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**WESTAR ENERGY'S GREEN TEAM HELPS BRING WIND ENERGY
TO PRETTY PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL**

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 14, 2009 — Westar Energy's Green Team will help erect a Skystream 1.8 kilowatt wind turbine at Pretty Prairie High School, 204 E. Main, Pretty Prairie, on Tuesday, Sept. 15, starting around 10 a.m. Pretty Prairie is about 20 miles south of Hutchinson in Reno County.

The wind turbine at Pretty Prairie High School is part of the Kansas Wind for Schools program. Rural Kansas schools are selected to receive a small wind turbine for educational and outreach purposes. The Green Team has assisted with erecting turbines at Walton Elementary School in Walton, Ell-Saline High School in Brookville and Blue Valley High School in Randolph.

To be selected, schools must agree to incorporate wind energy into their science curriculum. The turbine at Pretty Prairie High School will help supply electricity to the school's maintenance shop. The turbine will be placed on a break-over pole that can be lowered, allowing for future maintenance of the turbine without the use of a bucket truck. For more information about the Kansas Wind for Schools program, visit <http://ece.ksu.edu/psg/wac/>.

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