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From its twinkling lights to the tips of its tinseled boughs, the Yuletide tree is as integral to Christmas as the American flag is to the Fourth of July. While it is a symbol of a Christian holiday, the tree’s roots are buried in pagan times.

Diminishing sunlight marks the winter solstice, on or about Dec. 21. Deciduous plants drop their leaves, cued by the sun’s low arc into dormancy. The ancients believed this annual occurrence was a sign of the sun god’s weakness from his work during the previous growing season. Evergreen flora sent a positive, even magical, message. Dwellings were decorated with boughs of holly and other evergreen plants to ward off evil spirits and encourage rejuvenation. These customs remained until the 16th century.

‘O Tannenbaum’

By the end of the Renaissance, Germans were placing a tree either at the door or inside their dwellings. These initially were not adorned, but as time went by, handmade decorations embellished the tree’s branches. Some give 16th-century Protestant reformer Martin Luther credit for being the first to illuminate a Christmas tree. His motivation is debated still: He may have added light candles either to remind him of the snow-shimmer of evergreen boughs or to suggest the first Christmas Eve’s starlit sky.

How the custom came to America also is not certain. Hessian soldiers fighting in the Revolutionary War may have brought the tradition, but Puritans in Massachusetts resisted this incursion and considered the tree a pagan symbol. They adopted a law making any observance of Christmas outside a church service punishable by a prison term.

By the 1830s, records indicate German settlers in Pennsylvania were placing Christmas trees in their homes. About a decade later, popular English royals Queen Victoria and Prince Albert introduced the custom to Windsor Castle, celebrating the holiday in 1846 with family and a decorated tree. American society soon followed and joined this new practice established by the German-born prince.

Many towns and cities decorate a Christmas tree for the holiday season; one of the best known is in New York City’s Rockefeller Center. Workers at the construction site erected the first tree there in 1931. It was small and decorated only with a few handmade embellishments. As a tree from the massive ones with some 25,000-plus lights now exhibited in Rockefeller Center. This year, the tree will be lit Nov. 29, at the annual public ceremony always held the Wednesday following Thanksgiving.

Cutting your own tree can be a fun family event to kick off the season.

The Magic of Christmas” captures the delight of creation as photographer Robin Petersen’s grandson Caleb puts the finishing touches on the family tree.

By the early 20th century, a Christmas tree in the house was an established custom. Americans were importing ornaments to mix with homemade trimmings to decorate their trees, and, with the help of Thomas Edison’s assistants, the idea of adding electric lights took hold.
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The Women’s Guild presented the prizes in the mid-1980s. President Frances Pinnock brought a tree into the People’s House, only to have the tinsel barely touched for environmental reasons by President Teddy Roosevelt in 1901. President Calvin Coolidge added a National Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on the White House lawn to the festivities. This tradition continued in late November or early December with two exceptions. In 1921, the lighting was delayed until Dec. 22, as the nation mourned the assassination of President John Kennedy, and in 1979 only the top ornament was lit to honor American hostages in Iran. This year’s tree lighting will be Nov. 30.

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NEW LISTING

5 BLACK BEAR RIDGE
$705,000 • FMLS #53520357
5 Bedrooms, 5 Baths
Privacy and a Fabulous View
Private Condition

1095 SANDERLIN MOUNTAIN DRIVE
$375,000 • FMLS #53521735
3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Beautiful Wood accents and Stone Fireplace

68 BLUE BELL CIRCLE
$309,000 • FMLS #53487075
2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
Walk to Nature Valley
Ponded Woodland Garden with Game

104 MORGAN WALK
$315,000 • FMLS #53520360
4 Bedrooms/5 Baths
Wonderful Mountain Lodge
Private 4 Acres Close to Village

606 WHITEFIELD AVENUE
$719,000 • FMLS #53520380
4 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
100’ of Waterfront
Welcoming Updated with New Kitchen

VIEW NEW PRICE

108 TEABERRY LANE
$475,000 • FMLS #53489425
4 Bedrooms/5 Baths
VIEW, VIEW, VIEW

VIEW NEW PRICE

1200 MCELROY MOUNTAIN DR.
$449,000 • FMLS #53482707
5 Bedrooms/3.5 Baths
Great View! Convenient to Gate
in New Town

NEW LISTING

220 HUNTERS TRACE
$210,000 • FMLS #59793259
4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms
Close to Gated/Closed Lot
Wonderful Sun Rooms

PENDING!

171 WINDFLOWER DRIVE
$585,000 • FMLS #59791847
4 Bedrooms/3.5 Baths
 Loaded with Mountain charm

NEW LISTING

220 WAKE ROBIN
$449,000 • FMLS #59782824
3 Bedroom/3 Baths
Custom Pierre Style Home
Dishman Creek Runs Through Property

NEW LISTING

262 BUCKEYE HOLLOW DR
$244,000 • FMLS #59783060
4 Bedrooms/4.5 Baths
 Rustic Mountain Charm
Conveniently Located in Village

NEW LISTING

97 TEABERRY LANE
$300,000 • FMLS #45004425
4 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
Great Rental Potential
Handicap Access

NEW LISTING

93 WINDFLOWER DRIVE
$325,000 • FMLS #45030201
4 Bedrooms/4 Bathrooms
Loaded with mountain charm

NEAR NORTH GATE

341 WINDFLOWER DRIVE
$310,000 • FMLS #45047346
3 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Better Than New!

VIEW OF AMICALOLA FALLS!

323 SANDERLIN MOUNTAIN DRIVE
$715,000 • FMLS #53504461
3 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Private 4 Acres Close to Village

PRIVATE GARDENERS DREAM

262 YAKATO Trace
$425,000 • FMLS #45036280
3 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms
Custom Home, Also Shares Updated 2 Bedrooms on the Main

NEAR SOUTH GATE

255 LAUREL RIDGE TRAIL
$320,000 • FMLS #59796600
4 Bedroom/4 Bathrooms
Beautiful Lake View and Access!!
Lots of Extras!!

NEW LISTING

200 Foothills Pkwy, Marble Hill, GA 30148 • 770-893-2400
SHELBY COLLINS

225 LAUREL RIDGE TRAIL
$325,000 • FMLS #59765680
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
Large Wonderful Lot

VIEW, VIEW, VIEW

51 TROUT LEAF TRAIL
$349,000 • FMLS #57228525
7 Bedrooms/6.5 Bathrooms
VIEW from porch with Fireplace
Built in 2007 like new!!

BIG CANOE LOTS

152 DEER RUN
$395,000 • FMLS #58833890
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
VIEW, VIEW, VIEW

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BIG LISTING

150 Wake Robin • 404-863-2676
SHELBY COLLINS

18 Hospital • 404-863-2676
Shelby Collins

112 Disharoon • 404-863-2676
SHELBY COLLINS

140 WEDGEWOOD DRIVE
$415,000 • FMLS #58651255
5 Bedrooms/5.5 Baths
Beautiful Setting with Stream
Move in Ready

NEW LISTING

212 MENAGE CIRCLE
$291,000 • FMLS #53500560
3 Bedrooms/3 Baths
Charming Mountain Cabin
Nicely Updated

NEW LISTING

500 MARSHALL CIRCLE
$259,500 • FMLS #5774346
3 bedrooms/3 Bathrooms
Extensively Renovated
Better Than New!!

NEW LISTING

573 HUNTERS TRACE
$449,000 • FMLS #5765273
5 Bedrooms/5.5 Baths
Great View and Minutes from North Gate!
2 Bedrooms + Office on Main

NEW LISTING

105 YANCEY HILL
$325,000 • FMLS #5461187
Large Office/Hobby Rooms
New Waking Trails

NEW LISTING

363 YANOO TRACE
$319,000 • FMLS #5718444
3 Bedrooms/2 Bathrooms
Close to Main Gate

NEW LISTING

220 WAKE ROBIN
$325,000 • FMLS #5861187
3 Bedrooms/2.5 Bathrooms

NEW LISTING

100 TAKENOA PATH
$325,000 • FMLS #5861187
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New Waking Trails

NEW LISTING

120 MCELROY MOUNTAIN DR.
$425,000 • FMLS #59270707
5 Bedrooms/3.5 Baths
Great View! Convenient to Gate
in New Town

NEW LISTING

85 HUNTERS TRACE
$315,000 • FMLS #5926857
Large Office/Hobby Rooms
New Waking Trails

NEW LISTING

44 SHETLAND TRAIL
$325,000
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
Near Main Gate

SOLD!

130 CHEROKEE VALLEY TRAIL
$350,000 • FMLS #5930820
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
Custom Home, Nicely Updated

SOLD!

510 HUNTERS TRAIL
$350,000 • FMLS #5923981
4 Bedrooms/4.5 Bathrooms
Main Level Office • Bonus Room

SOLD!

11 POPLAR CIRCLE
$350,000 • FMLS #5932981
5 Bedrooms/5.5 Baths
Custom Concrete, Lake Views

SOLD!

256 HUNTERS TRAIL
$365,000 • FMLS #5815936
4 Bedrooms/4.5 Bathrooms
Loaded with mountain charm

SOLD!

157 BLUEGRASS DR
$475,000 • FMLS #58074466
4 Bedrooms/4.5 Bathrooms
Folds Ridge Near Highlands
Built in 2006-Like New!!

SOLD!

571 HUNTERS TRACE
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Handicap Access

SOLD!

104 MORGAN WALK
$315,000 • FMLS #5926125
4 Bedrooms/4.5 Bathrooms

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219 BUCKEYE HOLLOW DR
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APPLE AND SPICE BAKED FRENCH TOAST
Serves 8
• 1 pound unsliced French or Italian bread
• 1 egg
• 1 cup sugar
• 1/4 cup dark rum
• 1/2 cup milk
• 2 tablespoons butter

Serves 6
• 1 1/2 cups sliced pears
• 1 cup sugar, divided
• 1/2 cup orange juice
• 1/4 cup rum

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PHOTOS BY DEBBIE DICKSON

Judy Anderson, Sue Leonard, Maureen Page and Cathy Updegraff
Submitted by the Christmas Blessing Committee
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Debbie Dickson is the chief chef/owner of a restaurant, has not written any cookbooks (even though she owns way too many) and has no professional training. She does, however, love everything associated with food—reading about it, writing about it, preparing it and, most importantly, eating it.

We have heard the expression “It Takes a Village” and there is no more wonderful village than the community of people who live in Big Canoe. The Christmas Blessing program is all about moving to provide Christmas gifts to children in Pickens and Donaldson counties.

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Big Canoe Chapel gathered children, blankets and made those hats for each child, ensuring they would be warm through the winter. Rosanne Gas faithfully supports the Christmas Blessing program each year.

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Legacy of Caring supports vital children’s programs

BY WAYNE TIDWELL

The Big Canoe Women’s Guild sponsors fun, charitable events leading up to the popular fall events. April 21, with special guest Brandywine and Courtney Collins, and the Marketplace and Tour of Homes, May 18-19.

The events raise funds for more than 20 charitable organizations supported by the guild that vary as new charities apply for funds and are approved. The guild’s Charitable Giving groups, Ann Tuttle and Jo Young, visit local charities and make recommendations to the board as to what funds are needed. Two of these organizations focus on the well-being of children in the surrounding community.

The voice of a child

A Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by a judge to advocate for the best interests of an abused or neglected child involved in the court dependency proceedings.

CASA volunteers speak for children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected and who are in hopeless situations. They advocate for the child by providing an independent assessment of his/her needs and best interest. CASA volunteers develop healthy, strong relationships with their children. While others may come and go in a child’s life, CASA volunteers provide the only stable advocacy children need to thrive.

Every CASA volunteer must complete a 40-hour comprehensive training program offered through the Appalachian Judicial Circuit. The volunteer must be a mature adult with good verbal, written and computer skills and a sincere concern for children. To become a CASA volunteer, you must submit an application and background check. You must be able to attend court hearings and commit to the program for at least two years or preferably until permanence is assured. Essential qualities include the ability to be objective and non-judgmental.

These questions might include: Having a CASA volunteer and the records that come along with it serving as the voice of a child can visit the CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit Facebook page. The next CASA volunteer training session for Gilmer, Fannin and Pickens counties is scheduled tentatively for Jan. 12. For additional information, contact Melinda Davis, Advocacy and Training Manager, 706-972-2000 advocacy@legacyofcaring.com.

A hungry stomach has no cure!

The Weekend Snack Program is a coalition of churches, nonprofit organizations and individuals interested in reaching the food needs of approximately 35 percent of the students in the Pickens County School System who qualify for either free or reduced meals. Some of these students are not yet infants, or children when they are in the school cafeteria

Research has shown students who are hungry have difficulty concentrating, making it harder for those students to do well in class, on assignments and in taking standardized tests. The Weekend Snack Program works to ensure students in Pickens County schools have sufficient food, especially during weekends away from school.

The program operates through the Pickens County Assistance Resources and Emergency Services (CARES), a local nonprofit food, financial assistance and other programs aimed at meeting the needs of the citizens of Pickens County. The Weekend Snack Program is also backed by CASA and is self-sustaining.

Food for the snack program is purchased through CAHS and the Pickens County Community Food Program. Food also is purchased at local food stores and donated by local churches and organizations. Funding for the program comes from taxes and donations.

By Wayne Tidwell
Lil’ Lunch concludes the heart of the club
Lil’ Lunch is a casual and easy monthly gathering where enjoying short stories, poetry, one set drama and, occasionally, essays are discussed over lunch at the clubhouse.


It has been said Gina Berriault ought to be as familiar to readers as Toni Morrison or John Updike, yet she is not. Recipient of innumerable awards, her 1997 short story collection, “Women in Their Beds,” received critical acclaim and won the 1997 National Book Critics Circle Award, the PEN Faulkner Fiction Prize and the Rau Award for the short story. The New York Times Book Review reports: “One struggles to find a sentence that is anything less than peerless pure poetry.”

One might fill pages on Berriault’s life and fiction, but for the moment, please know I know. (Robert Bretherton) Berriault is “one of our best and most neglected” American writers (1926-1999). Vivian Sheperis will facilitate this discussion. Submit your thoughts in email to vivian@bigcanoe.com for further information, including links for free downloading and printing of the selections.

Lit Lunch meets noon to 2 p.m. in the Club Room at The Clubhouse at Lake Scotti. Lunch is ordered from the Rock River Pub menu. Call and drop in to reserve your place. 706-268-2420. Submitted by Vivian Sheperis.

Bear Society plans Holiday Happy Hour
The Bear Society will do its part in spreading holiday cheer when it hosts “Stars to be” are encouraged to begin practicing song routines. Don’t worry, after your calendars; this will be a fun night.

The kitchen staff will prepare a hearty meal and Craig and the bar staff will be serving some liquid Christmas cheer. Mark your calendars, the Rau Society will begin its Houston, we are bringing it back in December.

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For more information, call the County Extension Office, 706-253-8840. Contributed by Darla Huffman

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Court-appointed special advocates (CASA) volunteers make a tremendous difference in the lives of abused or neglected children in the foster care system. The Appalachian Judicial Circuit recognizes the positive difference CASA volunteers make in children’s lives. CASA volunteers are trained as guardian ad litems who speak on behalf of the child’s best interest. They make written recommendations to the court for the child’s best interest. The advocate is often the only constant adult presence in the child’s life.

Many more child advocates are still needed. Two out of every three abused and neglected children are waiting for a CASA volunteer. If you are interested in becoming a CASA volunteer and the rewards that come along with serving as the voice of a child, visit our Facebook page, CASA of the Appalachian Judicial Circuit.

The Appalachian Judicial Circuit’s next training session for Gilmer, Fannin and Pickens counties is tentatively set for Jan. 12. For additional information contact Advocacy and Training Manager Melanie Davis, 706-515-2700, 706-276-CASA or advocacy@appalachiancasa.com.

CASA thanks The Honorable John E. Worcester for his support of the CASA program. Worcester was honored in October as the Grand Marshall of the Apple Festival Parade in Gilmer County, where he was followed by the Appalachian CASA “Everyday Heroes.” The National CASA Board of Directors and Selection Committee recognized Worcester in March as National CASA Judge of the Year. Submitted by Melanie Davis, Advocacy and Training Manager.

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Contact Anita Grist, gristaj@bigcanoenews.com, with club or community gatherings. Check www.bigcanoepoa.org for information on Big Canoe clubs/organizations. Always confirm meeting times and locations.
Time to de-clutter your iPhone

BY GARY CHERRY

In 1987, we would have needed 75 high-density floppy disks to equal one gigabyte of storage. Back then, we couldn’t have kept track of so many disks. In fact, our floppy disk drives would have needed to spin as fast as the那个时候...

One would think that, with all that storage capacity iPhone users have today, it’s not uncommon to run low on, or even out of, storage on our iPhones. We store thousands and thousands of photos, videos, music, books, apps, maps, email, and much more. On my phone, Photos uses up the most storage space, so I decided to take a look at it. I counted 130 albums (yes, I recounted just to be sure) apps installed. Of these, I probably use about 20 to 30.

### Remove Apps
Once you purchase an app, it’s yours. So, when you delete (remove) an app, you still own it. Think of it as shelf storage: It’s there always if you need it. If that occurs, go to iTunes, find the app and manually download it. You won’t have to pay again for it, trust me.

Even if you don’t need it for space, it’s saved data for future use. Some apps even require it to work. This means they’ll need your permission to be able to access your device. So, be cautious when removing apps.

### Remove Unneeded Content
Once, you’re not sure about an app, delete it. The same goes for the podcasts, radio shows, and books that you no longer use. They could be eating your phone’s storage like a sponge. In the worst case, you’ll have to save your old podcasts and books again.

### Purge Old Messages
Basic SMS (text) messages and emails you no longer need are a good place to start. Once you’ve read an e-book, delete it. The same goes for the podcasts, radio shows, and books that you no longer use...

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“She scatters her petals and chants over the corpses’ roofs with a resonance that rattles their bones, or in the case of the older residents, their dust.”

R.I.P.

Writers Corner

VIVIAN SHERERS

The graveyard runs downhill to prevent flooding at the bottom and follows Church Street steeply from Main out of town. Each morning Rebecca steps among the headstones, casting a web of rose petals or whatever grows in season. She rises before the traffic commences Main. Sometimes, rain imprints a somber gloom among the stones, but more often the rising sun illuminates the mingled tears and dew reflecting the final evening place. She stumbles as the grass, sprouting kudzu and ivy, deepens the forest green and despite the infinite fragrance among the headstones.

Reverend Jonas Ravenswood

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Enounter on Christmas Eve

Mountain Musings

ANN FIAL, P.I.D.

The snow was over and a soft wind remained. A cloud of snow lay like a quilt over the night sky. It was eight o'clock on Christmas Eve, and time seemed to slow down. The sound of snow fell on the roof. The snow was silent and it was a peaceful time.

I had a book, a cup of hot chocolate, the warmth of a blanket and candlelight floating on the ceiling. The Christmas tree had a cheer of red and gold. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the peace and quiet.

I heard the faint sound of bells. In my mind's eye I imagine a sleigh pulled by tiny reindeer piercing the night sky.
Ladies dominate November Showcase by John Herzler

November marked the second anniversary of the Acoustic Showcase at the Swim Club. We've been attending every show since the first from the Magic Lodge and, as the season draws to a close, there's no looking back.

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An angle on angels

FRAN HOLMAN

Word Of Mouth

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” is the season’s song. No church or cathedral, no holiday program would be complete without singing this angelic canticle written by white cardboard wings out-lined in metallic glitter.

The winged beings the children represent appear in art and writings from ancient civilizations and cultures, including Assyrian, Greek, and Roman. Venerable texts often provide a first introduction to angels. Michael and Gabriel appear in the Bible and Raphael in the Apocrypha.

Angels are a blend of Old English and Old French, coming to us from Greek angels, to refer to a messenger, envoy or annunciate. It is also similar to the Sanskrit wordanjali, to refer to a messenger, envoy or announcer. It is also similar to the Sanskrit word, which means a member of luminous divine beings.

“Angels we have heard on high.” In- deed, there is a hierarchy of these angelic figures composed by the late 5th century. He proposed three spheres of angels with three types in each sphere—a altogether nine categories or classes of angels.

The first and highest angels of the highest celestial level are the Seraphim. Two of their wings hide their faces, two cover their feet and two are for flight. The literal etymology is probably from Hebrew meaning “the burning one.” There may have been a semantic confusion in which the burning was interpreted as flying, or these words cover their feet and two are for flight. The literal etymology is probably from Hebrew meaning “the burning one.” There may have been a semantic confusion in which the burning was interpreted as flying, or these words were so close to God’s aura.

Next in line in the first sphere are Cherubim and Thrones. Cherubim guarded the gates of Eden and praise God. They are described as humanlike in appearance, with wings. Thrones are represented as fi- gures composed by the late 5th century. He proposed three spheres of angels with three types in each sphere—a altogether nine categories or classes of angels.

The second sphere contains Dominations, who moderate the duties of other angels. Half their wings that carry out God’s will. The lowest heavenly sphere is com- prised of Principalities protecting governments from evil. Archangels relay God’s messages and biblically the chief angel; and Angels interceding between God and humans.

Guardian Angels are a part of Angels. In “Divine Madness,” Harry Eiss notes it was 15th century Hominis of Augustinianism who first maintained “that each soul is assigned a guardian angel.” Their role is to intervene in ordinary life in extraordinary ways.

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Consider the description of Mammon: “the least erected Spirit that fell … whose looks and thoughts were always down- ward bent, admiring more the riches of Heav’n’s pavement trodd’n with gold. Or, the obscene dread of Moab’s Chemos, ‘the obscene dread of Moab’s Sons”; Belial, “a prince of hell and perhaps the original ‘Lord of the Flies’.” At the end of this epic, Milton mimes the angel Michael to tell Adam and Eve that Providence will guide them. Guidance comes in many forms.

In “Paradise Lost,” Milton总结s “the least erected Spirit that fell.”Whose looks and thoughts were always down- ward bend, admiring more the riches of universe.”

The most succinct heart choir singing: Ang- els from the Realms of Glory.” I shall harp.

Dr. Fran Holman, honored as Distinguished Professor and Endowed Professor at Louisiana Tech University, is the author of two books. She and her husband live in Big Canoe.
In the active destination town of Woodstock, Georgia, popular for its good restaurants, unique bars, ubiquitous music, and art and social events, a newcomer appears to fit right in. Rootstock and Vine has brought yet another unique concept to this bustling downtown 30 miles north of Atlanta and just south of Canton.

Converting a building built in 1908 as Woodstock’s original post office—most recently home of Hotdog Heaven—into a chic restaurant with a rooftop bar that rivals those in Buckhead and midtown Atlanta, owners Anna and Shawn Daily have added to the diversity of the vibrant nightlife of this Cherokee County town.

Opened since Sept. 28, Rootstock & Vine, described by Anna Daily as “a wine bar with a kitchen license,” appears to have a following.

“We are pleased with the renovation, the concept and the reception we have received from the community and the rave reviews we have been getting. Daily told Talk of the Table, ‘We have done really well for our first month.’”

Rootstock & Vine promotes itself as an “upscale wine and dessert bar featuring a kitchen.”

“Rootstock & Vine has added to the diversity of the vibrant nightlife of this Cherokee County town.”

“Owner Anna Daily shows off one of the special wines offered at Rootstock & Vine. Photo by Wayne Tidwell.”

Restaurant Review

“Rootstock & Vine wine and tapas bar is in the refurbished 1809 Woodstock Post Office that was more recently Hotdog Heaven. Photo courtesy of Rootstock & Vine.”

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 Ridgerunners enjoy haunting Halloween adventure

BY CHRISTINE FLAHERTY

Why settle for a few token cobwebs and a couple of Styrofoam headstones when you can revel in the real thing? That is what Ridgerunners did this past Halloween when they ventured to historic Oakland Cemetery for a visit to the homes of some of Atlanta’s most celebrated spirits.

The weather was delightful and not at all in keeping with the typically ghastly mood of All Hallows’ Eve. In fact, the tour was only slightly chilling, as our informative docent led us along the lovely, tree-lined paths to pay homage to some of Oakland’s most famous inhabitants. Margaret Mitchell’s site was the epitome of serenity, encircled with delicate roses, her favorite flower. Emingly, the 17-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter. They moved to Woodstock in 1998. Married 22 years, they have a 20-year-old son, a 14-year-old son and a 14-year-old daughter.

That is what Ridgerunners did this past Halloween, superbly organized by Reinhardt’s first women’s a cappella choir, will entertain with their joyful singing. The food will be scrumptious and the decorations festive. If you have not signed up already, you can add your name to the waiting list until Nov. 27 at www.bigcanoerr.com. Those on the list will be contacted should a place become available. If you have any questions, contact Diane LaCharite, 706-268-1252. 2018’s excellent programs are encouraged to go online to register and pay for the May 2017 to April 2018 membership season, or sign-ups can be accomplished at the January meeting. There is still much to enjoy. Members are encouraged to go online to register and pay for the May 2017 to April 2018 membership season, or sign-ups can be accomplished at the January meeting. There is still much to enjoy. Members are also invited to join, follow and post their photos on the Ridgerunners’ Facebook site, which can be accessed by typing “Big Canoe Ridgerunners” into the Facebook search bar.

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Halloween is the perfect day for Ridgerunners to visit the spooks and spirits of Oakland Cemetery. More information can be found at www.rootstockandvine.com or by calling 770-544-9009.
Collector wines

I purchased six bottles in a wooden case of Brunello as an example on cellaring wines. Tuscans. In general, as the wine list below indicates, these wines are crafted carefully, usually harvested from outstanding vineyards, and cost substantially higher than $20.

Approximately 120 million Americans—56 percent of total population—drink wine. More females, 43 percent, drink wine than men, 38 percent. The percentage drinking wine peaked in 1970 at 52 percent. The average wine drinker drinks two glasses and one bottle a year. Two glasses of wine per day is considered in the medical community to be hazardous. The World Health Organization recommends that people in high-income countries reduce their alcohol intake to below 10 grams per day.