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What do I like about downtown Highland? One of my favorite things is the summer carnival that comes around every year! I love the amount of family-friendly things that you can do there. Every year, I go with my friends and family spending hours on the rides until the carnival closes. This past summer, I went with my mom and one of my friends. After we got our wristbands, my friend and I went on a few rides and got some food. We went on ride after ride until we had to leave, and we had a great night, and I hope the town continues to hold the carnival.

One of my other favorite things about downtown Highland is the library. I would always do the summer reading challenge each year. I went to the library a lot with my dad until the pandemic started. My older brother and I would do the Lego club at the library every chance we got. My favorite part about the Lego club was I got to be a part of something fun in my town, but I also get to show off what we would have built each time we met. I participated in about every event I could, no matter the topic. I always enjoyed looking for books and reading them for hours on end. I would go back as soon as I could, so I could then return them to find something new and interesting to read. This past year, I was hoping I could start volunteering at the library because I am finally old enough to do so. When my dad had told me that the library had been unable to have teens volunteer this year, that made me so sad because the library makes me so happy. I can only hope I will be able to help out next year!

My third favorite thing about downtown Highland is the number of things you can do that is within walking distance from one another. When I was younger, I remember going down to the park in the main square with my mom and dad, or my grandparents. I also remember going to Sip with my dad during the summer, or sometimes after school. This past summer, I went to The Counter and got ice cream with my grandma, and we walked around town together. One time, I did the girl scout Christmas parade with my troop and it had started snowing while we were walking. There are so many other fun memories I've had downtown and I love the downtown area.