



the village of  
*Waunakee*  
150 YEARS | 1871-2021

# 119 East Main Street

This property dates back to November 1837 when it was a part of Westport.

**1920** Herman Doll purchased the property.

**1931** Herman Doll converted a machine shed into a Phillips '66 service station. Al Kreul, Herman's son-in-law, managed it.

**1936** Jerome "Cork" and Norbert Meyer managed the business.

**1942** "Dutch" Bernards took over the management and changed the name to Dane County Co-op.

**1945** Hardy Ripp bought the property from Herman Doll. When his brother Roman "Romie" returned from WWII, he rented the building from Hardy.

**April 1, 1946** The name of the business was changed to Ripp's Cities Service.

**June 1954** Romie Ripp hired James Adler to work at his station.

**1970** Romie changed the name of the station to Ripp's Citgo.

**1977** Bob Ripp purchased the building from Evelyn Ripp (Hardy's widow).

**1978** Jim Adler became a partner in the business with Romie Ripp.

**1983** Romie Ripp retired and Jim Adler bought the business.

**1986** Jim Adler purchased the lot and building from Bob Ripp.

**April 1992** The gas pumps were removed and "Citgo" was no longer on the sign or in the business name. It was renamed "Adler's Automotive Service."

**2005** Longtime employee Doug Davenport bought the property and business from Jim Adler.

**2014** Doug Davenport sold the property to Rodd Ripp.

**2016** Doug's son, BJ Davenport, bought the business from his dad.

**2019** Vern Brown bought the business from BJ and renamed it Brown Automotive, L.L.C. Rodd Ripp continues to own the property.