

Family & Locally Owned

Food Center

Food Center, in Malvern, serves the Hot Spring County community with gratitude and appreciation to the patrons that keep them up and running.

They never fail to offer excellent customer service, a clean and friendly environment to shop in, and top-quality products for their customers.

The Food Center family has been a vital part of the community ever since John Banks first opened the grocery store back in 1949. The favored home-town supermarket features a full line of supermarket products. Pantry items, frozen goods, dairy, and general merchandise to name a few. Don't forget the full-service deli/bakery, butcher shop with fresh meats that are ground and cut daily, and a fresh produce selection.

Food Center also has a modern website that offers customers the option to online shop for curbside pickup. On the website, you can also find digital coupons that can be redeemed on online orders or in-store. You also have access to their weekly ad that's updated each week.

John Banks' son, Bob, is the current owner. Bob provides a steady source of income and great working environment to about 55 local residents, including two of his children, Kristin and Matt,

whom he guides with crucial knowledge he gained from his father.

"John Banks was a great mentor", Bob said. "Everything I've learned about the grocery business came from him and I'm certain that was the best place to have received it"

Bob has always been grateful for the guidance he received from his father and wanted the same for his children.

Like Bob, Kristin has worked her way up in the company as the years have passed. 21 years ago, she started out as a cashier as she worked for her bachelor's degree in business administration. After 12 years of first-hand experience on the sales floor, she took on the task of store manager, in 2015. Since then, she has made her way her way up to book keeping, to learn the "behind the scenes" of running a grocery store.

Matt also started out as a cashier. Over the course of 16 years, he has managed the frozen section, dairy section, and filled in when needed in the produce department. For many years, he was also the assistant store manager. Currently, he is the active store manager.

Bob has put in over 50 years at the Food Center, 30 of those under his father's

wing.

"My dad built a successful business that I think has become a staple in this town," Bob said. "And luckily, I've been able to keep it going. I've enjoyed having the opportunity of watching my children grow through the same process I did with this store."

Food Center has stayed in business for decades, despite many obstacles. "I can't count how many chain stores have come and gone in this town" Bob said. "I'm thankful to our loyal customers, throughout the years, that have allowed us to stay in business." Kristin added "and we will always have competitors like Supercenter and Dollar General to worry about. Knowing what our customers don't like about those stores motivates us to excel in those areas; A clean and spacious store to shop in, with a fast and friendly checkout"

"The most difficult challenge, at the moment, is high prices" Bob added. "We all know that everything is so high right now, especially groceries. Unfortunately, it's just the way our economy is right now." "And we just want our customers to know that we are doing the best we can to mitigate that problem. At the very least, we can assure them that they will always have a clean and

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friendly store to come to." Matt added. "Knowing our customers have other options in town, we believe it's our obligation to uphold that reputation." Kristin said.

The Food Center has pro-

vided the community with countless jobs, continual access to needed grocery and accessory items, and a sense of small-town satisfaction for its faithful customers who have kept them in business

though thick and thin for 75 years.

The Food Center is located at 534 S. Main St. in Malvern and is open Monday-Saturday, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., and Sundays 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Doss Garage

Doss Garage, located at 1322 E. Page Ave. in Malvern, has been in business and working hard for their customers for 68 years now, ever since Manuel Doss opened the business in 1958.

Manuel retired long ago, but his son, Rick Doss, now runs the operation, with help from a small handful of employees. Doss Garage offers quality auto repair and maintenance service for a wide array of makes and models, and their expert service has earned them accreditation with the Better Business Bureau.

Just look at their reviews on Google, and you'll see why the community has kept Doss Garage in business for so many years:

"Great pricing and great service."

"Good prices and good people."



"Almost the entire town uses this place because they are the best."

Doss Garage has kept customers coming back because they do great work, simple as that. Many of their earliest customers still return to get their vehicles maintained year after year.

Employees at Doss Garage say their business has been successful because of the re-

peat business that's made possible due to of their honesty, quality service and fair prices.

Having issues with your automobile? Let Doss Garage help! They can help with all sorts of common auto issues or maintenance needs.

Individuals looking for auto repair assistance can contact Doss Garage at 501-337-7312.

J. A. Funk Funeral Home

J. A. Funk Funeral Home, located at 218 Ash Street in Malvern, is owned and operated by John Allan Funk. It is a fully staffed, full-service facility that more than meets the needs of those it serves and allows its clientele the opportunity to customize the funeral ceremony.

For those who want to arrange funerals in advance of need, the experienced staff is ready to assist in any way it can to ease the burden on a family. J. A. Funk Funeral Home's insurance and pre-paid funeral plans are underwritten by Security Plan Life Insurance Company in Little Rock.

Funk is a fourth-generation Hot Spring County native. His late father, Bill Funk, who was Malvern's chief of police for many years, was also a licensed funeral director, and his older brother, Jim, who recently retired back to Arkansas, gives his younger brother a helping hand working funeral services from time to time.

"Our goal is, and will continue to be, to offer unsurpassed service, top-quality merchandise, and the most affordable prices available. Our staff is all local. It's people who grew up in Malvern. When you walk in our door, you see familiar faces and

already know the names. We feel that this is very important, and makes a great deal of difference. We simply want the honor of being your funeral directors," said Funk.

J. A. Funk Funeral Home is a member of the Malvern-Hot Spring County Chamber of Commerce, the National Funeral Directors Association, the Arkansas Funeral Directors Association, and the Better Business Bureau.

The funeral home staff is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Regular business hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and as needed after hours and on weekends.

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- ❖ Pre-planning Services
- ❖ Personalized Family Care
- ❖ Traditional and Non-traditional Services
- ❖ Out-of-town Services
- ❖ Cremation Services



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