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**Lowe's Set To Open Jan. 5**  
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PRINCE EDWARD — After months of anticipation, the day has nearly arrived.

Lowe's will open its Farmville store on U.S. Route 15 just south of Farmville to the public on Saturday, January 5 at 9 a.m.

"...The thing that I've heard the most, and I think everyone will agree, is the public is really, really excited. I mean, it is definitely the buzz word on the street," County Economic Development Director Sharon Carney told *The Herald* Wednesday. "...I knew that the public wanted a Lowe's, I just had no idea how much they wanted it."

According to a company news release, the home improvement store has 102,000 square feet in retail space and a garden center, and stocks 32,000 different items.

"A store of this size represents an average investment in the community of approximately \$12 million and creates up to 120 new jobs," the news release stated.

Ms. Carney believes it's going to be "really good" for the economy of the area.

The County, she cited, will get the benefit of the sales tax, but she also feels that the "synergy it will bring to attract other retail and commercial to the area is going to be huge."