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Father's Day profile:

Fighting fires is a family affair for the Porters of Gaston



A Reflection of Life on Lake Gaston and Roanoke Rapids Lake

Best of Lake Country

BEST PLACE TO STAY OVERNIGHT

1. Story Properties

1245 N.C. Highway 903 in Littleton

252-586-0888

2. Hilton Garden Inn, Roanoke Rapids 3. Stonehouse Timberlodge

Beth Story, pictured, of Story Properties, said the 70 homes in her inventory in Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties in North Carolina and Mecklenburg County in Virginia, help cover all the needs of those wishing for a lake vacation. "Different people have different needs, and we want to make sure everybody is happy when they get here," Story said.



BEST VETERINARIAN

1. Dr. Kay Lawrence, Lake Country Animal Hospital

915 Highway 158, Roanoke Rapids

252-308-1882

2. Dr. Cynthia Elias, Creekside Animal Hospital

3. Dr. Tom Grenell, Animal Hospital of Emporia, Va.



Dr. Kay Lawrence, said she was honored to be nominated, much less chosen as Best Veterinarian in Lake Country.

"Our success is in large part due to our caring, devoted staff," Lawrence said. "We thank our clients for their support. Here in the Roanoke Valley, we

are lucky to have the options for pet care we have! All the veterinarians here are great!"

BEST CAMPING

1. The Club/Lake Gaston Resort

300 Lake Resort Drive in Gasburg, Va.

434-577-2193

2. Outdoor World 3. Americamps

Rich Hahn, sales manager for The Club/Lake Gaston Resort, jokingly said the voters made a "great choice," but added he's very pleased to see such a unique facility recognized in this category.

"I don't know of any place in the country you can go camping, have a margarita, have a prime rib and go bowling, all in the same place," Hahn said. "It's one of a kind."



BEST PLACE TO BUY A BOAT

1. Poplar Pointe Marine

183 Hendricks Mill Road in Bracey, Va.

434-636-2175

2. Overby Marine Lake Gaston

3. N.C. Boat Brokers

Bobby Thompson, owner of Poplar Pointe Marine, is excited his first full season as owner of the business has gotten him this award.

"My staff has been working hard to change the mentality of the boating industry in Lake Country," Thompson said.

"Without our customers, we'd just be another number in the phone book."

Pictured in no particular order are, Manager Kevin Clary, General Manager Bobby Thompson, Shady Shack Manager Kayla Griffin, Roger Valentine, Jenne Vaughan and Matt Bailey.