Once a lemon, Youngstown’s working on a better lemonade

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YOUNGSTOWN — Karen Arranz, owner of the downtown lemonade stand, appreciates the small businesses in America.

Arranz, who specializes in all natural lemonades, is among the fastest-growing companies in the downtown Youngstown area. “It has been an uphill struggle this year, but we know we’re going to be able to turn our downtown business around,” she said.

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Karen Arranz, right, chats with a customer at her lemonade stand downtown Youngstown. "We still have elements of that," she said. "We were known as mob town U.S.A.," she said.

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