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- #3 Sunny King Honda
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Every year since we began our Reader's Choice awards in 2010, it's gotten bigger and better, and this year proved no different. With more than **50,000** submissions, our readers voted for their favorite plumbers, doctors, nurses and of course, where to get the best barbecue. We thank our readers for their continued support of this annual publication and look forward to seeing it grow even more next year.

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READER'S CHOICE 2024 RESULTS

Health

Assisted Living

NHC Place Autumn Cove Dugger Mountain Assisted Living Legacy Village Carillon Oaks

Independent Living

NHC Place Legacy Village Autumn Cove Carillon Oaks McClellan Senior Living

Nursing Home

NHC HealthCare
Piedmont Health Care Center
Cleburne County Nursing Home
Anniston Health & Rehab
Jacksonville Health & Rehab

Chiropractor

Tony Bolton (Bolton Chiropractic)
Patrick Harrison (Harrison Sports Chiropractic)
Ronald Wheeler (Wheeler Chiropractic)
Brett Farr (Harrison Sports Chiropractic)
Trina Clark (Revitalize Chiropractic)

Dentist

Morgan Gibson (Gibson Family Dentistry) Eric Lafayette (Family Dentistry) Caitlin Jones (Jones Dentistry) Kellen Spivey (Spivey Family Dentistry) John Marshall Hartzog (Alexandria Family Dentistry)

Doctor / Physician

Vance Moore (Oxford Family Practice)
David Chalk (Anniston Family Practice)
Russell Ulrich (Piedmont Family Practice Center)
Igor Bidikov (Gentiva Hospice)
Nolan Ulrich (Piedmont Family Practice Center)

Medical Assistant

Kim Wingo (Dr. Patel's Office)
Megan Simpson (Health First Center)
Tess Cobb (Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss)
Ashley Cleveland (CP Health)
Renee Gray (Dr. Reddy's Office)

Nurse

Candice Waldrep (Regional Medical Center) Brittany Smith (Clearview Cancer Center) Amanda Salers (Clearview Cancer Center) Brittney Barrett (Regional Medical Center) Cheryl Murphy (Gentiva Hospice)

Nurse Practitioner

Chase Thomas (Pediatrics Plus) Brent Cobb (Highland Health) Carlos Farmer (Atrium Health) Chelsea Popp (Gentiva Hospice) Carson Pearce (CP Health)

Emergency Care Facility

CARES (Anniston/Oxford) Southern Immediate Care Doctors MedCare Stringfellow Memorial Hospital Regional Medical Center

Eve Care Professional

Rob Svensen (Elite Eyecare Associates) Duane Mohon (Eye Care Alabama) Robert Ellis (Elite Eyecare Associates)
Darlene Harris
Anna McCormick (McCormick Eye Care)

Fitness / Health Club

Alex Paige Yoga Club One Fitness Foundation Fitness PS The Pilates Studio Stoked Elite Fitness

Home Health Agency

Amedisys Home Health Enhabit Home Health Heavenly Host of Angels Gentiva Hospice CenterWell Home Health

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- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Urinalysis
- Vision Screening
- EKGs, etc.

Primary Care Services: (include but are not limited to)

- Allergies
- Anxiety
- Arthritis
- Bronchitis
- Cold/Flu
- COPD
- Nausea/Vomitting/Diarrhea
- Abdominal Pain
- Fever
- Reflux Disease
- High Blood Pressure
- IV Fluid Therapy

- Diabetes Management
- Gout
- Hemorrhoids
- Skin Tag/Mole/Wart Removal
- Sinus Problems
- Sports And Work Physicals
- Biometric Screenings
- Urinary Tract Infections
- B12 Injections
- Testosterone Therapy
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Weight Loss Services:

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- Nutrition Counseling
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#2 Best ParkOxford Lake

#3 Best Police
David Cash

#5 Best Police Elliot Carothers

#2 Best Public TeacherMathew Tyson

#5 Best Public Teacher Stephanie Ervin

#2 Best School Oxford Oxford High School

#4 Best Tour AttractionHistoric Downtown Oxford

#5 Best Farmer Market Market on Main - Oxford



Alysha Gilfus (Absolute Wellness Spa) Afton Schulte (Aftons Massage & Bodywork) Susan Castleberry (Creations Salon)

Medical Laboratory Service

LabCorp Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center Regional Medical Center Tyler Center Quest Diagnostics Regional Medical Center

Pediatrician

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Naresh Purohit (Purohit Pediatric Clinic)
Natalie Lindell (Cheaha Adult and Pediatric
Medicine)
Angela Martin (Pediatric Care Center)

Paramedic / EMT

Carla Jones (Oxford Health Systems)
Daniel Barnwell (Jacksonville)
Heath Drummond (Survival Flight)
Emily Howell (Anniston EMS)
Sloan Wilson (Lincoln Fire and Rescue)

Pharmacist

Paul Graham (Downey Drug)
Mike Parris (Martin's Pharmacy)
Morgan Pentecost (Cleburne Pharmacy)
Julie Clark (Jacksonville Discount Pharmacy)
Johnnie Ellis (Downey Drug)

Weight Loss Service

Oxford Primary Care & Weight Loss Center MyOwn BodyGoals Fitness Studio The Natural ER Sanatio Health Stoked Elite Fitness

Physical Therapist

Melissa Tippets (Anniston Orthopedics)
Dakota Beane (ATI Physical Therapy)
Meagan Cabrer (Anniston Orthopedics)
Kim Bentley (Steadfast Physical Therapy)
Emily Turner (ATI Physical Therapy)

Physical Therapy Assistant

Jeremy Forrest (Anniston Orthopedics) Mindy Pettus (ATI Physical Therapy) Blake McMahan (Enhabit Home Health) Vickie Smith (Anniston Orthopedics) Bethanie Wilson (Amedisys Home Health)

Occupational Therapist

Autumn Bobo (TEAM Rehabilitation) Stacy Ewing (Amedisys Home Health) Karen Turgeon (Anniston Orthopedics) Jodi Herren (Regional Medical Center) Heather Bentley (Amedisys Home Health)

Occupational Therapy Assistant

Diana Cash (NHC Health Care)
Olivia Parsons (Regional Medical Center)
Alisa Garmon (Amedisys Home Health)
Rebekah Williams
Kayla Andrews (TEAM Rehabilitation)

Beauty & Fashion

Day Spa

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Realtor

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Insurance Agency

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Waiter / Waitress

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Public Official

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Police Officer (Not elected or appointed)

Chase Rhodes (Calhoun County)
Franklin Green (Jacksonville)
David Cash (Oxford)
Carl Moses (Calhoun County)
Elliot Carothers (Oxford)

Firefighter

Bruce Rollins (Oxford)
Kyle Yancy (Anniston)
Andruw Sanders (Jacksonville)
Sloan Wilson (Talladega Fire and Rescue &
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Community Event

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Place To Have An Event

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Private School Teacher

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Cyndi Curry (Trinity Christian Academy)
Monica Baker (Donoho School)
Emily Dewberry (Donoho School)
Jennifer Senter (Donoho School)

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Park

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Local Tourist Attraction

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Christian Corner

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Tackle Box
Shotgun Sports and Outdoors
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Travel Agency

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Veterinarian

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William Berry (Berry Animal Clinic)
Eric Clanton (Clanton Animal Hospital)
AJ Young (ACE Vet)
Pam Ryan (Clanton Animal Hospital)

Consignment / Thrift Shop

Calhoun Pickers Center of Hope Kolectic Treasures Antique Market Sonja's Second Hand Shop The Wandering Moose Auction

Gun Shop

Exile Armory Shotgun Sports and Outdoors Chief Ladiga Trading Post Mike's Treasure Chest B & B Pawn & Jewelry

Children's Clothing

Sissy's Treasures
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Three MP Boutique
My Three Littles
Kolectic Treasures Antique Market

Jewelry Store

Couch's Jewelers Diamond Depot (Oxford) Sissy's Treasures Rosa Lee Boutique Southern Link Jewelry Co.

Women's Clothing

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Men's Clothing Store

Martin's Family Clothing On Time Fashions Cochran & Co. High End Kolectic Treasures Antique Market

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Bar / Lounge

The Lush Garden Sinclair Social Apothecary Draft House MoeYakk Mobile Bar The Bank

Barbecue

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Catfish

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Coop DeVille Jefferson's Big Boys Wings Big Mike'z Food Truck RNB Finz N Chicks

Coffee Shop

Southern Girl Coffee Called Coffee Dugger Mountain Fudge and Coffee Company Elevated Grounds The Redbird Coffeehouse

Dessert

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Ribs

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Steaks

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Sandwiches

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Italian Restaurant

Effina's Mata's Greek Pizza & Grinders Cutter's Pizzeria Roadside Grill Calhoun Steakhouse

Asian Restaurant

Yume Yamato Steak House of Japan Blue Fin Japanese Sushi and Steakhouse Ono Grill Li's Place

Mexican Restaurant

Los Mexicanos Baja California Grill Mangos Cantina and Grill Heirloom Taco Besitos Mexican Kitchen

Place for a Romantic Dinner

Classic on Noble Hubbard's Off Main Effina's LuLu's Place Garfrerick's Cafe

Business & Financial

Accountant

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Matt Hill (Sunny King Honda)
Bradley Ward (Sunny King Ford)

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Chef T's serves Star readers their favorite breakfasts

BY SHERRY KUGHN

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It might be the 43 items on Chef T's breakfast menu that causes Star readers to vote for the restaurant year after year as three Soles owns, which opened in Febserving the area's best breakfast.

It may be that owner Anthony "Tony" Soles, 66, and his staff welcome every customer who comes through the door, and then provide them with attentive service.

fresh foods, not frozen or canned. Chef T's has become known for having plenty

barbecue and attracts dozens of customers each day for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Likely, Soles' success is all the above.

The Alexandria restaurant is the first of ruary of 2012. His other businesses are Chef T's in Ragland and Chef T's Pizza in Ohatchee, a sit-down Italian restaurant that also serves a variety of foods.

In addition to being a restaurateur, Soles It may be that Soles adheres to using is the pastor at Morning Star Church in Ragland, a job he assumed back in 1995 when he was ordained after his late mother-in-

of home-cooked vegetables entrees and law told him years earlier he would preach. and be consistent." He denied her prediction at the time.

> Soles describes himself as creative, a trait that comes from his country upbring-

> "There was no food wasted," he said. "If we had food that was unused, I learned that I could take it and do something with it."

> He is proud to be connected with one of the few mom-and-pop restaurants in Calhoun County.

> "I tell my staff that we are the last of the Mohicans," he said. "I tell them to take pride in that and to make the food good

Liz James, the manager at the Alexandria restaurant, knew Soles back when they both worked at the Holiday Inn that once stood in Oxford.

"Service is key to a good restaurant," she said. "We greet others with a smile, say hello and how are you. We are huggers here and friendly, genuine."

Soles said he also tells his staff to work hard and trust God. That trust allowed him to stay open and serve customers.

"If you're going to pray," Soles said, "then don't worry."



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The namesake of Alexandria's Chef T's restaurant is Anthony 'Tony' Soles, also called Chef T by the dozens of customers who come into his restaurant each day.



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5th Morgan Gibson (Gibson Family Dentistry) First place Dentist – 2,591

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7th Piedmont

First place Public School – 2,431

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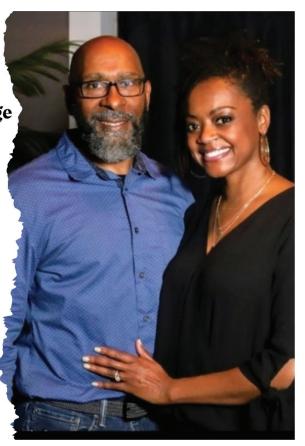
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Sunny King Toyota department managers Rob Jones, Nick Pope, Tasha Taylor, Vernon Thomas, Beverly Kemery, Brandon Raper and Calvin O'Dell.

Star readers prefer to buy a new vehicle from Sunny King Toyota

BY JULIE EDWARDS

Anniston Star Correspondent

Vernon Thomas, general manager of Sunny King Toyota, says he is overjoyed, but not surprised that his dealership was chosen the Best New Car Dealership in The Anniston Star's Reader's Choice contest this year.

The dealership is in its 35th year of business as part of the Sunny King Automotive Group and has won numerous awards including Toyota's President's Award for

the last 15 consecutive years. The Toyota dealership lays claim to a total of 28 such time," Thomas said. "We don't have the Pope, sales manager Beverly Kemery, parts awards overall.

"These awards are representative of the level of customer satisfaction in sales, service and the parts department," explained Thomas. "We must have 94 percent customer satisfaction in those departments to get those awards and it is our PROS that make it happen."

PROS stands for Professional Retail Outstanding Salesperson, and it takes a lot of training to get that distinction.

"Our best folks have been here a long including sales general manager Nick turnover in personnel you see at other dealerships."

Thomas himself started with the dealership in 1984 washing cars and has been selling them since 1986.

"Our staff is selling cars to the second and third generations of repeat customers," he said. "If you treat people right, they will return to buy again."

Thomas credits the success to his award-winning department managers, manager Brandon Raper, service manager Tasha Taylor and top PROS salesmen Rob Jones and Calvin O'Dell.

Each of these key employees have been with Sunny King Toyota between 18 and 35

To everyone who selected Sunny King Toyota as the Reader's Choice best new car dealership, the company says "thank you" and reminds them that at Sunny King Toyota "the customer is King!"



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Star readers trust Adam Morales with their financial accounts

BY JULIE EDWARDS

Anniston Star Correspondent

Adam Morales, owner of Trinity Accounting, has been operating his business on Noble Street for the past four years and must be doing something right.

Morales was chosen Best Accountant in The Anniston Star's Reader's Choice.

Asked what makes Trinity Accounting different from the other accounting businesses, he said, "We are not just about running a business and making money. We are building relationships with our clients. A lot of our businesses are too small to interest other firms. We are here to take care of the little guy."

Morales joined the Army in 1992 as an MP. That's what brought him to the Anniston area and more importantly, where he met his wife.

He started in accounting in 2000 and also joined the Army Reserve, spending a tour in Iraq.

After working with other firms, his business became his own when he bought his father-in-law's accounting business in 2010

The business continues to be a family affair with his daughter and wife working side by side with three other employees.

Not only an accountant, Morales is also an associate pastor at Wellington First Baptist Church.

Mentoring young men attending college nearby and guiding interns working at his firm, Morales helps to prepare the next generation to look out for others and make sure someone will always be around to "take care of the little guy."



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Adam Morales of Trinity Accounting was voted Anniston Star Reader's Choice for Best Accountant.



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Vive Salon and Barbershop styles its way to the top of Star readers' lists

BY FAITH DORN

Special to The Star

Vive Salon and Barbershop is a family-owned business that was named best barbershop by readers of The Anniston Star.

"My dad, Efraín Muñoz, wanted to invest in something, and my mom has done hair for years," said Sebastian Muñoz, barber and co-owner of the business with his mother, Elizabeth, and his father.

"My dad will help out in the front and answer phone calls and greet clients on his off days, and my sister, Mia, helps when she is free, too," Muñoz said. "Me and mom are here every day. I never expected to be working with her growing up. This is so cool. To be able to say hey to each other every day is nice."

The salon gets its name from the word "Vive" which in Spanish means "to live."

Sebastian attended barber school four years ago.

"I started during COVID. I saw a bunch of hair-cutting videos. It was popular to cut your own hair or friends' hair because a lot of places were closed," said Muñoz. "I started cutting my Dad up and just fell in love with the craft. It is an art."

That passion and admiration for the craft of hairstyling led to the opening of the salon on January 4, 2022. There are four barbers and five stylists on staff.

The salon offers services such as women's haircuts, colors, perms, loc extensions, shampooing, make-up and waxing.

The barbershop offers haircuts, faith.h.dorn@gmail.com.

beard shape-ups with straight razors and designs on the side of the head.

The barbershop also offers a VIP service which includes a haircut plus steam and hot towels, facial scrub, shampoo, eyebrow shapeup and a head and face massage.

"Since the jump, everybody has been really supportive. We got busy so quickly. The community has supported us a lot," Muñoz said, "It got to booming pretty quickly. I honestly didn't expect it to be that busy in the first few weeks or months."

The Muñoz family tries to reciprocate that community support by sponsoring local athletes and even teaming with Cornerstone Church to offer free haircuts at the church's back-to-school event. This year's back-to-school event will be Sunday, July 28, following the 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. Children who attend the event will receive a backpack stuffed with school supplies and a free haircut.

Muñoz encourages Vive clients to book their appointments ahead of time because the salon and barbershop are booked out weeks ahead of time. To schedule your appointment, call Vive Salon and Barbershop at 256-403-6767. Barbershop clients may also opt to use the Booksy mobile app.

Vive Salon and Barbershop is located at 1907 U.S. 78 in Oxford.

Faith Dorn is a freelance writer in Anniston. Contact her at faith.h.dorn@gmail.com.



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BY NORI LEYBENGRUB

The Anniston Star

Have you ever been followed by donkeys in a field so green it's shining? Or stood within arms distance of a full-grown bull named Angus?

"He's too big to play," said Brooke Garrett with a chuckle. Brooke is married to Tyler Garrett, the seventh generation of Garretts born and raised on the land.

"I grew up in a greenhouse, and began to work the farm by the time I could walk," Tyler said.

The donkeys actually brought the couple together. Tyler invited Brooke, a veterinarian at the time, to the farm to see them.

"I told her you should come see my ass, and she never left," said Tyler.

Quips aside, the main attraction of Garrett's Farm and Nursery in Piedmont is that it offers a customer-centric experience, where you can come and choose to bring home whatever you'd like from the 98-acre farm. The customer service is one reason Garrett's Farm was voted top nursery by readers of The Anniston Star.

The farm caters to all aspects of the family

"Mothers come to pick plants, and their kids play on the playground and meet the

animals," said Brooke.

The farm houses all kinds of animals that were in need of a home. Brooke also has some baby bunnies looking for a new home. Those interested can reach out on Facebook with inquiries.

Strawberries, sunflowers, wildflowers, various plants, herbs and more can be found growing at the farm; all ripe for picking or purchase.

"You get to buy right from the source, directly where it's grown," said Tyler.

The farm is currently in its off season following its peak in the spring. In the next few weeks, visitors can pick from the field of 4,000 mums. For the fall, they are growing a pumpkin patch.

Brooke has also been experimenting with vegetables and other fruits: corn, squash, peppers, tomatoes, okra, watermelon, cantaloupe, and more, that they hope the farm will in the next few years produce at a larger scale.

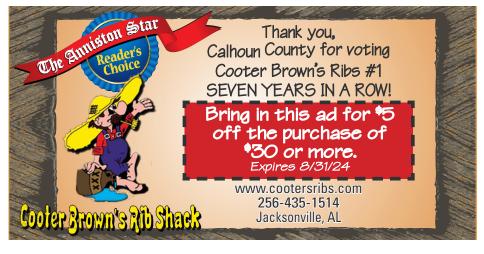
When you go, everything you see was built or renovated by Tyler Garrett in the past two years; the greenhouses, irrigation systems, and even the farming equipment. Along with Brooke, his mother, Kim Garrett, and two kids, Easton and Maddie Garrett, are helping him bring the farm into a new age.





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Garrett's Farm and Nursery in its off-season only half grown is still astonishing.





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Star readers trust Tim Lusk with their beloved pets

BY BILL WILSON

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PIEDMONT — Voted by Anniston Star readers as from treating anything but small animals. best Best Veterinarian in the area, Tim Lusk, the longtime owner and veterinarian at Lusk Animal Clinic, says he's humbled at the designation. He conceded that he stays so busy, it sometimes seems like he does most of the time," he said. not appreciate his customers.

But the opposite is the case.

"I wouldn't be where I'm at right here if it hadn't been for the good clients that's come to see me and put up with me when I was growing up learning how to be a veterinarian," he said.

"At times I just don't take the time to sit and look at business also handles pet emergencies. how good and how blessed I am," Lusk said.

the Piedmont native went to Tennessee where he a goldendoodle. worked for a veterinarian before coming back to Piedmont to open up his own clinic in 1989. Lusk said times have changed in the veterinary business since no matter if you call him at midnight," she said. "He he first opened.

"Twenty years ago, if you were in a small town like this you had to do some mixed animals to make a living," he said, referring to treating livestock and horses he's offering the best care plan possible," Hayes said. on top of domestic cats and dogs.

Treatments have changed as well, he said.

"We didn't have all this once-a-month tablets like on the web at https://lusk-animal-clinic.hub.biz/

fleas and stuff, you bathed and dipped everything even the big mean ones — you had to do it," Lusk said.

He said that over the last 15-20 years he's got away

Working in a close-knit community is something that Lusk prefers.

"We're small enough that we know everybody

"I've always had a good relationship with all the town people and know everybody that came in here just about," he said.

The business is open six days a week, but on Sundays, Lusk helps his staff clean the kennels.

"So it's a seven-day job," he said, adding that the

On a recent Thursday, Gryce Hayes from Pied-After graduating from Auburn University in 1988, mont brought in her two dogs, a golden retriever and

Hayes, 25, said she is a lifelong customer of Lusk's.

"He's always there no matter what time of the day, takes excellent care of animals because he truly cares about them."

"He always does his best and he makes sure that

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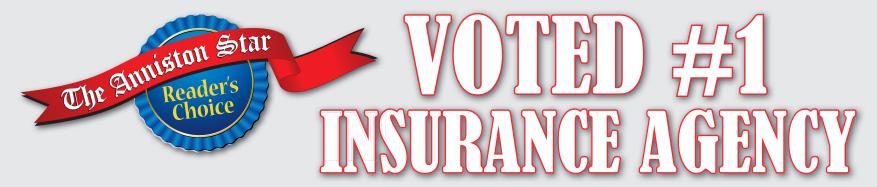
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FM Revival rocks its way to the top in Reader's Choice

BY ASHLEY MORRISON

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The results are in, and Star readers have spoken.

Local band FM Revival has been voted the top musician/group for the paper's Reader's Choice

"We are very thankful for the support of our fans! It is a huge honor to have been chosen for this award and humbling as there were very talented nominees in the running," band member person in this band has a different music choice. Maxx Vanover said.

If you haven't already, meet FM Revival — County. Vanover, 37, is the group's lead guitarist. Mackensey Carter, 26, serves as the lead vocalist. Shanks Whaley, 32, plays bass. Derek Okins, 25, is its drummer and Tyler Jordan, 28, is the rhythm

"We are known for our amazing female front, bring an upbeat energy to the stage," Vanover said.

years, performing at various bars and festivals in our shows," Vanover said. the Calhoun County and Gadsden areas.

did not know each other prior to the forming of 10.

the band. She said each member had to audition, and that she actually started as a rhythm guitarist before moving to the position of the lead singer.

'We have had a couple of interchanging members here, but we've been solid for a while. So yeah, just me and a group of guys," Carter said.

FM Revival members say they get along pretty well, with little turmoil, and that their sound is a mixture of genres because of each member's personal preference.

"Honestly, we're a little all over the place. Each So we're very diverse. But as far as what we play, we take everything and put our own style on it. the five-person group which hails from Calhoun Whether it's rock, pop — we don't do any country but everything else is not outside of our range. I mean, we even do a Taylor Swift song," Carter said.

> Vanover says the band has a strong audience that knows who they are in Calhoun and Etowah

"Yea, we have a good decent couple of 100 as well as our versatile musical backgrounds that people just in this area that flow in and out of our shows. And then we have probably another 50 in The group has been together for roughly three Gadsden in that area that are kind of regulars to

If you're itching to hear the group play, check Carter told The Anniston Star that the group out its upcoming show at the Sinclair Social, Aug.



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Members of the FM Revival, a Calhoun County-based band, say they get along pretty well, with no prima donnas in the group. Its members are Maxx Vanover, Mackensey Carter, Shanks Whaley, Derek Okins, and Tyler Jordan.







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Local restaurant server chosen for Star Reader's Choice

BY JOCELYN GOMPERT

Special to The Star

Many people find that a restaurant dining experience can make for a nice evening and a lifelong memory. The service provided can make or break that experience.

Just about anyone who goes out to eat has a story to tell, good or bad, about a server they had. While some are better than others, The Anniston Star readers voted Savannah Owen-Franks as the top server in east Ala-

Owen-Franks has been a server for 11 years, six of those waiting tables at Hubbard's Off Main in Oxford. She took a break for a year to test out a different type of job, but ultimately decided to go back to what she does best, saying that it just wasn't for

outside of the job. Owen-Franks longer than just dinner.

is married with two children and has a degree in psychology.

"I'm definitely the everybody-is-my-friend server," she said. "I try really hard to make a personal connection with my

Not only do many of the regular diners request her as their waitress, but some have given gifts to her and her children, Owen-Franks said.

Asked how she feels about being chosen, she said she was experiencing "imposter syndrome." Owen-Franks said that it felt unreal to be nominated, and that she was honored and very grateful. She also said that it was reassuring, because she is not always the most orderly and efficient, and sometimes feels as if maybe she is lacking.

Owen-Frank stresses the importance of building bonds One thing folks may not think and relationships with guests, about are servers having a life creating memories that will last



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Savannah Owen-Franks has worked as a waitress for 11 years.

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