

Greener means saving money and resources

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Think green. The Millville Housing Authority is doing it, and so can you.

The authority is moving forward with several energy saving initiatives throughout its facilities to save money and energy. The authority is sealing cold air duct systems and patching air leaks in common areas. Nearly 60 Energy Star refrigerators have been installed. It's sealing windows and doors in each apartment where needed, and installing water-saving sink devices and low-flow shower wands in each apartment. All the work should be completed in a few weeks, just in time for the cold weather that's surely coming.

Homeowners can prepare, too, and enjoy the savings. A typical U.S. family spends about \$1,900 a year on utility bills, with a large portion of that being wasted, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

To cut down on waste, the department recommends that homeowners install a programmable thermostat, air dry dishes instead of using the dishwasher's drying cycle, turn off computers and monitors when not in use, lower the thermostat on the hot water heater to 120 degrees, and look for the Energy Star label on home appliances and products.

These are some of the ways homeowners can immediately start to conserve energy and keep more dollar bills in their pockets.

People can preserve the environment, for themselves and their loved ones, and save money in the process. That's a one-two combination that can't be beat.

Go green.

Reaching out to promote literacy

We applaud the efforts of a nonprofit agency, Hannah's House Inc., to reach out to families with small children to teach English literacy.

It was heartwarming to see the pictures of the local families laughing and enjoying themselves in the English as a Second Language class held at Sabater

School in Vineland.

About 20 Spanish-speaking local residents participant in the ESL program, which benefits not only the families, but also society as a whole. The number of area students who live in homes where English is not the primary language is astonishing -- more than 46 percent at Johnstone Elementary School and nearly 34 percent at Landis Intermediate School in Vineland. In Millville, almost 20 percent of students attending Rieck Avenue School live in homes that don't speak English most of the time.

Through classes such as this, those numbers can be reduced. The program is a winner because it promotes English literacy, improves parenting skills and builds stronger relationships between school and home, which is good for the students and the parents.

Culprit must pay for damage done

What was this guy thinking? Well, he probably wasn't.

Someone broke into Vineland Fire Station 4 on East Oak Road sometime Sunday night and caused about \$1,300 in damage that will have to be repaired at taxpayers' expense. This ignorant person apparently broke a bay window to enter the building, threw rocks at a fire truck and then used a fire ax from the truck to smash a rollup window in the station's kitchen. In further poor taste, he then proceeded to cook some Hot Pockets microwave sandwiches and left the dirty dishes and empty



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