

# Paint Creek Market



The Paint Creek Market in Goodison was moved to its current location in the 1950s, having previously been located further down Orion Road. In the early 1960s, Robert Crebassa (owner of the business next door) purchased the building from the owners of Lyon Gear, but the market itself continued to be run by other owners. Later on, in the early 1990s, Crebassa's business was sold to Lyon Gear, and is now their headquarters.

In 1967, Robert Crebassa's daughter, Karen Acree, and her husband, William (Bo) Acree purchased the Paint Creek Market building from her dad, and the market business from Hilton McNeil. The Acrees were newlyweds when they bought the store and worked 13 hour days, 7 days a week to grow their business. Bo's parents used to drive to Goodison from Huntington Woods to make dinner and work in the store to give them some time off, and allow them to have a "date night".

The store was very slow in the early days and to supplement their income, Bo ended up going into construction. They lived in an apartment behind the store, so Karen would stay home to work the store and take care of her children. Karen and Bo's children, Kim and Shannon, were literally raised in the store. As soon as Kim was old enough, Karen would station her at the cash register with access to a buzzer (to call her when beer customers came in) while she would do the bookwork and other chores in the apartment. The girls were even taught how to do addition and subtraction using coins from the cash register. The store was often an extension of the Acrees kitchen, and babysitters had unlimited access to sweets while the parents were away.

Over the years, many family and friends have worked in the store. There are currently four generations of the family involved. Bo still helps get groceries and Karen does bookwork and shopping, and even Grandma Acree puts time in at the store as well.

Nick-named "The Little Store", the Paint Creek Market is a successful local business and a place where kids can go after school for candy, and adults can go after a long day at work for basic home necessities. It is still family-owned and run, and a popular spot for all ages.

Shannon 1972



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