

Home Center sale in escrow

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Valley Springs Home Center, if all goes according to plan, could change ownership the first part of August, close for remodeling and restocking and re-open in early October offering the ACE Hardware line of products.

The hardware store and lumberyard located at 72 S. Highway 26, have been owned by the Squire family the past nine years. They are in the process of selling the business along with 3.5 of the 10-acre parcel it is on to the Sender family, which operates Sender's Market in Mountain Ranch.

Kevin Squire said if all goes well, the transaction should close escrow the beginning of August.

"We still have a few hurdles," Squire said.

He plans to continue his awning business and the family is looking at developing their remaining commercial property on Highway 26.

"I've been in the hardware gig since 1984," Squire said. "It's time to go do something else."

Sender's has been serving Mountain Ranch since the late 1940s, said Allen Sender.

In addition to bringing ACE products to the Valley Springs store, he also has a commitment from Stihl, a popular manufacturer of chain saws and landscaping equipment.

"That's good news for us." Sender said.

He anticipates the store will close for a seven-week period due to restocking, remodeling and introducing the new product lines.

He expects the business will re-open with about a dozen to 15 new employees.

Valley Springs is "a large community and needs somebody who can do a good job for them," Sender said. "We want something for the community to be proud of and we want to get the right people in there."

Sender's is also known for its deli, but introducing a deli at the Valley Springs site may be too much to do in the beginning, Sender said.

The home center is in a big building, he added, and he anticipates introducing giftware and even a selection of wines when the transition takes place.