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SPOTLIGHT

Daniel



Standing Firm in Faith!

Daniel was a faithful man who prayed to God every day, even when a new royal law made it illegal. When he was thrown into a dark den of ferocious lions as punishment, Daniel did not panic. He trusted completely in the Lord's protection.

"My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight..."– Daniel 6:22 (NIV)

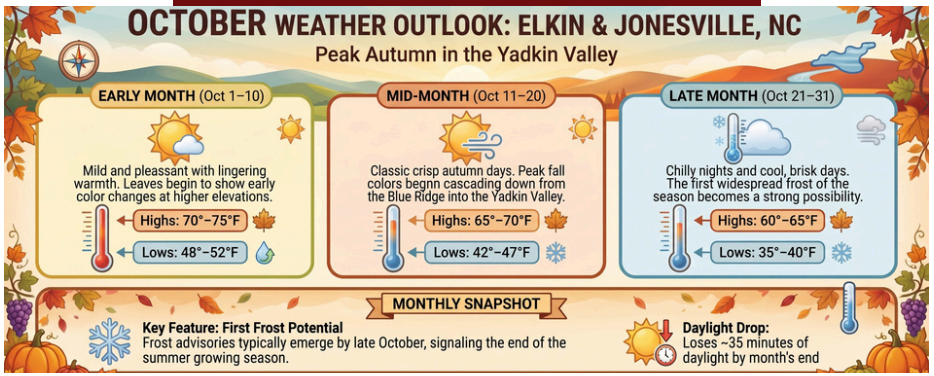
Doing the right thing isn't always easy, and sometimes the challenges we face can feel frightening. But when we stand firm in our faith and continue to honor God, He is always there to protect and guide us through the darkest moments.

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October in the Yadkin Valley brings brilliant foliage to our surrounding peaks, making it the perfect time for a scenic drive to our neighboring town of Mount Airy. Scheduled annually for the second weekend of October, the Autumn Leaves Festival offers Elkin and Jonesville residents an immersive dive into authentic mountain culture.

While September brought us local harvest celebrations, this internationally recognized October event shifts the spotlight to Surry County's rich musical and artisanal history. Downtown Mount Airy transforms into a massive showcase of traditional Appalachian life. Visitors can tap their feet to live Old-Time, Bluegrass, and Gospel bands at the main bandstand, or browse hundreds of artisan booths featuring heritage crafts that have been preserved through generations.

The culinary offerings are equally legendary. Local civic groups serve up regional staples, from the famous thick-cut collard green sandwiches to fresh-stirred apple butter and stone-ground cornmeal.

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Blue Ridge Legends

The Phantom Dog of Valle Crucis

A Chilling Midnight Encounter Along Baird's Creek Road

Just an hour and a half up the mountain from Elkin lies the historic hamlet of Valle Crucis, an area rich in early settlement history, scenic apple orchards, and bone-chilling folklore. While autumn travelers flock to its historic stone churches and general store by day, local superstition urges caution once twilight settles over the river bottom.

The story traces back to the 1930s along the narrow stretch of road where Baird's Creek passes the cemetery of St. John's Episcopal Church. Multiple accounts recount drivers crossing the stone bridge at night only to catch sight of an impossibly massive, pitch-black beast lurking near the tree line. Unlike an ordinary dog or mountain black bear, this creature is said to bolt straight for passing vehicles, matching speeds upwards of 40 miles per hour while bounding effortlessly beside their doors, fixing its fiery yellow gaze upon terrified passengers.



The encounter invariably ends as abruptly as it starts. Just as terrified motorists reach the highway boundary and cross the township line, the phantom lets out an eerie shriek before vanishing into thin air. Whether rooted in early Scottish immigrant tales of the black hound or an authentic mountain anomaly, it remains one of western North Carolina's favorite chilling tales to share around an October campfire.

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Twin City Trivia

The Origin of Elkin's Industry

Question: While Elkin is famous today for its vineyards and trails, it was historically a powerhouse in the textile industry. What was the name of the first major manufacturing mill established in Elkin, setting the foundation for the town's industrial boom?

Answer: The Elkin Manufacturing Company. Founded in 1847 by Richard Gwyn, this cotton mill was built along the Elkin Creek. It survived the Civil War and laid the economic groundwork for the massive Chatham Manufacturing Company that would later define the town's economy for over a century.

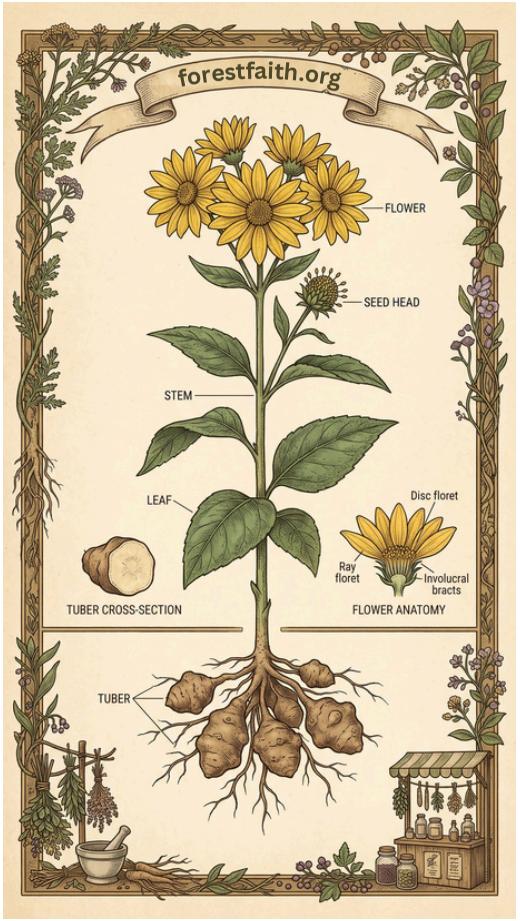


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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Classics in Jonesville
4 Fall Harvest Hayrides & Tastings	5	6	7	8	9 Milltown Get Down Music Festival	10 Milltown Get Down Music Festival
11 Fall Harvest Hayrides & Tastings	12	13	14	15	16	17 22nd Annual Yadkin Valley Grape Festival
18 Fall Harvest Hayrides & Tastings	19	20	21	22 Old-Time Jam at The Reeves Theater	23	24 Singin' & Swingin'! The Elkin Big Band
25 Downtown Elkin Cruise-In	26	27	28	29	30	31 Trick or Treat Main Street

Local Plant Profile



Foothills Flora: Jerusalem Artichoke (Helianthus tuberosus)

Common Names: Sunchoke, Earth Apple, Wild Sunflower

Type: Perennial native sunflower (6–10 ft)

Habitat: Sunny roadsides, fence rows, and moist creek banks throughout the Piedmont and Foothills.

Field Tip: Inulin can cause gas for sensitive stomachs. Introduce sunchokes in modest portions, or roast them with carminative herbs like thyme, fennel, or rosemary to ease digestion.

Local Plant Profile Sponsored by Forest Faith Ministries

Identification: Sandpaper-rough stalks with toothed, oval leaves; 2-to-3-inch golden sunflower blossoms from late summer into October; knobby, ginger-like tubers 4 to 8 inches underground.

Harvest: Dig tubers from late autumn through early spring. Wait until after the first hard frost, which chills the roots and sweetens their nutty, water-chestnut flavor.

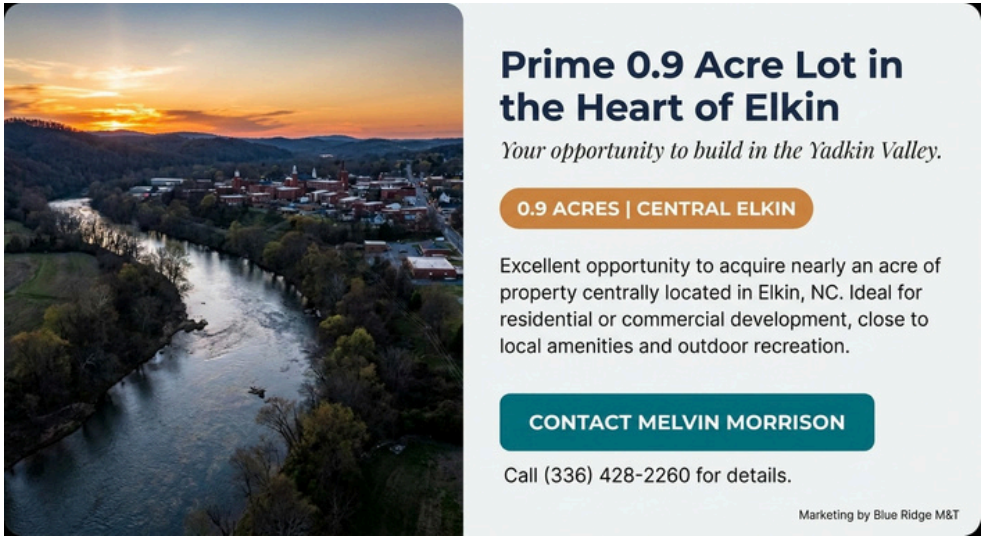
Herbal Virtues: Rich in inulin, an indigestible prebiotic fiber that nourishes beneficial gut flora without spiking blood sugar like standard starches. High in iron, potassium, and magnesium.

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