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BY TAYLOR SISK

“We did not live in Carrboro, thank God,” Daphne Athas wrote in her essay “The Romance of Poverty,” continuing a theme she’d pursued in her memoir Chapel Hill in Plain Sight: Notes from the Other Side of the Tracks. There she wrote, “I was glad that our Shack was technically inside the Chapel Hill limits, which spared me from the ouch of being from Carrboro.”

Oh, but that was just her first impression. She came around, Athas did, came around to loving Carrboro, where she’s made her home for decades now, exposed to its magic by her first boyfriend, Wayne, a mill-town boy with high ambitions. Carrboro had a reputation, a gritty one, that Athas came to learn only defined the surface.

We now take pride in having once had that reputation. We’ve most all come around to Carrboro – once a mill town, once an undergrad bedroom community, now a...

We’ve come around to the understanding that Carrboro is hard to describe, has no singularly defining feature, is, rather, a bunch of jumbly parts, conjoined piecemeal. It could be argued that we’ve always had something of a purloining nature, we Carrborites, appropriating a little of this and that, then making it distinctly our own. The composite seems to work.

Technically, geographically speaking, Chapel Hill is the college town. But we’re the destination, aren’t we? We’ve arrived, and now stand poised for a future that none of us can predict, but that promises to be something different, something Carrboro.

“One hot night past 2 a.m. in the summer of 1941 when Wayne and I were returning to Wayne’s house from the library,” Athas writes, “we crossed over the railroad tracks and turned from the paved Carrboro Main Street onto the dirt road that was Weaver Street. In the fork, the wooden post office was dark. The town was fast asleep, not a whine even from flea-ridden dogs dreaming beneath the millhouses. We were conscious of our power. We could do anything. …

“Above, the trees soughed. Our subversion expanded upward to the branches above, the same ones that stretch their arms out today on the mill lawn. The breeze was making them curvy and swing. Either we were creating an invisible presence or we had joined in the trees’ ‘life.’

Downtown doesn’t much resemble the streets of Athas’s youth – we’ve hosed off the grit – nor will it look much the same in a decade or two.

Those trees have grown old, some of them threatened by nature’s forces. But they continue to help delineate our space, define us, joining in our lives. Beneath them music echoes, and will continue to do so, an ever-evolving melody.

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CATHY WILSON,
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I love Carrboro because it continually challenges me, to improve, to practice good intentions, to seek the best in myself and others. The energy of this place drives me in a positive direction. And, it’s just a really cool place with great food, music, art and a great quality of life!

Carrboro’s Fire Station Number Two serves the northern part of town.

Carrboro Town Hall

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Fleet Feet changes hands but remains in Carrboro

Jeff Phillips and Fleet Feet Inc. partnered with Investors Management Corporation to acquire Fleet Feet Sports from Tom Raynor and Specialty Retail Development Company on June 1, 2012. Phillips, newly appointed president and CEO of the combined companies, heads up the management team of Fleet Feet, which continues to call Carrboro home from its Main Street corporate offices.

Carrboro on the Edge

CHANGE IS AFOOT ON THE WESTERN TIP OF THE TRIANGLE

BY SUSAN DICKSON

You don’t have to be a development expert to see that change is afoot in Carrboro.

A quick glance at the skyline provides a glimpse of the most obvious change – the 300 East Main development – that’s been under construction since March 2012. The long-awaited groundbreaking was several years in the making, as the board of aldermen gave the project their stamp of approval in 2008. The recession certainly took its toll on development in Carrboro, with several approved projects postponed indefinitely, but the eagerly anticipated launch of 300 East Main seemed to signify that things were turning around – and changing.

The massive project includes the redevelopment of properties extending from the intersection of Main and Boyd streets near Nice Price Books to the municipal parking lot on the corner of Main and Roberson streets. But the biggest transformation will likely come from the first phase of the project, which includes a 142-room Hampton Inn and Suites – Carrboro’s first hotel – and a 300-space, six-level parking deck, also the first of its kind in town.

The hotel building will include 18,100 square feet of retail/restaurant space on the ground floor, room for six to nine tenants. Additional phases of the project will include a five-story retail and office space near the train tracks and redevelopment of the building that houses Cat’s Cradle, Fleet Feet and Amante Gourmet Pizza.

“I think that it’s going to have a great impact,” said Annette Stone, Carrboro’s economic development director. “It’s going to sort of change the functionality of the downtown. There’s already a lot of people downtown, but it’s going to add more people that are visitors.”

Laura Van Sant of Main Street Properties, the developer of the project, said she hopes the project will also provide more space that’s needed downtown.

“We’ve said from the beginning that we don’t want to change Carrboro so much as provide more space for what happens in Carrboro,” she said. “We’re providing more of what’s already there … with the exception of the hotel.”

Van Sant said Hampton Inn and Suites is predicting 200 guests per night will stay in the hotel, which would certainly add some visitors to downtown.

“Think it’ll be good for all the surrounding businesses,” she said. “I think it’ll be a big boom for everybody in the area.”

With 300 East Main leading the way, it’s likely Carrboro will see additional projects coming along, Stone said.

“I think it’s really going to spark some other projects that maybe haven’t moved along as fast, or maybe new projects,” Stone said.

Also on the horizon is the redevelopment of the PTA Thrift Shop, approved in 2012 by the board of aldermen, bringing a change to the west end of downtown.

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Another project possibly coming to downtown Carrboro is Shelton Station, a two-building, 110,000-square-foot development on 2.7 acres at 404, 406 and 500 N. Greensboro St. and 113 Parker St. A two-story building with commercial property would face North Greensboro Street and a four-story building, set back from the first and running perpendicular to Parker Street, would house residential units with parking below them.

Stone said she anticipates that Carrboro will see infill development as well as other projects as construction picks back up.

"There are areas that are clearly prime for redevelopment," Stone said.

Developers have already started looking into the Lloyd property across from Carrboro Plaza, proposing a project anchored by a high-end grocery store, and CVS representatives are well into the process of developing plans for a proposed two-story project on the corner of Weaver and North Greensboro streets downtown.

Commercial growth continues in the Winmore community on Carrboro’s northern edge.

Shelton Station architectural rendering
CARRBORO CITIZENS

Sara Gress stands in front of her store on West Main Street.

Jeff Herrick and Michelle Johnson in front of their home on Center Street. Michelle serves on Carrboro’s Board of Aldermen.
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Jim Dennis can be found tiptoeing around the Music Loft on West Main Street.

Rodney White, manager of Southern States, takes a break from tending his flowers.

Robert Dowling and the Community Home Trust staff having fun in front of their office on Jones Ferry Road.
In his book *The 100 Best Small Art Towns in America*, John Villani called Carrboro one of North America’s most vibrant art communities. “It’s one of the best examples I’ve found,” Villani said. “It oozes art from every alley and open space. I understand why artists want to live there.”

Capturing Carrboro’s spirit in their art, the streets of the “Paris of the Piedmont” are filled with painters, sculptors, photographers, fiber artists and other artistic residents. Art from these local talents can be found almost everywhere around town, from front lawns to murals on the sides of buildings, and are on display year-round at local galleries, eateries and coffee shops like Looking Glass Café and Boutique (lookingglasscanteen.com), Acme Food and Beverage Co. (acmecarrboro.com) and Open Eye Café (openeyecafe.com).

During warmer weather, the 2ndFriday Artwalk (2ndfridayartwalk.com) presents local and regional artists on display at downtown businesses of all varieties. Check the website for dates and venues.

While Carrboro’s picturesque old-mill-town-turned-thriving-downtown setting and friendly and quirky residents help to cultivate, inspire and support local artists, at the heart of this artistic community is a landmark organization – The ArtsCenter.

Whether supporting artists through gallery shows, providing them with jobs or encouraging those with artistic inclinations, The ArtsCenter (artscenterlive.org) is a comprehensive core, focusing on education, performances and fostering creativity and community.

Under the guidance of new executive director Art Menius, The ArtsCenter is looking forward to an upcoming year filled with new artist series, classes and collaborations. In looking to the future, it’s important to acknowledge The ArtsCenter’s recent past, and give a nod to those who helped the center climb out of significant debt.

“I know a lot of people would want to hear about the past and the center losing money,” said Tess Mengum Ocaña, the ArtsCenter’s concerts and facility director, who is celebrating her 10th year with The ArtsCenter.

Although Ocaña said she likes to focus on the center’s present and exciting future, she understands people want to hear The ArtsCenter’s “Rocky Balboa story.”

Menius said he attributes the financial reversal to Jay Miller, the board and staff of the center and the generous support of the Nicholson Foundation and other funders and ArtsCenter friends.

“The ArtsCenter is once again the best investment in the arts in our community,” Menius said.

“As the new executive director, my job is to keep this forward momentum moving,” Menius said.

The center has expanded its class offerings – currently, The ArtsCenter welcomes visitors to performances, exhibitions and classes.

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The ArtsCenter - Carrboro's Living Room

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Ocaña has created a new meet-the-artist series featuring five concerts, where a select number of concertgoers will be able to enjoy an intimate setting to meet artists after the show. The series will feature artists such as Los Lonely Boys, Judy Collins and Roger McGuinn, a founding member of The Byrds.

“Why only have 355 seats,” Ocaña said. “I've booked some really big names to be playing in an intimate venue. It's going to totally blow people's minds.”

In addition to big-name musicians, The ArtsCenter stage will also host the premieres of two new plays and serve as the North Carolina site for a national theatrical festival, “44 Plays for 44 Presidents.”

With its wide variety of offerings, it’s no wonder The ArtsCenter is responsible for attracting creative types to Carrboro, which Menius called “an artistically vital, thriving, progressive community.”

“At the fulcrum of [Carrboro’s] growth has been The ArtsCenter,” Menius said, “drawing and keeping creative folks from across the state and across the country, turning a tired, worn-down old mill town into the thriving arts community Carrboro is today.”

ArtsCenter classes draw young and old alike. PHOTO BY ALEX MANESS
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**West End Poetry Festival**
Sunday, October 20, 2012; 12–8 pm
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**Independence Day Celebration**
Thursday, July 4, 2013; 9:30 am–3 pm
various venues

**Carrboro Film Festival**
Sunday, November 18, 2012; 1–7 pm
Century Center

**Carrboro Day**
Sunday, May 5, 2013; 1–6 pm
Town Commons

**West End**

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**MUSIC ON THE STREET**
September 24 – 28, 2012; nightly 6–8 pm
Various venues
A program of free "front porch" style concerts leading up to the Music Festival. Each night will feature a different style of music from jazz to rock. Immediately following the one-hour concert will be an open jam session. The public is encouraged to bring instruments to play in the jam sessions.

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Sunday, October 7, 2012; 6:30–7 pm
Wilson Park Tennis Courts

STORIES UNDER THE STARS
Friday, October 19, 2012; 6:30–7 pm
Carrboro Commons

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
Sunday, October 21, 2012; 5–7 pm
OAKWOOD MALL

TOWN TREE LIGHTING
Friday, December 7, 2012; 6 pm
Town Hall

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Music
The lifeblood of Carrboro

The lifeblood of Carrboro

By Rose Laudicina

“[There are always 100 bands that I’m not even familiar with that are making noise this week or next week,” Cat’s Cradle co-owner Frank Heath said of the local music scene. “I feel like there is such a large scale or matrix that I don’t think anybody can really get their head around what is going on around here artistically.”

The lawn in front of Weaver Street Market is a popular venue for both official and informal performances. During warmer months, After Hours on the Lawn (Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.) and the Jazz & More Brunch (Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.) attract music-loving fans of all ages.

Other restaurants and cafes throughout town regularly offer live music, with performances at Southern Rail (thestationcarrboro.com), Jesse’s Coffee & Bar (jesseiscoffeecom) and others. The ArtsCenter (artscenecarrboro.com) is bringing in theater performances, also draws big musical acts from around the country.

Music aficionados nationwide have been coming to Carrboro for quite some time to hear music, and one of their favorite locations is the nationally known music club Cat’s Cradle (catcradle.com). Affectionately known as the Cradle’s owners 26 years ago, Heath said.

Included in the club’s renovations was work to the stage, adding six inches so that more people could get a good view of the musicians. That stage hosts a wide variety of acts, from big names and top up-and-coming acts from around the country and the world to well-known and soon-to-be-known local acts.

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Since taking over as one of the Cradle’s owners 25 years ago, Heath said he has seen the local music scene grow as the area has become a desirable place for bands to stay and further their careers.

“We used to have a situation when I first started doing the Cradle where a lot of people lived in Nashville or would go to L.A. to further their careers, musicians specifically, but I don’t see that happening anymore,” Heath said. “People feel like they can accomplish more and remain based in this area. And as more musicians choose to make Carrboro their home, the options for seeing new local bands have increased, covering all genres.

“I always like that there is a richness to the scene here, where there is a lot besides just rock bands,” Heath said. “There are also a lot of people that are experimenting doing complex types of music. … I always feel like there is always another corner to turn and find out something new.”

This premier concert venue is consistently ranked on local and national lists as one of the best places to see live music. The Cradle has been hosting music lovers for more than 30 years, and with recent renovations they’re now able to pack in even more patrons.

“I feel like this town every week is becoming more of a center of activity for the area,” Heath said.

To accommodate the number of people coming to Carrboro both from inside and outside the Triangle, Heath, who co-owns the club with Billy Johnson, changed the layout of the club, increasing the Cradle’s capacity by around 100 people.

Although major renovations were completed in August 2011, Heath says he’s still moving things around and making slight changes. “[We’re] sort of in a transitional period and still putting pieces together. … It’s been sort of a process.”

Heath suggests that there are more changes to be made to the Cradle, “some iron in the fire,” but isn’t naming any specific projects yet.

Renovations and changes aside, Heath and his staff will be very busy in the upcoming year. “We have some ideas for new initiatives and we already have a whole bunch of shows keeping people busy,” Heath said.

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Preston Mooney has been greeting Carrboro residents for years at the post office on West Main Street.

Alex Mirikwe at CSC carpet on West Main Street encourages everyone to come by and see what he calls the oldest tree in Carrboro. It blocks easy viewing of his business, but he refuses to cut it down.
Carrboro Farmers’ Market

A LOT MORE THAN FOOD

BY SUSAN DICKSON

The words “farmers’ market” hardly come close to describing all the goings-on at the Carrboro Town Commons on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Sure, the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is, after all, a farmers’ market – and a darn fine one at that. But in its nearly 35 years of service to this community, it’s become much more than just a place to buy high-quality farm-fresh products; it’s become a truly integral part of the Carrboro community.

The Carrboro Farmers’ Market is one of the oldest farmer-owned and operated markets in the country, delighting locals and visitors alike since 1976. Featuring an extensive variety of produce, flowers, prepared foods, crafts, meats and cheeses, the market also boasts specialty items like locally raised hens, naturally fermented kimchis and fine wines, all produced within a 50-mile radius of Carrboro.

Attend a couple of markets and you’re sure to see familiar faces – your neighbors, local elected officials and visitors from our neighbor to the east – as well as the ever-smiling Sarah Blacklin, manager of the market.

In recent years, Blacklin has worked to enhance the market with a number of programs – like classes on canning and winemaking – and community partnerships.

“We’re taking our partnerships to a different level, I think,” Blacklin said. “We really want to continue to work with local businesses and get people not just at the market, but supporting our local businesses as well.”

The market builds a number of events throughout the year – the most popular of which is Tomato Day, of course – focusing on various types of produce, the creations of local chefs and kid-friendly activities, like pumpkin painting.

“We rely heavily on the wonderful community we have,” Blacklin said, adding that she hopes to grow relationships within the community as the market continues to build in coming years.

For instance, the market has partnered up with UNC Health Care to bring back a program through which the market will match up to $5 in EBT dollars, formerly known as food stamps. In addition, the market works with Farmer Foodshare to bring donated fresh produce to those in need.

“The more that we can … incentivize different groups that come to the market and enrich our market, the better,” Blacklin said.

In coming years, Blacklin said she hopes to hold more community-building events like potlucks with farmers and members of the community, where market shoppers can get to know the farmers they buy food from. One of the unique things about the Carrboro Farmers’ Market is that farmers are required to present to sell their products at the market, “so every time you buy your food, you’re buying it from the farmer, from the knowledge source,” Blacklin said. “It’s an educational experience.”

Leah Cook, who owns Cedar Grove’s Wild Hare Farm with Mark Thomas, said she’s noticed an increased interest in exactly where market products come from over the last several years, and I think that’s always been kind of a signature of the Carrboro Farmers’ Market.

“I think interest in who grows your food and how your food is grown has really increased,” she said. “I think the desire to make a connection with the farmers has strengthened over the last several years, and I think that’s always been kind of a signature of the Carrboro Farmers’ Market.”

“We really appreciate the customer support and value those relationships tremendously,” she added.

The market is also a place where our fine local chefs can often be found, shopping for the products that will later become the nightly specials on restaurant tables.

“Chefs have always shopped at the market,” Cook said, adding that she’s seen an increase in the number of chefs regularly shopping at the market over the past 10 years.

Cook noted Kevin Callaghan of Acme and Matt and Sheila Neal of Neal’s Dali as just a few of the regular chefs shopping both Wednesday and Saturday markets. When they’re not shopping, the market, chefs are sometimes seen underneath the market gazebos, cooking up samples of their fare using fresh market products.

For as many as 5,000 visitors to the market, those tasty samplings – and everything else the market has to offer – have surely not gone unnoticed; after all, they keep coming back for more.

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Dan Graham from Graham Family Farm

Carrboro Farmers’ Market

CATHY AND MICHAEL PERRY OF PERRY-WINKLE FARM

Farmers’ Market manager Sarah Blacklin, right, with assistant manager Erin Heiderman

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Abraham Palmer of Box Turtle Bakery comes to market on his bicycle.

Volunteers Phil Hanson, Marie Billerach and Susan Spalt chop rapidly to stay ahead of the hungry crowd at Tomato Day.
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For more information on Town Commons usage please visit townofcarrboro.org/ Townwide/Documents/ TownCommonsUsePolicy.pdf

Carrboro's Century Center offers numerous meeting rooms and Century Hall (complete with grand piano) as rental spaces.
Kids and dads enjoy the swings at Wilson Park. Photo by ALEX MANESS

Carrboro is full of parks. Miles of trails and paths wind through the town, and top-notch facilities for any number of athletic and otherwise outdoor-oriented endeavors.

The Adams Tract, in the words of The Citizen’s Ken Moore, “provides access to the quiet warmth of pine needle-dusted trails” leading “down through an oak-hickory forest, with flourishes of beech, sweetgum and more. This is connected to Bolin Creek.”

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Abby and Cammie Blake cool off with snow cones.

Terri Turner is business manager of Weaver Street Realty. She also serves as chair of the Economic Sustainability Commission for the Town of Carrboro.

Linda Bourne and Karin Mills own the Spotted Dog restaurant, located at the intersection of East Main and East Weaver.
Walking
Over the past decade, Carrboro has greatly expanded its network of sidewalks and is now one of North Carolina’s most pedestrian-friendly towns. Carrboro parks also include multi-use trails ideal for a stroll or a run. The downtown area in particular has numerous crosswalks, and traffic signals are equipped with crossing timers for pedestrian use. Walking Carrboro is a favorite pastime of residents and visitors alike.

Biking
Carrboro has more than 20 miles of bike lanes, and in 2004 was named an official Bicycle Friendly Community. There are also several dedicated bikeways, including the Libba Cotton Bikeway, which leads from downtown to Cameron Avenue in Chapel Hill, providing a direct access to the UNC campus. Whether you’re commuting or just out for a cruise, Carrboro is a great place for a bike ride. Download a map of maintained bikeways at townofcarrboro.org/GIS/downloads/printmap/bikeway.pdf.

Free Buses
Carrboro reserves public transportation service from Chapel Hill Transit, which provides free rides in Carrboro, Chapel Hill and the UNC campus. This service includes park and ride lots in Carrboro at Jones Ferry Road and Carrboro Plaza. Other services include the EZ Rider system for riders with disabilities, the Safe Ride program and special buses to Carolina basketball and football games. Routes serving Carrboro include F, J, CH, CW and JTA.

Parking
Can’t get where you’re going in Carrboro by foot, bike or bus? Craving a late-night visit to downtown Carrboro? Downtown Carrboro has more than 300 spaces in six parking lots that are both convenient and free. All lots have handicapped spaces available. See map for parking options in downtown Carrboro.

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   28 spaces
5. 303 W Weaver St
   25 spaces
6. 108 Laurel Ave
   20 spaces
7. Century Center
   25 spaces
8. Town Hall
   40 spaces

CARRBORO MUNICIPAL PARKING MAP
Frequently Requested Information

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CARRBORO BRANCH LIBRARY - McDOUGLE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Monday - Thursday: 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Closed Friday
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
In addition to its lending library, the branch offers computer classes and a weekly story time on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 6-15. It also features local art exhibits through the Carrboro Branch Library Arts Program. Use of this branch requires a separate library card.

CARRBORO CYPBRARY - CARRBORO CENTURY CENTER
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Monday - Thursday: 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m.
Closed Friday
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
The Cybrary is a branch of the Orange County Public Libraries and is located inside the Century Center. The facility has five public computer stations (including assistive technology for people with hearing or visual impairments), numerous newspapers, magazines, books, audio books, a copier and a fax machine.

MC sits at computer, looking at screen.

Cohen McDaniel plays on the track while waiting for his parents to run the Four on the 4th road race in Carrboro.
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If you collect your recycling in a plastic bag, please empty the contents in your recycling bin before placing the bag at the curb.

Never mix recycling items. Please sort your recyclables into the single materials categories of:

Plastic
Deluxe #1 (clear or black plastic), #4 (white), #5 (clear)

Cans and Tags

Newspapers

Cereal Boxes, Milk Cartons

Magazines and Phonebooks

Mixed Paper (junk mail, office paper)

Corrugated Cardboard

Electronic Waste

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Paint

Pesticides

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<td>Drew Moore, chef/owner at one of Carrboro’s newest restaurants, Venable Rotisserie Bistro in Carr Mill.</td>
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## Citizens

- David Summer and The Famers Corner have been a fixture on West Main Street for more than 30 years.

- Mac Fitch of Fitch Lumber and Hardware wants everyone to know his flag was made in the USA.
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