

O'Reilly store to open next month

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O'Reilly Auto Parts plans to open its Valley Springs store at the beginning of 2015.

Mark Merz, O'Reilly's director of external reporting and investor relations, made the announcement.

The Springfield, Mo.-based chain, which has more than 4,200 stores in 42 states, and the Valley Springs store at 161 Highway 26 is projected to have a mixture of eight to 12 full- and part-time employees.

Some of the staff has been hired, Merz said, but O'Reilly's "is always looking for great team members."

He encouraged those looking to work for O'Reilly's to drop by the store to fill out an application or apply online at www.oreillyauto.com, or call 1-888-673-4559.

Kory Mossa has been selected to manage the 7,000-square-foot Valley Springs store.

Store hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays.

Valley Springs could be headed toward an oversupply of auto parts stores. In addition to O'Reilly's, AutoZone is seeking to build a store in Valley Springs and for many years the community has been served by NAPA Auto Parts on State Route 12.