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Lake Retreat News!



Jeanette's Jargon

Hello and greetings! Spring is all around us and we are thankful for the rain which has brought our lake back to full pond, 795' above sea level. Now is considered by most to be the optimal time for selling property with the summer season fast approaching. Please call if you are thinking of selling your property and we can discuss the benefits of selling in this active market. There are lots of people looking for property here on Smith Mountain Lake, a destination that is not so secret anymore and not as remote as people once thought.

From the Kitchen



Godiva Brownies

3 (1.5 ounces **each**) Godiva Dark Chocolate, coarsely chopped
2/3 cup butter
5 eggs, at room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup Godiva Liqueur
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
2 cups chopped walnuts



You can find this and other decadent chocolate recipes at www.godiva.com

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 15x10x1-inch jellyroll pan. Place chocolate and butter in microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on medium (50% power) for 1 minute. Stir. Microwave 30 seconds more or until chocolate is softened. Stir until smooth. Cool 10 minutes. Beat eggs, sugar, salt and vanilla in mixing bowl until thick and lemon-colored, using electric mixer at high speed. Add liqueur and chocolate mixture, mixing well. Add flour, mixing just until combined. Stir in walnuts. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake 20 minutes or until no imprint remains when touched lightly with finger. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Cut into 24 bars. Store bars in an airtight container.



Northern Cardinal

The cardinal (7 3/4 inches) is the only eastern red bird with a crest. The heavy red bill, with black at the base, is a good field mark. The light brown female has the crest and red bill,

but little red on the body. Young have dusky bills. Cardinals are common in shrubbery, hedgerows, and wood margins. They feed on grape, holly, blackberry, wild seeds, and a good many kinds of insects.

Great Cleaning tips

- When you dust, start at the top and work down.
- Take all your cleaning tools, avoid unnecessary trips back and forth.
- Clean as you go! It takes a lot less time to remove new dirt than old.
- Leave baking soda on carpeting over night will absorb musty odors
- Make a checklist of chores to get organized first.
- Wash walls from the bottom up, to avoid streaking.
- Use old socks as mitts for cleaning difficult wood work.
- Wash small knickknacks instead of dusting.
- To removing heel marks, take pencil eraser and rub them off.
- Don't mix cleaning products. Ammonia and bleach are toxic.
- Allowing cleaners to set for several minutes will ease the cleaning job.



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Featured Property...



2 acres with 148 feet waterfront

Brick ranch w/ carport in Deerfield Subdivision located on the Craddock Creek

section of Smith Mountain Lake. 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths, country kitchen, living room on main level, full unfinished basement with 3rd bathroom, walk-out to covered patio and lawn to double boat slip. Dock with open and covered areas for relaxing, deep waterfront—16' off end of dock.

Spectacular view, won't last long.

\$409,500.



3 bedroom, 2 bath home with convenient split floor plan. Open great room with beamed cathedral ceilings.

1512 square feet on main level. Full unfinished basement with 3rd bath and fireplace. 2 car attached garage. New siding and deck. Stationary dock. Full mountain and wide water views. Gentle slope to water. .58 acres and 89 feet of deep waterfront. \$429,000.



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