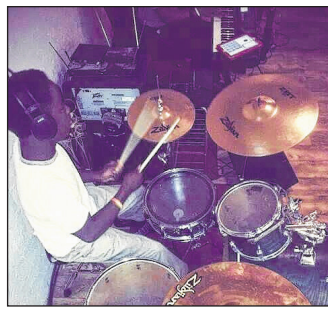


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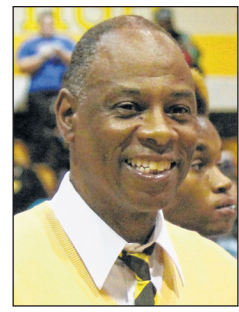
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2 arrests made in 2016 Fairmont murder cold case

Staff report

FAIRMONT — The Fairmont Police Department has made two arrests in a cold case murder from 2016, it announced Wednesday.

On April 19, 2016, officers with the Fairmont Police Department responded to a report of a deceased male lying in a grassy open lot on Manilla Street in Fairmont. The male was identified as 16-year-old Shemond Green. Green was found to have been shot multiple times.

The investigation into this homicide began that night and investigators begin to put the pieces together, however the information to hold the person(s) who committed this crime responsible began to dwindle and this became a cold case. FPD never gave up on the investigation, it says, and each time someone would come forward with any small piece of information or rumor, officers would follow up, with the hope that this would be the missing piece.

Officers recently



Anthony Leonard

received another tip that led to interviews and information that corroborated what FPD knew from the crime scene, the events leading up to and following Green's death.

The Fairmont Police Department used all of this new and old information to obtain arrest war-

rants for two individuals for first-degree murder, robbery with a dangerous weapon and felony conspiracy.

Tuesday, the U.S. Marshal Carolinas Regional Fugitive Task Force took 33-year-old Keon Anthony into custody in Raleigh. Anthony was brought back to Robeson County where he was served the warrants for the listed charges. Anthony was placed in the Robeson County Detention Center with no bond.

Wednesday, 33-year-

old Marcus Leonard of Fairmont turned himself into the Fairmont Police Department. Leonard has been placed into the Robeson County Detention Facility under no bond, pending his first appearance in court for the listed charges.

The Fairmont Police Department is dedicated to bringing justice to the victims of crimes no matter how long it takes, it said in a press release. This is an example of how being persistent and never giving up on a case can pay off in the end for

not only the closure it brings to families, but to the officers who put in countless hours on cases such as this.

FPD would like to thank the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, the U.S. Marshals Carolinas Regional Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for their assistance in this case.

If you have any information regarding this case, please contact Lt. Cody McKinnon at 910-628-5115.



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

Construction is underway on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Pauls.

New wastewater plant progressing in St. Pauls

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — Construction is running smoothly and progress is being made on a new wastewater treatment plant in St. Pauls, town officials say.

Less than a year after starting construction, the project is about halfway done or a little more, said St. Pauls Public Works Director Danny Holloman.

"They've got the pads

for the tanks and all that," Holloman said. "We've got some pump stations and things like that. I think it'll be on schedule. Everything's going as planned. You've got rain delays and stuff like that, but everything's good."

"They're starting to put the pipes in, they're starting to put in the buildings," said Town Administrator Stephanie Dollinger. "We're going

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Photos by Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery speaks to Tribal Council during Thursday's meeting in Pembroke.

Lumbee Tribe to join USET

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribe will become members of the United South & Eastern Tribes (USET) after Tribal Council voted unanimously on Thursday to join the organization.

USET consists of 33 tribes from across the southern and eastern United States, ranging

from Maine to Texas. It is based in Nashville, Tennessee.

"USET is dedicated to enhancing the development of federally recognized Indian Tribes, to improving the capabilities of Tribal governments, and assisting the USET Members and their governments in dealing effectively with public policy issues and in serving the

broad needs of Indian people," its website says.

The Lumbee Tribe recently became eligible to join USET after obtaining full federal recognition last December.

"I was a little hesitant to join, Mister Speaker, because some of our foes have been in USET," Tribal Chairman John Lowery said during his comments later in the meeting. "But

a lot of our friends, the Catawba, the Shinnecock, the Mashpee Wampanoag, they have come to me and said 'hey, we want you in USET, we need you in USET, we want you to be at the table in USET.' So I want to thank you guys for stepping forward and making sure we will be a member of USET in just a couple of

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New option for teen traffic offenders

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Robeson County has implemented a new program to give young drivers who have gotten their first ticket a second chance and teach them safer driving practices.

High-school-age students who have received their first traffic ticket, such as a seatbelt or speeding ticket, may opt into the Teen Traffic Court program to have the ticket removed from their record after completion, according to coordinator Christopher Hunt.

"The offense can't be involved in an accident or crime," Hunt said. "They can't have gotten into a wreck or gotten a DUI, but we

can help out with minor first-time offenses."

Participating teens attend a four-hour class called Alive After 25, a four-module defensive driving course, and complete three hours of community service, after which they can contact the District Attorney's office to have the ticket removed from their record.

Since the program's start in January, it has graduated nearly 20 students and continues to accept more applicants.

"The best part about it is that everything is no cost," Hunt said. "They don't have to pay for a lawyer; there are no fees. Everything is 100% free."

Program founder Von Locklear said he wanted to do something

to combat both the low number of Robeson County residents without a license and the high number of crashes that occur with minors behind the wheel.

"This gives teenagers who would normally go into adult traffic court an opportunity to keep their record clean by going through teen traffic court," Locklear said. "I hope that the students learn to be better drivers and what it takes to be responsible on the road. Phones and other distractions are what cause fatalities and accidents."

Those interested in the Teen Traffic Court's service can contact Hunt at 910-674-5827.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com

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OBITUARIES

BETTY JOYCE BASS



Betty Joyce Bass, age 87, was born on March 13, 1939, and passed away on March 19, 2026, at home surrounded by her family.

Betty was born in Lumberton to parents Lee Durham Britt and Sarah Addie Britt Burney. Betty lived in Robeson County until 2018 and then moved with her daughters in Elm City. Betty had a ready smile, bright blue eyes and never met a stranger. She was loving, gentle, kind and always willing to extend a helping hand. Her work life was spent in factories, ending her career working for the Osterneck Company. Her favorite hobbies were gardening, sewing yoyo's, traveling to gospel music events with friends, and coordinating dinners for as many as would come. For many years, she maintained a card ministry at her church, and for family and friends.

Betty is survived by daughters: Susan Rhodes of Rocky Mount, Charlene Smith of Elm City, and Angie Sealey (Tony) and Melanie Britt (Mickey), both of Lumberton, and a son, Billy Bass (Lynn). Additionally, she is survived by multiple grandchildren: Ericka Smith (Lora), Melissa Smith (Brandon), Kristen Smith, Ferrain Bass, Austin Britt (Alyssa), Allie Britt (Liston), Josh Britt (Ashley), Mary Kay Mishue (Tim), Steffanie Phillips (Brandon), Paige Sealey (Josh), Ethan Sealey (Jamie), Gabriel Sealey, Malea Rhodes (Tina), Josh Stone (Lana), and Heather Stephens; her great-grandchildren: Hailey (Daiquan), Alexis (Jon), Brandagan (Jennifer), Abi (Charlie), Joshtyn, Myleigh, Quinton (Alyiah), Jayden, Jaylee, Gabriela, Peyton, Jace, Gatlin, Camden, Holden, Beau, Garrett, Addy, Lucas, Leah, Gage, Jayden, Logan, Dawson, Weylynn, Landon, Katelyn, Dylan, Anita Rae and Harper; and her great-great-grandchildren: Ava, Wrenlee, Davis, Zach, Salah, Jayden Jr., Remmi, Nashlyn and Nova Marie. She is also survived by her canine, Penny, and special friends: Bessie, Helen, Peggy, Sherry, Ms. Linda and too many others to name.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Bass, Jr., and later her long-term companion, J.W. Stone; a son, Tony Bass; grandsons, Jonathan Rhodes and Shane Stone; her parents, Lee Durham Britt and Sarah Addie Britt Burney; two sons-in-law, Douglas Smith and Ted Rhodes; and long-term friend, Opal Bass.

Friends and family will gather at the home of Ericka & Lora Smith on Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 2 p.m. floating at 1208 McArthur Street in Lumberton.

The family will receive friends and loved ones prior to the service on Sunday, March 22, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Floyd Mortuary & Crematory, 809 East Fifth Street in Lumberton. Following the visitation, a funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. with Rev. Lacy Norris and Rev. Mark Uzupan officiating.

Online condolences can be made by visiting: www.FloydMortuary.net.

Keys to Life demonstrates dangers of drunk driving

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The Keys to Life program hosted a drunk-driving prevention demonstration at Purnell Swett High School on Thursday morning.

Keys to Life is a UNC Health Southeastern-based program that works with local law enforcement and schools to demonstrate the dangers of drinking and driving. The demonstration included a faux crash scene, emergency vehicles, student actors portraying crash victims, and a Life Link medical helicopter demonstration.

Another student read a monologue from the perspective of a victim of the crash while the

helicopter demonstration was in progress, before the program concluded with a mock funeral.

According to the Robeson County Vision Zero project, which aims to reduce the number of traffic deaths in the county as much as possible, it reported that 25% of the crashes in Robeson County were due to an impaired driver.

Keys to Life also held a demonstration Wednesday at Red Springs. Events are planned at other high schools around the county in the coming weeks, including March 25 at Lumberton, March 30 at Fairmont, April 13 at PSRC Early College and April 21 at St. Pauls.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.



The grim reaper following a covered student on a stretcher toward an ambulance during the Keys of Life demonstration Thursday at Purnell Swett High School.



Photos by Victoria Sanderson | The Robesonian
Purnell Swett student Liliana Juarez, who participated in the Keys to Life demonstration.

Fairmont mayor, board recognize Lady Tornados basketball team

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — Mayor Charles Kemp and the Fairmont Board of Commissioners recognized the Fairmont girls basketball team during the board's monthly meeting Tuesday after the Golden Tornados' run to the NCHSAA 4A East Regional championship and state runner-up.

Kemp noted that when he taught at Fairmont High School from 1970-99, female athletes historically lacked the attention of their male counterparts, even when they were successful, but said that has changed with this group of Lady Tornados.

"Recently the spotlight has been refocused, and now it squarely is on a group of young ladies, who through determination, talent, skill, teamwork and desire, and great coaching, have advanced themselves to the tip of the spear," Kemp said. "They have become champions, not just on the court but through their actions within their community and through the halls of their school. Their greatest success, and I cannot accentuate this enough, has not been winning trophies, but has been off the court by becoming role models for those young girls who want to follow in their shoes and win championships just like them."

Kemp presented the team with a plaque denoting its achievements. This was Fairmont's first girls basketball team in school history to advance to a regional championship or compete for the state championship. Fairmont defeated First Flight 59-40 in the 4A East Regional championship on March 6 before falling just short to Maiden, 44-39, in the state championship last Friday.

"I appreciate our community for coming behind us through our whole



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian
Fairmont Mayor Charles Kemp, right, hands a plaque to Aaliyah Duran, center, to recognize the Fairmont High School girls basketball team for winning the NCHSAA 4A East Regional championship earlier this month during Tuesday's Fairmont Board of Commissioners meeting.

journey," sophomore Lyric McNair said. "Y'all truly helped us as we went through playoffs, even through both of the championships. It meant a lot to us, seeing y'all behind us and supporting us, so we just want to sincerely say thank you and we appreciate y'all, and we hope do that all again."

Kemp noted the team has just one senior, with the rest of the team expected to return for the 2026-27 season.

"I'm thankful for the Fairmont community," said Marcus Thompson, Fairmont's coach and athletic director. "I hope that you guys continue to support these young ladies, and when you see them out in the community, encourage them to work hard. Because on paper, we should be back, but if we do not work and make corrections that we need to make, we will not be back, so just encourage them to work hard. We are so thankful for you guys and we appreciate you."

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presents flood risk study

Two representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers office in Wilmington made a brief presentation to the board on its findings from a flood risk management study that USACE per-

formed in the town.

Flooding events in the town, such as the aftermath of hurricanes Matthew and Florence, have largely resulted from Pittman Mill Branch being blocked with sediment and debris, and also because some culverts are too small for the volume of water which passes through them during such events.

Some pedestrian bridges are also acting as blockages in the stream, said USACE engineer Melanie Valdivia.

USACE recommends that the town widen Pittman Mill Branch just downstream from the town to help with water flow, as well as vegetation management and some culvert upgrades.

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut made note that USACE did these surveys for free, but that the study resulted in a \$200,000 grant from the federal government to study the town's entire canal system, and that the data collected helped in securing a \$150,000 grant for sediment removal.

Board approves site plan amendment for apartment complex

The Board of Commissioners voted 5-0, with Commissioner Melvin Ellison absent, to approve a site-plan modification for The Reserve apartments. The entrance to the complex will now be on Friendly Street, a change from the original plans to have its entrance off of Church Street.

Four residents spoke during the public comment period expressing concerns about the resulting traffic increase on Friendly Street, which is a narrow roadway. Shea Ann DeJarnette said that there are currently just 14 cars which regularly travel Friendly Street, the vehicles belonging to the residents on that street, and questioned how adding up to 150 additional vehicles traveling in and out of the complex would affect traffic.

Scott Ivey, meanwhile, claimed that the subdivision covenant, approved when existing subdivision on Friendly Street was built in 1964, is legally binding and cannot be overridden for a change, such as using land on the street for a complex entrance, without the consent of landowners on the street.

Chestnut said that the site-plan modification saw no chance to the use or density of the proposed complex, for which a special use permit was previously approved in April 2024. He also said that the town has requested that the N.C. Department of Transportation perform a traffic study at the site.

Other matters

In other business, the board voted to appoint itself as the town's Board of Adjustment, choosing that option at the recommendation of Chestnut over other options for the planning board to serve in this capacity or for a new board to be established. This matter was necessary as there is a pending variance matter which would soon require a hearing before a Board of Adjustment, Chestnut said. Municipal boards serving as de facto boards in other capacities, such as a board of adjustment or a housing authority board, is common in local government. Chestnut also informed the board that there is \$3 million investment coming into the town soon relating to water and sewer infrastructure.

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BraveNation Powwow and Gathering to be held Saturday at UNCP

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The BraveNation Powwow and Gathering (BNPG) will be held at UNC Pembroke on Saturday in the Jones Athletic Center.

Grand entry is at noon. Doors open to the public at 10 a.m.

Join BraveNation as we celebrate America's Indigenous peoples' rich history and culture. The powwow and gathering features competition dancing and approximately 50 art, food and information vendors. Last year, the BNPG, the largest college powwow in North Carolina, had over 2,000 people in attendance and 150 dancers.

The American Indian Heritage Center and the BraveNation Powwow and Gathering Planning Committee host the BNPG. To learn more about the BNPG, visit uncp.edu/powwow.



UNC Pembroke alumna Rakayah Jacobs and John Oxendine lead the grand entry at the 2025 BraveNation Powwow and Gathering. Photo courtesy of UNCP

Enrollment updates now open for all Lumbee Tribe members

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Enrollment updates for members of the Lumbee Tribe will be open to all members beginning Monday.

Reenrollment has been open in phases, largely based on age, since January due to high volume. Now all Tribal citizens needing updates to their enroll-

ment may do so at the Lumbee Tribe Housing Complex in Pembroke.

If you were eligible in a previous phase and did not enroll, you may still submit updates.

The enrollment timeline may adjust based on volume and processing needs, the Tribe said.

For more information visit <https://www.lumbeeTribe.com/tribalenrollment>.

2nd arrest made in Saddletree convenience store robbery

Staff report

LUMBERTON — A second arrest has been made in connection to a recent convenience store robbery.

James Robert Lewis, 44, of Lumberton, was arrested Wednesday by Robeson County Sheriff's Office investigators. Lewis is charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second-degree kidnapping, felony con-

spiracy, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and assault with a deadly weapon. Lewis is being held in the Robeson County Detention Center without bond.

On Monday, at approximately 6:53 a.m., Robeson County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to Saddletree Grocery Store on Rennett Road, north of Lumberton, in reference to an arm robbery of an employee.

Kevin Alberto Renteria, 19, of Marion, South Carolina, was arrested Monday on during a traffic stop as he left his residence by Marion County Sheriff's Office. Renteria was charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, second degree kidnapping, felony conspiracy and assault with a deadly weapon.

Renteria is being held in the Robeson County Detention Center without

bond.

The investigation is being led by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Crime Investigations Division. The Marion County Sheriff's Office and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are assisting with the investigation.

Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact Robeson County Sheriff's Office at 910-671-3100.

Second Saddletree Grocery Robbery Suspect Arrested

James Robert Lewis

- * Robbery with a Dangerous Weapon
- * Second Degree Kidnapping
- * Assault with a Deadly Weapon
- * Felony Conspiracy






Image courtesy of RCSO

Lumberton man arrested on drug trafficking charges

Staff report

LUMBERTON — A Lumberton man was arrested on several drug charges on Wednesday.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Division and SWAT operators executed a search warrant at 2675 Seventh Street Road, Lumberton. During the search of the residence, a quantity of fentanyl, cocaine, firearms and drug paraphernalia were located and seized.

Russell J. Barnes, 35, of Lumberton, was arrested and charged with trafficking fentanyl, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver fentanyl, manufacturing fentanyl, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, maintaining a dwelling for a controlled substance, alter/steal/destroying criminal evidence, expos-

ing a child to a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Barnes is being held in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with a \$500,000 secured bond.

Anyone with additional information or any information regarding drug activity in Robeson County is asked to call the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Division at 910-671-3191 or e-mail drugs@robeson-countysonc.gov.

"Under our system of justice, every person is presumed to be innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law," a social media post by RCSO states. "The information contained in this post is not intended to be an expression of opinion regarding guilt. The views and opinions expressed by private citizens who may comment on this post are not adopted by and do not reflect the official policy or position of this law

enforcement agency."

"The Sheriff's Office does not issue or determine bond amounts," the

post also said. "This is done through a judicial official, such as a judge or magistrate, as per N.C.

General Statute 15A-532. Many factors are considered when determining bond amounts.

Drug Trafficking Suspect Arrested

Russell Jerome Barnes

- * Trafficking Fentanyl
- * Possession with Intent to Sell & Deliver Fentanyl
- * Manufacturing Fentanyl
- * Possession with Intent to Sell & Deliver Cocaine
- * Maintaining a Drug Dwelling
- * Exposing a Child to Controlled Substances
- * Possession of Drug Paraphernalia






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Editorial

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HIS VIEW

NC's economic dean gives an update

Mike Walden is the Dean of North Carolina economists, having studied, written and lectured on our economy for more than 40 years. When Walden speaks, we listen.

Recently, Dr. Walden spoke to the Raleigh Investors Club, and we felt his remarks worth sharing. Mike began his talk saying we are unquestionably in a time of significant challenges and uncertainty, quickly adding that uncertainty is perhaps our worst enemy.

We are in year six of economic growth, one of the longest periods when there was no recession since 2008. The Bureau of Economic Analysis just reported the nation's fourth quarter economic growth was 0.7% and was 2.1% for the year, down from 2.8% in 2024.

Walden was highly complementary of the Federal Reserve, a board of seven governors who help regulate the country's monetary policies. It constantly monitors two variables — employment and inflation, two key indicators of economic stability. Using this data, the Fed can determine key interest rates. The professor said every president has wanted to intervene in the independence of this body but the nation has benefited by its independence.

Artificial Intelligence is top of mind for many. AI is remaking the job market, especially with cognitive work; we see its impact on fields like investments, accounting, data collection and now, the field of teaching. AI can tailor instruction to an individual's interests and abilities. There are concerns about how far AI will reach, what controls might be required and its ultimate impact, but Walden cautions not to become too alarmed. Already there are some immediate benefits, since America's rapidly aging workforce is not growing, we have the lowest birth rate seen in modern times and the number of immigrants who can fill vacant jobs is reduced.

Social Security is also a large concern as our nation ages. We face more money being paid out than is being taken into our Social Security Administration.

Forecasters say that if Congress does not address the shortfalls by 2030, payments to recipients may have to be reduced by as much as 22 percent. You can just imagine the reaction that would produce.

Walden remembered we faced a similar situation 40 years ago. President Ronald Reagan called together a high-level panel, headed by Alan Greenspan, who studied all aspects of the issue and came back with recommendations to increase payroll taxes from workers, raise the threshold of income on which taxes must be paid, extend the retirement age from 65 to 67, delay cost of living adjustments (COLAs) and mandate that all new federal workers and employees of non-profits be subject to contributions.

Mike speculated that whoever is president in 2030 will do the same thing, likely with similar results. No politician wants to act before then, especially those who face elections.

The federal debt of \$38 trillion is more serious. Politicians pontificate about it but do little about slowing or repaying the debt.

Dr. Walden reminded his audience that it has been since 1990, under President Bill Clinton, that the U.S. had a balanced national budget, adding that Charlotte's Erskine Bowles was Clinton's Chief of Staff and played a big role in negotiating that budget.

Walden is careful not to inject political opinions but said the president's tariffs are most definitely a tax, despite how they might be represented. Estimates were that approximately \$200 billion in tariffs were last year and, while importers might have initially swallowed the tariffs as an increased cost of doing business, most are now passing them along to consumers as increased prices.

Regarding the Iran war, Walden spoke to the concern about the disruption of oil supplies from the Strait of Hormuz, but quickly reassured his audience that America is a net exporter of oil and we therefore have a supply with which we can help provide needs. He remembered the Arab Oil Embargo of 1973-74 and the resultant huge increases in the cost of gas at the pump, recalling the period when you had to buy gas on either odd or even numbered days, depending on the last digit of your vehicle license plate. The resultant recession lasted until the 1980s.

We have recently experienced some big fluctuations in the price of a barrel of oil, the benchmark that determines prices at the pump. Prices spiked up to \$120 a barrel at one point but settled back down around \$100.

Can we anticipate a recession today?

Walden reported that a Wells Fargo outlook estimated we would have to experience oil prices of \$130 a barrel for a period of one year before we saw a serious recession.

The North Carolina economy is strong with no signs of slowing at this moment, Walden added.

It is always good to hear experienced economists catching us up on significant issues and Mike Walden doesn't ever disappoint.

Tom Campbell is a Hall of Fame North Carolina broadcaster and columnist who has covered North Carolina public policy issues since 1965. Contact him at tomcamp@carolinabroadcasting.com.

HOW TO DRESS FOR THIS WEEK'S WEATHER:



THEY SAID IT

"We are looking forward to a year-long celebration, and we want to make sure everyone has an opportunity to engage and enjoy these different events. So, if you can't make one event, there will be another one coming around soon enough. I look forward to seeing you all this year and celebrating our full federal recognition. Thank you to all of our partners and friends who are working to make this year, one of celebration and joy."

— Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery on the Tribe's year-long celebration of full federal recognition

"Although the COVID loans may have stopped, our government



Lowery



Boyle



Thompson



Legerton

continues to dole out billions in other forms of loans, subsidies, and programs. This office will continue to hold accountable anyone who defrauds any of our taxpayer funded programs. This entire family of COVID fraudsters learned this lesson the hard way. Cheaters never win."

— U.S. Attorney Ellis Boyle after former Robeson County Deputy Ricky McMillan, his wife and two sons pled guilty to wire fraud charges

"I love the way they let you sit out there and watch the other team get their championship trophy — and hats off to (Maiden), they played so hard. I think that's motivation enough. Because if they forget about that, they won't work. They need to keep that picture in their head for the next 12 months."

— Fairmont girls basketball coach Marcus Thompson after the Golden Tornadoes' 4A state-championship loss to Maiden

"It behooves our

Robeson County Board of Commissioners and staff to immediately set up meetings with (St. Pauls Community Association for Progress), Winyah (River Alliance), and SELC to, No. 1, begin serious conversations on the steps that the county has already taken and is planning to take; and, No. 2, to reach agreements and timelines in how and when to resolve this critical situation."

— Mac Legerton, co-director of the Robeson County Cooperative for Sustainable Development, to the Robeson County Board of Commissioners regarding PFAS contamination near the Robeson County landfill

HIS VIEW

Everybody's in the pool except me

It's Thursday morning and in fewer than five hours, TCU and Ohio State will tip off the 85th NCAA basketball tournament, a three-week, 63-game marathon that will crown the national champion and put a stake in the heart of winter.

Actually, there have been four play-in games, but in my opinion they are not considered part of the tournament, a convenient stance I am taking so I can postulate that N.C. State did not go dancing this year. Age and my largely likable crew of Friday lunch buddies whose consensus favorite color is red, have softened my dislike for the Wolfpack, but I have to say that Coach Will Wade, while unable to live up to his lofty declarations for his team, has succeeded in restoring some of that hate.

More to the point: This year, for perhaps the first since filling out an NCAA tournament bracket became a must do on the to-do list, I will not take a shot at

doing what's never been done before and achieve immortality by penciling in the elusive perfect bracket.

There was the day when I organized the office pool at The Robesonian that I took shameless and full advantage of the fact that while I was not rich, I was not poor like the aspiring journalists who called me boss and sometimes other names. I would flood the pool, so to speak, and in a reverse Robin Hood ploy, take from my reporters their lunch money. It is on the long list of things I need to atone for before Judgment Day.

I no longer go to an office, so I no longer organize and then plunge into that pool.

The other reason I have not filled out a bracket is that no one handed me one and said, "Fill this out, the entry fee is five dollars."

I also passed on an opportunity to win a

million bucks that I became aware of two days ago while listening to a local radio station with an expectation the chatter might end and some old-time rock 'n roll might begin. I learned of a contest that would pay \$1 million to anyone who defies the odds of 9.2-quintillion-to-one and fills out that perfect bracket, which has never been done.

My guess is the only thing harder than filling out a perfect bracket is calculating the odds of that happening. On this, I will let AI do the math.

In fairness, if someone has sufficient knowledge to make each of their 63 picks on the high side of 50-50 — a coin flip — the odds of a perfect bracket are much more favorable, reaching a low of 120-billion-to-one.

I will be watching as many of those 63 tournament games as I can squeeze in around work, travel, golf, sleep, eating and whatever,

with a sharper eye on some games based on allegiance and pecuniary interest.

I am wrapping this up on Friday morning, and my interest in the tournament evaporated as quickly as a 19-point lead on Thursday night as my Tar Heels, with Caleb Wilson acting as head cheerleader, went from a 98.3% chance to advance according to ESPN to zero.

The Hubert Haters, believing there is a Dean Smith 2.0 hiding in the rafters, are in full throat and never has their ammo depot been better stocked. They have the firing part down, but the hiring part is mostly crickets, but I keep hearing Danny Hurley, a hire that would save me a lot of time and money in the years to come.

Dean, remember, is dead.

The good news this morning, and it is very hard to find, is that my bracket is not busted. Yours most certainly is.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Even God's dirt is better

The recent death threat from an unhinged internet crackpot, followed up by 26 pages of hateful emails, was pretty unique. While receiving threats in the ministry is not an odd thing at all, this was the first time I ever felt compelled to make the authorities aware. Mind you, I do not fear for myself or my family; we are well able to take care of ourselves. But this doofus is absolutely going to try something with someone at some point, and needs to be on the radar of those who monitor such things.



Bo Wagner
Contributing columnist

Hard on the heels of that, a message popped up on my phone late one night saying, "What did you do to get under this guy's skin?" I clicked the link to the video he had attached, and shook my head with a grin. The railing reverend with the large, captive crowd was definitely ripping into me. He does that kind of thing a lot; it is very much his claim to fame.

Then came a different issue entirely, one in which there was a clear attempt to divide dear friends, with me being one of those friends.

In the midst of all of the above, we were making funeral preparations for a sweet old saint in our church, having an entire HVAC unit switched out for the nursery wing, attending to three different people in three different hospitals, and my schedule had me running on very little sleep each night.

Best. Life. Ever.

I do not say that sarcastically; trials, attacks, threats, irritations and all, being saved and serving the Lord is absolutely fantastic, and I recommend it. My life has been and is good. I am saved, healthy, have a wonderful family, am super-close to all of my adult kids, have a phenomenal church that loves my family and me dearly, get to travel all over the country preaching, and have a handful of dear, close friends.

Do you see the balance in it all? We live in a fallen, sin-cursed world, and the people therein get more "interesting" by the day. Someone at any moment is liable to hate you and let you know it for any reason or no reason. And yet, the life of a born-again child of God is positively the best and most blessed life ever.

In 2 Kings 5, Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, had leprosy. A little maid told him about Elisha, the great prophet in Samaria, and confidently proclaimed that Elisha could heal his leprosy and save his life. And that is exactly what happened. After obeying the instructions of the man of God who told him to go wash seven times in the Jordan River, he came up clean and whole. Before he left to go back home, though, he made a seemingly odd request:

2 Kings 5:17 And Naaman said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the Lord.

"Hey, Elisha, can I have some dirt to take back home with me?" What an odd thing to ask; can you imagine going to a foreign country and trying to bring home a couple of suitcases full of dirt? But the request had a point, and Naaman alluded to it in his words. This dirt would be used to worship the one true God. And that God had commanded early on (Exodus 20:24-25) that His altars should be made either of dirt or of unhewn stone.

Naaman was going to take dirt back to Syria to worship the Lord on. But that begs a really large question: Syria has dirt. Lots of it. Why bring dirt back to a place that has dirt? And the answer is, in so many words, God's dirt is better than our dirt. Naaman, who earlier in the story proclaimed that all the waters of Syria were better than any of the waters of Israel, now knows that even the dirt of God's land is better than the dirt of his own.

In terms of our daily lives, God's dirt, the trials and tribulations we face, really is better than even the best days of being lost, let alone the "dirt" days. We may deal with heartaches, fears, trials, tribulations, threats and irritations, but it still beats the lives we lived as sinners by a wide margin.

I got threats from a guy who, while reminding me of what was done to Charlie Kirk, said, "you're next!" But in the very midst of all of that, I got letters from two young fans of my Night Heroes adventure series for kids, telling me how much they loved them, and asking me questions about them. I saw half a dozen people saved in meetings I preached. I had a 32nd anniversary with my fantastic wife.

I got labeled a woman by a guy who has some creepy preaching fetish centered on me. But in the midst of all that, I got dozens of notes and messages from those who heard him, thanking me for the help I have given them through my preaching and my writing.

I faced an attempt at separating friends, yet ended up with closer friends than ever. We said goodbye to a dear old saint, but we are also welcoming three new babies to our nursery and several new families to our church.

Child of God, never forget how good you have it. Even God's dirt is better.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



Abundant Life Church

— Pastor: Jonathan McNeill
— Address: 19041 N.C. 301, St. Pauls
— Phone Number: 910-988-6427
— Service schedule: Sunday morning prayer, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11 p.m.; Wednesday night Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

— Denomination: Pentecostal
— Established: 1973
— Congregation: 100
— Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 18:10
"The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."

CHURCH CALENDAR

UPCOMING

Shannon Smith concert, Kingdom Place, March 22: Shannon Smith will be in concert at Kingdom Place this Sunday, March 22 in the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Celebration Worship Services. Kingdom Place is located at 2610 East Fifth Street in Lumberton.

ONGOING

Antioch Presbyterian Church, 6583 Red Springs Road, Red Springs. For more information, call 910-843-4398.

Berea Baptist Church, at 120 N. Odum St. in Pembroke, holds a regular grief share meeting at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Griefshare is a 13-week support ministry for those grieving the death of a loved one. To register visit online at www.griefshare.org.

Bethany Christian Fellowship, at 307 S. Jones St. in Pembroke, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m. and Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. Bible study is at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Rev. Charles P. Locklear is the pastor.

Beulah Baptist Church, 6516 Beulah Church Road, Lumberton.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 4901 Independence Dr., Lumberton. Sacrament Meeting begins at 10 a.m., followed by Priesthood, Relief Society, Young Men/Young Women and Primary classes. This week's "Come Follow Me" lesson is "No Weapon That Is Formed against You Shall Prosper" from Doctrine and Covenants 71-75. Find details at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/>.

Cornerstone Community Church, at 702 Dunn Road in Lumberton, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday worship at 11 a.m., evangelistic service every first and third Sunday at 6 p.m.; and children and youth meet every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Roosevelt Scott is the senior pastor.

Crown of Life Outreach Ministries, at 114 W. Blue St. Pauls, meets each Sunday for prayer at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Every Saturday there is prayer at

noon. There is Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. Pastor Kenneth R. McAllister is the church pastor. For information, call 910-316-5712 or 910-774-6376.

Deeper Truth Deliverance Center, at 6154 Wire Grass Road in Orrum, meets for Sunday school 10-11 a.m., and Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Cycachee Scott is the pastor.

Expanding the Vision of Kingdom Ministries, at 101 Industrial Drive in Fairmont, meets Sunday for Christian Living Class at 10 a.m., and for Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is held on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. Apostle Marcia Lassiter is the pastor. The phone number is 910-280-0509.

Greater McKoy's Chapel Inc., at 284 Center Road in Dublin, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., and morning worship at 11 a.m. Sundays. Pastoral Sundays are second, third and fourth Sundays; and Deacon and Deaconess Day or Ministers and Christian Women's Day are on first Sunday. YPCW is at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. Dr. Delora A. LeSane is the pastor.

Outreach Family Fellowship, 136 Pee Dee Church Road, Dillon. Service begin at 9 a.m. Dress in your casual wear and come worship with us. Dinner will be served after the service. Pastors will be Apostle Michael E. Goings and Overseer Dr. Louise Goings.

Pentecostal United Holy Church, 2300 Gavintown Road, Lumberton. Elder Raymond Pearson, and special music by the Men's Choir. Everyone is invited. Bishop Russell Rogers, Pastor. For more information, call 910-734-6173.

Power in Prayer Ministry, a conference line prayer ministry, takes place on Saturday mornings from 6:15 to 6:30 a.m. at any location by phone. Call 605-475-4120 to join in (ID number - 3390591#). The prayer leader is Sister Shelia Caviness-Branyon. Email a prayer request to powerinword@aol.com.

Refuge Christian Center, at 111 S. Railroad St. in Rowland, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m.;

Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Rev. S. Lomax Bryant is the pastor.

Shiloh Tabernacle in Shannon, 10410 Shannon Road, Shannon, sponsors a free meal and free food bank and clothes giveaway including sanitary needs 4-6 p.m. every Thursday. The nondenominational church is open to everyone with no appointment needed, the church is sponsored in part by Waccamaw Chapel Food Pantry. Call 910 359 8030 for more information.

Smyrna Baptist Church, at 8003 N.C. 211 East, Lumberton, meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m. on Wednesdays as well as evening service is 7:30 p.m. Rev. Carl Pevia is the church pastor. For more information call 910-733-2592, 910-774-0707.

St. Joseph Miracle Revival Center at 4657 Daniel McLeod Road, Red Springs, Saturday Morning Prayer will begin at 9 a.m. followed by Seminars at 10 a.m. Saturday afternoon will begin at 1:30 p.m.. Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. followed by Sunday Morning Service at 11 a.m.

St. Marks Lutheran Church, 202 West 24th St., Lumberton; 910-739-2329, stmarkslnc.org. Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, Worship Service is at 10:30 p.m. Sundays. Fellowship begins at 11:30 a.m.

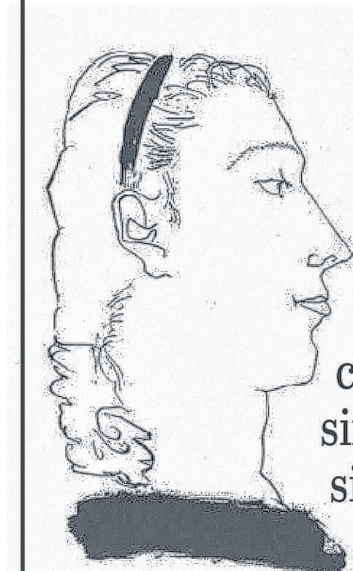
Tabernacle Baptist Church, on N.C. 711 in Pembroke, holds Sunday Worship Service at 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 11 a.m.; and Wednesday Bible Study, and Children and Youth Night at 7 p.m. The Rev. Randy Freeman is the pastor.

The Fairmont Ministerial Alliance meets every third Saturday of the month at Jonesville Baptist Church at 327 Mill Branch Road, Fairmont. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. New members are welcome. Dr. Martine Spencer is the president.

For your church event to be included in the Church Calendar, send it to Editor Chris Stiles at cstiles@robsonian.com.

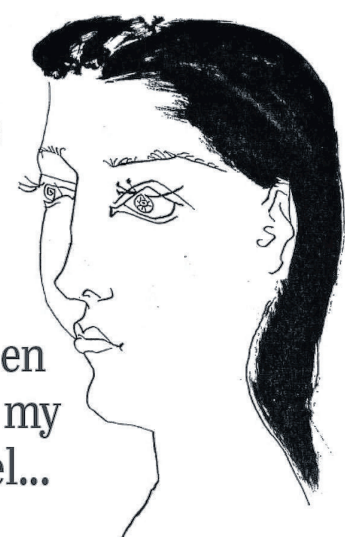


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I plead with Euodia
and I plead with Syntyche
to be of the same mind
in the Lord. Yes,
and I ask you, my true
companion, help these women
since they have contended at my
side in the cause of the gospel...

Philippians 4: 2,3



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Faith can move mountains!



Local nonprofit hosting Easter bake sale

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The In Ya Faith Ministries nonprofit will be hosting a bake sale booth at the Lumberton Indoor Flea Market on Saturday.

The bake sale will raise funds for the nonprofit's April Easter egg hunt, according to Director Carlton Ray Barber. The booth will be on the premises from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with cake slices, brownies and cupcakes.

Raffle tickets for an Easter basket from the ministry will also be available, with a live drawing on April 4 on

the ministry's Facebook page.

"People don't get a lot when they buy their children Easter baskets from the store," Barber said, "so we decided to put a lot of our resources toward making four custom Easter baskets. We put a ton of goodies in them: chalk sets, toys, bubbles, bunches of candy."

Raffle tickets can be purchased at any time by calling the ministry at 910-474-3950. Attending the live drawing is not necessary to win a basket.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.

NC Cooperative Extension seeks crops extension agent to serve Robeson County

Staff report

LUMBERTON — North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center, is now accepting applications for an Extension field crops agent. This role offers a unique opportunity for an agriculture professional to work directly with local farmers, conduct applied research and deliver educational programs that support the county's agricultural economy.

The Extension field crops agent will lead efforts in crop production education, on-farm research trials, and outreach programming. The position focuses on helping producers improve efficiency, sustainability and profitability through research-based solutions tailored to local needs.

"Extension agents play a critical role in connecting university research with real-world farming," said Robeson County Extension Director Mac Malloy. "This position is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in the lives of farmers and the future of agriculture in Robeson County."

Robeson County is home to a diverse agricultural landscape, including row crops such as corn, soybeans, cotton, tobacco and small grains. The Extension field crops agent will serve as a trusted resource for producers, offering guidance through farm visits, workshops and field demonstrations.

Qualified candidates should have a bachelor's degree in agronomy, crop science, plant science, or a related field, along with strong communication skills and a passion for working in agricultural communities. This position is part of N.C. State University and offers competitive benefits, professional development opportunities and the chance to build a rewarding, community-focused career.

Applications are currently being accepted online <https://jobs.ncsu.edu/postings/228284>.

For more details, contact Mac Malloy, county Extension director, at 910-671-3276, by email at mac_malloy@ncsu.edu, or visit the Extension's website at robeson.ces.ncsu.edu.

New SNAP requirements could stress county budgets

Morgan Casey
Border Belt Independent

ELIZABETHTOWN — Using a blue pen, Bladen County Board of Commissioners chair Cameron McGill signed 18 letters to state lawmakers in late January.

One was for N.C. Speaker of the House Destin Hall. Another for the state Senate's Republican leader, Phil Berger. Others were addressed to senior chairs of the committees that deal with appropriations and health care.

McGill's signature varied in size and how straight it ran across the bottom of the letter as he repeatedly fired off his requests that the state cover administrative costs related to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly called SNAP or food stamps, or Food and Nutrition Services in North Carolina.

Bladen—one of the poorest and most economically distressed counties in North Carolina—faces more than \$397,000 in new administrative costs to operate the program when a provision of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act goes into effect in October. The added costs come as the county cut its budget by 14% this fiscal year and still had to pull \$1.1 million from its capital reserves to balance it.

"This could be a big burden for us," Charles Ray Peterson, a member of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners, said at a January 20 meeting.

North Carolina's other 99 counties also will feel the crunch. Together, they are expected to pay an additional \$69 million to participate in the food assistance program, health officials told the General Assembly's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services in January. The actual increase could be even higher, according to Geoffrey Maret, director of the Craven County Department of Social Services and co-chair of the advocacy committee for the N.C. Association of County Directors of Social Services.

Mecklenburg County, home to Charlotte, could see the biggest price hike, over \$8.1 million. But Karen Powell, executive director of the state association, worries more about smaller and rural counties that can't afford their share.

"They have a disproportionate hardship because their tax base is limited," Powell said. "They don't have anywhere else to go get the money, whereas bigger counties can shift around a little bit easier."

The federal government pays for the bulk of SNAP, including the cost of benefits. But the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed into law last summer, reduces the federal share of the program's administrative costs from 50% to 25%, shifting more of the burden to states.

The state is expected to pay an additional \$16 million per year and pass the remaining costs onto counties, according to health officials. North Carolina is one of only 10 states where counties are responsible for administering SNAP,

according to the National Association of Counties.

"If it funnels down to counties that can't handle it, then the [department of social services] directors have to start figuring out, 'How am I going to make up that funding?'" Powell said. "What happens, typically, is they start looking to see where they can cut."

Those cuts, she said, often start in department payrolls, removing positions that could help handle the expanded work requirements also passed under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

State lawmakers are still examining the potential impact on counties, said Lauren Horsch, a spokesperson for Berger. Eight months into the current fiscal year, North Carolina still doesn't have a budget.

Gov. Josh Stein, a Democrat, proposed a "critical needs budget" on March 9 that includes funding for health care, but none for SNAP.

"If the North Carolina General Assembly is unable to allocate the funding necessary, [the state] will have to stop offering the SNAP program altogether," James Werner, a spokesperson for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, told The Assembly and the Border Belt Independent.

Meanwhile, Bladen and other counties are already planning their budgets for the next fiscal year.

"They can't rely on 'Let's hope and see,'" Powell said. "They've got to go with, 'We're not going to have it.'"

Stricter work requirements

Expanded work requirements for SNAP recipients that went into effect in December could also mean more local costs.

Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, more people must work at least 80 hours a month to qualify for SNAP benefits. The legislation says able-bodied adults 65 and younger with dependents must meet the work requirements. Previously, the rule applied to those 55 and younger. Adults with a child 14 or younger (instead of 18 or younger) also have to work, as do people who are homeless.

The legislation also requires SNAP recipients to get reappraised every six months instead of 12, which means more upkeep for caseworkers in social services departments that are already understaffed.

Many counties likely can't afford to hire more caseworkers. Without funding from the General Assembly, "counties will struggle to maintain timely, accurate, and accountable delivery of nutrition assistance to North Carolinians," the N.C. Association of County Directors of Social Services wrote in a brief to the state health and human services committee last month.

"Who's going to suffer there?" Powell said. "The families that need it most." Bladen County's letters to state lawmakers highlight concerns about "higher caseloads, higher error rates, financial penalties, or unmet needs."

More than 6,200 people in Bladen County received SNAP benefits in February, 21% of the county's population, according to



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Health officials say stricter work requirements for SNAP could require more caseworkers at county departments of social services.

state data. Jill Sampson, director of social services for the county, said she is monitoring caseloads to determine if more workers are needed.

Neighboring Columbus County is already feeling the burden. The county's Department of Social Services was struggling to "timely" recertify SNAP benefits amid an increase in cases, director Dwella Hall reported to the Columbus Board of Commissioners at its February 16 meeting.

Columbus County is expected to pay more than \$416,000 in new SNAP administrative costs, bringing its total to about \$1.25 million.

Faced with a budget shortfall, Columbus County commissioners cut spending by 12% and eliminated 24 staff positions this fiscal year. They used about \$1.5 million in reserve funds to balance the budget.

If a significant number of counties struggle to maintain timely benefit delivery, North Carolina's error rate could worsen, Craven County's Maret said, forcing it to keep paying for a portion of the benefits delivered. Error rates measure counties' and states' accuracy in delivering the correct dollar amount of benefits.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act mandates that any state with an error rate over 6% pay for a share of its benefits. Using North Carolina's 10.21% error rate from the federal fiscal year 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which oversees SNAP, would require the state to pay for 15% of its more than \$2.8 billion in distributed benefits, state health officials said. As of August 2025, health officials reported that the state's error rate is 7.05%, which would require it to pay for 5% of the total.

"It takes people to do the job," Maret said. "When the job keeps expanding, you're going to need more resources to get it done, and that always tends to be the part that's not put into the equation when you have some major policy shifts."

'Unfunded mandates'

Cumberland County is expected to see the state's fourth-highest increase in administrative SNAP costs, almost \$3 million. Kirk deViere, chair of the county's Board of Commissioners, said officials must rethink spending plans.

"There's a series of — I hate using the word — but unfunded mandates that are going to get pushed down from the feds through the state down to us," he said during a February 3 board meeting. "As we go into our budget cycle, we're going to have

to clearly understand those because we're going to have to plan for the worst-case scenario."

Samuel Croom, the Bladen County manager, said county officials are starting to plan how to cover extra costs if the state doesn't step in. Some projects, including infrastructure upgrades, might have to be delayed, he said.

"We just have to be good stewards of what's there," Croom said.

Maret said he has spent months working on how to fit Craven County's expected \$672,000 increase into the social services budget.

"We try to adjust our sails to the wind as quickly as possible to keep going in the direction we feel we need to go in for our clients," he said.

Meanwhile, the N.C. House is considering a proposal to limit local property taxes, which are a huge revenue generator for counties.

In February, the House Select Committee on Property Tax Reduction and Reform heard a presentation from the Tax Foundation about setting an annual cap on growth in total property tax revenue on existing properties. The foundation is a conservative-leaning nonprofit based in Washington, D.C.

Berger, who could lose his state Senate seat after trailing challenger Sam Page by 23 votes in a Republican primary this month, also announced plans to propose a 12-month freeze on property revaluation changes. Berger said he wants the state to adopt property tax reforms.

"North Carolinians are shouldering the burden of massive increases in local budgets," Berger said in a news release. "It doesn't matter to our citizens if a tax is paid to the state or a local government; it's their money coming out of their pockets."

Rural counties already have some of the highest property tax rates in the state, according to the North Carolina Department of Revenue. Scotland County has the highest rate at \$0.99 per \$100 of a property's valuation. Bertie and Hyde counties rank second and third at \$0.93 and \$0.92 per \$100 of a property's valuation, respectively.

Croom said Bladen County is used to working with scarce resources, but cuts might be necessary.

"If the end result is to give tax relief to citizens," Croom said, "then naturally we would have to look at the services we provide."

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UNCP invites business leaders to attend AI innovation week

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The Thomas College of Business and Economics (TCOBE) at UNC Pembroke will host its second annual AI Innovation Week from March 30 to April 2, bringing together educators, industry leaders, students and regional partners to explore the transformative impact of artificial intelligence.

While the four-day event highlights AI's role across education and workforce development, Tuesday, March 31, will focus specifically on the business community, providing a forum for industry leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals to better understand how artificial intelligence will shape the future of the workforce.

AI Industry and Small Business Day will take place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the James A. Thomas Hall Event Room. Interested attendees can register at https://uncp.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_79bqnTw0AX9MTNI?Q_CHL=q.

The event will feature a networking breakfast followed by an expert panel discussion and workshop designed to help organizations prepare for the rapidly evolving AI landscape.

"Artificial intelligence is no longer optional for businesses that want to remain competitive," said Bryan McLeod, assistant professor of marketing and the event organizer. "Industry and Small Business Day is designed to give leaders and entrepreneurs a clear, practical understanding of how AI is transforming the workforce and how they can begin using it effectively right now."

All Industry and Small Business Day attendees will receive an AI prompting and tool handbook and three one-on-one AI evaluation sessions.

"Our goal is to make AI accessible, relevant and immediately useful for organizations across our region," McLeod said. "I strongly encourage industry leaders and small business owners to attend, not only to gain valuable insights, but also to take advantage of a unique opportunity."

The featured panel discussion, "AI Readiness: The Dangers of an Unprepared Workforce," will bring together leaders from technology and entrepreneurship to discuss how businesses must adapt to remain competitive in the AI era.

Panelists include:
— Amanda Klinck, data security solution engineer, Microsoft
— John Kozlowski II, CEO, KIT Digital

— Tré Bell, SVP, director of IT, Lumbee Guaranty Bank
— Caleb Malcolm, president, Lumbee Federal Solutions
— Yihao Ren, Faculty, AI researcher, UNC Pembroke

Additional industry experts are expected to join the discussion, offering insights into workforce development, AI adoption strategies and the risks companies face if they fail to prepare employees for emerging technologies.

Panelists will explore:
— The growing demand for AI literacy in today's workforce
— Security and ethical considerations surrounding AI adoption
— Opportunities for businesses to integrate AI into operations and decision-making; and
— How regional companies can collaborate with universities to

build AI-ready talent pipelines

Following the panel discussion, attendees will participate in a hands-on workshop focused on practical AI applications for business and industry. The workshop will help participants identify tools, strategies and partnerships that can help organizations begin or accelerate their AI adoption.

The event also provides a valuable networking opportunity for regional employers, small business owners, technology professionals and economic development leaders seeking to stay ahead in a rapidly changing digital economy.

Each day of the week focuses on a specific audience:

— Monday, March 30: Faculty Research & Pedagogy Day: Exploring AI's role in higher education, research and teaching.

— Tuesday, March 31: Industry and Small Business Day: Connecting businesses with AI insights and workforce strategies.

— Wednesday, April 1: High School AI Experience Day: Engaging regional high school students through hands-on AI labs and challenges.

— Thursday, April 2: UNCP Student AI Competition Day: Students apply AI to solve real business challenges for regional entrepreneurs.

Business leaders and community members are encouraged to attend AI Industry and Small Business Day to gain practical insights and connect with experts at the forefront of AI adoption.

Space is limited, and early registration is recommended.

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The Public Schools of Robeson County recently held a Robotics Competition & Expo at Red Springs High School.

Robotics Competition & Expo showcases innovation and student excellence

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

RED SPRINGS — Students from across the Public Schools of Robeson County gathered at Red Springs High School for an exciting day of innovation, teamwork and hands-on learning during the district's Robotics Competition and Expo.

The recent event brought together elementary, middle and high school robotics teams to showcase their skills in design, programming and problem-solving, while also engaging the community in interactive STEM experiences.

Throughout the competition, student teams demonstrated creativity, collaboration and perseverance as they competed in both the Explore and Challenge divisions.

Award Winners

Explore Division
— Peterson Elementary – Roaring Robots Minis
— Core Values Award
— Peterson Elementary – Roaring Robots Juniors
— Poster Design Award
— Rex-Rennert Elementary – Buffaloes — Robot Design Award

Challenge Division
— Peterson Elementary – Roaring Robots — Robot Design Award
— Southside-Ashpole Elementary – STEAM Team — Innovation Project Award
— Orrum Middle School – Tech Divas — Breakthrough Award
— Rex-Rennert Elementary – Buffaloes — Motivate Award
— St. Pauls Middle School – Challenge Team — Rising All-Star Award
— Lumberton Junior High – V-Techbots — Robot Design Award
— Southside-Ashpole Elementary – Ponies — Breakthrough Award
— Fairmont Middle School – Tinker Coders — Champion Award

A special recognition was presented to Ms. Ziena Walker, who

received the Coach's Award for her dedication, leadership and commitment to student success in robotics.

Hands-on learning & community engagement

In addition to the competition, the Expo portion of the event provided students and families with opportunities to explore STEM in action.

"A highlight of the day was the interactive STEM table, where participants built and tested slime, straw rockets and Mars helicopters — sparking curiosity and excitement for engineering and design," said PSRC Science Supervisor Susan Miller-Hendrix.

Students also had the opportunity to experience advanced robotics demonstrations thanks to teams from Robeson Early College High School and Lumberton High School, who brought their robots to showcase for younger students. These demonstrations provided a powerful glimpse into future opportunities in robotics and career pathways in STEM fields.

Building future-ready leaders

The Robotics Competition and Expo continues to be a shining example of PSRC's commitment to preparing students for success beyond the classroom. By fostering critical thinking, collaboration and innovation, events like this empower students to become future-ready leaders in an ever-evolving world.

"PSRC extends its appreciation to all participating students, coaches, volunteers and partners who made this event a success and continues to celebrate the incredible talent across the district," said PSRC Chief Communications Officer Jessica Sealey.

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Hicks leads UNCP's first cybersecurity graduates

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — When Phillip Hicks arrived at UNC Pembroke as a freshman, the university's cybersecurity program was still in its trial phase. This May, the Red Springs native will help make history as one of the first graduates of UNCP's standalone Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity program.

For Hicks, the journey to cyber sleuthing didn't begin with computers — it started in farm fields and hardware stores.

"Until my senior year of high school, I was set on becoming an agriculture education major," Hicks said. "I was president of FFA. I grew up working hands-on — farming, ag mechanics, helping at the hardware store."

His father, Chris Hicks, a 1996 UNCP graduate, instilled in him the value of hard work. His late grandfather, Talmadge Evers, worked for Lumbee River Electric Cooperative (LREMC). Farming, mechanics and service were part of daily life. But during Hicks' senior year of high school, a cybersecurity incident targeting LREMC changed everything.

"It hit close to home," he said. "Someone was posing as a customer trying to gain access to account information. It made me realize how vulnerable systems can be — especially locally."

After touring UNCP's campus and seeing the new cyber lab, his focus shifted.

"That was a polarizing moment," he said. "I saw everything UNCP had to offer, and it just clicked."

UNCP launched its standalone cybersecurity degree in fall 2022 to meet the growing



Photo courtesy of UNCP

Red Springs native Phillip Hicks will be one of UNC Pembroke's first cybersecurity graduates this May.

demand for trained professionals. While cybersecurity tracks previously existed within other IT programs, this marked the university's first dedicated degree in the field.

"When I came here, the program was going through its first run with our class," Hicks said. "I looked at the electives — digital forensics, cryptography — and it pretty much described the career I wanted."

Self-taught in many ways, Hicks supplemented his coursework by devouring YouTube tutorials and leaning on tech-savvy family members.

"I've always been curious," he said. "I like to see how things work."

Though cybersecurity often conjures images of screens filled with code, Hicks believes the field is just as much about people.

Currently working with UNCP's Office of Advancement, he focuses on data health, record accuracy and cybersecurity best practices. "When you're handling people's money, accuracy matters," Hicks said. "A lot of what we do is problem-solving."

The internship taught him something unexpected.

"It's not just combing through data," he said.

"It's not always binary. You learn about interpersonal relationships and the business side of things. That's been huge for me."

Hicks has balanced multiple jobs throughout his college career, from working in fast food and at a local garage to the Hawks Nest on campus; he has never shied away from hard work. He has also farmed wheat, soybeans, corn and cotton, operated heavy machinery and worked as a mechanic.

Additionally, he serves with the Shannon Volunteer Fire Department and volunteers through a Red Springs mission camp, building handicap ramps and assisting elderly residents.

Hicks credits much of his success to mentors at UNCP. Professor Prashanth BusiReddyGari made courses like cryptography and digital forensics engaging and accessible.

"He makes it fun — even online," Hicks said. "He says, 'Life happens. My goal is to help you understand the material.'"

BusiReddyGari said Hicks is academically competent and known for his enthusiasm, integrity and professionalism in class. "He is driven

and motivated to make a meaningful and lasting impact," BusiReddyGari said.

Hicks is particularly drawn to digital forensics and cryptography — disciplines that require thinking like a hacker to stop one.

"Cryptography makes you think differently," he said. "You're learning how someone might conceal something."

He recently applied for a civilian evidence technician position with the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, hoping to eventually move into cybercrime investigations at the State Bureau of Investigation.

For Hicks, cybersecurity is about more than technology — it's about protecting people.

"It's like setting a trap," he said. "You're on the hunt."

UNCP wasn't just a wise choice academically — it was personal. The campus is close to family and carries strong ties.

"UNCP was my last acceptance letter," Hicks said. "I got into a few schools farther away and more expensive, but they didn't have the degree I wanted."

When the acceptance arrived, he celebrated.

"I was jumping up and down," he said. "Growing up, we didn't have much money. I didn't know if college was even possible. Thinking back, my experience at UNCP has been expansive. I went from being a kid who thought he'd stay in a small town to being encouraged and supported to go as far as I want — as long as I have the work ethic and ambition behind it."

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Shania Smith, center, was selected as the Talent Hunt winner of Beta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Smith wins Beta Nu's Talent Hunt competition

Staff report

LAURINBURG — Shania Smith, of Carthage, a sophomore student at Union Pines High School, was selected as the Talent Hunt winner of Beta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity recently at the selection process held at Bright Hopewell Baptist Church in Laurinburg.

Shania Smith was selected on the basis of her performance on the viola. She is an honor student also with a grade point 4.27, and she is a member of the Moore County Orchestra in Pinehurst, and has also been selected for early college program.

Beta Nu Chapter covers Robeson, Scotland, Hoke, and Moore Counties. Montrey McLaurin, ROTC instructor at Lumberton High School is president of the chapter. Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was founded November 17, 1911 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C.

Growth Opportunity Program helps Robeson youth build life skills, positive futures

Staff report

A Robeson County nonprofit is expanding its efforts to support youth facing challenges at home, school or within the justice system through a new life-skills program designed to help young people build stronger futures.

The North Carolina Youth Violence Prevention Center (NC-YVPC) recently launched the Growth Opportunity (GO) Program, an initiative focused on helping youth develop the skills needed to navigate relationships, education, and everyday life while making positive decisions for their future.

The program provides structured support for youth who may have had contact with the juvenile justice system or who would benefit from additional mentorship and life-skills training.

“Our goal is to provide young people with the tools they need to succeed,” NC-YVPC repre-

sentatives said. “Many youth simply need guidance, mentorship, and the opportunity to build confidence and practical life skills.”

Participants in the GO Program begin with educational sessions. These sessions include hands-on activities where participants learn how to write a resume, prepare for a job interview and develop responsibility in the workplace. The second half of the program provides participants with support in securing work placement or educational training opportunities that can lead to long-term employment.

Youth also receive mentorship and support from program staff while working toward their goals related to education, employment and personal development.

The first group of 10 youth completed the educational component of the program in December and are now participating in community placements designed to help them

apply what they learned in real-world environments.

One participant from this cohort is now in place with the United States Job Corps to pursue a long-term career in welding, one has been accepted into the Mechatronics Engineering program at RCC and another participant is working in the Town of Red Springs. These placements provide youth with experience and opportunities that previously seemed unattainable.

Mr. Oxendine, a participant now attending Job Corps and pursuing a welding career, shared his experience in the program: “I learned how to be respectful and what to do in an interview. I learned how to speak properly, dress for success, write a resume, and how to use my interests when searching for jobs.”

Program leaders say the initiative is designed to help youth build confidence and positive connections within the com-

munity while reducing the likelihood of future involvement with the justice system.

The Growth Opportunity Program is part of NC-YVPC’s broader continuum of services that includes youth mentoring, diversion programs, therapeutic behavioral health services and restorative justice initiatives such as Robeson County Teen Court.

By combining mentorship, life-skills training and strong community partnerships, NC-YVPC aims to provide youth with the support, skills and opportunities needed to build successful futures.

NC-YVPC is currently recruiting youth for upcoming program sessions.

Families, schools and community partners who know a young person who could benefit from additional support and mentorship are encouraged to reach out to learn more about the program.

For more information



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Z. Stackhouse, Cohort 1 graduate and first-year mechatronics engineering AAS student, left, with Ms. Jacqueline Inman, trainer & case manager of the NC-YVPC’s Growth Opportunity program.

about the Growth Opportunity Program or to inquire about enrollment opportunities, community members can contact the

North Carolina Youth Violence Prevention Center at 910-739-3064. More information can be found on the NC-YVPC website, nc-yvpc.org.

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Tribal

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months as they formally recognize us as the next tribe to be joining.”

Tribal Council also approved an ordinance which makes the Tribe's Health and Human Services Department a permanent part of the tribal government. The department was initially created in 2023 as a temporary department, according to Health and Human Services Committee Chairman Jody Bullard.

This comes as the Tribe transitions to establishing a relationship with the federal government as part of federal recognition. The department will help in carrying out the benefits and services which come with federal recognition.

The board also passed a measure which would amend its standing rules of order to require that Tribal Council members attend three committee meetings per month to receive their full stipend. This was originally part of the board's rules, but a few years ago was removed, and as a result some members have attended less meetings, Vice Chair Bobby Emanuel said; the amendment would revert back to the original language in those rules and require the meeting attendance.

The Constitution and Ordinance Committee also proposed a resolution which would have required any Tribal Council member which attended a conference, training or event using tribal funds to provide a report back to the board within a reasonable time after their return. Councilman Larry Chavis said



Corbin Eddings, right, is sworn in by Lumbee Tribe Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronette Sampson, left, to serve another term representing the Lumbee Tribe in the United Tribes of North Carolina.

that such an ordinance already exists; Constitution and Ordinance Committee Chair Rudy Locklear said that a Tribal Council travel ordinance, passed in 2008, does not require a report back to the board, language which this resolution would establish. Speaker Alex Baker pointed out that this was presented as a resolution, and thus would only apply to the current council, and not a more permanent ordinance.

The board's vote was a 10-10 tie, with one member absent. Due to the tie, the matter will be sent back to committee.

In Lowery's report to the board, he said that he and his staff have been busy in various meetings and consultations in the three months since the Tribe gained full federal recognition, including the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Indian Health Services; the U.S. Departments of Transportation, Justice, Agriculture, Energy, Commerce, Treasury, Education and Labor; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and the N.C. Departments of Health and Human Services and Transportation.

“That is us getting to know the different servic-

es and programs, and the different funding opportunities that are going to come down the pipe for our Tribe. We are learning more and more the ability for us to go after additional funds outside the normal BIA or Indian Health Services,” Lowery said, adding that the Tribe is already applying for funding through some other departments.

Lowery also said that the Tribe is seeing about 80 to 120 people per day for reenrollment. Friday morning, the Tribe announced that reenrollment will be open to all Tribal citizens on Monday; previously, reenrollment has been rolled out in phases, primarily by age, due to high volume.

In other business, Corbin Eddings was sworn in to serve another term representing the Lumbee Tribe in the United Tribes of North Carolina.

During the community comment period, Tonya Holy Elk, the 2026 Lloyd Oxendine Artist in Residence at UNC Pembroke's Museum of the Southeast American Indian, read a poem dedicated to the Tribe's full federal recognition, and received a lengthy standing ovation.

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Plant

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to have a new building down there, where we're going to be relocating some of the offices from Public Works. It's going along well; I believe they just poured the slabs on some of the other parts of the facility and they put up the building just recently.”

The facility is located at the far east end of East Clark Street, near its intersection with South McGoogan Street. It will replace the existing plant, located on South Elizabeth Street, which has been in service for several decades.

The \$17 million project is being paid entirely from grant funding through the Community Development Block Grant and the American Rescue Plan Act, both federal sources.

As part of the grant agreement, the new plant will replace gallon-for-gallon the production of the



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A structure has been built at the site of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant in St. Pauls.

existing plant and cannot add more volume. The current plant handles about 500,000 gallons of water per day, Holloman said.

“It's very exciting. It's something that's a long time coming,” Dollinger said. “It's time to update our infrastructure, so we're pleased that we're able to do that ... It's something that the town really needs and we're fortunate that we were able to secure the grant funding to do it.”

Construction is expected to be completed around late August or early September, Holloman said. When that happens, the town will begin the process of mov-

ing the new plant online and the existing plant offline.

“It's going to take a little bit of time to get it online and all that,” Holloman said. “We're going to have to put bugs and all that in it. We've got to get it like it's supposed to be. ... Our plant and stuff, that's what eats some of the sludge is bugs. But we're going to have to work with it and get it right. We're going to most likely run both of them at the same time until we get it online. It's just going to be a process.”

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NCDMV to post wait times, capacity status online

Staff report

RALEIGH — The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) is announcing a new feature on its website that provides customers with estimated wait times and real-time capacity status for driver license offices statewide. Effective immediately, this tool empowers North Carolinians to make more informed decisions about when and where to visit an office for services such as driver license renewals, replacements, or new issuances.

“The NCDMV is making it easier for North Carolinians to get the services they need on their own schedules,”

said Gov. Josh Stein. “This new tool will help North Carolinians choose when and where to take care of their DMV business. Whether they're renewing a license or getting a new ID, we want drivers to get on with their day as quickly as possible.”

Customers visiting the NCDMV Office Locations page (visitDMV.nc.gov) will now see one of three clear status indicators for each driver license office:

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Baker elected to NCHSAA Hall of Fame

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FAIRMONT — When Michael Baker began a walk on his treadmill in recent weeks, he had no clue he'd be getting a phone call with good news.

When the phone rang, it was North Carolina High School Athletic Association Commissioner Que Tucker, informing Baker he has been elected to the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

"It's great to be a part of that group that did so much for the (NCHSAA)," Baker said. "I've seen the work they've done and the hours they've spent to improve high school (athletics), make it better for the kids and improve sports in North Carolina. I'm so glad to be able to be recognized along with them, to

be one of the people who helped kids in North Carolina to develop themselves through sports and move on to better lives."

The NCHSAA will hold a private reception for its new inductees on April 21 in Chapel Hill before the formal induction on Aug. 15 in Greensboro.

Baker retired in 2024 after a 43-year career at Fairmont, his alma mater, where he also taught science. He has coached nearly every sport at some point for the Golden Tornadoes, but as a coach he's best remembered for his success on the basketball court — in the gym that now bears his name.

Baker was the boys basketball head coach from 1983-2004 and 2009-14, winning a state championship in 1994.

"Coach Baker, he poured into kids, as soon as you got into fifth grade you started playing for him growing up," said Marcus Thompson, Fairmont's athletic director and girls basketball coach, who played for Baker and worked alongside him. "That was a big deal. You played for him, you kind of learned what the varsity guys were doing when you were in middle school. So when you think of Coach Baker, a lot of times you think of Fairmont basketball — not just at Fairmont High School, but Fairmont recreation basketball. It's hard to think about basketball in Fairmont and not think about Coach Baker."

"At a time when we didn't have much to lean on, he shed



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Michael Baker, center right, a former coach and athletic director at Fairmont, speaks during a Feb. 9, 2024 ceremony honoring the 30th anniversary of the school's 1994 boys basketball state championship team, pictured with the present members of the team. Baker was elected this week to the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

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St. Pauls' Ashley Garcia, left, and Triton's Saray Mendez Flores (8) battle for possession during Thursday's game in St. Pauls.

Bulldogs soundly defeated by Triton

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The St. Pauls Bulldogs could only whimper, not bark during their contest against the Triton Hawks on Thursday, losing 5-0 at home on Thursday. This was the Bulldogs' fourth straight loss to open the season.

"We're learning," St. Pauls coach Camilo Sanchez said. "We have a lot of things to change before the beginning of the season."

Payton Stocks opened the scoring with a goal for Triton (4-3) at the 29:40 mark in the first half. Yanely Apolinar Soriano added insurance goals with 17:50 and 10:52 left in the first half.

Chloe Lucas added another goal with 38:12 left in the game to make it 4-0. Soriano completed the hat trick with 21:23 left in the game to seal a 5-0 win for Triton.

The Bulldogs open conference play by hosting E.E Smith next Tuesday before visiting them on Friday. They'll hope to improve their play in conference.

St. Pauls has allowed 22 goals over four nonconference games, or 5.5 per game. Meanwhile, they only scored 1.5 goals per game during that stretch. As Sanchez said, there's a lot to change.

UNCP remains atop overall, men's Joby Hawn Cup standings after winter season

Staff report

GREENVILLE, S.C. — A Conference Carolinas championship in swimming, followed by a runner-up finish in wrestling has the UNC Pembroke athletics department sitting at the top of the overall Joby Hawn Cup and men's cup standings after the conclusion of the winter sports season, the Conference Carolinas office announced Thursday.

The Braves have currently earned 81% of possible points through two seasons to sit at the top of the standings, while Converse picked

up bonus points in three winter sports and is in second earning 71.1% of points. North Greenville rounded out the top three in third place earning 70.5% of possible points.

On the men's side, the Black & Gold lead the race earning 94.1% of possible points. Young Harris sits in second place with 91% of possible points, with North Greenville capped off the top three with 71.6% of possible points earned.

For the women's side, the Braves currently sit tied for fifth place with

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ALL-COUNTY TEAM AND AWARDS



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Lumberton's Chris Hammonds (20) takes a shot attempt as Cleveland's Chris Tsoleyenyanu (21) defends during a Feb. 26 second-round 7A state-playoff game in Lumberton. Hammonds was named Robeson County Player of the Year.

Pirates lead the way

Hammonds, Lumberton highlight All-County team, awards

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ROBESON COUNTY — With basketball season at its end, The Robesonian's boys basketball awards and All-County team have been announced. The Lumberton Pirates are well-represented in the boys' basketball awards, winning Player of the Year, Coach of the Year and Most Improved Player.

Player of the Year

Lumberton's Chris Hammonds is the 2025-26 Robeson County Player of the Year. He led his team with 14.7 points and 8.7 rebounds per game and led Lumberton to the fourth round of the NCHSAA 7A state playoffs.

"It means a lot to me," Hammonds said. "I worked hard for it and I got what I deserved."

Last season, Hammonds played behind senior Jaiden Shephard — last year's Robeson County Player of the Year — who led the team with 19.6 points and 15.5 rebounds per game, en route to a 24-6 finish for Lumberton. This year, Hammonds took last season's experience and became a player of the year.

"Last year, I was on

the bench and this year, I knew what to do and I made it happen," Hammonds said.

A dominant season for Hammonds helped propel the Pirates to great success once again this season. Hammonds averaged a double-double in conference play.

"It was unbelievable to coach Hammonds," Lumberton coach David Strother said. "He was dominant and averaged a double-double in conference play this year. He was a leader in the locker room and kept everyone's spirits up."

That dominance and likability made Hammonds easy for his teammates to be around.

Hammonds' recognition comes after he was named Robeson County's Most Improved Player following the 2025 season.

Hammonds is a senior, so he won't be back at Lumberton next season. With that said, he can take pride in winning the Robeson County Player of the Year award as he prepares for his next chapter.

Defensive Player of the Year

Fairmont's Jeremiah Morris has been named the Robeson County Defensive Player of the Year. With four steals per game, he was a menace in the passing lanes, frus-

trating opposing offenses with quick hands to cut their possessions short. Plus, the freshman guard was no slouch offensively, putting up 10 points per game.

"His footwork and quickness help him have such an impact defensively," Fairmont coach Montrell McNair said. "He always plays hard and brings tremendous effort."

As the Golden Tornadoes celebrate this achievement by Morris, the team will certainly be motivated to have more success as a team next year after a 12-15 campaign.

Morris' most noteworthy performance came against St. Pauls on Dec. 5 when he had eight steals, completely confusing the Bulldogs offense.

As only a freshman, Morris has plenty of time to grow as a player, but his knack for picking apart opposing offenses will help him in the years to come.

"I would like to see him improve his mid-range shot, his ball-handling and his passing," McNair said.

Morris will certainly be a key player for the Fairmont Golden Tornadoes next season as they look to have a winning season.

Underclassman of the Year

Purnell Swett sophomore Kaleb Locklear is this year's Robeson County Underclassman of the Year. He filled up the stat sheet with 9.0 points, 7.8 rebounds and 0.9 blocks per game and was a vital part of the Rams' identity this season.

"He did a good job rebounding the ball and playing well around the rim," said Jeremy Sampson, who coached Purnell Swett this season. "Right away, he picked up the nuance of the game."

Locklear finished the season second on the Rams in scoring, while leading the team in rebounds, blocks and field-goal percentage. He proved to be a bright spot in a 7-16 season.

Locklear provided a formidable interior presence that made it hard to deal with them down low.

"Around the rim, he always went for the offensive rebound," Sampson said.

Locklear was tenacious all season when the time came to rebound the ball, something his team valued. Fellow sophomore Malachi Jacobs had the next-most rebounds with 4.4 per game.

With two more years left in his high school

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Purnell Swett's Kaleb Locklear (35) passes as Fairmont's Ayden Cummings, left, defends during Tuesday's game in Fairmont. Locklear was named Robeson County Underclassman of the Year.



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Purnell Swett's Jeremiah Barnes (2) takes a shot attempt as Fairmont's Jeremiah Morris (4) defends during a Dec. 20 Robeson County Shootout game in Pembroke. Morris was named Robeson County Defensive Player of the Year, while Barnes was an All-County selection.

Pirates

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career, Locklear still has time to build off this season's performance, hoping for more team success.

Most Improved Player

Lumberton's Ayvan Redic has been named Robeson County's Most Improved Player for his efforts during the 2025-26 season. He averaged 7.1 points, 3.3 assists and 2.4 rebounds per season, improving from last season's marks of 2.4 points, 0.5 rebounds and 0.5 assists.

"(Redic's) work ethic and being in the gym constantly earned this award," Strother said. "He had more opportunities and stepped up to the plate."

Redic was the fourth-leading scorer for Lumberton this season behind Chris Hammonds, Amare Jones and Nate Lawson as the Pirates had a prolific season, capped off by a playoff appearance.

Redic scored in double figures nine times, including a pair of 20-point outings, Jan.

16 against Gray's Creek and Feb. 17 against Cape Fear.

By winning the Most Improved Player award, Redic joins Strother and Hammonds in making the Pirates well-represented in the All-County postseason awards this season, in addition to three more All-County selections.

Coach of the Year

Lumberton's first-year head coach David Strother won Coach of the Year honors after leading his team to a 22-4 record, finishing second in the Tri-County Conference. At one point, the Pirates won nine straight games from Dec. 17 to Feb. 6, a streak that included the program's second-straight Robeson County Shootout championship. "Winning this award means a lot to me but the team won a lot and we had great players," Strother said. "It means a lot being from Lumberton."

The Pirates finished 22-4 this season after a 24-6 record last season. Their final rank in North Carolina improved from 103 last year to 75 this year, according to MaxPreps. Lumberton

reached the fourth round of the 7A state playoffs.

In addition to county Player of the Year Hammonds, Amare Jones and Nate Lawson were among those who impressed this season, putting up 13.1 and 10.5 points per game, respectively. Jones also averaged 4.5 rebounds and a team-best 3.9 assists per game. Lawson led the team in free throw shooting, making 74% from the line.

All-County Team

*^Amare Jones, Sr., G, Lumberton — 13.1 points, 4.5 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 1.4 steals per game

*Nate Lawson, Jr., G, Lumberton — 10.5 points, 2.1 rebounds

Kaden McLean, So., W, Lumberton — 5.3 points, 3.3 rebounds

Xavion Pittman, Sr., F, Fairmont — 11.0 points, 8.0 rebounds, 2.0 steals
Ayden Cummings, Jr., G, Fairmont — 10.0 points, 4.0 assists

*Jeremiah Barnes, Sr., G, Purnell Swett — 15.3 points, 1.7 assists, 1.9 steals

Colton Sampson, Jr., G, Purnell Swett — 8.7 points, 2.5 assists, 2.1 steals



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Lumberton's Ayvan Redic (1) looks to shoot as Terry Sanford's Gaven Kraut (4) defends during a Feb. 6 game in Lumberton. Redic was named Robeson County's Most Improved Player.

*Khalif Brown, Sr., G, Red Springs — 19.9 points, 4.4 rebounds

Kylee Thames, Sr., G, Red Springs — 7.7 points, 4.0 rebounds, 4.0 assists

Jakhi Purcell, Sr., G, St. Pauls — 14.7 points
* — denotes 2025 selection
^ — denotes 2024 selection

Honorable Mention

Lumberton's Aidan Clewis earned an honorable-mention selection.

The All-County Team and



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Lumberton coach David Strother gives the Pirates instructions in a timeout during a Feb. 13 game against Purnell Swett in Pembroke. Strother was named Robeson County Coach of the Year.

postseason awards are selected by The Robesonian sports staff with input from coaches.

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Baker

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that light for us, which is roundball, basketball," said Fairmont boys basketball coach Montrell McNair, who also played for Baker and has coached with him. "He started working with us in fourth grade and all the way up, just teaching us how to play the game of basketball and falling in love with it. And in the process of teaching us the game of basketball, teaching how to be respectable, responsible young men. So he had a huge impact on my development."

Even after retiring, he

currently serves as an assistant on McNair's boys basketball staff.

"He means a lot to me, just him being on my sideline, having all that knowledge," McNair said. "He's continuing to let that wisdom flow."

Baker also served as Fairmont's athletic director from 1994-2024.

"I didn't do this work for no honor, I did it because I enjoyed what I was doing," Baker said. "I enjoyed coaching, I enjoyed being AD, plus I enjoyed teaching. It was just an accumulation of all the work that I'd done, that I enjoyed doing. I enjoyed teaching just as much as sports, I enjoyed going to class and I

enjoyed doing experiments with the students. If you love teaching, you'll love coaching. I loved experimenting in my practices, 'let's try this, see if it works.'"

Given his longevity, Baker's impact has been felt by three generations of Fairmont students dating back to the 1980s, McNair said.

"He's getting the same results with different groups of kids," McNair said. "I just he's put a whole lot of time in, a lot of work, and he deserves to be recognized."

When Baker got the call informing him of his Hall of Fame selection, he said, Ronnie Chavis — the former Purnell Swett

and Public Schools of Robeson County athletic director who is himself an NCHSAA Hall of Famer — was sitting beside her. Joining the likes of Chavis, Brad Allen and other inductees with Robeson County ties is meaningful to Baker, he said.

"It's great when somebody was born and raised and worked in Robeson County and gets this honor," Baker said. "Maybe it will open the door for somebody else to get this opportunity."

First as a student, then as a teacher and coach, Baker has been on the Fairmont campus from 1973 to 2024 outside of the four years he attended Roanoke College — where he also in the school's Hall of Fame. He thanks the Fairmont community for making that time so worthwhile.

"I've got to give a shout out to my community, the

parents, who allowed me to teach and discipline their kids," Baker said. "They trusted me with doing it. I have to give them a big shout for doing that, for allowing me to trust in me that I'd make the right decision for the kids. I didn't say I made the right decision every time, but they knew my heart was in it."

Despite Baker retiring two years ago, he's still around often, continuing to mentor Golden Tornadoes players and coaches alike.

"I just hope that he keeps pouring into the community, as he's done and is still doing," Thompson said. "He's volunteering for track right now. I think he loves Fairmont High School, and he's probably going to pour into Fairmont High School until he can't do it anymore."

Baker is joined in the

2026 NCHSAA Hall of Fame class by:

— Patty Evers, long-time girls basketball coach and athletic director at East Bladen

— Zoe Bell, former volleyball coach at Providence and Ardrey Kell

— Greg Frey, former wrestling coach at Morehead

— Vicki Hamilton, former district athletic director for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

— B.W. Holt, a long-time former football coach at several schools, including Rocky Mount

— Leo Lockhart, a multi-sport official from Kinoston

— Bobby Reynolds, baseball coach at Cherryville and East Rutherford

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<p>Public Hearing for Annexation</p> <p>The Town of St. Pauls has received a voluntary petition to annex Parcel Number 21150403603 located at 500 S Fifth, St. Pauls. The Town Clerk has reviewed the petition for annexation and the metes and bounds legal description is sufficient to call for a public hearing for annexation. The public hearing will be held on March 29, 2026, at 210 W. Broad Street, St. Pauls in the Town Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend.</p> <p>3/21 3/28 2026</p> <p>NORTH CAROLINA</p> <p>ROBESON COUNTY 26 E 254</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS</p> <p>All persons, firms or corporations having claims against Virginia Lytch Batton, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 21, 2026, or be barred from any recovery.</p> <p>All persons indebted to said estate are asked to make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This the 21st day of March, 2026.</p> <p>James H. Batton, Executor of the Estate of Virginia Lytch Batton, Deceased, c/o Katherine H. Davis Attorney for the Estate Huggins, Davis & Associates, LLP P.O. Box 1571 Lumberton, NC 28359</p> <p>3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF FURNIE VISA SINGLETARY, JR DECEASED File Number 25E001576-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Co-Administrator, of the estate of Furnie Visa Singletary, Jr, deceased, late of Robeson County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of June, 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This the 28th day of February, 2026.</p> <p>Annie Singletary 1204 Saxon Avenue Lumberton, NC 28320</p> <p>Co-Administrator Tammy Singletary PO Box 636 Bladenboro, NC 28320</p> <p>Attorney Mr Robert Schaefer 252 Latitude Ln, Suite 102 Lake Wylie, SC 29710 (803) 368 - 4380</p> <p>2/28 3/7 3/14 3/21 2026</p> <p>TOWN OF PEMBROKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPERTY REZONING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Pembroke Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Pembroke Town Hall, 98 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, NC, to consider the following item:</p> <p>· Rezoning Request (Z-26-002) – A request submitted by Gregory Bryant (Applicant) on behalf of Four D's Properties, LLC (Owner) to rezone a 3.39-acre portion of a parcel located on Lumbee Bank Drive (Robeson County Tax Parcel ID #934337426900) from R-10, Residential District to C-3, Highway Business District.</p> <p>All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the Town Clerk at (910) 521-9758.</p> <p>3/21 3/28 2026</p>	<p>TOWN OF PEMBROKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONDITIONAL REZONING</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Pembroke Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, April 6, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Pembroke Town Hall, 98 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, NC, to consider the following item:</p> <p>· Rezoning Request (Z-26-001) – A request submitted by Jordan Neider (Applicant) on behalf of the estate of Dr. ML Brooks (Owner) to conditionally rezone an approximately 13.5-acre parcel located on Candy Park Road (Robeson County Tax Parcel ID #934363486091) from R-20, Residential District to R-8(CZ), Multiple-Family Dwell District (Conditional Zoning).</p> <p>All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the Town Clerk at (910) 521-9758.</p> <p>3/21 3/28 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ALTON CHAVIS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000181-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the Estate of ALTON CHAVIS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 7th day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>LYDIA RUTH CHAVIS 1698 BIGGS RD ROWLAND NC 28383</p> <p>3/7 3/14 3/21 3/28 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BARBARA ANN CHAVIS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000306-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of BARBARA ANN CHAVIS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 21st day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>PAMELA CHAVIS MAYNOR 1528 RUSS RD LUMBERTON NC 28358</p> <p>3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BARBARA WINCHESTER DECEASED FILE NUMBER 25 E 002124-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of BARBARA WINCHESTER, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 14th day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>C H R I S T O P H E R WINCHESTER 9841 ROCKFISH RD RAEFORD NC 28376</p> <p>3/14 3/21 3/28 4/4 2026</p>	<p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BOBBY DERRICK MOORE DECEASED FILE NUMBER 25 E 001943-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of BOBBY DERRICK MOORE, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 14th day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>PEGGY WILLIAMS WALTERS 405 JACKSON ST FAIRMONT NC 28340</p> <p>3/14 3/21 3/28 4/4 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DAVID STEPHEN BAKER DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000114-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of DAVID STEPHEN BAKER, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 7th day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>DAVID WAYNE BAKER 258 BRITT ROAD SAINT PAULS NC 28384</p> <p>3/7 3/14 3/21 3/28 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DENNIS JAMES SANDERSON DECEASED 25 E 002182-770</p> <p>The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dennis James Sanderson, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of JUNE, 2026, or be barred from their recovery.</p> <p>All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This the 14th day of March, 2026.</p> <p>Diane Jones Sanderson Administrator</p> <p>Brian Brooks Hunt & Brooks Post Office Box 999 Pembroke, N.C. 28372 (910) 521-3413 (910) 521-1027 (fax)</p> <p>3/14 3/21 3/28 4/4 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DENNIS STEVENS AKA DENNIS L STEVENS AKA DENNIS LAWRENCE STEVENS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000192-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the Estate of DENNIS STEVENS AKA DENNIS L STEVENS AKA DENNIS LAWRENCE STEVENS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 6th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 28th day of FEBRUARY 2026.</p> <p>PENNY S CUMMINGS 350 GEM ROAD LUMBERTON NC 28358</p> <p>2/28 3/7 3/14 3/21 2026</p>	<p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DON CHAVIS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 22 E 000860-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of DON CHAVIS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 11th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 7th day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>LINDA JONES 15001 US HWY 71 NORTH SHANNON NC 28386</p> <p>3/7 3/14 3/21 3/28 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF EULA ROGERS PERCELL DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000259-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of EULA ROGERS PERCELL, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 21st day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>BRENDA CAROL ROBINSON 1204 WILLIS AVE LUMBERTON NC 28358</p> <p>3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF HAZEL CARTER DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000296-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the Estate of HAZEL CARTER, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This the 21st day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>KIM C JACOBS 279 LUMBEE AVE LUMBERTON NC 28360</p> <p>3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11 2026</p> <p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JAMES THOMAS BURNS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000268-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the Estate of JAMES THOMAS BURNS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. 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All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.</p> <p>This is the 21st day of MARCH 2026.</p> <p>DEBRA JEAN HOOKS 55 OAKMOOR LANE WILLOW SPRING NC 27592</p> <p>3/21 3/28 4/4 4/11 2026</p>	<p>STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JAMES THOMAS BURNS DECEASED FILE NUMBER 26 E 000268-770</p> <p>The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the Estate of JAMES THOMAS BURNS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of JUNE 2026 or be barred from their recovery. 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Notices

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for HP Wolf Security Pro License**

The public will take notice that the Lumber River Council of Governments (hereinafter "LRCOG") of Pembroke, North Carolina will accept proposals for HP Wolf Security Pro Licenses, until April 1, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. Proposals should be addressed to Lumber River Council of Governments, RFP: HP Wolf Security Pro Licenses, 30 CJ Walker Road, Pembroke, NC 28372 and may be hand delivered by the date and time due or sent by mail to the above-referenced address or emailed to yci@lrcog.org and cu@lrcog.org.

Proposals received after the above cited time will be considered a late bid and are not acceptable.

Interested parties may obtain a complete description of the HP Wolf Security Pro Licenses from the LRCOG anytime between Monday and Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 am until 1:00 pm, except holidays. Any contract resulting from a proposals received shall be awarded to the person or entity that submits the best overall proposal as determined by the LRCOG. The factors to be considered in awarding the contract including the following:

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70.6% of possible points earned through the winter championships. Lees-McRae leads the women's race earning 80.1% of possible points, while Francis Marion is in second place with 78.2% of possible points. Belmont Abbey and North Greenville are tied for third with 73.1% of points earned, while Converse is tied with UNCP in fifth place.

UNC Pembroke has won the overall Joby Hawn Cup for the last three seasons. The Braves also claimed the conference's biggest athletic prize following the 1983-84, 1988-89 and 1991-92 seasons. The Black & Gold have taken top honors on the men's side for three-straight seasons, and placed second following the 2024-25 athletics season. The Braves have claimed the women's cup the last three seasons as well. Following the 2023-24 season, it was the first time that a school has won all three Joby Hawn Cup trophies in back-to-back seasons.

The Joby Hawn Cup is the annual all-sports award for Conference Carolinas. Hawn Cup points are awarded in each sport based on the order of regular season finish and the number of participating teams

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The Hawn Cup is named after H.C. "Joby" Hawn, who in 1962 became the first full-time Commissioner of what was then known as the Carolinas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and now Conference Carolinas. Following his retirement from the conference in 1976, Conference Carolinas began awarding the Hawn Cup annually in his honor.

St. Pauls HS track complex to be dedicated Saturday for Shaw

Staff report

ST. PAULS — The track complex at St. Pauls High School will be dedicated in honor of Coach David Shaw on Saturday.

The event will begin at 12 p.m. at the track, which is within G.S. Kinlaw Stadium. Shaw is the longtime coach of the St. Pauls track program. The public is invited to come

celebrate with former athletes, community members, family and friends as the school officially dedicates the complex to this beloved coach and mentor.

Lumberton pitching struggles against Gray's Creek

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Lumberton Pirates' pitching staff was feasted on in the middle innings en route to a 7-1 defeat against the Gray's Creek Bears. This was the Pirates' second-straight loss and third in their last four games. The Pirates have been outscored 28-18 during that span.

"I think we ended up with 13 people left on base," Lumberton coach Jonathan Benson said. "Our pitchers pitched well enough to keep us in the ballgame. The relievers need to come in and keep it a little tighter, but we have to execute on the offensive side."

The Bears' Corey Cox led off the game with a walk, before Ayden Nuzum pinch-ran for him. Nuzum stole a base before scoring on an infield single, giving Gray's Creek (3-4, 2-1 Tri-County Conference) a 1-0 lead. The Pirates (3-4, 0-3 TCC) went down on three straight groundouts in the



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Lumberton's Brennan Griffin swings at a pitch during Tuesday's game against Gray's Creek in Lumberton.

bottom of the first. Gray's Creek's K.J. Jackson led off the second inning with a single, and with two outs Ellis Reed kept the inning going with an RBI double, making it 2-0.

Lumberton's Brody Stueck led off the bottom of the second with a walk, before Jace Wilson struck out. Ultimately, Stueck's walk didn't lead to a run as Lumberton was held scoreless again.

Both offenses were held scoreless through the third and fourth innings, as the Bears held onto their 2-0 lead. David Bostic led off the fifth inning with a single

for Gray's Creek, before Corey Cox was walked. After Caden Caballero struck out, runners advanced on a fielding mishap, before Cooper Long hit an RBI single. Peyton Stanton and Jackson walked to load the bases, before Dalton Williams hit an RBI single. After Gunner Sterling flew out, Reed's RBI single gave Gray's Creek's a 6-0 lead.

Lumberton went down 1-2-3 to end the sixth inning before Gray's Creek scored another run in the seventh, this time after Caballero reached on a wild throw, followed by a single by Long and Stan-

ton getting hit by a pitch. Williams flew out to bring Caballero home. That was it for the inning though, as the Bears claimed a 7-0 lead heading into the bottom of the seventh inning.

In the bottom of the seventh, Lumberton's last stand began with Ethan Gray being walked. Fast-forward a couple batters and the bases are loaded. Rylee Carter hit an RBI single to make it 7-1, but the Pirates could not score further.

Long was a valuable asset for the Bears, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Reed was also important, going 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs. Cox was lights out on the mound, pitching 6 1/3 innings, allowing one unearned run.

Rylee Carter had the only RBI for Lumberton, but as Benson mentioned, the pitchers struggled once again.

Lumberton is set to play South View at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night.

Jacob Husson can be reached at 910-816-7365.

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PURPOSE OF MEETINGS

To hear upon request, any and all citizens who own or control property assessed in Robeson County, with respect to the valuation of such property, or the property of others and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities required by law.

TIME OF MEETINGS

Tuesday April 14th at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday June 16th at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of accepting application for appeals. If you wish to appeal your value you will have to contact Tax Administration and file an appeal by June 16th at 9:00 a.m.

PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings will be in the Training/Meeting Room 2nd Floor located at the Administration Building, 550 N. Chestnut Street, Lumberton.

In the event it is decided that the Board will adjourn earlier or later than June 16, 2026, notice to that effect will be published.

The schedule for hearing appeals will be posted at the Office of the Tax Administrator and will also be provided to individuals and organizations that have requested notice pursuant to G.S. 143-318.2.

All requests for hearings shall be made in writing to the Board of Equalization and Review or by personal appearance before the Board. Mail written request for hearing to:

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Officials needed for local youth baseball, softball

Staff report

LUMBERTON — Baseball and softball season has officially arrived in Robeson County, and local youth will once again have the opportunity to participate in several outstanding leagues this spring and summer. These include Fairmont Civitan, the Lumberton Youth Baseball Association, Lumberton Youth Softball and the West Robeson Baseball Association.

Over the past several years, these leagues have experienced tremendous success, consistently competing for — and winning — Dixie Youth World Series titles. Their achievements are a testament to the talent, dedication and community support that define youth sports in our area.

However, these leagues could not operate without the commitment of umpires. Their role is essential to ensuring that games are conducted fairly, safely and with integrity.

While baseball is often referred to as America's favorite pastime, there is a growing shortage of officials. Although compensation can be a factor for both new and experienced umpires, the primary concern continues to be the verbal abuse directed at officials by fans and, at times, coaches.

"I hear complaints all season from both new and veteran officials regarding verbal abuse from the stands and even from coaches," said Adrian Lowery, booking supervisor for recreation and middle school sports in Robeson County. "I officiate multiple sports at the recreation, middle school,



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian file photo
Umpires Anthony Maynor, left, and Alex Strickland, right, both from Pembroke, conference with a third umpire during a 2022 Dixie Youth World Series game in Lumberton.

and high school levels, and unfortunately, the issue is widespread. During a recreation football game last fall, I clearly heard a spectator shouting obscenities. I tried to ignore it, but eventually had to stop the game until the individual was removed. What stood out to me was that other parents and fans spoke up, saying they did not want that behavior around their children. That moment gave me hope. However, it remains difficult to recruit young officials. Many tell me they would rather spend their time doing something other than being yelled at."

Despite these challenges, Lowery remains hopeful about the future of sports officiating.

"Officiating can be very rewarding, especially as you develop relationships with our youth and have

the opportunity to watch them grow and compete," Lowery said. "I had the opportunity to officiate basketball games for the young ladies at Fairmont High School who recently competed for a state championship. It was exciting to see them perform at the highest level in our state."

Robeson County is calling on individuals to step up to the plate in 2026. Recreation baseball and softball season begins on Saturday in Fairmont. If you are interested — or know someone who may be — Lowery will host an informational meeting on Sunday at the Lumberton Housing Authority, located at 307 MLK Jr. Drive in Lumberton. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m.

All that is needed is you.

Track star Alford sets meet record in 800m

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Lumberton native Ariana Alford won a recent AAU 800-meter race and set a meet record with a time of 2:24.80. As she looks to continue her momentum, she gave her thoughts on her abilities and what's next.



Alford

"I just knew to start off slow because last time I started out fast, I got burnt and didn't finish strong," Alford said.

Pacing herself proved to be a better strategy in this race, proven by her setting a new meet record and winning.

Her coach, Calesio Newman echoed this sentiment.

"I've tried to teach her patience and strategy," he said.

She also explained why she started running track in the first place, offering insight into how she became the runner and person she is today.

"I've just been running since I was little," she said.

Alford's long-term experience with running was an asset to her on the track.

Newman discussed what he thinks was the biggest reason for her success in the race, as well as in her career, in general.

"I've been seeing a lot of perseverance and strength from her," he said. "She's done a mix of training with long runs and short sprints. We only used the 800 meters for strength."

Alford also took time to show gratitude toward the people closest to her, while also remembering friend Aubrey Campbell, who recently passed away.

"I want to thank my friends and my family members and I'm pushing for my friend. Long live Aubrey!" she said.

As Alford's track season continues, she'll look to set more records in future events.

Jacob Husson can be reached at 910-816-1977 or by email at jhusson@robersonian.com

Braves golf 2nd at Currahee Cup

Staff report

TOCCOA, Ga. — The UNC Pembroke golf team claimed a runner-up finish at the Emmanuel-hosted 2026 Currahee Cup on Tuesday afternoon at the Currahee Golf Club.

Catherine DeSiena (17 over par) finished in a three-way tie for first place with Fantine Carby of Erskine and Alba Caliz Rejas of Emmanuel, but lost in the three-hole playoff. Marta Ortega (22 over) picked up a top-10 finish placing in fifth place, while while Melissa Guerra Landa (33 over) finished among a three-way tie for 15th place. Maya Fitzgerald (39 over) made a jump on the leaderboard to finish in 20th place, while Taylor Black (53 over) rounded out the scoring for the Black & Gold in 26th place.

Ella Woo (33 over) who played as an individual, also made a move on the leaderboard to finish in

a three-way tie for 15th place.

The Braves will return to action on Monday at the Catawba-hosted Patsy Rendleman Invitational. The two-day tournament will be played at the Country Club of Salisbury.

Braves softball rolls by Ferrum

The UNC Pembroke softball team picked up its seventh series sweep of the season by taking a pair of games from Ferrum on Tuesday afternoon at Willoughby Field.

The Braves scored multiple runs in all four innings of the opening contest and registered 11 hits to defeat the Panthers 10-0 in five innings. Ferrum sparked a rally in the fifth inning but stranded seven runners during the contest and fell 4-2 to UNC Pembroke in the back half of the doubleheader.

In the doubleheader opener, Chloe Locklear

singled to left field in the third inning before Makayla Etling sent one over the center-field fence to give the Braves a 5-0 lead. Cirstin Calloway drew a walk, advanced to second on a throwing error, and would score on a triple from Alona Hanna. UNCP would score one more run in the inning to take a 7-0 advantage.

Etling had three hits including a triple and a home run and three RBIs. Hunt had two hits with an RBI, while Summer Bullard (12-4) struck out five in five innings pitched.

Emily Wood (3-4) took the loss for Ferrum.

In the nightcap, Kaitlyn King smacked a double down the left field line in the third inning and would score on a single up the middle from Alex Serbio. A single to the outfield gap from Hunt scored Serbio for an early 2-0 lead.

Ferrum loaded the

bases in the fifth with three consecutive singles to the outfield. A sacrifice fly from Sadie Smith scored one run, followed by an RBI single up the middle from Abby Bradberry to cut the Panthers deficit back to 3-2.

In the bottom half, Emma Wrenn drew a walk, stole second, and advanced to third. A groundout from Locklear plated Wrenn for an insurance run for the Braves.

King had two hits including a double and an RBI for UNCP. Etling had two more hits and Hunt had a hit and an RBI. Halona Sampson (8-3) earned the win.

Abby Bradberry had two hits to lead Ferrum. Chloe Constantino (3-6) was the losing pitcher.

The Braves traveled to the mountains of Georgia on Friday to battle with Young Harris.

Braves baseball falls to No. 3 Catawba

No. 23 UNC Pembroke

took a 4-3 lead in the top of the fourth inning, but No. 3 Catawba scored 11 of the last 13 runs as the Braves fell 14-6 in non-conference action Tuesday afternoon at Newman Park.

Landon Lucas paced the offense, going 2-for-4 with two solo home runs, while Peyton Young was 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs.

The Braves (19-6) dropped to 33-33 all-time against the Indians (21-4), and have now lost four straight in the series.

The Black & Gold will be back in action Friday as they host No. 15 Young Harris for a Conference Carolinas series. First pitch Friday is set for 5 p.m.

Catawba struck first as Logan Dyer singled in the third inning and came home on a two-run homer from Brandon Crabtree.

In the fourth, the Braves got on the board with a one-out solo shot from Lucas, before Bran-

ton Jernigan walked, stole second, and came home on Peyton Young's two-run homer to tie the game at 3-3. Morgan Padgett followed with a double, while Ashton Donathan brought home Padgett with an RBI single to give UNCP a 4-3 lead.

Catawba answered back in the fourth and took the lead for good on a Dyer RBI single, Crabtree RBI walk, and a Sam Hunter sac fly to make it 6-4.

Jay Leonard (1-1) was the losing pitcher for UNCP.

Malachi Cloud had three hits with a home run and three RBIs for Catawba, Dyer had three hits and two RBIs and Sam Hunter had two hits with a triple, a home run and two RBIs. Brandon Crabtree had three RBIs. Braeden Major (1-0) got the win for the Indians.

The Black & Gold was back in action Friday hosting No. 15 Young Harris for a Conference Carolinas series.

Braves track & field opens up competition at Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational

Staff report

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Gary Parker and Hayes Weatherman each brought home top-10 finishes on opening-day

action Thursday at the Alan Connie Shamrock Invitational.

Parker finished sixth in the men's hammer throw with a personal-best mark of 52.40 meters, while Weatherman

crossed in 33:29.53 to take eighth in the men's 10,000-meters.

The Braves were back in action Friday for Day 2 action of the event.

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Duke looks to refocus in 2nd-round bout with TCU

Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The East Region's top-seeded Duke Blue Devils are hoping they've learned a lesson after surviving a first-round scare from Siena in the NCAA Tournament: be aggressive from the start.

Siena grabbed an early lead against Duke on Thursday and led for the majority of the game before the Blue Devils began to wear down a Saints team that played just five players for 39 minutes and escaped with a 71-65 win. It allowed the Blue Devils to avoid becoming the third No. 1 seed in NCAA Tournament history to fall to a 16 seed.

"Our competitive spirit was not there where it needed to be," Duke coach Jon Scheyer said Friday before practice. "You have to go into this thing as the aggressors. That's why we've been really good and we've had

the year that we've had.

"For us, it's all about getting back to ourselves, nothing other than doing what we've done, defending, rebounding, the whole thing. Our talk and energy, I can tell you it will be back (Saturday). I know these guys, and it will be back the way it needs to be."

Help could be on the way for Duke (33-2).

Scheyer said he is "hopeful" that 6-foot-11 sophomore Patrick Ngongba will return after missing the Siena game with right foot soreness.

Ngongba potentially could help open up a Duke offense that struggled to find its rhythm against the Saints. Scheyer called Ngongba one of the most impactful big men in college basketball.

Regardless of whether he plays or not, the Blue Devils want to hit the floor with a different mentality.

"We have to be more aware of just we can't

start the game the way we did against Siena," Duke forward Maliq Brown said. "Obviously every team is in the tournament for a reason. Everybody can compete with anybody who goes on that court. We've got to play the full 40 minutes."

Don't expect TCU (23-11) to be intimidated.

The Horned Frogs have already played the other three No. 1 seeds in the tournament, knocking off defending national champion Florida 84-80 and losing to Michigan 67-63 and to Arizona 87-73 during the regular season.

"You see everything in the Big 12," TCU's Jayden Pierre said. "A lot of projected lottery picks and a lot of great teams, a lot of top-10 teams, top-25 teams. I feel like we were very battle-tested. The Big 12 is the best league in the country. I feel like it's really prepared us for this moment."



Brynn Anderson | AP Photo

Duke's Cameron Boozer (12) and Nikolas Khamenia (14) battle for the ball with Siena's Riley Mulvey (55), Brendan Coyle (21) and Gavin Doty (4) during Thursday's NCAA Tournament first-round game in Greenville, S.C.

TCU needed a layup from Xavier Edmonds with 4.3 seconds left to beat No. 8 seed Ohio State 66-64 in Round 1 after surrendering a 15-point halftime lead.

The Horned Frogs will be trying to reach the

tournament's Round of 16 for the first time.

"We know that we have a chance to kind of do something special," TCU guard Micah Robinson said. "We know that we're kind of one game away from making TCU

history. I'm not going to say that that's like something that's driving us, but I just feel like that's something else that we could add to the list of good things that we've been able to accomplish this year."



Chris Carlson | AP Photo

VCU guard Terrence Hill Jr. celebrates after scoring in overtime against North Carolina in Thursday's first-round NCAA Tournament game in Greenville, S.C.

VCU comes back, stuns Tar Heels in OT

Steve Reed & Bob Sutton
AP Sports Writers

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Terrence Hill Jr. felt he just wasn't himself in the first half of Thursday night's first round NCAA Tournament game.

When he returned after the break, he was nearly unstoppable.

Hill made a stepback 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in overtime and 11th-seeded VCU erased a 19-point, second-half deficit to stun sixth-seeded North Carolina 82-78 in the teams' opener.

Hill finished 7 for 10 from 3-point range and scored 23 of his 34 points after halftime as VCU (28-7) won its first March Madness game since 2016.

"I know my team needs me down the stretch," Hill said. "Going into the second half, I wanted to be as aggressive as possible. When the plays were there for me to make them, I was going to make them. And if my teammates were open, I was going to hit them."

Nyk Lewis added 16 points, including two free throws in OT, to seal the game for the Rams, who pulled off the sixth-biggest comeback in tournament history and the second-largest second-half comeback, behind Nevada's 22-point rally against Cincinnati in 2018.

VCU will face No. 3 seed Illinois, a 105-70 winner over No. 14 Penn, in the second round on Saturday.

"This game was the perfect microcosm of who this group has been," VCU coach Phil Martelli Jr. said. "They've been resilient as much as any group I've ever been around. We've done it all year."

Henri Veesaar had 26 points and 10 rebounds for the Tar Heels (25-8), who went 0-3 after star

Caleb Wilson was ruled out for the season with a broken thumb.

For the third time in the last four seasons, the Tar Heels failed to reach the Round of 32 under coach Hubert Davis.

"We had open looks. We had shots at the basket. We had executed plays," Davis said. "And we missed eight free throws. Sometimes the ball doesn't go in."

In overtime, Seth Trimble made 1 of 2 free throws with 35 seconds left to put the Tar Heels up 78-77.

But, Hill responded with a crucial 3 from beyond the top of the key to give VCU the lead for good at 80-78 lead.

Veesaar was fouled with 4.2 seconds left, but missed the first of two free throws. With the second free throw essentially meaningless, he was forced to try to throw the ball off the rim. But, he missed the rim completely and VCU got the ball underneath the North Carolina basket.

Lewis was fouled and hit two free throws to ice the game.

"We weren't playing as loose as we did the whole game," Trimble said of his team's play down the stretch.

North Carolina had built a 19-point lead with 15 minutes remaining in regulation largely behind Veesaar and Trimble before VCU came storming back to tie it at 75 with 11 seconds left on a driving layup by Hill.

After the Tar Heels called a timeout, Veesaar lost the ball out of bounds in the frontcourt with 2.4 seconds left, giving VCU a chance to win. But Trimble stole the inbounds pass and had a chance to flip the script, but missed a running 3-point try at the buzzer, sending the

game into OT.

VCU shot 62% from the field in the second half and was 7 of 10 from beyond the arc in the second half to force overtime.

UNC advances in women's tournament

Nyla Harris scored 17 points, Lanie Grant had 15 and North Carolina rolled past cold-shooting Western Illinois 82-51 on Friday night in the first round of the women's NCAA Tournament.

Nyla Brooks added 14 points and Indya Nivar had 11 as the Tar Heels, hosting games on the opening weekend for the second year in a row, won a first-round game for the fifth straight season.

Fourth-seeded North Carolina (27-7) will meet fifth-seeded Maryland, a 99-67 winner over Murray State in the site's first game, on Sunday in the second round.

Mia Nicastro scored 21 points for No. 13 seed Western Illinois (26-6), which shot 30.4% from the field. The Leathernecks were 2 for 15 on 3-pointers. Nicastro shot 6 for 15 from the floor and 9 for 10 on free throws, coming up just short of her 24.2 points per game scoring average.

Grant made four of North Carolina's 10 3-point baskets. Harris had 12 rebounds as part of the Tar Heels' 47-32 edge on the boards.

North Carolina built a 23-11 lead while the Leathernecks made only three of their first 17 shots. The Tar Heels had a 38-24 halftime lead, holding Western Illinois to 25% shooting without a 3-point basket.

In a matchup of former Atlantic Coast Conference rivals, North Carolina will play Maryland with the right to advance to the Sweet 16.



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STIP PROJECT NO. HO-0014

LUMBERTON - The N.C. Department of Transportation is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposal to make pedestrian and safety improvements along N.C. 72 (Second Street) from N.C. 41 (Martin Luther King Jr. Drive) to N.C. 211 (Roberts Avenue). The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested citizens with information on the project and gather public input on the proposed design.

Project details and maps can be found on NCDOT's project input website at publicinput.com/2ndstreet-improvements-robesson. The information will be available at the meeting allowing for one-on-one discussions with NCDOT staff, but there will be no formal presentation.

The meeting will be held from **5 to 7 p.m. on March 26** at **East Lumberton Baptist Church, 210 Old Whiteville Road, in Lumberton.**

People may also submit comments by phone at **984-205-6615** project code **11303**, email 2ndstreet-improvements-robesson@publicinput.com, or mail at the address shown below by **April 10, 2026.**

By Mail: Sean Matuszewski, PE
NCDOT Highway Division 6 – Project Engineer
558 Gillespie Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

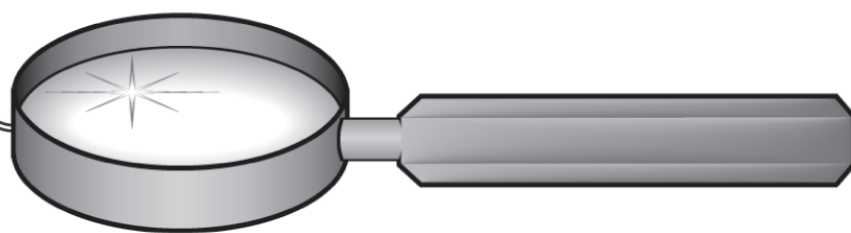
NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, 919-707-6069 or magallagher@ncdot.gov as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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THE SKINNY Spring break road trip tips

Metro Creative Connection

Arriving months after the holiday season and right around the end of winter, spring break comes at the perfect time for families and students. A winter spent largely indoors can excite anyone about the prospect of soaking up some sun from the comforts of a sandy beach, and millions will do whatever it takes to make such a trip possible.

Many spring breakers may fly to their destination, but that can be costly for families paying for multiple flights. Indeed, spring break can be one of the more costly times to travel by air, as it's considered a peak travel period. Families who want to get away but don't want to spend thousands of dollars on flights alone can take to the road and drive to their destinations. If a road trip is in the cards, families can consider these strategies to ensure a safe and fun excursion.

— Have your vehicle fully serviced before your trip. Winter can be hard on a vehicle, particularly when a car is parked outside in locations where harsh weather is the standard between December and March. A full checkup that tops off fluids, tests the brakes (and replaces them, if necessary), inflates the tires (and again, replaces them, if necessary), tests the battery, and checks headlights and wiper blades to ensure they're operating at peak capacity can prepare a vehicle for the journey to your spring break destination.

— Make some pit stops along the way. If it's an especially long trip to your destination, extend your travels by a day or two and make an extra stop along your way to your destination and on your return home. Find a fun activity along the way, such as a trip to a local indoor water park or a must-see hiking spot, so everyone can spend a day moving around before getting back in the car.

— Don't be a motorized martyr. When your ultimate destination is a warm, sun-soaked beach, it can be tempting to make the trip in a single day. But fatigued drivers are dangerous drivers, so it's best to build in some time to take a break and even share driving duty with another licensed driver. Moms and dads can switch halfway through the trip.

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Drumz Up Gunz Down comes to Lumberton

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Drumz Up Gunz Down nonprofit is hosting a free event for Robeson County's youth on Saturday, March 28.

Drumz Up Gunz Down was created in 2022 after founder Kandi Hoskins' 22-year-old brother, Antwain Maurice Hoskins, lost his life during a shooting incident in Fayetteville. The nonprofit aims to encourage young people to channel their emotions into productive outlets, such as drumming and music, rather than resorting to violence.

"(Antwain) started drumming when he was just 3 or 4 years old," Hoskins said. "He started on pots and pans, and grew to love drumming so much it became his passion."

Whenever her brother was going through a hard time, he would retreat to his set of drums and turn his feelings into music. Hoskins said you could always find him at a friend's house or at a music center, jamming away on the drums and working through his feelings to the beat.

"We want to implement what he did and how he did it," Hoskins said, "and spread joy and love all over the city and community, which is why we give out drumsticks to kids all over."

Since starting Drumz Up Gunz Down, Hoskins and her family, who are also involved in the nonprofit, have given out countless pairs of drumsticks to kids in less fortunate situations, including sending over 50 pairs to children in Ghana.

"At one point," Hoskins said, "those kids were playing with little wooden sticks or whatever they could find. One of the directors over there reached out to us and said, 'it would be such a blessing if we could get a pair of drumsticks.' Instead of sending one pair, we sent several. Now the kids are using



Contributed photo | Kandi Hoskins

The Hoskins family running a Drumz Up Gunz Down event.

them, and they love it! They're creating their own beat, and that's what all this is for."

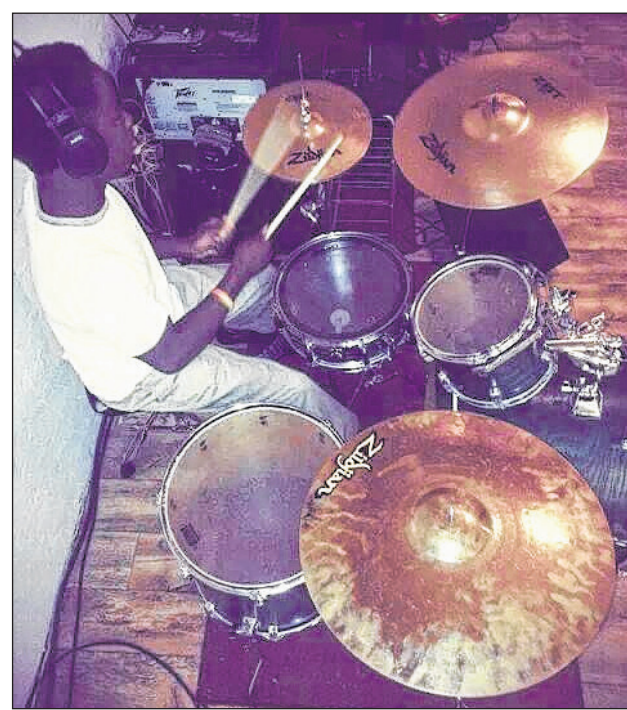
The nonprofit plans to go to Ghana in person this year to help spread its message and impact even further.

Though the program has been running for nearly four years, most of the funding for the events and for donated drumsticks still comes from Hoskins and her family's own pockets. However, the impact they have made so far and the importance of keeping Antwain's memory alive have made any difficulty worth pushing through, according to Hoskins.

"We are still a grieving family," she said. "We've got to keep this thing going on because we know it's going somewhere great. More people are getting involved; they see the vision. We're just going to give it to God, and He will take us very far."

The March 28 event will feature drumline performances, youth encouragement, community leaders and activities designed to uplift and inspire young people throughout the region. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.



Antwain Hoskins playing the drums.

Put some spring in your cleaning step

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Spring is the season of nature's rebirth. Trees and flowers begin to bloom anew each spring, and young animals can be seen frolicking with their parents. During a time when it seems like the entire planet gets a refresh, many homeowners turn their thoughts to refreshing their homes as well.

As the days lengthen and the weather warms, spring cleaning takes center stage. Spring cleaning is more extensive than simply washing away

grime, as cleaning a home often offers a psychological reset for the coming months. A clear strategy can make the task of spring cleaning feel less daunting, and these tips can help cut down on clutter and other interior annoyances that have arisen after months spent indoors.

Declutter before cleaning

The rule of thumb when starting on spring cleaning is to combat clutter before cleaning. Trying to clean around

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian file photo

Musician Itai White plays during the Main Street Art Stroll on Oct. 9, 2025 in downtown Lumberton.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Send your Community Calendar items to Editor Chris Stiles at cstiles@robsonian.com.

Diamond Eagles Baseball, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., March 21: The Diamond Eagles are hosting Pitt Community College for a baseball doubleheader. The first game is at 1:00 p.m., and the second is at 4:00 p.m. Come out and support the Diamond Eagles and enjoy the action.

Easter Bunny Photos, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., March 22: The Easter Bunny is visiting Biggs Park Mall! Stop by for a photo and complete a special spring outfit while shopping in the mall. Happy Easter!

Friends of Main Street Presents Itai White, 3 p.m., March 22: Friends of Main Street Lumberton will host Itai White, local musician, at Happenings on Elm, 605 North Elm Street, Lumberton. This is an event of Stories and Sounds Downtown, funded through the NC Arts Council Grassroots funds coming to the Robeson County Arts Council.

Give My Regards to Broadway, 5:30 p.m., March 26: The Robeson County Arts Council and the Carolina Civic Center are excitedly teaming up to present "Give My Regards to Broadway!" Enjoy an evening of Broadway favorites on the theater's Mighty Morton organ, performed by master of the keys Mark Andersen. In support of the Arts in Robeson County, join us for an enchanting evening featuring organ music, exquisite cuisine, a thoughtfully curated silent auction, and a lively theater singalong. Come sing with us, and you get to be the star! Reserved tables for 8 guests are available for purchase. Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office at 910-738-4339, calling Joy at 910-736-4686, or online.

Adult Color & Coffee, March 27, 10 a.m. to noon: The Robeson County Public Library extends a welcome to adults to join an Adult Color and Coffee session at the Lumberton Branch. Just chill, drink coffee and color! Enjoy!

In Ya Faith Ministries Easter Egg Hunt, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 4: The In Ya Faith Ministries nonprofit is hosting an easter egg hunt for the children of Robeson County at Cukaberry Farms in Fairmont. Alongside the egg hunt, the event will have live entertainment, food trucks and various local vendors.

Friends of Main Street Presents Tonya Holy Elk, 3 p.m., May 3: Tonya Holy Elk and her son, Lakoda John will share poetry and music on Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m. at The Kinship NC, 304 North Elm Street, Lumberton. This is an event of Stories and Sounds Downtown, funded through the NC Arts Council Grassroots funds coming to the Robeson County Arts Council.

ONGOING

Children's Storytime — Lumberton, 10:30-11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, Robeson County Public Library, 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

Children's Storytime — Pembroke, 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the Pembroke Library, 413 Blaine St, Pembroke.

Music, Rhymes, and Storytime, 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month, Robeson County Public Library, 101 N. Chestnut St., Lumberton.

Children's Storytime — Red Springs, 10:30-11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of each month at McMillan Memorial Library, Red Springs.

Children's Storytime — Fairmont, 4:30-5:30 p.m., on the fourth Tuesday of each month, at the Hector MacLean Library, 106 S. Main St., Fairmont.

Children's Storytime — St. Pauls, 10:30-11:30 a.m., on the fourth Wednesday at the Annie H McEachern Library, 223 W. Broad St, St Pauls.

Farmers Market: Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: On Wednesdays, the Robeson County Farmers Market features vegetables grown in Robeson County and neighboring counties. Local craft vendors are welcome additions to the market, and we encourage you to take the time to get to know them. The market is open every Wednesday from 7 a.m. to noon and on Saturdays through November, or until vendors sell out.

PET OF THE WEEK



Summer was found as a stray and pregnant. She was extremely scared and feral. She was taken in by a wonderful family and let her take care of her kittens. They have all been adopted. Summer is approx. 1-2 years old. She has been spayed and vaccinated. She still is very scared of humans. She is being fostered in a home with animals and she loves all of them. She will roam the house and she likes that. She likes her own space so she will not be your cuddle buddy. But she would love the protection of being and inside kitty. For information on adopting Summer contact Fur-Ever Home Animal Rescue of NC Inc., Lumberton at fureverhomeinc@gmail.com.

Tips

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If you already know the trip will take multiple days on the road, then stop driving no later than sundown to ensure you and your fellow drivers

get a good night's rest. — Line up some in-vehicle entertainment. A long road trip with young children will require some in-vehicle entertainment. Load up a tablet with movies to keep the kids occupied during the drive but also arrange for

some non-device game play as well. A book of puzzles, a family sing-along, a round or two of I spy, the license plate game, and even some kid-friendly trivia can provide some fun distractions on the way to your destination.

The cost of air travel can be prohibitive for families looking to get away this spring break. Some simple strategies can make road trips a safe, fun and cost-effective means to getting away when school lets out this spring.

Cleaning

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clutter is inefficient and may result in throwing in the towel prematurely. It is important to remove as much as possible from each room before you begin cleaning. As homeowners move through each room, they can assess whether they've used items in the last year or whether they serve any functional or aesthetic purposes. If not, they can be trashed or donated.

Move top to bottom

It's important to follow the rules of science when

spring cleaning. That means that dust and debris will be affected by gravity. Engaging in a top-down approach will help make cleaning more efficient. Beginning at the ceiling and working down towards the floors will help people avoid having to clean the same surface twice.

Using a duster or a microfiber cloth, individuals can clear cobwebs from corners and dust from crown molding. Fingerprints will accumulate near light switches and door handles, so those areas should be wiped down, too.

Homeowners can conduct a thorough cleaning

of heating and cooling output and intake vents as they likely have gathered dust over the winter. A down of floor moldings can get to any area near the floor or under furniture that doesn't get frequent cleaning.

Do a kitchen reset

Focusing attention on the kitchen, which tends to be the busiest room in the house, is a wise idea for spring cleaning plans. This is the time for individuals to pull everything out of the refrigerator and pantry and check for expiration dates. Wiping down the shelves means cleaning away any accumulated food drips or spills. Addi-

tional areas to consider include behind the refrigerator, inside the dishwasher filter and inside the microwave.

Focus on air quality

It's key to replace the HVAC system filters come springtime, as well as any air purifiers in the home. This will help reduce allergens and ensure that the cooling system will run efficiently when it's time to turn it on.

Spring cleaning takes place each year. Prioritizing decluttering and following a systematic path through the home helps people eliminate stress and mess at the same time.

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

PUZZLES & GAMES

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to spring cleaning. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = 6)

A. 22 23 15 21 11 25
Clue: Storage area

B. 15 6 7 20 9 2 16 11
Clue: Make orderly

C. 17 19 21 25 2 9 7
Clue: Cleaning fine particles

D. 22 23 11 20 9 21 11
Clue: Make thoroughly clean

Answers: A. closet B. organize C. dusting D. cleanse

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cleaning.

E A W R T

Answer: Water

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in England on March 18, 1989. I began acting at age two on a BBC television show. I gained success in America for various roles on TV and in movies. My most recent role involves a fish-out-of-water scenario set in Paris. My dad is a famous musician.

Answer: Lily Collins

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to Oktoberfest.

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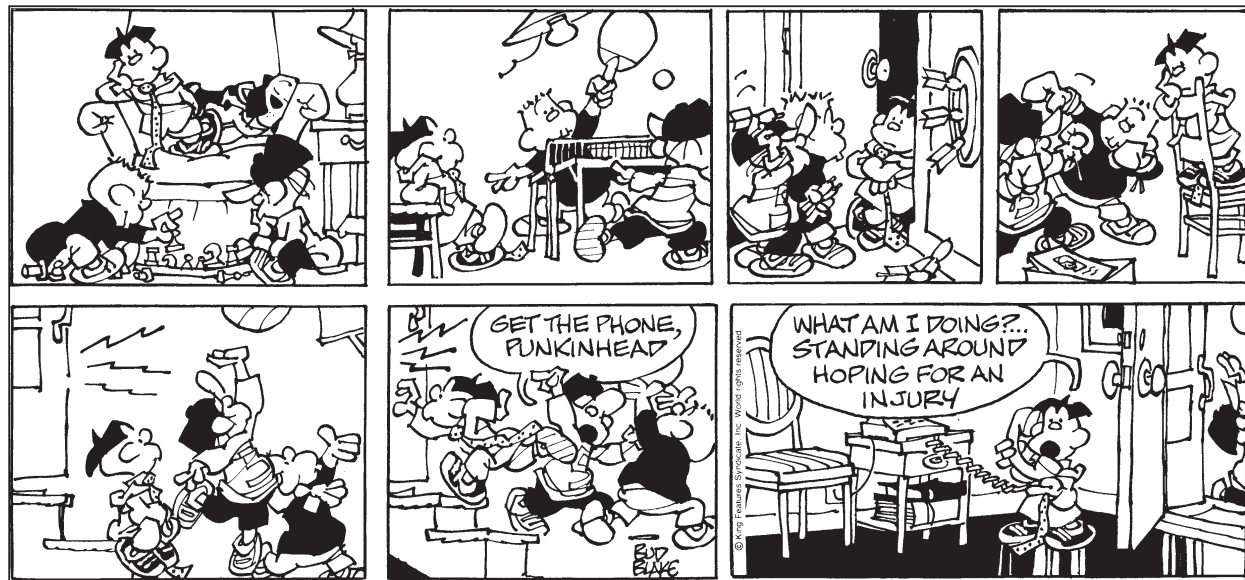
Answer: Bavaria

SUDOKU ANSWER

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TIGER

By Bud Blake



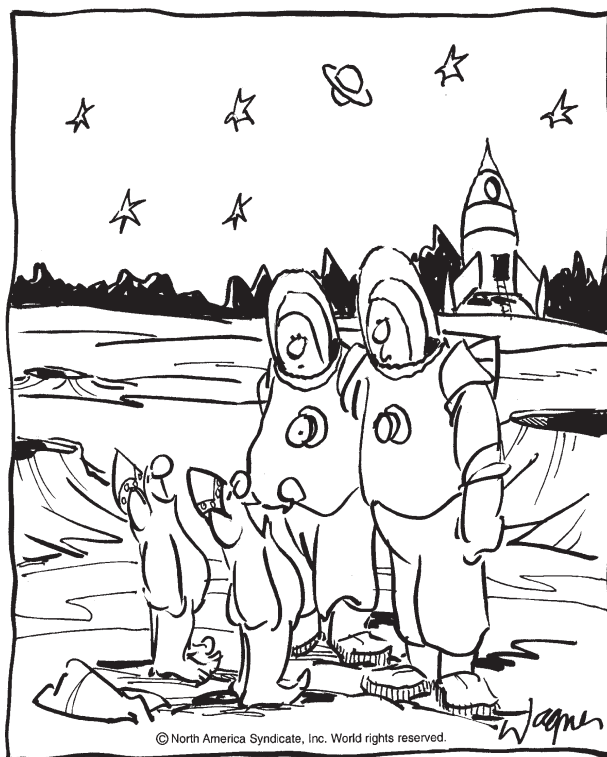
FLASH GORDON

By Jim Keefe



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner



“You guys really wear diapers?”

A crossword puzzle titled 'FEAR & KNIGHT' by rj johnson. The puzzle includes a grid with some letters filled in, a list of words to be unscrambled, and instructions for solving the puzzle.

A large crossword puzzle titled 'Super Crossword' with a 'DOWNWARD TREND' section. It includes a grid with numbered squares and a list of clues for both across and down directions.

A 'MAGIC MAZE' puzzle titled 'WHERE WE KEEP CASH'. It features a maze with words hidden inside and a list of words to be found.

A 'GO FIGURE!' puzzle. It consists of a grid with numbers and arithmetic signs (+, -, x, =) placed in some cells. The goal is to use the numbers to complete the grid.

A section titled 'Today's Solutions' containing the answers to the crossword puzzle and the 'Super Crossword'.

HEALTH FAQ

What is UNC Health Southeastern's Pharmacy Care Clinic?

Dezia Jo Chavis, Pharm.D.
UNC Health Southeastern

UNC Health Southeastern's Pharmacy Care Clinic, established in the early 2000s, is dedicated to helping patients in our community access the prescription medications they need. The clinic is funded through a generous grant from the North Carolina Office of Rural Health and Community Care. Our team works directly with prescription assistance programs on behalf of eligible patients, allowing many to receive medications completely free of charge.

Q: Who does the clinic help?

A: We assist patients who are facing financial hardship, lack health insurance, have limited prescription coverage, or are Medicare beneficiaries experiencing high costs.

Q: How much does it cost to receive help from the Pharmacy Care Clinic?

A: There is no cost for patients to receive assistance through the Pharmacy Care Clinic. If you are approved for a prescription assistance program, every medication covered by that program is provided to you completely free of charge. Our clinic handles the application process on your behalf, and our goal is to ensure you receive the medications you need without any financial burden.

Q: How does the prescription assistance process work?

A: Once you provide the required documentation, our team applies to prescription assistance programs on your behalf. If approved, you will receive your medications at no cost.

Q: What documents do I need to bring to determine my eligibility?

A: To help us evaluate your eligibility, please bring:

1. Proof of income
 - Recent pay stub
 - Federal tax return
 - Social Security income statement
 - Disability, retirement, or unemployment benefits statement
 - If no income, a letter of support from the person providing for you is required
2. Proof of residency
 - Provide documentation showing your current address, such as: utility bill, lease agreement or any piece of official mail
3. Valid Form of Identification (ID)
4. Medicaid documentation
 - Medicaid denial letter or Family Planning Program letter
5. Current Prescriptions
 - Bring a hardcopy prescription from your doctor for each medication

Q: Are there additional requirements for Medicare patients?

A: Yes. Medicare beneficiaries must also apply for the Low-Income Subsidy (Extra Help) program. However, this can be handled by our office via telephone.

Q: What is the clinic's mission?

A: Our mission is simple—to support your health and well-being without adding financial stress. We are committed to helping every patient access essential medication, regardless of their financial or insurance status.

Q: I'm a healthcare provider. What should I do if I identify a patient who may need help accessing their medications?

A: If you believe a patient is struggling to afford their medications, you can help by referring them directly to the Pharmacy Care Clinic. Providers can:

- Encourage the patient to call us at (910) 671-5272 for assistance.
- Provide the patient with our address: 2934 North Elm Street, Suite D, Lumberton, NC 28358.
- Provide the patient with a hardcopy prescription for each medication for which they need assistance.
- Share our list of required documentation so the patient can gather what they need before their visit.
- Contact our clinic directly if you have questions about a patient's eligibility or available programs.

Q: What are your hours of operation and how can I contact the Pharmacy Care Clinic?

A: The Pharmacy Care Clinic is open Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, you may contact the clinic, which is located at Southeastern Health Mall, 2934 North Elm Street, Suite D, Lumberton, by phone at 910-671-5272.



Melanie Bush, the interim deputy secretary of NC Medicaid, addresses lawmakers in Raleigh on March 10, 2026.

NC General Assembly via NC Health News

NC reports early progress in Medicaid plan for foster children

Jaymie Baxley
NC Health News

North Carolina's new Medicaid plan for children in the foster care system has enrolled more than 32,000 young people, and state and health plan officials told lawmakers Tuesday they've cut the average time to arrange a child's placement from 45 days to 16.

The update came during a meeting of the General Assembly's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid, where officials from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services and Healthy Blue Care Together — the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina subsidiary administering the plan — gave their early progress report on the Children and Families Specialty Plan launched in December.

The plan is designed to provide integrated physical and behavioral health coverage to children and young adults who are in foster care or have previously received child welfare services. It is intended to replace a patchwork regional system in which children were served by local managed care organizations whose coverage didn't automatically follow a child when they moved across county lines.

"There was no one source of health care for these children," said Melanie Bush, interim director of NC Medicaid. "Now that we have a statewide plan, Healthy Blue Care Together is able to manage their care across the entire state."

A 'digital backpack' for medical records

Within 24 hours of their enrollment, state officials said, every child covered by the plan is assigned a care manager whose role is to help families and social workers find and coordinate services.

"As soon as the child enrolls in the plan, the care manager will

reach out to the member and a complete risk assessment, which will include a medication review, is done, and coordination directly with their primary care provider occurs," said Angela Boykin, CEO of Healthy Blue. "Additionally, the care manager will continually evaluate the member's reunification and permanency goals."

Boykin described the system as giving every child a kind of "digital backpack" — a continuously updated record of their health history, medications and care needs that travels with them regardless of where they're placed.

She offered an example of what that means in practice: a child moving into foster care who needs an asthma inhaler.

Under the old regional system, that medication information might not have transferred with the child if he or she moved from their parents' care in one county to the home of a relative in another. Under the new plan, Boykin said, the care manager ensures the prescription is ready at the child's new location before they arrive.

"It's not a start-over for the child," she said. "It's not additional trauma or confusion for the family that's involved. [Everything] stays consistent because the record and information stays together."

People eligible for the Children and Families Specialty Plan include:

- Children in foster care
- Children adopted from foster care or placed in guardianship
- Young adults who aged out of foster care up to age 26
- The minor children of those young adults

A future phase of the plan is expected to extend services to children who are at risk of entering foster care but can remain safely at home with the right supports — an approach aimed at preventing removals

before they happen.

Michael Leighs, NC DHHS' deputy secretary for opportunity and well-being, framed the plan in the context of a broader push to reform child welfare in the state, which also includes the PATH NC child welfare information system, now live in 89 counties, and the Fostering Care Act passed last spring.

He noted that kinship placements have expanded to nearly one in three foster care arrangements — a figure he attributed in part to financial supports for unlicensed kinship providers.

Leighs used a hypothetical case to illustrate what the plan can mean for families: a grandmother who might otherwise have said no to taking in a grandchild with complex medical needs can now say yes because a care manager is supposed to handle coordination.

"For John, this difference is life changing," Leighs said, using a fictional name.

"The system is working better," he contended.

Smoothing 'bumps in the road'

The plan is intended not only to help families, but also to ease pressure on county child welfare agencies, whose social workers must already juggle court appearances, placement monitoring and reunification planning alongside health-related tasks.

Nearly 80 percent of the state's 100 counties have accepted an offer to have a Healthy Blue care manager co-located inside their Department of Social Services office, Boykin said. The plan also employs regional DSS liaisons who are supposed to build relationships with local offices.

"Establishing those local relationships is very important," said Bush, who took over as interim head of NC Medicaid after former director Jay Ludlam's departure at the beginning of March. Still, officials

acknowledged that the plan's implementation has not been without challenges.

Early provider payment problems required the plan to issue hardship payments totaling roughly \$1.7 million across December, January and February, though Bush said no new hardship payment requests had come in during February or March, suggesting the billing issues may be resolving.

Care management quality was also cited as an area of continued monitoring. Bush said Healthy Blue had responded to early complaints by providing additional training and reassigning staff.

"With every managed care launch, there are bumps in the road that we try to smooth," she said.

Boykin listed care manager training and skill development as one of her top three challenges going forward, alongside building local county relationships and helping new providers navigate the plan's billing requirements.

"The challenges we are trying to solve are not going to be solved overnight," Boykin said. "It is going to take each of us in this room and many others across the state working together to achieve the child welfare reform we need to see happen."

For Bush, the ultimate goal of the plan is to ensure that "children are getting the screenings and health care services they need the minute they come into child welfare custody."

The greatest indicator of the plan's success, she added, will be "improved health outcomes for those children."

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"The Forsytes," based upon author John Galsworthy's Forsyte Saga trilogy from the 1920s, makes its Masterpiece premiere Sunday, March 22, on PBS. Starring BAFTA winner Francesca Annis ("Lillie") in the role of Forsyte family matriarch Ann, the series is more of a reimagining than a remake, featuring events that take place before those in the original source material. Joshua Orpin ("Titans"), Danny Griffin ("The Gentlemen," 2019) and Tuppence Middleton ("Mank," 2020) also star.

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Looking back with 'Forsyte': BBC period drama graces Masterpiece



Tuppence Middleton in "The Forsytes"

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

Turn on the television and step back in time with Masterpiece this spring. Known for its rich library of British imports and well-crafted costume dramas, from James Alfred Wight's (pen name James Herriot) veterinary saga "All Creatures Great and Small" to Hilary Mantel's recently wrapped Tudor drama "Wolf Hall," Masterpiece has plenty of content for lovers of history, period garb and novel adaptations. The newest show to join Masterpiece, however, is slightly different in that it is based upon an existing literary series but precedes all events committed to paper by its author, John Galsworthy.

"The Forsytes," based upon Galsworthy's Forsyte Saga trilogy from the 1920s, makes its Masterpiece premiere Sunday, March 22, on PBS. Check your local listings for details.

"Money and society dictate the rules in rapidly changing Victorian London, where four generations of the wealthy Forsyte family of stockbrokers navigate high-risk investments and the even higher expectations of making the right marital match," reads the series logline, which also lists "desire, ambition and betrayal" among the series' guiding themes.

The series aired its six-episode first season on Channel 5 in the UK last autumn. Moreover, Deadline has already confirmed a renewal for a second season, which

is scheduled to film this summer in Bristol. Whether or not "The Forsytes" will continue on Masterpiece will depend upon its reception stateside, as no network-specific renewals have been announced as of writing.

But given that Galsworthy's famous family has been adapted for television on two earlier occasions — with BBC Two's 1967 series "The Forsyte Saga" having been seen by upwards of 18 million viewers — "The Forsytes" writer and executive producer Debbie Horsfield ("Sanctuary: A Witch's Tale") has faith that a new spin on the classic familial succession story will resonate with today's audiences.

"I've looked up the things that really fascinated me about the books, and those were things like the family saga, the rivalry between the generations, the dam-

age that each generation inflicts on the generation that comes below," Horsfield told independent online period drama magazine Willow & Thatch in an interview. "Those are the things that really interested me, so I picked out those storylines from the books and basically played around with those. And I did use some of the hints we got in the books of what may have happened before the actual events of the books, and I've filled in some of those details."

Examples of a few events viewers can expect to see in Season 1 of "The Forsytes" (without providing major spoilers) include at least one young woman's entrance into society and subsequent matchmaking, a socially stressful trip to Paris, a gold-mining investment with potentially dire consequences, several attempts to oust a business partner, and, of course, the

harboring of many, many secrets.

The series is led by BAFTA-winning actress Francesca Annis ("Lillie") in the role of Forsyte family matriarch Ann. Stephen Moyer ("True Blood"), meanwhile, portrays Jolyon Forsyte Sr., while Jack Davenport ("Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl," 2003) plays James, Naomi Frederick ("Belgravia") plays Emily, Tuppence Middleton ("Mank," 2020) plays Frances, Joshua Orpin ("Titans") plays Soames, Justine Moore ("Without Sin") plays June, Eleanor Jackson ("Royal Mob") plays Winifred (now a Dartie, by marriage) and Danny Griffin ("The Gentlemen," 2019) is Jolyon Jr.

Millie Gibson ("Doctor Who"), Eleanor Tomlinson ("Poldark"), Tilly Walker ("The Conjuring: Last Rites," 2025), Tom Durant-Pritchard ("This Is Going to Hurt"), Owen Igiehon ("Disclaimer") and new talents Don Gallagher and Dexter Seaton also appear in all six episodes of the series' first season.

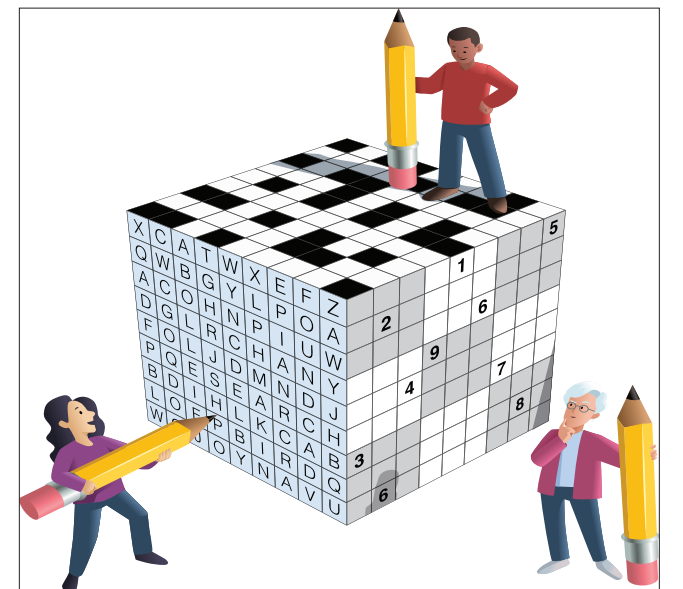
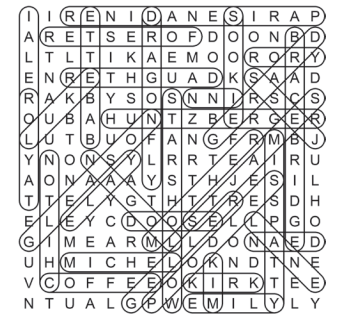
And, even though fans of the Forsyte family can expect a healthy dose of canon-centered content to scratch their Victorian-costumed itch, Horsfield promises several surprises along the journey.

"Even when a narrative is inspired by an existing piece of fiction, as a writer one has to eventually take on the characters as one's own in order to get inside their heads, to try to understand their motives, and eventually to let them have a life of their own, during which ... sometimes they do

unexpected things," Horsfield told Willow & Thatch. "It's a key reason for not calling 'The Forsytes' an adaptation. We're very clear that it's a reimagining, inspired by Galsworthy's characters and narrative. In the end, it's all fiction, even if it feels as if the characters are real."

Joining Horsfield offscreen in executive producer roles are Sheena Bucktownsoning ("Doctor Who") and Meenu Gaur ("World on Fire"), while Damien Timmer ("Poirot") executive produces for Mammoth Screen and Susanne Simpson ("Miss Scarlet and the Duke") does the same under the Masterpiece banner for PBS. "Poldark" producer Michael Ray works as associate producer and "The Long Shadow's" Sarah Lewis serves as series producer for "The Forsytes."

Tune in to Masterpiece on PBS Sunday, March 22, for an all-new reimagining of "The Forsytes." Whether you are new to the series or returning for another iteration of a familiar story, the eternal dilemma remains the same: "Should one be ruled by the head or the heart?"





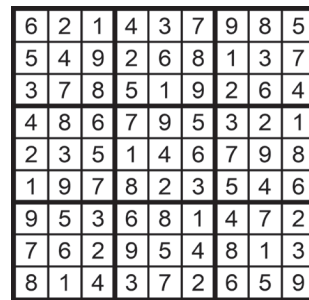
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 Sun, Mar 22, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Luther Britt Park
 671 Branch Street - off 5th Street
 Lumberton, NC

Fire and Rescue College - RCC

Sat, Mar 21, 2026, 8:00am-5:00pm
 Sun, Mar 22, 2026, 8:00am-5:00pm
 Robeson Community College
 5160 Fayetteville Road
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Stories & Sounds

Sun, Mar 22, 2026, 3:00pm-4:30pm
 Happenings on Elm
 605 North Elm Street
 Lumberton, NC

Speaker Series - UNCP

Josh Hammonds
 Mon, Mar 23, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm
 Givens Performing Arts Center - UNCP Campus
 1 University Drive
 Pembroke, NC

Children's Storytime

Tue, Mar 24, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Fri, Mar 27, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Tue, Mar 31, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St

Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Tue, Mar 24, 2026, 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Hector Mac Lean Library
 106 S Main St
 Fairmont, NC

Lumberton Ukulele Club

Tue, Mar 24, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 16 Stephens Lane
 Lumberton, NC

Bingo Night - 219 Elm

Tue, Mar 24, 2026, 7:00pm-9:30pm
 219 Elm Street
 Lumberton, NC

Lenten Study and Supper

Wed, Mar 25, 2026, 6:15pm-7:15pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 16 Stephens Lane
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Children's Storytime

Wed, Mar 25, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Annie H Mc Eachern Library
 223 W Broad St
 St. Pauls, NC

Give My Regards to Broadway! Dinner & Organ Concert

Thu, Mar 26, 2026, 5:30pm-9:00pm
 Carolina Civic Center
 315 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

The Collingsworth Family

Thu, Mar 26, 2026, 7:00pm
 Rock Church of God
 2209 West Carthage Road
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Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now! - GPAC

Thu, Mar 26, 2026, 7:30pm
 Givens Performing Arts Center - UNCP Campus
 1 University Drive
 Pembroke, NC

Women's Empowerment Summit - UNCP

Fri, Mar 27, 2026, 8:00am
 James A Thomas Hall
 333 Braves Drive
 Pembroke, NC

Adult Color & Coffee - RCPL

Fri, Mar 27, 2026, 10:00am-12:00pm
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

Pink Pajama Party

Fri, Mar 27, 2026, 6:00pm-9:00pm
 Pembroke Rescue Squad
 564 Candy Park Road
 Pembroke, NC

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Saturday, March 21, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 415 South Madison Street
 Whiteville, NC

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Saturday, March 21, 2026, 3:20pm-3:50pm
 415 South Madison Street
 Whiteville, NC

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Sat, Mar 21, 2026
 Lu Mil Vineyard
 438 Suggs-Taylor Rd,
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Sat, Mar 21, 2026
 Lu Mil Vineyard
 438 Suggs-Taylor Rd,
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FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

8:30 am USA Premier League Soccer Brighton & Hove Albion vs. Liverpool. (Live) (2h)

11:00 am USA Premier League Soccer (Live) (2h)

11:30 am ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

12:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

1:00 pm WTVU WPDE 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Third Round. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

USA Premier League Soccer Everton vs. Chelsea. (Live) (2h)

2:00 pm WRAL WMBF FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup. Lake Placid - Men's & Women's Sprint Freestyle. (Live) (1h)

CNBC FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup FIS Cross-Country Skiing World Cup. Lake Placid - Men's 10km Classic Style. (2h)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

2:30 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

3:00 pm WRAL WMBF PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Third Round. (Live) (3h)

WTVU WPDE 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Colonguard Classic, Second Round. (Live) (3h)

3:30 pm ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm WFXB 2026 Flag Football Classic (Live) (4h30)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

USA Premier League Soccer Leeds United vs. Brentford. (Live) (2h)

5:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

5:30 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Sport Clips Haircuts VFW Help A Hero 200. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (30m)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Fortinet Founders Cup, Third Round. (Live) (3h)

TNT 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

6:30 pm WUVU Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (2h30)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h30)

7:00 pm TBS TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

7:30 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WTVU WPDE NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Detroit Red Wings. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm WFXB MLS Soccer LAFC at Austin FC. (Live) (2h30)

TNT 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

9:00 pm WUVU Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Monterrey vs. Chivas de Guadalajara. (2h)

1:00 pm WRAL WMBF AMA Super-cross Championship Round 10: Birmingham. (2h)

WTVU WPDE 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

2:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 NWSL Soccer Kansas City Current at Chicago Stars FC. (Live) (2h30)

2:30 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

WFXB MLS Soccer Seattle Sounders FC at Minnesota United FC. (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm WRAL WMBF PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round. (Live) (3h)

WTVU WPDE 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Colonguard Classic, Final Round. (Live) (3h)

4:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

4:30 pm WFXB MLS Soccer LA Galaxy at Portland Timbers. (Live) (2h30)

TNT 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

9:30 pm TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

MONDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

12:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

2:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

5:00 pm ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (2h)

8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Cleveland Cavaliers. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN TGL Golf TGL Golf. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Second Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

2:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

4:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Australian WPGA Championship, Third Round. (2h)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

6:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Australian WPGA Championship, Final Round. (2h)

3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

5:00 pm ESPN2 2026 College Basketball Invitational Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons. (Live) (2h35)

ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Third Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:30 pm TNT NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres. (Live) (3h)

TRUTV NHL Hockey New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm USA League One Volleyball (2h)

9:00 pm ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Fourth Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

9:35 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves. (Live) (2h30)

2:00 am ESPN2 NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons. (2h)

3:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Hero Indian Open, First Round. (Live) (5h)

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

11:00 am GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Club Car Championship, First Round. (Live) (3h)

1:00 pm WRAL WMBF MLB Baseball Pittsburgh Pirates at New York Mets. (Live) (3h)

2:00 pm ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

3:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, First Round. (Live) (4h)

USA 2026 World Figure Skating Championships Paris Free Skate. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Florida Panthers. (Live) (2h30)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, First Round. (Live) (2h)

7:30 pm TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm WRAL WMBF MLB Baseball Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

9:30 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Vegas Golden Knights. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (Live) (2h30)

2:00 am ESPN2 NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Florida Panthers. (2h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

3:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Hero Indian Open, Second Round. (Live) (5h)

4:00 am ESPN2 NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Vegas Golden Knights. (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

11:00 am GOLF PGA Korn Ferry Tour Golf Club Car Championship, Second Round. (Live) (3h)

1:00 pm USA 2026 World Figure Skating Championships (Live) (4h)

2:00 pm WFXB 2026 Finalissima Spain vs. Argentina. (Live) (2h)

2:30 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Second Round. (Live) (4h)

4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

5:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 College Softball Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Ford Championship, Second Round. (Live) (2h)

7:30 pm WMBF MLB Baseball Kansas City Royals at Atlanta Braves. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm WFXB United Football League United Football League. Birmingham Stallions at Louisville Kings. (Live) (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN2 College Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

9:30 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Hoag Classic Newport Beach, First Round. (2h)

TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (Live) (2h30)

4:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Hero Indian Open, Third Round. (Live) (4h30)

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TBS TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

11:00 pm WUVU Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Pumas UNAM vs. América. (2h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (3h)

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

USA Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs. Sunderland. (Live) (2h)

10:30 am USA Premier League Soccer Tottenham Hotspur vs. Nottingham Forest. (Live) (1h30)

12:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 College Softball Tennessee at Florida. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

5:00 pm WBTW 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament First Round: Teams TBA. (2h)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Fortinet Founders Cup, Final Round. (Live) (3h)

TNT 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

6:30 pm ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm TBS 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

7:30 pm TRUTV 2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics. (Live) (3h)

ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:30 pm ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN2 TGL Golf TGL Golf. Finals, Match 1: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

10:00 pm ESPN 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

4:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN TGL Golf TGL Golf. Finals, Match 2: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 2026 NIT Basketball Tournament First Quarterfinal: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Tampa Bay Lightning. (Live) (3h)

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Unholy matrimony: A cursed wedding unfolds in streaming horror series

By Sarah Passingham
TV Media

Wedding planning is torture. For one bride-to-be, that sentiment is given new meaning when her nuptials descend into twisted chaos, as if the architect of her big day was the devil himself. Camila Morrone ("Daisy Jones & the Six") stars as Rachel Harkin in the new Netflix horror series "Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen," premiering Thursday, March 26. All eight episodes will be available to stream on premiere day.

In the week before Rachel is supposed to walk down the aisle to her fiancé, Nicky (Adam DiMarco, "The White Lotus"), unsettling things begin happening to the happy couple. The atmospheric horror series follows Rachel as she is put through the ringer while preparing to marry her betrothed. All

the twists and turns the series takes are being kept under wraps for now, but the official trailer is a creepy delight.

An unnerving whisper repeats, "I'm sorry," throughout the trailer. Gus Birney ("Shining Vale") as Portia and Jennifer Jason Leigh ("All's Fair") as Victoria each utter it with startling sincerity, looking straight into the camera. Even the food apologizes. A neatly frosted sheet cake decorated with perfect pink roses reads, "I'm sorry, I thought you were going to kill me" in evenly piped script, one of several chilling images that flash across the trailer, signaling that things are not right here.

Also starring in the thriller series are Ted Levine ("Mayfair Witch-ess"), Jeff Wilbusch ("The Calling"), Sawyer Fraser ("Alaska Daily") and Zlatko Buric ("Triangle of Sadness," 2022).

Every shadowy moment of the trailer looks like it takes place on a damp, overcast day or a very long night, setting the eerie mood of the series. The trailer doesn't give much away in favor of building unease with a montage of creepy moments, like Rachel being circled by Portia and Nell (Karla Crome, "Misfits") as Victoria looks on, someone stirring an ominous red cocktail in crystal stemware, a strawman in flames and a peek into how remote Rachel's nightmare wedding week is.

Surrounded only by ghostly abandoned buildings and a snow-covered forest with bare trees, there doesn't seem like there is much to build an escape plan on as the horrors of the pre-wedding week ratchet up for Rachel. "Are you sure he's the one," questions the voiceover at the trailer's conclusion as Nicky smiles at the altar



Ted Levine in "Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen"

and lifts Rachel's veil. Is Rachel signing up for a life spent with Nicky's demonic family when she puts her signature on the marriage license? Or is the ceremony actually her sacrifice?

"Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen" was created by showrunner and executive producer Haley Z. Boston, previously a writer for the second season of Prime Video's conspiracy drama "Hunters" and "Brand New Cherry Flavor," a 1990s-set psychological thriller for Netflix. Boston spoke to Tudum, where she shared the inspiration behind the new series. Musing on her mother's advice not to marry the wrong person, Boston shared, "I've been to weddings where people say in their vows, 'I never once had a doubt,' ... I hear that and I'm like, 'That's crazy. What do you mean?'"

The fear of commitment and not knowing whether you truly, deeply know your partner was something

that Boston said was a topic of discussion in the writers' room when penning the scripts for the show. "I had a team of writers, and I [got] their perspective on marriage and commitment," Boston told Tudum. "I had a married couple in the writers' room and it was very interesting to hear their stories."

The series is the first post-"Stranger Things" project from the Duffer Brothers to get a premiere date on their home streamer. Matt and Ross Duffer executive produced "Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen" through Upside Down Pictures alongside Hilary Leavitt ("Killing Eve") and Andrea Sperling ("The Vince Staples Show"). The Emmy-nominated "Baby Reindeer" director Weronika Tofilska is also an executive producer on the series and directed four of the show's eight episodes. Axelle Carolyn ("Creepshow") and Lisa Bruhlmann ("Servant") are also directors for the series.

Episode writers include Alex DeLyle ("Fear the Walking Dead"), Kate Trefry ("Stranger Things"), Ben Bolea ("Bad Fan," 2015) and Alana B. Lytle ("A Friend of the Family").

The series premieres the same week as another project that explores the heightened fears of committing to someone you might not know. "Ready or Not 2: Here I Come," the sequel to the hit 2019 supernatural wedding night horror film "Ready or Not," premieres in theaters Friday, March 20. Anyone with a 2026 wedding date might want to tune in to both the movie and the upcoming series and take notes on the worst that could happen on the big day.

You are cordially invited to tune in to the premiere of "Something Very Bad Is Going to Happen" Thursday, March 26, on Netflix. All eight episodes of the horror series drop on premiere day.

Sunday Best Bets

Marshals

WBTW 8:00 pm

During this latest episode of this "Yellowstone" spinoff, Kayce (Luke Grimes) and Cal (Logan Marshall-Green) lead a search for survivors of a helicopter crash. Meanwhile, the rest of the team looks into a use of force complaint made against Kayce.

The Faithful

WFXB 8:00 pm

Based on the "Book of Genesis," this series premiere follows five of the Old Testament's most legendary women including Sarah (Minnie Driver); Hagar (Natacha Karam); Rebekah (Alexa Davalos); and Rebekah's nieces, Leah (Millie Brady) and Rachel (Blu Hunt).



When Calls the Heart

HALL 8:00 pm

The local community reflects on the past and looks towards the future while attending the annual Hope Valley Harvest Festival. This final chapter brings Season 13 to a close, but fans of the series can look forward to return for Season 14.

The Bachelorette

WTVB WPDE 8:00 pm

You may know her for from "The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives," but after her very public divorce in 2022, Taylor Frankie Paul is now ready to give out roses as the new Bachelorette in this Season 22 premiere. Jesse Palmer returns as host.

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 22, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	3:00 PGA Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics (L) (N) (CC)	WRAL News	GameTime								
9	WMBF	9	3:00 PGA Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round (N)	News (N)	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics (L) (N) (CC)	News at 11	:35 Invest.								
11	WTVB	11	3:00 NCAA W. Basketball	To Be Announced	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)	The Bachelorette "Arrivals" (SP) (N) (CC)	To Be Announced	News (N)	News Extra						
13	WBTW	13	2:30 NCAA M. Basketball	NCAA Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)	Marshals (N)	Tracker "Breakaway" (N)	Watson (N)	News (N)	College							
15	WPDE	10	3:00 NCAA W. Basketball	Paid Prog.	Transform	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)	The Bachelorette "Arrivals" (SP) (N) (CC)	To Be Announced	News 15 (N)	:35 PaidProg.					
21	WWMB	3	Chicago P.D.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WOW - Women (N)	Penn & Teller (CC)	Men in Black II ('02) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)	The	The Right Side Forum	Attkisson						
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines	Week	Hoover (N)	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders (CC)	Call the Midwife (SP) (N)	All Creatures Great (CC)	To Be Announced	The Seas					
40	WUVC	4	My Big Fat Greek Wedding Nia Vardalos. (N)	Contigo	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Regalo de Dios" (N)	Juego de voces (N)	Pacto de sangre (N)	Contigo	SaborDe							
43	WFXB	2	2:30 MLSsoc. MLS Soccer	LA Galaxy at Portland Timbers (L) (N) (CC)	The Saints "Patrick"	Faithful "The Woman Who Bowed to No One" (P) (N)	News (N)	Lately	Religious	1st Church							
62	WFPX	8	3:00 In Too Deep	Blue Hill Avenue (2001, Crime Story)	Angelle Brooks, Allen Payne.	Marked for Death ('90) Steven Seagal. (CC)	Force of Execution ('13) Steven Seagal. (CC)										
A&E	21	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	Ozark Law	:05 Ozark Law							
AMC	41	Die Hard ('88, Action)	Alan Rickman, Bruce Willis. (CC)	Die Hard 2 (1990, Action)	Bonnie Bedelia, Bruce Willis. (CC)	Dark Winds (N)	:05 Dark Winds	:10 Die Hard	:10 Tombstone								
ANPL	64	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellow "Case Closed"	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellow "Seeley Lake Lies"	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens								
BET	37	3:00 The Color Purple ('85, Dra)	Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg. (CC)	Cadillac Records ('08, Drama)	Beyoncé, Adrien Brody. (CC)	Tyler Perry's Sistas	Payne	Payne	Payne								
CMT	48	2:30 To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Steel Magnolias ('89) Sally Field. (CC)											
CNBC	53	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)								
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program								
COMC	34	The Office	The Office	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy				
CSPAN	56	1:00 Washington This Week (CC)	America's Book Club	Washington This Week	Q & A (CC)	America's Book Club	Prime Min.	:40 Public	Q & A (CC)								
DISC	42	Naked and Afraid "No Holds Barred" (CC)	Naked and Afraid "This Is Gonna Suck So Bad" (N)	Naked and Afraid "Everglades Thirst Trap" (N) (CC)	Filthy Fortunes (N) (CC)	Filthy Fortunes											
DISN	57	:05 Bluey	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Alvin & the Chipmunks: Squeakquel	:40 Kiff (CC)	:05 Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Place	Vampirina	Ladybug	Ladybug		
E!	39	My Big Fat Greek Wedding	Old School ('03) Will Ferrell, Luke Wilson. (CC)	Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy	Blades of Glory ('07) Jon Heder, Will Ferrell.												
ESPN	31	NCAA Bsk. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)	NCAA W. Basketball First Round: Teams TBA	NCAA Bsk. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)	NCAA Bsk. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)												
ESPN2	32	2:00 NWSL	NIT Tourn. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NIT Tourn. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NIT Tourn. Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	IX Games (CC)	IX Games										
FDSO	38	1:30 Baseball	Braves Live! Postgame (L) (N)	Sportsman	Road Trip	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)	Warehouse Games (N)								
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)	Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)	One Nation (L) (N) (CC)	Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)								
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Tournament of Champions "Just Win" (CC)	Tournament "The Final Icon Is Revealed" (N) (CC)	Flavortown	"Pork Day"	Wildcard Kitchen									
FREE	18	3:25 Beetlejuice	The Goonies (1985, Children)	Josh Brolin, Sean Astin. (CC)	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle	Dwayne Johnson.	Spider-Man: Homecoming										
FX	67	Movie	Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania ('23) Paul Rudd.	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2023, Sci-Fi)	Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt. (CC)	Deadpool ('16) Ryan Reynolds.											
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Champ. Cologuard Classic, Final Round (N)	LPGA Tour Golf Fortinet Founders Cup, Final Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (N)	PGA Tour Golf Valspar Championship, Final Round												
HALL	62	The Perfect Setting ('25) Laci J Mailey. (CC)	Two for Tee (2026, Romance)	Janel Parrish. (CC)	When Calls the Heart (N)	Love on the Menu ('19) Autumn Reeser. (CC)	Magic of Lemon Drops										
HGTV	65	Bachelor Mansion "Off the Deep End" (N)	Wild Vac.	Wild Vac.	Home Town	Home Town (N)	Property Brothers: (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters							
HIST	51	History "Bad Money"	History's Gr	History "Weirdly Wired"	History "Famous Finds"	American Pickers (N)	History's Gr (N)	:05 American Pickers	:05 American Pickers								
LIFE	25	The Widow's Payback ('25) Bianca Lawson. (CC)	The Bad Guardian ('24) Melissa Joan Hart. (CC)	Who Could Kill a Sweet Old Lady? (P)	:05 A Husband to Die For: The Lisa Aguilar Story												
LMN	46	The Killer Is Calling ('25) Janaya Stephens. (CC)	Alone in the Dark ('22) Novi Brown. (CC)	Not So Perfect Stranger ('25) Kirsten Comerford.	Date at Your Own Risk ('25) Mary Antonini. (CC)												
MSNBC	43	Crooked on MS NOW	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)	The Briefing (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (CC)											
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Just Go With It (2011, Romance)	Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler.	MTV Special (CC)									
NEWSN	16	The Hill Sunday With	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (CC)								
NGEO	70	Extreme Catch	Extreme Catch	Extreme Catch	Extreme Catch	Extreme Catch (N)	Extreme Catch (N)	Extreme Catch									
NICK	29	Movie	:45 SpongeBob.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
OXY	171	Snapped "Donna Cobb"	Snapped	Snapped "Stella Lacy"	Plan-Kill "Deadly Desire"	Snapped "Melissa Cole"	Snapped "Stella Lacy"	Plan-Kill "Deadly Desire"	A Plan to Kill								
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue								
SYFY	55	Movie	:35 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2	Daniel Radcliffe.	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01, Child)	Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)	Harry Potter & the Cha...										
TBN	68	Turning	Prince	M. Youssef	Tim (N)	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Praying	PowerPoint	J. Osteen (N)	Turning	Praise	Jack Hibbs	Amazing (N)	Heroes (N) (CC)		
TBS	24	Friends (CC)	Suicide Squad (2016, Action)	Jared Leto, Will Smith. (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)											
TCM	54	Die Hard	An American in Paris ('51) Gene Kelly.	Waterloo Bridge ('40) Vivien Leigh.	Love Before Breakfast	Hands Across the Table	Virtue										
TLC	23	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)	:05 90 Day Fiancé (N)	:05 The Single Life									
TNT	28	2:00 Tomorrow War	NCAA Tip Off (L) (N) (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Wrestling: Collision											
TOON	69	Ben 10 (CC)	Ben 10 (CC)	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRUTV	40	2:30 Blue Beetle	White Men Can't Jump ('92) Wesley Snipes. (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Hoosiers ('86) Gene Hackman. (CC)												
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
WE	61	Criminal "Memoriam"	Criminal "Masterpiece"	Criminal "52 Pickup"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	"Normal"	Criminal "Soul Mates"	Criminal "Bloodline"	Criminal "Cold Comfort"							

WEEKDAY DAYTIME, MARCH 23 TO 27, 2026

	TW	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30
WRAL	5	7:00 Today		Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		The Perfect Line	Family Feud	WRAL News at Noon	WRAL 12:30 Report	NBC News Daily / Th MLB Baseball		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Inside Edition
WMBF	9	7:00 Today		Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		Grand	Th Legal Access	WMBF News	InvestigateTV+/ Cele..	M News Daily/Th Baseball/F Atlanta		M Aging Untold	M Inside Edition	M-W Drew Barrymore	Drew Barrymore
WTVD	11	7:00 Good Morning America		Live with Kelly and Mark		ABC 11 Eyewitness News 10AM		The View		ABC 11 Eyewitness News at Noon		GMA3		Tamron Hall		General Hospital	
WBTW	13	7:00 CBS Mornings		News 13 Now	Living Local Carolina	Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless		The Bold and	Beyond the Gates		The Perfect Line	Jeopardy!
WPDE	10	7:00 Good Morning America		Live with Kelly and Mark		The 700 Club		The View		Family Feud	Flip Side	GMA3		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show	
WWMB	3	The National News Desk		National Weat	25 Words or Less	Maury		iCRIME - Vargas	iCRIME - Vargas	Hot Bench	Paid Prog./ Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Cutlers Court	Cutlers Court	The People's Court	
WUNU	12	Lyla in the Loop	Carl the Collector	Daniel Tiger	Phoebe & Jay	Sesame Street	Work It Out Wombats!	Donkey Hodie	Rosie's Rules	Elinor	Alma's Way	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Various	Various	Various	Sara's/ Old House/ Fit S..
WUVC	4	7:00 ¡Despierta América!						Como dice el dicho		Noticiero Univision	Vecinos	Lo que la vida me robó		¡Siéntese quien pueda!		Desiguales	
WFXB	2	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherri		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Scrambled Up	News	America/ Autry	Judge Lake/F Pregame	Judge/F Soccer	Judge Eboni	Judy Justice	Judy Justice
WFPX	8	Karamo		Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Family Feud Favorites	Family Feud Favorites	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night	
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Various	LivePD	Various	LivePD	Various	LivePD	Various	LivePD	Various	RoadWars
AMC	41	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Tu Stoooges/ Th 2012	Tu Law Abiding Citizen		W U.S. Marshals		M :15 Die Hard	London Has Fallen	Th I, Robot		W Enemy of the State	:45 Olympus Has Fallen	M :15 Die Hard 2	Independence Day
ANPL	64	Crikey! It's the Irwins		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		My Cat From Hell		My Cat From Hell		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Various	
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	JamieFoxx	Jamie Foxx	JamieFoxx	Jamie Foxx	JamieFoxx	Jamie Foxx	JamieFoxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Prince	Prince
CMT	48	CMT Music/ Videos		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	King	King	King	King
CNBC	53	6:00 Squawk Box		Squawk on the Street		Squawk on the Street		Money Movers		Halftime Report		The Exchange		Power Lunch		Closing Bell	
CNN	26	CNN News Central		CNN News Central		The Situation Room		The Situation Room		Ins. Politics		CNN News Central		CNN News Central		CNN News Central	
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	South Park	SouthPark/ :35 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :10 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :45 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :15 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :50 South Pa..	Tu Th South Park	:25 SouthPark/ ..	South Park	South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ Family Guy!..	Seinfeld/ Family Guy!..
CSPAN	56	7:00 Washington Journal		F U.S. House		M Tu Public Affairs / W Th		U.S. House		Tu U.S. House of Representatives		F Public Affairs Events		W U.S. House		U.S. House	
DISC	42	Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!	M 120 Hours/Tu Master/W Mysteries/Th Filthy		Various		Various		Various		Various	
DISN	57	Bluey	Bluey	Spidey	Bluey	Bluey	Bluey	Kitties/ Bluey	Mickey	Bluey/ Kitties	M Ariel/Ariel	Hey AJ!	Bluey/ Bluey	RoboGobo	Bluey	Kiff/ Hannah	Phineas
E!	39	Various	F Sex-City	Various	F Sex-City	Various	F Sex-City	Various	Movie	The King of Staten Island!..		Tu Th 9-1-1/W Shark Tank		Various	Tu W Office	Various	Tu W Office
ESPN	31	Get Up				First Take		M NCAA		M 2026 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament / The Pat McAfee Show		NCAABsk/ SportCtr/ N..		F NCAA W. Basketball		Tu-Th NBA Today	
ESPN2	32	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Get Up				M The Pat McAfee Show / First Take		Various		NBAToday		W Podcast	
FDSO	38	Softball/ Life/ Warehouse	Tu FIBA Basketball	Carolina/ TBA/ Redfern	Pulse/Pack/ Adventure	Warehouse/ OT Select/ ..	Th Road Trip Angler	Spotlight/ Sportsman	Focused/ Outdoor	Various	FIBA/ Carolina/ G..	Foul Territory		Various		M F Pulse of the Pack	
FNC	44	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom		America's Newsroom		The Faulkner Focus		Outnumbered		America Reports		America Reports		The Story	
FOOD	66	Various	M Guy's	Various	Guy's	Various	F Grocery	Various	F Grocery	Various	F Grocery	Various	BeatBobby	Various	BeatBobby	Various	BeatBobby
FREE	18	Boy/World	Boy/World	The 700 Club		700 Club		Movie/ Jim	Jim	Various	W Rio/ Jim	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Movie	Th Aladdin
FX	67	Th No Hard Feelings		Movie		Movie		Anyone But You		Movie		Movie		Predators/ Captain America: The First ...		Movie	
GOLF	45	5Clubs	Golf	M Golf/W Smylie		5 Clubs/ Big Swing/ Vanity		Various	W PGA	M-W Golf Today		M-W Golf Today		M-W Golf Today/Th F Golf		Golf Today/ PGA Golf	
HALL	62	Reba	Reba	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Movies			
HGTV	65	Various		Various		Various		Various	Various	Various	F Lakefront	Various	F Lakefront	Various	F Cheap A\$\$	Various	F Cheap A\$\$
HIST	51	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
LIFE	25	Rizzoli & Isles / F Sleeping With a Killer		Rizzoli & Isles / F Sleeping With a Killer		Rizzoli & Isles / F Sleeping With a Killer		Major Crimes / F Sleeping With a Killer		Major Crimes / F NCIS		Major Crimes / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS	
LMN	46	Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies	
MSNBC	43	6:00 Morning Joe		Ana Cabrera Reports		Chris Jansing Reports		Katy Tur Reports									
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	BigBang	BigBang
NEWSN	16	Morning in America		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation	
NGEO	70	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
NICK	29	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Movie	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	SpongeBob	Movie	Movie	SpongeBob
NICKJ	71	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	PeppaPig	PeppaPig	Gabby's	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol
OXY	171	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Snapped/ Murders/ Plan-K..		Various	
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	55	7:30 Leprechaun 4 in Space / Horizon Line		Harry Potter & the Half-...		Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets/ Renfield/ Leprechaun in the Hood		F Daybreakers	Leprechaun 4 in Space/ Leprechaun: Back 2 tha ...	Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban/ & the Deat...	F Leprechaun 2	Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban/ Leprechaun in the Hood/ Leprechaun R...	F Leprechaun 3	F Leprechaun 3	Renfield/ Salt		
TBN	68	Jeffress	Joyce M.	Creflo	Hagee	Joel Osteen	Jackson	S. Furtick	Kingdom	Jeffress	Winning	Joyce M.	Better Together	A.Wommack		The 700 Club	
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Stars on screen

Leading the Seven: Matt Dillon to headline 'Magnificent Seven' remake

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Leading the Seven: In December, MGM+ provided an early Christmas gift to fans of the 1960 film "The Magnificent Seven" by green-lighting a TV remake of the western classic. More recently, MGM+ announced that it had found its leader of the Seven, with Matt Dillon ("Crash," 2004) tapped to headline and executive produce the eight-episode adaptation from "Heroes" writer Tim Kring.

Making a rare foray into TV, the Oscar nominee is set to play Chris Adams, the role originated by Yul Brynner ("The Ten Commandments," 1956) in the original film — itself a remake of Akira Kurosawa's acclaimed "Seven Samurai" (1954). The character is described as "stoic, steady under pressure and with an unflinching gaze that does most of the talking for him," but more importantly, "he holds fast to a moral code rooted in fairness and restraint."

This is the character played by Brynner in both the 1960 film and its 1966 sequel, "Return of the Seven." George Kennedy ("Cool Hand Luke," 1967) took over the part in the 1969 film "Guns of the Magnificent Seven," followed by Lee Van Cleef ("Escape From New York," 1981) in 1972's "The Magnificent Seven Ride!"

In the 1998-2000 CBS series "The Magnificent Seven," Michael Biehn's Chris Larabee is based on

the film character, while Denzel Washington ("The Equalizer," 2014) played a spiritual successor in the 2016 film remake.

"Matt Dillon brings extraordinary depth and gravitas to this iconic role," said Michael Wright, global head of MGM+, in a statement. "His ability to portray complex, morally conflicted characters makes him the perfect choice to lead our reimagining of 'The Magnificent Seven.' This series honors the legacy of the original film while exploring timeless themes about courage, redemption and standing up against oppression — and Matt's performance will be at the heart of that story."

For more story details, here's the official logline: "Set in the 1880s American frontier, 'The Magnificent Seven' follows a group of mercenaries who are hired to protect a peaceful Quaker village after it is massacred by a land baron's hired guns. As the flawed but gifted mercenaries embed with the Quakers, they must grapple with the question of whether it is acceptable to use violence to defend a people whose faith is based on nonviolence. The series will explore each member of the Seven, exploring what's at stake and why they chose to take on this mission."

Production is scheduled to begin this June in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Crime in Keflavik: A six-time Emmy nominee for "Veep," Anna Chlumsky is joining Leslie Bibb — herself an Emmy nominee for Season 3 of "The White Lotus" — in a new six-part Cold War crime series titled "Top of the Rock."

The Icelandic noir is set in 1983 amid escalating Cold War paranoia. Bibb and Chlumsky's character are both stationed at the NATO base in Keflavik, Iceland, when an American soldier is found dead under suspicious circumstances outside the base. Forced to work closely with local police, Capt. Diane Goodman (Bibb) and Military Police Investigator Sarah Ellis (Chlumsky) soon uncover a web of espionage and deceit, and when they're "trapped between duty and diplomacy, the two women must navigate a dangerous network of secrets before more lives are lost," according to the logline.



Matt Dillon to star in "The Magnificent Seven" TV remake

In a statement, series co-creator David Oskar Olafsson ("The Valhalla Murders") praised Chlumsky's versatility as an actress: "Early on we knew the role of Sarah Ellis would need to be someone with a formidable screen presence. Anna Chlumsky's ability to switch between genres is like no other, and she absolutely embodies every character she's played across her phenomenal career. We're beyond ecstatic to round out the leads in 'Top of the Rock' with two of the most brilliant actors."

Envisioned as a six-part drama, the series hails from leading Icelandic production company Truenorth, in collaboration with Mystery Productions and Vertu.

A criminal profile: Wondering what "Bones" actress Emily Deschanel is up to?

The actress recently booked a lead role in a new NBC pilot, said to be a crime investigation drama from writers and executive producers Dean Georganis ("Quantum Leap") and John Fox ("The Equalizer").

The potential series doesn't have a title yet, but it is inspired by

the work of internationally renowned expert profiler and author Ann Burgess, who is involved as a consulting producer alongside frequent collaborator Steven Constantine. Together, the two have co-authored such books as "A Killer by Design: Murderers, Mindhunters and My Quest to Decipher the Criminal Mind," which chronicles Burgess's work with the FBI.

Here's the logline for the pilot: "Professor Georgia Ryan (Deschanel) is a trailblazing psychologist who challenges the field of criminology by shifting the investigative focus to the victim rather than just the perpetrator in order to uncover the crucial clues that more traditional methods leave behind. Alongside her team, this pioneering expert consults with the FBI to solve the most baffling and elusive cases."

As Variety pointed out, this is potentially the second TV series to feature Deschanel in a lead role as an "outside-the-box" criminal investigator. Meanwhile, her former "Bones" co-star David Boreanaz is also attached to an NBC pilot — he's the lead in the planned reboot of "The Rockford Files."

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Lisa Kudrow stars in "The Comeback"

By Kimberly Tremblay
TV Media

WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

"Bait" - Season 1

The name's Bond. James Bond. Or is it? A once-in-a-lifetime audition puts one actor's life in the spotlight in Prime Video's latest original series "Bait," which premieres all six episodes Wednesday, March 25. From Oscar- and Emmy-winning actor Riz Ahmed ("Nightcrawler," 2014), this new comedy follows Shah Latif (Ahmed), a struggling actor who finally lands the audition he's been chasing for years. But across four chaotic days, Shah's world begins to

close in as every part of his life is suddenly up for discussion as his family, ex-lover and the public weigh in on whether he's right for the role. As pressure mounts, Shah spirals into an existential crisis as the line between performance and reality starts to slip. The series also stars Guz Khan ("Four Weddings and a Funeral," 1994) as Zulfi; Sheeba Chaddha ("Badhaai Do," 2022) as Tahira; Sajid Hasan ("Dhoop Kinare") as Parvez; Aasiya Shah ("Raised By Wolves") as Q; Weruche Opia ("I May Destroy You") as Felicia; and Ritu Arya ("The Umbrella Academy") as Yasmin. Furthermore, Ben Karlin ("The Daily Show") executive produces and serves as showrunner alongside Ahmed.

WHAT'S NEW ON HBO MAX

"The Comeback" - Season 3

Hello, hello, hello! Twenty-one years after her unforgettable debut, Lisa Kudrow ("Friends") returns as Valerie Cherish in the third and final season of "The Comeback," premiering Sunday, March 22, on HBO Max. This time, Valerie faces a new chapter shaped by unexpected relevance and the pressures that come with it. After finally earning respect in an industry that once dismissed her, she must confront what lasting success really means. As cameras once again follow her every move, Valerie wrestles with her legacy, her relationships and the fear of fading away. Determined to stay in control of her own story, she sets out to prove she's more than a punchline — she's the one calling the shots. Alongside Kudrow, Dan Bucatinsky ("Scandal"), Laura Silverman ("Shameless"), Damian Young ("Ozark"), Tim Bagley ("Grace and Frankie") and Matt Cook ("Man with a Plan") return for the final season. Created by Kudrow and Michael Patrick King ("Sex and the City"), the eight-episode season will debut new episodes weekly, with the series finale set for Sunday, May 10.

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WHAT'S NEW ON APPLE TV
"For All Mankind" - Season 5
A new frontier tests old loyalties when Season 5 of "For All Mankind" premieres on Apple TV Friday, March 27. The season picks up after the daring "Goldilocks" asteroid heist that saw Mars-based astronauts defy Earth's space agencies and secure the valuable asteroid for Happy Valley — reshaping the balance of power across the solar system. Now, years later, Happy Valley has transformed from a fragile outpost into a bustling Martian colony, home to thousands and the launch point for

USA's Vikram Barn, Joshua Bradley and Tobi Brown return as executive producers.

even deeper space missions. However, prosperity brings scrutiny. Earth's governments, unwilling to lose their power, push for law and order on the Red Planet, igniting tension between Martian settlers and the planet they once called home. As political pressure mounts and ambitions stretch beyond Mars, the dream of independence collides with the realities of control, forcing humanity to decide who truly owns the future among the stars. Starring Wrenn Schmidt ("Nope," 2022), Joel Kinnaman ("The Killing"), Cynthia Wu ("Before I Fall," 2017) and Coral Pena ("The Post," 2017), "For All Mankind" is written by series creator Ronald D. Moore ("Star Trek: Generations," 1994), with Kira Snyder ("The Handmaid's Tale") attached as an executive producer.

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

"Inside" - Season 3

Secrets, sabotage and a million-pound prize collide when Season 3 of "Inside" premieres Monday, March 23, on Netflix. Created by the Sidemen — and featuring "Britain's Got Talent" judge KSI — the series traps 12 influencers and celebrities under one roof for seven days, where every outrageous challenge and impulsive decision chips away at a shared £1 million prize. The Sun announced in a December 2025 article the lineup of celebrities that are set to take part in the show, which includes "Strictly Come Dancing" star Saffron Barker, "Love Island" alum Indiyah Polack and Chloe Ferry of "Geordie Shore" fame. Streamers Marlon Lundgren Garcia and Lydia Violet, YouTuber Ben Azelart, fitness influencer Eddie Hall, online personality and journalist Chian Reynolds and model Anna Malygon are also set to appear in this season. "Inside:



Guz Khan and Riz Ahmed in "Bait"



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Killers of the Flower Moon

In 1920s Oklahoma, Ernest Burkhart (DiCaprio) is a war veteran who marries Mollie Kyle (Gladstone), an Osage woman whose family holds valuable oil headrights. Ernest is manipulated by his uncle, William King Hale (De Niro), a powerful local rancher who secretly orchestrates a scheme to murder wealthy Osage members in order to inherit their fortunes. As members of Mollie's family die under suspicious circumstances, the violence becomes known as the "Reign of Terror." The newly formed Bureau of Investigation, the precursor to the FBI, steps in to investigate, uncovering a widespread conspiracy.
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Tuesday Best Bets

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings

FX 7:00 pm

Shang-Chi (Simu Liu) is a martial arts master who must confront a past he's tried to leave behind when he is drawn into the tangled web of his father's (Tony Leung Chiu-wai) mysterious criminal organization, the Ten Rings. Awkwafina also stars.



Scott Speedman in "RJ Decker"

Breaking the Deadlock

WUNU 9:00 pm

In this ground-breaking series moderated by law professor Aaron Tang, a panel of prominent and diverse voices debate hypothetical, high-stakes political and ethical scenarios based on real life situations through civil dialog and critical thinking.

R.J. Decker

WTVD WPDE 10:00 pm

Disgraced newspaper photographer and ex-con RJ Decker (Scott Speedman) tries to get his life back on track by becoming a private investigator in the crime-filled world of South Florida. However, the characters in his life might send him back to prison.

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 2026

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9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside Ed.	NBA Basketball Orlando Magic at Cleveland Cavaliers (L) (N) (CC)						News at 11	:35 J. Fallon
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Will Trent (N)		High Potential (N)		R.J. "In Vanity Veritas" (N)	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
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HALL	62	★ Because of Cupid ('26) Amy Groening. (CC)		★ The Perfect Pairing ('22) Nazreen Contractor. (CC)		★ Marry Go Round ('22) Amanda Schull. (CC)		Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	100 Day Dream Home	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Farmhouse Facelift	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House (N)	House
HIST	51	Oak Island "The Shining"	Oak Island "Swamped"	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	:05 Secrets (N)					:05 Curse of Oak Island			
LIFE	25	Castle "Slice of Death"	Castle "The Dead Pool"	Castle "Pretty Dead" (CC)	Castle "Knockout" (CC)	Castle "Rise" (CC)	:05 Castle	:05 Castle "Head Case"									
LMN	46	★ Hunting Housewives ('24) Denise Richards. (CC)		★ Left to Die ('12) Rachael Leigh Cook. (CC)		★ Brace for Danger ('25) Kristina Clifford. (P) (CC)		★ Cabin Pressure ('25) Alicia S. Mason. (CC)									
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)		The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)		The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)							
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Love, Hip Hop (CC)	Love, Hip Hop (CC)	Love, Hip Hop (N)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	PortProtec "Sink House"	Port Protection Alaska	PortProtec "Wet Future"	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska	Port Protection Alaska
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Peppa Pig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Rubble	Rubble	Rubble	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
OXY	171	Snapped	Snapped "Verina Childs"	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	★★★ The Hangover Part II ('11) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper. (CC)	★★★ The Hangover Part III ('13) Bradley Cooper.	:45 ★★★ The Hangover Part III											
SYFY	55	3:35 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2		★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10) Daniel Radcliffe.	:35 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2												
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Healing of the (N) (CC)	Joyce M. (N)	One Israel	Together (N)	Stakelbeck	Healing of the (N) (CC)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	54	2:15 ★ Great Ziegfeld	:15 ★★★ Funny Girl (1968, Musical) Omar Sharif, Barbra Streisand.		★ From Headquarters	:15 ★★★ South of Suez	George Brent.	:45 ★ The Man Who Talked Too Much									
TLC	23	Welcome "The Secret"	Welcome to Plathville	Welcome to Plathville	7 Little "Extra Love" (N)	7 Little "Extra Love" (N)	7 Little "Extra Love" (N)	7 Little "Extra Love" (N)	Welcome to Plathville (N)	Unexpected							
TNT	28	3:00 ★★ Billy Madison	★★★ Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson.	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey	Minnesota Wild at Tampa Bay Lightning (L) (N) (CC)		NHL on TNT	★ Matrix Resurrections								
TOON	69	WeBare	WeBare	Dog	Dog	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey	Minnesota Wild at Tampa Bay Lightning (L) (N) (CC)							
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	:35 Griffith	:10 Griffith	:50 Griffith	:25 Andy Griffith (CC)	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond	:55 Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	King
USA	30	Law-SVU "Game"	Law-SVU "Hooked"	Law-SVU "Rage"	Law-SVU "Intoxicated"	Law-SVU "Taboo"	Law-SVU "Manipulated"	Law-SVU "Gone"	Law-SVU "Fault"								
WE	61	S.W.A.T. "U-Turn" (CC)	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Psychodrama"	Criminal "The Aftermath"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Empty Planet"	Criminal "The Last Word"							

Real talk

Romancing a reality star: Taylor Frankie Paul leaves 'Mormon Wives' to star on 'The Bachelorette'

By **Caroline Collacutt**
TV Media

Romancing a reality star: To star in "The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives," one doesn't actually have to be a wife. But for star Taylor Frankie Paul, romance, love and marriage might be just around the corner. The "Secret Lives" star leads as the sought-after single looking for a connection in Season 22 of "The Bachelorette," premiering on ABC Sunday, March 22. Episodes stream on Hulu the following day.

Taylor's history-making appearance marks the first time in "Bachelorette" history that a season will be led by a woman who was not previously part of the franchise, but fear not — the 31-year-old reality star and social media darling is more than capable of handling "Bachelorette" levels of drama.

Having starred in "The Secret Lives of Mormon Wives" since 2024, the Utah native initially went viral for revealing the ins and outs of her #MomTok friend group's "soft-swinging" scene. After a public divorce from Tate Paul in 2022 and an on-again, off-again relationship with Dakota Mortensen — captured in the series — Taylor has earned herself a massive following by posting "comedic, heartwarming

and bitingly honest content" (per ABC) on TikTok, never shying away from sharing her true feelings.

Despite her preparedness, Taylor has previously stated that her "Bachelorette" casting still feels "surreal" — a sentiment shared with host Alex Cooper on the "Call Her Daddy" podcast.

There, Taylor also said: "It has not hit me right now in this moment. I'm just thinking about it, and it's not real. And it's not going to be until I think the limo is pulling up, you know? And meeting the people."

The "people" in question are 22 well-meaning single men eager to earn Taylor's affections, including a professional athlete, a veteran, a photographer, a singer/songwriter, a cowboy, fellow single parents and a current member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) — which is not a requirement for Taylor, despite her own connection to the LDS community. In an interview with "Good Morning America," Taylor claimed to be open to dating outside her religion, adding that "learning about new religions and trying them" is something she's "always wanted to do."

"How you treat people is my No. 1," Taylor said during the same interview. "Down to things like, some-

one passing by, your neighbor or your server."

With an open mind and an open heart, Taylor Frankie Paul begins her search for love in the Season 22 premiere of "The Bachelorette," airing Sunday, March 22, on ABC.

Distinguished dancers: Celebrate a century of America's oldest contemporary dance company with the release of the two-part docuseries "Martha Graham Dance Company: We Are Our Time," which makes its debut Friday, March 27, on PBS.

A dancer and teacher for over 70 years, the incomparable Martha Graham was a revolutionary in the world of dance, founding one of the first racially integrated dance companies in the country. Graham choreographed dances that explored the female psyche, that were presented as acts of political protest and that questioned the "American identity," truly modernizing the art of dance.

"Often listed alongside artistic forces such as Picasso and Stravinsky, [Martha Graham] upended classical tradition with a striking vocabulary of movement that favored emotional truth over beauty," PBS explains.

Nearly 100 years after the formation of the Martha Graham Dance Company, the dancers, teachers and students who followed in Graham's footsteps are working to keep their founder's ideals alive and well.

"We are not making a sacred altar to Martha Graham," artistic director Janet Eilber explains. "We are honoring her appetite for the new."

Through a series of stunning dance sequences, interviews with

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dancers across generations and through the words of Graham herself — voiced by Meryl Streep ("Out of Africa," 1985) in the documentary — "We Are Our Time" invites viewers to step behind the curtain and enter the world of modern dance, following some of Graham's most recent students.

In the series' first episode, cameras follow dancers from rehearsal to premiere as they prepare a new routine — a protest dance from choreographer Jamar Roberts, created in collaboration with Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Rhiannon Giddens. Next week's episode will see the dancers in question embarking on a world tour, reflecting on "both

the exhilaration and the physical and emotional toll of life on the road," says the network.

"As the first American dance company to tour China post-pandemic, their journey echoes Graham's belief in movement as a universal language," PBS continues.

Directors Peter Schnall ("Ron Carter: Finding the Right Notes," 2022) and Cyndee Readdean

("American Experience") say: "Capturing the athleticism and breathtaking elegance of each dancer in intimate settings, both in their homes and backstage, was a challenging yet thrilling experience."

Prioritize movement, creativity, community and innovation with the premiere of "Martha Graham Dance Company: We Are Our Time," airing Friday, March 27, on PBS.

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Wednesday Best Bets

U.S. Marshals

AMC 11:00 am

This 1998 action film stars Tommy Lee Jones as chief deputy Samuel Gerard, who joins his team of Marshals on a dangerous mission pursuing an escaped fugitive (Wesley Snipes) accused of killing two agents. Robert Downey Jr. and Tom Wood also star.

Chicago Fire

WRAL WMBF 9:00 pm

Enjoy another week of "Chicago Wednesdays" with a brand-new episode from this beloved series. The brave firefighters, paramedics and rescue squad of Chicago Firehouse 51 work hand-in-hand to keep their city safe, no matter the situation.



Padma Lakshmi hosts "America's Culinary Cup"

America's Culinary Cup

WBTW 9:30 pm

This week, things get saucy as the remaining chefs face another round of challenges. Judges Michael Cimarrusti and Wylie Dufresne help to decide who moves on in the competition and who will be sent home. Padma Lakshmi serves as the series' host.

Southern Law

A&E 10:00 pm

Things get weird in the South. When a hot pursuit in Richland County, S.C., ends with a vehicle rollover, a deputy must subdue a suspect and save a baby. Then, Walton County, Fla., officers meet a man with views on everything in this series premiere.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 25, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside Ed.	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire (N) (CC)	Chicago P.D. (N) (CC)	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon			
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside Ed.	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire (N) (CC)	Chicago P.D. (N) (CC)	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon			
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Scrubs (N)	Abbott (N)	The Greatest (N)	Shark Tank (N)	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Survivor "Open Wounds" (N) (CC)	Culinary Cup (N)	Hollywood	News (N)	:35 Colbert			
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Scrubs (N)	Abbott (N)	The Greatest (N)	Shark Tank (N)	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Police "Hot Pursuit" (N)	Police 24/7	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)				
31	WUNU	12	Antiques Roadshow	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Nature	NOVA	Secrets of the Dead	Amanpour (N)					
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Mi verdad oculta (N)	Mi rival (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40						
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	Masked "Semi-Finals" (N)	Fear Factor (N)	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs		
62	WFPX	8	*** A Low Down Dirty Shame			*** Nothing to Lose ('97) Martin Lawrence. (CC)		*** Life ('99, Com.-Dra)	Martin Lawrence, Eddie Murphy. (CC)	*** The Original Kings of Comedy							
A&E	21	Live PD	Live PD	K9 Pa.	Patrol K9	K9 Pa.	Patrol K9	K9 Pa.	K9 Pa.	K9 Pa.	K9 Pa.	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	Southern Law (N)	:05 K9 Pa.	:35 K9 Pa.	
AMC	41	2:00 *** Enemy of the State	*** The Fifth Element (1997, Sci-Fi) Gary Oldman, Bruce Willis. (CC)					*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith. (CC)						*** I, Robot Will Smith.			
ANPL	64	Scaled	Scaled	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins			
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	As. Living	As. Living	To Be Announced	The Coach Vick	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)		
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	American Greed	Greed "The Fyre Festival"				
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)								
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	3:00 U.S. House Gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives. (L) (N) (CC)								Public Affairs Events	Public affairs events, congressional hearings, speeches, and interviews.						
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Mysteries of (N)	Mysteries of (N)	Mysteries of (N)	Mysteries of (N)				
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Vampirina	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	39	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon	SportCtr (N)	NBA (N)	NBA Basketball	Atlanta Hawks at Detroit Pistons (L) (N) (CC)	:35 Basketball	Houston Rockets at Minnesota Timberwolves (L) (N)							
ESPN2	32	Game On: Journey (CC)	CB Invitational Championship: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NIT Tourn. Third Quarterfinal: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NIT Tourn. Fourth Quarterfinal: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)											
FDSO	38	3:00 MLB Baseball		FIBA	To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.											
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Grocery "Dessert Games"	Guy's Grocery Games	Flavortown Food Fight	Flavortown Food Fight	Flavortown "Pork Day"	Flavortown (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games								
FREE	18	:05 *** Raya and the Last Dragon ('21) Kelly Marie Tran. (CC)	*** The Princess and the Frog Anika Noni Rose. :35 *** Coco ('17) Anthony Gonzalez. (CC)	The 700 Club (N) (CC)													
FX	67	*** No Hard Feelings ('23) Jennifer Lawrence.	*** Anyone But You ('23) Sydney Sweeney.	*** The Proposal ('09, Rom) Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock. (CC)	*** The Other Woman												
GOLF	45	Golf Central (L) (N)	World Long Drive	Golf Central	The Smylie Show (CC)	Vanity Index Podcast	Golf Central	The Smylie Show (CC)	Vanity Index Podcast								
HALL	62	* Autumn Dreams ('15) Jill Wagner. (CC)	* A Harvest Wedding ('17) Jill Wagner. (CC)	* Two for Tee (2026, Romance) Janel Parrish. (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls								
HGTV	65	Wild Vac.	Wild Vac.	Wild Vac.	Wild Vac.	Bachelor Mansion	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters				
HIST	51	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Swamp People "Monster Season" (N)	:35 Pawn Stars (N)	:35 Pawn Stars	PawnStars								
LIFE	25	Castle "Demons" (CC)	The Rookie "Triple Duty"	The Rookie "Threshold"	The Rookie	The Rookie	The Rookie	:05 The Rookie "Red Hot"	:05 The Rookie "A.C.H."								
LMN	46	* The Beach House Murders ('24) Brittney Dorey.	* The Beach Read Murders ('25) Christie Leverette.	* Dead Girl Summer ('25) Sydney Hamm. (P) (CC)	* Held Hostage in My House ('24) Amy Smart. (CC)												
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)									
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	Catch.. "The Coke Inside"	To Catch a Smuggler (N)	Inside the CIA: (N)	To Catch a Smuggler								
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang				
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Peppa Pig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Rubble	Rubble	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig				
OXY	171	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets				
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue "Gutterball!"	Bar Rescue	*** Tommy Boy (1995, Comedy) David Spade, Chris Farley. (CC)	*** Major League ('89, Com) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger. (CC)	*** Major League											
SYFY	55	3:30 *** Renfield Nicholas Hoult.	*** Salt ('10) Liev Schreiber, Angelina Jolie. (CC)	*** Taken ('08) Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)	*** Taken 2 ('12) Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)	*** Salt											
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	M. Youssef	Turning	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (CC)	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Mod Fam			
TCM	54	Movie	*** The Go-Getter George Brent.	:15 *** Stamboul Quest ('34) Myrna Loy.	*** The Inspector General ('49) Danny Kaye.	*** Critic's Choice ('63) Lucille Ball, Bob Hope.											
TLC	23	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Body Bizarre	Body Bizarre (N)	Body Bizarre (N)	The Bad Foot Clinic (N)	The Bad Foot Clinic								
TNT	28	:15 *** The Suicide Squad (2021, Action) Idris Elba, Margot Robbie. (CC)	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey	Boston Bruins at Buffalo Sabres (L) (N) (CC)	NHL on TNT	*** The Flash										
TOON	69	WeBare	WeBare	Dog	Dog	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey	New York Rangers at Toronto Maple Leafs (L) (N)	NHL on TNT	*** Fever Pitch					
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	:35 Griffith	:10 Griffith	:50 Griffith	:25 Andy Griffith (CC)	Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond	:55 Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King		
USA	30	9-1-1 "In Another Life"	9-1-1 "Recovery" (CC)	9-1-1 "Mixed Feelings"	9-1-1	League One Volleyball (CC)											
WE	61	NCIS "Forced Entry" (CC)	NCIS "Chained" (CC)	NCIS "Blackwater" (CC)	NCIS "Doppelganger"	NCIS "The Meat Puzzle"	NCIS "Witness" (CC)	NCIS "Caught on Tape"	NCIS "Pop Life" (CC)								

Thursday Best Bets

MLB Baseball

WRAL WMBF 8:00 pm

It doesn't get much fresher than day two of the 2026 MLB season as Taylor Clarke and the Arizona Diamondbacks travel west to Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles to take on Shohei Ohtani and the 2025 World Series Champion Los Angeles Dodgers in NL West action.



Paul Anthony Kelly stars in "Love Story: John F. Kennedy Jr. & Carolyn Bessette"

Psycho

TCM 8:00 pm

Marion Crane (Janet Leigh), a secretary who's on the run after embezzling money, seeks refuge in the isolated Bates Motel, where she meets proprietor Norman Bates (Anthony Perkins). When cops arrive looking for her, they find more than they expected.

Love Story: John F. Kennedy Jr. & Carolyn Bessette

FX 9:00 pm

In this series finale, the reawakening of Camelot goes horribly wrong as John F. Kennedy Jr. (Paul Anthony Kelly) and Carolyn Bessette (Sarah Pidgeon) crash into the Atlantic Ocean aboard their small aircraft, sparking a massive search.

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 26, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside Ed.	MLB Baseball	Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers (L) (N)					WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon	
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside Ed.	MLB Baseball	Arizona Diamondbacks at Los Angeles Dodgers (L) (N)					News at 11	:35 J. Fallon	
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	9-1-1 (N)		911: Nash "Bad Girls" (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)			News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	NCAA M. Basketball Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)				NCAA M. Basketball Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)						
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	9-1-1 (N)		911: Nash "Bad Girls" (N)	Grey's Anatomy (N)			News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Scrabble "Book Worms"		Trivial Pursuit		National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)	
31	WUNU	12	Sewing	Quilting	Compass (N)	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Key	Kitchen	Best	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	Reel South		Shaped by		Amanpour (N)	
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)		Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Ser invisible" (N)		Mi verdad oculta (N)		Mi rival (N)			Hermanas, un amor (N)		Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	2026 iHeartRadio Music Awards (L) (N) (CC)				Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs	
62	WFPX	8	☼ Beyond the Law ('19) Johnny Messner. (CC)			☼ Code of Honor (2016, Action) Craig Sheffer, Steven Seagal. (CC)		☼★★ War (2007, Action) Jason Statham, Jet Li. (CC)								☼★★ Transporter 3		
A&E	21	The First 48		The First 48 "Shot Caller"		The First 48 "In Blood"		First 48 "Mystery Man"		The First 48 (N)		Predator Hunters (N)		First 48 "Bad Cinderella"		:05 The First 48		
AMC	41	3:30 ☼★★ Independence Day ('96) Bill Pullman, Will Smith. (CC)		☼★★ The Day After Tomorrow ('04) Dennis Quaid.								TNA iMPACT! (L) (N) (CC)				☼ Day After Tomorrow		
ANPL	64	River Monsters		River Monsters		Monsters "Ice Cold Killer"		River Monsters		Extinct or Alive		Extinct "The Javan Tiger"		Extinct or Alive			Extinct or Alive	
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Neighbor	Neighbor	Beyond the Gates (CC)		Beyond the Gates (CC)		Beyond the Gates (CC)		☼★★ Enough ('02) Billy Campbell, Jennifer Lopez.				
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)		Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank "Episode 10"			Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)		Cooper 360 (L) (N)		The Source With (L) (N)		CNN NewsNight (L) (N)			Laura Coates Live (L) (N)	
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)		:55 Office	The Office	Daily Show	FamilyGuy	
CSPAN	56	3:30 U.S. House of Representatives Gavel-to-gavel coverage of the U.S. House of Representatives. (L) (N) (CC)															Public Affairs Events	
DISC	42	Myth "Indy Car Special"		MythBusters		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs "Horse Tester"		Dirty Jobs			Dirty Jobs	
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Place	Vampirina	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug	
E!	39	☼★ Vampire Academy ('14) Lucy Fry, Zoey Deutch.		☼★ What a Girl Wants ('03) Colin Firth, Amanda Bynes. (CC)		☼★ What a Girl Wants ('03) Colin Firth, Amanda Bynes. (CC)		☼★ Vampire Academy									☼★ Vampire Academy	
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NHL Hockey Minnesota Wild at Florida Panthers (L) (N)		NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Vegas Golden Knights (L) (N) (CC)								
ESPN2	32	2:00 Hockey Podcast		NFL Live (CC)		The Point (CC)		NFL Live (CC)		Hockey (N)	Hockey NCAA Tournament, Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)						SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	
FDSO	38	3:00 To Be Announced				Golf Life	Pre-Game	:15 To Be Announced									Programming to be announced.	
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)		The Five (L) (N) (CC)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)		Hannity (L) (N) (CC)		Gutfeld! (N) (CC)			Fox News at Night (L) (N)	
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Nightmares "Kindred"	Kitchen "Levanti's"	
FREE	18	3:30 ☼★★ Aladdin Scott Weinger.		☼★★ Brave ('12) Kelly Macdonald. (CC)		☼★★ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)											Thrifting Show	
FX	67	2:30 ☼★ Captain America: Winter Soldier		☼★★★ Captain America: Civil War (2016, Action) Robert Downey, Chris Evans. (CC)		☼★★★ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)						Love Story: John F.		Love Story: John F.		☼★★★ Father Stu		
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, First Round (L) (N) (CC)				LPGA Golf Ford Championship, First Round (L) (N)						Golf Central (N)		PGA Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, First Round				
HALL	62	☼★ The Heiress and the Handyman Jodie Sweetin.		☼★ A Machu Picchu Proposal ('25) Rhiannon Fish.		Garage Sale Mysteries "The Wedding Dress" (CC)						The Wedding Dress" (CC)		Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	
HGTV	65	Fixer to Fabulous		Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Beach	Bachelor Mansion		House (N)	House (N)	House	House	
HIST	51	Mysteries Unearthed		Mysteries Unearthed		Mysteries Unearthed		Mysteries Unearthed		Mysteries Unearthed		Mysteries Unearthed		:05 Mysteries Unearthed		:05 Mysteries Unearthed		
LIFE	25	Castle		NCIS "Dead Reflection"		NCIS "Baltimore" (CC)		NCIS "Swan Song" (CC)		NCIS "Pyramid" (CC)		NCIS		:05 NCIS "Restless" (CC)		:05 NCIS		
LMN	46	☼★ The Woman With My Face Nicole Marie Johnson.		☼★ My Husband's Other Face										☼★ My Mother Looked Just Like You Jenny Heaton.				
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)		The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)		The Weeknight (L) (N)		All in With Chr. (L) (N)		The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)				Last Word (L) (N)		The 11th (L) (N)		
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	MTV Special (CC)				☼★ Joe Dirt ('01) Dennis Miller, David Spade. (CC)				
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)		NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)		The Hill with Blake (N)		Vargas Report (N) (CC)		Cuomo (N) (CC)		On Balance (N) (CC)		Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)		Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)		
NGEO	70	Nazi Megastructures		Structures Secrets		Structures Secrets		Structures Secrets		Structures Secrets		Structures Secrets (N)		Structures Secrets (N)		Structures Secrets		
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Peppa Pig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Rubble	Rubble	Rubble	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	
OXY	171	Cold "Enemy Next Door"		Cold Justice		Cold "The Reporter"		Cold "Stolen Beauty"		Dateline "A Texas Twist"		Unforgettable "At the Bottom of the Lake" (CC)		Dateline: Unforgettable				
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		☼★★ Legally Blonde ('01) Reese Witherspoon.		☼★★★ The School of Rock ('03) Joan Cusack, Jack Black. (CC)		☼★★★ Legally Blonde								
SYFY	55	3:30 ☼★★★ Salt ('10) Angelina Jolie.		☼★★★ Taken ('08) Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)		☼★★ Taken 2 ('12) Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)		☼★★★ Taken 3 (2014, Action) Forest Whitaker, Liam Neeson. (CC)										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Prince (N)	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		Rosenberg	Boots (N)	God's	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	NCAA Tip Off (CC)		NCAA M. Basketball Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)					NCAA Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)				
TCM	54	:15 ☼★★★ The Passionate Friends ('49) Ann Todd.		☼★★ Latin Lovers ('53) Lana Turner.		☼★★★ Psycho ('60) Janet Leigh, Anthony Perkins.		☼★★★ The Man Who Knew Too Much										
TLC	23	Unexpected		90 Day: The Single Life		90 Day: The Single Life		90 Day: The Single Life		The Single Life (N)		Unexpected (N)		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		
TNT	28	Movie	:45 ☼★★ Wonder Woman 1984 (2020, Action) Chris Pine, Gal Gadot. (CC)			☼★★ The Flash (2023, Action) Sasha Calle, Ezra Miller. (CC)		☼★★ Aquaman										
TOON	69	WeBare	WeBare	Dog	Dog	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRUTV	40	American	American	To Be Announced		TBA		NCAA Tip Off (L) (N) (CC)		2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament (L) (N) (CC)				NCAA M. Basketball (L) (N) (CC)				
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond		:55 Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	
USA	30	3:00 Fig. Skate		Law-SVU "Parts"		Law-SVU "Clock"		Law-SVU "Recall"		☼★★ Fast X (2023, Action) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel.							Law-SVU "Uncle"	
WE	61	NCIS "Hometown Hero"		NCIS "SWAK" (CC)		NCIS "Twilight" (CC)		NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)		NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)		NCIS "Mind Games" (CC)		NCIS "Silver War" (CC)		NCIS "Switch" (CC)		

Friday Best Bets

2026 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

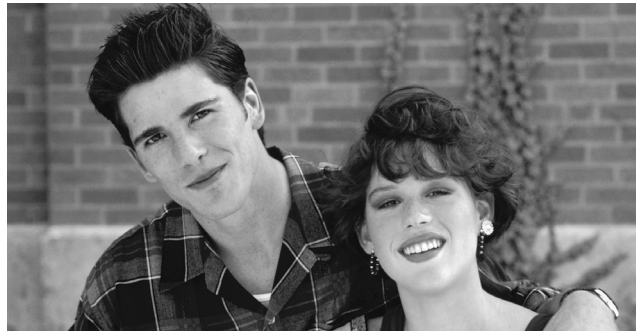
WBTW 7:00 pm

It's been a year of powerhouses and upstarts in men's college basketball, and things look to get crazier as March Madness tightens its grip with these Regional Semifinals. Nate Bureson handles hosting duties. Participating teams to be determined.

United Football League

WFXB 8:00 pm

The United Football League season opens spring action as the powerhouse Birmingham Stallions head north to Lynn Family Stadium in Louisville, Ky., to take on the brand-new expansion team, the Louisville Kings, led by new head coach Chris Redman.



Michael Schoeffling and Molly Ringwald star in "Sixteen Candles"

Sixteen Candles

TCM 10:00 pm

Angst and anxiety are in store for Sam's (Molly Ringwald) 16th birthday, which is being overshadowed by her sister's (Blanche Baker) wedding. As she pines for the older Jake (Michael Schoeffling), only nerdy Ted (Anthony Michael Hall) seems interested.

Goodfellas

AMC 11:00 pm

In this classic film from director Martin Scorsese, Henry (Ray Liotta) rises through the ranks of the mob in 1950s New York, enjoying the glamorous, violent life with associates Jimmy (Robert De Niro) and Tommy (Joe Pesci). Lorraine Bracco also stars.

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5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside Ed.	Happy's (N)	Stumble (N)	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)			WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon		
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	MLB Baseball	Kansas City Royals at Atlanta Braves (L) (N)			Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News at 11	:35 J. Fallon		
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	NCAA M. Basketball	Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			NCAA M. Basketball Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel		
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)		20/20 (N) (CC)		News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Masters of Illusion	The National News Desk		The National News Desk				
31	WUNU	12	Energy	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Issues	ncImpact	Week (N)	State Lines		The American Revolution (CC)		Amanpour			
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Lo que odio de ti"	Mi verdad oculta (N)	Mi rival (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)		Noticias 40		:35 Noticiero				
43	WFXB	2	Postgame	Judy Justice	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	UFL United Football League Birmingham Stallions at Louisville Kings (L) (N)			Mod Fam	Goldbergs			
62	WFPX	8	*** After the Sunset ('04) Salma Hayek, Pierce Brosnan. (CC)			*** Heist 88 ('23) Keith David, Courtney B. Vance. (CC)			*** Pain & Gain (2013, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Mark Wahlberg.			*** Metro						
A&E	21	Alaska State Troopers			Alaska State Troopers			Alaska State Troopers			Alaska State Troopers			Troopers "Hairy Threat"		:05 Alaska-Trooper		
AMC	41	Movie	*** The Departed (2006, Thriller) Matt Damon, Leonardo DiCaprio. (CC)			*** Jack Reacher (2012, Action) Rosamund Pike, Tom Cruise. (CC)			*** Goodfellas			*** Goodfellas						
ANPL	64	Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters			Treehouse Masters				
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Neighbor	Neighbor	*** The Intruder (2019, Thriller) Meagan Good, Michael Ealy. (CC)			*** Losing Isaiah ('95) Jessica Lange. (CC)							
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)			
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)								
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park	
CSPAN	56	2:00 Public Affairs Events			Ceasefire (CC)			Public Affairs Events			Ceasefire (CC)			Public Affairs Events				
DISC	42	Gold Rush			Gold Rush "Rick's Mess"			Gold Rush			:10 Gold Rush: (N)			:10 Gold Rush:				
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	*** Toy Story 4 ('19) Tom Hanks. :45 Kiff (CC)			:10 Kiff (CC)	:35 Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug		
E!	39	*** Dodgeball ('04) Vince Vaughn. (CC)			*** Zoolander ('01) Ben Stiller. (CC)			*** Dodgeball ('04) Vince Vaughn. (CC)			*** Zoolander ('01) Ben Stiller. (CC)							
ESPN	31	2:30 NCAAABs.	NCAA (N)	NCAA Bsk. Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			NCAA (N)	NCAA Bsk. Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			NCAA (N)	NCAA Bsk. Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)						
ESPN2	32	NFL Live (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	College Softball	Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Hockey NCAA Tournament			Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			SportCtr (N)				
FDSO	38	Carolina	Athletes Unlimited	Pro Lacrosse	Focused	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Pulse/Pack	Duke	Outdoor	Adventure				
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)									
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
FREE	18	2:35 *** Princess Bride	:55 *** Turning Red ('22) Rosalie Chiang. (CC)			*** Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore. (CC)			*** Beauty and the Beast ('91) Paige O'Hara.			:10 The 700 Club (N) (CC)						
FX	67	1:30 *** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. (CC)	*** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. (CC)			*** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales ('17) Johnny Depp.			*** Madame Web									
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Tour Golf Texas Children's Houston Open, Second Round (L) (N) (CC)	LPGA Golf Ford Championship, Second Round (L) (N)			Golf Central (N)			PGA Tour Champions Golf									
HALL	62	*** Royal-ish ('25) Nichole Sakura. (CC)	*** A Christmas Carousel ('20) Rachel Boston. (CC)			*** Crown for Christmas ('15) Danica McKellar. (CC)			Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls					
HGTV	65	Cheap AS\$	Cheap AS\$	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Hunters (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters		
HIST	51	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	:05 UnBelievable	:05 UnBelievable	:05 UnBelievable					
LIFE	25	NCIS "Engaged, Part 1"	NCIS "Engaged, Part 2"	NCIS "Sins of the Father"	NCIS "Newborn King"	NCIS "Housekeeping"	NCIS "A Desperate Man"	:05 NCIS	:05 NCIS "Secrets" (CC)									
LMN	46	*** Taken in Plain Sight ('24) Tennille Read. (CC)	*** The Boy Who Vanished ('25) Tegan Moss. (CC)			*** The Little Boy Who Went Missing												
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)			The Weeknight (L) (N)			All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)						
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	RuPaul's Drag Race	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) (CC)	Untucked	RuPaul's Drag Race	Special							
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)									
NGEO	70	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch "Narcotourist"				
NICK	29	3:00 *** Hotel Transylvania 2	Boss Baby	Loud House	Wylde Pak	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	
NICKJ	71	:55 Rubble	:25 Rubble	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	PAWPatrol	
OXY	171	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Tracy Lawson	The Backyard	The Swedish Connection" (CC)	Buried "Dead End Town"	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide							
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	To Be Announced	To Be Announced													
SYFY	55	3:00 *** Leprechaun 3	*** Taken 3 (2014, Action) Forest Whitaker, Liam Neeson. (CC)			*** The Equalizer (2014, Action) Marton Csokas, Denzel Washington. (CC)			*** The Equalizer 2									
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Joel Osteen	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Michael W. Smith (CC)	Michael W. Smith (CC)	Wintley	Stakelbeck	Michael W. Smith (CC)				
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	NCAA Tip Off (CC)	NCAA M. Basketball Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)			NCAA Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA (L) (N)							
TCM	54	*** Traveling Saleslady	:15 *** We're in the Money	*** Miss Pacific Fleet Joan Blondell.			*** The Breakfast Club ('85) Emilio Estevez. (CC)			*** Sixteen Candles ('84) Molly Ringwald. (CC)								
TLC	23	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé			
TNT	28	3:00 *** Aquaman ('18) Jason Momoa.	*** Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom ('23) Jason Momoa. (CC)			:45 *** Suicide Squad (2016, Action) Jared Leto, Will Smith. (CC)	:15 *** Black Adam											
TOON	69	WeBare	WeBare	Dog	Dog	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
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USA	30	1:00 Fig. Skate (L) (N)	*** Fast X (2023, Action) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel.			WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) (CC)			Chicago Fire									
WE	61	3:30 *** Mamma Mia! ('08) Meryl Streep. (CC)	*** A League of Their Own ('92, Comedy Drama) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks.			Mama June (N)	Bridezillas (N)	Mama June										

hollywood Q&A



Matt Damon, George Clooney and Brad Pitt in "Ocean's Thirteen"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: I heard rumors that there's going to be a new "Ocean's" movie. Is that actually happening?

A: It seems to depend on whom you ask. But for a movie franchise that's all about getting a big group of people to work in perfect sync on a single project, it's concerning that the actors don't seem to be on the same page.

The plan is to bring the cast members (those still with us) from the 2001 smash "Ocean's Eleven" and its sequels back together for a fourth installment — predictably titled "Ocean's Fourteen."

In December, George Clooney ("Good Night and Good Luck," 2005) told Variety that it's on track to start filming this winter, and the idea is solid: "There was something about the idea that we're too old to do what we used to do, but we're still smart enough to know how to get away with something, that just appeals to me."

A few weeks after that, Julia Roberts ("Pretty Woman," 1990) said, again to Variety, that she saw the script and was "surprised" at how good it is.

However, Matt Damon ("Good Will Hunting," 1997) said in a January interview on the "Still Watching Netflix" podcast that he had been "hearing about it" but hadn't even seen a script.

Damon was a crucial part of the original ensemble, so him being left out seems unlikely. Is this a bit of "Ocean's"-esque misdirection to throw journalists off the scent? Is it an elaborate prank that notorious joker Clooney is playing on him? Both are quite possible.

But it's also possible the sequel — something fans have been desiring for years — isn't as far along as we'd like to think.

Q: I've been rewatching "ER." I know Noah Wyle is on that new medical show "The Pitt," but I'm curious where some of the others ended up — especially Dr. Lewis. Where is she now?

A: By all indications, Sherry Stringfield ("Guiding Light") is living the life, and career, she wanted all along — a pursuit that caused controversy in "ER's" early days.

Stringfield's character, Dr. Susan Lewis, was a central piece of the "ER" ensemble for the show's first three seasons, when it was developing into the late-'90s TV phenomenon it would become. And Stringfield herself got Best Lead Actress Emmy nods for each of those seasons.

Screen scramble

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Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows. Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

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But she chose to leave in the middle of all that success (and the middle of Season 3), saying she wanted a normal life.

She entered semi-retirement, taking a few roles, doing some teaching and focusing on herself and her family. But she said that work-obsessed Hollywood took that as an attack. "It's like when you walk away from a really wonderful job like that, you start messing with everyone's priorities," she told Entertainment Weekly at the time. "It's like you're dissing them."

But she has nonetheless been able to carry on as she wished, taking roles every so often, including two returns to "ER," and raising her family on her terms (she has two children).

Most recently, she did a four-episode arc on "Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders" from 2016-17, and before that, a role in the cause-based indie drama "The Dog Lover" (2016).

That means it's been nearly a decade since she was last on screen, but with her approach to acting, that doesn't necessarily mean retirement. Time will tell.

Have a question? Email us at questions@tvtabloid.com.

Late laughs

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

It's not just Lunar New Year. Today [Feb. 17] is packed with holidays. It's also Madri Gras, the beginning of Ramadan and at midnight Lent. Rarely do so many holidays converge, let alone on Taco Tuesday. Which is why tonight, ladies and gentlemen, I am declaring the first official Mardi Gramadana Taco Lent Day.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

I read that Axe Body Spray is trying to prevent overuse of their product with a new mechanism that delivers a lighter, more controlled application. Now if you're wondering how much Axe Body Spray is too much, the answer is any much. You know you have a good product when you're looking for ways to make people smell less like it.

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

So, Valentine's Day is on Saturday [Feb. 14]. This is everything you need to know. Flowers are all sold out. There are no more dinner reservations. You're probably getting divorced. OK, but here's a little money-saving tip. You can save a bundle on candy hearts just by writing the words "I heart you" on a Tums.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

After winning a bronze medal in the biathlon competition in the Milano Cortina Winter Olympics, a Norwegian athlete gained attention online for confessing in an interview to cheating on his former girlfriend. In his defense, if you're a biathlete you have like twice the temptation.

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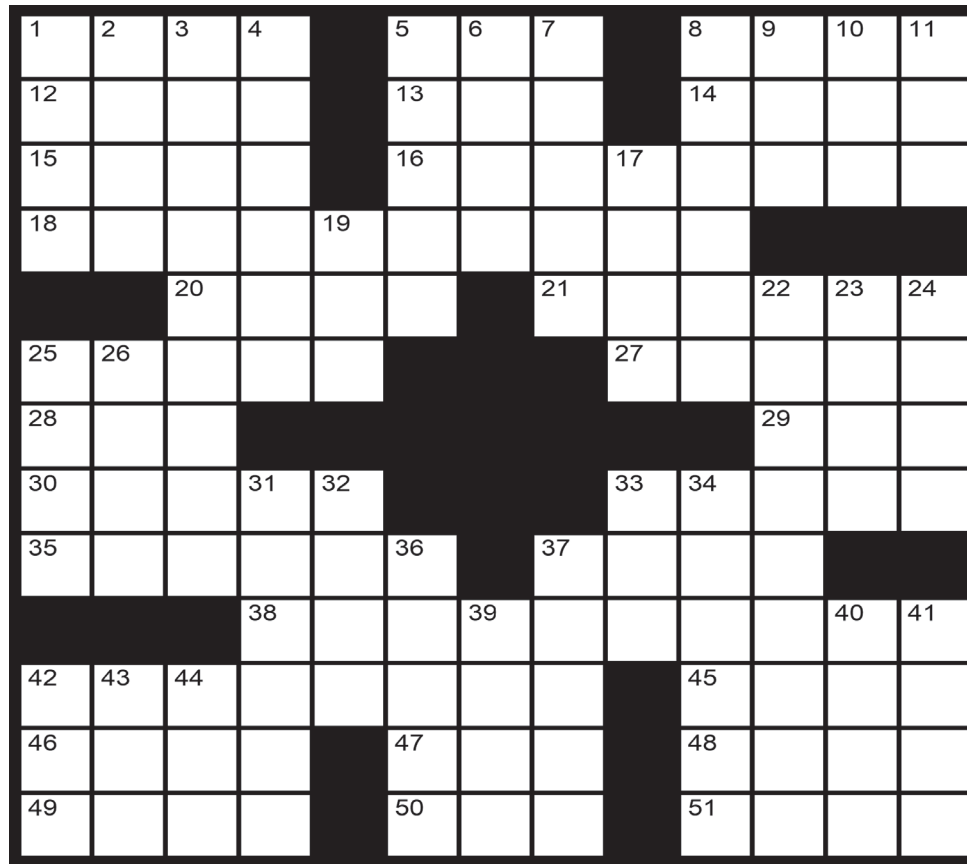
27. "Sardar ka Grandson" (2021) actress Gupta
 28. Steely Dan album
 29. Beat a bridge contract
 30. "DAMN." rapper
 33. Mib's relative
 35. See 18-Across
 37. Prefix with legal or chute

- Across**
1. Big clumps of gum
 5. Hurdle for Hannibal's army
 8. "Frozen" character with a braid
 12. Plant with therapeutic sap
 13. Espresso alternative
 14. Out house?
 15. Welfare org.
 16. Cartoon patriarch who lives in Arlen, Texas
 18. With 35-Across, Paddy Considine series
 20. Gangland summit figures
 21. Panasonic alternatives
 25. Owls' hangouts

38. Father-in-law of Marge
42. Lane on "Desperate Housewives"
45. Coy response to "Nice shot!"
46. "Then again," in texts
47. Band's vehicle, often
48. Some competitions
49. Gloucester grandmother
50. Genre for Fall Out Boy
51. "Lord of the Rings" village that sounds like a cheese

- Down**
1. It's sometimes on the line

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2. Dog dish filler
3. "Brian's Song" or "Roots"
4. Flavor to taste
5. Fictional French musketeer
6. Fall faller
7. Menswear
8. Emission of ripening fruit
9. Welcome offering
10. Sketch show since '75
11. It's between Eur. and Amer.
17. "Star Trek II" (1982) villain
19. Rank below Lt. j.g.
22. Guillermo's catchphrase on "What We Do in the Shadows"
23. "That's ___ hadn't heard"
24. Fill full
25. Without hair
26. Minimally open
31. "___ All Along"
32. Clerical dress
33. "___ Woman": Helen Reddy hit
34. Onetime Dr Pepper alternative
36. Fortitude
37. Upright or player
39. Where Anna Leonowens taught
40. Hockey Hall of Famer Willie
41. Big letters on Wall St.
42. Earned
43. Give ___ chance
44. Bobby, to 16-Across

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