

John Capron of Revision Energy stands on the roof of the Dayton Municipal Building on Tuesday while installing rows of solar panels that, once completed by the end of the week, are expected to provide much of the power to the building.



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## Dayton goes solar

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DAYTON — Soon, electricity will be produced every time the sun shines on the municipal building.

A solar panel system is currently being installed on the south side of the building, and is expected to be completed by Thursday afternoon.

The solar panels will begin generating energy that afternoon, said Project Manager Josh Baston of Revision Energy, the company which is installing the panels.

The solar panels have a 25-year warranty and an expected output of 40 years, said Baston. There are no moving parts and they are maintenance free, he said.

The town received federal stimulus money for the solar panels through Efficiency Maine, a program of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The town received about \$73,700 and must pay about \$8,200 toward the project, according to data from the PUC.

The solar panels will pro-

duce 21,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year, according to an e-mail from Town Treasurer Angela Cushman.

Last year, the town used about 24,600 kilowatt hours of electricity for the municipal building, which includes heating and cooling, at a cost of about \$3,600, said Cushman.

On days when the building is closed, electricity will be banked, said Code

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