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## Dresser trustees filled in on ReStore and Habitat

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DRESSER - The village board in Dresser heard a presentation from Habitat for Humanity at the Monday, March 7, board meeting. Eric Kube, director of Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity serving Polk and Burnett counties, gave the board an overview of what Habitat has done, future opportunities and the ReStore in St. Croix Falls.

Kube stated that to date Habitat has built 20 homes. Four of them are in Polk County and 16 of them are in Burnett County. He explained that the program is newer to Polk County than in Burnett and that is why there are fewer homes in Polk County. Kube explained that Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit organization that

helps build affordable homes for families that meet income and sweat equity partnership requirements. "In the end, we become the mortgage holder," said Kube. "The loans are zero interest, and the homeowner usually pays around \$500 a month." Kube said the goal for Habitat is to be a long-term solution for homelessness.

"We don't give homes away," said Kube. "We are also looking for volunteers, donations of money, land, building materials and professional services."

Kube stated that Habitat is gearing up for the grand opening of the ReStore, a store which sells new and donated building materials including lumber, lighting, appliances, doors, windows and more. The ReStore is having their grand opening

on March 26. The ReStore is located on Hwy. 8 in St. Croix Falls in the former Fleet Supply building. The DIY Network is coming out in the morning on Saturday, March 26 for the grand opening. There are door prizes all day and a free lunch will be provided. There are 13 pallets of donated items coming from 3M.

Kube stated that Habitat is rolling out another program called a Brush of Kindness. The program will help homeowners who may have smaller home repairs, such as someone who may not be able to afford to paint the exterior of a home and may need some help.

In other business, the board approved Barb Williamson to work four to six hours a week for six months to help out with the parks part time.

The Dresser Neighborhood Watch is hosting the annual Easter egg hunt which has grown to an event that attracts over 200 kids. The village donated \$150 toward the hunt in the past. This year the board upped the ante to \$200. The hunt will be held at the Dresser Hall Saturday, April 23.

The board also approved a license for the Dresser Lions Club to sell fermented malt beverages at the DOG Fire annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 16.

Reminders that the spring election is Tuesday, April 5, and that all dog owners in the village need to have their dogs licensed by Thursday, March 31, were stated at the meeting.

## Bremer Foundation donates \$35,000 to new St. Croix Falls ReStore

### Grand opening set for March 26

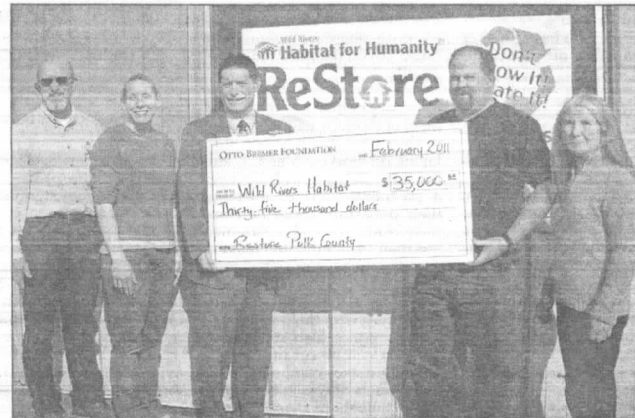
ST. CROIX FALLS - The Otto Bremer Foundation recently donated \$35,000 toward the new ReStore that Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity is opening in St. Croix Falls.

WRHPH Executive Director Eric Kube said, "We are so excited about starting up the ReStore and so grateful that the Bremer Foundation is supporting it at this level. It's such a great opportunity for us to grow our mission of building homes for families who need them in Polk and Burnett counties."

"The ReStore will be providing a place for our community to recycle furniture, appliances and building materials, keeping those things out of the landfill. Not to mention we'll be offering a place where folks can get a tax write-off for donating items they don't need; and, of course, creating a place where everyone can shop and find great deals!"

The ReStore grand opening is set for Saturday, March 26. The public is invited to join Habitat as they celebrate the event and officially open their doors to begin selling new and used donated materials. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free food, door prizes, and a live radio broadcast from 9 - 11 a.m.

Amy Matthews, host of the DIY net-



work television show "Sweat Equity," will be on hand. Share in the excitement and find a treasure to take home. There will be a lot of items for sale including hot tubs, pedestal sinks, desks, couches, TVs, doors, windows, kitchen cabinets, mirrors and much more. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity to sustain and grow their mission of building homes for - and with - families who need them in Polk and Burnett counties.

The ReStore is at 2201 Hwy. 8 in St.

Croix Falls, in the former Fleet Supply building. Call 715-483-2700 for more information.

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LEFT: The Otto Bremer Foundation presents \$35,000 to the new ReStore on Hwy. 8, operated by the Wild River Habitat for Humanity chapter. Shown (L to R) are: David Sandmann, ReStore manager; Jen Olander, a soon-to-be Habitat homeowner after the Amery build this summer, Jim Richison, Bremer business banker, Amery, presenting the check; Eric Kube, executive director of Habitat; and Carolyn Stone, Habitat board member and fundraising chair. - Photos submitted

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