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# Take a Break...at the Lake!



The summer season is the perfect time for some R & R - and Lake Anna has great options for those visiting or living nearby to enjoy the shore. The first place you need to stop? The Lake Anna Visitor Center (208 Lake Front Drive in Mineral) is open 7 days a week, features a full service gift shop, maps, area information & brochures.

The first attraction after the visitor center for most newcomers? The Lake Anna State Park - a 3,127 acre piece of land with 10 miles of lake frontage, the State Park offers rental cabins, a public beach, swimming area, visitor center, walking trails, and much more. It's the perfect spot to get some lake time throughout the year, with the park open daily from dawn to dusk.

If fishing is more of a priority for you, one of the few public fishing areas is located at the south end of



The public fishing area, located near Dike 3 on Moody Town Road allows a space for the public to fish (with fishing license).

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**Local Indepence Day Celebrations** 

Lake Anna provides the perfect setting for midsummer 4th of July celebrations. As Virginia's 2nd largest lake, property on the shoreline is designed for creating summertime memories to carry us through the long, cold winter months. The lake is a wonderful backdrop for backyard barbecues, days wakeboarding on the water and a relaxing boat ride in the evening. Here at the Lake Anna Breeze, we've compiled a list of some of the best events in our area to help commemorate America's freedom. Turn to page 3 to see just a few of the area's fun celebrations, turn to page 8-9 for additional events, and visit LakeAnnaBreeze.com for a full list of local events now and every season!

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# 6th Annual Evan Adams Memorial Ride to Benefit Local Family in Need

On August 26th, the Evan Adams Childrens Benefit of Louisa will be having a memorial ride to benefit Savannah Harrison. All are encouraged to come out for the day to show your support to Savannah and her family. Classic cars and motorcycles will not only line the street, but will surround the Louisa Courthouse before the participants begin the ride. A drone will be on hand to capture the action. Bring your family out, join the fun, spend *a lot* of money at the auc-



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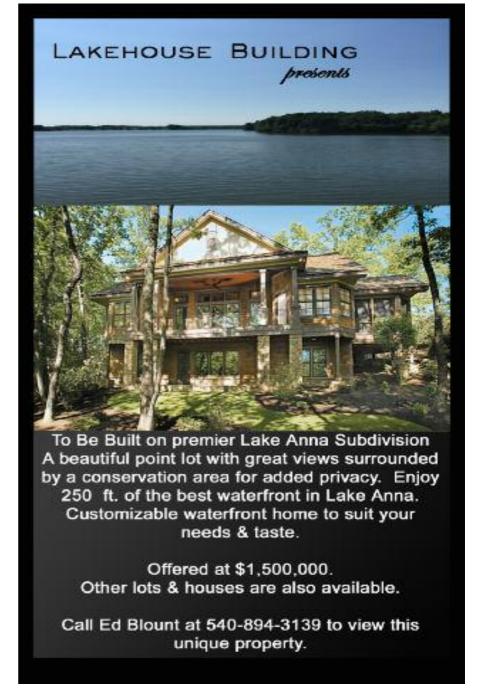
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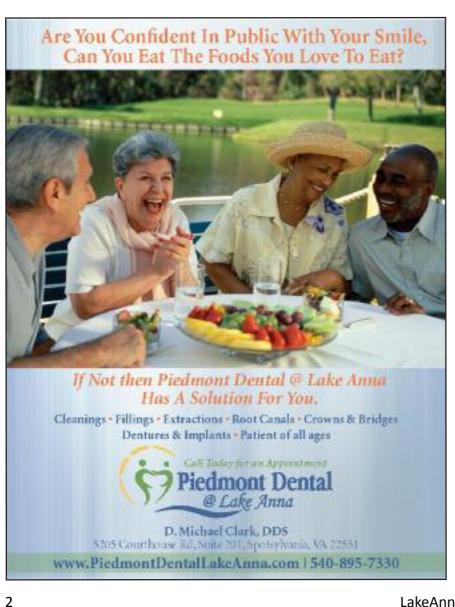
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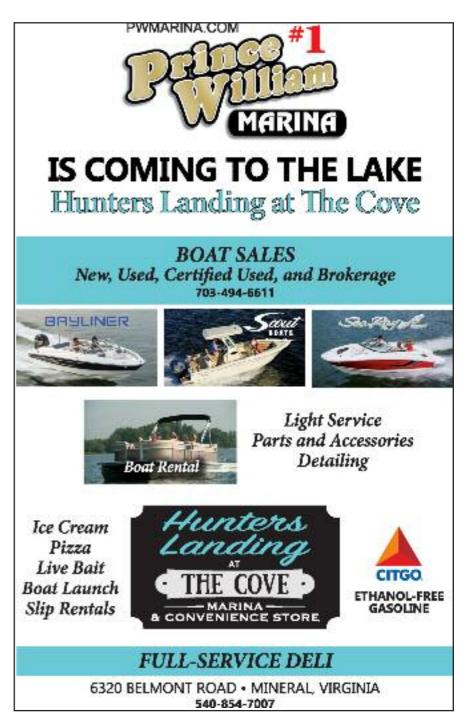
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#### YOUR LOCAL GUIDE TO THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Late Anna LACA's 20th Annual Fireworks Display

Saturday, July 1st, 9:15 Produced by Zambelli Fireworks, the show is a local favorite, drawing viewers from all over1 It's splendidly choreographed, and well worth the

trip. Display is located near Dike 2.

Country Americana Festival Two different bands perform on stage throughout the day with great holiday food from "Gregory's Grill" and some craft vendors as well @ Lake Anna. Winery

Spetakinja/Tredericksburg. Stars & Stripes Spectacular Saturday, July 1st, 3-10pm Join your family, friends and neighbors

for this hometown, all-day family event.

#### Heritage Festival

July 4th, 7:30am-10:30pm All day celebration in Downtown Fredericksburg, featuring a parade, festival & fireworks display.

Public Reading of the Declaration of Independence, 7/4 1:00pm at the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop

Winshington DC National Mall 4th of July Celebration,

July 4th, 9:09 One of the nation's most spectacular celebrations takes place just a short drive north to Washington DC, with views available in many locations throughout the



*Lake Time (continued from front page)* 

Lake Anna at Dike 3. The public fishing area contains a parking lot and a platform for fishing all that species that Lake Anna has to offer.



A time for wine...and cider! Lake Anna has several wineries and a new cidery that opened this year. The Lake Anna Winery (Courthouse Road in Spotsylvania) is a popular spot and hosts many exciting events throughout the year. Open each week from Wednesday to Sunday, the winery is a wonderful location to learn about the art of making fine wines & tours of the facility are given based on availability.

Coyote Hole Ciderworks opened this spring and is located on Oak Grove Drive, just off of New Bridge Road (near the Food Lion shopping center). Lots of fun events are planned, along with lots of opportunities to try the different flavors of cider.

Grab a bite! Lake Anna offers a variety of dining establishments, ranging from a quick bite at a gas station deli to a full fine dining experience. Try all of the options throughout your stay - visit LakeAnnaVisitor-Center.com to read all about their Top 20 Meals at Lake Anna! The list includes local favorites from Tim's, Vito's, Asian Cafe, Tavern on the Rail and many more. Post a comment there with your favorite or your very own pick that's not listed!

The bottom line is: Lake Anna has a lot to offer, it's time to get out and enjoy it! Take in a band playing at a local restaurant, have a relaxing lakeside dinner, or get up early one morning and cast a line and try your luck. It's all here waiting for you.

Visit lakeannabreeze.com to view this article with links to so much more information about these Lake Anna attractions!

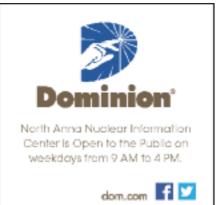
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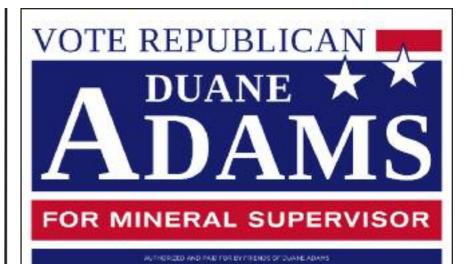
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tion, have a beer, buy a t-shirt, drop off your donation, dance the day away, play corn hole, and visit the vendors. You can find out more about the event by searching for Evan Adams Childrens Benefit on Facebook. If you're not able to attend the event and would still like to help this local family in need, please feel free to send donations to:

> Evan Adams Children's Benefit P.O. Box 2203 Louisa, VA 23093

or email EvanAdamsFund@gmail.com. Additional information about the event is available in the graphic below.







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# Recreation & Leisure

Breeze Profile: The Alonsos

by Carol Barker



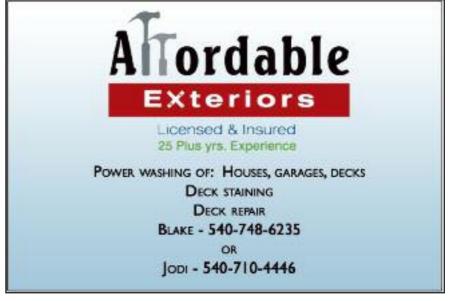
Leo and Betty Alonso, who live in Fairfax, Virginia, began frequenting Lake Anna in 1980 as weekend boaters. On a whim, they bought a Wellcraft motor boat and everyone suggested the best place for skiing would be Lake Anna. This was the beginning of a long relationship with the lake. In 1984, they purchased their first home in Child's Cove. After a downturn in their business, that house was sold, but replaced in 2004 with their current home at Hairfields Cove off of Pigeon Run. Marisa (35) and Vivian (31), their two daughters, grew up and have many wonderful lake memories of pig roasts (the Alonsos are Cuban), fireworks on the dock, Girl Scout tent camping in the yard, singing around the campfire, jumping off the rope swing right across the cove and, of course, learning to ride jet skis at a young age when there were no boating laws enforced. The family has expanded to include Marisa's husband, A.J Almadi., and their two beautiful children, Leo (3) and Farah (6 months). Lake Anna continues to be a great retreat and a special family gathering place for them.











# June Fishing Report

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

What a wet spring! Hopefully by the time you read this article the rain will calm down, at least a little bit ... Anyway, we are headed into the early summer fishing patterns on Lake Anna and the fish are on the move. To deeper water that is, as the boat traffic picks up and the water temps reach into the upper 70's and 80's the fish will retreat to deeper water, only returning to the shallows to gorge themselves in the mornings and evenings.

Post spawn is in full effect, spreading the bass out into many different places. Some are already into deep haunts, others schooling together near secondary points and humps. You can also limit out very quickly if you "hop" from point to point throwing swim baits, crank baits and spinner baits. Many times it will take 10 points to find one "good one". It's really a matter of being on whatever point they decide to feed on, whenever they decide to do so. There are also some more localized fish in deeper cover (15-30 ft). Tactics change dramatically when you decide to target these fish. You will want to use lighter line (8lb) and soft plastics. Shakey heads and texas rigs are king when targeting deeper cover. Locate deeper brush or dock pilings and reduce your retrieve to a crawl... The slower the better. Be very deliberate in where and how you present your bait, it could make the difference between catching fish or just catching a mean sunburn!

June marks the beginning of my favorite time of the year to catch high numbers of stripers. We have already been employing casting and trolling techniques to land 15-20 fish in the 5-12 lb range in an afternoon.... And it only gets better. The stripers will form huge (hundreds, maybe thousands of fish) schools in 30-40 ft of water during the day and move up on nearby humps and flats in the morning and evening. Zara Spooks, Poppers, jerkbaits and swimbaits will catch shallow feeding fish in the morning and evening. Catching a big, angry, aggressive striper on a top water plug is by far the most exciting fishing on Lake Anna. By the time the sun gets high and some of the boats are out and about, the fish go deep. There are two main ways to catch deeper stripers, one is to troll crankbaits (dd22's, stretch 20's etc.) and swimbaits while the other is to hang live bait over the schools. Both are very effective methods to catch limits of Lake Anna Stripers and then some.



Wind down in the evenings with our "Summer Happy Hour" Striper trips 5p - Dark



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## **LAKE ANNA**

#### **Country Americana Festival**

#### July 1st @ Lake Anna Winery

Come on out Saturday, July 1 for a day of celebration and fun. Two different bands perform on stage throughout the day with great holiday food from "Gregory's Grill" and some craft vendors as well. Fireworks later on when it gets dark. Make some time in your day to hear local favorites "Long Shot with Dana Southern", and we finish up the evening with "Red Rooster" playing till dusk. Watermelon eating contest for kids, maybe a pie eating contest or bake off! More info at lawinery.net

#### **Caribbean Beach Party**

#### August 5th @ Lake Anna Winery

Held on the grounds of Lake Anna Winery. Join us along with Heart of Virginia Award winning wineries Cooper, Grayhaven, James River, Mattaponi, and Weston Farms wineries for an evening of great wine, exceptional food and Caribbean Music. Wear your favorite Island Shirt and dance out on the patio under the stars. Taste wines from all SIX wineries and kick back with a glass of your favorite. Please check this website www.hovawinetrail.com for details and ticket info. Music classics to jam to and food will be available Gregory's Grill and Borinquen Lunchbox. Both food trucks are **outstanding**.

#### **Dinner & Dance**

#### July 22 @ Tim's at Lake Anna

Come enjoy a great dinner at Lake Anna with Center Point playing your favorite classics!

More information at timslakeanna.com

# <u>LOUISA / MINERAL</u>

# **Louisa County Agricultural Fair**

# July 28th & 29th @ Louisa County Fairgrounds

The 2017 Louisa County Agricultural
Fair will be held July 28th & 29th at
the Louisa County Fairgrounds.
Between the animals, games, food, entertainment, and much, much more...
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louisacountyagfair.com for more information!



July 4th @ Goochland County Parks & Recreation Park and watch the fireworks from Goochland County Administration building, Goochland Elementary, Middle and High School. This event is free! No alcohol allowed. Rain date: July 5th





# **FREDERICKSBURG**

#### **Stars & Stripes Spectacular**

July 1st @ Spotsylvania Courthouse

The 13th Annual Stars & Stripes Spectacular will be held Saturday, July 1st from 3-10pm in the Spotsylvania Courthouse Road area. There will be a fireworks display, LIVE music on four stages, free kids' activities, food, military & first responder appreciation area and more. Shuttle service from Courtland High School.

#### **White Castle Crave Mobile**

#### July 13-16th @ Central Park Fun-Land

The White Castle Crave Mobile will be stopping by the park in July! This time they will be serving up their famous sliders for 4 days! More details to come! (540) 785-6700 or info@centralparkfun-land.com

#### **Caroline County Agricultural Fair**

#### July 12-15th

The Caroline County Agricultural Fair will encourage the understanding of agricultural history in Caroline County and will educate about present day agricultural, business, and community activities, working to:

- Increase the awareness of the important contributions that agriculture has made to the historical development of the county;
- Make agricultural, business, and community activities relevant to Caroline County citizens, and
- Make the Fair relevant to Caroline County citizens and organizations. carolinefair.com

#### **CULPEPER**

#### **Culpeper Has Talent**

August 12th, 19th, 26th @ Buffalo Wild Wings

The mission of Culpeper Has Talent is to create, cultivate & promote opportunities for local talents to showcase their gifts. A portion of all proceeds will be donated to Culpeper Police Department's BLUE & RED program. The BLUE & RED program purchases clothing, shoes, gifts & other items for our area's underprivileged children during the holiday season. culpeperhastalent.com



#### 4th of July Car & Motorcycle Show

#### July 4th, 10am-3pm @ Downtown Culpeper

The 4th of July Car & Motorcycle Show will take place in historic Downtown Culpeper on Davis Street and in front of the Depot. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. and includes custom, classic, and an-

trucks – all are welcome. The goal of the Culpeper Renaissance 4th of July Car and Bike Show is to provide free, family friendly entertainment by showcasing America's love of cars and motorcycles on the Day of our Independence in a designated Great American Main Street. There is no

charge for spectators and vendors are on site selling items such as barbeque, ice cream, hamburgers etc. A deejay plays oldies and patriotic music throughout the day for all to enjoy.

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## **RICHMOND**

#### **Hanover Tomato Festival**

July 8th, 9am-4pm @ Pole Green Park

The Hanover Tomato Festival is a free, familyoriented event with Hanover Tomatoes, live musical entertainment, rides, games, a petting zoo, over 200 vendors, delicious tomato dishes, and much more. Parking for this event is free. The festival is held at beautiful Pole Green Park, rain

or shine and runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It's a traditional celebration to promote the Hanover Community and features the famous Hanover Tomato. www.hanovertomatofestival.com

#### JoyFest 2017

#### July 15th @ Kings Dominion

Performers: Kirk Franklin, Tamela Mann, David Mann, David Mann, Jr., La'Tia Mann, Tasha Cobbs, Dee-1, Bone Hampton. For Tickets (JoyFest Ticket Includes Park Admission): Charge-by-Phone: 1-800-745-3000 Group Sales: 704-588-2600



# ORANGE / MADIS

#### **Virginia's Covered Bridges**

July 23rd @ 3pm @ The James Madison Museum

Enjoy a presentation about Virginia's covered bridges by Ms. Ann Miller. Q & A sessions follows program.

\$5.00 Admission. Light refreshments follow presentation. R.S.V.P.: (540) 672-1776; jamesmadisonmuseuminfo@gmail.com

#### Playin' in the Park Independence Celebration

#### July 1st

Our next Playin' in the Park Independence Celebration is planned for July 1, 2017 at Booster Park. Details to come, but the event will include live music, kids' activities, and of course, fireworks. You will be welcome to bring your own picnic foods and drinks, as well as blankets and lawn chairs. Please remember that alcoholic beverages are not allowed at Booster Park. There will be no admission fee, but donations will be accepted by civic groups for their parking services. Sponsorships are available if your business, organization, or group would like to support this event. Sponsors receive recognition at the event and in promotional materials depending on the level of sponsorship. More details at www.orangecountyva.gov

### **CHARLOTTESVILLE**

#### **Sunsets with Sentara**

July 26th, 5:30-8:30pm @ Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital

Enjoy music set to a summer sunset at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital. Relax on our lawn with your family while you enjoy the sunset, set to live music. Refreshments will be available for purchase from Blue Ridge Pizza Co., Côte-Rôtie, Chick-Fil-A, Kona Ice, Devils Backbone Brewing Company as well as local wineries. Bring a blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy this free concert.

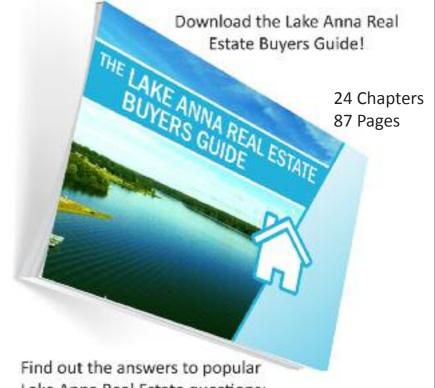
Proceeds support cancer services at Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital.

# **Charlottesville Opera Presents: Oklahoma!**

July 29th, 30th; August 2,4,5 @ The Paramount Theater Charlottesville Opera's 40th season concludes with Oklahoma!, the very first collaboration between composer Richard Rodgers and librettist Oscar Hammerstein II. Set in the Wild West at the turn of the century, this charming and heartfelt musical portrays the rivalry between a small town's

farmers and cowboys, which is brought to a head by the romance between Laurey, an earnest farm girl, and Curly, a rugged cowboy. Oklahoma! is a special collaboration between Charlottesville Opera and the Charlottesville Ballet, Charlottesville's only professional dance company, to bring the musical's rousing dance numbers to

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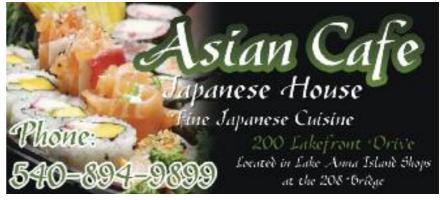




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# Dining Sportight

## Food Review: Mineral Restaurant



Mineral Restaurant is a short drive from Lake Anna, but well worth the trip. You can't go wrong with what has become one of America's staples: pizza. Sometimes I order just the cheese so I can savor every bit of flavor. Extremely reasonably priced (the 2 large cheese pizzas special is only \$11.99!) and worth twice what you pay.

The crust is homemade, thin, and flavorful. The sauce is a little sweet and the mozzarella cheese is melted to perfection. Try it with your favorite toppings or simply enjoy the plain cheese.

Mineral Restaurant offers a full menu with sandwiches, subs, pasta and is one of the few establishments in the area to serve breakfast everyday.

This is an authentic small-town diner filled with locals that know where to eat. The staff are local folks earning a living and will treat you with a southern smile and you could easily become a local if you go there more than once. Joe and Vito are the owner/operators and you can find them there every day. Great conversation mixed with hard work keeps their seats filled day after day.



Please check online at LakeAnnaVisitorCenter.com for additional restaurant reviews, including this one, featured in the Top 20 Must Have Meals at Lake Anna!













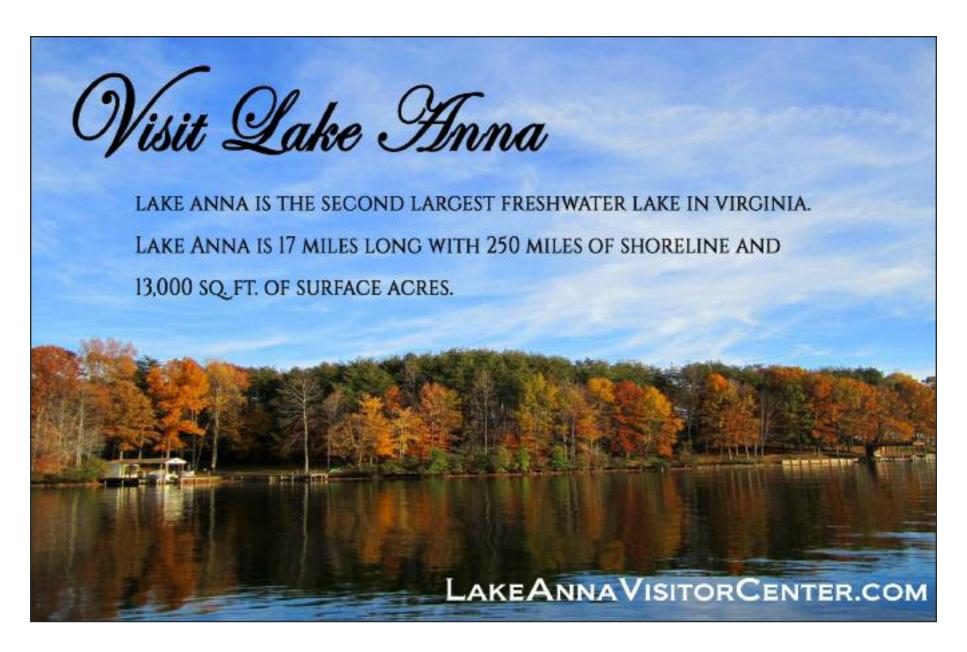
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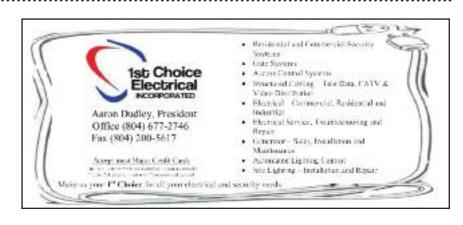
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# **Outdoor Living Rooms**



One of the many advantages to lakeside living is the ability to capitalize on your outdoor space to maximize your lake potential. Many homes here at Lake Anna are built with the lake view in mind, which create spacious outdoor areas with beautiful views of the waterfront.

This feature of a lake home makes it necessary to not only have a traditional living room, but also an outdoor living room, where hopefully you'll be able to spend time making memories. The possibilities are endless and your only limits are your own imagination...and budget!

With the advent of online shopping, we have an entire world of outdoor furniture virtually at our fingertips. These days, many options are made out of composite ma-

terials, making it more likely to endure the wear and tear from Mother Nature.

One only needs to venture onto Pinterest to find boards full of creative designs made from old wooden pallets, reclaimed wood, and other materials that are perfect for a weekend project.

Other items, including awnings, overhangs, and screened in areas can make the outdoor living room feel even more like a regular living room and provide some protection from weather and insects.

We'd love to see your creative outdoor living rooms! Tag Lake Anna Breeze on Facebook with your favorite photos and we'll share our favorites!

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# The Closet Challenge by Heather Mechler-Fickes

After I could barely fit one more thing in my closet, I realized I needed to a major clean out. There was a time when I had a full walk in closet with multiple shelves and 2 complete racks to hold my wardrobe. My closet now is one shelf and a single rack, which can sometimes be a good thing. I periodically go through my stuff. At first the task of going through your clothes might seem a bit overwhelming but I have figured out a few tips that are helpful and make it easier.

First, take all your clothes out of the closet. This makes it possible for you to go through each piece. I hold up the piece and ask myself some questions.

Does it fit? So many times we hold on to an article of clothing that doesn't fit in hopes that eventually it will, but the items are just taking up space.

Does this make me look great and do I love it? If you only keep the items that you enjoy wearing it will eliminate items in your wardrobe that are just okay and don't make you feel and look fabulous.

Have I worn it in the last year? I realized I had

a bunch of stuff in my closet that I hadn't worn in years. I bought it and just never got around to wearing it or it didn't look as great on me as it did on the hanger. I was just holding on to it be-



cause I had spent money on it and felt guilty for purchasing it. These items can get put in the donation pile. Sometimes it's easier to get rid of something if you know someone else might be able to enjoy it.

Also I take a good look at the garment and look at the condition of it. Does it have stains, holes, or missing buttons? If an item is not in good repair, it's time to throw it out.

These tips are extremely helpful when I go through my closet. I also follow these tips when I help my children sort through their clothes.





# Real Estate & Rentals

# Lake Anna Real Estate: Why Lake Anna is the Best Choice



Lake Anna is a hotbed of activity for water enthusiasts and offers the perfect setting for water skiing, wakeboarding, boating, and a myriad of other on-water activities. There are also many attractions, including the Lake Anna Winery, more than 20 restaurants, grocery, shops, and the Lake Anna State Park. Lake Anna is near unique small towns and within a few hours of some of the nation's largest cities, yet remains rural and scenic.

Lake Anna hosts everything from fairs, wine festivals, chili cookoffs, brewfests, small town festivals and parades to Independence Day fireworks over the water.

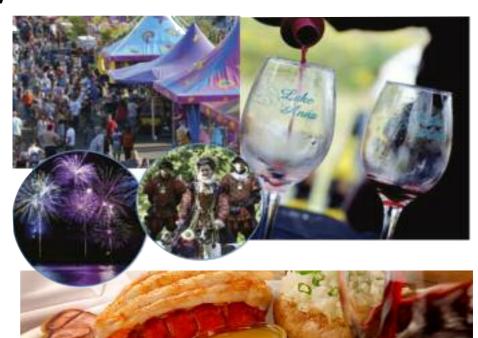
At Lake Anna you can build a house on the waterfront and boathouses directly on the water. The Lake Anna lifestyle brings family of all ages together.

Lake Anna has many restaurants and the new planned Lake Anna Resort, once built, will add even more to the diverse choices.











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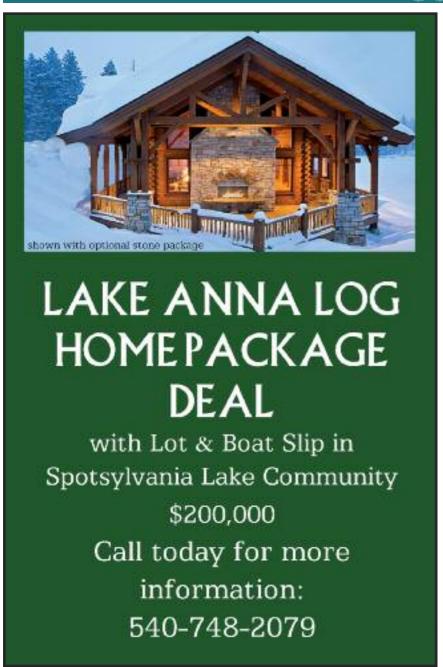


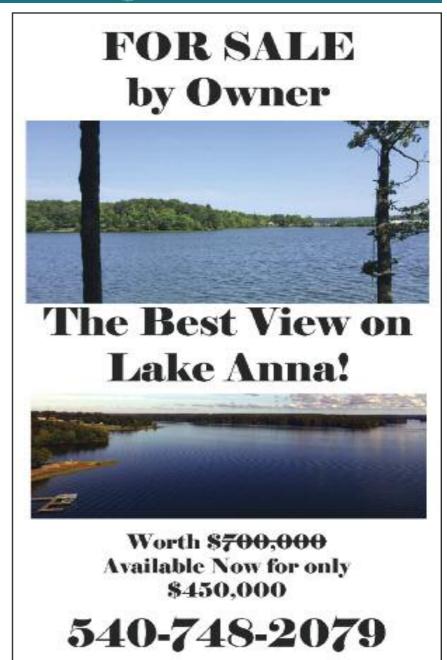






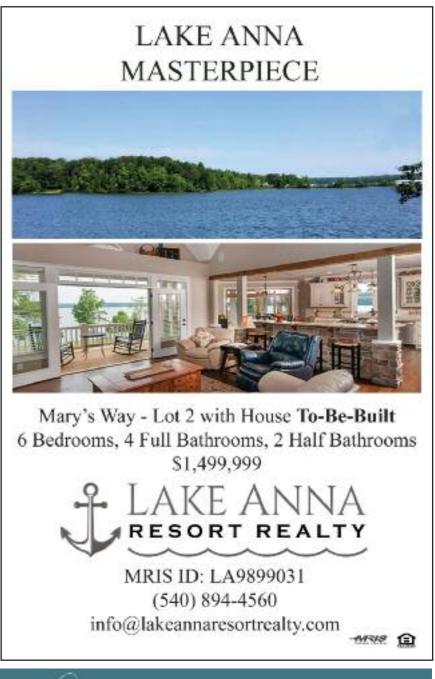
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