

Ribbon cutting for solar farm is realization of a dream come true



City and ATOOD officials cut the ribbon at a new solar farm at 1835 S. Battleground Avenue Monday morning on a 2.7 acre tract that is part of a 30 acre field that CEO Brian Adams has option to buy.

"This is the start of something big from a humble beginning," Brian Adams, Chief Executive Officer of ATOOD, a new solar farm on the old Grover Road (1835 S. Battleground Ave.) told well-wishers who helped cut a ribbon Monday morning.

Adams, 27, took the occasion to thank his parents, Graham and Susan Adams of Charlotte, city staff, and vendors and said the solar field went up in six weeks in the hottest July on record.

"This is my dream and my inspiration came from my father who is an architect," following a project at Chemetaf Foote. Mr. Adams offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Mayor Rick Murphrey, City Manager Marilyn Sellers, virtually all department heads, and city com-

missioner Mike Butler were on hand for the ribbon cutting. "We like green projects like solar fields," said the mayor.

This is the perfect area for a solar farm," said county commissioner Jason Falls. He added, "We love family businesses here It's the Mom and Pop businesses that are the backbone of Cleveland County."

County Commission Chairman Johnny Hutchins welcomed the solar farm to the Kings Mountain area. "We are continuing looking for cleaner fuel," he said.

The 156kw solar field is expected to produce energy to power 20 homes.

ATOOD is an acronym for Alternative to our Operational Dependency.

DEBATE: between candidates running for Senate, House

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N. C. has a growing population with an ever increasing need for new highway construction and existing road improvement. What do you propose to be done to help improve our highway infrastructure in a more timely manner? What is your position on toll roads?

McKOY - A toll road is on the table in Gaston County and I am against it. People struggle to find work and have to travel back and forth to jobs and we would ask them to pay a toll on the road? Just table the matter. Resurface our roads and use the money also

to work on our bridges.

HASTINGS - I do not support toll roads because a toll road would destroy jobs in the district I represent. Focus on health and safety and resurface fixing roads and bridges.

Of all your opponents' positions with which one do you disagree with most strongly and why?

KEEVER - A voucher for Medicare. This would be complicated for our seniors and if approved would cost \$6,000 more on the year. I will work to protect Medicare and for all our people of all political parties. We need

to invest in education, not slash it. Our Congress has been hijacked by radical members. I put people first and that's been my record as a state legislator, a former teacher and former county commissioner.

DANIEL - I was co-sponsor of the Marriage Amendment I that passed the General Assembly. I also support performance pay for teachers.

McDEVITT - I also support marriage between one man and one woman. I think the General Assembly rushed to judgment on that bill and I think the passage of it will affect domestic laws and affect possibly survivor benefits. I support pay raises for teachers.

What is your general position on taxes? And, what specific pledges are you willing to make concerning taxes?

KEEVER - I am not willing to make a pledge because we must look at each issue and focus on our constituents and work across the aisle.

What are specific actions that the Federal government can take to resolve current trade agreements?

KEEVER - 93% of our products are sold outside the country. We need to protect our workers here and incentives for fair trade.

CLOSED: Fairgrounds closed pending health department investigations

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said 106 people had been sickened with possible E. coli - 64 children and 42 adults - known to be/have been affected by this outbreak. Twelve, including a 2-year-old toddler who died Oct. 12 from complications related to E.coli, have been or are currently hospitalized. On Monday, officials said that number had dropped to 98 as a result of laboratory evidence to narrow the criteria for cases included in the outbreak.

On Monday a 5-year-old E-coli victim from Gastonia went home after two weeks in the hospital.

"While we are making progress in our investigation, we have not determined a specific cause," State Health Director Laura Gerald said. "We may not be able to pinpoint a single course, but hope to have more conclusive results within a month. Our goal throughout this investigation is to identify how to prevent similar outbreaks and deaths in the future."

State and local public health officials have been

gathering information since the outbreak began on October 7, including interviews with patients and families. Additional interviews with more than 150 people who attended the fair but did not get sick were made to narrow the list of potential sources. The investigation has also included environmental sampling and geographical analysis at the fairgrounds as well as laboratory testing.

"Our local health departments have been critical in helping to gather that information and in communicating in their own communities about the outbreak," Gerald said. "I can't say enough how much we appreciate the long hours their staffs have worked and their cooperation."

Cases have been identified from Cleveland (61),

Catawba (1), Gaston (18), Lincoln, (14) Mecklenburg (1), Rutherford (4) and Union (3) in North Carolina and York (2) and Cherokee (2) in South Carolina. One hundred and five individual are identified as having had direct exposure at the Cleveland County Fair; one individual is believed to have contracted the infection after the fair ended. The incubation period, or the time it

takes for a person who has been exposed to become ill, has passed, but the numbers may continue to increase for several days as people seek medical attention and reports are sent in. Public health officials expect the number of cases associated directly with the fair will stop growing, but it is possible that secondary cases (passed from person to person) may appear for several more weeks.

"We still want to encourage anyone who is experiencing symptoms and who attended the Cleveland

County Fair to contact their health care provider or the local health department," Gerald said. "If someone you know is sick, it is important to know that the infection is not airborne, it is passed by touching objects contaminated with the bacteria and then touching your mouth."

Person to person transmission can be prevented by washing hands thoroughly and often, especially before eating or preparing food and disinfecting surfaces in the household where the sick person is recuperating.



JUDGEMENT HOUSE: experience choices and their eternal consequences

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church in set design and building, technical work, actors, props, costuming and a wide host of other behind-the scene activities.

The title of this year's presentation is "Finally Forgiven," the true story of events that were experienced by one John Hubbard and his path of giving and receiving forgiveness regarding things in his past.

Pastor Chip Sloan says that Judgement House dramatically highlights the truth of people's choices and the accompanying earthly and eternal consequences. Throughout the early scenes Sloan said the main characters will have the opportunity to share, accept, or reject Christ. After making their decision, a horrific yet

common tragedy will occur, catapulting them, along with the audience, into judgement. One or more of the characters receive eternal life through the blood of Jesus Christ and experience heaven, while others reject or neglect the gospel, die in their sins, and experience the horror of eternity without God, without hope in Hell.

This season marks the event's 6th presentation and is presented every two years by the local church. The purpose of the Judgement House series is to focus the attention of the audience on the issue of what happens to us (as everlasting souls) when our body dies.

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