

Brady Get-N-Go gettin' going

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Grocery and convenience store to open this week.

Fresh paint, contemporary counters with a cappuccino machine and a cozy coffee area will greet customers when the Brady Get-N-Go opens later this week.

The grocery and convenience store that has been closed for a year is getting a new life from longtime Brady residents Jack and Pam Mann.

“It’s kind of one of those things where people don’t realize what they’ve got or what they need until it’s gone,” Jack Mann said. “This community needs a store and I needed something to do with my life.”

After several reams of paperwork and countless hours of help from family members, Jack is just about ready to open the doors.

“Every time I turn around there’s something else that needs to be done. It’s taken a solid two months of clean-up and rebuilding,” he said. “I’d like to make a big announcement telling everyone when we’ll officially be open but I don’t want to do that until I know I’m ready.”

In the meantime, Jack just tells curious visitors to come back another day.

“Everyone will know when we’re open,” he said. “There will be a big sign outside later this week.”

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The Get-N-Go will be a grocery store, convenience store, gas station and auto shop all in one.

Jack plans to offer fresh deli sandwiches, ice cream, fountain soda and coffees in the convenience part of the store.

Groceries will include the staples of milk, eggs and bread as well as health and beauty aids and a variety of other items.

Cooperation between Cash-Wa Distributing and Affiliated Foods Inc. will allow the Get-N-Go to order smaller quantities and still offer goods at competitive prices.

“We’re never going to be able to sell stuff at Wal-Mart prices,” Jack said, “but we should be competitive enough not to drive people away.”

The Manns are dealing with as many local vendors as possible, even bringing in fresh vegetables and eggs raised near Brady.

Gasoline, he said, will follow the same concept and the store will offer unleaded, super unleaded and diesel fuels.

Jack’s brother-in-law Brad Burke will run the shop fixing tires, servicing engines and doing minor repairs on passenger cars.

Preparations have been overwhelming at times but that has not reduced Jack’s enthusiasm for this business venture.

“This is going to be fun,” he said. “I’ve had great community support and I think everyone will benefit from having this business running again.”

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Like the opening day, store hours have not officially been set yet. Jack has tentatively set hours 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays.

A grand opening celebration is planned for later this month.