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Alan Jackson Concert in Mineral Sunday, May 20th

Alan Jackson will be gracing the stage in our little basis, while there will also be premium tickets available

town of Mineral on Sunday, May 20th, tentatively scheduled outdoors at Louisa County High School at 757 Davis Highway in Mineral. The show will start at 8:00 pm and an opening act has not yet been announced.

A source at Capitol Records says that on April 18th, 3,000 tickets to 'Alan -Mineral Mayor Pam Harlowe will see the Alan Jackson Charity Golf Jackson: Music for Mineral' on ticketfly.com on a first-come, first-serve

"Alan Jackson coming to our little town for a concert has taken our minds off of 'poor us' and given everyone something to look forward to."

for sale. Preliminary plans call for a stage to be built on the grounds of the Louisa County High School and parking would be available nearby.

In addition to the concert on May 20th, there will also be a charity golf tournament the day prior. May 19th Classic at The Royal Virginian Golf Course in Louisa. While hole sponsor-

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Lake Anna Islands: No Trespassing?

Several Lake Anna Islands have been popular hangouts for Lakers for years, but new signs posted along with a new level of enforcement are leaving many to ask: Why?

Many of Lake Anna's Islands have been reposted with No Trespassing signs recently and many 'Islanders' and other Lake Anna recreationers are upset about the newly reinforced rules. For years, many groups and clubs have used the islands as a gathering place and a wonderful spot to meet with friends, spend the day on the water, and just enjoy the lake. With the new restrictions taking that away, many are asking why the change and why all of a sudden?

A spokesperson for Dominion told us, "Recently our station personnel visited the islands and found them littered with trash. As a result, we decided to repost the no trespassing signs."

Many those who frequent the islands maintain



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The Lake Anna Wine Festival, previously announced for this September, has been moved to September 21, 2013. We appreciate everyone who has put out so much effort to acquire wineries, sponsors, and vendors to participate. Any fees we have received will be returned (or

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Dear Lake Anna Breeze,

I was disappointed to learn on a Facebook post by the Lake Anna Guide earlier this month that Dominion has decided to enforce its "No Trespassing" rights on the islands of Lake Anna.

These islands were the perfect place to send my house-boat rental guests to spend the night. It was not intruding on the Lakeshore residents and provided a great Lake Anna experience for our guests and their families. I am sure boaters who have enjoyed the islands would agree.

As I understand it, there were complaints that the islands were full of trash and worse, which Dominion investigated and agreed. It's sad that a relative minority of Lake users can be so irresponsible to spoil it for the many that do understand individual impact.

There is a policy in our National Parks to "leave no trace" (pack it in, pack it out). It seems to me that this is not a difficult mandate, a box of Ziploc bags costs less than \$5 at Food Lion or any convenience store around the lake.

If we all had good sense and were caretakers of the lake, the islands would still be available for everyone to enjoy. Sadly, those reading this publication are most likely not the cause of this issue. Continue to be proactive. Lake Anna is a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy.

I applaud the Lake Anna Guide for making this information available to us regarding Lake Anna.

Eileen Carroll, Lake Anna Houseboats & Lake Resident

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ships for the day have sold out, there are new sponsor opportunities for businesses to help raise money for the Louisa Education Foundation. 100% contest for a free schools damaged in the earthquake. The foundation also has plans for scholarships for county graduates, teach grants for classroom supplies, and a field house at the high school stadium to support the athletics program. There are now sponsorship opportunities for the beverage golf cart, con-

cession trailer, and food tent. Many sponsorship levels also include VIP passes to the Alan Jackson concert, as an additional incentives.

Anyone wishing to enter a team into the tournament should do so as soon as possible, as there are only 18 slots for teams. Teams of four can sign up at www.TheRoyalVirginian.com as availablility allows. The winners of the tournament will be presented with Alan Jackson Guitar trophies upon completion of the event.

There are additional sponsorship opportunities for the Alan Jackson concert, which include your company featured on the event website, promotional materials, t-shirts, banners, and more.

Many residents have expressed interest in attending the show, which will be the first of this magnitude in our area. Excitement has been

building in Mineral, approximate population of 490, since the eventful.com contest for a free Alan Jackson concert was announced last year. With a swell of support from around the country who wanted to see a boost to local morale, the tiny town outperformed all others in the contest and ran away with the victory, with more than 31,000 votes cast during the two-month duration.

The contest has garnered local, regional, and even national atten-

tion and this event is sure to shine the light on Mineral once again, this time to show how resilient residents are triumphing over tragedy.

Alan Jackson is a two-time Grammy Award Winner and has taken home 17 ACM and 16 CMA Awards to date. Jackson has sold more than 60 million albums worldwide, with 35 #1 singles and more than fifty Top 10 hits, making him one of the most popular artists in the history of country music. He has been inducted in to the

Nashville Songwrters Hall of Fame as well as the Music City Walk of Fame this past November. His latest single "So You Don't Have to Love Me Anymore" was released to country radio earlier this year and is currently a Top 30 hit on Billboard's Country Singles Chart. He has a new album planned for release in June.

100% of Sponsorship

Fees for the Alan Jackson

Charity Golf Classic will go

to the Louisa Education

Foundation.



that the usual crowd is very respectful and mindful of keeping the area clean and in better condition than it was found.

The Islands were not only a great place to spend time at the lake, but were a place to feel a sense of community at the lake, and that is sorely missed. Many Islanders have seen some of the other areas show signs of deterioration, including campfires built and left littered with debris, making the decision an inevitable one by Dominion.

"Recently our station personnel visited the islands and found them littered with trash. As a result, we decided to repost the no trespassing signs."

At this time, there is no indication that the Islands will be open again (or trespassing will not be enforced), so those who frequented the areas are left wondering if the days hanging out at the Island are gone.

We will be following this issue and will keep our readers updated with any new developments. Wish to voice your opinion? E-mail info@lakeannabreeze.com or visit our facebook page at www.facebook.com/lakeannaguide.



Permit Approved for Local Water Treatment Plant

Lake Anna Environmental Services recently filed an application for increase of discharge for their water treatment plant. The previous permit was issued with a limit of 20,000 gallons per day, while the new permit allows up to 99,000 gallons per day. Site supervisor Bob Propst, of J.A. Snyder Entities, Inc. says "we will expand it as we need it. The total cost will be around \$4 million. However, now we can have a medical facility and other commercial businesses." The treatment plant alleviates the need for any mass drainfield for commercial establishments such as restaurants or hotels.

There has been a long and hot-tempered battle over this issue and it is finally over. There were a few radical opposers to the increase that were spreading false information and using scare tactics in attempts to drum up support to oppose the upgrade. The developers have spent a great amount of time informing the public of the facts - which the effluent released by the treatment plant is completely treated and clean water. Treatment plants are closely monitored and are the way of the future, making this the best option for additional commercial growth at Lake Anna.

After a long process to bring this permit to fruition, Propst said he was "happy it is over and we can move forward." As for those who tried to slow down the process along the way? "Some people made fools of themselves in an attempt to slow down progress and everyone at the hearing saw it."

Stay Tuned to LAtv - this topic will be addressed soon in a round table discussion! LAtv is always available at LakeAnnaGuide.com

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held until the new date, if the individual prefers) In light of the Alan Jackson concert coming to our area and the continued efforts to raise money for the Louisa County Schools, we felt it best to not divide our efforts, but to pitch in and get involved with this unique opportunity. We will keep the same committee heads and get a jump start on the event for 2013.

Organizers felt it best to combine efforts with fundraising in conjunction with Alan Jackson concert and to reschedule Wine Festival for 2013.

We are working with representatives from Capitol Records to help promote and support the cause to help rebuild our community. The outpouring of support for this festival has been very encouraging and we look forward to making a very special event for the Lake Anna area in 2013. Stay tuned to lakeannawinefestival.com for updates and for sponsorship opportunities for the 1st Annual Lake Anna Wine Festival. Committee meetings will be held regularly leading up to the event, so if you'd like to participate or volunteer, please feel free to e-mail info@lakeannawinefestival.com.

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 21, 2013 www.LakeAnnaWineFestival.com



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Things Are Getting Better at Lake is Great!



Jump Starting the Warmer Weather with Hot Hair

by Heather Mechler-Fickes

Approaching the 1-year anniversary of the debut of Lake is Great at Lake Anna last July, the flagship store at 2991 New Bridge Road is introducing some exciting new items for Lake Anna residents and visitors.

The signature t-shirts that customers have come to know and love have been a hit at local retailers and at the Lake is Great Store and more designs are on the way. Lake is Great has listened to suggestions from their fans and input from consumers who have demanded additional designs and styles. A more simple design featuring lake themed icons, such as flip flops, margarita glasses, and more will grace the racks of the Lake is Great Store for the warm weather season this year. There will also be additional designs, including a fun new t-shirt featuring the Lake is Great character on a jetski. Plans for more styles for women and children are also on the way.

The Lake is Great Store is much more than a t-shirt shop, but also is the best spot on the lake for Lake Anna souvenirs & gifts, including postcards, keychains, and jewelry. The store also has a wide variety of indoor and outdoor lake decor, toys, flags, wreaths, and accessories to accentuate your lake home or vacation.

The fun is not limited to the store itself, the online website at www.LakeisGreat.com is also available for items to be mailed to customers or sent as gifts for the lake enthusiast. Don't miss out on special items - stop by the Lake is Great Store or LakeisGreat.com today!



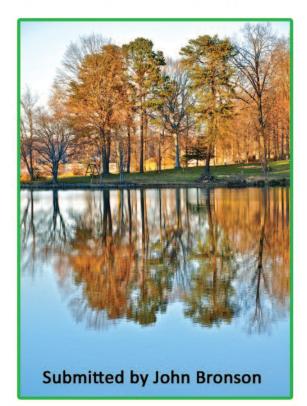
Spring and Summer are fast approaching. Before we know it, we will be enjoying the outdoors and the warmer months. Unfortunately, our hair doesn't always reap the benefits of the changing seasons. A few hours in the sun can fade hair color and dry out hair. Getting your hair in tip -top shape is essential for summer locks. Look into getting a deep conditioning treatment. This will preserve the integrity of your hair, leaving it shiny, more manageable, moisturized and healthy. Healthy hair also holds color better and doesn't fade as fast. Chameleon and Co. Salon offers a deep conditioning treatment for \$10. Most professional deep conditioning products, work not only on the cosmetic appearance of the hair, but internally. So the benefits last longer. Another helpful tip for healthy hair is using a good conditioner. If you know you are going to have a day full of fun in the sun, rub a small amount of conditioner through your hair or spray a leave-in conditioner through out. This will not only help prevent your hair from drying out, but helps detangle too.

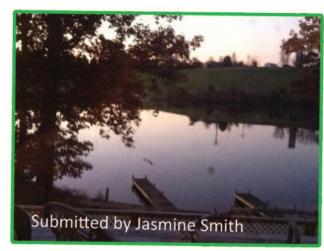
Also with the warmer weather on the horizon, you might want to look into lightening your hair and giving your color some summer glitz. Highlights are a low maintenance way of adding a natural sun-kissed look or a pop of bold color. Highlighting has come a long way since the days of the cap technique from 20 years ago. These days, foil highlighting is the most popular technique. With foil highlights you can have more control over color and product placement, use more than one tonal color at a time, and it isn't as damaging to the hair. Depending on the weave of the hair strands and the distance between foils can make all the difference with the final outcome. The smaller the weave and the farther apart they are placed, determines how subtle the highlights will be. If the weave is chunky and placed close together the bolder the highlights will be. It all depends if you want your highlights to "whisper," "talk" or "shout." In preparation for the warmer weather, Chameleon and Co. Salon will be offering 10% off all highlighting services.

Spring and Summer are right around the corner. While you are busy planning vacations and other activities, don't forget to make time to pamper yourself. A quick visit to the salon, just might be what you need to look and feel your best. Healthy, beautiful tresses are always in style, no matter what the season

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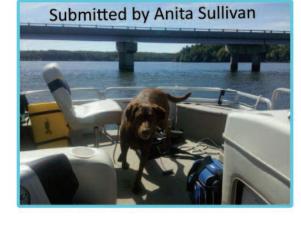
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Lake Anna's Featured Pets







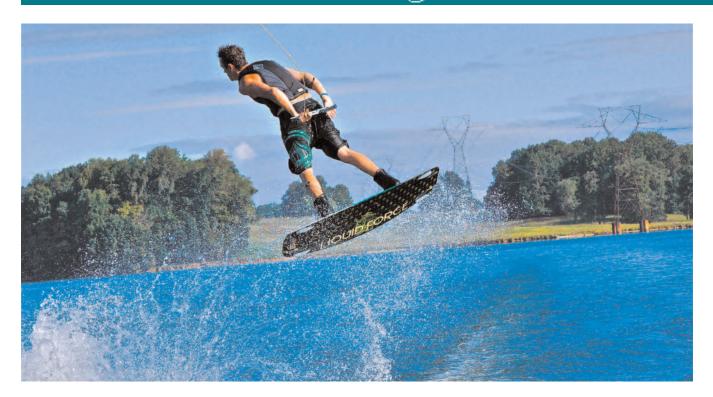






Send your photos to our facebook page or e-mail them to info@lakeannainfo.net and you could see your pet featured here next month!

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Windy Weekends on the Water Tips for Braving the Choppy Waves

by contributing writer Kyle Austin

I don't know about you, but I have never said "I hope it's really windy later today so I can take a shred session behind the Supra." Why is that, you ask? The answer is short and simple...wake boarders hate wind. It is a smile to a sailboat and a huge frown to wake boarders.

No matter what you are riding, whether

you're wake skating, wake boarding or even water skiing, wind is never a great addition to your set. The wind will make the water extremely choppy, making it almost impossible to hit the wake the way you want to. If you are a wake skater, could you imagine trying to go wake to wake with a board that's not attached and the wind taking it right out from underneath you.

Not exactly what you want to see when the point is to land back "ON" the board.

When you are boarding however you may run into some wind from time to time. No reason to pack up and go home though. You may just have turn and head another direction. There are a bunch of alley ways and coves on Lake Anna for you to do predictions and shred like there is no tomorrow.

this as well. One of the main reasons why we have what we call "wakeboard alley" is because of the design of the waterway. It is straight lines and hard turns, so if you have one bad route, all you have to do is get to the next turn and your good to go.

If all you are doing is trying to get out on the water and have a great time, you can always inland

> surf if the wind is too much to handle out on the wakes. The benefit to inland surfing is that the choppy water and wind don't bother a rider that much. Being so close to the boat already, the elements don't get to you as easily and give you a better chance of riding a long time. Inland surfing is a great way to blow off the worries and let the traffic

die down as well. When everyone is heading home because of the wind, you are literally riding it out and shredding through it all.

When it's all said and done, I still say that wind is a wake boarder's nightmare, but it is not a day killer. Get out on the water regardless of your





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Learning to 'Swim' at Lake by contributing writer Hope Smith

I've been hooked on Lake Anna for more than five years now. My daughter and I enjoy so many activities around the lake, and we've met so many amazing people. From the official website for Virginia Department of Recreation and Conservation, "The land in Lake Anna State Park used to be known as "Gold Hill" and contained the Goodwin Gold Mine. Gold was first discovered in 1829 with mining reaching its peak in the 1880s. In 1971 Lake Anna was created to serve as a water coolant for Dominion Power's nuclear plant. In 1972 work began on the acquisition and development of a water-oriented state park. Lake Anna State Park opened in 1983."

There are many water sports to enjoy on Lake Anna, even if you're not a swimmer. You see, I cannot swim. Although I took swimming lessons a couple of times as a kid, I guess they never quite "took". I sink like a rock and can tread water for a short time. Despite that, a couple of years ago, I learned how to wake surf. Wake surfing is a sport, similar to wake boarding, whereby you hold onto a rope which is hooked to a boat. The boat slowly takes off, and you gradually pull yourself up on the surf board, which is much shorter than a traditional surf board. My favorite accessory is my life jacket. Once you get the hang of wake surfing while holding a rope, you work up to the point when you can go "ropeless" – this is when you're actually able to throw the rope into the boat and ride the wave, purely with balance and a little talent. I'm proud to say I'm officially a ropeless surfer. Wake skating is a similar sport, but it's a bit more advanced. It's similar to skateboarding, but on water - and without wheels!

The people that live around the lake are some of the nicest folks you'll ever have the pleasure of finding. The weekend usually finds people gathered at "The Sandbar". On a good weekend, there can be forty boats, side by side, each sharing stories. If you've ever heard the song "Redneck Yacht Club", it's very reminiscent of The Sandbar. People don't just share stories, they share food, first aid supplies, sunscreen, and whatever else you may need. Some folks have portable grills, and they can usually be found making lunch for other folks. People will bring food to each other's boats to grill, and guess what? They always share with everyone. Some swim platforms look like an all-you-can-eat buffet. No one ever goes away hungry.

Consider me a lake rat of the Lake Anna community, and one day I will learn how to swim.

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Fishing at Lake Anna

Some of Lake Anna's most skilled guides have prepared fishing reports to help you on your next fishing trip. Our website also publishes these reports monthly and archives them as the year goes on. LakeAnnaGuide.com also provides up-to-the-minute fishing weather conditions.

STRIPERS: Expect Striper fishing to be excellent this month, due to the harsh winter that we have been experiencing. Water temperatures are lower than normal causing massive bait kills all the way to the power plant. Also, the back of most of the creeks and up the rivers are frozen forcing the Stripers to feed only in the main lake regions.

There are many patterns to catch stripers this month and probably the easiest is to follow the gulls. Birds are feeding on dying Threadfin early in the mornings but later in the day they will advertise where Stripers are feeding. Small swim baits like Sea Shads, Sassy Shads, bucktails and Road Runners will catch plenty of smaller fish this month. Cast your bait as far as

you can, count it down to the depth you see fish on the depth finder and use a slow retrieve to catch schooling Stripers. For



more explosive strikes, try waking a Redfin over shallow humps and points nearby deep water. Suspending Jerk baits work exceptionally well in the clearer water with a jerk, jerk, pause, jerk pause retrieve, allowing the bait to suspend motionless on the pauses. This method works when others fail and usually catches larger lethargic fish. When you see the Stripers deeper in the water column when they are not aggressively feeding shallow, jigging ¾ oz. Hopkins spoons, blade baits and Super Flukes on ½ oz heads in their faces will work. Trollers are catching fish using umbrella rigs. Unfortunately, there are still many inconsiderate jump fisherman that see birds working fish or other anglers catching fish that run their big motors too close to the action resulting in spooking all the fish but the juveniles. Not only do they not catch keeper fish they tend to ruin the fishing for the anglers who have located the fish. Winter Stripers will not tolerate boat traffic! Simply cut your big motor off at least 100 Yards before you reach the area you want to fish and use your trolling motor to sneak up to the fish.

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BASS- The Greenbacks are shallow and active. There are fish all over the lake willing to take a variety of baits. I have had reports of some fish already guarding fry in the extreme down lake region. For the most part, there are a lot of fish on the bed spawning. The full moon is on April 6 and the week prior to and after will be a fishing bonanza. This time of year my go-to bait is a weightless Burton Minnow rigged on a 4/0 EWG Gamakatsu Hook. Fish parallel to the bank when possible, this keeps your bait in the strike zone longer. You can target several stumps on one cast while fishing this way. If you are fishing in the willow grass up lake, cast your bait to the back of the grass and when you reach the front grass line, kill your bait and let it slowly sink down. This is when the majority of the bites occur. Flipping the grass with creature baits will work well, and this slow presentation will catch numerous fish for you.

If you want to cover a lot of water, there is no better bait than a Tiger Shad Spinnerbait. I like the 1/4oz single willow leaf (Purple Tiger or Sexy Blue Back Herring) on calm days and the 1/2oz double willow leaf on windy days. With all three phases of the spawn going on this month, the top water bite will really start to come on later in the month. My favorite bait is the Pay Check Baits Repo Man. This walk the dog style bait is loud, walks very easy and will cast a country mile. It is loaded with Tunston & Glass Rattles and 3 Gamakatsu Treble Hooks. The Buzz Bait comes in a close second as my favorite top water bait. I use the Bill Deeds and Damiki MTB Noisy Buzz Baits. Pop-R's are an old reliable when it comes to top water fishing. When a fish swirls on a top water bait and misses, quickly follow up with a Burton Minnow, Fluke or a Yamamoto Senko. Remember, the majority of the fish are spawning at this time. Please practice C-P-R: Catch, Photo, Release!

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Recent Catches on Lake Anna



Tony and Sam

Patrick





Kat, Erica and Jim

Josh, Mark, Justen and Jesse





John, Mark and Steve

John and Ben

All photos are provided by Jim Hemby, Lake Anna's Striper Guide

Upcoming Fishing Tournaments

April 7th - Lake Anna Elite Series @ Sturgeon Creek Marina, 540-895-5095

April 13-14 - Bassmaster Weekend Series

@ Sturgeon Creek Marina, Contact Gary Conner, 256-230-5627.

April 15 - Lake Anna Youth - Adult Series @ Sturgeon Creek Marina, 8am-3pm.

April 21 - 22nd - Shenandoah Valley Bass @ Anna Point Marina. Contact Cory Carter at 540-327-8542

For a complete list of upcoming tournaments, please visit the Fishing section at LakeAnnaGuide.com.



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Death By Chocolate





Charity event at the Lake
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behalf of Lori Addison and
our own Lake Anna Rescue
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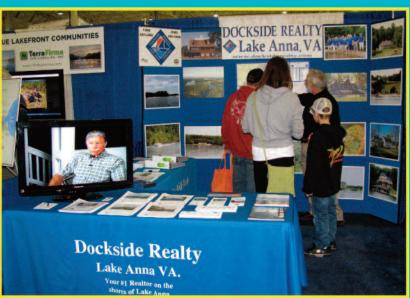


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The 17th Annual National Capital Boat Show

Chantilly, VA - March 2012









The Lake Anna area was well represented by both attendees and businesses promoting the lake at the boat show.

Pictured above (from top):

Lake Country Marine, Dockside Realty,

Lake Anna Marina & The Sunset Team from Long & Foster.

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Featured Events

Rumpus in Bumpass International 2012

April 14

The Rumpus in Bumpass is a set of races over 2 days at the Lake Anna Beach Marina on the southeastern corner of Lake Anna where the "hot" side of the lake enters into the cold side. The first open water swim of the VTS is at the same site as the Giant Acorn Triathlon and is a great place for early and late season events as the water is 4-6 degrees warmer than the upper parts of Lake Anna. A beautiful venue awaits you and this race provides a great excuse to spend a

weekend at Lake Anna with your family and friends. The race is a benefit for the Knights of Columbus. Let the Rumpus in Bumpass begin! For more information: www.setupevents.com

Last Friday's Dance

April 27th @ The Lake Anna Winery Outside we hope to enjoy a beautiful star filled sky. Music on the back patio, wine, food and entertainment from Locals Southern Special will be playing your favorites to dance to. Just \$10.00 and all of this? Too good to be true...but it is.

More Information: No online reservations after 5pm on the previous day. Please call 540.895.5085 or visit www.lawinery.com for details.

Bowling Pin Shoot

Day Lodge #58 and Knights of Columbus April 14

Proceeds to Benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital and Kovar (K. of C. Va Charities) Bring guns in zippered bags or secured holsters.
Brings lots of Ammo and Money! Bring eye and ear protection! All Handguns are welcome! Six Shooters compete against each other to see who can

shoot five (real) Bowling Pins off the table in the fastest time. You will compete against guns of similar caliber. Each round costs \$5, the winner gets \$10. Awards given to top shooters in each class at the end of the shoot (Top Lady, Top Man, Top Revolver Etc). Shotgun Rounds later in the day with light loads #8 only. All responsible ages welcome. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. Food will be available. No drugs, alcohol or pets allowed.



April 22, 10:00am-3:00pm
@ Kings Dominion

Join the Autism Society of Central Virginia in raising awareness about autism while having a fun-filled day at Kings Dominion!

Relay for Life

Spotsylvania

The 2012 Relay For Life of Spotsylvania to benefit the American Cancer Society will be held on April 20th of this year. The event starts at 6pm and lasts until 6am. The event will be taking place at Spotsylvania High School's Football Field. Gates will open at 4:30 for campsite set up. To sign up go to www.relayforlife.org or to learn more information.

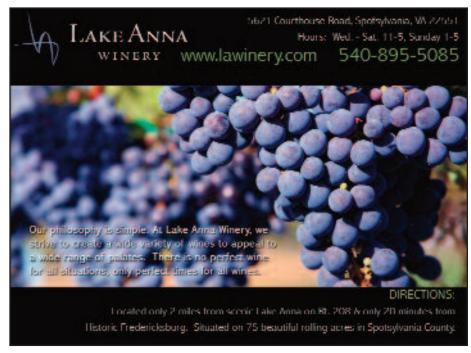
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Louisa will also be holding a 2012 Relay For Life. This event will be on June 15 from 6pm to 6am at Louisa County High School. As we learn more details, we will add them in future issues of the Lake Anna Breeze.

We would also love to see your photos from all local Relay for Life events! Good luck to all participants and if able, please support our neighbors working to fight against cancer.





The Lake Anna Breeze

Lake Anna Horoscopes

Arics (March 21-April 20): Communications from friends and relatives will fill your mail boxes this month. Short trips can be fun and functional and you'll make many.

Taurus (April 21-May 21): Your cash situation look great this month. You may find yourself holding your tongue regarding something you

Gemini (May 23-June 20): You will have plenty of vitality and beauty to attract the opposite sex. You'll likely hear about how

Cancer (June 21-July 20): This is a month to slow down and just take it easy. Part of you will want to go and the other part will want to

Leo (July 21-Aug. 22): It could be safe to say that your friends could be planning ways to ruin your love life this month as a prank. Be aware that there will be friction.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Much is happening in your career sector this month. Learning to say no, as well as nes, to your friends will be the people exercise you learn this month.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your vacation takes center stage this month. Your career and job will still be there when you get back. There could also be interesting news regarding your position when you return

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Changes and decisions will require some deep thought and major commitment on your part. These changes in fortune could have you looking for greener pastures at a distance.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20): Your committed relationship boat sails on quiet seas this month. On that day you both become mirrors for each other's behavior and you may not like the view. There could be major issues over jointly held assets.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 20): The job scene is popping with excitement this month. New challenges and opportunities could be right around the corner. If you have any suggestions, write them down and thank the boses

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): Your romantic life is going to be a whirlwind this month. There may be clues all month that don't set right and those hard questions may need to be asked of your lover before month's end. Employment

Pisces (Feb. 18-March 20): The home front could have you picking colors and fabrics for a redo. This is an excellent time for home improvement projects, inside or out. A romantic partner could be giving you mixed signals all month.





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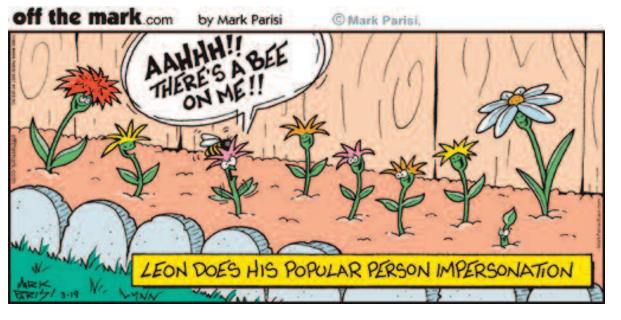
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Smoked Sausage and Vegetable Kabobs

Description:

Prep Time: 20 Minutes

Grilling Time: 10 to 20 Minutes

Ingredients:

1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces 1 medium green bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces 1 medium yellow bell pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 large red onion, cut into 1/2 inch wedges

1 package (14 ounces) Butterball® Smoked Turkey Dinner

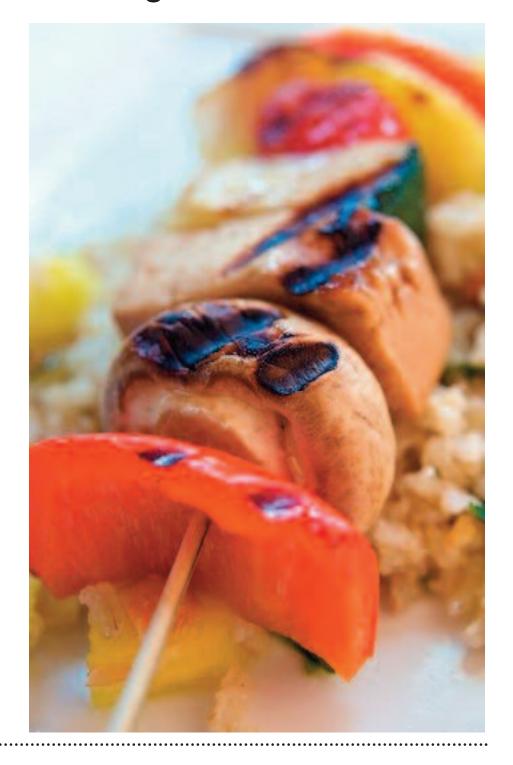
Sausage, cut into 1/2 inch pieces

1 pint cherry tomatoes

Directions:

- 1. Heat grill or broiler. Toss vegetable squares in oil and season with salt and pepper, if desired.
- 2. Thread smoked sausage with alternating vegetable pieces on 8 skewers.
- 3. Grill or broil 10 minutes, turning often.
- 4. Note: This may be assembled 24 hours in advance and simply cooked when needed

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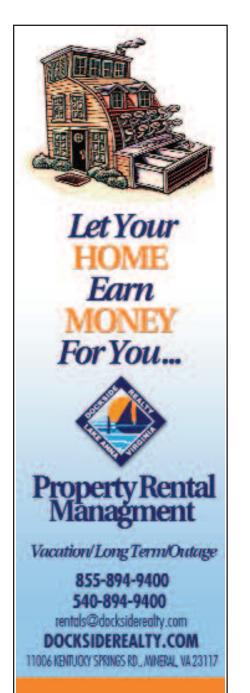
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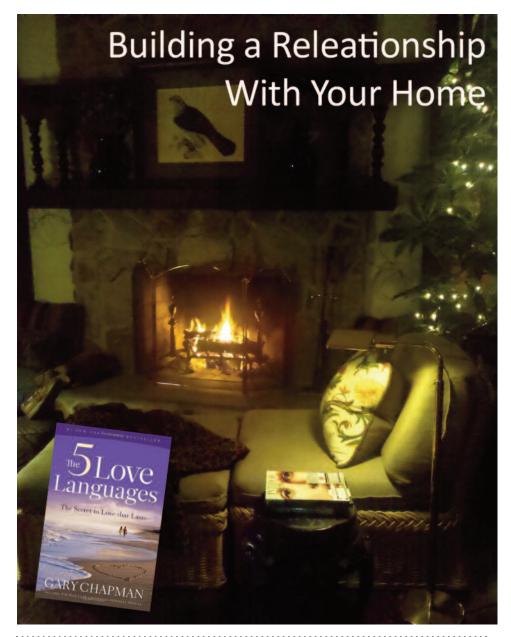
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Valentines cards may still be on display at home and there may be candy hearts in a bowl saying "I love you." So...how is your relationship with your home? Large or small, shared with loved ones or at home alone, whatever your circumstance, it's nice to have the rooms of your home wrap their arms around you when you walk in the front door.

In his current best seller, The 5 Love Languages, Gary Chapman wrote about the secrets to love that lasts. The languages are Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, Physical Touch. When I weave these secrets with the great ideas from another older, but timeless, book by Alexandra Stoddard, Living a Beautiful Life, I discover more than 500 ways to add elegance, order, beauty, joy and love to every day of your life. These ideas take little time and money, but can change how you think about the way the rooms of your home are working for you and in you.

This is for men and women and is not about decorating, although some of the "gifts" you and your home will exchange with one another may fall into the decorating category. If so, select the gift wisely and don't rush the process. You are investing in a valuable relationship that will affect your soul and your spirit, spilling over into your everyday life.

"Words of Affirmation" might be speaking aloud positive things you feel about your surroundings. For instance, I might come into my living room after a long day and say "It's so good to be home". Words release power and set a positive atmosphere in the room.. Your choice of music, peaceful sighs, positive thoughts and frequent smiles of approval are all affirming "words."

Everything in your room should work together to embrace you, calling to you to just sit and be. Hence, "Quality Time" comes into play. If your discerning eye picks up on something that isn't cooperating, figure out why. It could be something simple and require a slight change. For instance, your lighting could be all wrong for the time of day or the event. We ask our light fixtures to do alot. They need to provide bright, clear task lighting for meetings, personal study or projects and play areas for children. Then we ask them to be mood-enhancing or romantic for those times alone or during dinner parties.

Years ago, I used to have a shoebox with with light bulbs of varying watts to change out prior to a dinner party, hopefully remembering to change them back the next day. I am so glad that dimmers for chandeliers and lamps are readily available today. Canned lamps behind chairs, plants or in corners add intriquing lighting to your room.

For your dining room, the chairs should invite you to linger there after a meal for quality conversations, hearing old stories again and again with laughter. Laughter is so affirming. All the rooms in your home should be giving back to you feelings love and security, creativity and being whole in who you are...lacking nothing.

The "Acts of Service" are actions on your part so that you might receive back what you have set in motion. Your bathroom is a perfect example that is easy to describe. If you enjoy a relaxing time in the bath, the visual is very important. It could feel like a spa with sea sponges, candles, and a plant, or as minimal as a Japanese bath, providing a clean, uncluttered area with wood and bamboo accessories. The "gifts" you give your bath area could be bath pillows, lotions, soaps, and more. These appointments allow your bath to, in turn, perform "Acts of Service," meeting your needs for "Quality Time." Use this concept for other spaces such as the kitchen or your office.

The "Physical Touch" comes with tactility in all the elements. The soft background music would be "Affirming Words" appropriate to the mood you are trying to create. "Physical Touch" in a space could be visual as well as tactile. Ferns from the woods outside your door placed in a slender vase, call you to stroke their fronds or caress the velvet on their stems. The simple beauty of this arrangement on your table is also a renewal of your spirit, bringing the outdoors in. Fabrics that are supple and luxurious to the touch do more for you than their intended purpose of warmth and comfort. They cause you to sigh with approval. They call you to come, sit and just "BE". Look around your room(s) and commit to having a deeper partnership and understanding, developing into a love for the place you call HOME. This is your deserved retreat from the world. Till next month, BB

Subdivision Spotlight: Wyndemere



One of Lake Anna's most popular neighborhoods is alluring to many new residents.

Wyndemere is an upscale Lake Anna community centrally located on the lake, and is conveniently located less than 10 minutes from the Food Lion Shopping Center. Wyndemere is a perfect fit for both full time

residents and vacation living. The Wyndemere Subdivision has three community parks with boat slips, picnic areas, and gazebos. There are also two tennis courts with basketball backboards, perfect for a friendly game anytime.

As recently as 1996, only one fourth of Wyndemere's residents were full time. Currently, that number has grown to 60%. The close knit community is proving to be a wonderful option for year-round living.

One of the best reasons to live in Wyndemere are all of the activities

planned by the neighborhood's homeowners' association. Throughout the year, there are many events including the Halloween party, the 4th of July parade with gold carts, along with seasonal parties that keep the community spirit alive.

Wyndemere also has one of the most beautiful entrances of any neighborhood on Lake Anna. The Bradford Pear trees that line the entrance on Route 719 are beautiful throughout the year and create a wonderful first impression to those entering the community.

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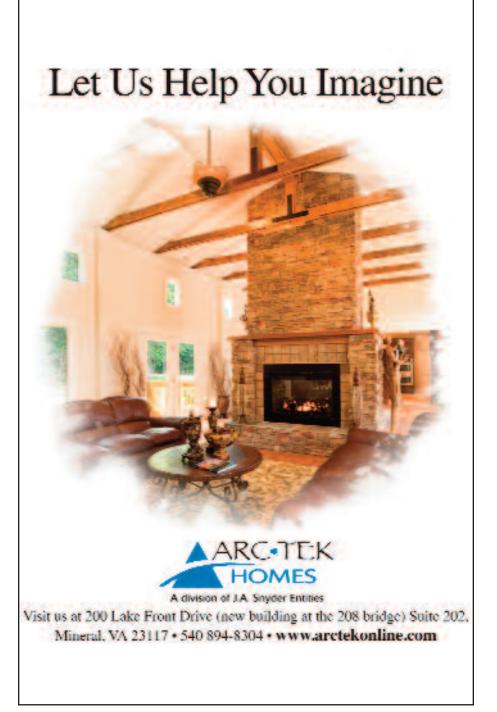
















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