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The new Menards Superstore in Escanaba is scheduled to officially open March 24. At the new location, the family-owned home improvement retailer will have a lumber yard, a partially-covered garden center, and a small grocery and pet supply center. The business is now located in the Delta Plaza.

(Daily Press photo by Jenny Lancour)

ESCANABA - The new Menards Superstore in Escanaba will officially open its doors to customers on March 24, according to Jeff Abbott, a Menards company spokesman.

Menards is a family-owned home improvement retailer chain.

Menards, which first opened its doors locally in May 1991 in the Delta Plaza, will be moving to a new 24,000-square-foot facility. It will also be home to a full-service lumber yard and partially-covered garden center. The new Menards will also feature a small grocery and pet supply center. The store will also carry name-brand appliances.

"We are grateful for all the loyal guests who shopped at the old Menards in the Delta Plaza Mall and we are excited to open this new, beautiful store which has something for everyone," said Abbott.

**The new facility will also be home to mBank, which is re-entering Delta County.**

**Kelly George, mBank's chief executive officer, said the bank has entered into a lease agreement to operate a full-service branch in the new Menards store.**

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**Kelly also said mBank was very excited about the opportunity to get back and have a physical presence in the area. The branch bank is expected to have three or four people to staff the operation.**

**The arrangement is also a first for the retailer. The agreement will allow the bank the chance to offer expanded hours in an environment with substantial foot traffic and a minimal amount of capital expense.**

**Initial plans are for the bank to operate from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.**

**The bank is in the process of working through the regulatory process for approval. Once approval is received, final arrangements will be made.**

**mBank is owned by Mackinac Financial Corp., with its headquarters in Manistique. mBank operates eight branch offices in the Upper Peninsula and four in the Lower Peninsula.**

Abbott also said the new store will feature expanded merchandise and departments. When completely operational, approximately 200 employees will be working within the facility.

"We are striving for one-stop convenience," said Abbott.

Menards, which has its corporate headquarters in Eau Claire, Wis., currently operates 245 stores in 12 states, and is continuing to grow and expand its operations.

The new Escanaba store, according to Abbott, is also the largest format store constructed to date.

The new store is located at 3300 Ludington St., directly west of Flinns Garden Center.