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In review of the WPPI program and in keeping with their "Green Initiatives," Pace felt that the plant's compressed air system was an area that could be improved. The plant uses large quantities of air in many of its manufacturing systems. "We had recently contracted with Industrial Energy Solutions to complete a compressed air audit. Recommendations of the audit showed that the plant compressed air system was inefficient by today's standards and would require a larger investment. Timing couldn't be better as I had just received WPPI's announcement that they were accepting requests to assist in energy efficiency funding," stated Doug Rockett, Pace's VP of engineering and facility. Rockett con-

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With the grant awarded, Pace intends to move forward by replacing four outdated compressed air units. A new centralized unit will be installed requiring and upsizing of the current piping to move the compressed air throughout the 185,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Efficiencies will be gained by progressing from a multiple unit system that runs continuously to a single state of the art unit operating at variable speeds based on demands of the Pace facility. The anticipated completion date is April 2007 and will be followed by a WPPI inspection of the air compression system in May 2007.

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Founded in 1986, Pace Industries Inc., an EPA Green Power Partner, is the leading extrusion manufacturer of high impact polystyrene and related products for the graphic arts industry. With a strong emphasis in protecting the environment, Pace continues to be a steward in the area of sustainability as they continue to develop and create products to fulfill and exceed market demands for future generations.

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Pace Industries of Reedsburg was recently awarded the Green Power designation by Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI) of which the Reedsburg Utility is a member. Pictured here in front of the Pace plant are, from left, Jim Schieble of WPPI, Pace vice-resident Doug Rockett and Jerry Dorow of Reedsburg utility.

Pace Industries named a Green Power company

Pace Industries, Inc., a leading plastic extrusion specialist in the graphic arts industry, has been designated as a green power company by the Wisconsin Public Power Inc. (WPPI). This honor is awarded to companies that procure a threshold amount of its energy needs by either wind, water, organic materials or other renewable sources.

Pace Industries' manufacturing facility, located in Reedsburg, has secured a percentage of WPPI's wind turbine power as an alternative energy source instead of the traditional products used such as coal, oil or natural gas. "Right out of the gate, the wind power we are purchasing is the equivalent to 22 tons of coal generated power. This translates to the amount of power consumed by 52 homes, annually," says Blake Pace, president of Pace Industries. "Pace's green power initiatives have an impact on preserving fossil fuels for future generations and hopefully setting a course for other businesses in selecting alternative natural-resources."

Pace Industries' recent recognition as a green power company compliments a corporate culture that focuses on reducing, re-using and recycling products and services for the well-being of employees, customers and environment:

Pace Industries continues to explore new Bio-based polymers that incorporate agricultural products such as corn or soy beans as alternatives to fossil fuel-based resins.

Pace's PS-Absolve is a new engineered polystyrene that looks, feels and processes like standard styrene but incorporates state-of-art polymer technology,

certified by a raw material supplier, to facilitate degradation in litter form, commercial or residential compost as well as in landfill disposal.

Customer Recycling Programs offer customers the opportunity to return packaging materials as well as plastic scrap. In order to encourage recycling an inflated value is offered for these materials. These programs eliminate the potential landfill of at least two to three million pounds of waste annually.

Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEV) feature zero emissions for indoor/outdoor operations and can travel 200 miles for the cost of one gallon of gas. Legalized for road use by the Reedsburg community, Pace Industries was the first manufacturer to purchase an NEV for company travel within the cities' limits.

Pace provides ongoing Employee Education related to recycling and renewable energy options. As a result of the education, employees are encouraged to participate in minimizing environmental impact at both work and at home.

For more information regarding Pace's green initiatives please e-mail requests to administrator at green@pace-industries-inc.com.

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St. Peter's first to use Reedsburg's LC

Sunday services will be broadcast.

By Emily M. Blalkowski
Times-Press

Starting Monday, Dec. 11 St. Peter's Lutheran Church will be broadcasting their Sunday worship service on Reedsburg Utility Channel 11, otherwise known as the Local Channel or the LC.

It's certainly nothing new to be able to watch religious services on television, but St. Peter's is quite proud to be the first Reedsburg church to broadcast on the LC.

"We did a test run during Lent (2006) to see how the broadcast would be received and how the congregation liked it. The feedback was very positive on it," explained Jeff Brandt, a parishioner and one of the many videographers.

The program will air at 6:30 p.m. each Monday. A two-hour time slot is reserved for the broadcast, though services aren't typically that long. Special events such as children's services and Christmas Eve worship will also air.

Brandt said the parish hopes the broadcast will be helpful to people in the community who can't always get to church. "People in the nursing home

especially liked physically seeing a church service as opposed to (listening to) a radio broadcast," he said.

Parishioners will do the taping themselves and submit their work to Public Access Channel Coordinator Kate Welter of the Reedsburg Utility. "Not only does this give us another programming opportunity, it is giving that church a new avenue for their congregation for those that can't make it out every Saturday or Sunday," Welter said.

Members of the public and various organizations have had the ability to utilize Local Channel 11 for well over two years, but the utility is continually welcoming new shows. "The more people out in the community who have cameras and are willing to submit their tapes the more variety of programming will be available," Welter said.

The utility has a camera they can loan out on a first-come first-served basis, but St. Peter's raised funds to purchase their own camera equipment to tie into their existing sound system. That capability will enhance the sound in addition to offering the video, Brandt said.

St. Peter's Lutheran is not the first local programming offered on the



LC. "I Love Reedsburg" is featured most evenings and introduces its audience to local personalities. From real estate agents to the city administrator, "I Love Reedsburg" is a who's who among Reedsburg's population. This winter alderman Tom Seamonson will be taping wrestling meets, and "My Kitchen with Sheila Bentley" is a half hour long cooking show that offers viewers quick and easy meal ideas, which Welter describes as "perfect for the busy family."

And yes, people are watching the LC. Welter said Bentley has been recognized all over town by strangers.

A complete program guide can be found at www.reedsburgutility.com.

Anyone else wanting to contribute programming can talk to Welter directly at 524-4381 or e-mail kwelter@rucls.net.

Utility helps veterans



NATHAN GREENHALGH/TIMES-PRESS

Jerry Dorow (left) of the Reedsburg Utility Commission presents a \$500 check to Art Krolikowski, commander of VFW Post 1916 in Reedsburg. The money will be used for care packages for veterans, including money for soldiers in Afghanistan, and the Bobby Nelson Fund, which gives gifts to patients in state veterans hospitals on Christmas Day, among other things. "Our main frame is veterans and their families," said Krolikowski.

A tradition of giving



NATHAN GREENHALGH/TIMES-PRESS

The Reedsburg Utility Commission gave a monetary donation to the Reedsburg Food Pantry last week as part of an annual tradition of giving during the holidays. Here, Electric Supervisor Jerry Dorow (left) presents the \$750 check to food pantry board president Gloria Judge. "This year the community was very generous," Judge said.



Reedsburg Utility gives donation to food pantry

Jerry Dorow of the Reedsburg Utility presents a \$750 donation check to Gloria Judge of the Reedsburg Area Food Pantry. The donation, which came from the utility's community service fund, will be used to buy food staples for the pantry, which serves about 50 families a week in the Reedsburg and Weston school districts.