

Former manager Kempker purchases Grimes True Value

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Jason Kempker, manager of the Grimes True Value store this past year, has purchased the store from Rick Breeding of Winterset.

The store name has been changed to Kempker's True Value/Just Ask Rental.

Kempker is not a newcomer to the True Value line of stores as his family has been involved in three Iowa stores for several years. They have Ft. Madison True Value, Burlington and Mt. Pleasant, which is a rental store. The Grimes store now joins that group.

Kempker said he had worked in the family stores during high school and then he went on the receive a marketing degree from Iowa

State University. He then worked part-time in the family business until coming to Grimes where he has been employed part time, and then full time the past two years. He became manager last year.

"I discovered I had a passion for the hardware and rental business so it was a natural step for me to become the owner," Kempker said. "Rick had wanted to slow down as he owns a store in Winterset, so he proposed I take over the store here. He thought it would be a good opportunity for a young guy to continue to grow the business."

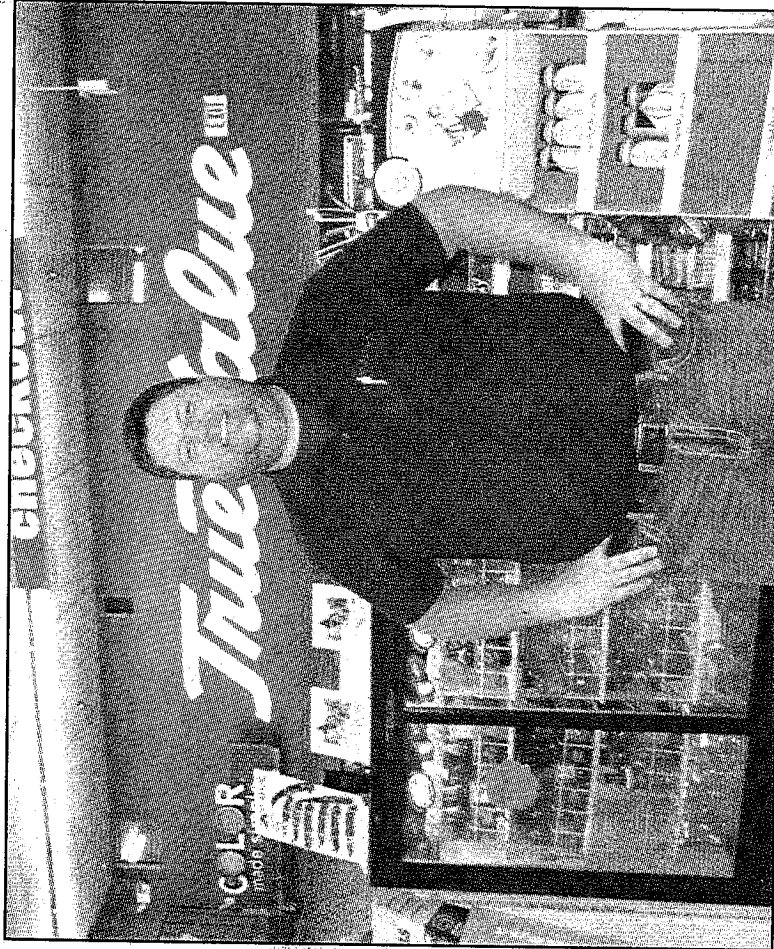
"Rick gave me the opportunity and I thank him for the knowledge and guidance he has given me over the years." According to Kempker,

Grimes is the "perfect fit." "We think Grimes is the perfect fit for our values and mission as a small family business and we look forward to doing business in Grimes now and in the future," he said.

Future plans include updating the exterior of the building with a new front and then changes in the summer to the interior in all departments.

"We want to make shopping in True Value more pleasant and more convenient," he added.

He said hours will stay the same and starting in April he will set up the garden center and fix the parking lot. A grand opening is slated for September.



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