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Lake Retreat News!




Jeanette's Jargon

The Bedford County Board of Supervisors is waiting to hear recommendations from the Planning Commission on the issue of **short-term rentals** on Smith Mountain Lake. Complaints from property owners have prompted this inquiry as Board members along with the County Attorney and County Administrator, are fielding complaints at an ever-increasing rate, apparently, and they find themselves in a position where they must address this issue. Citizens' complaints center mainly around the issue of over-occupancy of the rental houses. The County's one method of controlling the number of occupants in a house is through the septic system permit, which is defined in terms of # of bedrooms. The County is at the point of allowing only 2 persons for each bedroom, therefore a 3-bedroom permit would allow for 6 persons. The BIG question now being discussed is, **"At what age would a renter be considered an occupant?"** The age of 2 is the number that is getting the most support from Commissioners. So if this thinking culminates into policy, then in 2005, a family of 4 (2 adults and 2 children) **cannot** rent a 3-bedroom house with another couple with children. This will impose a hardship on many families and be in direct opposition to the market being targeted. Since the greatest majority of rental calls ask for occupancy for eight (8), could the County allow 2 persons per bedroom **+2**? Therefore, a 3-bedroom permit would allow 8 and a 2-bedroom permit would allow 6. Since many of these houses are unoccupied for the majority of the year, it seems reasonable to allow some leniency for the summer months.

Apple Brown Betty

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup oatmeal
- 5 tart baking apples

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat together butter and sugar. Add oatmeal to make a stiff batter/dough. Peel, core and thinly slice apples. Lightly butter a casserole large enough to hold the apples. Place all of the apples in the buttered casserole. Spread the topping over the apples. Bake one hour. Serve with heavy cream, whipped cream, ice cream or just plain.





Johnny Appleseed

Johnny Appleseed was a practical nurseryman, not a 'scatterer of seeds' as people believed and owned several orchards. He wandered about bare-foot, clad in rags ('wearing a tin kettle on his head', they say), tending the apple orchards he started wherever he found a good spot, and reading aloud from the Bible. He walked alone without gun or knife. He chopped down no trees and killed no animals. He lived very simply. He slept outdoors, ate berries and made his clothes from sacks. He made his drinking water in winter by melting snow with his feet. For Forty-nine years he roamed the American wilderness, devotedly planting apple trees. He created apple orchards in the wildernesses of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Illinois and Indiana, spanning an estimated area of 100,000 square miles. Some of these trees are still bearing fruit after 150 years.

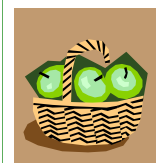
Taken from: <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Forest/2989/appleseed.htm>

Local Orchards

Johnson's Orchard and Peaks of Otter Winery
 2122 Sheep Creek Road, Rt. 680
 Bedford, VA 24523
 (540)586-3707

Gross & Sons Orchard
 6817 Wheats Valley Road
 Bedford, VA 24523
 (540)586-2436

Good things do come in small packages. A medium apple has only 80 calories but packs in vitamins A, B1, B2, C, Niacin plus nutrients phosphorus, magnesium, iron and potassium. Apples are fat free, cholesterol free and sodium free.



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Lake Forest

Lot 21 Sec 2 located off route 626

Furnished contemporary. Appr. 2700 square feet
on 3 levels. 0.66 acre

waterfront lot with 115 feet of shoreline. Single boat
slip and floater with party deck
overhead. Walkway to
water. Subdivision features central water system.



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BEDFORD COUNTY

Opportunity to buy a subdivision!

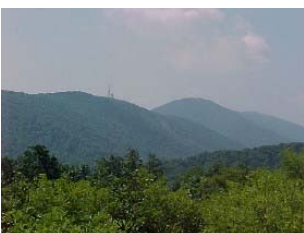
SOUTHVIEW

11 lots ranging in size from
5 acres to 13 acres

Restrictive covenants in place.

Route 608— 10 minutes to Leesville lake
3 miles to Smith Mountain Lake.

\$289,000. for all 11 lots



Introducing....

Lindy W. "Lin" Batten, a Virginia



Tech graduate, majored
in ag economics, moved
to Bedford County in
1967 after his marriage
to a county native,
Marie Saunders: she
refused to move away
from the beauty of her
county so he fell in love
a second time! They

have two children: Kim-
berly lives in Atlanta and works for United
Way and Kevin lives in Los Angeles and
produces commercials.

Lin, owner of Bedford Agri-Services, Inc.
is also a member of the Bedford County
Planning Commission serving two terms as
its chairman. He has a unique depth of
knowledge of the business community as
well as the counties zoning ordinance and
regulations pertaining to land development.
Lin's commitment to ethical business stan-
dards and practices will be appreciated by
anyone requiring real estate transactions.