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We Wish You A Merry Christmas!!



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have given us a great responses on our newsletter. We are happy that you are enjoying it and hope you spread the word where others can find it as well. Thank you so much for all the kind words!!!

We are truly blessed and have the best fan base anyone could have! Santa doesn't need to bring us anything this year, your loyalty and understanding through our difficult times this year have been the greatest gift we could have asked for, and for that we will be forever grateful!

During this seasonal time with all your family and loved ones, we would like to wish you peace and love and would also like to take this time to remind everyone that you remember the true meaning of the season...JESUS!!!! Our Savior was born to bring us goodness and save us from sin.

From our family to yours!

God Bless!

Merry Christmas!!!



Mark Your Calendars!!!

With all the great responses and terrific feedback that we have been receiving, we have set our **2014 dates to October 2-5** of next year!

Changes will be made in some of the aspects of the festival and we will work to make all the changes as easily transitioned as possible. Sometimes the errors we see gives us great opportunities to come back better and stronger.

We polled the fans and the majority have chosen to stay in the first weekend of October despite the raining weather so we are keeping it there next year just as you guys have requested! Thank you for being the greatest understanders in the fact that we cannot control the weather and we deal with it the best ways possible.

• We have been having phone line troubles and would like to express our sincere apologies for not responding to your call in a timely manner! We are trying to rectify this situation. Thank you for your understanding!

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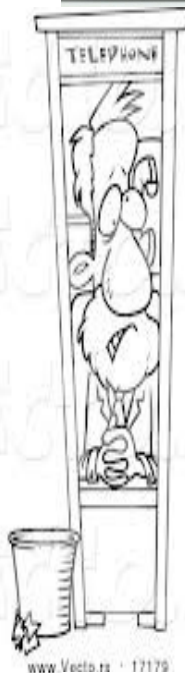
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Deer Crossing Signs... Safe or Discriminate?

We all know that it's that time of the year again, deer hunting season and reindeer season. Yep, those lovable big antlered smelly beast will be wondering around and crossing those roads we are zooming down. We have a few issues this year that have been a constant worry in the past years; the deer crossing signs and the lack of deer paying attention to where they are supposed to be crossing.

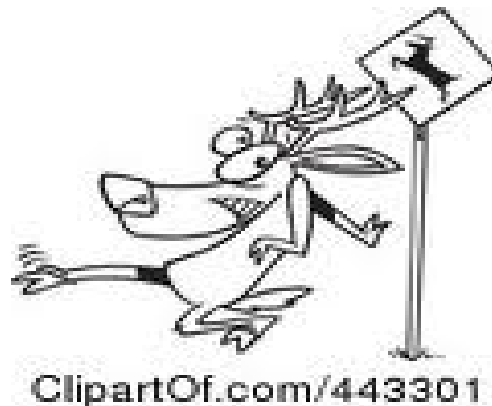
It has come to our attention that some of you do not like where the deer have been designated to cross so, we have spoken to the deer and they believe that their rights have been infringed upon and are being discriminated against by being told where they can cross in certain areas of the road.

Blitzen, the leader of the group, Department of Ending Endangered Reindeer, (also known as D.E.E.R.), spoke out to us saying, "It seems that we are free animals and should be allowed to cross wherever we feel is safe. These crossing areas have been known to have killed some of my D.E.E.R. friends and its very dangerous in these areas, it's like it's a conspiracy to thin our kind out. ...First they have hunting season, now they have deer crossings places.

Next you're gonna see my D.E.E.R. friends hanging from a tree!! This is outrageous and must be stomped out!!"

D.E.E.R., has also responded to the outcry of discrimination and have issued this statement as well...

"We have spoken with our D.E.E.R. friends and have explained the situations to them. We have tried



to get them to cross at the designated areas but they insist on crossing where they feel they should be allowed and if a death occurs, it's just a small token to pay for the cause of freedom." This statement was issued by a well known reindeer that was once teased for being different but revered as the most heroic animal of his time for saving the greatest holiday known to all living creatures, Christmas,

Rudolph, who is also very fa-

miliar with being discriminated against and will fight to preserve all rights to his D.E.E.R. friends as much as possible stated that he too feels that all animals should roam free and not be told where to cross on a busy intersection. "Even though I can fly over traffic and cross just about anywhere safely, I don't feel it's right to limit where we deer can cross."

Rudolph and Blitzen have joined together with their friends the chickens, who they say are also discriminated against having to answer to why they are always crossing the road. Both parties are in the process to sue the government for discrimination and have hired Hermy the Elf to defend them.

"Hermy is a great dentist but he is also a shark when it comes to standing up for what he believes in; we are lucky he believes in our D.E.E.R. rights. Hopefully we can come to some kind of settlement where everyone is happy and jolly," said Blitzen.

This will go in front of Judge Kris Kringle towards the end of the year and we will all hope for the best!

In the words of Jesus:

*"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, **'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'**" **Acts 20:35***

The Reason for the Season

By: Anissa Jo Skaggs on Nov. 28th, 2011

Along time ago, a star showed the way. to a small tiny baby who laid in the hay.

Shepherds watched over him as he lay asleep, three kings brought him gifts for his family to keep.

Animals all cried with joyful sounds, the new king of the heavens was now Earthly bound.

Sent by God to save the world of its sins, this precious little baby boy, Jesus, is where our Christmas spirit begins.

You can't buy this spirit in a department store or as a gift, you have to find it within your heart, giving others an uplift.

You can buy all the silver, the copper and gold, but those will all fade, cause greed and remain cold.

The gifts that you give should come from the heart, gifts of your time, company, compassion and love to start.

Do an act of kindness for a stranger on the street, give a smile and a helping hand to people you meet.

There 's more to the season than buying gifts and trees, finding faith and hope in others is what we all need.

Everyone is wrapped up in supplying the corporate greed. we all forget that Jesus is the true Christmas seed.

We should plant him in the hearts of others, by doing good will and giving peace to one another.

So this holiday season, I challenge you, do an act of kindness; teach your family what is true.

Jesus is the cause, the reason, the need, Christmas is about goodwill so plant that seed.

Peace on Earth is not bought or sold, it's given through the kindnesses' of all; young and old.

So Merry CHRIST-mas!! That's the proper greeting this season!

Because Jesus is Christ, the season's reason!!!



Our Deepest Sympathies...

Our hearts and prayers go out to Stacy York Isaacs and Joe Isaacs for the loss of their son, Jonas, in a tragic accident in November. He was 24 years young and had much to contribute to this world. He will be missed by his many friends, family and fans of his parents. We hope that your hearts heal with great knowledge that he rests in the comforting arms of Jesus and will forever be in your hearts and memories.

It is heartbreaking to lose anyone, but to lose a child is like losing a part of you and you feel as though the laws of nature have robbed you of your destined pathway. When God's plan is called into action, it's hard for us to accept the unknown reason behind it, but know ye this...there is always a purpose in the ways of God. Deepest sympathies and great love to this family and friends and may God bless your hearts. Be careful because anger and bitterness can consume you, pray for the grace to keep forgiveness, understanding and most of all, LOVE in your hearts through this very hard time. We love you all!!!



Friendly Reminders...

We wanna make sure that you remember that with the drop of the up and coming winter weather, please remember that outdoor pets need a warm shelter and fresh unfrozen water daily. Please makes sure they are kept warm and safe cause like us poor folks, some critters just might not have the proper coat to have to stay outside for a long period of time. So, please, please, please make sure your pets have a nice warm place to stay and water that ain't froze. Thank you!!



Say that again?...Answer to last months ramblings...I was talking about a lamp & bulb & electrician.



Highlander Country Store



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The Highlander Country Store is still not up and running to it's full potential but we are selling some cd's and other items over the phone. We are working to create a website for your convenience and hope that you will still consider us when purchasing your bluegrass needs. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause some of our customers and hope we can do our best to keep your patronage. Thank you!!

Christmas Sale!!!

The Highlander Country Store is opening for the Christmas Season!!!

Now thru December 20th!

We have LOTS of T-Shirts, CD's and DVD's for sale that would make GREAT stocking stuffers!!!

(Shipping Cost is NOT included in any discount price and varies on amount of items purchased.)

Just call us at (270) 274-9181 or email us at Back2Bluegrass@gmail.com and we will be glad to assist you!!

AND!!!!!!

You can now purchase your Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration 2014 Tickets!!! They make GREAT Christmas gifts!!!

Purchase your JRBC 2014 tickets early and receive a FREE copy of the Cumberland Highlanders CD!!!!

Tickets are **NOT** discounted, non-refundable, non-exchangeable and **show will go on through any weather type.** Refunds are only issued if festival owners cancels the **full** day due to a weather hazard.

Get into the know...the Auto-don't Know...OH! OH! OH! OH! Really??...NOW I KNOW!!



Howdy Folks! We would like to introduce you to a new section in the newsletter called "the Auto-don't know" section. In this section we will like to give you some friendly advice that you may not know on your automobiles and maybe save ya some gas money in the long run. You can also submit YOUR free helpful advise to your neighbors by emailing us at back2bluegrass@gmail.com and we will see about getting' it put in the newsletter. Hope you enjoy!

RADIATOR FLUID DISPOSAL:

I was giving my Mountaineer a nice new radiator flush along with my several other vehicles and I came across the problem of where to dispose of the radiator fluid. Now, being a vet, I know the dangers it poses to the many animals I have at my house, so disposing of this fluid is very important and quickly needs to be done.

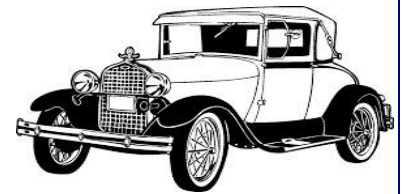
I call the local auto stores, O'Reilly's and AutoZone, and they only take oil and not radiator fluid...what?? How crazy is that??!! I then went on to find a store that will help me dispose of it or give me information on who could because my local stores was not quite as helpful. I finally found a mechanic store that will gladly take it in appropriate containers, Sears! Sears said they would gladly take it and that was the best thing I heard today! So...

If you live around or near a Sears Department Store with a mechanic shop, you can take it to them and save your animals life!! Thank you Sears!!!!



A Car Show???

With all the possibilities of things that could happen upon this wonderful ridge, how do you think a car show would fetch? Maybe a Friday and Saturday event with some music thrown in there, a few prizes and a day of fun and cruising the farm route in a classic car. Would you be interested in letting people ride in your classic car? (You driving of course!!!) Maybe let them get the feel of the engine and ride listening to the roar or smoothness of the vehicle...such possibilities!!



Give me back your comments on this idea and let me know if you will be willing to enter your car in the first car show here on the ridge.

Email me: Back2bluegrass@gmail.com

Let me know what are your thoughts on this idea. We need feedback to know what you would like to see happen here on the ridge!

***** IT IS VERY IMPORTANT YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT PROFESSIONAL MECHANICS AND THESE TIPS ARE GIVEN TO YOU FREELY SO ASK YOUR LOCAL MECHANIC TO MAKE SURE YOUR VEHICLE WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS ADVICE.. THANK YOU!!!**



Carin' fer Yer Critters....

In this here section of the newsletter, we would like to start givin' ya some friendly "ya outta's" on how to care fer those furry (or non a-furry if'n ya have a pet pig or turtle or some-thin' like that...) family members that ya wanna keep roundst ya fer a while. Now, ya can't go an a use this information ta keep ya Uncle Harry from ailin', this here page is fer critter us only.

Pois'nus & Problems...

I would like to take a notion to infern ya of a cuple particular items that may give your friendly furry Fidos a belly achin' like when ya swaller a fresh char of 'bacca ifn' ya never charred 'bacca...greeeeeeeeen facin' and a rollin' achin'. These here items may cause some problems within' yer kitty too; although I ain't never understood how a critter could eat a nasty ol' mouse and have a problems eatin' anythang else., but they do.



Those frisky little felines just love to spat and swat at all those shiney things a danglin' ' from yer tree. They may even like ta swaller some of the tiny ones, but don't a let'em!! This could be a real problem! Try and keep those climby critters outta yer tree and away from the eeelectrical thangs they can a be gnawin' and a clawin' on. Also, don't let'em play with that shiny tinsel, it can cause a stomach ache and ailin' they can't be a tellin' ya how bad.

What is the worsted tho, is those curious canines that have appetites fer jus' bout anything. They like to taste it then decide if they like it or not, they check to see how chewy it is an if'n they can swaller it er not. That's not vary good fer a fellers stomach to have a eatin' yer chocolate covered cherries or Sally's purdy poinsetta berries off her purdy poinsetter flowers ya be a gettin' her fer a sweetie I luv'in' ya gift.. These items are vary much a poi'nus problem to yer critter ifn' ya lettem attem.

Now we all be a wantin' to have a great holiday within' the family this year, includin' those a furry lil' ones we don't like ta be a lettin' anyones knowd we loves them to deaf...our furry familia members. Sooooo....keep'e'm safe and let'em enjoy the holidays too right along wich ya.

We would like to stress that if your pet has swallowed something off the tree, please contact your local vet and take the appropriate steps to ensure your pet is safe and happy. If your pet has swallowed chocolate or any other toxic object that will cause organ damage or death, please call your vet to find out the appropriate way to induce vomiting or other appropriate actions to be taken. Thank you!! And Merry Christmas!!!!



"AD-VERT-A MENTS...AND A BIG THANK YAS!"

I'd like ta thank that there "Google" website fer a findin' me all my little pictures and cartoony things I put in this here newsletter. Some of them pictures might have what they call a water mark in em but they don't ever get a moldy from all that dampness. EMMMMPRESSIVE!!!

Do you have nosey neighbors?? Ya know, those ones that just gotta be a standin' next to yer fence to a hear what'cher a arg'n about with the missus?? Er be a askin' ya fity bazillion questions and ne'er a twinge of satisfication with yer answers??

Well...We got a product JUST FOR YOU!!!!

G.L.U.G.!!!



G.L.U.G. is a new drank that will be a keepin' those nosey neighbors in their own houses and they won't dare be a askin' ya any questions!

G.L.U.G. is made up of Garlic, Limberger, Unions and yep you guessed it! Garlic!! One can of this and yer neighbors will be a runnin' the opposite dierection to get away from wantin' to make any kinda talkin' with ya!

(Singing)" Drink G.L.U.G. America, G.L.U.G. for you and me!

Drink G.L.U.G. America, G.L.U.G. for harmony!

Drink G.L.U.G. everyday! Drink G.L.U.G. every night!

And keep those nosey neighbors...Clean outta sight!!!!!!"

G.L.U.G.... The all natural way ta be a keepin' yer' neighbors away!!"

(Hard ta find in yer local grocers cuz it is just so good at it, it won't last on the shelves fer vary long!!)



Pigeon Delivery!!



Straight from our fans...

Harry Ebbeson from Tyler, TX emails us:

"I really enjoy the Cumberland Highlanders show on RFD TV and Family Net. Look forward to it each week. I really like the flash back pieces as well, before I knew about the show...I think the newsletter is a great idea. ...I hope he has lots of business."

Well Mr. Ebbeson, we really enjoy flashin' back fer ya! Keep on a watchin'!! Thanks and God Bless!!!

David Marzetti in Monterey, CA tells us:

"Please keep the newsletter and all the great music coming! We're in MONTEREY-CA and love watching on RFD TV! If Doc or any of the boys come to Monterey, you have a place to stay and we'll feed you too!"

WEEEELLLLL NOOOOWW...a place to snore AND EAT too??!!! It ain't right of us to pass up some delicious foreign cookin' and look forward to hearin' the men'ya...Thanks! And keep the porch light a burnin' fer us!!!!

Daniel Lee Thibodeau emailed us and said:

"Would like to thank, you, Julie, and all the Cumberland Highlanders for everything you have done for Bluegrass music. My wife and I have a dream to attend one of your yearly festivals. Maybe this year we'll make it. ...Again thanks for providing such great bluegrass music, I know a lot of people up here in northern Maine that watch your program every week."

Well Daniel, you folks are the "Maine" reason we love our fans!! Thank you ALL!!!

John Henry Wilkie sent us this email:

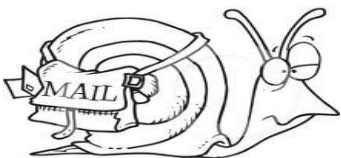
"Campbell...loved the newsletter...alot of enjoyable info, thanks so much for sending it to me."

Well John Henry, we love to entertain!! I'm glad your enjoying my crazy humor! Thank you for giving us your feedback!!

Would you like to be a part of our Newsletter?

Send us your comments about the **Jerusalem Ridge Bluegrass Celebration** so we can learn from our fans your feedback on how we are doing with our festival.

Email us at Back2Bluegrass@gmail.com or you can send your letters to:



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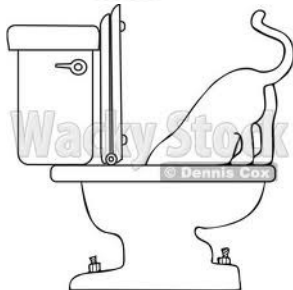


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Today's Recipe is... "[Angel Bars](#)"

Say that again?...

Uh...I was, ya know, and I went to the park so I could, ya know, and I couldn't find a descent spot to, ya know, and so I ended up going, ya know, by myself off the beating path only to find, ya know, was giving me a belly ache. I, ya know, back towards home and ,ya know, in my house and I made a mess by, ya know, in my doorway! I went upstairs tired from such a stressful, ya know, and plopped on my bed. I like to go, ya know, but I don't like, ya know, when I am still sleeping!!!



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...and the food is
fast!!

Whatcha gonna be a needin' :

1. Some of them thar **brown sweet crackers** called "**Graham**"...don't know why their mamas named them all that...but you gonna need bout 2 big ol'packages of them.
2. Some of them **chocolate chips** like in the cookies, but these you be needin' is the **milk chocolatey** kind cuz they tend to smooth together ever'thang. How many ya need dependins on how chocolatey and richy tastin' you a wantin' them ta'be.
3. Some of ya'll might think ya'll be in a desert island somewhars when you go and be addin' **your coconut** ta'dis...make shore you gettin' the **shredded** up kind, puttin' a whole coconut on it takes a bit for it to cook and it just dern't look purdy!
4. Some **BUTTER** to be a meltin' to hold them brown crackers tagetter; bout a stick of it er a cup should do...
5. And last but not lest...the bestus part bout it...that sweet creamy cows milk they called condensed milk in the can. I think the cows was a sweetend up nice and proper for makin' this milk...ewww weeee...this stuff is not ta'be a mixin' yer cornbread up in!!

Die-rectiuns:

First things ya gotta do is be a meltin' that butter down so's you can mix up those brown crackers into it and then ya gotta crunch up all those brown crackers into crumbles and then be a mixin' it into that melted butter. Now onced that gets a mixed up, ya need to be a smashin' that stuff down on a flat pan fer cookies and then yer ready! Add yer chocolate chips, sweet milk and then yer shredded coconut. Put that in an oven heated bout 325 degrees and brown that coconut and take it out and cut it up and eat it nice and hot!

Ya gonna hafta go ta church on Sunday fer shure cuz this is just sinful!!!