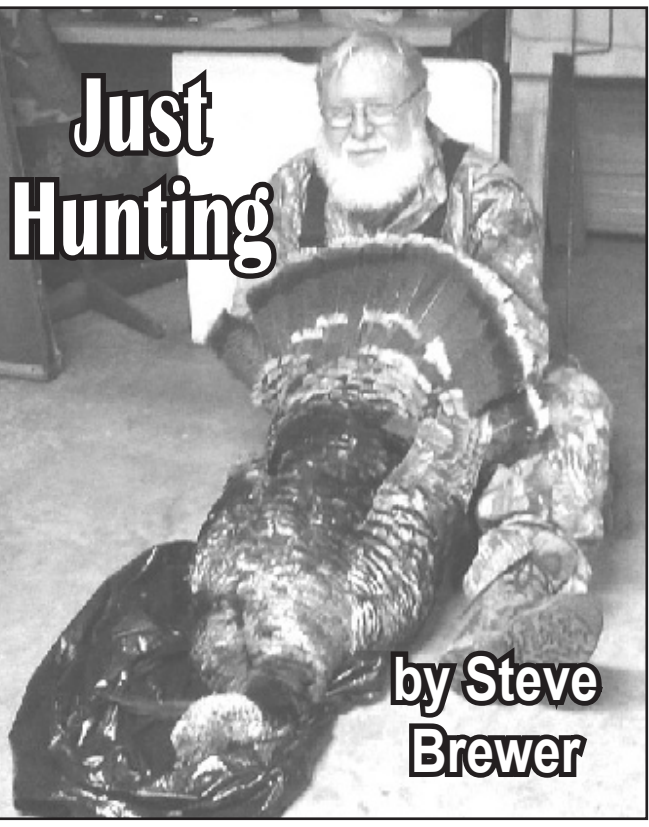


# Just Hunting



by Steve Brewer

I was happy to see that some illegal dumps in this

# Turkey hunting Mexico is drawing near

county has been revealed, and hopefully shut down. It never took long for me to realize what I already suspected; the article read, the county doesn't have enough cameras to put at each illegal dump. That shows me the officials in this county had neglected the problem for so long, now they don't have the resources to fight the problem. A beautiful county, in my opinion, overrun by trash, and so far out of control. What a shame. But at least they have made a start. Remember, the journey of a thousand miles, begins with one step.

By the time you read this *Just Hunting*, I should be in the Mexico, trying for a "World Slam."

I was taught, and still adhere to the theory, we need to like everyone. Every day I push myself to live by that standard; each day it gets harder to do. I got word that someone had stolen a fishing basket from behind the office at Ray's Hog Holler pay lake. What a shame that anyone would stoop so low, as to do such a thing. I was told they have the thief on camera, but they have not released the film, or any names.

People, Ray's is a place to go have fun; my daughter and me try and go there often. I hope Ray's has the thief arrested, but to what extent will that help. The basket, worth about \$35.00 is not considered a serious crime, so nothing would come of it. What Ray's should do, in my opinion, is run the picture of the thief in the local papers, buy an ad on the local television station, and expose the man to everyone. Of course like any other crime, it is the victim that pays the price. People that steal, don't care that their children go to school, and the other children say to them, "Hey, I saw your daddy in the newspaper for stealing."

Well, please hold everything between the white lines; as for me, I will try and get me a Gould turkey in Mexico. I love thinking outside the box, do you? There may not be a *Just Hunting* next week, it will depend on how my hunt goes.

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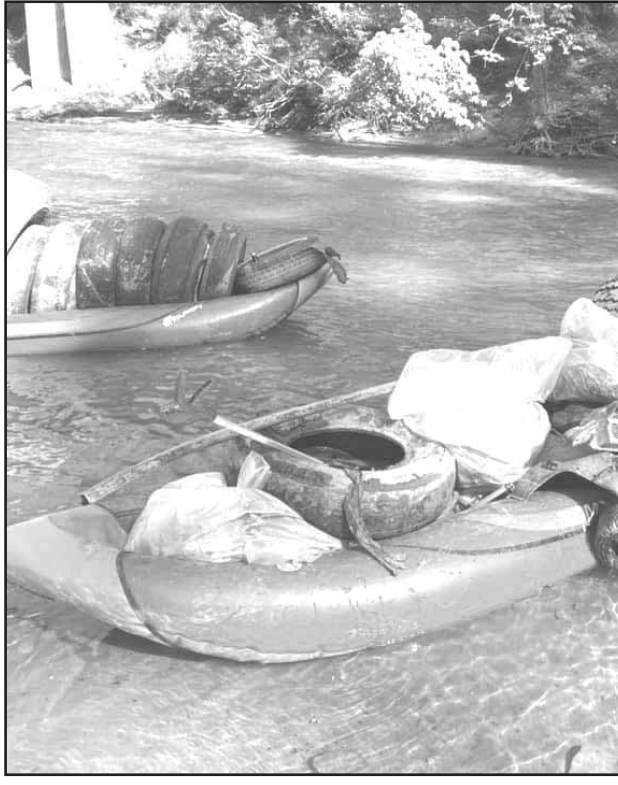
# Friends of the Red River Gorge Receives USDA Forest Service Volunteers & Service Award



Volunteer Becky Conley Brewer, front right, was "thankful to be back on the river with this group" for the Upper Red River Clean Up 2021 last week in the Clifty Wilderness area of the Red River Gorge. The US Forest Service did a



count when they got the trailer . . . 54 tires, 68 large bags of trash, partial metal canoe and a power wheel. Also included were some garden treasures including the garden musician in the middle photo. (Courtesy of Becky Conley Brewer)



Last spring, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service was preparing for what would be one of the highest periods of visitation in years. With the sudden cancellation of many indoor activities, public land recreation was booming. This brought waves of visitors, some with years of outdoor experience and others with practically none, to the Daniel Boone National Forest and, specifically, the Red River Gorge National Geological Area. "As a land manager on the Daniel Boone National Forest, it was outstanding to see so many visitors find relief from the pandemic through visits to their public lands," said Cumberland

District Ranger Jon Kazmierski. "However, I was also growing concerned about the safety of our visitors and the impacts to the fragile and unique resources of the Red River Gorge. It was at just that time that David McCreary reached out to ask what he could do to help care for the Gorge." David McCreary, Executive Director of Friends of the Red River Gorge, recognized that the Forest Service could use assistance responding to the flood of new visitors. After reaching out to the Forest Service, he founded Friends of the Red River Gorge (FORRG) to increase cooperation among volunteer groups and promote

stewardship of the Red River Gorge Geological Area. After quickly amassing a group of dedicated volunteers, FORRG went to work providing information, interpretive services, and environmental quality improvement projects to visitors in the Red River Gorge. Among their many accomplishments in 2020, FORRG volunteers set up drive-through information assistance about COVID-19 guidelines for safe recreating to the record-breaking visitors during the pandemic at the Cumberland Ranger District's Gladie Center in the heart of the Red River Gorge. FORRG volunteers also communicated Leave No Trace principles to

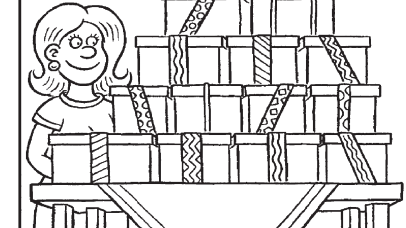
backcountry hikers and helped coordinate a massive clean-up of the Red River. The clean-up alone resulted in the removal of 100 tires from the Swift Camp Creek watershed. "David pulled together a small army of volunteers and found creative ways to support responsible recreation and stewardship all while keeping volunteers and visitors safe during the some of the most challenging months of the pandemic. We are extremely fortunate to have had a new partner rise to the occasion with such energy and enthusiasm," said Kazmierski. FORRG was recently recognized for their hard work and

dedication with a USDA Forest Service Volunteer and Service Award for Leadership. They were one of only six groups to be recognized nationally for their contributions. "We are honored to receive this award and hope to continue to serve as an example of what dedicated volunteers can do," said David McCreary. "We are looking forward to another busy year of helping visitors recreate responsibly and supporting stewardship projects throughout the Gorge." To learn more about FORRG, visit <https://friendsrrg.org/> or find them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsRRG>.

# Fresh funding is available through Senior Farmer's Nutrition Program

As the summer months in Kentucky fast approach, fresh funding is available for the Senior Farmer's Nutrition Program. This wonderful program provides low-income seniors with vouchers to use at your local farmers' market. Eligible individuals can receive assistance to buy fresh fruits and vegetables at their local market, all the while supporting local farmers. Additionally, last year the USDA approved a program called the Pandemic-EBT, or P-EBT. This program allows families of Kentucky students to receive money to buy groceries to replace meals missed at school due to remote learning. This benefit is available to any Kentucky student that receives free lunches at school through the National School Lunch Program. Many grandparents who are raising their grandkids may qualify for this important benefit. Additionally, there are certain schools in Kentucky where every student receives the benefit. You can call your SHIP Counselor to see if you or a loved one might qualify.

tion Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded food assistance program that provides vital nutritional support to people all across the United States. Many people do not apply for SNAP benefits because they think they are not eligible, or because they assume they will only be approved for the minimum benefit of \$16 per month. However, most Kentuckians are approved for much more than the minimum benefit amount. Even if you have been denied these benefits before, or if you lost your support for one reason or another, you should contact your local SHIP program to see if you or your loved ones qualify for this valuable program. If you have questions about your benefits, contact the Medicare SHIP. Your local Medicare SHIP Program is funded to provide accurate, unbiased information and to help you connect with money-saving benefits that many on Medicare are entitled to receive. Medicare SHIP is NOT an insurance company and does not sell insurance. For a free benefits checkup, call our Benefits Enrollment Center at 1-866-516-3051 or visit us online at: <https://lablaw.org/benefits-enrollment-center>



**SPOT THE BOXES!** The mother pictured here has received a table full of presents. Can you spot which two boxes are exactly alike? (Bottom row, third from left and second row from top on the left.)

**RHYMING RIDDLE!** What am I? Try to figure out the answer to this classic stumper: The beginning of eternity, The end of time and space, The beginning of every end, The end of every place.

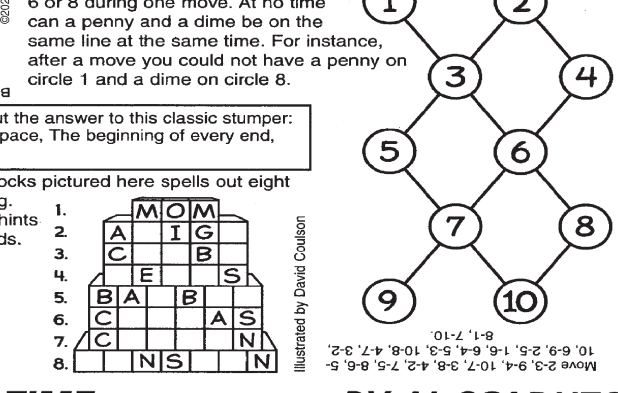
**A BLOCK PARTY FOR MOM!** The stack of blocks pictured here spells out eight words. Seven of the words have letters missing. These letters are either "M" or "O." Below are hints to help you complete the spelling of these words.

- 1. Today's her day.
- 2. A Spanish friend.
- 3. A jazz band.
- 4. Short notes.
- 5. Tall grass.
- 6. Separators.
- 7. Not rare.
- 8. Rainy season.

# Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

**A SWITCH IN TIME!** Place two pennies on circles 1 and 2 and two dimes on circles 9 and 10. Your job is to make them change places in no more than 18 moves. The coins can be moved, one at a time, along the lines that connect the circles. As an example, you could move the penny on circle 1 to circle 3.



# THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



# BY AL SCADUTO

