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**NEW "HELPFUL PLACE" FOR CENTRAL POINT RESIDENTS COMING SOON
NEW ACE HARDWARE STORE SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN JUNE INSIDE RAY'S FOOD PLACE.**

Central Point, OR, May 23, 2015 – The "helpful place" will soon be near your place. Scheduled to open its doors in June 2015, Ace Hardware inside Ray's Food Place located at 126 E. Pine St. in Central Point, will bring its helpful customer service and quality products to area homeowners and DIYers. Ace Hardware will provide solutions to everyday home maintenance needs through an extensive selection of products in categories such as paint, lawn and garden. In addition, the on-site "helpful hardware folks" will enhance the shopping experience by offering one-on-one expert advice and assistance.

This is the first Ace Hardware Store to be added to one of C & K Market's existing Grocery Stores. Ray's Food Place has dedicated 3000 square feet (8 aisles) to hardware, expanding its product offering by over 14,000 new items. The existing grocery store will continue to offer a wide selection of traditional and unique products including an expanded wine and beer selection, healthy products, organic produce and Certified Angus Beef.

"Ace Hardware is committed to providing home maintenance solutions, helpful advice and resources to residents of Central Point and greater Medford," said Karl Wissmann, C&K Market's President & CEO of Ray's Food Place "We're excited to add hardware as a part of what we do to support the community, and we look forward to making a positive impact for many years to come."

About C&K Market, Inc.

C&K Market Inc., an independently owned grocery retailer based in Medford, OR, operates 43 grocery stores in Oregon and Northern California under the banners of Ray's Food Place, Shop Smart and C&K Market. More information can be found at www.ckmarket.com.

About Ace Hardware

For more than 85 years, Ace Hardware has been known as the helpful hardware store by both customers and communities. In 2010, Ace ranked "Highest in Customer Satisfaction among Home Improvement Stores for the Fourth Consecutive Year," according to J.D. Power and Associates. With 4,500 locally owned and operated hardware, home center and building materials stores, Ace is the largest hardware cooperative in the industry. Headquartered in Oak Brook, Ill., Ace currently operates 14 distribution centers in the U.S. and one in Shanghai, China, and its retailers' stores are located in all 50 states and more than 60 countries. For more information on Ace, visit www.acehardware.com.

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