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**Great Live Music, Powered By The Sun!**

April 24, Carbondale – Among all the great offerings at the first Shawnee Energy Festival on May 2 & 3 at GreenRetreat in Murphysboro, organizers are especially excited about the solar-powered music lineup. Home Eco, the first environmentally friendly home products store in St. Louis, will provide solar power for the sound system at the Fest Bandstand.

This is one of several ways Shawnee Energy Fest is striving to “walk the talk” of environmental responsibility. The Home Eco system consists of three Unisolar 68-watt panels on the roof of their van, an Invertek 1500-watt inverter, a Morningstar MPPT charge controller, and a 200AH battery pack. Home Eco was founded in 2005 and was named “Best Green Store” last year by the Riverfront Times.

The Bandstand lineup includes:

Saturday	11:00 Keynote Address by Rich Whitney, Carbondale attorney and Green Party candidate for Illinois Governor in 2006
	12:00 Performance by The Composters: “Goodbye Waste... Hello Black Gold!”
	1:30 Music by Parsley & Sagebrush Band (until 3:15)
	4:00 Music by Hot Wax and the Broken Glass (until 6:00)
Sunday	11:00 Earth Celebration Ceremony led by Marlene Shepherd of the Carbondale Interfaith Council
	12:00 Music by Loose Gravel (until 1:45)
	2:30 Music by Moving Mary (until 4:15)

Additional Festival activities include workshops and presentations on a variety of energy and environmental topics, great food, a kids tent, a wellness center, and tours of GreenRetreat. For more information, visit [www.ShawneeEnergyFest.org](http://www.ShawneeEnergyFest.org) and [www.GreenRetreat.org](http://www.GreenRetreat.org)

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