



# Squeeze the day with Grandma Val's Lemonade in Auburn



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Grandma Val, Valarie Canady, poses with Aubie at Auburn University. (Photo contributed by Valarie Canady)

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Most know Auburn for its lemonade from Toomer’s Drugs, yet the city has many other options in terms of this sweet drink. Grandma Val’s Lemonade & More was established in 2021 + is focused on inspiring families and communities “one sip at a time.”

Here’s a quick breakdown:

- **Where:** 3010 Martin Luther King Dr., Auburn, Alabama 36832
- **When:** Spring hours to be announced on socials soon
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“We aim to deliver fresh, nostalgic homemade lemonade and treats by bringing the comforting flavors of grandma’s kitchen to every sip with a focus on quality and customer delight.”

~ Grandma Val’s Lemor



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Grandma Val, or Valarie Canady, had the idea to start her own lemonade business after joining a group called [Circles Opelika](#). The program is a community-driven project, created with the intention of assisting Opelika families living in poverty.

"I [joined the Circles program] thinking I was going to share it with my women's ministry, but it ended up being useful for me and gave me a revelation on how to come out of poverty and start my own business."

~ Valarie Canady, owner of Grandma Val's

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After Canady opened her brick and mortar location on Martin Luther King Dr., she began catering with Auburn University + Tuskegee University, along with other various community events. On various Fridays throughout the year, Canady can be found participating in [Opelika's Food Truck Fridays](#).

For the past two years, Grandma Val's has worked with Auburn University's [New Venture Accelerator Program](#) under a community grant. The entrepreneurship program provides the growing business with finding interns + developing their content marketing.

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Grandma Val's Lemonade brick and mortar location has a mural on the side of the yellow building. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

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The lemonade business boasts a wide variety of lemonade recipes, ranging from classics to signature + premium.

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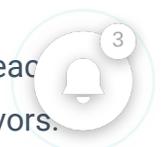
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“I have over 43 flavors today because I do a lot for community events, like lupus awareness, celebrating breast cancer awareness month, research – things like that. I create recipes for fundraisers to help out and give back to the community.”

~ Valarie Canady, owner of Grandma Val's

Grandma Val envisions “a world where our homemade lemonade is more than a drink – it’s a lifestyle that squeezes lemons into a legacy, refreshing and inspiring families and communities one sip at a time.”

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Canady’s desire to build a legacy was strengthened last Easter after the passing of her two-year old great-granddaughter, Caylee Grace.

“It enlightened me to push harder, to work harder, to not just be successful, but to build a legacy. That’s why I said squeezing lemons into a legacy. I can do better as a grandparent to the grandchildren, as far as paving the way to be a little bit better than I was in the past. So, it’s like it was an awakening that I want to do more – to not just talk of love, but to be the love.”

~ Valarie Canady, owner of Grandma Val's

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Grandma Val's Lemonade has another mural painted on their fence, emphasizing their desire for growth. (Ella Walton / The Bama Buzz)

Although the business has been closed for the winter, the lemonade business is set to open back up this spring – most likely in March. In the meantime, Canady has been working on becoming more active online sales.

"I have been working local stores. We've g

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