

Energising local sport and education



Friday night football games are a key community activity

Cambria County, Pennsylvania is typical of rural America – the population is just under 150,000, unemployment is 8% and median household income is around \$42,000

Here, like in so many American communities, life often centres around high school sports teams, and Friday night football games are a major component of the area's social structure.

Until a recent gift from EverPower, which has three wind farms in the area, the students at Cambria Heights High School played on a field with a 40-year old scoreboard that often malfunctioned and caused game delays. "It literally was held together with duct tape," says Tom Boyle, Cambria Heights Athletics Director.

EverPower made a cash donation which enabled the school district to purchase a new scoreboard that will be in place by summer 2013. "We are extremely grateful to EverPower," continued Boyle. "Its donation means so much for the community and the school."

In addition to helping Cambria Heights High School, EverPower has helped create a long-term athletics competition between the Cambria Heights High School and nearby rivals Forest Hills High School. Each year the two schools' varsity football teams will compete in a 'Wind Bowl'. The Wind Bowl replaces the Coal Bowl, sponsored in the past by a mining company, with the winning school being able to keep and display the trophy for the full year. There will also be an 'EverPower Challenge' created to recognise all varsity-level sports. Teams from the two high schools will compete for points and the winning team will receive a trophy for the year.

EverPower is also supporting the academic side of life at the school by creating a scholarship competition for students interested in engineering or sustainable energy. Awarded annually, the scholarships will help towards the students' university or technical training costs.

Last summer, Mike Kinski, Operational Managing Director at Terra Firma, visited the project site with Jim Spencer, President and CEO of EverPower. "Mike and I wanted to do something for the county that would strengthen the relationship between our company and the residents," says Spencer. "Our support provides a tangible sign of how much we care about the communities where our projects are located."

EverPower's projects in Cambria County are: Highland Wind Farm (62.5 MW); Highland North Wind Farm (75 MW); and the recently-completed Patton Wind Farm (30 MW).



Cambria Heights High School football team