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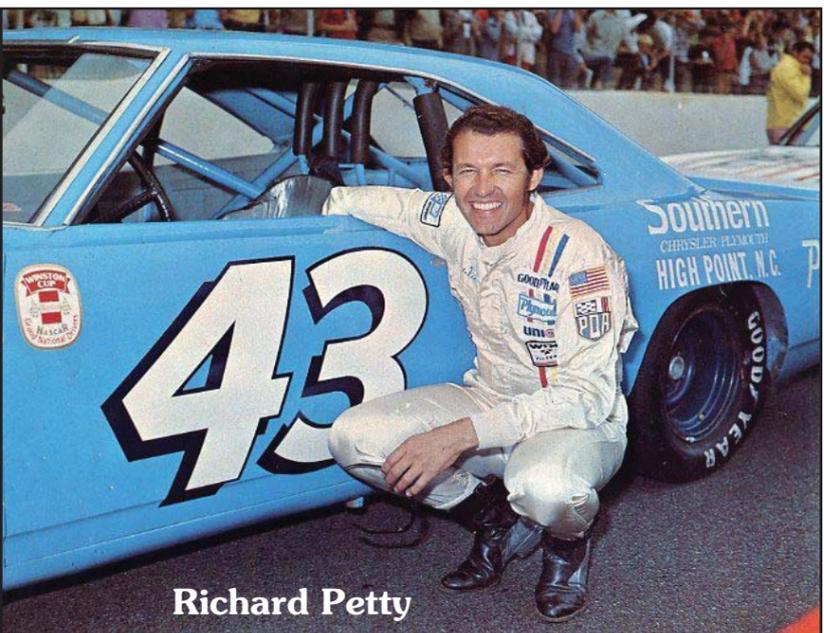
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## Pandemic Recovery Grants Awarded to Support Motorsports Across North Carolina

**Local governments awarded \$45.8 million to benefit 17 venues**

Fifteen local governments across the state have been awarded \$45.8 million to help seventeen motorsports venues in their communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Roy Cooper announced today. The grants from the state's Motorsports Relief Fund, administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce, will enhance local tourism, travel, and hospitality industries that benefit from the many motorsports events held in North Carolina.

"Motorsports are part of the fabric of North Carolina bringing jobs, tourism dollars and enjoyment to millions," said Governor Roy Cooper. "These relief funds will help this industry coming out of the pandemic not only get back in the race full speed, but spark renewal of rural and urban speedways and stadiums all across our state." North Carolina is the birthplace of motorsports and NASCAR, an industry woven into the state's history and identity. The state serves as the home to NASCAR's headquarters and Hall of Fame, and 90% of the sanctioning body's race teams are based in North Carolina. Other styles of racing thrive in the state as well, such as events organized by the National Hot Rod Association. The Charlotte Motor Speedway alone brought 1.1 million visitors to its events in 2019, and the venue generated more than \$25 million a year in state and local tax revenue before the pandemic. However, between March and September 2020, Cabarrus County lost over \$24 million in hotel revenue, leading to a loss of \$540,000 in local taxes. Grants from the Motorsports Relief Fund, awarded to local governments for the benefit of specific race venues in their communities, will enhance the visitor experience and can include upgrades to grandstands, pedestrian walkways, bathrooms, and a variety of other facility needs.



**Richard Petty**

The grant awardees with their associated local motorsports venue include:

- Caldwell County – Tri County Speedway - \$485,000
- City of Concord – Charlotte Motor Speedway - \$13,000,000
- City of Hickory – Hickory Motor Speedway - \$568,254
- City of Winston-Salem – Bowman Gray Stadium - \$530,020
- Davie County – Farmington Dragway - \$507,654
- Johnston County – GALOT Motorsports Park - \$583,586
- Onslow County – Coastal Plains Dragway - \$485,000
- Orange County – Orange County Speedway - \$39,738
- Pasquotank County – Dixieland Speedway - \$85,600
- Randolph County – Caraway Speedway - \$485,000
- Richmond County – Rockingham Dragway - \$485,000
- Richmond County – Rockingham Speedway - \$9,000,000
- Wake County – Wake County Speedway - \$537,511
- Washington County – Outer Banks Speedway - \$272,920
- Wilkes County – North Wilkesboro Speedway - \$18,000,000
- Wilson County – Southern National Motorsports Park - \$557,770
- Wilson County – County Line Raceway - \$196,232

"Small businesses are the linchpin of the tourism economy in North Carolina," said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "These grants from the Motorsports Relief Fund will help small businesses in each of these communities and will also help put the pandemic in our rear-view mirror."

More information about the Motorsports Relief Fund is available online at: [nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/disaster-recovery/motorsports-relief-fund](http://nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/disaster-recovery/motorsports-relief-fund).

### Personal Safety Tip: Dating Safety

Many cases of sexual assaults occur in the victim's home and the assailant is usually someone the victim knows. While any person can be a victim of sexual assault, women are disproportionately at risk.

**Acquaintance Rape** Sexual assault by strangers occurs less often than sexual assault by acquaintances. We naturally treat strangers with caution.

While sexual assault is never the fault of the victim, there are steps a person can take to avoid unwanted sexual contact and protect themselves while dating.

- Know your date.
- If you do not know your date well, meet them and stay in public, populated areas.
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and when you expect to return. Make this fact known to your date. Contact this person once you are safely home.
- Communicate clearly what you want and what your limits are with confidence.
- Be assertive. Act immediately when something happens that you do not like.
- Trust your feelings. If you feel pressured or uneasy, remove yourself from the situation.
- Be aware of anyone who is domineering or manipulative who attempts to impose their will on you or who shows a lack of respect for your feelings.
- Limit your use of alcohol and drugs. They reduce your ability to think clearly and make sound decisions.

Remember that you do not have to accept unwanted sexual attention. You have the right to set your own limits and change these limits over time or with different people.



**Mrs. Sarah Caudle Edwards**

Mrs. Sarah Caudle Edwards, 91, passed away at Atrium Cabarrus on May 3, 2022.

A 2:00 p.m. graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Sharon Memorial Park inside the mausoleum. The family will greet friends following the service. Rev. Steve Ayers will officiate.

Sarah was born on September 13, 1930, in Anson County. Her parents were Zebulon A. and Letha Newton Caudle. She was a graduate of Meredith College and went on to obtain her master's from Appalachian State University. She then had a long teaching career at Pittsboro, A.L. Brown, and Anson High Schools, where she taught Business Education.

In 1964 Sarah built a pool at her Anson County home in order to teach swimming lessons and life-saving skills. She wanted others in the community to enjoy water activities safely. She taught lessons at her home for a span of 21 years. She also enjoyed horseback riding, playing bridge, teaching Sunday School, and spending time with her husband and beloved dogs. She was also an active member of McGill Baptist Church in Concord prior to her decline in health.

She was widowed from Earl J. Edwards in 1985, and preceded in death by her brothers Craven, Norman and Broadus, and nephew Donald.

Mrs. Edwards is survived by her nephew Neil Caudle (Mary Jane Nirdlinger); nieces, Patricia Caudle Hunter, Catherine L. Caudle, Barbara Caudle Huff, Gladys "GiGi" Caudle Hines, and Lisa Guthrie Caudle (Donald's wife); five great nephews and three great nieces.

Memorials may be made to McGill Baptist Church Building Fund, 5300 Poplar Tent Road, Concord NC 28027.

Condolences may be left at [www.wilkinsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.wilkinsonfuneralhome.com).



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A current copy of your F-3 is required when submitting your application.

**For further questions, please contact  
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