

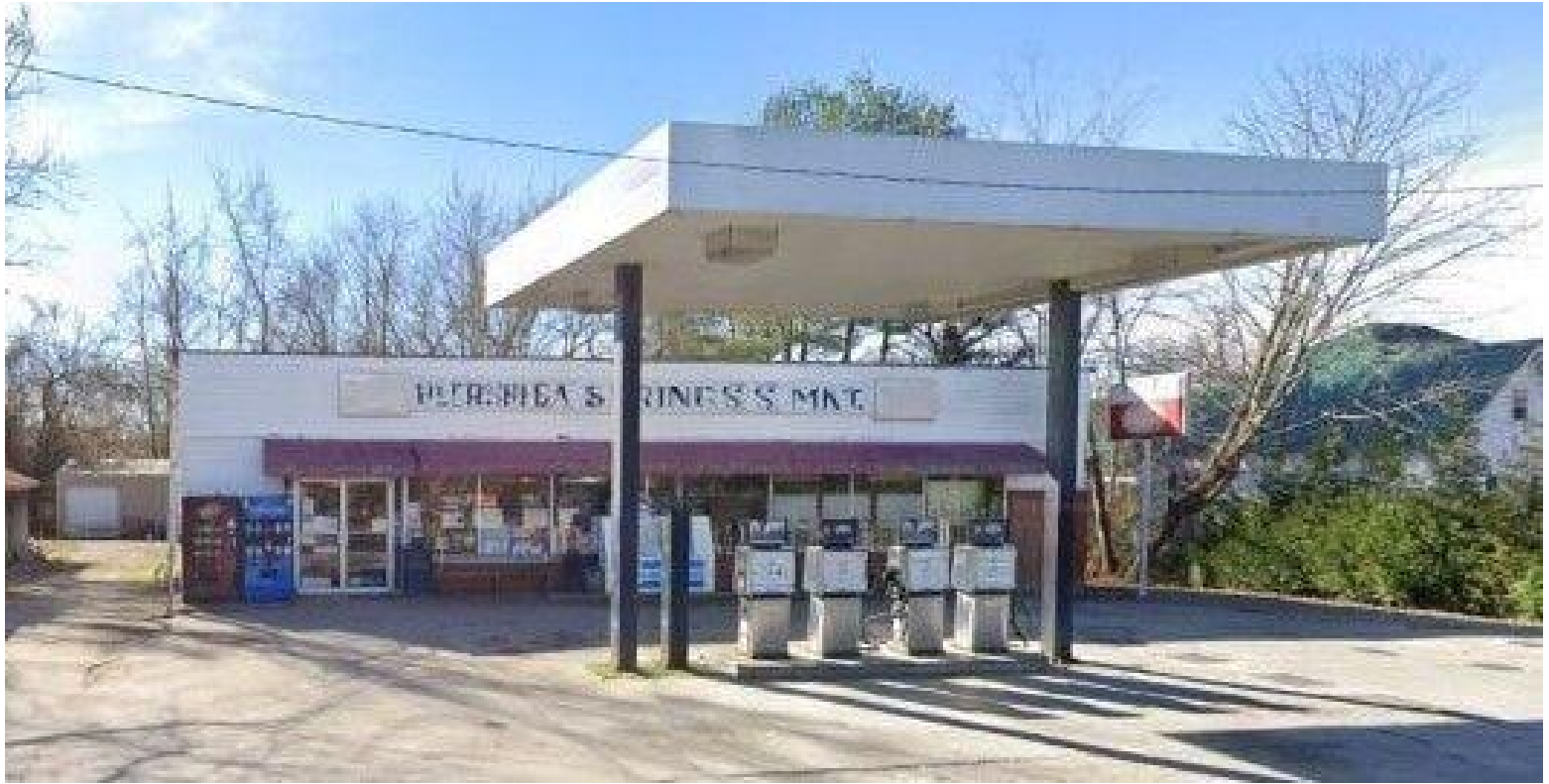
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Celebration time at Beersheba Springs Market

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A Grand Opening Ceremony at Beersheba Springs Market has been scheduled for Friday, Aug. 25.

The market closed at the beginning of January. It was purchased by a group of concerned community members, renovated and reopened at the end of June. A ceremony marking that occasion will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday.

“We are going to recognize the 47 years that Bud and Sharon Whitman owned and operated the store,” said John Adams, one of the individuals anxious about the market’s future.

During the ceremony, the previous owners will participate in a ribbon cutting alongside Grundy County Mayor Michael Brady, Beersheba Spring Market manager Audra Miller and others.

The Whitmans purchased the store from Mitchell Hobbs in 1976, and operated it for 47 years -- until early 2023. Bud started his career in the grocery business working for Mitchell Hobbs when he was 13 years old, and thus was in the business for a total of 65 years.

The store has been operated in this location for about 100 years, having moved here from down near the old hotel when the highway was rerouted back in the 1920s. The original building burned in 1957, and was rebuilt shortly afterwards.

The market officially changed hands in April and modest renovations were undertaken.

“Audra's husband Billy is also working at the store, and they have worked together to provide most everything the store has always provided, plus an expanded cafe operation -- complete with seating for 16,” said Adams.

For more information, visit www.BeershebaSpringsMarket.com