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Snow tubers race down The Plunge at Wintergreen Resort, where riders can reach speeds of up to 30 mph. The resort ranked fourth nationally in USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards. PROVIDED BY BY JEREMY SWANSON

Virginia scores twice on snow tubing list

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Two Virginia mountain resorts have been named among the best places in the country to go snow tubing this winter.

Wintergreen Resort placed fourth, while Massanutten Resort came in eighth in USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards for Best Place for Snow Tubing.

The annual awards recognize standout destinations, businesses and experiences across travel, food and drink, and lifestyle. Nominees are selected by a panel of experts, vetted by 10BEST editors and then put to a public vote.

Both Virginia resorts cracked the top 10 in this year's nationwide competition.

Wintergreen Resort takes fourth

Although Wintergreen Resort is known for skiing and snowboarding, its Plunge tubing park offers another way to get down the mountain.

Tubers start at the top of a hill about the height of a 10-story building before speeding downhill at up to 30 mph. A conveyor lift takes riders back to the top, eliminating the uphill hike between runs.

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GM pours $550M into solar project

Move hopes to offset emissions

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DETROIT – General Motors partnered with a Michigan company on two recently completed solar facilities capable of powering all three of its Michigan vehicle assembly sites.

The Detroit automaker is not using the solar energy to power its plants; rather, it will purchase renewable energy credits from NorthStar Clean Energy, the company behind the projects, to offset the automaker's energy consumption across its plants.

GM said in a blog on its media site on Nov. 12 that the company expects a total investment of $550 million for these two projects. GM helped to construct the "utility-scale solar generation facility" in Branch County and another solar project in St. Clair County, the automaker's largest combined clean-energy project to date.

The two projects have a combined energy capacity of 300 megawatts.

GM said it expects it can purchase the energy credits equivalent 539,000 megawatt-hours of electricity annually, an amount equal to the combined annual electricity use of assembly plants Factory Zero, Flint Assembly

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General Motors will purchase renewable energy credits from NorthStar Clean Energy, the company behind the projects, to offset the automaker's energy consumption across its Michigan plants. PROVIDED BY GENERAL MOTORS

Workers can add extra $1,000 a year to 401(k)

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DETROIT – Many savers who love to stuff their retirement plans to the max will be allowed to set aside an extra $1,000 a year in their 401(k) plans in 2027 based on new contribution limits announced by the Internal Revenue Service.

And some savers who are 50 and older can boost their savings even more than that if they are able.

The baseline amount that individuals can contribute to their 401(k) plans has increased to $25,500 in 2027, up from $24,500 for 2026.

The new limit also applies to those who participate in 403(b) plans, governmental 457 plans and the federal government's Thrift Savings Plan.

Many Gen X savers, depending on their age, can contribute more than $25,500 next year. And a limited group of others can save even more than those 50 and older.

According to the IRS announcement

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