

French Broad Café

Local business supports BC. Let's return the favor!

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Have you ever noticed that tornados can be spelled with or without an “e”? Local Brevard business owner Debbi Martin Burdette has. Debbi owns the French Broad Café located on West French Broad Street and apart from being a Brevard College super fan, she has been serving up some appetizing dishes at the French Broad Café for about year and a half.

Debbi will tell you she has had no formal training in culinary arts, but one taste of her dishes and you will see that a passion for cooking and baking (in combination with a lot of life experience) has been the best teacher. Debbi grew up in a large family, and by the age of eleven she and her sister were in charge of cooking for the family. Born in Texas, she moved to Brevard twenty-six years ago with her husband and opened a restaurant on Main Street called The Bagel Place. Now at the French Broad Café she uses her own recipes for many of her dishes and gets as much vegetables produce as she can from local food supplier Whistlestop Market, located just eight miles from Brevard in Cedar Mountain, talk about a home cooked meal!

It's hard not to notice that Debbi is a huge fan of Brevard College. She has won the grand prize for the most decorated storefront celebrating the tornados. She was awarded with yearlong passes to any of the BC athletic events and loves to attend football and volleyball events. When asked how she liked living in Brevard Debbi explained, “It's pretty exciting to live in a place so deeply rooted in family.” Her husband is a North Carolina native, his mother was a nurse at Brevard College for twenty-five years, and his late aunt, Vera Jones, was a descendent of Solomon Jones, who was involved in the construction of highway 276 from Greenville to Brevard, NC.

Come check out the French Broad Café for breakfast (which is served all day in case you want to sleep in) or lunch. Open seven days a week from 8am to 2pm.

**Open 7 days a week
Breakfast & lunch
Dine-in or take-out**



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The Inauguration of The Rev. Dr. David Joyce as the 13th president of Brevard College will take place on
Friday, October 12, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.
in the Porter Center for Performing Arts

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Invasive species threatening Brevard College campus

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I'm sure we could all name one or two invasive species in America. We hear about them all the time! Kudzu suffocating the East coast, Burmese pythons slithering through the Florida Everglades, and even an American Alligator in the French Broad River!

These may all seem like minimal problems to many of us, but the truth is, any one of these out-of-place species can produce devastating results on any particular ecosystem or the environment as a whole.

Today, there are certain policies and laws concerning the importation of any plant or animal from another country because of the unknown risks associated with introducing foreign species. But with as much people and goods traveling from country to country, it is easy for one little bug to slip through customs unnoticed.

Some of you may be familiar with the American chestnut tree that is nearly extinct because of an invasive species called “blight.” Blight is a fungi or a mold, introduced from the importation of Japanese Chestnut trees in 1904. The American chestnut had no defense against the foreign parasite, and in less than 40 years, the blight caused the death of 3.5 billion

American chestnut trees.

People are stepping up to save these trees across the East coast. Less than 50 miles from where we sit today, a ranch in Maggie Valley was dedicated to saving the American chestnut tree. Teamed with the American Tree Foundation, the owners Tom and Judy Alexander decided to do their part by raising these magnificent historical trees! Although there is no cure or treatment available to aid in the prevention of blight, a process commonly known as “quarantine” is proving to be successful.

Sadly, the American chestnut is not the only tree in threat of extinction due to an invasive species. Right here, on Brevard College campus, the Eastern Hemlocks are experiencing a very similar dilemma. On the bright side, we, as an educated community, can make a significant mark in history. We have all been empowered to make a difference in this world, no matter how minimal our roles may seem.

Next week we will stroll metaphorically through nature together and explore what the future could be for our Eastern Hemlocks. Find out what you; as a student, a teacher, director, janitor, librarian, grounds keeper, chef or whatever your role here may be, can do to make a difference for our ecosystem.