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Owners of Essentially Zen, Sherrie and Robert Brown, opened their new shop, Ovid & Lane, on 20 E. Beverley St. in Staunton on Dec. 11. PHOTOS BY MONIQUE CALELLO/THE NEWS LEADER

Ovid & Lane opens

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Scene on Main Street is a weekly series that gives you an on-the-street view of what's happening in downtown Staunton and surrounding areas. Designed to be a fun and engaging series, we welcome participation from our readers and those we run into along the way.

STAUNTON – It was six years ago in December when owners Sherrie and Robert Brown opened their shop Essentially Zen at the wharf in Staunton. Now, six years later, they have rebranded the business and opened their new shop Ovid & Lane at 20 E. Beverley St. in



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Waynesboro basketball hosting fundraiser

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A crosstown basketball rivalry will include a fundraiser that's much bigger than basketball this season.

Skylar Napier, in her sixth year as head coach of Waynesboro's varsity girls' basketball team, recently announced that the Little Giants match-up with the Staunton Storm on Dec. 19 will serve as a fundraiser for Waynesboro Area Refuge Ministry (WARM) executive director Alec Gunn.

A 1991 graduate of Waynesboro, as well as a former Army sergeant, Gunn has coached track, football, wrestling and basketball at Waynesboro as well as Fishburne.

Gunn was diagnosed with liver cancer and needs a transplant.

Gunn and Napier both attend the same church, but their relationship spans decades prior.

"I've known him since I was younger," Napier said. "He was really good friends with one of my best friends growing up, and then (Gunn was) always interacting with the sports and the youth. I feel like it's another important thing going on. Anything I can do to help Alec — or anyone for that matter — bring awareness to our community while trying to help Alec is why we

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Alec Gunn, the executive director of WARM in Waynesboro, is in need of a liver donor. PROVIDED BY ALEC GUNN

Man charged with stabbing woman in alleged road rage incident

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The Waynesboro Police Department said a man is in custody amid allegations he stabbed a woman during a road rage incident, a release said.

Police arrested John Rodgers, 59, of Waynesboro, on Dec. 16, charging him with aggravated malicious wounding.

The incident took place about a week before Rodgers' arrest. According to police, on the night of Dec. 10 in the 1200 block of West Broad Street, he was reportedly involved in a traffic-related dispute

with a 37-year-old Augusta County woman. The dispute allegedly escalated into a physical altercation, and Rodgers is accused of using a "long-bladed weapon" to stab the woman, the release said.

The victim was taken to UVA Health in Charlottesville with injuries that were not considered life-threatening, police said.

Rodgers is being held without bond at Middle River Regional Jail in Verona.

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