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The Breeze Expands to Fredericksburg, Ashland & Surrounding Areas

Can you feel the Breeze? It's finally spring and the Breeze is growing! Our most loyal readers will see a couple of minor changes, as due to increases in newspaper distribution, the Breeze will continue to cover all topics regarding Lake Anna and will also cover events for the surrounding areas of Fredericksburg, Ashland, Richmond, Culpeper in addition to the Louisa, Spotsylvania and Orange locales adjacent to Lake Anna.

With new programs implemented to bring this blend of news, events and fun that you've come

to expect with a wider spectrum of coverage. Copies of the Breeze will be distributed through major hotel chains and our network of distribution locations is growing. A full list of areas that sell this publication is available on our website at lakeannabreeze.com and includes area Wal Marts, Walgreens, Food Lions and more.

If you prefer, you can also have the Lake Anna Breeze delivered directly to you by subscribing online. Subscriptions available to ensure you never miss an issue of the Breeze!



Tractor Hill Expands to Offer Hardware

A recent trip to Tractor Hill Equipment & Pro Hardware revealed in addition to the Kioti Tractors, Cub Cadet mowers and Scag power equipment, there is now also a Pro Hardware. In typical Bill Towsey fashion, this is no small venture. Inside of the newly expanded showroom, Bill has dedicated over 3,000 square feet to Echo chainsaws, paints, specialty farm parts, implement paints, plumbing fixtures, tools and a plethora of other items including

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150th Anniversary of Spotsy Battles

Celebrate Local History with the 150th Anniversary of Battles of Wilderness & Spotsylvania Courthouse. The Commonwealth of Virginia, Spotsylvania County and The National Park Service are joining forces to present the 150th Anniversary of the Battles of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse on May 1-4th. The re-enactment of these pivotal Civil War battles will take place on the Vakos Development Prop-

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LETTERS *to the Editor*

Dear Editor of the Lake Anna Breeze,
 Thank you for allowing residents of the lake to share our
 thoughts as to what will serve us best in our area.

I love the fact that we now have the new shopping center right
 in our lake area. It is so nice to go to the grocery store, patronize the
 stores that are available to us. It is a nice addition to our area and so
 convenient. As we anticipate the opening of the new Lake Anna Resort
 and all its upcoming amenities as well as the one-day-in the near-fu-
 ture golf course (even though I presently do not golf), it gives me hope
 that Lake Anna will finally provide more upscale features that will ad-
 dress the needs of those of us who frequent the lake regularly and on
 weekends. My family and I have owned a home on the lake for 16
 years. One of the drawbacks of the lake is that there isn't a whole lot
 to do off water. Yes, I love the winery and the things that we can drive
 to in 30-45 minutes, but here's what I would love to see: a movie the-
 ater, the things that the future resort will offer, more boutique shops,
 and how about a park behind New Bridge Landing with a bike and hike
 trail, playground, picnic tables, beautiful landscape...etc. Something
 for families and younger children.

Now to your question: A Dollar General? Are you kidding? I
 shop dollar stores and love the savings, but we already have a Dollar
 General nearby. Are we trying to lower the standards of our area or
 attract more visitors? I even heard that Louisa County declined a Wal-
 Mart, if that doesn't tell you something!

How about Chick-Fil-A? The ones I go to are always packed and
 we could use a fast food restaurant.

I hope I didn't offend you by my remarks. I'm just so glad to
 see progress in providing more things that I like...and I hate to see our
 area revert backwards, if you know what I mean. If everyone wants
 the things you are suggesting, they need to drive to Louisa or Mineral.

Love Lake Anna! Let's serve the retirees as well.

-Carol

Check out the online calendar
 to keep up with the latest local events!

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Local Favorite Tractor Hill Expands Product Selection

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laminated flooring and home cabinetry.

Employees were helping the many customers to find the cor-
 rect size, color or type of merchandise they were looking for. Bill and
 his crew were showing off the latest and greatest of the Kioti Tractors,
 Honda Generators and his newest additions: EZ-Go golf carts and
 utility vehicles. With their equipment rentals and pre-owned selec-
 tions for sale, the newly expanded hardware offerings, there isn't
 much for the home or farm that you can't find at Tractor Hill at the
 intersection of Route 522 and Chopping Road in Mineral.

Owner Bill Towsey has been a Mineral/Lake Anna staple for
 many years and has become a pillar in the community, winning the
 most recent award for Business Person of the Year in the Best of Lake
 Anna Awards. Stop by today to see what why the citizens of Lake
 Anna chose Bill as the winner - and help support a local business that
 adds to the community, employs local residents, and operates a
 friendly and professional operation right here in our backyard.

Tractor Hill Equipment is located at 4541 Chopping Road, Min-
 eral, Virginia or you can reach the staff at 540-894-8770 or visit their
 site on the web at www.tractorhill.net.

Spotsy Commemorates 150th Anniversary

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erty near the intersection of Route 208 and Lake Anna Parkway. The
 community is invited to purchase tickets to enter the battlefield area.

The celebration will include living history reenactments,
 demonstrations, lectures and audience participation.

Events for the Battle of the Wilderness and Spotsylvania
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 activities focusing on the historic events surrounding the battles
 are slated throughout the Month of May.

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Louisa Tent Rentals: Local Company's Got You Covered.



With the start of the spring season comes a barrage of fun
 events: parties, graduations, weddings and much more. The best
 way to prepare for your special events is to ensure that you've got
 your event space covered. Local company Louisa Tent Rentals & Ac-
 cessories, LLC was established in 2008. A fully licensed and insured
 provider of tents and essential event accessories, Louisa Tent Rentals
 recognized a growing need in the community for a service that of-
 fered an affordable alternative to host outdoor events. Within
 months of the start of the company, they had doubled in size due to
 the increasing demand for the service and thanks to the strong word
 of mouth from their satisfied customers.

Quality is always paramount for Louisa Tent Rentals and the
 decision was made early on to only offer a high quality product and
 never compromise on customer service. The customer is the driving
 force behind the business and customer satisfaction is the key to suc-
 cess and longevity. An emphasis on fast, courteous and professional
 service with focused one-on-one interaction with customers is what
 you can expect when selecting this company.

That philosophy makes it no surprise that Louisa Tent Rentals
 was voted "Best Customer Service" in the Lake Anna Guide's Best of
 Lake Anna Awards in October 2013. Their slogan of "We've Got U
 Covered" is truly applicable and their customer base enjoys having
 this type of service so convenient to the Louisa and Lake Anna area.

In addition to traditional frame and pole tents, there is also a
 variety of event accessories which will help complete your event.
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The Lore of the Lake by Wayman Bishop

Fly Me to the Moon



Some of you may remember that old Frank Sinatra hit, "Fly me to the moon and let me dance among the stars...let me see what Spring is like on Jupiter or Mars." Manned space travel was only a fantasy when Frank crooned that tune in the late 50's, but who then would have dreamed that today you can fly to anywhere in the world from Lake Anna and from our very own airport.

The new owner of the Lake Anna Airport, Hank Rempe, has authored a master business plan for Mile High Charters, LLC, home based at Lake Anna Airport, that will make his dream for us who live and work at Lake Anna a reality. His master plan calls for more hangars, an aviation fueling station and a passenger terminal. Implicit in Hank's plan is a vision for Lake Anna as a major resort, residential, recreation and business destination, requiring a stand up, first class general aviation facility. Aspen has her slopes and celebrities. We have a beautiful lake, our own celebrities and...Bumpass.

My recent interview with Hank was embarrassing. I discovered there is so much more going on at the Lake Anna Airport than I ever imagined. Hank described as routine operations, daily flights in and out, military ops, spooky government ops, and general aviation capabilities I never imagined existed at our "sleepy" little airport. Sleepy it is not.

Hank was also very gracious not to be offended by my ignorance of the reality of a growing aviation enterprise.

For example, in my last column about the airport, I cited "7W4" as the official alpha-numeric designation of the Lake Anna Airport, when in fact the designation has been upgraded to "K7W4." The "K" is a big deal, at least to me, in that it identifies our airport as an Automated Weather Observation Station or AWOS. That means that pilots flying in the area know by the "K" that they can acquire current and precise weather conditions at the Lake Anna Airport.

I also learned that our airport has lights on the runway for night landings. Not only that, but because the lights don't remain on all night, an approaching pilot only has to press his radio transmission button 5 times and the lights come on. Now that's just cool. I mean really cool. Makes me proud.

Next month I want to introduce you to Hank Rempe, owner of the Lake Anna Airport. Hank is an incredibly interesting guy with an amazing career in commercial and general aviation. Hank is currently the Manager of the Hanover County Municipal Airport and has an extensive background in aviation management, operations, maintenance, manufacturing and piloting and he's looking for property at Lake Anna. Hank's story as an aviation expert is compelling...I know it will capture your interest.



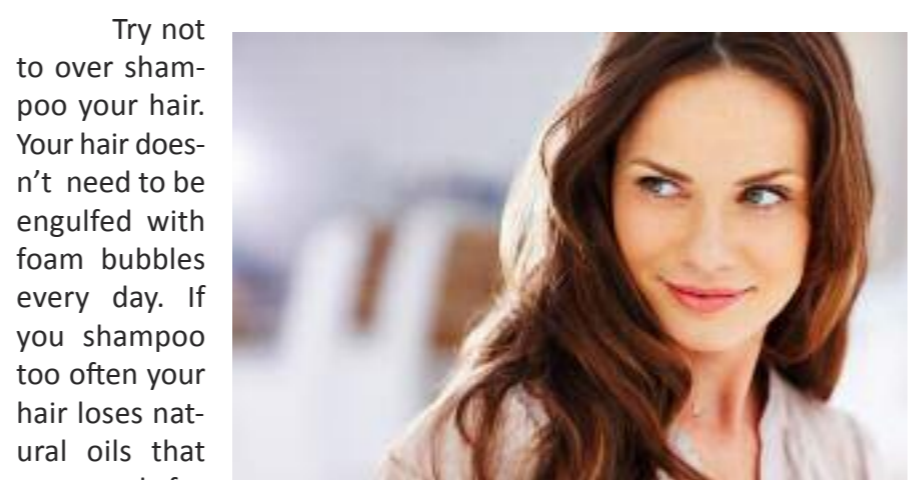
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Essential Hair Tips by Heather Mechler-Fickes of Chameleon & Co. Salon

We all have busy lives and our hair isn't always the most important thing on the agenda, but it is one of the first things people notice about our appearance. Here are just a few tips to ensure your hair is in the best shape it can be in.

One of the first tips is to get a good haircut every 4-6 weeks. This will help prevent split ends, and keep your hair in good shape. This also includes having a professional trim up your bangs. So many times clients try to do their own do-it yourself jobs and it turns into a disaster. This is extremely important when wanting a chemical service. This includes hair color, highlights, and perms. Hairstylists have seen many clients come into the salon needing their hair disasters fixed because they decided to do their hair in the kitchen sink. It helps to find a good stylist that listens, understands what you want, and does a good job. If your schedule is very busy, call ahead for an appointment or pre-book your next appointment at your salon visit.

Another important tip is to use professional salon products. There is a difference between grocery store products and the products being sold at a salon. Over time you will see a difference.



Try not to over shampoo your hair. Your hair doesn't need to be engulfed with foam bubbles every day. If you shampoo too often your hair loses natural oils that are good for your hair. Usually every other day is all you need. When you shampoo start at the scalp and work your way to the ends.

Heather Mechler-Fickes is a regular contributor to the Lake Anna Breeze and a stylist at Chameleon & Co. on the top floor of the Lake Anna Island Shops.

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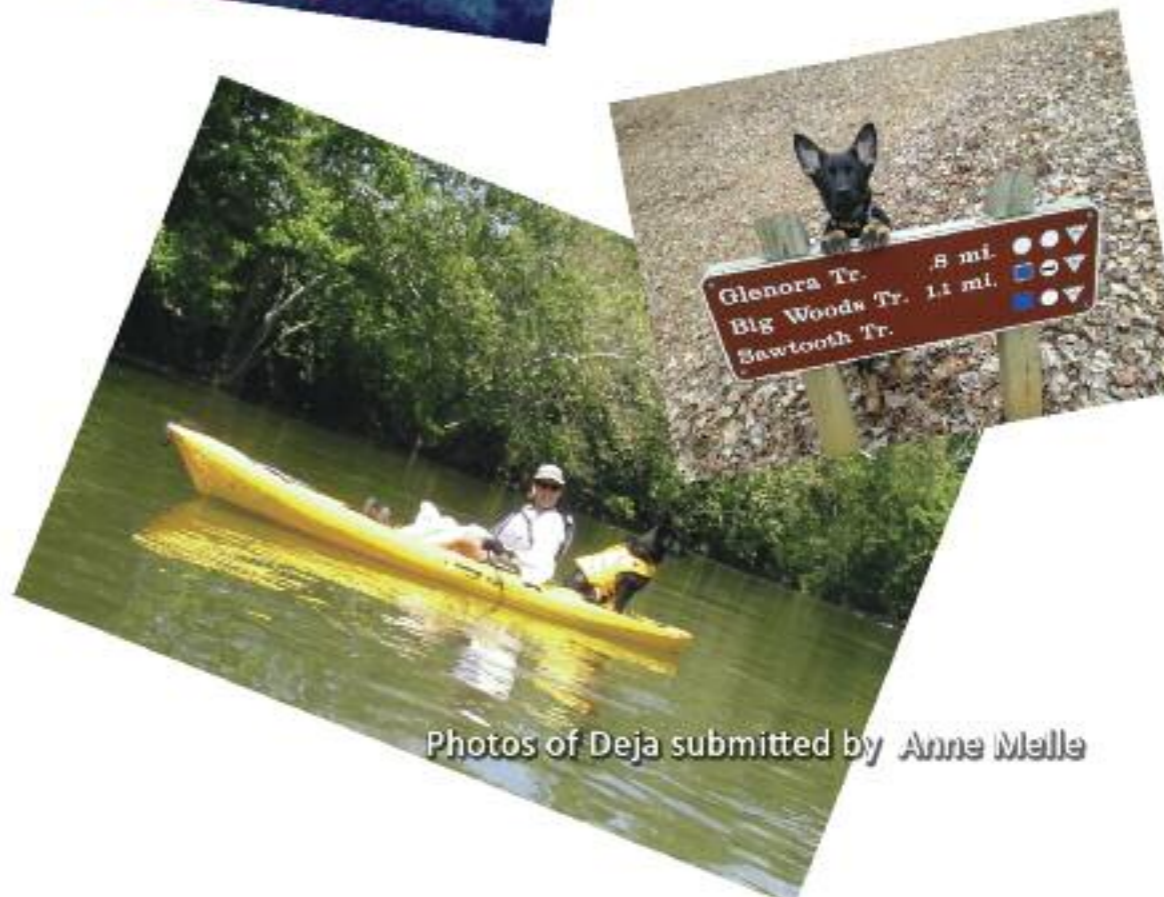
Scenes from Lake Anna



It's been a long winter and many of our photos we've received show the weather we've had in recent months. We're looking forward to seeing your photos documenting the start of Spring 2014!



Photos submitted by Christine Love



Photos of Deja submitted by Anne Melle

Lake Anna's Featured Pets

Send your photos to our facebook page or e-mail them to jen@lakeannabreeze.com and you could see your pet featured here next time!

Summer Safety First!

by contributing writer Kyle Austin



Summertime is finally here and we are all ready to hit the water, but first you must take a step back and check a few things before you go out on the lake. Just because you don't have a boat, doesn't mean that you won't have gear to enjoy behind one. Do you ski? Do you wakeboard? Both require some preseason checking to ensure that they are ready to rock and roll when the warmer weather hits. There are a few things that you can do before you head out with your friends on the water. First check your belongings for any damage that may have been caused during the off season. Cracks or breaks in your equipment can be extremely dangerous at higher speeds on the water. Once you have checked to make sure that your gear is still in great condition you can buff and polish your boards, as well. This helps prevent sun damage and cracks caused by years of direct sunlight. Checking your bindings and mounting areas before going out on the water ensures that your board won't come loose once you're in the air behind the boat. If you can think of any reason that your equipment wouldn't be safe it is always better to replace it than take the health risk on the water. Stopping by your local one stop shop for all things watersports: Wake Edgers Gear and Gifts can provide you with the most safe and reliable gear in today's market.

Not only should you be checking our boards, you also need to

check out what may very well save your life. Personal flotation devices (PFD) fall apart over the years from being weathered. The last thing anyone needs is a life jacket that doesn't do its job. No matter what you are going to be doing on the water you will need a proper life vest for all occasions. Whether you're riding behind the boat wakeboarding or sitting in fishing boat, you need to be properly equipped for any unforeseen boating accidents. Being unprepared with a malfunctioning PFD or non-existent PFD could be the worst decision you can ever make on the water. Some may not even know that if your life vest is torn or in non-functioning condition that it will not be allowed in an onboard search from your local authorities. If it is not in full working order it doesn't count as a working life vest and can result in a citation on the boat if pulled over. Wake Edgers Gear and Gifts also sells a multitude of U.S. Coast Guard approved vests for every age as well as bulk packs for your boat.

These are just some of the items you need to check over before your first day out on the water. Making sure that your family and friends will be safe should take precedence over your riding every time. Now go check out your gear and stop by Wake Edgers Gear and Gifts if you have any questions about your equipment!

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Outdoor Life at Lake Anna

May Fishing Report

By Charlie Bowles - Charlie@CVOfishing.com
Fishing Guide, Bass Pro Shops & Lowrance Pro-Staff

This month usually offers more stable weather than the previous months and allows anglers to catch fish using many different approaches. At least a third of the fish have spawned and the subsequent spawns will happen within the next few weeks. Some fish will be very aggressive as they are feeding or protecting their beds & fry, while others will be nearly impossible to catch because they are recovering from all of the stresses of laying eggs, fishing pressure, etc.

Bass:

Bass spawn at different times during the spring. By the first week or so in May the early big fish spawns are finishing and the early stages of post spawn fishing are revealed. There will still be a couple waves of spawning but the playing field is changing. There will be fish that are thinking about going back to their summer brush piles and ledges but they haven't quite made it out of the "Bass Brothel". These fish will be roaming around on the flats and will get very hungry whenever they recover from the stress of making baby bass. My three favorite baits to find these fish are lipless crankbaits, jerkbaits, and poppers. Spinnerbaits are also a good choice. Since you are looking for transitional fish you are trying to cover a lot of water between the spawning areas and the summer hangouts. Once you get a couple strikes in an area you can slow down and present jigs, worms, or tubes to some of their nearby friends.

Striper

Nothing compares to seeing a 35" inch striper crush a 10" shad on the surface, except for casting your super spook right on top of it...twitch...twitch...WHAM!!! On the right morning or late in the evening you can run into some of the most impressive feeding action available in fresh water. This month, big Stripers will begin to transition to main lake areas. They will feed heavily throughout the month on larger baits. If you miss the early morning action you will have to pull out to the deeper flats and channel edges to troll crankbaits, swim-baits and bucktails. If you are equipped with a nice bait well and are proficient at catching bait, you can use free lines, planar boards, and down lines to target Lake Anna Linesiders.

Crappie

Nice size slabs can be found all over the lake. Bridges, docks, brush piles, beaver huts, and grass are home to thousands of Crappie. Many citations have been taken in the last couple of weeks... One method is to try casting grubs, tubes, and beetle spins as close to whatever cover you are targeting. Another approach is to use a slip bobber above a #8 gold aberdeen hook tipped with a small minnow.



CVO clients pose with a limit of Lake Anna Stripers caught on deep diving crankbaits during "Happy Hour"



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The Calendar is Filling Up...



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Do you have an event coming up that you'd like to share? E-mail jen@lakeannabreeze.com and we'll add you to our online events calendar at lakeannabreeze.com and feature a select amount in each issue. Bookmark our online calendar to keep up to date with Lake Anna events!

Virginia Renaissance Faire Saturdays and Sundays from May 10 through June 8, 2014

Unlike most Renaissance-themed events, VaRF chose to be more than a costume party in a shopping mall. We believe that people really do want something more for their money and that 'something' is to come away having learned or experienced something new. Learning is personal; it's a growth experience and it's with you always. The VaRF addresses this philosophy with a mandate to offer something suitable for all ages, abilities and cultures. To make this an affordable experience. To provide more activities than a family can do in a single day and to keep the show fresh each weekend. The faire uses street theater combined with period activities and a cast of well researched and fully developed costumed characters to bring history to life. Each area of the faire presents demonstrations, has hand-on activities and a cast member ready to show you how.



photos by Kevin Hedgecock

Between 80 and 100 artisans and crafters help create the 'town'. We have a wide variety both period and modern foods, including vegan and vegetarian options. Many of the vendors also provide demonstrations of how they make their wares and what they would be used for in the 16th C. The



streets are filled with small acting troops, acrobats, jugglers and magicians, just as they would be on a faire day along the Queen's Progress.

The Virginia Renaissance Faire is held Saturdays and Sundays from May 10 through June 8, 2014 on the grounds of the Lake Anna Winery at 5621 Courthouse Rd in Spotsylvania, VA.

Admission is \$9, children 5 and under are FREE. Active, Retired and Reserve military personnel are free on Memorial Day Weekend.

Ready, Set Wear It!

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Memorial Day Into the Night

5/24/2014

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Lake Anna Wine Festival

The Lake Anna Visitor Center announced recently that the Lake Anna Wine Festival will not be held this year. After a hugely successful debut in September, the plans for the next festival have been more complicated, with the need for an event space that can accommodate a crowd larger than the last.

The location will eventually be permanently at the Lake Anna Resort, but without viable options for space and, in an even more limited selection, parking - the event will not take place as hoped again in September.

Organizers are eager to find a location that can easily sustain the large crowd and keep the feedback from attendees in mind and create a bigger and better festival for next time.

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Dining Spotlight

Crazy Good Eats—Umi Japanese Fine Dining

If fresh is what you're seeking, as in still alive in your bowl, then seek out Umi. Their creations are actually a masterful work of art made right before your eyes. I asked chef and owner, Sony Gao, what exactly they create at his Japanese restaurant that would qualify as a "Crazy Good Eats".

"Everything we make is truly awesome, and the secret is that we keep it simple, we make it fresh, and we keep it clean." He jumped behind the sushi counter and started preparing a dish called Live Scallops; the creation was presented in a beautiful, but simple arrangement, with sliced cold-water scallops cut live from the shell and fanned out between paper-thin slices of lemon. Now THAT'S what I call FRESH!

Before I could break out the chop sticks a beautiful little mound of Crab Salad was sitting in the center of what looked like a multi-colored Spin Art sheet I had done in summer camp as a youth. Complete with a cherry on top, it looked more like a dessert but the salad was moist, light, and had a surprise crunchy bottom. Before I could finish, Ninja Sony whipped out a plate bursting with colors and textures enticing my taste buds to come dance. Fatty Yellow Tail, Scottish



Salmon, white- as-snow Squid, all topped with two stocks of fresh asparagus then drizzled with a yellow sauce; the dish is named 'Umi Side Up'. Some of the ingredients used to make the vibrant sauce were fresh ginger, garlic, and apple. The addition of black and white sesame seeds kicked it up a notch to being a dish so beautiful, it could grace the cover of Food Arts magazine.

"Our most popular Tuna Spoons are made with Fatty Tuna where we have pulled all of the tendons off which makes the tuna melt in your mouth like butter. We make two different sauces using Bonito (a dried fish) and top each bite with a jalapeno ring for a little kick."

Umi is located at 1500 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Fredericksburg, Virginia. If you go, make sure you tell them you are there for their Crazy Good Eats!



Monica Van Cleve is the founder and publisher of the award-winning food magazine Let's Eat Out Menus, and other food guides. She believes in supporting, and exposing those who have a passion for preparing and serving Crazy Good food.

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LIFESTYLE Reflections

by Lake Anna Interior Designer Barbara Bishop

Is it Spring yet? We have been asking ourselves, even though the calendar proved it was. Finally, it is gorgeous outside. I think I'm not alone to revel in the uplifted feeling and motivation that accompanies the days when higher temperatures and bright sunlight finally arrive.

I don't know of another time when I remember the number one topic of conversation with just about everyone, has been about the weather. You felt it as much, so you didn't really begrudge another for using you as his therapist. In my world of decorating, I have encountered clients who have experienced symptoms of SAD (seasonal affective disorder) also associated with types of depression. Fortunately, there are design solutions to change the outlook and motivation of otherwise "normal" people who experience the effects of SAD. Sunlight is essential! Optimize the effects of sunlight in your home to chase away the lingering blues of winter and usher in the joy of spring. Bring it on!

You can now begin to dig out those dusty New Year's resolutions and dream about creating a new environment at home.



photo courtesy of Elle Décor

Purging boxes and bags of old unwanted stuff by front door to go to the dump. My design magazines has always been difficult as they are a resource for the working with clients and totally enjoyable. They, too, will be stacked by door. I will try not to look back.

In each of my writings, I have attempted to touch that your homes reflect who you are as individuals. I will go a little deeper in this to hopefully open up thoughts and feelings you might have. There is a feature Elle Décor magazine does monthly that has always intrigued me. I want to share this with you and where it takes me in my thinking. The monthly piece, "The 12 things (insert name of their featured designer) can't live without." I can't remember when this magazine first hit the newsstand, but this feature article has always been included. I would often tear out that page to reflect over the "types" of things the featured designer would choose to include. I felt for the longest time that highlighting his or her favorite belongings was arrogant and promoting self-importance. I rarely focused on the items except to see some designers had more personal, endearing items interspersed within their collections than others. I was conflicted about this because it was not who I was at the time.

I remembered on a couple of occasions in the 80's having the same inner conflict about my "belongings." We lived in Oklahoma and I began to question being materialistic in my thinking of belongings vs. "decorating" with them. After much thought, I came to the conclusion that my belongings were my roots and where I had come from and, therefore, part of who I was. So BE it!! So, in decorating with them in whatever stage of life you are in, my readers and my loved ones...your belongings and collections will reach a point where they are no longer important to your soul. They may never make it out of the archive, but they have earned a place on the table of contents. That's what life is like really...it's nice that way. Maybe it's time to clean out the archives and simplify the table of contents.

Forty-six years ago, I shopped for accessories at a used furniture and accessories store in Triangle, Virginia. (Same place we bought our first boat, "Spencer," a 1955, 16 foot, wooden beauty...after Spence Tracey..."old Man and the Sea.") I bought 1970 era, great accessory items (with my young decorator eyes) perfect pieces to place within our rooms that made me feel like I was like everybody else who lived in Buckhead...living up to what's expected in Atlanta.. Lesson learned: YOU are NOT where you came from. You continue to add a layering of new and valuable (may be a while to see they are really valuable) items to your collection of furnishings with life's experiences. I did finally paint my front door citron yellow...maybe next month I'll show a picture. It only took me 23 years to make me see I really needed a change. The red was good, but the change was better. Happy Springtime!!

Until next time, BB

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