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## Cronise Market wins Business of the Year Award

by Barb Dye

**W**e are very appreciative," said Bonnie Pereschuk, owner of the Cronise Market Place and the Olde Homestead, about winning the Washington County Small Business of the Year Award.

"I was happily surprised we were nominated," added Cliff Pereschuk, Bonnie's husband and co-owner. "I was excited just to be in the final three. To win the award makes us appreciate the community, our staff members and customers—they're the reason we have achieved this award."

Cronise Market Place started as a fruit stand in 1928 by Bonnie's grandfather and is the oldest business operating in Boonsboro. Bonnie and Cliff took over in 1996 and have created the store as we know it today: a country market with fresh local produce, flowers, herbs and vegetable plants, along with lawn and garden decor.

In 2011, they opened the Olde Homestead right next door in the house that Bonnie grew up in. This store specializes in country decor, lighting fixtures, linens and furniture as well as gifts and crafts.

"The biggest thing I feel excited about," said Cliff, "is that Bonnie lived here growing up and worked in the market. She has put in so much effort to make these businesses successful. It's in her heart and soul."

While the Market Place is a reminder of the way it was done when Bonnie was a kid, she wants her customers to know that they're keeping up with the times. "Our website is under construction, and we are on Facebook," she said. "We love to hear from our customers."

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Cliff and Bonnie Pereschuk and Brenton Welty stand in the Olde Homestead with the Washington County Small Business of the Year Award. —Citizen/Barb Dye