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ReStore opens doors in St. Croix Falls

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Wild Rivers Habitat for Humanity officially opened its ReStore in St. Croix Falls on Saturday, with a door-busting crowd braving the windchill for early-bird shopping, door prizes, and lunch. "The community support we've had for this launch has been amazing," said Carolyn Stone, Wild Rivers board member.

Housed in the former Fleet Supply building on Highway 8, the ReStore sells donated building materials, cabinets, doors, windows, lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, household appliances, and furniture. All donations are tax-deductible and proceeds will help finance Wild Rivers' low-income housing projects in Polk and Burnett Counties.

Amy Matthews, host of DIY Network's *This New House, Sweet Equity, Bathroom Renovations*, and *Blog Cabin* (Season 3), was on hand for the open-

ing celebration. This year, she is pursuing Habitat for Humanity work across the country. It's an organization she knows well, having volunteered first as a high school student. "Affordable housing is a basic human right," said Matthews.

"The ReStore offers a low-cost shopping option for those who can't afford or do not want new merchandise," said Eric Kube, executive director of Wild Rivers. Some customers will be looking for older doors, or windows or a period piece of furniture and something brand new isn't going to fit."

All available floor space in the Re-Store was full of merchandise on Saturday, as was the off-limits storage area. "I'm impressed with quality of the donations we've received, both from individuals and contractors," said ReStore manager David Sandmann. "A contractor took very good care taking out a set of cabinets and brought them to us. We have doors, windows, trim,

paneling, and countertops in stock. And we have a lot of sinks and cabinets. Eventually, we plan to have our inventory available online."

In addition to supporting Habitat for Humanity, the St. Croix Falls ReStore, one of over 600 ReStores nationwide, will help keep good, reusable materials out of landfills. The ReStore is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Donations are accepted during regular store hours; pick-up can be arranged by contacting manager David Sandmann at (715) 483-2700 or ReStore@wildrivershabitat.org



Amy Matthews spoke with ReStore customer Jim Geckler, who was shopping for doors for his farm house in Almelund. Photo by Amy Ward

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT April 5, 2011

Office of the Village Clerk and School District
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF OSCEOLA AND SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA

Notice is hereby given of a spring election for the Village of Osceola and the School District of Osceola to be held on the 5th day of April, 2011, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS