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Dinner with a waterfront view

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High wooden ceilings and a classic, rustic interior make up Charley's Waterfront Cafe, a restaurant tucked away and hidden off of Farmville's Main Street. Though affectionately called a "cafe," Charley's Waterfront is so much more than that. The restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with an array of desserts catered by Farmville's very own Mill Street Sweets Bakery.

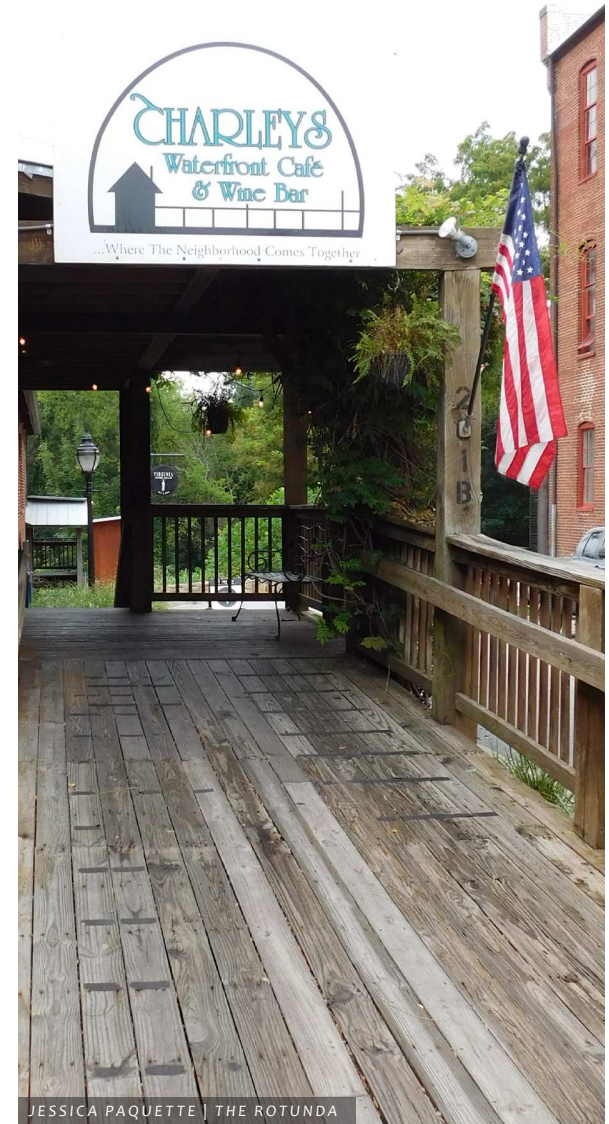
Charley's also offers live music as entertainment to their patrons and daily specials to cater to everyone who has the pleasure of stepping inside.

Charley's holds a significant place in many Farmville residents' hearts because it embodies the history and nature of the Town of Farmville, complete with signs and decorations filling the inside.

Not only does the interior of Charley's attract locals and new visitors, alike, but so does the breathtaking exterior and landscape of the restaurant. For this reason, customers can request to sit outside on the deck, overlooking one of Farmville's rivers.

Complete with multiple levels of seating, Charley's is a perfect spot to eat out with family and friends to simply enjoy and show them the beauty of Farmville while enjoying a meal.

Charley's Waterfront Cafe is located at 201 Mill Street and closes at 10 p.m. every night and opens at 11 a.m. Monday through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.



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An eating and leisure experience

by Kurt Martin | Sports Editor | @lamKurt14

Hotel Weyanoke, located across from French Hall at Longwood University, isn't only a hotel; the newly renovated building also serves as a social hub for students and members of the community alike.

While the age to be able to reserve a room in the hotel is 21, students can grab a bite to eat at Effingham's, which is located inside and accepts Lancer Cash. The name "Effingham's" comes from the historic Effingham Tavern, which was located in Cumberland, Virginia.

Beginning at 6:30 a.m., students can enjoy a full breakfast inside the restaurant which includes hot and iced coffee options.

For those looking for a quick lunch option in the middle of their day, Effingham's offers a Quick Lunch Combo which features a personal pizza and salad for only \$8.

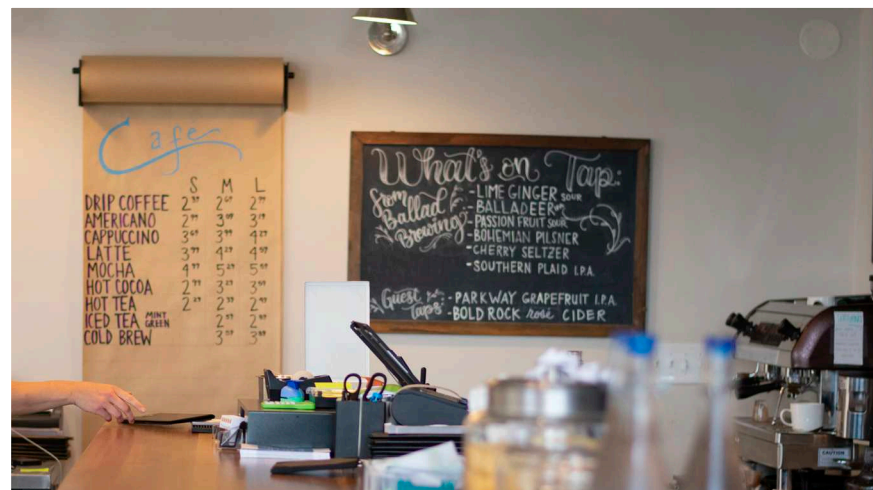
When dinner time rolls around and classes end for the day, the coal-fired oven is reignited and more fresh pizzas are made from local ingredients, according to the hotel's Food and Beverage Manager Sydney Notameni.

Notameni also noted a new menu is in the works, which will move toward a more European style with smaller portions and healthier options to choose from.

The restaurant offers a \$2 per pizza slice happy hour deal on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m., among other daily food specials.

For those not looking to fill an empty stomach, Hotel Weyanoke also offers the Catbird Rooftop Terrace which overlooks the whole Town of Farmville as a hub to study and relax while also enjoying the views. Tables, benches and seats are included with free Wi-Fi for those using the space.

The Hotel Weyanoke can be contacted at (434) 658-7500.



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A downtown hit since 1984

by LeDaniel Jackson | A&E Staff | @xidjoker500

Out of the many restaurants in Farmville, Macado's is one of the most popular eateries to choose from. First established in Roanoke, Virginia in 1978, the restaurant expanded to Farmville in 1984 and has also expanded to other college towns in Virginia.

The restaurant is known for its nostalgic decor and variety of sandwiches while also providing some great dessert choices such as milkshakes and Elvis with a Twist, a toasted croissant with peanut butter, banana slices, chocolate ice cream and whipped cream, paying homage to Elvis Presley.

On Mondays, Macado's has 10 wings for \$4.44 & Half-Price Hindenburg which includes a variety of sauce flavors from a normal mild flavor to Mango Habanero. On Tuesdays, children 12 and under eat for only \$1. Burgers are also knocked down to \$7.25 from their original price.

Wednesdays is Fiesta Fest at Macado's which provides nachos, quesadillas, Con Quesos and Chi-Chi's burritos and tacos. Thursday includes an abundance of deals like 39 cent boneless wings, half-price spinach & artichoke dip and 2-for-1 appetizers and quesadillas.

Sunday rounds out the weekly deals with another evening of 39 cent boneless wings.

The restaurant also takes Lancer CASH, ensuring that students don't always have to pay from their checking accounts for food.

Overall, Macado's is a popular place to unwind after classes and can be found at 200 East Third Street, behind the Longwood University Barnes & Noble bookstore.

A hidden BBQ joint

by Allison Turner | News Staff | @allisonkturner

Just about five miles down the road from Longwood University lies a restaurant which offers unique cuisine and the chance for Longwood students to try something new. The Fishin' Pig, located on Farmville Road, is considered a halfway point between Longwood and Hampden-Sydney College.

The restaurant offers a variety of food, specializing in various types of meat: burgers, brisket, fish and chicken, as well as fried food and sides such as french fries, hushpuppies and homemade slaw. They also offer allergy-friendly meals



for those that are vegetarian and gluten-free, such as caesar salads and macaroni and cheese.

The Fishin' Pig is the result of two restaurants that came to Farmville in the early 2000s. Matt Hurley opened Mulligan's Sports Grille in Farmville after relocating from Tennessee and then founded Grady's BBQ in 2006. Shortly thereafter, Shorty's Famous Seafood & Chicken Breeding was founded. In October 2012, the companies decided to combine their culinary concoctions together to create The Fishin' Pig, and it has been in business since 2013.

They are open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Students are also able to use Lancer CASH, a prepaid debit account, at The Fishin' Pig as well.



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Keeping up with the local eateries

by Taiya Jarrett | Opinions Staff | @ohsoootay

Considered one of the best gourmet burger joints in town due to its high Yelp reviews, North Street Press Club has become the talk of Farmville. Exposure has grown quickly as great first impressions have set the bar for high expectations, as it's provided a diverse range of eatery for all craved filled appetites.

As food prices tend to run from \$11 to \$15, the Press Club is rooted in international inspiration. They are well-known for

their exquisite Pad Tai and Vietnamese dish Banh Mi.

Aside from entertaining hungry taste buds, the well-received establishment also provides live entertainment at a budget-friendly cost, typically starting at \$5.

As incoming freshmen wave hello to their first year as a college student at Longwood University, they will be greeted with various food options that are not only within walking distance but also budget friendly.

A cozy corner for coffee

by Davina Applewhite | Opinions Staff | @longwoodrotunda

Situated on the Main Street strip amidst furniture and book stores, a quaint cafe where students and residents of Farmville go to socialize stands tall. Uptown Coffee Cafe has served the community since the summer of 2014 and has continued to thrive.

The cafe, typically called “Uptown” by locals, holds a significant amount of importance to the Farmville, but especially to the students of Longwood University. This is because the cafe was founded and opened by one of Longwood’s alumna, Jennifer Mattox.

Mattox graduated from Longwood in 2000 and, along with her husband, has given back to the university and the community by creating a place for others to come together.

Since its opening, Uptown has served a variety of flavored coffee and delicious

meals from breakfast to dinnertime. Dessert can also be acquired in the form of hearty scoops of ice cream or a plethora of pastries to those who enter Uptown’s doors.

The cafe doesn’t only supply nourishment to Farmville’s residents, but also regularly provides live music and hosts events like Open Mic Night to entertain them, as well as giving voices to smaller, local artists.

Whether those who sit between the charming brick walls are there to perform their favorite tune, complete a homework assignment or mingle with friends, Uptown has something for any and everyone to enjoy.

Uptown Coffee Cafe can be found on 236 N Main St., operating between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. from Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays.



TAYLOR O'BERRY | THE ROTUNDA

Starting the craft beer scene

by TJ Wengert | Managing Editor | @tjwengert

As one of the newer additions to Farmville after opening in September 2017, Third Street Brewing’s mission is to be a fun and relaxed environment for the community, as stated on their website.

Third Street is a spot for those who are of age to be able to drink locally-made craft beer since it's the first and only craft beer brewery in Farmville.

New beers rotate with the time and transition of seasons. However, a popular hit is the High Bridge Lager, and the sale proceeds go to maintaining Farmville’s High Bridge.

But even for those who aren’t 21 yet, there's still plenty of fun to be had. Third Street regularly has bands performing live, coupled with trivia and karaoke nights.

Inside, there are different games to play including Battleship, UNO and playing cards. Feeling hungry, but for a lighter fare? Third Street has hot and buttery popcorn to munch on for free.

After gaining popularity in Farmville, the brewery is currently working on opening a second location in Lynchburg.

With gained momentum, Third Street has also partnered with 16 different groups and organizations including Longwood University, Hampden-Sydney College, The Heart of Virginia Festival and Special Olympics Virginia.

Third Street Brewing is located at 312 West 3rd Street in Farmville, and can be contacted at (434) 315-0471.



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150 plus years of history

by Allison Turner | News Staff | @allisonkturner

Want to get out of your dorm and take a study break but don't know where to go? Then head on over to the High Bridge Trail, the longest recreational bridge in Virginia, located in and around Farmville.

The trail runs 31 miles long, and is generally a flat surface, which makes it easy for people to enjoy activities such as biking and hiking. Longwood students are able to rent bikes at various prices ranging from \$15 to \$60, for anywhere from two hours to a full day, depending on their needs. They are also able to walk onto the trail and hike for as long as they would like.

In the center of the trail lies the actual High Bridge, which stands more than 2,400 feet

long, according to their official website. High Bridge Trail was originally a rail bed, but has since been converted to the trail to connect people to nature and to help people, especially Longwood students, learn about its history.

The trail is open from dawn until dusk, and using the trail is free. Students are encouraged to take advantage of the warm days while they last to take a hike or a bike ride on the trail, and learn some more about what it means to Farmville.

Need a break from studying for that hard math test? Next time try going to the High Bridge Trail to see all it has to offer and learn something new.



Where the Lancers take charge

by Patrick Sanderson | Assistant Sports Editor | @psanderson20

The Longwood Athletics Complex, located on Johnston Drive nearly a mile off campus, plays host to both Longwood soccer programs, field hockey and lacrosse teams. Established in 2006, the complex named their field hockey and lacrosse field after the late Elizabeth Burger Jackson, a former Longwood faculty member, in 2016.

One of the more notable events to be held at the athletics complex is The G.A.M.E. (Greatest Athletics March Ever), which normally sees one of the soccer programs host their first game of the season and have hundreds of Longwood students march

from campus with specially-made scarves.

Willett Hall, located on Brock Commons, hosts the Longwood men's and women's Division I basketball programs. The court, named Jerome Kersey Court, recently hosted the men's first-ever NCAA postseason basketball game in March, defeating Southern Mississippi in the CBI tournament.

In a few years, the basketball programs will have a brand new home on campus. This past April, Longwood announced the construction of the Joan Perry Brock Center to host university events and basketball games.

Construction of the center is set to begin by Spring 2020, and the completion date has yet to be determined. The tennis courts, where the location of the new Brock center is set to be built, are planned to be moved next to the baseball field on Wynne Drive.

All Longwood Division I athletics are broadcasted nationally on ESPN+, a deal recently struck between them and the Big South Network, requiring a monthly subscription.



The town's shopping buzz

by Kurt Martin | Sports Editor | @lamKurt14

Upon arrival at Sleeping Bee, entrants are greeted by a vibrant setting of colorful options to brighten any room, while also adding opportunities to find unique gifts for a friend or special someone.

Sleeping Bee came to 301 North Main Street in Farmville in November 2006, and offers "a collection of distinctive gifts, personal accessories and home decor", according to their website.

The store carries the latest products from YETI, such as coolers and tumblers, along with apparel for both men and women while also showcasing the Puppie Love brand. Through their work with Puppie Love, Sleeping Bee donates \$3 from each t-shirt profit to the local Southside Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), which dedicates its time to the "welfare of companion animals in Southside Virginia", according to the SPCA website.

Along with YETI products, the store also carries big name-brands that are very popular for their demographic.

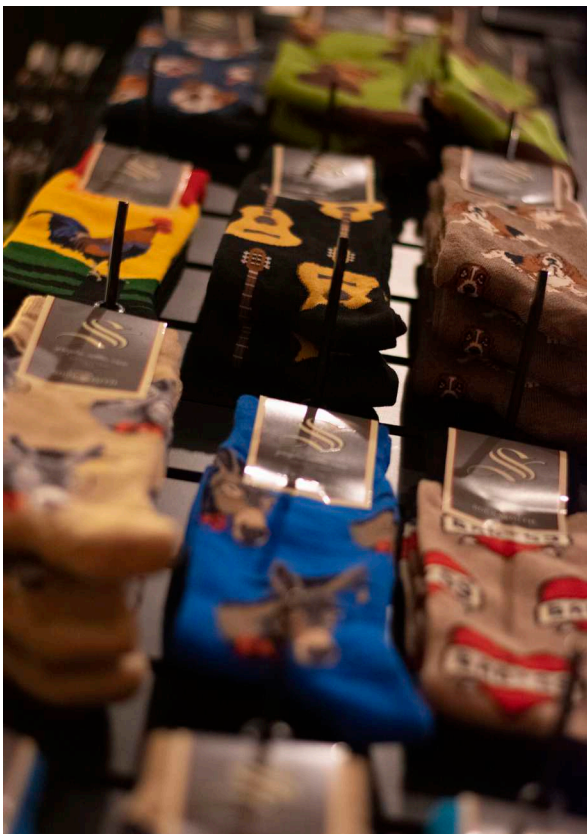
Craig Mills, co-owner of Sleeping Bee, said the items from Tervis, Socksmith and Anna Grace are also big hits with college students. There is a full display of Tervis options ranging from sports and college logos to decorative color designs and occupations. The Socksmith variety gives

customers a chance to express themselves through a wide selection of socks ranging from food to animals and more, while the Anna Grace brand is available in Comfort Colors fabrics and showcases different print designs on t-shirts.

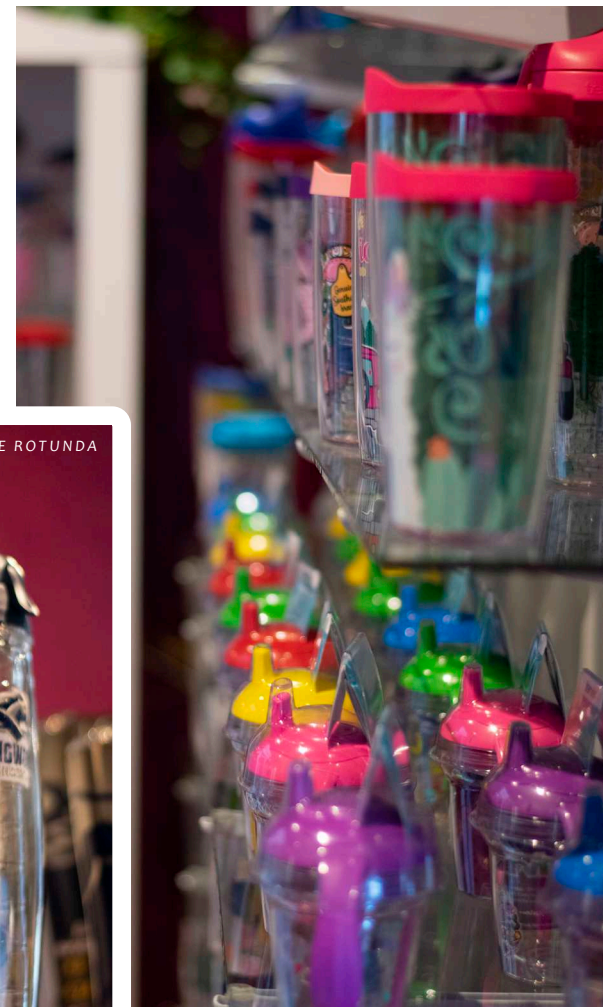
The products don't stop there as the Sleeping Bee also offers creative dinnerware, Longwood University and Hampden-Sydney College signage and decorative flags.

Mills said the store looks to have options for those both young and old, and is decorated according to season throughout the year.

The store can be contacted at (434) 395-1089, and is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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A staple of Farmville

by TJ Wengert | Managing Editor | @tjwengert

As a constant for more than 70 years on Main Street, Green Front Furniture originally opened as a grocery store named “Crallé Grocery”, after their owner Richard Crallé Sr.

After purchasing the neighboring businesses including one named “Green Front Grocery”, Crallé Sr. began selling furniture in his store and adopted the Green Front title.

Eventually Green Front would relocate as Crallé Sr. sold the buildings he bought and moved closer to the Appomattox River into what would become known as “Building One”.

With the move, Green Front went to being exclusively a furniture store.

Throughout its time in Farmville, Green Front has been a major source of tourist interest. Due to Farmville’s location in the center of Virginia, many have made their way into the town to see and shop at Green Front.

The store’s success has been one that has stayed within the Crallé family. The business started with Crallé Sr. and is now owned by his son Richard “Dickie” Crallé, who is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. All while Richard “Den” Crallé III is Green Front’s president.

Along with furniture, Green Front sells rugs, home goods and other accessories in the store.

While Green Front may not be on the radar for all college students as a place to shop, the store has done a lot as a part of the growth of Farmville.



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Farmville's Slice of Cinema

by Jacob DiLandro | A&E Editor | @spongejay1

Just around the corner from Macado's, there's a little theater most in Farmville know. While it doesn't have the glitz and glamour of a theater the size of an office building, Sunchase Cinema 8 has a special place in the hearts of many of Farmville's residents.

It's quaint with a laid back nature that invites casual conversation to emerge at every corner. It's the kind of place where it's easy to grab some popcorn before your movie and end up carrying on a conversation with whoever is working the concessions stand.

Sunchase's location also makes it the

perfect spot to catch dinner before or after your movie, since it's located right next to Musashi Asian Cuisine and Pizza World. Nearby is the similarly named Sunchase apartments, meaning that anyone who lives there, or anyone who is staying at the Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn next door, are only a five-minute walk away from a movie!

It may not have massive IMAX screens or overly fancy concessions, but Sunchase Cinema 8 is a special part of Farmville. When's the last time you went to a movie theater where you knew the box office attendant, the ticket taker, the manager or all three?

A place to strike a good time

by LeDaniel Jackson | A&E Staff | @xidjoker500

After opening in 1994, Main Street Lanes has remained one of the most entertaining places in town because it provides a plentiful amount of activities students can participate in.

There are 24 bowling lanes open each and every day. Not looking to bowl? They also have the largest arcade in the Town of Farmville.

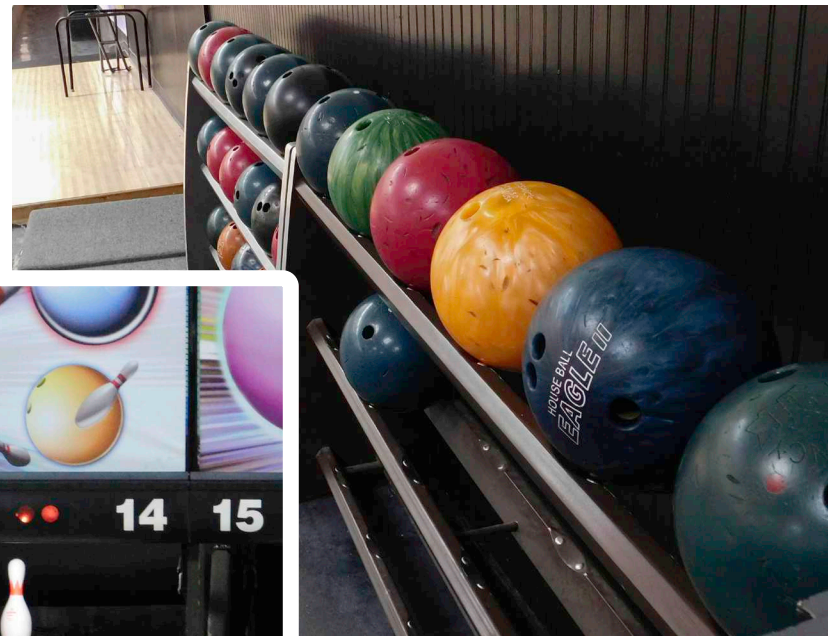
On Tuesdays, college students can bowl for \$5 on an all you can bowl basis with a valid student identification.

Main St. Lanes also provides homemade food to its customers. Their Homemade BBQ and chili are just a few of the popular items on their menu. Takeout options are also available for those looking to satisfy their hunger on the go.

Manager Wendy Boettcher said business at the bowling alley increases when students are back from break and their employees enjoy having the students' presence.

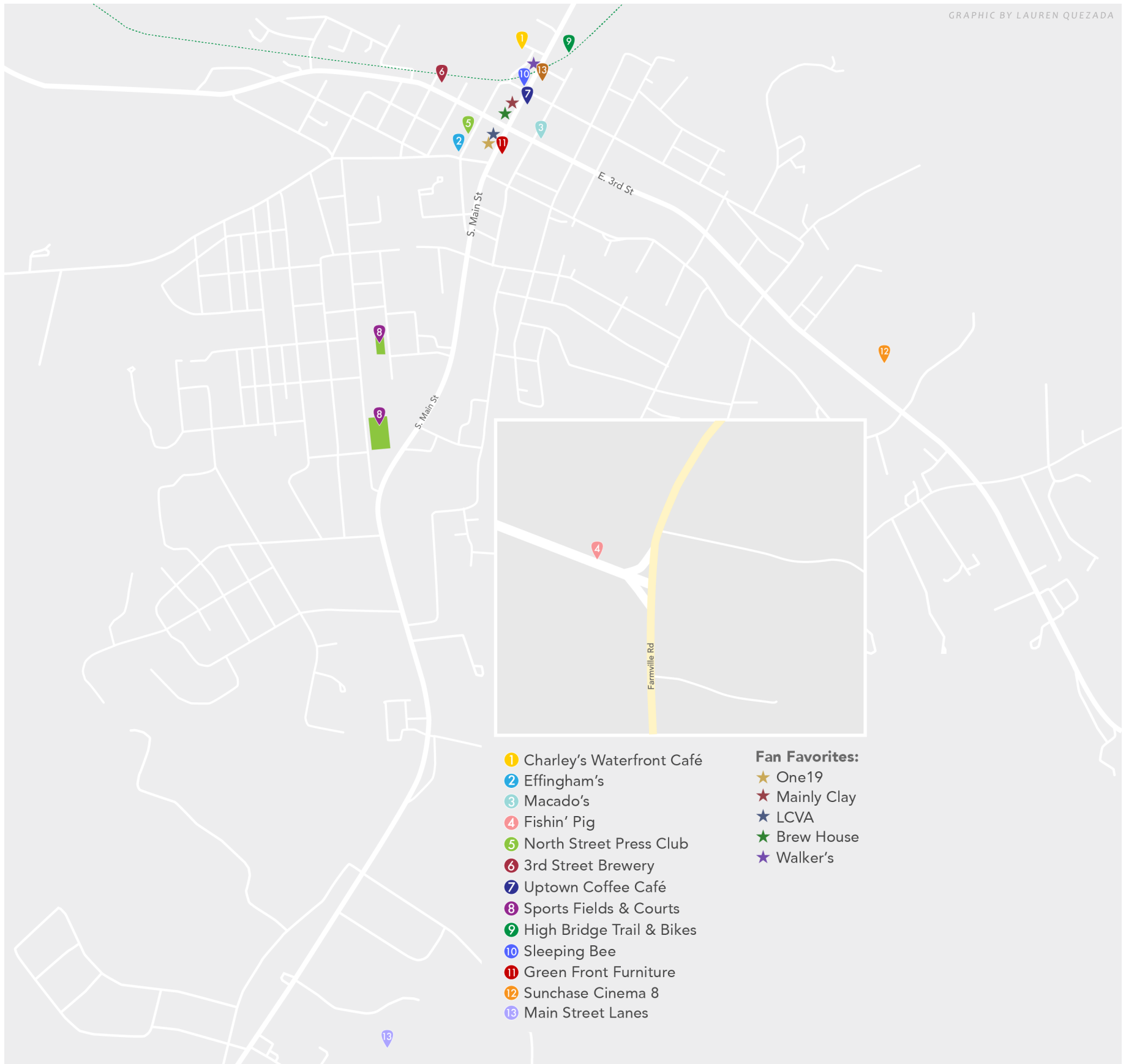
The deals and food keep students coming back as it's a great hang-out spot for people of all ages and also hosts bowling league tournaments and teams.

Located at 2006 South Main Street in Farmville, Main St. Lanes is open a variety of hours throughout the week, mainly closing at midnight on weekdays and 1 a.m. on weekends.



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