

The year was 1958, I was being taken on my first hunt out of the mountains, to the Cumberland National forest, in Pulaski County. We wasn't hunting deer or turkey, we were after the squirrels. In that area of the Commonwealth, they had squirrels that were almost unheard of in the mountains. There were fox squirrels, black squirrels, and a rare white squirrel. The fox squirrels, three times the size of our grays, solid red, and lived mostly in the bottom lands. It never took many of those things to fill our coolers. The black squirrel, a beautiful animal, and just a bit smaller than our grays. I have let half dozen gray squirrels go on cutting, just to sneak up on one black squirrel. Because we never knew much about conservation in those

days, we would hunt that morning, get our six, the limit, and go back out that evening to fill our powder bag again. With age comes wisdom, so I have been told, and I have learned much. Like my grandpa use to say, Son don't kill the seed. We learned not to trash this beautiful earth God gave us to use. (Some people still have not learned not to trash. Look in their yards and along our roads).

In those days it was nothing for 20 hunters from our mountains to hunt the weekend and bring back half dozen ice coolers full. As far as I know, never one squirrel ever went to waste.

We had to travel old highway 15 North from Letcher County to Hazard, get on highway 80, go through London on a narrow crooked road, that would take you so long, you would think you wasn't ever going to get there. We would stop in London at the only store that was open, an old ice house. We would buy a few blocks of ice to cool everything down and head on highway 192, cross out of Laurel County, over the Rockcastle River around Mount Victory. We then would head to Little Lick campground where we would spend the weekend.

In those days, most of Highway 192 was gravel, no a sign of blacktop. We traveled in those days in Dodge Power Wagons. They all had winch's on the front, 4x4's, and canvas tops over the beds where we rode and sometimes used to stay dry after we got there.

We always stopped at Vicco, the first town in Perry County, at a little country store to fill up on pickled bologna, crackers, dill pickles from the barrel, and of course the adults strong drinks.

My first trip sticks into my mind, because my hunting buddy, "Pumpkin Perry," got himself

into a world of hurt. We was in the back of the "Power Wagon" with the transmission sounding like it was falling out just any time when one of the gang said, "Pumpkin, open us a jar of pickled bologna." We was around Manchester about that time; Pumpkin opened it, everyone took their pocket knives, cut them some, and enjoyed the snack. In case you know nothing about pickled bologna, it comes in a gallon jar and is bologna that has been pickled.

We was almost ready to cross the river into Pulaski County and one of the guys said, Pumpkin, "How about one more slice of the pickled bologna???" Pumpkin said, "It is under everything, you will need to wait till we get to camp. I ate the rest of that jar." We had probably traveled less than fifty miles since he opened it the first time. The boys weren't happy, but nothing could be done.

Daylight came, as it always does, we all headed into the forest to hunt. Around ten, I started to notice pieces of cloth hanging on branches. I first thought someone was using them to find their way back into camp. Sitting in camp, waiting on lunch, I noticed Pumpkin walking into camp. He had what seemed a thousand bug bites and no shirt. I couldn't help myself, Pumpkin, I asked, "What happened to you?"

"Well, if everyone needs to know, that pickled bologna has upset my stomach, and I ran out of wipe paper, so I used my shirt." Problem solved about the pieces of rags I saw, and until his death, I never remember Pumpkin ever eating pickle bologna again. Lesson learned.

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# Ravenna council meets, adds Powell to council

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Lynch said that White comes to the Dollar General each night at closing to make sure that the employees get to their cars safely. She said she appreciated White so much and presented him with a card and a plaque.

Councilman Budd Tucker said that he had heard a few complaints on White over the years but he felt like he was a perfect fit for the city of Ravenna.

Two residents of Ravenna were in attendance to express their interest for the empty seat on the council. Those residents were Brandon Hisle and Buford Powell.

Councilman Amy Crowe asked Powell if he still had a lawsuit against the city of Ravenna because that's what Mayor Flinchum had told them in a previous meeting.

Powell replied that he had never had a lawsuit against the city even though

he had been advised that he could have one because of the road work that had been done in front of his home and church.

Councilman Tammy Howell asked Powell how much he had spent out of pocket to fix the problem and Powell said approximately \$400.

Councilman Budd Tucker made the motion for Powell to fill the vacant seat on the council with all members of the council in favor.

Carolyn Reynolds spoke to the council about their current insurance policy. She said that the policy ends on July 1st and if the city could pay that premium by the year they would save over \$500.

Reynolds also added that things had been omitted to their policy over the years that were not her recommendations, and she strongly advised that they add flood and earthquake insurance to that policy.



Ravenna resident Pam Jones was walking her dog last week when she found a lost billfold. Her husband, Shawn, right, brought it to Ravenna City Hall and turned it into Police Chief Ken White. Photo Submitted

# Berea woman arrested for drugs

A Berea woman was arrested on drug possession charges early Monday by Deputy Sheriff Kevin Shackelford.

The citation states that the deputy stopped a vehicle driven by Angel M. Gooch, 39, of Berea on Richmond Road because it had no tail lights.

Shackelford charged Gooch with no tail lights, no registration plates, no registration receipt, and

possession of drug paraphernalia (a meth pipe).

The citation stated the deputy ran the occupants of the vehicle for warrants, and it came back with two. It also came back with no registration plate or receipt.

The deputy called IPD for the K-9 Titan to come to the scene. He said Titan alerted on the vehicle.

He said a white pow-

dery substance was found, and he asked Gooch if she had anything on her person. She said no.

The citation states that he located a white paper containing suspected heroin and a small baggie of a white substance, suspected to be methamphetamine.

He charged Gooch with possession of heroin and possession of meth.

# Irvine woman charged with stealing packages from front porches

An Irvine woman has been arrested in connection with Christmas packages stolen between December 4 and 10.

Tamara Thomas, 29, of Mountain Crest Drive, Irvine was charged Friday by IPD Officer Stewart Morris with possession of stolen mail and unlawful transaction with a minor, second degree.

The arrest warrant states that Thomas was observed on video tape on three separate occasions in the theft of packages from the front porches of other apartments. It adds that she as-

sisted and aided a minor child, for whom she is the guardian, in the theft.

It adds that the minor child was observed taking the packages inside Thomas' residence. No other adult was present or resides in the apartment.

The value of the items taken from the first victim totalled \$11.00, and the value of the items stolen from the second victim was \$79.69.

Both charges are Class D felonies. If convicted, Thomas could be facing one to five years on each charge.

# Irvine Council

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Gross said that he and a senior council member had been in his office one day when they were approached by a councilman from the city of Ravenna who wanted to discuss merging the departments.

He added that it was reported that he had approached the Ravenna council about the merger, and that was not the case, and he wanted it to be made known to the public.

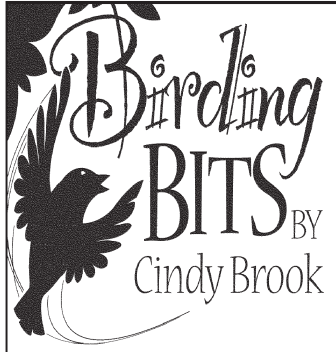
Councilman Tobo Bryant said that this had happened before, and if the discussion ever came up again he felt like both mayors and all councilmembers from Ravenna and Irvine meet to avoid any of the 'he said and she said' that had been taking place.

City clerk Robin Powell said that delinquent tax bills had been sent out in the mail last week. She said 88 of those bills were delinquent for the year 2020 and there were several more that were sent out that were over two years old.

# Blast from the past!



This lovely group of girls lived around the Cow Creek and Tipton Ridge area. Picture from about 1950 was badly damaged and repaired from an original in the collection of the late Lola Chaney Rose. Left to right, front, are, Eldene Charlene Barnes, Ruby Alice Barnes, Thelma Ann Tipton. Second row, Teddy Ann Pitts, Mildred Regina Barnes, Donna Tipton. Third row, Etta Mae Tipton, Ella Clay Hall, and Geneva Puckett.



**Winter Visitors**  
Every winter a few chipping sparrows come to my little-bird feeding area and stay for several weeks. This year more than two dozen have arrived. They hang out safely in my lantana bush and gobble up the white millet I toss on the ground. Feeding birds has wonderful dividends.  
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