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Dave Williford of Crenshaw TV and Appliance in Pendleton talks with Clemson residents Ginny and Tom Skelton about improvements to their home at last year's Oconee Home Builders Association Home and Remodel Show at the Shaver Recreation Complex. This year's show will kick off Friday in Seneca.

Bigger crowds expected at home and remodel show

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SENECA — Oconee Home Builders Association executive officer Russ Price said he has received interest from people from as far away as Ohio for the association's Home and Remodel Show set for this weekend.

After a string of lean years with minimal activity in the building industry, the 2015 show is attracting interest near and far, Price said of the two-day event, which will run from 1-6 p.m. Friday and continue Saturday from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Price said approximately 40 exhibitors, double the footprint of last year's show, will take over the gym at the Shaver Recreation Complex at 698 W. South 4th St. in Seneca.

"The people coming to the show from Ohio want to build a home in the area," Price said. "People are looking to build again, and the building industry is back."

The 11th edition of the OHBA show will showcase services and products to build new homes and remodel or add new features to an existing home, Price said Wednesday as he oversaw the setup of tables and booths at Shaver.

In the past, the show has drawn more than 1,000 visitors over the two days, and Price expects larger crowds this weekend.

Price said two companies will make presentations on the use of solar energy and making the home more energy efficient.

"There are federal and state incentives to have solar energy in your home, and we're beginning to see more homeowners showing an interest in that," Price said.

Suppliers will showcase the latest products, including whirlpool hot tubs, backyard grills and smokers, appliances and bird feeders.

A Seneca-based startup company, Nano Cleaning Solutions LLC, will use the show to help kick off its new business, Price said.

There is more to the show than an array of products and services for industry insiders and homeowners, Price said. As examples, Price pointed to Terry Allen, president of For The Birds Inc., who will demonstrate his unique products for bird lovers, and Blue Ridge Arms Co., which will put on display an array of guns and knives.

"We've tried to make it a little bit different and mix it up," Price said.

IF YOU GO

What: Oconee Home Builders Association's Home and Remodel Show
When: Friday, 1-6 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Where: Shaver Recreation Complex, 698 W. South 4th St., Seneca
Admission: $5 ($2 off coupon in The Journal); kids under 16 free

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