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## Congressman Brat Visits Lake Anna



Congressman Dave Brat visited Lake Anna on Saturday, August 29th and made many stops at businesses along the way. Brat told Ed Blount of the Lake Anna Visitor Center (pictured with Brat above) that he wanted to hear from the people how things are going at the lake. Mr. Brat places a high value on education & jobs, as does Blount. The two spoke at great lengths about new developments around the lake and Representative Brat said economic development is the key to great jobs in rural areas like this.

## Lions Flying High



The start of the school year in August marked the official opening of the new Louisa County High School. The old LCHS was damaged in the 2011 earthquake and students have been putting in their hours in trailers and POD classrooms until last month. The state-of-the-art high school is complete with The Alan Jackson Theater, named for the country superstar who held a charity concert in Mineral in 2012 & made a substantial donation to the school.



## The Louisa Arts Center Announces 2015-16 Performing Arts Season

The Louisa Arts Center announced an exciting line-up of performances with something for everyone. It has music legends like John Conlee and Judy Collins. The season includes talented grandchildren of music legends Tayla Lynn – Loretta Lynn’s granddaughter, and Nathan Stanley – Ralph Stanley’s grandson. There are three Louisa Arts Center produced theater productions: the comedy – “Daddy’s Dyin’...Who’s Got the Will?”, the sequel to “Smoke On The Mountain” – “A Sanders Family Christmas”;  
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## Henry Wash Seeks Re-Election



Louisa County Treasurer Henry B. Wash is seeking re-election this November for a second term. The Treasurer’s independent status as an elected official ensures that funds will be collected, invested and accounted for by a person that reports directly to the people. The Treasurer serves as the sole authority for investment decisions for Louisa County and reports to the Board of Supervisors and Virginia Public Accounts.

As a native Louisa County citizen, Mr. Wash feels he has a special connection with county citizens, “I feel that I understand the people of Louisa and have the skills best to serve and report directly back to the citizens,” he explains. “I also stated the office needed to work with everyone to pay their taxes and clean up the high delinquent taxes owed to the county.”

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## Vito’s on the Lake Opens

The Lake Anna Plaza is now home to a new restaurant, Vito’s on the Lake, serving authentic Italian dishes and a full service menu. The space, formerly occupied by Ally’s on the Lake, has been updated for the new business. With added booths inside, updated furniture, and a more convenient entrance through the patio, Vito’s will bring another dining option to Lake Anna residents and visitors.

The menu, consisting of a large selection of pasta, entrees, salads, sandwiches & burgers, is sure to offer enough items to satisfy all members of the family, even a kid’s menu for the “little

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## LETTERS *to the Editor*

### A "Gran" Old Time

Thank you so much for running the Rose Valley "gran" camp article, that I wrote, with several pictures, and submitted by Gloria. We grandmothers had a great time planning and holding the camp for our nine grandchildren and hope to do it again next year.

*Carol Sudol, Rose Valley*

*Carol,*

*THANK YOU for sending in the article - it's wonderful to see Lake Anna as the backdrop for family and community centered activities. Surely our readers enjoyed seeing all of the effort you all placed into creating a special memory for all of your grandchildren. We'd love to share your story each year.*



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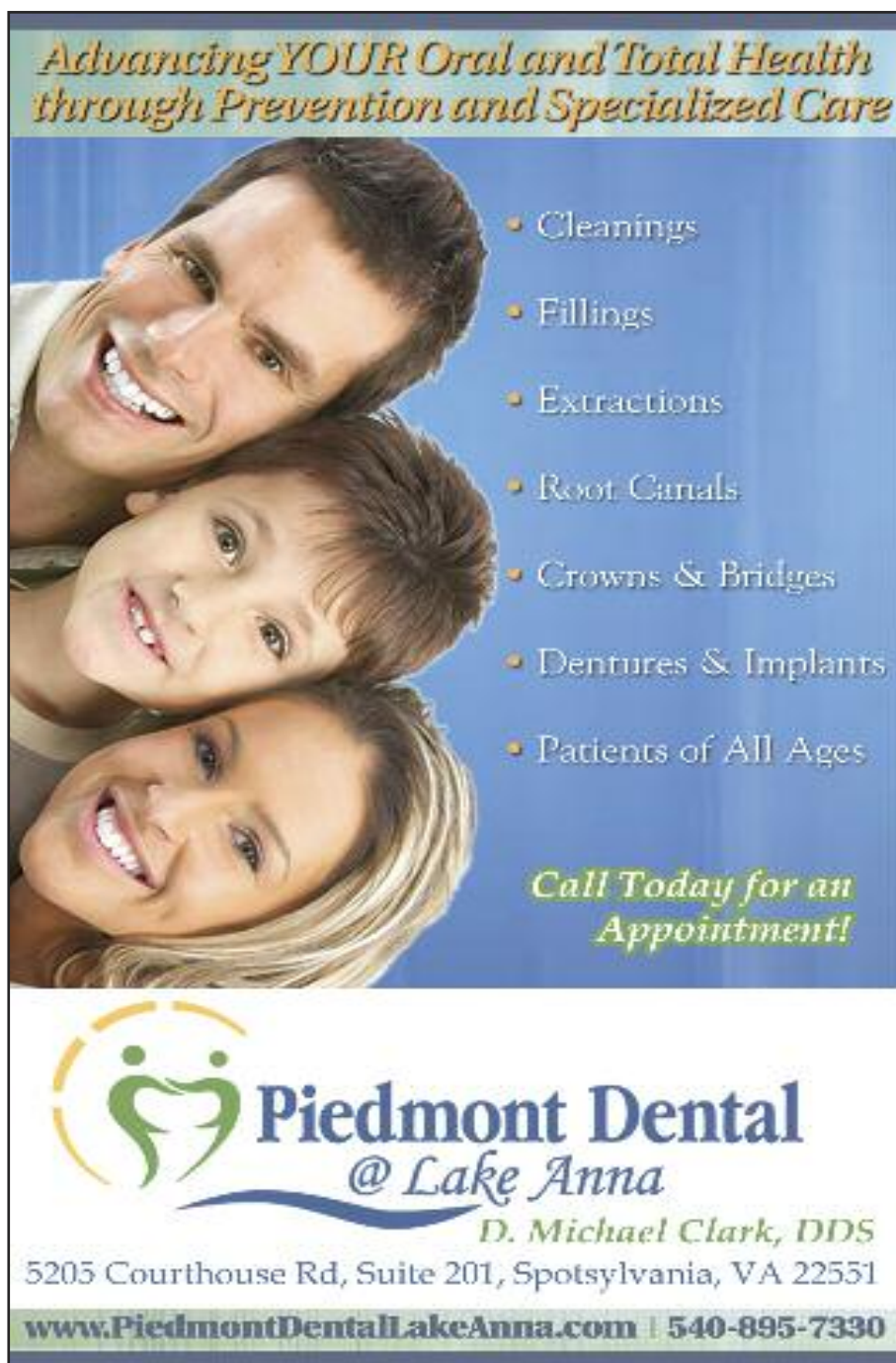
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Vito's Italian Restaurant *(continued from first page)*



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bambinis"! In addition, the restaurant will also serve "Vito's Famous Pizza". When Vito originally moved from Italy, he first worked as a dishwasher in an Italian restaurant in Syracuse, New York. Eventually, moving up to cook, Vito worked hard to perfect his New York-style pizza recipe.

Vito's will be open from 11am to 9:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday and from 12pm to 9pm on Sunday. The restaurant will remain closed on Tuesdays. The convenient location at the main part of the lake on Route 208 will surely offer a great solution for picking up dinner on the way home, light fare while out on the boat, or a pizza for movie night.

Vito's on the Lake is located at 200 Lake Front Drive and can be reached at (540) 894-4440 or you can view their menu online at their official website: [www.vitosonthelake.com](http://www.vitosonthelake.com)

Treasurer *(continued from first page)*

During the first term Wash served after being elected in 2011, Louisa has collected over \$4.5 million in delinquent taxes, collected more than \$40,000 in county/school employee's delinquent taxes and over \$60,000 in public official's delinquent taxes. The collection rate for those years ending in March of 2015 is 99.02%.

Wash has been designated the title of Master Government Treasurer after completing the Certification Program administered by UVA Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the Treasurer's Association of Virginia. "This program gave me the knowledge of the tax laws as well as hands-on situations enabling me to better serve the taxpayer in our day-to-day tax situations," Wash said.

The election will take place on November 3rd, 2015. If you would like more information from Henry Wash, he has given his cell phone number where he can be reached: 540-223-0947.

New Performing Arts Season *(continued from front page)*

"Princess and the Pea"; plus many other entertaining shows.

The Louisa Arts Center is located in the former historic Louisa High School-Louisa Grade School which educated children of Louisa County for 80 years, from 1907 to 1987. Restoration was completed on the Town Hall section in 2005. Restoration on the Louisa Arts Center section was completed in 2008. The Louisa Arts Center offers year round visual art exhibits in the Purcell Art Gallery, visual and performing art classes, movies and an array live performances in the Cooke-Haley Theatre. For more information go to [LouisaArts.org](http://LouisaArts.org).

The Lake Anna Region's First Entrepreneur



The next time you're on public side of Lake Anna motor over to the mouth of Sturgeon Creek and look to the West. From there, you'll see arguably the Lake's most prominent feature, Dominion Power's North Anna Nuclear Generating Station. Nearly 300 years ago, this land on the South bank of the North Anna was owned by Charles Chiswell, an early 18th Century Williamsburg political insider and one of the lake region's great entrepreneurs. He would be right at home in today's economy.

Chiswell, whose name was pronounced like the tool chisel, was born in 1670 to a couple recently emigrated from Scotland. Little is known of his early life, however at thirty-three, Chiswell received an appointment to the Royal Governor's administrative staff and within two years, he had ascended to the key position of Chief Clerk of the Governor's Council. As Chief Clerk, Chiswell was one of a few people who would have had first-hand knowledge of all prospective colonial business activities. In particular, he would have had advanced notice of the opening of new western Virginia lands before they were publically offered as land grants. Likely due in large part to his position, over the next 20 years Chiswell was able to accumulate by land grant over 100,000 acres of lands in New Kent, King and Queen, and Hanover Counties. One notable transaction occurred in 1717. Colonial Lt. Governor Alexander Spotswood granted Chiswell a 9976 acre parcel in Hanover County near Beaverdam. It was on this property that Chiswell began construction of the current Scotchtown Plantation where he would also erect two mills and build an early iron-making furnace.

Robert Dunham, who later would become the most renowned iron-maker in the Middle Colonies, was hired



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## Learning About the Lake Anna Region's Place in History

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around 1725 to develop Chiswell's iron-making operation into a profitable enterprise. To support this new business, Chiswell searched for properties within the York River Valley that contained sufficient quantities of iron ore that could be easily extracted and smelted.

Also needed was a ready supply of wood to make charcoal for the smelting process. One such area was located on the far bank of the North Anna River. Records show that in 1728, Chiswell acquired 4975 acres of land on the south bank of the North Anna River on both sides of Contrary Creek to Franks Creek to the east. Chiswell



paid to the Crown authorities in Williamsburg 19 pounds 10 shillings or approximately \$50,000 in today's U.S. dollars. Dominion paid quite a bit more for this piece of property as they began construction of the power plant in the 1970s.

Now, from your same vantage point on Lake Anna, look back up Sturgeon Creek to the Sturgeon Creek Marina. To the left of the marina on Route 208, you'll find a gray Virginia State Historical Marker. The Marker records that, "Charles Chiswell established the iron-making community of Fredericksville near this point of Douglas Run, a tributary of the North Anna River. The furnace had been in blast for about five years when William Byrd visited Chiswell's metallurgy

operations in 1732". William Byrd II was a very prominent member of the Governor's Council and reported in his diary at the time, "I found Mr. Chiswell a sensible, well-bred man very frank in communicating his knowledge in the mystery of making iron, wherein he has had long experience." In 1737, Byrd would found the City of Richmond.

Charles Chiswell - Chief Clerk, landowner, planter, mill operator, and metallurgist - died suddenly also in 1737 at the age of sixty.

Using proprietary Deedmapper software, the Louisa Historical Society has overlaid early land grants west of the North Anna onto modern satellite imagery. Tools offered by Google Maps allow us to determine what resides today on these colonial land grants. *The Sargeant Museum is at 214 Fredericksburg Avenue in Louisa. The Museum hours are 10-4 Monday through Friday.*

*This article and accompanying photos were provided by the Louisa Historical Society. Stay tuned to future issues of The Lake Anna Breeze for more on Charles Chiswell and other historic figures in the Lake Anna Region.*



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featured here next time!



Penny Decker (age 2.5) enjoying Lake Anna!  
Photos by Janna Decker



## Annual September Classic Returns to Lake Anna

by contributing writer Kyle Austin



images from previous years' events courtesy of Wake Edgers Gear & Gifts Facebook page

It is time for one last summer showdown. The Wake Edgers Gear and Gifts Annual September Classic is only a few weeks away and the anticipation is growing by the minute. On September 19th, 2015 it will be the very last wake contest of the year for Lake Anna. After a rainy day at Crunkfest 6.0, we anticipate this will draw an extremely large crowd since some chose not to come to the first wake stop.

The September Classic originated to bring the kids who are now back in school back to the lake for one last showdown of the year. To lift the spirits of the kids having to go back to school, who can deny one last blowout day of friendly competition? The contest will consist of Wakeboarding, Wakesurfing and Wakeskating. All three extreme water sports are growing faster and faster each and every year. This season brought all-new boating add-ons to the market just to keep up with the high demand of improved wake shapes and wave designs. The Malibu 23LSV and the Axis T22 are two of the most popular boats in the world and they will be pulling the tournament on September 19th. Wake Edgers and affiliates Centerville Waterway Marina have come together to bring you the #1 sold boat in America so that way every competitor knows they are riding on the very best pos-

sible. Not only does Wake Edgers have the best boats, but they provide you with the best equipment money can buy, with Shortbus Board Co. featuring the best wake surf boards. There are also many choices on the wakeboard side from Ronix, Liquid Force, CWB and O'Brien. Wake Edgers will be letting go of all of the end of season products at an extreme discount at the event to make room for all of next year's merchandise. The prices will be so low that they can't even be advertised.

Entry for the September Classic can be done the morning of the tournament but it is recommended with the crowd size that you pre-register online or in person at Wake Edgers. They are located at the tournament site: 200 Boardwalk Way, Mineral, Virginia. The contest will kick off after registration and a brief riders' meeting at approximately 8:30 am, Saturday the 19th.

There will also be a variety of sponsors awarding prizes to the riders and possibly some giveaways to the spectators. The only way you can win these prizes and amazing gifts are to be present the day of the event. Without giving you any spoilers, I have to say you can't miss this event. If you do, you'll definitely be sorry! Make sure you turn out to Wake Edgers on September 19th for the last rider showdown of the season.

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# Lake Anna Outdoors

## Outdoor Life at Lake Anna

### Resident Canada Geese – There's a reason for the season

By Taylor McCann  
Fishing Guide, Kistler Pro-Staff

Canada Geese are deemed a migratory bird and follow historical flight patterns known as flyways. These flyways and the habitat that lies within have been protected for decades to promote a healthy water-fowl population. Typically migratory Canada Geese do not pass through the Lake Anna area until late November depending on the severity of our fall / winter temperatures. The geese that you see through the summer months are known as resident geese. Many believe that these geese are decedents of birds that were stocked from other flyways during periods of low goose numbers or remain from the use of live decoys (now illegal but a common practice in the early 1900's). Because these birds do not migrate they tend to live longer, bread at an earlier age, and have larger clutches of young. Do to increasing numbers of resident geese and increasing goose / human problems, Virginia (and Maryland) have determined that the harvest of these birds is beneficial to all.



Although most people find a few geese acceptable, problems develop as local flocks grow. Problems include over-grazed lawns and agricultural areas, accumulations of droppings and feathers on play areas and walkways (a goose produces a pound of droppings per day), nutrient loading in ponds, public health concerns at beaches and drinking water supplies, aggressive behavior by nesting birds, and safety hazards near roads and airports (Maryland Department of Natural Resources).

The Canada Goose hunting season that specifically targets resident birds covers most of September. For specific information regarding the legal methods of harvest visit the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' web site [www.dgif.virginia.gov](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov) . If you are experiencing goose problems in an area that is not conducive for hunting, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources ([www.dnr.state.md.us](http://www.dnr.state.md.us) ) offers a number of suggestions for deterring the birds. Deterring birds can be expensive, time consuming, and requires 100% commitment. Hunting is considered to be the most important management tool for controlling local Canada Goose populations.

### September Fishing Report

By Charlie Bowles  
Fishing Guide, Bass Pro Shops & Lowrance Pro-Staff

This month is all about the early transition from summer to fall. All species of fish will begin to cover more water and feed a little more aggressively than they did during the heat of the summer. Look for great top water action and shallower feeding habits as the water temperatures begin to lower.

#### Bass:

September totally changes the playing field when it comes to bass fishing. In the past month most fish have been in deeper brush and channel edges seeking comfortable water temps and feeding sporadically. As September sets in the fish will begin to move a little more and suspend over or near slightly shallower



structure with bait present. Depending on how quickly the water cools they will start hitting spinner baits and medium range crank baits more readily as well as slow sinking weightless baits like Senkos and Flukes. September will offer some great days of largemouth fishing but it can be very difficult to adapt to the changes of late Summer/ early Fall.

#### Striper

The linesiders in Lake Anna will be in the beginning stages of all out mayhem on resident baitfish. They'll start to push up on very shallow flats and points in the mornings chasing gizzard and threadfin shad. Fan cast large shallow flats with super spooks and large poppers for the first 2 hours of light. Move out towards deeper water as the sun gets up. Once the fish have moved out of shallow water, use your sonar to locate schools of fish. You can use live bait if you are proficient in finding, catching and keeping it alive. Or you can jig 1/2 oz to 1 ounce spoons and blade baits in the school. You can also troll crank baits and swim baits with great success.



#### Crappie

Nice size slabs can be found all over the lake. Bridges, docks, brush piles, and beaver huts, are home to thousands of Crappie. One method is to try casting grubs, tubes, and beetle spins or roadrunners as close to whatever cover you are targeting. Another approach is to use a slip bobber above a #6 gold hook tipped with a small minnow.



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### Labor Day Weekend Pig Roast

**September 4th-7th @ Tim's Lake Anna**

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### Wounded Warriors 8th Annual Fall Bass Classic

**Saturday, September 19th 7am-2pm @ Sturgeon Creek Marina**

The 8th Annual Fishing Tournament to benefit the Wounded Warriors held at Lake Anna's Sturgeon Creek Marina. For info, call Ken Kirk at (775) 313-3640.



### Belmont Ruritan Scholarship Fund Dinner

**October 10th, 4-7pm @ Belmont Community Center**

The 4th Annual Scholarship Fund Raising Dinner will be held by the Ruritan Club at the Belmont Community Center, 7124 Belmont Road, on Saturday October 10th from 4-7 PM. Funds raised support the scholarships for local high school students' continuing education. The menu features a choice of fried haddock or chicken cutlets, coleslaw, potato salad, French fries, beverages and dessert. Tickets are \$12.00 adult; \$8.00 (under 12) per dinner with advance ticket sales to insure numbers of meals to be prepared; limited tickets may be available at the door. Eat-in table or take-out window service available. Contact any Ruritan member or call Jerry Sutts (540) 854-7430 or Don Burrige (540) 854-8114 for tickets.

## LOUISA / MINERAL

### Louisa County Air Show

**September 12, 9am-10am @ Louisa County Airport**

An annual attraction, this show features airplane rides aerobatics and various other aircraft displays. A great family friendly event to attend, kids young and old will stand in awe at the displayed talent and skill. Food and drink vendors will be available to visitors. For more information, please visit [www.lcppt.info](http://www.lcppt.info).



### 2015 B'dam Brew JAM Craft Beer Festival

**Saturday, September 12, 12pm-6pm**

40 Craft Brews & Hard Cider with performances by Mountain Road West & Cobalt Whiskey Bands. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 after September 5th. \$1 tastings and \$5 for full pours (cash only). Held at the Beaverdam Ruritan Club. For more information: [www.BrewJAM.org](http://www.BrewJAM.org).



### Darryl Ellyson @ Cooper Vineyards

**September 12th @12:30-4:30 @ Cooper Vineyards**

2009 "Songwriter of the Year", Darryl Ellyson brings his baritone to Cooper Vineyards! Enjoy the live music on the deck at this free music event. Bring a picnic or purchase cheese and crackers in the tasting room. Normal tasting fees apply and please note that no outside alcohol is allowed on premises. For more information please visit [www.coopervineyards.com](http://www.coopervineyards.com)



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**October 3 & 4 @ Celebrate Virginia**

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### Lee Brice

**September 30th @ Celebrate Virginia Live**

Gates Open at 6pm, openers will begin at 6:30 and Lee Brice hits the stage around 8pm to 8:30pm...get your tickets now at [celebratevirginalive.com](http://celebratevirginalive.com)! Tickets range from lawn seats that start at \$18.50 and the Platinum Experience tickets up front for \$100.



### Fredericksburg Dog Mart

**Sept. 26, 12400 Herndon Road, Spotsylvania**

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Hosted by Fredericksburg-Rappahannock Chapter, Izaak Walton League of America. Proceeds benefit IWLA conservation projects and pet food to local animal shelters.

Rain date is Sept. 27. Admission is free, parking is \$5. Donate one can or bag of name brand dog or cat food for animal charities and receive one raffle ticket. 540/895-7059.



## CULPEPER

### An Evening With Gaelic Storm

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### What Dreams May Come

**September 17, 7:30pm @ The Packard Campus, Culpeper**

The Packard Campus Theater programs events year round, usually on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. On September 17th, there will be a screening of "What Dreams May Come", starring Robin Williams, Annabella Sciorra and Cuba Gooding, Jr. For more showings and information, please visit:

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## Breeze Profile

Darryl & Vanessa Burnette



Darryl and Vanessa Burnette moved to Lake Anna 12 & a half years ago from Southern Maryland with their two children, Darryn and Veronica. The Burnettes found their Lake Anna home while taking a boat tour of the lake with a local realtor.

Darryl and Vanessa have gained the unofficial title of the President and First Lady of "The Sand Bar of Lake Anna" by other sand bar attendees. This title started to emerge about 10 years ago after Darryl and Darryn constructed a permanent water volleyball court, complete with floating noodle boundaries. The Burnettes maintain the court year after year with their own funds but they also receive many donations from others who enjoy playing.

The Burnettes have been a big contributor to The Sand Bar of Lake Anna evolving into its own entity. Fuzzy's Lakeside Restaurant will even deliver food there by boat. Veronica started The Sand Bar at Lake Anna Facebook page where new and old sand bar friendships can share photos and conversations, however Vanessa now maintains the Facebook page while Veronica is away in the Coast Guard.

On a summer weekend the Burnettes can be found enjoying their day with many other boaters on the Sand Bar. A "the more the merrier" attitude is among all who spend their days on the bar, plus dogs are always welcome. Darryl and Vanessa have earned their President and First Lady title by always helping out stranded boaters and making sure anyone drinking too much has a designated driver.

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## Crazy Good Eats - The Snack Shack

I think it's pretty safe to say you are not a true Spotsylvanian unless you have had a burger, fries and milkshake from the iconic Snack Shack on Courthouse Road. Attending elementary school at Robert E. Lee and middle at Spotsylvania Middle School, which both very closely neighbor the Snack Shack, the no-frills burger and fast food joint was a part of my weekly meal plan. I have many memories of frantically running there from afterschool softball games trying to to beat my sister to the front of the line.

I am ashamed to admit it had been over 10 years since I had stopped at The Snack Shack for a bite to eat...10 years! In 10 years, from my memory, I could not pick out a single thing that has changed about it. It's the same adorable, small building with an old school yellow menu and one picnic table out front. The nostalgia immediately hit me like a ton of bricks and it dawned on me that there are very few places from your childhood that remain exactly how you remember them. I was pulling up memories from dusty places in my brain of my brother, sister and I fighting over French fries and my mother letting me and my sister order milkshakes to celebrate our softball game victory that night. I realized this was much more than a place to grab a quick bite to eat but a connection to my past and a few precious childhood memories.

The burger, fries and milkshake were also just as I had remembered; fresh, fast and delicious. The kind of meal you walk away from uttering "man, that hit the spot!" The Royal is a solid burger and I would put it up against any fast food burger in town. The "special sauce" smothers the ripe tomato and crunchy lettuce all sitting on a grilled beef patty on a soft Kaiser roll. The French fries were fried to perfection with a light and crunchy taste to them. If you're looking for a great tasting burger and fries that aren't loaded with a ton of grease then this is definitely for you!

I, of course, had to order a milkshake for old times sake. The gentlemen taking my order recommended I get the chocolate, but I was feeling calorie deprived so I went with the chocolate fudge instead. I did not regret it and neither will you. As I was scrapping the remaining fudge off the side of the cup when the milkshake was gone I knew the added hot fudge was worth every extra calorie. The milkshake was so thick and creamy it could barely be slurped up through the straw...the sign of a great homemade milkshake!

You still can't go wrong grabbing a burger, fries and milkshake from The Snack Shack. They do not promise frills, but if you're a native Spotsylvanian like me, you get a side of nostalgia for free. They do offer a variety of other classic items such as fried fish or shrimp baskets, pork bbq sandwiches, chicken wings, Famous Amos sundaes and plenty other great tasting desserts! Thank you, Snack Shack for your Crazy Good Eats and remaining exactly the same in a community of constant change!



Monica Van Cleve is the owner of The Van Cleve Seafood Company and co-author of the cookbook, Girls with Crabs- 'Slingin crabs ain't no piece of cake'. When Monica is not traveling the world and stuffing her face with Crazy Good Eats she spends her time trying to learn how to cook something other than seafood.

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## Embrace the Eclectic

For years I have kept up with on the ongoing trends in design, foods and entertaining. It has been fun for me, as well as a useful ingredient in my work with design clients and my catering business from years ago.

When I was a young student of interior design and decoration, the genres in design appeared well-defined and did not appear to intermingle in ways that were apparent in residential style. Eclecticism had begun to make its mark in North America at the end of the 19th century, as it gradually became evident in architecture and home interiors, hotels, ocean liners and more. The creative freedom that had no formal guidelines was risky and often resulted in an unsuccessful endeavor.

Fast forward to today's style in the marketplace...consumers like you and I are fascinated by all the interior design media and DIY decorating shows. Also, count our visual and emotional experiences at restaurants and stores like Anthropologie and its parent store, Urban Outfitters. The recent design trends featuring oversized furniture and industrial chic can be so well done if all elements in the space are treated with the same strength and presence, resulting in seamless balance.

“When you have things that come from *different worlds*, they highlight one another, making each feel more *special and unique*.”

-Vern Yip

I see a change coming with oversized furniture keeping its innate style, but returning to the taste and visual comfort level of the past. Follow the trends in this area. Magazines and design room settings in quality furniture stores are good studies. One Atlanta designer refers to this as a “design democracy”, merging a bit of the glamour or elegance back in our homes. If you like the “Return of the Pretty”, garage or tag sales will be a fun adventure!

‘Til next time, 9898



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## Fall Hair Trends by Heather Mechler-Fickes

Fall is here! The leaves are changing color and the weather is getting a little colder. Fall is in the air and some new trends are becoming popular and some old ones are sticking around a little longer.

Every season there are some styles and hair colors that become all the rage. Usually clients decide to go lighter in the spring and summer and do richer, darker hues in the fall and winter. Chocolate browns are very “in” this season, as well as warmer copper, bronze and auburns. I have also noticed that those brighter, highlighted panels of fun colors are still very popular. These bold hair colors aren’t just for the younger crowd. Many different ages are rocking the pink, powder blue, purple and green pops of color. Many trends are short-lived, but the ombre look is sticking around for another season. The ombre look is a gradual difference in color going from the root or mid-shaft to the ends of the hair. Usually the color goes from darker to lighter in shade.

If you still aren’t ready to take the color plunge, there are some styles that are taking over the runways and fashion magazines. A sleek ponytail is an easy way to put your hair up without a lot of fuss. It can



be a style that can be very casual but also look very classy. Many actresses have walked the red carpet with a sophisticated ponytail. Another easy style is a bohemian braid. Try a single thin side braid for a carefree hippy look.

A new season is a perfect time to try something new with your hair. Whether it’s a pop of color or a simple new way of styling your hair.

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## Developments on Track to Boost Louisa Economy

New projects in Lake Anna Growth Area will bring needed tax dollars to Louisa County



Louisa County should soon have more dollars to count. Projects like the Cutalong golf course, Sunset Cove, The Boardwalk on Lake Anna, Waverly Place and The Lake Anna Resort will fatten the county's wallet and provide much needed revenue to help increase the county budget, as well as create a commercial hub in Louisa County.

The current New Bridge Landing shopping center, anchored by Food Lion and harboring stores and restaurants such as Subway, Chef Lee Chinese Restaurant, and a Virginia ABC Store will be surrounded by these commercial developments and will help create a commercial destination within the county outside of the town of Louisa.

The Lake Anna Resort could quickly become the lake's best tourism attraction. Once this is established in Louisa, it can attract the best commercial entities to fill it's retail footprint.

The Lake Anna Plaza directly across the street currently houses a two-story commercial building, plus waterfront townhomes. The development still has space set aside for further commercial development and with a number of needed additional rooftops, plus the success of the Food Lion shopping center, it's likely that this space will attract needed entities, such as a medical center, a bank, dry cleaners, and other services desired by area residents.

The development process has been lengthy for golf course community, Cutalong, but the development of more than a thousand

acres creates a lot of work to be done for developers. In recent months, the infrastructure, model home, and the first few golf holes have been in construction. The added benefit of a golf course here on the shores of Lake Anna will be an exciting draw for golf enthusiasts in our region.

Waverly Place opened its doors in Louisa last year and has become a popular location for local residents looking to rent apartments in Louisa.

Sunset Cove will feature 65 individual homesites in the development, with sites clusters at the waterfront. This type of cluster development is desired by the county so that infrastructure and maintenance are streamlined and more open space on the property is possible.

The Lake Anna Resort will be presented to the Board of Supervisors with a similar design that hosts luxury one-level condo units rather than single family homes. The access to a single level, maintenance-free living is currently unavailable at Lake Anna. The demand has been strong, with more than half of the planned 60 units already under reservation prior to the groundbreaking.

Louisa County is in the position to have several developers working to bring a variety of needed housing options in a responsible way to the area and shows the vitality of Louisa County in today's real estate market. The added benefits of generated tourism and tax revenue will only help the county as it moves into the future.

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