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Lake Retreat News!



Jeanette's Jargon



Judging from the response from our last newsletter, AEP's Shoreline Management Plan continues to spark debate. When Appalachian Power Company built the dam, they were issued a license to operate for 50 years. This deadline is fast approaching (2006). The Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) has the power to grant or deny the application for renewal. The Power giant has to show themselves as a protector of the lake and it's shore as part of the application process, so a Shoreline Management Plan was implemented. This is an over- simplification, however I feel that this really hits at the heart of the matter. So the question becomes, what would happen if FERC did not renew AEP's application to run the dam?

From the Kitchen



Cranberry Waldorf Salad

- 1/2 lb. fresh or frozen cranberries, chopped
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 cups chopped apples
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 can (8 oz.) pineapple tidbits, drained
- 1 cup halved seedless grapes
- 1 cup whipping cream, stiffly beaten

In a large mixing bowl, gently combine cranberries and sugar; let stand 30 minutes. Add next five ingredients; mix well. Gently fold in whipping cream. Chill until serving. Yield 10-12 servings
(Serving suggestion: Use a clear bowl to show off this festive dish.)



Christmas Tree Trivia

- Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.
- In 1979, the National Christmas Tree was not lighted except for the top ornament. This was done in honor of the American hostages in Iran.
- The tallest living Christmas tree is believed to be the 122-foot, 91-year-old Douglas fir in the town of Wood-ville, Washington.
- The Rockefeller Center Christmas tree tradition began in 1933.
- Franklin Pierce, the 14th president, brought the Christmas tree tradi-tion to the White House.
- In 1923, President Calvin Coolidge started the National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony now held every year on the White House lawn.
- In 1912, the first community Christmas tree in the United States was erected in New York City.
- 100,000 people are employed in the Christmas tree industry.
- More than 1,000,000 acres of land have been planted with Christmas trees.
- 77 million Christmas trees are planted each year.
- On average, over 2,000 Christmas trees are planted per acre.
- Thomas Edison's assistants came up with the idea of electric lights for Christmas trees.
- In 1963, the National Christmas Tree was not lit until December 22nd because of a national 30-day period of mourning following the assassina-tion of President Kennedy.
- Teddy Roosevelt banned the Christmas tree from the White House for environmental reasons.
- Tinsel was once banned by the government. Tinsel contained lead at one time, now it's made of plastic.
- In 1984, the National Christmas Tree was lit on December 13th with temperatures in the 70s, making it one of the warmest tree lightings in history.
- 34 to 36 million Christmas trees are produced each year and 95 per-cent are shipped or sold directly from Christmas tree farms.
- California, Oregon, Michigan, Washington, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina are the top Christmas tree producing states.
- The best selling trees are Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Bal-sam Fir, and White Pine.
- Most Christmas trees are cut weeks before they get to a retail outlet.
- Christmas trees are grown in all 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska.
- In the first week, a tree in your home will consume as much as a quart of water per day.



This and other holiday facts can be found on www.historychannel.com

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Mariner's Landing— Private Retreat

Treat yourself to the relaxing views of the lake and golf course from the large wrap-around deck, screened porch or lower patio of this "almost new" luxury townhome nestled up against the 6th Fairway. This 3 bedroom, 3 bath home features main floor living with beautiful hardwood floors, fireplace, Shrock custom cabinetry, formal dining room, laundry, and roomy master suite with Jacuzzi tub. The lower walkout level boasts a large family room with fireplace and wet bar, 2 additional bedrooms, loads of storage, and a workshop under the attached garage. Just a stroll down to your covered deeded boat slip with hoist. Maintenance-free exterior.

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Introducing REALTOR, Linda Lacy

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Charming Lakefront Chalet

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