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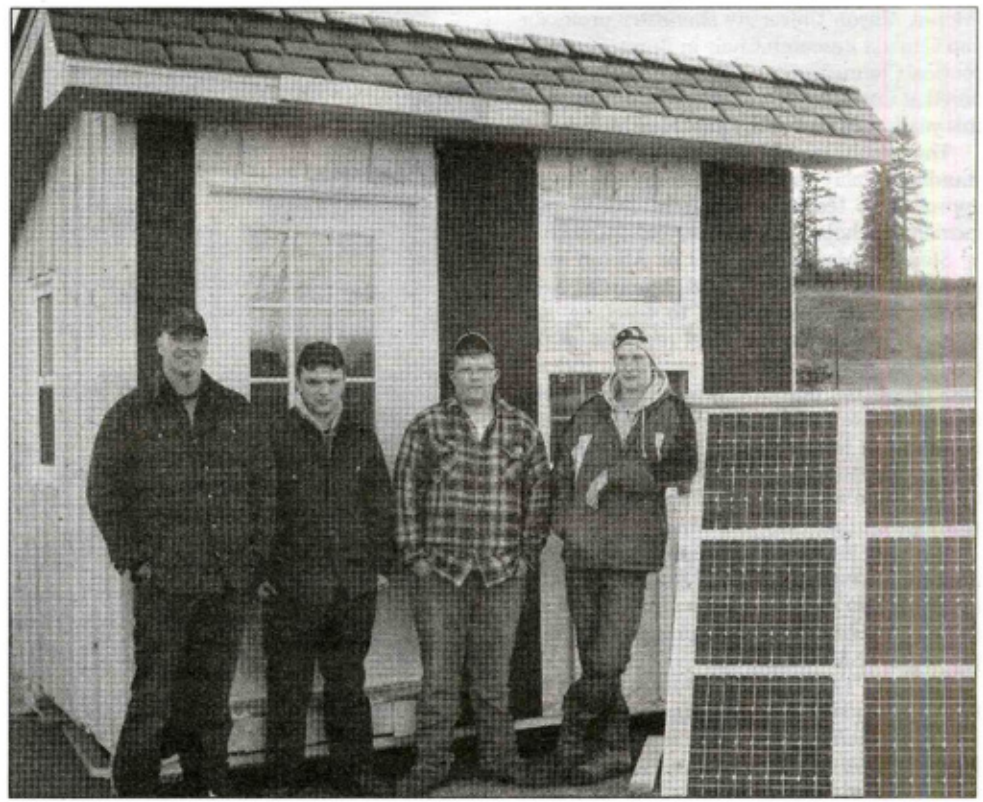
# High school vies for banner in energy efficient building competition

In conjunction with the Gaia Project, students from Tantramar Regional High School, studying in advanced technology 120, participated in the first provincial Energy Efficient Building Contest.

The concept of the competition was to have students design and build an energy efficient building that would use photovoltaic panels to charge batteries, which would then be used to run a gaming system for six hours during the evening portion of the competition. Students, Jordan Haley, Jacob Silliker and Kristian Woodhead-Smith - team Work Boots & Flannel - have spent the last two months designing, building and constructing an energy efficient building.

Two other schools participated in the inaugural event, Simonds and Sussex High Schools and while the team placed first in the following categories, best design, best air leakage test, most environmentally friendly materials and best construction, they barely lost the provincial banner to Sussex High School, which was able to incorporate more varied technologies to heat their building during the day. Teacher Blaine MacIsaac's help and support in the project, as well as that of other students Derrick Hicks and Jamie Smith, were invaluable.

For more information on this competition, contact Brian McCain at the Gaia Project at www.thegaiaproject.ca.



Pictured, left to right, teacher Zach Vanthournout and students Jordan Haley, Jacob Silliker, and Kristian Woodhead-Smith stand in front of the energy efficient building they constructed.