



Face of Fillmore

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This week's Face of Fillmore is a thank you to those business owners and home owners along Fillmore's Main Street who do a great job of making our community an eye-appealing one.

When Brigham Young laid out the streets of Fillmore with their unusual width, he had no idea what a difficult task it would be to make it look attractive. As the streets were paved and a wide sidewalk added, the amount of pavement and cement from one side of the street to the other would be a lot to look at. Several people along Main have done a great job at adding color and decoration to that span and it is appreciated.

Without a doubt, in my opinion, the most attractive building and grounds on the street is the Millard County Courthouse with its manicured lawns and brightly colored geraniums, as well as the landscaping around the Veterans' Memorial next to it.

The financial institutions on Main have also done a great job at landscaping their surroundings. There again, the space for lawn, flowers and trees has done a lot to help out.

Other businesses are not quite so fortunate and have less space to work with, but some have done a great job with this space. With a store front right at the sidewalk, there is less that can be done to add to the business's eye appeal. Some have been creative enough to make up for the vast amount of cement. Take for example the little floral shop with its color paint and the awning hanging over a small table and chairs, as well as a few plants to add more color.

The drug store is also always decorated for the season in an attractive way.

The new beauty shop has added a planter in front, filled with a variety of plants and flowers to break up the monotony of the cement.

Farther south on Main, some businesses and home owners have put decorative rock in the parkway and added barrels of bright flowers. An easy garden to care for and one requiring much less water.

Just this week an almost overnight change on Main has been added. In between the motel and the lumber company, where once was just a fence along the sidewalk, work began on Monday and was completed by Wednesday. With the chain link fence moved back several feet from the sidewalk and slats added for privacy, a small park-like oasis was built in the spot. A large tree was added as well as barrels of flowers and a curved walkway through a bed of decorative rocks. What a difference this has made to the looks of that area.

Several months ago, I wrote about the demolition of the old Truck Stop Café on north Main.



Judging from the looks of the equipment and the parts of the building coming down, I was sure I was right. I should stop guessing. Instead of tearing down the building, the shell was left, remodeled and bricked. Now a very attractive brick building stands on that spot, waiting for occupancy. It will be interesting to see what business moves in.

Another Main Street mystery is the construction going on at the corner of Main and Center where the Flower Mill was located. An interesting looking front has been added to the center of the building. We will have to keep an eye out at what will eventually come from this project.

Main Street, Fillmore is ever changing but our sincere thanks goes out to those who continually try to make this a visually pleasant place to live.

