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Frenchman Valley Coop (FVC) will operate gas pumps at the former Bart's Corner in Imperial, with the possibility of opening a convenience store on the site.

FVC purchased the property at the corner of Highways 6 and 61 several weeks ago.

FVC Manager Doug Ohlson said it will take a "good 60 days" to get the existing gas pumps up and running. "The works of the pumps need to be updated and software installed," he explained.

The pumps will be run by credit card for now, Ohlson said. "If we get to the point we open a convenience store, then customers can walk in with cash," he added.

"Our first focus is getting the pumps updated and in service. We need to clean it up out there," Olson said.

The manager said FVC purchased the property because although FVC already has pumps and a convenience store on Broadway, "It's just a little more convenient for truck traffic out there. It's a pretty visible corner for Imperial, with lots of traffic out there."

Bart's Corner, owned by Southwind Six Bar Six LLC, opened in August 2011 and closed early in 2013.