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Hopmann Solar Biography

Clay Hopmann of Dumas founded Hopmann Solar Energy in 2006. He felt that our planet was consuming energy from sources that one day will be depleted. After many hours of study to become familiar with the renewable energy technologies of the day, his first project began on private property in a small community just south of Star City. It was to be the first grid tied, net-metering solar PV system in southeast Arkansas. The 2.86 kW system was commissioned on January 5th 2007. This first step was made possible by Bill Ball of Stellar Sun, a leader in the renewable energy field in Arkansas. His knowledge and vision has made possible for others to see a way into this very valuable industry,. Clay believed that our planet needs to embrace renewable energy, and has said "...we have no long term future where homes and industries can operate with affordable energy that is environmentally friendly".

Today, Hopmann Solar Energy is poised to become a leader in the southern part of the state. Clay wants to help energy consumers with their renewable energy technology decisions, including solar PV, solar thermal and passive solar home design. He looks forward to a future in Arkansas where many homes and businesses will utilize this means of harnessing our free and plentiful renewable energy resources. Clay says, "as Arkansans become knowledgeable about renewable energy, the state will see the light of progress and the clean energy economy will be energized for all to be rewarded".