbell Memorial Park around 4 p.m. Once he arrives at the park, Santa will turn on the lights and visit with children in the park gazebo.

The GFWC-IL Coal City Junior Woman's Club is once again teaming up with the village of Coal City to host the event.

Prior to Santa's visit the Junior Woman's Club will host its first Christkindle Market. The craft and vendor fair will run from noon to 4 p.m. in the park.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served during Santa's visit and popcorn will be popping throughout the afternoon for those attending the market.



Photo by Ann Gill

**THE ON BROADWAY Dancers** are ready to kick-off the holiday season and invite the community to join them in the Coal City Performing Arts Center for "It's a Christmas Show," their 11th holiday production. Shows are Saturday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26. For details turn to page 3



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