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Lumberton Deputy City Manager Brandon Love, right, speaks during Thursday's community outreach event on its master plan for downtown development.

City shares plan for downtown development

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The community was given a glance into what the next 10-plus years of downtown development in Lumberton could potentially look like on Thursday.

The city held a community outreach event, which included the chance to give input on future downtown projects and included a presentation on a master plan for downtown development that Benchmark has developed in consultation with the city.

"Downtown is connected to everything," one of the presentation slides stated. "It is the heart of our community, physically connected to everywhere by roads, trails and the river, and culturally connected to our people through its historical significance and importance to our future."

The master plan, which is "very close" to completion, is a 10-year plan and includes numerous ideas for potential downtown development, ranging from dining and retail to residential and more.

"This is not just a study, it's not just a

collection of ideas or renderings," Downtown Development Coordinator Sarah Beth Ward said. "This is our road map, it's built from data, it's shaped by community input and grounded in real opportunity."

"I think it's a great help to the city and our thoughts for expansion and the future," Mayor Bruce Davis told The Robesonian. "I think it's a world of information we can use, and I think we will use a lot of it to do some things that we haven't thought about. This has just been a great opportunity."

Deputy City Manager Brandon Love described downtown revitalization as a flame that isn't burning out, saying that the construction of a roundabout and the paving of some parking lots was a "kindler," but that the community involvement is the true spark.

"That's the Main Street Advisory Board, Friends of Main Street, the volunteers, the business owners, the building owners, the politicians — everybody, it takes all of us to build that fire, to light that spark and to get things going," Love said.

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Family's fight for education spans generations



Angus Thompson stands on the steps of Sandy Grove Baptist Church in Lumberton.

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Long before the Leandro case began in 1994, Thompson's ancestors advocated for equality in Robeson's public schools

Heidi Perez-Moreno
Border Belt Independent

LUMBERTON — Angus Thompson stepped out of Sandy Grove Baptist Church in Lumberton into the bright sun on a recent Sunday, rejuvenated by the service's music and

fellowship.

He glanced across Martin Luther King Jr. Drive at W.H. Knuckles Elementary School, where he and his daughter and many other family members attended. His ancestors played a key role in early iterations of the church

and the school, and Thompson continues to honor their legacy.

"It's always on my mind that those are sacred grounds for me," said Thompson, 73.

Although Thompson comes from a long line of educators who pushed for

equal access, he opted to become an attorney. As it turned out, those two worlds collided.

When Thompson was elected to the Robeson County school board in 1988, he got a glimpse into what he already

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District judge Diane Greene retires



Judge Diane Greene, center, with her portrait that will hang in the Robeson County Courthouse.

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — District Court Judge Diane Greene retired from service after nearly 50 years on Tuesday.

Greene became the first African-American judge in Robeson County when she took her oath of office 46 years ago, setting an example for the future generations of women of color in powerful positions.

Robeson County Supe-

rior Court Judge Tiffany Powers said Greene has been an inspiration for her since she was young.

"I was a Girl Scout," Powers said. "She was working as a legal aide at the time and came to speak to my Girl Scout troop. It never occurred to me that I could be a lawyer until I saw Judge Greene."

Throughout her law career in Robeson County, Greene has

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Board of Commissioners chair Edge faces criticism over social media post

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — David Edge, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, is facing backlash from other elected officials and members of the public after sharing a social media post about former President Barack Obama. In a since-deleted post



Edge



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on Facebook, Edge shared a meme including a photo of Obama with text stating in part "a Black racist queer was president for

eight years." Edge, a Republican, represents District 6, which includes northern Lumberton, Saddletree

and Rennert, and has been on the board since 2010. He posted on Wednesday afternoon apologizing for the initial post.

"I made a post earlier about Obama and attached a memo that I did not write it but was forwarding it to get opinions," Edge's post

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OBITUARIES

DOROTHY "DOT" ELIZABETH NORRIS HAYES



Dorothy "Dot" Elizabeth Norris Hayes, 103, of Lumberton, passed away peacefully in her family's Fayetteville home on April 13, 2026. Dot was born to Martin Van and Ruth Manning Norris in Rockingham,

on March 8, 1923, but lived most of her life in Lumberton, where she built a legacy in faith, family, and service.

Dot was as quick with a pithy saying as she was with a useful fact or thoughtful Bible verse. Born in a time and circumstances that prevented full realization of her abilities, she deftly made her own way in the world, raising four children while operating her own business for over five decades — a remarkable feat, going strong after most of us would slow down. She was also an avid Bible scholar, faithfully attending church and home Bible study fellowships well into her 90s. A charter member of Godwin Heights Baptist Church (1954), she served in several ministries, including a Sunday School class she taught in the downtown Lumberton fire station. Dot grew up singing with her sisters and had a library of hymns and songs in her head. Her natural ear for harmony was amazing.

Dot was the first of her family to graduate from high school (Allenton School, class of 1940). Her sisters, determined that Dot would not work in a textile mill as they did, helped put her through cosmetology school in Charlotte. She graduated from La Salle Beauty School in 1942 and operated Beau-Nette Beauty Shop in Lumberton for over fifty years.

Dot was tireless about her day. She wasn't sitting for long, and if she was, something was in her hands — shelling peas, beads to string, sewing to mend. An accomplished seamstress with an eye for fashion, Dot produced an impressive collection of garments for herself and her family. Her mind was constantly moving, too: drawing connections between things she had read and things she learned from the world around her. She enjoyed a well-timed witticism, and those of us fortunate enough to be in her living room loved hearing her lob verbal volleys with worthy companions. We were not all up to the task.

Remarkably healthy and independent well into her 90s, Dot could often be found tending her garden, digging up dandelions, washing her car, trimming hedges, or checking on others. Known for her thriftiness and practicality, Dot was a product of the Great Depression — a genuine specimen of the "Greatest Generation" who cared for several of

her sisters in their last years, striving to give them the best quality of life she could manage. As a continued sign of her unwillingness to waste any good thing, Dot donated her body to the Brody School of Medicine, a final testament to her lifelong pursuit of good health.

Caring for Dot in the Basnight's home in Fayetteville for seven years was an incredible honor and the result of sacrificial love and coordinated effort on the part of her three daughters and their families, as well as the generosity of friends and neighbors. Dot made the experience an even greater joy with her wit, her constant expression of gratitude, and her settled refusal to complain.

Dot was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Adrian Capers "A.C." Hayes and son, Larry Luth Hayes. She was the last survivor of the Norris family, surviving Carleen Lyles, Lillie Bullard, Minnie Bryan, Homer Norris, Inez Ivey, Alma Ivey and Myrtle Dudley.

Dot is survived by her daughters, Jill Basnight ("J.C.") of Fayetteville, Beth Carmical (Stan) of Lumberton, and Corliss Bradley (Mike) of Beaufort. She also leaves behind six grandchildren, Heather Henson (John), Ivey King (David), Jared Britt, Huntre Hagen (Aaron), Leah Hargrove (Zach) and Kathryn Baker (Kyle), and 10 beloved great-grandchildren who affectionately called her "Grand Dot." She was especially close to a devoted niece and nephew, Rosemary Stankwytych Long and Wayne Norris, as well as many other cherished extended family members.

The Hayes family would like to express their gratitude for the excellent support and care provided by the dedicated caregivers of 3HC Home Health and Hospice Care, and to Mr. Thomas Andrews, a former neighbor who kept a kind and watchful eye on Dot for several years, enabling her to live independently until the age of 96. Special thanks also to Floyd Mortuary of Lumberton and a dear family friend, Ken Dowless of Bladenboro, for their kind assistance.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at Kingdom Place Pentecostal Holiness Church, where Dot was a member for many years: 2610 East Fifth Street, Lumberton. The family will receive friends from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Brody School of Medicine at www.ecuhealthfoundation.org or the family would also be most pleased to know that Dot's memory was simply celebrated with bouquets of beautiful acts of practical kindness — a gesture she would have found most fitting.

Lumbee Homecoming name becomes protected trademark

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) announced this week that the Lumbee Homecoming name and associated marks are officially protected trademarks.

Lumbee Homecoming is more than an

event — it is a reflection of the history, identity, and unity of the Lumbee people, an LRDA press release said. As such, its name and representation must be used in a manner that honors and respects our community.

In the coming days, LRDA will release both an official trademark usage application and a

comprehensive policy and cultural standards guide.

These standards will be strictly enforced and will require that all uses of the Lumbee Homecoming name, branding, and imagery demonstrate clear and accurate cultural relevance to the Lumbee People as a Southeastern American Indian tribe.

LRDA is committed to protecting the integrity of Lumbee Homecoming and ensuring it continues to represent the Lumbee people with authenticity, dignity, and respect, it said.

Further details will be shared soon, LRDA said.

UNC Health Southeastern, UNCP each given UNC System grants to expand rural health care training

UNCHSE receives \$465K, UNCP \$400K as part of allocation

Staff report

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern received a \$465,000 grant, while UNC Pembroke got a \$400,000 grant, as the UNC System has awarded over \$6.4 million overall in state-funded grants to help its universities, North Carolina Area Health Education Centers and rural hospitals expand and establish new rural health care workforce training programs.

UNC Health Southeastern received funding for several initiatives including establishing and launching new, accredited fellowship programs in cardiology and sports medicine, as well as establishing a formal partnership with the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

"We are so excited and appreciative to have been considered as one of the recipients of the Rural Residency Education and Training Fund Grants," said UNC Health Southeastern Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Joe Roberts, M.D. "UNC Health Southeastern has one of the largest rural residency programs in the state and these grants will help to expand upon our graduate education mission in the region. This was a true team effort between our Graduate Medical Education staff and our grant writers at UNC Health Southeastern."

Part of UNC Health Southeastern's grant will go towards cardiology and sports medicine. Despite the presence of established residency programs, current training capacity limits the ability to develop and retain specialty-trained physicians locally. Expanding fellowship-level training in cardiology and sports medicine is essential to meeting growing patient demand, addressing persistent workforce shortages, and strengthening access to specialty care in Robeson County and surrounding rural communities. The cardiology grant funding is for \$150,000 and the sports medicine grant is for \$117,000.

Another portion of the grant is earmarked for expanding rural specialty care training. Optimizing the grant award of \$198,000, UNC Health Southeastern will implement this innovation project through a struc-

tured approach designed to strengthen rural residency training by establishing intentional infrastructure and formalizing a partnership with the Robeson County Church and Community Center.

The Robeson County Church and Community Center is the county's oldest and largest non-profit organization and serves as a trusted community hub for individuals and families facing economic and social challenges. Founded to provide advocacy, emergency assistance, and access to essential resources, the center addresses critical social determinants of health

through a wide range of programs and services.

This approach represents an innovation in rural residency training by intentionally integrating community-based organizations into structured, longitudinal training experiences. Residents will serve a diverse rural patient population, including individuals experiencing chronic disease, limited access to primary care, and social and economic barriers to health. Unlike traditional clinical rotations, this model expands resident learning beyond hospital and clinic settings to address social determinants of health through sustained community engagement, strengthening preparation for rural practice, and long-term workforce retention.

UNC Pembroke's \$400,000 grant award will help more social workers treat people with substance use disorders in southeastern North Carolina.

"Educating doctors, nurses, and health professionals to serve our state is one of the University's most important responsibilities," said UNC System President Peter Hans. "Every North Carolinian deserves quality care close to home, and we are committed to that mission."

The funding comes from the UNC System Rural Residency Medical Education and Training Fund, established by the North Carolina General Assembly in the 2023 State Appropriations Act. The goal of the fund is clear: use flexible state dollars to train more health care providers in rural North Carolina and connect them to the communities that need them most.



Roberts

Lumber River United Way to host Day of Caring on May 15

Victoria Sanderson

The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Lumber River United Way is hosting its annual Day of Caring event on May 15.

The event will run from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC at 500 Linkhaw Road in Lumberton.

The Day of Caring is a volunteer-based event focused on giving back to the community. A significant number of volunteer opportunities are available for those interested in participat-

ing, including sewing projects, constructing wheelchair ramps, planting flowers, cleaning events and many more.

The Day of Caring will also include a food and necessities drive at the Lumberton Chevrolet Buick GMC. The drive will accept non-perishable food items and packaged material goods.

Those interested in participating can call 910-739-4249 or email info@lumberriveruw.org.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robersonian.com.

Reward offered in April homicide near Maxton

Staff report

MAXTON — A reward has been offered for information about who committed a recent homicide.

The family of Ernie Locklear is offering \$7,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest in connection with his murder.

On Wednesday, April 15, at approximately 2:41 p.m., Deputies responded to the 2700 block of Morrison Road in Maxton in reference to an unresponsive person. Ernie Locklear, 65, of Rowland, was transported to UNC Southeastern Medical Center in Lumberton, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Locklear was working on a tractor when he was shot, RSCO says.

RSCO's Homicide and Criminal Investigation divisions are continuing to investigate Locklear's death.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with information to call the Robeson County Sheriff's Office at 910-671-3100.

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Fayetteville I-295 project wins regional award

Staff report

FAYETTEVILLE — A highway project that used an innovative method to transport nearly 4 million tons of dirt over Interstate 95 has received regional honors.

Balfour Beatty led the Wilmington-based joint venture selected by the N.C. Department of Transportation to design and build a southern leg of Interstate 295, also known as the Fayetteville Outer Loop. The other venture members were Branch Civil Inc. and STV Engineers Inc.

The 6-mile segment stretches from east of Camden Road in Hope Mills to I-95's Exit 38 in northern Robeson County. The project also had the Balfour Beatty team widen I-95 to eight lanes in this

vicinity.

For its efforts, Balfour Beatty received recognition on April 28 from the Southeast Design Build Institute of America during its regional summit in Asheville. The I-295 project won the top transportation award in the projects exceeding \$100 million category. The institute's Southeast region serves design-build professionals in both Carolinas and Georgia.

As part of the design, the joint venture proposed constructing a temporary conveyor-belt bridge over I-95 to build up the ramps and bridges for the interchange with I-295. The conveyor belt transported dirt from a borrow pit on one side of the highway to the other side without impacting traffic.



Photo courtesy of NCDOT
Balfour Beatty and the rest of the design-build team, including Branch Civil and STV Engineers, along with representatives from NCDOT's Division 6, pose as Tuesday's award ceremony in Asheville.

The conveyor belt diverted the equivalent of about 140,000 dump trucks that would have traveled over public roads, increasing congestion and roadway wear.

"Design-build gives us the flexibility to bring engineering and construction teams to the table

early, which leads to more innovative and efficient solutions," said Jason Salisbury, NCDOT's Division 6 construction engineer for the Fayetteville area. "These projects succeed because of the strong relationships we maintain with our contract partners who help us deliver a

high-quality transportation network."

In 2017, the NCDOT awarded the design-build project for almost \$130 million to complete the design, help the department acquire additional right-of-way, and construct the 6-mile leg. In 2021, the department added a supplemental agreement worth \$107.7 million for Balfour to widen I-95 from four to eight lanes between mile markers 38 and 41.

By incorporating this agreement into the original project, the department was able to accelerate the widening of four miles of I-95 in this vicinity and save millions of dollars in construction costs. Both the I-295 construction and the I-95 widening work were completed last year. Commenting on the

award, Mark Johnnie, senior vice president and chief operating officer of U.S. Infrastructure operations at Balfour Beatty, said: "This award is a testament to the incredible dedication of our team and the strength of our partners and subcontractors, all working side by side with NCDOT to deliver a project that truly serves the traveling public. We are deeply grateful for our client's partnership and their trust in the design-build process, which allowed us to solve complex challenges together, manage risk thoughtfully and communicate openly every step of the way. It is an honor to collaborate in this way and bring meaningful infrastructure to life for the communities we serve."

Downtown

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There has been over \$15 million in public and private investment into the downtown area since 2022, Love said. The city has awarded \$150,000 in Facade Improvement Grants to downtown businesses, which has led to \$400,000 in additional investment, helping to save six downtown buildings and leading to eight new downtown businesses.

"We've started to shape a new identity," Love said, citing projects including murals, sculptures, sun shades on the Dick Taylor Plaza, and multiple arts-based businesses. "I believe that our downtown is starting to become, sort of organically, this arts and entertainment district. Start thinking about the things that we've been able to do."

In developing the master plan, Benchmark conducted over 400 surveys and over 100 interviews for community input on what is desired in the downtown area. Recurring themes in this input included opportunities to

leverage the riverfront, create residential opportunities and revitalize the former water treatment plant into an entertainment destination, among others, Benchmark representative Jason Epley said. Carolina Civic Center expansion that was suggested has now been completed, while long-term plans include the potential renovation or rebuild of the Robeson County Courthouse.

Recurring themes also included the challenges to downtown development, including changing the community's mindset about the downtown area; that includes safety, homelessness, building maintenance, appearance, river visibility and a perceived lack of things to do.

Focuses of the master plan include creating residential opportunities, activating public spaces, attracting entertainment, dining and attractions, encouraging locally owned small business and leveraging publicly owned sites for redevelopment. The federal recognition of the Lumbee Tribe will also have a "major future influence" on downtown redevelopment, the scope of which isn't entirely known just

4 1/2 months after that recognition was signed into law.

Downtown demand between now and 2040 could potentially include 110 to 160 multifamily residential units; 12,400 to 18,600 square feet of office space; 30,000 to 45,000 square feet of retail space; and 10 to 20 unique short-term rentals, Epley said.

The master plan divides downtown into three focus areas of the area of the Plaza, the riverfront along the Lumber River and the Courthouse Square area. For the Plaza area, the plan encourages the city to build off the momentum that has built in recent years around the Plaza, with new business and frequent community events.

Development ideas around the Plaza include: a permanent structure for the Farmer's Market at the south end of the Plaza; a "shared kitchen" space that can be rented out; leveraging private development and recent property acquisitions to further activate and add dining, apartments and retail; and leveraging existing public activities.

The possible addition of residential space around the plaza,

as well as some other areas around downtown, includes "upper story housing," where the top floor of some buildings are converted into apartments while the bottom floor operates as a business. Some of these units are already in operation.

On the riverfront, the master plan encourages leveraging the riverwalk and river access; using city- and county-owned sites along Water Street for redevelopment; residential opportunities; and destination/entertainment uses. One idea is to create a "front porch" of dining areas along Water Street facing the river, while another is using that area for residential development. The master plan identified several potential sites to support 50 to 150 housing units, Benchmark representative Dan Douglas said.

Around the Courthouse, the ideas in the master plan are more long-term in nature. A potential future replacement for the Courthouse could also come with residential opportunities, including possibly pairing those with a potential parking deck adjacent to the courthouse.

One idea is to build the new

Courthouse where its current lot sits between Elm, Chestnut and Fourth streets, then build a parking deck and apartments, known as "liners" to visually hide much of the parking deck, on the current site of the Courthouse.


The master plan will soon be presented to City Council once it is finalized. Its ideas, though, are the result of a much broader collaborative effort, Ward said.

"This work is the result of the community working together," Ward said. "That's what downtown is, it's the heart of our city. But most importantly, we are not starting from scratch, we already have momentum. I would put our downtown revitalization up against any program in North Carolina. ... This plan gives us clarity and a path forward, but now it's about continuing the work. That means continuing the conversations, supporting the projects already gaining momentum, and staying aligned with the vision that we've created together."

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Meet General and Bariatric Surgeon Mark Dalvin, MD

Mark Dalvin, MD, provides care at UNC Health Surgical Specialists at Southeastern Health Mall as both a general and bariatric surgeon. His clinical areas of special interest include bariatric/metabolic/weight loss surgery, hernia surgery, and robotic surgery. He performs a variety of operations including sleeve gastrectomy, roux-en-y gastric bypass, inguinal and ventral hernia repair, and paraesophageal hernia repair. He also completed a fellowship in bariatric surgery at Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento in Sacramento, Calif.

"I chose to become a surgeon to develop the knowledge and skills needed to directly improve the lives of people in my community," said Dr. Dalvin. "For me, the most important principle of being a physician is helping patients optimize their quality of life and supporting them in becoming the best version of themselves in their own eyes. I find my areas of special interest especially meaningful because of the profound impact they can have on a patient's long-term health, confidence, and overall well-being."



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HIS VIEW

On property tax decisions, slow down

Property owners have every right to be upset with the rapidly escalating taxes imposed on real property. And our legislature, always looking for ways to play to their constituents (especially in an election year) heard their complaints and vowed to do something to ameliorate property tax shocks. But as is so often the case, the legislature's rapid response didn't take the time to fully study the issue and find a workable solution.



Tom Campbell
Contributing columnist

To be fair city and county governments have themselves to blame for some of the backlash. At times, they have failed to exercise financial discipline and appear to have raised property taxes to match budget requests rather than properly discern wants from needs. And they certainly don't seem to have been concerned enough about how their budget decisions will impact a large percentage of their residents — those who own real property. But we understand. When city and county elected officials face rapid population increases (or even declines) and simultaneously experience rapidly increasing expenses they must make decisions on how to provide their residents services like utilities, school buildings, parks and other infrastructure, in addition to amenities that make their environs more amenable.

Let us remember that cities and counties are creations by and are agencies of the state of North Carolina. They do not have "home rule," meaning they only have powers delegated them by the legislature. The legislature approves how many elected officials they are authorized, how they are to be elected and what sources and limitations local units of government can employ to raise money, including local sales and use taxes, occupancy taxes, utility franchise taxes and property taxes, which amount to up to 40% of total local revenues.

We can all agree that something needs to be done in the face of the recent spikes in property taxes, but while the current shoot-from-the-hip legislation being considered by the General Assembly responds to property owners' complaints it fails to consider the impact the property tax caps they propose might have on local governments.

Don't dismiss the possible financial distress the legislation might cause, since property taxes amount to such a major revenue source for cities and counties and they have limited other options. They are required by the constitution to balance their budgets, so what happens when there isn't enough money to equalize expenses and revenues? Will cities and counties lay off public safety officers, restrict services like garbage collection, public health and EMS, slash employees needed to issue permits and make inspections, close parks and playgrounds or just cut out any number of other amenities? When that inevitability happens, these local governments will throw up their hands and tell the state, "You created this mess, you fix it!"

And the notion of a constitutional amendment limiting or capping increases of property taxes is nothing but a grandstand move. It will no doubt pass overwhelmingly, just as the foolish amendment lawmakers put on the ballot and citizens passed capping the income tax rate. A longstanding but now forgotten tradition of N.C. legislatures is to never tie the hands of future General Assemblies; one can never predict what circumstances might present themselves in the future.

Previous legislatures passed a law requiring local governments to conduct property reappraisals every eight years to reflect market values, hoping to cushion tax increase shocks. Some counties have begun conducting appraisals more frequently hoping to minimize those shocks. In the past tax rates have been adjusted downward to make the new appraisals revenue neutral but this is frequently not the case today.

We learned that property tax rates average in range from 0.66% to 0.77% of a property's value in our state. But local officials often walk a tightrope of trying to appease property owners (who amount to about 64- to 66% of their residents) while also providing services the rest of their residents expect. Locally elected officials have responsibilities to all residents.

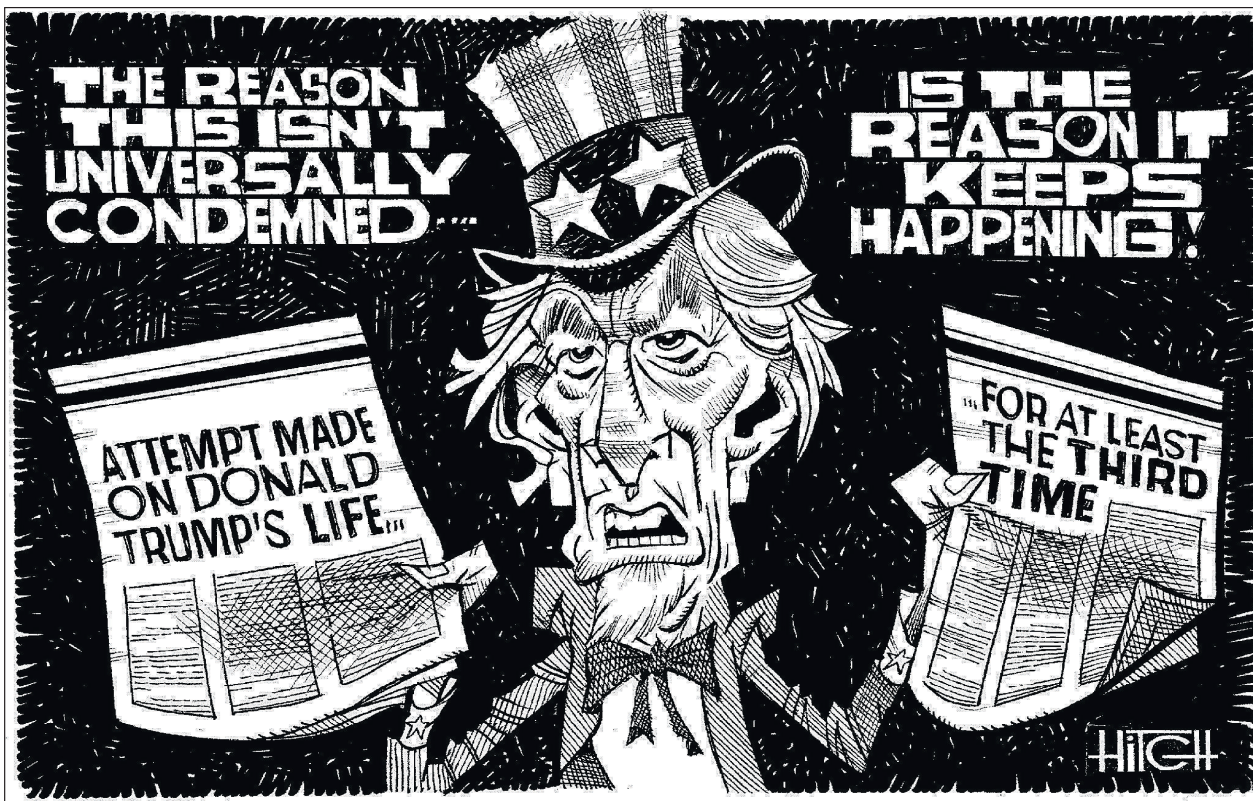
The question that begs answering is how to give local governments the flexibility to raise the revenues they need to provide services their residents need, while not making the tax burden so great on any one segment.

Senate President Pro Tem Phil Berger has wisely called for a moratorium on all property tax revaluation changes in 2026. That is an excellent proposal and gives leaders time to fully debate and decide how best to proceed. One essential requirement is that The North Carolina League of Municipalities and the N.C. County Commissioners Association be partners in any such discussions and decisions.

North Carolina has a proud legacy of being a fair tax state... not the lowest but certainly not the highest. Property taxes is an issue which demands fairness to all concerned.

We must have a better solution than what we've seen from the legislature to date.

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HIS VIEW

Robesonian reunion reminder of what was

I spent a couple of hours last Saturday reminiscing with fellow former employees of The Robesonian who gathered at Pier 41 for a good time and good food during a hastily put together reunion that drew about 80 people.

I worked at The Robesonian for two stints, from 1984 to March 12, 1990, and again from Nov. 5, 1996, to March 27, 2020, a total of 30-plus years during which hundreds of co-workers came and went — and more than a few are no longer with us.

The nametags were much appreciated. I was contacted in mid-March about the reunion and asked to reach out to those who worked in the newsroom and suffered under my occasional tyrannical leadership. Knowing that most of my reporters had gone to college to learn journalism and then moved to Lumberton for their first job — in other words, were not locally grown — I worried that the newsroom would be a no-show, and that would be interpreted as a referendum on their boss.

I incentivized former reporters by offering to buy their meal, which was the least I could do, for me a well-worn path. The decision cost me about \$150 but saved me embarrassment.

All have used The Robesonian as a springboard to successful journalism careers, a couple wrapped up but most continuing. That was always my promise upon hiring.

Stories were shared, and a canard continued when someone shouted out that Donnie Douglas had abandoned the women, children, elderly and infirm on Feb. 1, 1988, a Monday. I was first out the composing room door because of my quickness, I yelled "follow me," and I alerted police that two men with shotguns had disrupted our day.

Sounds heroic to me. Unknown until now is that I was working news for the first day, giving it a trial run for a potential move away from sports, otherwise I would have been taken hostage as well. I was home that night, watching the drama live on CNN, doing a few phone interviews, and sipping Budweiser when the hostages were freed and a call came in that I was to return to work and put out a newspaper.

I was relieved a couple minutes later when a second call came, and I was told the FBI had declared the

West Fifth Street building a crime scene and there was no need to head back to work.

The next morning I answered the phone and renowned civil rights attorney William Kuntzler was on the line, chasing the ambulance and without facts, already persuaded the gunmen had grievances. We took an immediate dislike to each other.

My first day in news was certainly newsy. As the reunion unfolded, I realized that the heart of The Robesonian during all those decades could not be found in the newsroom, whose door was revolving, but instead in the administration, advertising, classified, circulation and composing departments, as well as the press and mail rooms, where many people worked for decades.

There was a sense of family and pride in delivering local news to the community, ranging from church, to sports, to crime, to government and all tucked in between.

They shared what I would call the devolution of The Robesonian, from being family owned by the Sharpes, where there was a story about a 5-cent hourly raise, to ownership by Roy Park, who would give an orange for a Christmas bonus. I remember complaining about a \$3-a-week raise circa 1985, and being told it was one of the nicer ones.

Clearly, we did not do it for money. There was plenty more of the selling and buying of The Robesonian, and shortly after my return, I tell people we were printing newspapers but money too. Circulation was soaring, and all was good.

Then the internet crashed down upon us, and the newspaper industry panicked, and began cutting staff and product, giving readers an excuse to consume their news elsewhere. We are a less-informed society as a consequence.

The term "good 'ole days" is cliché and too frequently used. But in the case of the newspaper industry, it fits snugly.

I left the reunion smiling, but with a smidge of melancholy sprinkled in. I had enjoyed Memory Lane but reminded of what Robeson County and communities across this country have lost and cannot be recaptured.

It is an unfolding crisis with a climbing price to pay.

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Donnie Douglas
Contributing columnist

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The poisoned heart of a nation

“Our First Lady, Melania, is here. Look at Melania, so beautiful. Mrs. Trump, you have a glow like an expectant widow.”

Those vile words were from Jimmy Kimmel, on April 23, 2026, after two very clear and a third seeming attempt on the President’s life, and just two days before a third attempt would be made against him at the White House Correspondent Dinner. I don’t know exactly what poison of the soul a person has to regularly ingest to say such a thing to a woman who is constantly and rightly in fear for her husband’s life; I just know I do not ever want any of it.



Bo Wagner
Contributing columnist

Present that night was a grieving widow with fresh trauma of her own, Erika Kirk. Video showed her leaving the event, rightly shaken, and saying, “I just want to go home.” When that clip began to circulate, I watched social media light up with people mocking her mercilessly and calling her the vilest of names.

Hasan Piker, to his millions of Twitch and YouTube followers, and who has been featured multiple times in the New York Times, recently said that capitalist blood needs to run in the streets, and (of assassinating Trump) “someone’s got to do it.”

The alleged attempted killer, Cole Allen, left a lengthy manifesto outlining his thinking, described the people he wanted to kill, used all of the same deceitful and horrible talking points (pedophile, rapist, etc.), and then proceeded to thank his church, of all things, for their love.

I could give limitless more examples, but my heart already aches just from the few that my fingers have already typed out. America is sick; dying, really; poisoned by the deadliest toxin of all: hatred.

We may not make it. I hope that we do; we need to. America has done and continues to do so much good for this world. People are not fleeing from America in droves; they are fleeing to America in droves. We are free. We get to make our own decisions. We can dream and do big things, and become as successful as we desire in the process. We have sent missionaries all over the world. We have liberated countless millions from bondage.

But the poison is spreading fast and will surely be fatal if not finally checked. Jesus put it this way in Mark 3:24-25, “And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”

So what to do?

I suppose a logical first step would be to never watch any more entertainers who have traded comedy for venom and art for activism. You don’t need them, any of them. Let them spew the foul content of their rotting souls into the void, where it cannot do any harm. In like manner, you should trade the podcasts that traffic in toxins for others that teach gardening and canning and painting and basically anything that actually has some value for the soul.

A second good step would be to take a breath, step back, and really look at how low politics has gotten, and therefore how little you should be swayed by it. When everyone you do not like is a Nazi/fascist/literally Hitler, you can safely discount the one telling you those things as a liar intent on gaining power, and willing to rip a nation to shreds to get it.

A third help would be to really consider your choice in a church. Plainly, if your church and/or pastor are saying or even remotely implying that hatred and violence are an acceptable way to deal with losing elections, you should seriously pick a better church. In fact, if they are not vocally and vehemently castigating hatred and violence, if they are simply sitting back and being quiet on the subject, you should absolutely look elsewhere.

A fourth huge help would be societal accountability. No one who calls for hatred and violence, no one who even treats it as a joke, should even remotely be employable, and certainly should not be invited into any social setting; they should be regarded as pariah.

A fifth way to stem the toxic tide, the most important way of all, in fact, is to evangelize the lost souls involved in it. 1 John 2:9 says, “He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.” Sometimes, sinners are hard to identify, especially the moral, respectable ones. But those who are filled with hate toward others are very easy to identify as sinners and should be reached with the gospel if possible. It makes a difference; the most hate-filled heart in human history likely belonged to that blaspheming, murderous wretch, Saul of Tarsus. And yet, we now all know him as Paul, Paul the apostle, whom salvation so radically changed. When he got saved, he traded hate for love. If it can work for him, it can work for anyone.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



Full Gospel Tabernacle Church
— Address: 104 Carolina Ave., Lumberton
— Pastor: Rev. George Connor
— Service Schedule: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, Sunday at 11 a.m.; and Prayer Service, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
— Denomination: Pentecostal Holiness
— Congregation: 60
— Established: 1943
— Favorite Scripture: Rev. 21:8
“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

The Church of the Week feature is a free service provided by The Robesonian. If you would like your church featured, contact Editor Chris Stiles at cstiles@robesonian.com.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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. Roosvelt 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. Morning Bible Study is 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, stmarksinc.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@robesonian.com.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

JAMES 1:27



Detail of “Mothers” by Kathe Kollwitz (1919)

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Faith can move mountains!



PSRC Beta students earn state honors

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Public Schools of Robeson County (PSRC) is proud to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Beta Club students who earned top honors during the 2025-2026 North Carolina Beta State Convention.

Due to winter weather conditions, this year's state competitions were held virtually. Despite the format change, PSRC students excelled in academic, leadership, visual arts and performing arts events, earning numerous state-level placements and qualifying opportunities to compete nationally.

Students who advance from the state level will participate in a wide range of events and categories at the national convention, where they will showcase their intellect, creativity and skills on a larger stage.

"We are incredibly proud of our Beta students, advisors and school communities," said PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson. "These achievements reflect hard work, talent and a commitment to excellence. Our students continue to make Robeson County proud."

STATE WINNERS BY SCHOOL

Union Elementary School

Union Elementary students earned seven state recognitions:

- 2nd Place – Digitally Enhanced Photography – Chloe Mitchell
- 3rd Place – Accessorized Design – Josiah Deal
- 3rd Place – Quilling – Kadon Lowery
- 4th Place – Black and White



Deep Branch Elementary School Beta Club members.

Photography – Joshua Fipps
4th Place – Jewelry – Kazleigh Scott

4th Place – Woodworking – Logan Locklear
5th Place – Fiber Arts – Kassy Harris

Pembroke Elementary School

Pembroke Elementary students and teams earned five honors:

1st Place – On-Site Art Drawing – Olivia Hunt

1st Place – Premier Performer Singer – Jakayleigh Lambert
2nd Place – Songfest
2nd Place – Performing Arts Vocalist – Jakayleigh Lambert
5th Place – Drawing – Haidyn Lowery

Deep Branch Elementary School

1st Place – Jewelry – Kinley Hunt

Fairgrove Elementary School
Fairgrove Elementary earned three honors:
3rd Place – Woodworking – Josiah Deal
5th Place – Painting – Enrique Maldonado-Badillo

5th Place – Three-Dimensional Design – Madison Quick

Prospect Elementary School

Prospect Elementary represented PSRC well in the junior division:

1st Place – Accessorized Design – Itayla Bullard
2nd Place – Living Literature
5th Place – Three-Dimensional Design – Kayden Hunt and Lannon Strickland

Pembroke Middle School

5th Place – U.S. History 7th Grade – Collin Locklear

PSRC Early College at RCC

PSRC Early College students earned an impressive ten recognitions:

1st Place – Digitally Enhanced Photography – Emma Scott

1st Place – Premier Performer Dancer – Isabella Floyd
2nd Place – Performing Arts Dancer – Isabella Floyd
2nd Place – Poetry – Vedika Zope
2nd Place – Drawing – Mar-



Purnell Swett Beta Club members.



St. Pauls Elementary School Beta Club members.

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3rd Place – Pottery – Charity Locklear
4th Place – Health & Physical Education 12th Grade – Isabella Floyd
4th Place – Mixed Media – Gabriela Avila Galeana
4th Place – Three-Dimensional Design Senior
5th Place – Painting – Elisa Rodriguez

Purnell Swett High School

Purnell Swett students also earned multiple state honors:

3rd Place – Color Photography – Alyssa Oxendine
4th Place – Fiber Arts – Alexis Lowry
5th Place – Performing Arts Vocalist – Alexis Lowry
Premier Performer Senior Singer – Alexis Lowry
PSRC congratulates all Beta Club students, sponsors, educators and families whose support helped make these accomplishments possible.

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PSRC staff holding a celebratory plaque for the Purple Star award recipients.

5 PSRC schools earn Purple Star Awards

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

RALEIGH — The Public Schools of Robeson County celebrated five schools earning Purple Star Awards at a special ceremony recently held at the North Carolina National Guard Joint Force Headquarters.

Purple Star schools receiving the military-friendly award designation within the district include: Parkton Elementary, Peterson Elementary, Rex-Rennert Elementary, St. Pauls High and St. Pauls Middle schools.

Each school will receive a banner and be celebrated during the May 12 PSRC Board of Education meeting.

"We are incredibly proud of these five schools for earning the Purple Star designation, and for the intentional care they show our military-connected students and families each day," said PSRC Superintendent Fred-

die Williamson. "This recognition reflects our commitment to ensuring every student feels supported, valued and connected as they transition into and through our schools. We are also excited to continue this work as additional schools come on board next year, positioning our district to pursue the Purple Star district-level designation."

NCDPI is proud to continue the initiative to honor schools that demonstrate military-friendly practices and a commitment to military students and families. Schools across the state applied for the special designation, and those deemed Purple Star Schools completed several required activities, plus an optional activity to ensure strong support for students of military families.

Schools earning the Purple Star Award were required to have a staff

member as a designated point of contact for military students and families, a designated central administration staff member supporting the point of contact in the school, and to provide annual professional development addressing special considerations for military students and families. Purple Star schools also provide a dedicated page on their websites for military family resources or links to the district's webpage with military family resources, as well as a transition program to support inbound and outbound military students and families, along with a checklist for their use.

For the optional activities, awarded schools selected one of five, with many opting for more than one. These include a school-hosted annual military recognition event, such as the Month of the Military Child, the Month of the Military Family, and Purple-Up! For Military Kids!, Veterans Day and Memorial Day. To learn more about Purple Star Awards, visit NCDPI's NC Supports Military Children website.

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LJHS students earn 3rd place at NC State Wearable Device Challenge

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Students from Lumberton Junior High School recently earned third place in the ASSIST Wearable Device Challenge at NC State University on April 20, showcasing an innovative healthcare solution designed to save lives during emergencies.

Using the engineering design process, the student team identified a critical healthcare challenge: thousands of Americans die or become permanently disabled each year because their medical histories are unknown during emergencies. To address this issue, students developed a two-part wearable emergency response system.

The first component is a durable wristband created using the frame of a watch, a custom QR code, and protective clear covering. The second component is a mobile application built using MIT App Inventor specifically for first responders.

When paramedics arrive on the scene, they would be able to scan the QR code on the wristband, which would direct them to a secure password-protected login. Once authenticated, the app would instantly provide five key pieces of medical information: the patient's name, allergies, medications, medical conditions and emergency contacts.

A key requirement of the competition was integrating the One Health Initiative, which recognizes the connection between human, animal, and environmental health. By providing



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The Lumberton Junior High School students who created the winning devices.

instant access to medical history, the students' device could also help responders better detect, prevent, and respond to broader public health threats, including zoonotic or vector-borne diseases.

The team's long-term vision is to improve emergency outcomes by significantly reducing fatalities linked to unknown medical histories.

"I am very proud of what these students accomplished," said Phyllis King, LJHS CTE teacher and the team's adviser. "Watching them articulate their work was the highlight for me. That is the bonus of having students complete STEM projects: students discover solutions to real problems and are able to support their answers with evidence."

The project was developed by the following students: William Spain, Parker Marlow, Wood Mentor and Joscelyn Alford and presented at N.C. State University. Sarah Creteur and Kaden Gracie also participated in the project.

"I am proud of these students for their outstanding collaboration

and dedication this school year. They have gone above and beyond, balancing academics with extracurricular projects while demonstrating teamwork, leadership and responsibility. Their efforts reflect their readiness to succeed in an increasingly competitive global future," said Cindy Davis, who serves as an eighth-grade science teacher at the school.

The recognition highlights the innovation, critical thinking and real-world problem-solving skills being developed by students in the Public Schools of Robeson County as they prepare for future success.

"On behalf of the Public Schools of Robeson County, I would like to congratulate these students for their excellence and innovative approach to solving problems. We need the next generation of leaders to build a brighter future for us all and these students are leading the way in that effort," PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson said.

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UNCP honors faculty excellence at banquet

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — UNC Pembroke faculty were recognized for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service during the university's annual Faculty Appreciation Banquet.

The evening celebrated both individual achievement and the collective impact of faculty across campus.

Diane Prusank, UNCP's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, acknowledged the evolving landscape of higher education, emphasizing the importance of faculty engagement in navigating complex and often challenging questions about the value and purpose of education.

"These are not peripheral questions," Prusank said. "They go to the core of our identity as educators and scholars and to the identity of our institution."

While acknowledging the uncertainty that can come with those conversations, Prusank underscored their importance.

"This work of questioning, refining and sometimes contesting our own understanding is not a distraction from our mission," she said. "This is our mission."

She praised faculty for their commitment to students, even amid ambiguity.

"What I see most clearly here is a faculty that refuses to disengage," Prusank said. "A faculty that shows up... especially when things are not easy or clear."

Among the evening's honorees was Jamie Litty, professor of mass communication and recipient of the 2026 UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

"This is admission to a special club of people I admire and respect very much," said Litty, who was recently promoted to associate dean of student success and curriculum.

Litty reflected on the deeper impact of teaching, noting that the most meaningful outcomes often extend beyond measurable results.

"All the intangibles that result from that kind of pedagogy — that's what I'm here for," she said.

She also highlighted UNCP's commitment to personalized learning.

"Most students don't remember lectures... what they do remember is how they were challenged and how they were



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Shreerexha Pillai, left, dean of UNC Pembroke's College of Arts and Sciences, presents Jamie Litty, associate dean of student success and curriculum, with the 2026 UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

treated," Litty said. "The real curriculum might not be what's on our syllabus."

For many faculty members, it is the students who make their work meaningful.

Kelly Charlton, professor and longtime chair of the Department of Psychology, said her dedication to UNCP is rooted in the transformative potential of education.

"I like working with students for whom college is not just the next step, but something that can change the direction of their lives," Charlton said.

Velinda Locklear Worriax, a professor and longtime chair of the Department of Biology and a 30-year faculty member, echoed that sentiment, emphasizing her connection to the community.

"You've got to love this place. You've got to love the students," Worriax said. "I came from this community... and I'm trying to invest back into it."

Her hope, she added, is that students leave UNCP with a strong sense of identity and purpose.

"I hope my students are learning who they are and walking the path they really want to be on," Worriax said.

Dr. John Roe, professor of biology, was recognized with both the Adolph L. Dial Endowed Award for Scholarship/Creative Work and a UNC Pembroke Outstanding Teaching Award.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition," Roe said. "I'm proud of the students I've worked with and where

they've gone, whether into careers or further schooling."

Roe said his favorite aspect of teaching is blending classroom instruction with hands-on research.

"I enjoy taking students into the field to show them the scientific process and generate curiosity," Roe said. "That's where you really get to know them and make those personal connections."

The Faculty Appreciation Banquet also recognized faculty for milestone years of service, promotions to full professor and a variety of awards across disciplines.

2026 AWARD WINNERS

Undergraduate Research and Creativity Awards

- Bryan Sales, Biology
- Xinyan Shi, Economics

UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching

- Jamie Litty, Mass Communication

Faculty Emeritus Status

- Thomas Dooling
- Cherry Maynor Beasley

Graduate Faculty Mentor Award

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- Marian Wooten, Kinesiology

Diane O. Jones Excellence in Service-Learning Award

- Ashley Anderson, Specialized Education Programs

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- Thomas Trendowski, Specialized Education Programs
- Bryan Sales, Biology
- Xin Zhang, Mathematics and Computer Science
- Cle Cousins, Mass Communication

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- Maxwell Dossier, Mass Communication

Adolph L. Dial Endowed Award for Community Service

- Tiffany Locklear, Early Childhood, Elementary & Literacy Studies

Adolph L. Dial Endowed Award for Scholarship/Creative Work

- John Roe, Biology

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UNCP's Thomas earns statewide museum professional award

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Alicia Thomas, curator of museum education and community engagement at the Museum of the Southeast American Indian at UNC Pembroke, has been named the recipient of the 2026 Emerging Museum Professional Award by the North Carolina Museums Council (NCMC).

The award recognizes outstanding early-career professionals with fewer than seven years in the museum field. Thomas received the honor on April 12 at the Greenville Art Museum during the NCMC annual meeting and conference.

Thomas, who has worked at the museum for just over three years, said the recognition was both unexpected and meaningful.

"It was a huge surprise," Thomas said. "To be recognized by peers across the state who are doing important work in museums is such an honor."

She noted the award also reflects the museum's mission to elevate Southeastern American Indian voices.

"Our work is about sharing lived experiences in a first-person voice," Thomas said. "These stories are often overlooked, and we don't take lightly the responsibility to tell them."

A Pembroke native, Thomas said her passion for museum education and outreach developed after moving to Greensboro, where she worked with the Guilford Native American Association, gaining experience in community programming before returning home to cultural arts.

Her role focuses on connecting the museum with the community through programming, outreach and educational initiatives, including projects that engage tribal communities across the region.

"Museums are more than four walls — they're about community," she said. "When people feel seen and connected,

that's when the work becomes meaningful."

Nancy Chavis Strickland, curator and director of the Museum of the Southeast American Indian, said the award highlights both Thomas' impact and the importance of the museum's work.

"This recognition affirms that Alicia's work is meaningful and resonates with people across the state," Strickland said. "She brings creativity, professionalism and strong relationships to everything she does."

Strickland added that Thomas plays a central role in expanding the museum's reach.

"She is the backbone of our outreach efforts," Strickland said. "Through her programs and community engagement, she serves as an ambassador for the museum and the university."

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Alicia Thomas is the recipient of the 2026 Emerging Museum Professional Award by the North Carolina Museums Council (NCMC).

UNCP SGA Named Delegation of the Year in UNC System

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For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — UNC Pembroke's Student Government Association (SGA) has been named Delegation of the Year by the Association of Student Governments (ASG), recognizing the university's leadership, engagement and impact across the UNC System.

The honor was announced at the final ASG meeting of the academic year, held April 17-18 at Appalachian State University. It marks the third time in recent history that UNCP has earned the distinction, underscoring a sustained commitment to student advocacy and system-wide involvement.

In remarks from ASG leadership, UNCP's delegation was praised for its consistent presence, strong participation and ability to overcome challenges while maintaining near-perfect attendance throughout the year.

For outgoing SGA Presi-

dent John Squire, the recognition represents years of dedication.

"It is a testament to the hard work that we've put in throughout this past session," Squire said. "It also commemorates more than two years of effort from our delegation. This is certainly one of my prouder achievements because of how much work it took to get here."

Squire noted that UNCP's success was driven by strong attendance, active participation in ASG committees, and initiatives that reflect the university's commitment to student success. Among those efforts is the recently launched Food for Fines program, which allows students to donate canned goods in exchange for the waiver of parking violations, benefiting the campus community.

UNCP's delegation was comprised of Squire, Grayson Wortman, Bryan Ramirez-Jackson, Sebastian Kalajdzhyan, José Ortiz-Rojas and Demilade Babarinde.

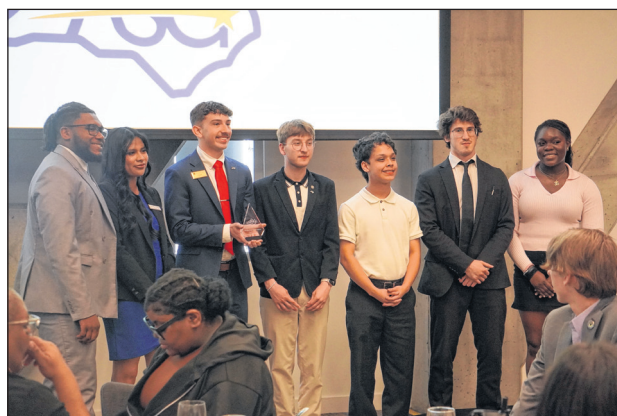


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From left, UNC Pembroke SGA President Elijah Griffin, Kim Pelagioluis, Grayson Wortman, John Squire, Bryan Ramirez-Jackson, Sebastian Kalajdzhyan and Demilade Babarinde. José Ortiz-Rojas is not pictured.

"This recognition speaks to how truly special our SGA student leaders have been this year," said Kyle Smith, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and SGA advisor.

"They have shown what it means to represent UNC Pembroke with professionalism and purpose — engaging in meaningful dialogue, advocating for their peers and ensuring our students' voices are heard at the system level,"

Smith said. "I am incredibly proud of their commitment and the example they set for student leadership across our campus and across the state."

Beyond campus, UNCP's SGA has remained engaged at the state level, participating in Advocacy Day in Raleigh and working with legislators to support initiatives such as NC Promise, which expands access to affordable higher education.

"This recognition reflects that UNCP cares about system-wide issues and not just campus-specific ones," Squire said. "It shows we are willing to represent our students at every level of shared governance."

Incoming SGA President Elijah Griffin, who was sworn in recently, said the award reflects a strong foundation built over multiple administrations.

"Being recognized as Delegation of the Year has been two years in the making," Griffin said. "It shows that even though we are a smaller institution, we carry a big impact and are serious about representing our student body."

Griffin, a mass communication major, plans to build on that momentum by continuing to prioritize advocacy and student engagement.

"I believe in putting students in front of decision-makers," Griffin said. "You can advocate for someone, but there's nothing more

powerful than letting students share their own stories with administrators and leaders."

He also emphasized the opportunities SGA provides for leadership development and involvement.

"SGA isn't just about meetings," Griffin said. "It opens doors and gives students the chance to represent their university in meaningful ways. I encourage students to step out of their comfort zones — you might end up finding your passion."

Griffin and Squire both agree that the recognition sends a clear message about the university's place within the UNC System.

"UNCP has always been here," Griffin said. "We may be small, but we are mighty — and this shows what we can accomplish when we show up and lead."

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Judge

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made several long-lasting changes to help the local people, including establishing both the Domestic Law Unit and the Southeastern Family Violence Center, a shelter for battered women and children that remains in operation to this day.

Attorney David Branch praised Greene's consistent dedication to the vulnerable people of Robeson County, whether they be victims of domestic violence or otherwise disadvantaged, throughout her long career.

"Following her extensive public service," Branch said, "Judge Greene transitioned into private practice, driven by a desire to serve another vulnerable population: our senior citizens. She founded her own elder law practice, along with a home healthcare

agency and an adult daycare. Through those efforts, she improved the quality of life for hundreds of individuals."

Throughout her storied career, Greene has received several awards, including the 2025 Liberty Bell Award, which, according to the North Carolina Bar Association, is awarded to recognize individuals who exemplify lifelong service to the law in North Carolina.

Greene thanked her family, friends and the gathered legal community for their constant support throughout the years, saying they were crucial to her success and that she could not have done it without them.

"I would be here far too long for me to try and call out everybody's name," Greene said during a retirement ceremony Tuesday. "So thank you all very much for everything you've done to assist me."

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Edge

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said. "It did get opinions from both sides of the isle [sic]. Many were offended that I posted it, I am sorry that it offended anyone. Now I suggest to those that were offended to take the same actions when you see similar post about Charlie Kirk, Trump or Melanie [sic] or anyone else other than your Hero."

While some comments on the apology post are supportive, others say that the apology isn't strong enough, with some suggesting he should be held to a higher standard as an elected official.

Other commissioners and community leaders have made their own posts condemning Edge's sharing of the meme.

"Commission [sic] David Edge, I have lost totally respect for you for sharing this post," Commissioner Wixie Stephens, a Democrat, said on Facebook. "You are the Chairman of Robeson County Board of Commissioners. We are a diverse board and I want to say that I am ashamed to serve with you."

"As Vice Chair of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners, I am extremely disappointed and troubled by the recent meme shared on social media shared by our Board Chair," said Commissioner Faline Dial, a Republican. "Our Board is composed of individuals who reflect the rich diversity of Robeson County and we take pride in representing all our citizens with respect and integrity. The meme

was inappropriate and deeply disrespectful. Furthermore, they are damaging to the culture of our Board and do not reflect the values or sentiments of the Board of Commissioners as a whole."

John Campbell, a pastor and former member of the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education, made multiple posts on the matter, even saying that "there is a mounting reasonable expectation" for the board to take action condemning the post.

"As Chairman of the Board, David L. Edge holds a position that represents every citizen and taxpayer in Robeson County," Campbell said. "When that office is used to circulate divisive and inflammatory rhetoric, it damages our county's reputation, our ability to attract economic investment, and the public's trust in our local government. My focus is not on my feelings, but on ensuring that our leadership reflects the dignity and diversity of the people they serve."

The Board of Commissioners cannot vote to remove one of its members from office, but can vote to censure a member. Edge was elected the board's chairman in Dec. 2025; the board could choose to vote for another member as its chair.

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners has a regularly scheduled meeting at 9 a.m. Monday at the County Administration Building in downtown Lumberton.

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Leandro

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knew growing up in public schools. Education was under-funded, and schools lacked adequate resources.

So Thompson was eager to get involved when Robeson joined four other low-wealth school districts — Cumberland, Halifax, Hoke and Vance — to sue the state, claiming it failed to provide students an adequate education. He and his daughter, who was an eighth-grader at the time, were among the original plaintiffs in the case.

Over the next three decades, Leandro v. North Carolina was at the center of debates about how to improve public education outcomes. Its huge influence ended — or at least hit a major roadblock — when the state Supreme Court voted 4-3 in early April to dismiss the case.

Thompson, who has continued to advocate for Leandro funding, said he was disappointed but not particularly surprised by the court's majority opinion by four Republican justices. He said he read every word of the ruling.

The next day, Thompson shared his thoughts and expertise during a Zoom call with the Lumberton chapter of Every Child NC, a statewide nonprofit that advocates for students' rights.

"I'm not undone," he told the group. "This is what struggle is about—we just have to keep on pressing."

Family legacy

Robeson, home to about 120,000 people, is among the most diverse counties in the nation. About 41% of residents are Native American, mostly members of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and the Tuscarora. Roughly 30% of residents are white, and 24% are Black.

The rural county is among the poorest in the state, with nearly one-fourth of people living in poverty.

The Thompsons have been instrumental in Robeson County history for generations.

Alexander Hill Thompson, who was born into slavery in the county in the 1820s, learned how to read and write and passed the knowledge to his wife and children, according to family history. After the Civil War, he co-founded the Lumber River Baptist Association and the Thompson Institute, a religious boarding school for Black students at the current site of Knuckles Elementary.

Angus Thompson said his grandfather served as chairman of a local school board and set up a chapter of the NAACP in Robeson County in the 1940s. His father took over following the older man's death, and his mother was a teacher.

When Robeson County schools integrated in the late 1960s and early '70s, he said, his mother struggled to find a job because she had complained that white teachers made more money.

Thompson graduated from Lumberton High School in 1970 and then earned a degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta. He went on to graduate from law school at N.C. Central University in 1977.

He returned home to Robeson, where he became the county's first public defender. (He represented Daniel Green, who was convicted in the 1993 killing of James Jordan, the father of NBA superstar Michael Jordan, near Lumberton.)

Many of the social ills that plague the county today — crime, drugs, and racism — also existed when Thompson was first elected to the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education in the late 1980s.

Tensions in the county were particularly high when two Native American men, Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs, held 17 hostages at The Robesonian's office in Lumberton for several hours in Feb. 1988. Armed with shotguns, the pair demanded an investigation into the treatment of Native American and Black residents by the local sheriff, Hubert Stone.

Weeks later, Julian Pierce was shot and killed at his Robeson County home. Pierce, a Lumbee and civil rights leader, was running at the time to become North Carolina's first Native American judge. Officials said Pierce was



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A plaque in the lobby of W.H. Knuckles Elementary School in Lumberton commemorates the Thompson Institute founders.



Renee Steele, principal of W.H. Knuckles Elementary School, greets Angus Thompson in the school's lobby near a photo of the Rev. Alexander Thompson, one of the founders of the Thompson Institute.

killed during a family dispute, but some people have questioned whether the sheriff was involved.

Around the same time, the five school districts in Robeson County merged into one. Before the merger, many people in the county had argued that predominantly white schools had more resources than those that enrolled more Black and Native American students.

But the unified system continued to face challenges, Thompson said. There weren't enough resources for students with special needs and those identified as academically gifted. Many athletic facilities were in poor condition.

Thompson hoped the Leandro case would bring relief. He convinced his daughter, VJ, who attended Lumberton Junior High at the time, to become a plaintiff.

V.J. Thompson had attended a Catholic school at the urging of her mother, who wanted to ensure she had access to a quality education. But the school closed when she was 9, and she enrolled at Knuckles Elementary.

She earned near-perfect grades at Lumberton High School, where she graduated in 2000. But when she enrolled at N.C. State University, she felt a step behind other students who might have had access to better technology and more advanced classes in high school.

V.J. Thompson, now 44, lives in Baltimore and works in human resources at the University of Maryland. She said she didn't want her two sons to go to school in Lumberton, where she fears the educational shortcomings are more pronounced than when she was a kid.

Robeson County schools continue to lag academically, although they have made gains in recent years. In the 2024-25 school year, 37.5% of students in the district were proficient on statewide tests, compared to 55% statewide.

Leandro rollercoaster

North Carolina largely funds public schools on a per-student basis. As the birth rate declines and more families opt for private, charter or home schools, many districts are dealing with a drop in enrollment.

Counties also spend money on education, including for school construction and salary supplements for teachers. While urban counties have larger tax bases to support schools, poor and rural counties struggle. Robeson ranked last in the state in per-student spending during the 2023-24 school year, according to a report from the Public School Forum of North Carolina.

The state allocates additional money to low-wealth school districts, but Thompson said it's not enough to ensure that every student across the state has access to an equal education.

For Thompson and countless others, Leandro has been a rollercoaster ride.

The N.C. Supreme Court ruled in 2004 that the state violated its constitutional duty to provide a "sound basic education." Nearly two decades later, state lawmakers intervened when a remediation plan called for \$5.6 billion in additional education spending. They contended the judiciary was overstepping its authority in dictating spending.

But the court ruled in 2022, under a Democratic majority, that the legislature must comply.

Republicans secured a majority on the state Supreme Court in the 2022 elections, and after the new justices were seated, the court quickly took the unusual step to rehear the case. Four of the court's five Republican justices supported the latest majority ruling, which dismissed the case on procedural grounds.

The five districts that originally sued the state filed a motion on April 22 requesting a temporary suspension of the ruling. They said they want to ask for another rehearing in the case.

Thompson says he is hopeful, like he has been all along, that schools will get the help they need.

"When I was in law school, I was taught that if there's an injury, there's a remedy," Thompson said during a rally in Raleigh in 2022. "That's what courts are for. If there's an injury, then there's a remedy. If there's harm, then there's a remedy."

'We'll move forward'

Thompson was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2023 and received radiation treatment for 28 days. But cancer didn't stop him from advocating for schools. In early 2024, he attended a rally and prayer vigil in Raleigh in support of Leandro funding hosted by Every Child NC and Seeds of Hope CDC, a Lumberton nonprofit.

Thompson's wife, Jacqueline Vandaliah Smith Thompson, died in November. He keeps busy these days at church, where he sings in the choir and attends services every Sunday. He continues to work as a criminal and civil rights lawyer in private practice.

Thompson now has his eye on the November election. He says it is more important than ever to vote for candidates who support public education.

"Quite frankly, I'm just really encouraged by what I've seen happening on the political scene coming up," he told the local chapter of Every Child NC. "We've got to vote. Pray for divine intervention, protest and be heard, and vote and change."

He said he's not giving up. "You can't be a pessimist and do this kind of stuff," Thompson said. "That's what hope is about, that's what my faith is about. Hope, it's not just coming out of the storm. It's being able to sustain during the storm. That's important, so we'll move forward."

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Robeson County Relay for Life



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The Survivor's Lap circles the track during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton. This is the 41st annual event, and as of 6 p.m. Friday the event had raised about \$95,000 for the American Cancer Society, surpassing its goal.

The Survivor's Lap comes to the finish line at the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton. Dignitaries in the front row include cancer survivor Deacon Butler, 3, third from left; Robeson County Sheriff Burnis Wilkins, center left; Relay for Life director Cheryl Revels, center; Lumberton Police Chief Michael McNeill, center right; and cancer survivor Jackson Emanuel, 7, in front of McNeill.



From left, Junior Miss Lumbee Kyndall Locklear, Miss Lumbee Taylor Davis, Teen Miss Lumbee Keely Deal and Senior Miss Lumbee Wendy Chavis Locklear sing the national anthem during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.



Luminarias honor those affected by cancer as participants walk the track at the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.



Cancer survivor Deacon Butler, 3, left, visits with Lumberton Police Chief Michael McNeill, center, and Robeson County Sheriff Burnis Wilkins, second from right, during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.



A member of the Lumberton High School marching band performs during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.



Edna Hagan, left, and Rena Jacobs, right, prepare a barbecue sandwich during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.



The Survivor's Lap circles the track during the Robeson County Relay for Life Friday in Lumberton.

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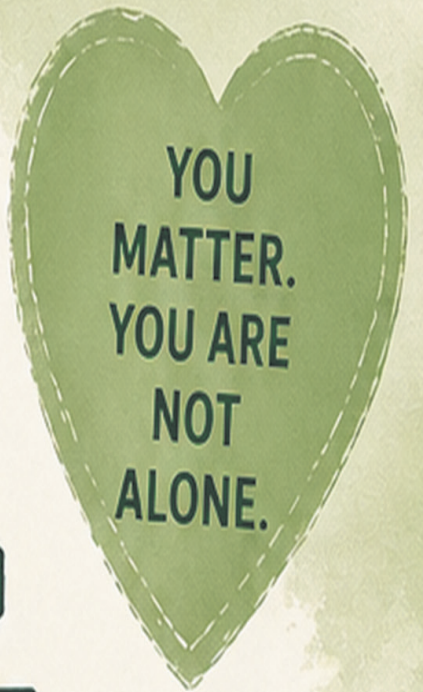


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St. Pauls baseball coach Timothy Carter looks on during a game against Purnell Swett on April 6 in Pembroke.

Family ties crucial to St. Pauls' diamond success

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — Being able to compete in sports alongside family members is a rare privilege for people to experience. However, the St. Pauls baseball team has multiple sets of brothers, as well as coaches who are family. This tight bond leads to a greater connection both on and off the field.

"It means a lot," St. Pauls head coach Timothy Carter said. "Learning from pops growing up, all the knowledge he brings into the game, me and my brother both love having him. Being a family and also being able to teach these kids on the field, it just speaks family."

Timothy Carter is coaching with his father Timmy Carter and brother Zackary Carter.

Twins Jabryan and Jabraylon Calhoun are both sophomores for the Bulldogs. Jabryan is having a solid season with a .276 batting average and 15 RBIs while Jabraylon has a .250 average with two RBIs and two runs scored.

"It just means a lot just to be able to come out here with him every day," Jabraylon Calhoun said. "It makes our communication stronger because you have to talk in the outfield."

Austin and Tyler Lavoie have been standout players for St. Pauls this season, with Tyler currently ranking second on the team with a .512

on-base percentage, while Austin is in third at .467.

This is the only season the Lavoies can play together in high school as Tyler is a senior and Austin is a freshman.

"It makes me want to play better than him," Austin Lavoie said.

The Bulldogs also have a trio of brothers in Cailen, Cameron and Briilyn McNeill. Cailen and Cameron, seniors, are twins, while Briilyn is a sophomore.

Cailen is hitting .242 with 25 runs scored and 20 RBIs, while Cameron has a .366 batting average with 23 RBIs and 16 runs scored. In limited playing time, Briilyn has 10 runs scored and five RBIs. On the mound, Cameron is 3-1 with a

1.81 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 27 innings, while Calien is 4-2 with a 3.30 ERA with 31 strikeouts in 29 2/3 innings.

"It challenges me as an athlete," Cameron McNeill said.

Guided by these family ties, St. Pauls has had a strong season, at 13-10 overall and 7-2 in Eastern Sandhills Conference play entering Friday's play, second only to South View.

With a playoff spot within the Bulldogs' grasp, they hope their family ties continue helping them on the field in their attempt at a playoff run.

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Tornadoes top Red Devils in regular-season finale



Jacob Husson | The Robesonian

Fairmont's Cecilia Chavis throws a pitch during Friday's game against Red Springs in Fairmont.

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — The Fairmont softball team ended its regular season on a high note by defeating Red Springs 11-1 on senior day. The Golden Tornadoes (8-13, 4-5 Southeastern) enters the postseason on a two-game win streak.

"(The seniors have) meant a lot to me," Fairmont coach Carley

Williams said after the senior night game. "They were with me last year as juniors during my first year of coaching. They've seen all the struggles I had in my first year and this year, it's really hard to see them go but I'm going to be watching where they go and I know they're going to do great things."

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Usher's goal sends Rams past Pirates

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — In all three meetings this season between the Purnell Swett and Lumberton girls soccer teams, a closely contested match has been decided by just a play or two.

Each time, Purnell Swett has won by that small margin, the latest instance coming Wednesday in a 1-0 win at Big Mo Stadium.

"Every game this year with Lumberton has been very tough and hard-fought, and you've got to respect them for their intensity, and we having to match that intensity," Purnell Swett coach Alaric Strickland said. "Thankfully we

have, each and every time, but it's been very close every time we've stepped on the field with them."

The difference-maker Wednesday was a Leah Usher goal for Purnell Swett (10-7-1, 4-6 Tri-County) with 24 minutes left in the first half. Off a Rams free kick, the ball deflected to Usher, who finished off the game's only goal, the sophomore's second goal of the season.

"I just saw Rilee (Chavis) kick the ball and I just went to the goal," Usher said. "We were just playing our hearts out tonight and we worked together as a team."

"All season, I've felt like we played these



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Purnell Swett's Sarah Hunt, left, makes a free kick as Lumberton's Brittney Hernandez (11), Linsi Campos Padilla (23) and Mackenzie Register (1) defend during Wednesday's match in Pembroke. Purnell Swett's Leah Usher, running to the right in the background, would ultimately score on the play.

guys close," Lumberton coach Ethan Freeman said. "They're just doing a little bit of the smaller things right more than us throughout a game. Again tonight, a free

kick, they finished it, and that was the deciding factor."

That goal would hold up as the Rams held

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Purnell Swett's Aaron Locklear signs to play college baseball at Robeson Community College during a ceremony Friday in Pembroke.

Rams' Locklear signs with RCC

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PEMBROKE — Aaron Locklear wasn't sure if he wanted to play college baseball. But he won't have to go far to do so.

Locklear signed Friday to join Robeson Community College, and will play for the Diamond Eagles as part of the program's second season next spring.

"It just feels like home," Locklear said. "Going into the season, I didn't really want to play ball, but I started throwing good, no more arm pain, and it's a backyard program, so it just felt right. It's always been a dream playing at home, mama and daddy don't have to go too far to watch me play."

Locklear is 4-4 with a 3.85 ERA this season for

the Rams, striking out 35 in 36 1/3 innings pitched. That comes after recovering from an elbow injury he suffered during his junior season.

"It just really instilled something in me — now I have to work," Locklear said. "I've got to work out, I've got to do stuff to take care of it."

"They're getting a kid that's going to work hard, he's dedicated," Purnell Swett coach Edmund Locklear said. "He still has a lot of room to grow in his arm. He can grow, I think there's a couple more miles per hour left in his arm. Overall, they're just getting a good kid that's going to come to the program. ... Overall, they're getting a good team guy, and a kid that has a chance to come

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Braves baseball defeats King, stays alive in CC tourney

Staff report

GASTONIA — The No. 5 seed UNC Pembroke baseball team jumped out to a quick lead and never trailed on the way to an 11-6 win over No. 9 seed King in an elimination game Friday at the Conference Carolinas Tournament at CaroMont Health Park.

The Braves will be back in action Saturday as they look to stave off elimination once more against the loser of Friday night's Francis Marion-Belmont Abbey matchup. First pitch is set for 11 a.m. at Sims Legion Park.

Tyler Steele turned in a perfect 5-for-5 day at the plate with an RBI, marking the first player to record five hits in a game since Blake Hinson did it almost exactly a year ago on May 2, 2025 against Francis Marion. Jackson Crute doubled twice and drove in three runs, while Mason Mozeley tallied a pair of hits and three RBIs, as well.

Jacob Smith battled through six innings to pick up the win, while Conner Elliott closed out the game with scoreless innings to nail down the save.

The Braves (33-17) improved to 15-2 in the all-time series against the Tornado (14-38).

UNCP struck first in the first inning as Landon Lucas was hit by a pitch, while Branton Jernigan walked. Lucas would score on Crute's RBI dou-

ble, while Mozeley would drive home Jernigan and Crute with a two-run single to jump out to a quick 3-0 lead.

King answered right back in the top of the second, with RBI singles from Jacob Eargle and Justin Smith, with a successful safety squeeze from Jose Ruiz in between to knot the score at 3-3.

UNCP countered with a two-run double from Crute and an RBI ground-out from Mozeley to reclaim a 6-3 lead in the bottom of the second.

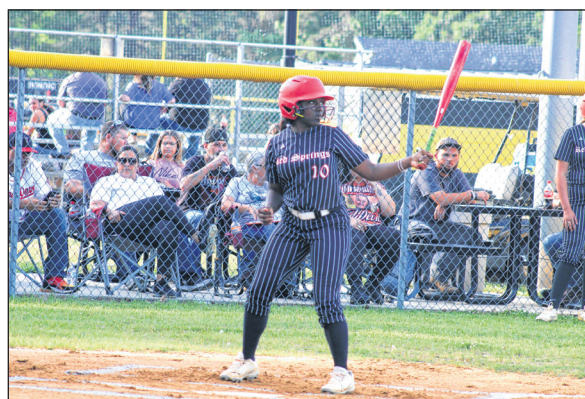
The Black & Gold stretched its lead in the third as Ashton Donathan was hit by a pitch and Tyler Steele singled, while both came home on a Daniel Stephens two-run double to make it 8-3.

After scoring a single run in the top half of the fourth, King cut it to 8-6 in the fifth on Tommy Regan's two-run homer.

The Braves put the game away in the eighth as Steele's fifth hit of the day brought home Boone Herman, while two more runs came home on a King error to make it 11-6.

Jacob Smith earned the win for UNCP and Conner Elliott got his first save of the season, pitching three scoreless innings with two hits and one strikeout.

Kale Richardson had three hits and Justin Smith had two hits and two RBIs for King. Gavin True (0-6) took the loss.



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Red Springs' Telinda Pate (10) waits for a pitch during Friday's game at Fairmont.

Softball

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The Golden Tornadoes' Layla Hunt was critical in this win, finishing with three hits and three RBIs. Addison Ivey was also important with a double and two runs scored. Finally, Jamey Quinata had an RBI single and another single where she came around to score.

Fairmont took a 3-0 lead into the second inning, thanks to Hunt's RBI single that scored Cecilia Chavis, followed by Hunt stealing two bases and eventually scoring. The inning was capped off with Kimberleigh Stevens reaching base on an error and scoring eventually.

The Golden Tornadoes added to their lead in the bottom of the second when Chavis hit an RBI single to score Ivey. Hunt added an RBI double, making it 5-0 before Stevens was walked. Quinata came up to the plate and hit an RBI single, making it 7-0 Fairmont. The inning was capped off when Makenzi Blackwell hit an RBI triple, putting Fairmont up 8-0.

In the bottom of the third, Ivey's double was followed by Jerrian Taylor's RBI single, making it 9-0 Fairmont. Then, Chavis reached first and another scored on an error, making it 10-0.

Red Springs (7-13, 1-9 Southeastern) got on the board in the top of the fourth inning when Telinda Pate hit a triple and eventually came home on a dropped third strike, making it 10-1 Fairmont.

The Golden Tornadoes added another run in the bottom of the fourth after Jamey Quinata singled, eventually coming around to score when Dynasti Chavis reached base on an error, making it 11-1. The Red Devils were held off the board again, leading to an 11-1 win for Fairmont by the run rule.

Both teams are expected to earn a 4A state playoff bid when the North Carolina High School Athletic Association announces brackets on Monday.

Fairmont baseball gets the better of Red Springs

Fairmont baseball easily defeated Red Springs Thursday, 10-2 to end an eight-game losing streak on senior day.

Tanner Hunt finished the game with three hits, two RBIs and two runs scored for the Golden Tornadoes (6-16, 3-7 Southeastern), while Jayden Hunt had three hits, two RBIs and two runs. Channing Locklear added a hit, two RBIs and a run.

The Red Devils' (8-13, 1-9 Southeastern) T.J. Ellerbe had one hit and a run in the game, while Jacoby Lowery had a hit and an RBI. Terry Locklear had a hit and a run.

Fairmont's Parker Chavis pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing two earned runs.

Both teams scored one run in the first inning before Fairmont added two runs in the second inning and seven in the third, making it 10-1. Red Springs scored one run in the sixth inning but still lost 10-2.

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LATE TUESDAY

Red Springs outlasts Fairmont in late-season thriller

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RED SPRINGS — The Fairmont Golden Tornadoes stormed back from a five-run deficit to take a late lead against Red Springs Tuesday, but the Red Devils answered with two runs in the bottom of the seventh to win 7-6. This was the kind of game fans like to see late in the season.

"This is going to be big as far as the rankings go," Red Springs coach Matt Strickland said. "Hopefully it's going to propel us to a playoff game but any win's a big win because it means so much to us."

Trailing 6-5, the Red Devils (8-12, 1-8 Southeastern Athletic Conference) quickly loaded the bases to begin the bottom of the seventh inning. Shane "C.J." Jones Jr. then drew a walk to tie the game at 6-6 before Nazir Blackmon won the game with another walk that brought home the winning run.

"It feels great," Blackmon said. "Our coach said we haven't beaten Fairmont in a couple years so I'm glad we did that tonight."

Red Springs' Xzavier Sinclair came up big in this game with three hits and an RBI, while Shane "C.J." Jones Jr had a hit, two runs scored and an RBI.

Daquan Moore, Jayden Hunt and Brylyn Ransom all had two hits and an RBI for Fairmont (5-16, 2-7 SAC).

The Red Devils had T.J. Ellerbe and Terry Locklear get on base with a walk and hit by pitch in the bottom half of the first inning. They both advanced on stolen bases before Jacoby Lowery hit a sacrifice fly to score



Red Springs' Nazir Blackmon, left, swings at a pitch during Tuesday's game against Fairmont in Red Springs.



Fairmont's Jamarion Brown, right, throws a pitch during Tuesday's game at Red Springs.

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Ellerbe, putting the Red Devils up 1-0.

Red Springs' Xzavier Sinclair hit an RBI double to give them a 2-0 lead heading into the second inning.

The Red Devils' Ellerbe was walked and stole two bases, eventually stealing home, putting Red Springs up 3-0. Locklear was then brought home on an RBI single before Alfredo Martinez-Lowery hit an RBI double, mak-

ing it 5-0, where the score remained heading into Fairmont's next turn at the plate.

Two RBI triples by Fairmont's Moore and Hunt made it 5-2 Red Springs. Continuing the inning, Hunt eventually came home on a wild pitch and with the bases loaded, Channing Locklear was walked, making it 5-4 as Fairmont had momentum.

Fairmont's Moore sin-

gled and stole second and third base. Hunt was hit by a pitch before Moore came home on a wild throw, tying it at five. Brylyn Ransom followed that with an RBI single, giving the Golden Tornadoes a 6-5 lead.

This was Red Springs baseball's first victory over Fairmont since April 17, 2019.

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

St. Pauls drops nonconference baseball game at Dillon

Staff report

DILLON, S.C. — The St. Pauls baseball team was outdueled by Dillon, losing 7-6 in a non-conference matchup Wednesday. This defeat snapped a two-game winning streak for the Bulldogs.

St. Pauls (13-10) scored two runs in the top of the first inning, before giving up five to Dillon (13-5) in the bottom half. Dillon added two more runs in the second inning to put them up 7-2.

The Bulldogs scored three runs in the third inning and one in the fourth to make it a 7-5 game. They added one more run in the seventh, but it wasn't enough, as they lost 7-6.

Cameron Mcneill was the Bulldogs' top hitter in this game, finishing with two hits, including a double and two RBIs. Tyler Lavoie and Josh Brooks both finished with a hit and two runs scored. Finally, Cailen Mcneill finished with a hit and one run.

St. Pauls concludes their regular season Friday at Douglas Byrd at 6 p.m.

Ashley walks off Lumberton softball

The Lumberton softball team dropped Wednesday's non-conference contest against Ashley, 3-2.

After three scoreless innings, the Screaming Eagle (5-15) scored one run in the bottom of the fourth, before the Pirates (13-11) responded with a run in the top of the fifth on a Jaelyn Hammond RBI single to plate Norah Johnson.

Lumberton added a run in the top of the seventh to take a 2-1 lead, with Charleigh Talton reaching on a hit by pitch before scoring on an error.

Ashley, however, scored two runs in the bottom half to win the game, 3-2, doing so after an error by the Pirates.

The Pirates' Jaelyn Hammond had two hits and an RBI, breaking the single-season program record for hits with her 45th and 46th of the season; she previously shared the record with Aniya Merritt (2023) and Megan Skipper (2013), and also tied the record herself last season.

Johnson had a hit and a run scored for Lumberton, and was the losing pitcher despite allowing no earned runs, striking out seven and allowing three hits.

Ashley's Elin Bentley had two hits and one run scored while Saylor Cross had a hit and a run. Kennedy Lufholm finished with an RBI.

With the regular season at an end, Lumberton awaits a potential playoff matchup, with a first-round home game likely.

Lumberton baseball humbled by North Brunswick

The Lumberton baseball team didn't have its best game, losing 7-0 to North Brunswick Wednesday night in a non-conference matchup.

The Scorpions (12-11) scored three runs in the first inning and four in the second. The Pirates (6-14) failed to muster anything all game.

North Brunswick's Fisher Goodwin had two hits, two runs scored and an RBI. Michael Peterson had one hit and two RBIs, while Thomas Campbell had a hit and one RBI. Finally, Jonah Campbell had one hit and two runs scored.

Lumberton's Caiden Hall, Bryson Hester and Brody Stueck each had one hit.



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Purnell Swett's Kiley Locklear (16) and Lumberton's Sydnea Jones (6) battle for possession during Wednesday's match in Pembroke.

Soccer

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Lumberton (8-10, 2-8 TCC) scoreless for the match.

"It's great to have a core back there that works together and understands their responsibilities," Strickland said. "A couple of times this year, we didn't have all four in the back that we wanted, and lately we have and it's paying off. Hopefully we can continue with that going forward."

The Pirates had a handful of scoring chances, particularly on a sequence with 10 minutes to go where an offensive attack and a corner kick both ended in near misses.

"Our girls battled back in the second half, made it a good game," Freeman said. "They had a couple of good looks,

they just couldn't find the back of the net."

Purnell Swett has one regular-season contest remaining, when it hosts Jack Britt on Wednesday.

"Hopefully we can just continue this effort and fight and just start trending upward, like I think we have been," Strickland said.

Lumberton hosts Red Springs at 6 p.m. Friday before playing two more nonconference games next week to close out the regular season.

"We've got one more week of the regular season, and we've got a few more games left to play," Freeman said. "As of right now, we're in the playoffs, but it's not just getting in, we want to try to get as high a seed as possible, so trying to finish off on a strong note and get ready for the playoffs."

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Signing

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there and compete and earn some innings."

Locklear becomes Purnell Swett's first RCC signee, and will join multiple players he calls good friends

including 2025 Fairmont alumnus Nemo Chavis. RCC was his only offer.

"It means a lot, because most people around here, they look at it as, 'oh, it's RCC, it's no big deal,'" Aaron Locklear said. "But 15 wins in their first year, that's a big deal, and we've got a group chat with all the guys, all them commits coming in, and we're going to be solid next

year."

"It's good to see kids choose to stay home and play locally when they get a chance," Edmund Locklear said. "It'll be easy to keep in touch with (Locklear) and maybe I can swing over to Lumberton and catch a game next year."

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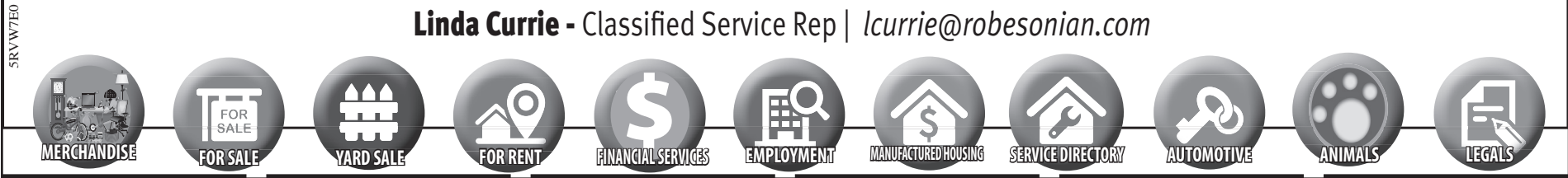
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All persons, firms or corporations having claims against Sierra Brayboy, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before July 11, 2026, or be barred from any recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate are asked to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of April, 2026.

Jonathan L Morton, Administrator of the Estate of Sierra Brayboy, Deceased, Huggins, Davis & Associates, LLP
P.O. Box 1571
Lumberton, NC 28359

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

All persons, firms or corporations having claims against June Pittman Edwards, deceased, late of Robeson County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before July 11, 2026, or be barred from any recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate are asked to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 11th day of April, 2026.

Brandon Danford, Administrator of the Estate of June Pittman Edwards, Deceased, c/o Jonathan L. Morton Attorney for the Estate Huggins, Davis & Associates, LLP
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Lumberton, NC 28359

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Robeson County Board of Commissioners held a meeting on April 20, 2026 and approved a Resolution to convey real property located on 207 W. 29 th Street, Lumberton, NC, to a non-profit organization, Monarch a North Carolina, not for profit corporation pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-279.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Lumberton will hold a public hearing on the 11th of May, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Lumberton City Hall, 500 N. Cedar St., to consider the following proposed amendment to the Land Use Ordinance: Davis Ray is requesting to rezone property located at 2109 Griffin St. (parcel # 10090200403). Map of the area proposed for Rezoning is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Planning Department in the Lumberton City Hall, 500 N. Cedar St. On the basis of objections, debate and discussion at the meeting, changes may be made from what has been proposed. Persons having interest in the matter and desiring to speak either for or against the proposed amendment are invited to be present and will be given an opportunity to be heard. Any person may request an accommodation for a disabling condition in order to attend this meeting by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (910) 671-3832 at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting. Laney Mitchell-McIntosh
City Clerk
CN: 4272
TO: THE ROBESONIAN

PLEASE PUBLISH: May 2, 2026 and May 9, 2026

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS OF LOIS ROGERS JOHNSON, DECEASED
Clerk's File 26E000415-770

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lois Rogers Johnson, 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 July 21, 2026, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment to the Estate at the office of the attorney listed below. April 18, 2026

Jerry Lee Johnson, Executor of the Estate of Lois Rogers Johnson

ROBERT E. PRICE ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE P. O. BOX 630 LUMBERTON, NC 28359 910-739-8172

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 Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Michael Keith Sweatt deceased, Roberson County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of July 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 25th day of April, 2026.
 MATTHEW KEITH SWEATT, ADMINISTRATOR
 DSR Legal, PLLC
 PO Box 51596
 Durham, NC 27717

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF BONNIE SUE LOCKLEAR DECEASED
FILE NUMBER 26 E 000213-770

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This is the 11th day of APRIL 2026

JASON FLOYD LOCKLEAR 116 TRUDIE LANE PEMBROKE NC 28372

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GLORIA HUNT TYLER DECEASED
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This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

KIMBERLY SAMPSON HUNT 121 SHAWN F ROAD PEMBROKE NC 28372

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KEITH DANIEL TOWNSEND DECEASED
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This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

JONATHAN E LOCKLEAR 29 OPAL RD RED SPRINGS NC 28377

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PUBLIC NOTICE: The Towers, LLC is proposing to build a 199-foot Monopole Telecommunications Tower located at 5227 NC 904 Highway, Fairmont, Robeson County, North Carolina 28340 (34° 25' 01.71" N, 79° 08' 46.44" W). Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to Terracon, 2105 Newport Place, Suite 600, Lawrenceville, GA 30043; 770-623-0755; PublicNoticeAtlanta@terracon.com. Reference Terracon Project No. 49267364.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KENNETH JONES DECEASED

FILE NUMBER 24 E 000791-770

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This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026

TERESA WILKINS JONES 260 DECKER ROAD ST PAULS NC 28384

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SARA UMPHLETT HAWKINS DECEASED
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This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

BRADLEY MARTIN THOMPSON 209 WEST 8TH STREET LUMBERTON NC 28358

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Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held by the Lumber Bridge Town Council at the Town Hall, for the purpose of amending the budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. The meeting will take place at the Lumber Bridge Town Hall on Monday May 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM. The public is urged to be present for this meeting. A copy of the proposed budget is on file at the Clerk's office for inspection.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 DOCKET NO. SP-74195, SUB 0
 APPLICATION OF SUNSTONE SOLAR, LLC
 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND REGISTRATION AS A NEW CLEAN ENERGY FACILITY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 16, 2025, Sunstone Solar, LLC, (Sunstone Solar) filed an application in the above captioned docket seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity (CPCN) pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 10 MWAC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility combined with a 10 MWAC Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be located in Robeson County, North Carolina. Sunstone Solar also filed a Registration Statement under Commission Rule R8-66 to register the Facility as a New Clean Energy Facility. The Facility will be located approximately along the west side of Butler Road, south of Iona Church Road, north of Gerald Road, and east of Collville Road in Robeson County, North Carolina. The GPS coordinates for the proposed Facility are 34.509 N and 79.247 W. Sunstone Solar filed an amended Application on February 4, 2026. Sunstone Solar's site layout illustrating the footprint of the facility may change to some degree based on government land use requirements, interconnection requirements, or similar factors. Sunstone Solar plans to sell electricity produced to the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC). Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to Sunstone Solar and to each complaining party, and will require Sunstone Solar to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by Sunstone Solar. Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-74195, Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

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Notices

Original Release Date: April 8, 2026
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Re-Advertisement: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

to Provide Housing and Home Improvement Supplies

The public will take notice that the Lumber River Council of Governments (hereinafter "LRCOG") of Pembroke, North Carolina will accept proposals for Housing and Home Improvement Supplies for its facility for Fiscal Years 2026-2027 and 2027-2028, until May 11, 2026, at 3:00p.m. Sealed proposals should be addressed to Lumber River Council of Governments, RFP: Housing and Home Improvement Supplies, 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.

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 Housing and Home Improvement Supplies from the LRCOG anytime between Monday thru Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Friday 8:30a.m. until 1p.m., except holidays. Any contract(s) resulting from proposals received shall be awarded to the person(s) or entities that submit the best overall proposal(s) as determined by the LRCOG. The following factors will be considered in awarding the contracts:

1. Value (quality vs. number of components);
2. Overall impression of the proposal;
3. Durability and Warranty;
4. Price

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the LRCOG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

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Notice of Public Review and Hearing

The Fairmont Housing Authority has prepared its Annual Plan FYB 2026 in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998. It will be available for review at 501 McDaniel Street Fairmont, NC 28340 (Main Office), beginning on May 4, 2026 to June 22, 2026, between the hours of 9 am - 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. A public hearing is scheduled for June 23, 2026 at 11:00 A.M, via teleconference. Interested people are encouraged to attend, please visit fairmonthousing.org for teleconference information. Should you require special accommodation or have any proposed written revisions, please submit them in writing to the attention of the Executive Director on or before June 15, 2026.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF DEBRA BARFIELD RODRIGUEZ DECEASED
File Number 25E001587-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Debra Barfield Rodriguez, 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 22nd day of July, 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 18th day of April, 2026.

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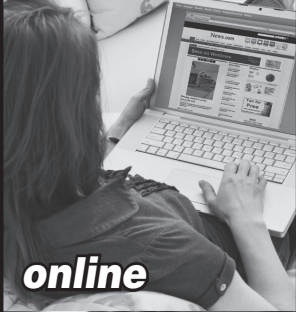
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FROM THE FRINGE

Arrested Potential golf tournament raises \$10,000

Arrested Potential, Inc. held a successful 11th annual At-Risk Children Charity Golf Tournament, held at Pinecrest Country Club. With strong community support and enthusiastic participation from golfers near and far, the tournament raised \$10,000 to support the organization's after-school tutoring and computer lab programs for children in public housing communities.

The day was filled with camaraderie, competition, and a shared commitment to creating brighter futures for at-risk youth. Golfers competed in a spirited tournament that concluded with the following winners:

Men's Division Winners

1st place: Eugene Carmichael, Jerry Carmichael, Warren Goldson

2nd place: James Powers, Tom Jones, Ted Williams, Mell Britt

3rd place: J.C. Spruill, Lloyd Montgomery, Craig Dance, James Salters

4th place: Johnny Marshall, Fred Ratcliff, Dan O'Neal, Reggie Joe

Women's Division Winners

1st place: Betty J. Powell,



Eugene Carmichael, Jerry Carmichael and Warren Goldson finished first in the men's division at Arrested Potential Inc.'s 11th annual At-Risk Children Charity Golf Tournament held recently at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton.

Sharon Powell-Brown, Redean Cotton, Sibyl Farr

2nd place: Dale Singletary, Grace Thompson, Regina Williams, Pandora Carter

"This tournament continues to demonstrate the power of community and commitment," said Gene Jones, chief executive director of Arrested Potential, Inc. "Every swing taken on that course represents an investment in the lives of the children we serve. The \$10,000 raised will directly support our efforts to provide academic assistance, technology access, and enrichment opportunities

that help our students grow and succeed."

This year's tournament was led by dedicated Chairpersons Ixchel-Baker Tate and Harriette Hardin, whose leadership and organization contributed greatly to the event's success.

Arrested Potential, Inc. extends its sincere appreciation to all golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and supporters who made the tournament possible. Proceeds will benefit the organization's ongoing mission to improve educational outcomes and provide safe, supportive learning environments for chil-



Betty J. Powell, Sharon Powell-Brown, Redean Cotton and Sibyl Farr finished first in the women's division at Arrested Potential Inc.'s 11th annual At-Risk Children Charity Golf Tournament held recently at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton.

Contributed photos | Gene Jones

dren ages 5 to 9 in the Turner Terrace and Weavers Court communities.

For more information about Arrested Potential, Inc. or how to support its programs, please contact Jones at 910-384-2310.

Pinecrest Country Club news

The next Senior Shootout will be played Thursday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. The event includes a hot dog lunch and more. Call the pro shop for more info at 910-738-6541.

Things to do while playing golf that will ensure everyone

has a good time: repair ball marks, repair divots, rake sand traps, let faster players thru, get a tee time and be on time.

Food for thought: Getting a tee time will ensure you a place on the course.

A choose-up is played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a 1 p.m. tee time.

Fairmont Golf Club news

The next Senior Shootout will be played Tuesday with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

Send all golf news to Chris Stiles at cstiles@robsonian.com.



Carolina Panthers quarterback Bryce Young (9) looks on before a wild-card playoff game between the Carolina Panthers and the Los Angeles Rams, Jan. 10 in Charlotte.

Jacob Kupferman | AP Photo

Panthers pick up Young's option for '27

Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE — The Carolina Panthers signed the fifth-year option on quarterback Bryce Young's rookie contract on Wednesday, keeping the 2023 No. 1 pick with the team through the 2027 season.

General manager Dan Morgan first mentioned on SiriusXM's "Mad Dog Sports Radio" that he was planning to sign the contract and later confirmed

to the The Associated Press that he had signed the deal.

Under the terms of the fifth-year option, Young would make \$29.5 million for the 2027 season. However, Morgan repeatedly has said the team is pleased with Young's progress and the goal would be to sign the 2021 Heisman Trophy winner from Alabama to a long-term deal, although the team still has plenty of time to get that done.

Young is set to cost

\$12 million under the Panthers' salary cap this coming season.

Young, who turns 25 in July, is just 14-30 as the team's starting quarterback, but he is coming off his best season, posting career highs in yards passing (3,011), touchdown passes (23) and completion percentage (63.6%) while leading the Panthers to the playoffs for the first time to 2017.

Carolina lost 34-31 to the Los Angeles Rams in the wild-card game.

Stankoven heats up as Hurricanes' 2nd-line center in playoffs

Aaron Beard
AP Sports Writer

RALEIGH — It had been a while since the Carolina Hurricanes had finished practice, with players coming and going from the locker room. Yet Logan Stankoven was still on the ice, leaving a crowd of reporters patiently waiting at his locker.

Such is the dynamic for the 23-year-old as the Eastern Conference's top seed heads into Round 2 of the NHL playoffs to face the Philadelphia Flyers.

Stankoven has been rolling at nearly a point-per-game pace going back to mid-March, including scoring in every game of Carolina's first-round sweep of Ottawa. Beyond the immediacy of that spotlight, though, is the other piece of Stankoven's story: the Hurricanes are betting he can keep growing into the role as second-line center, coming after spending multiple seasons searching for an answer there.

"Some guys are able to just jump right into the league and produce right away," Stankoven said. "I think for me, it's taken me a little bit longer to get where I want to be. I'm still not a finished product. I just want to be the best version of myself and help this team win a Cup."

The raw stats, at least, say Stankoven has been every bit of that of late, even with an undersized 5-foot-8, 165-pound frame.

He had 10 goals and six assists in his last 18 regular-season games, then four goals and an assist in the Ottawa sweep. He's centering a line that has been cooking with veteran Taylor Hall (two goals, five assists in Round 1) and fellow youngster Jackson Blake (one goal, three assists).

That line offset a quiet offensive series from the Sebastian Aho-centered top line with Seth Jarvis and Andrei Svechnikov. It also illustrated the Hurricanes' depth as the NHL's only team with seven players to score at least 20 regular-season goals.

"You knew this was in him," general manager Eric Tulsky said of Stankoven's regular-season finish. "People worry



Carolina Hurricanes' Logan Stankoven (22) celebrates his goal against the Ottawa Senators during the first period of an NHL playoff game April 23 in Ottawa.

Sean Kilpatrick | AP Photo

a lot about his height. In the end, it's about how hard you fight."

Growing into the role

Stankoven had played center coming up through the sport. He moved to the wing in the pros, making his NHL debut with the Dallas Stars in February 2024 before being traded last year to Carolina.

The Hurricanes reached a second Eastern Conference Final in three seasons. Then coach Rod Brind'Amour — an elite two-way center himself and captain of Carolina's 2006 Cup winner — floated the idea in exit interviews of moving Stankoven to the middle for preseason camp.

Notably, that meant taking on the challenge of winning faceoffs, a vital piece for a Carolina team that leans into puck possession and an aggressive forecheck to press its 5-on-5 attack.

While Stankoven was ready to do whatever was asked, it hasn't always been smooth. And by the Olympic break, Stankoven was frustrated with the early returns as he went back to his hometown of Kamloops, British Columbia.

His father, Wes, could see it. So the

family tried to keep things light and positive, while he joined Logan in watching some videos of faceoff formations and other tips while also letting him vent.

"I just tried to be supportive and helpful because it's a big learning curve for him," Wes Stankoven said in an interview with The Associated Press. "When you're facing off against (Sidney) Crosby and (Leon) Draisaitl and these kind of players who are tenured in the NHL, it's tough at times. The crowd gets on you a bit and you've got to start winning those faceoffs, especially in the defensive zones. Yeah, he was kind of stressed about it a bit."

Dad's best advice? Keep working. Learn from Brind'Amour. Remember it can take years to master a role like this.

Learning curve

Stankoven has largely trended in the right direction. Beyond the uptick in points, he went from winning 43.1% of his regular-season faceoffs from October to December to 45.5% after the start of 2026.

He also went from winning 40.3% of his defensive-zone faceoffs before the Olympic break to 46.2% afterward.

"I feel like positionally, just anticipating plays, I know where to be and where to go," Stankoven said. "But faceoffs, I've just got to keep working on getting in there and owning the dot."

To his point, Stankoven won just 36.2% of his faceoffs in the series against an Ottawa team that was No. 2 in the league in the circle during the regular season.

"Yeah, we threw a little curveball at him: more responsibility, center's just a little more responsibility on certain things," Brind'Amour said. "He's picked it up and he's putting in the work. ... This is not something that he's just doing to impress somebody or try to win a spot. This is because he wants to be the best he can be."

A multi-year search

For the Hurricanes, Stankoven offers the potential to solve a long-running lineup question since Vincent Trocheck signed with the New York Rangers in 2022.

The Hurricanes primarily gave a long look at Jesperi Kotkaniemi, including for multiple playoff games last year, while leaving skilled forward Martin Necas working as a winger.

The Hurricanes ultimately sent Necas to Colorado in the big-swing trade that landed Mikko Rantanen in 2025, only to have to deal Rantanen roughly a month later to Dallas when it became clear the star forward wouldn't sign a longer-term deal.

Stankoven was the primary return in that second deal, scoring twice in his Carolina playoff debut while working on the wing throughout last postseason.

He showed enough in his first season as an NHL center that Tulsky largely stood pat at the trade deadline in March. His Round 1 play has only reinforced that optimism.

"It's a good feeling when those people up top are watching and believe in me, and know that I have another level to get to, which I feel like I have been lately," Stankoven said. "Just keep on being the best version myself and building each year."



UNCP Athletics

The seniors from UNC Pembroke athletics at Tuesday's Golden Braves Awards.

UNCP hosts 13th annual Golden Braves Awards

Staff report

PEMBROKE — A total of four championships were among the celebrations, as the UNC Pembroke athletics department lauded its student-athletes at the 13th annual Golden Braves awards show on Tuesday evening at Lumbee Guaranty Bank Court.

Track & field's Calen McKinney and volleyball's Emily Collings were named the Athletic Performance Student-Athletes of the Year for their work in the weight room, while women's basketball and track and field's Amanda Sacoto and men's basketball's Nygell Verdier was crowned as the Comeback Student-Athletes of the Year.

Longtime supporters Bob and Faye Caton and Sherry and Cory Watson were honored with Braves Club Members of the Year honors, while Mickey Hunt, Keith Oxendine and Jamee Freeman were all presented with the Changing Lives Through Education Award. The Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina received the Community Pillar Award for their continued partnership with the athletics department.

A complete list of Tuesday evening's award recipients is below. Five traditional awards — the Male and Female Athlete of the Year, Male and Female Newcomer of the Year and the Dan Kenney Coach of the Year — will be presented at the Student-Athlete Welcome Back event in August.

2025 GOLDEN BRAVES AWARDS

Overall awards

Athletic Performance Male Student-Athlete of the Year: Calen McKinney, men's track and field
Athletic Performance Female Student-Athlete of the Year: Emily Collings, volleyball

Comeback Male Student-Athlete: Nygell Verdier, men's basketball
Comeback Female Student-Athlete: Amanda Sacoto, women's

basketball/track & field

Changing Lives Through Education Award: Mickey Hunt, Keith Oxendine, Jamee Freeman

Braves Club Members of the Year: Bob and Faye Caton, Sherry and Cory Watson

Community Pillar Award: Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Baseball

Most Valuable Position Player: Landon Lucas
Most Valuable Pitcher: Kasen McCawley

Men's Basketball

Newcomer of the Year: Moe Bangura
Joe Gallagher Most Valuable Player: Nygell Verdier

Women's Basketball

Most Improved: Camille Kerridge
Most Valuable Player: Bre'Asia Washington

Men's Cross Country

Coach's Award: Conrad Robertson
Most Valuable Runner: Ed Carney

Women's Cross Country

Coach's Award: Lizzy Laurine
Most Valuable Runner: Malea Bennewitz

Men's Indoor Track & Field

Track Athlete of the Year: Ed Carney
Field Athlete of the Year: Gary Parker

Women's Indoor Track & Field

Track Athlete Of The Year: Malea Bennewitz
Field Athlete of the Year: Kyleigh Pollock

Football

Most Valuable Offensive Player: Hunter Turner

Most Valuable Defensive Player: Don Woods

Golf

Most Valuable Golfer: Catherine DeSiena
Braves Award: Maya Fitzgerald

Soccer

Offensive Most Valuable Player: Eli Soderberg
Defensive Most Valuable Player: Freya Lodge Whitham

Softball

Championship Mindset Award: Alona Hanna
Most Valuable Player: Chloe Locklear

Spirit Squad

Breakout Performance: Kaylee Williams
Most Valuable Athlete: Lauren Rogitz

Swimming

Captain's Impact Award: Britta Schwengle
Most Valuable Swimmer: Benedetta Pepe Pugliese

Volleyball

Most Improved: Alex Mills
Most Valuable Player: Abby Pедуzzi

Wrestling

Leadership Award: Logan Robinson
Most Outstanding Wrestler: James Bankston

Men's Outdoor Track & Field

Track Athlete of the Year: Ed Carney
Field Athlete of the Year: Adam Rogers

Women's Outdoor Track & Field

Track Athlete of the Year: Sofia Skidmore
Field Athlete of the Year: Comfort Agwu

RCC drops high-scoring thriller to FTCC

Staff report

FAYETTEVILLE — The Robeson Community College Diamond Eagles lost to the Fayetteville Tech Trojans in a slugfest Wednesday, 11-10.

The Diamond Eagles scored one run in the first inning and two in the second, taking a 3-0 lead into the third inning. Then, the Trojans (29-21, 24-14 Region 10) scored two runs in the third inning and four in the fourth to put them ahead 6-3 heading into the fifth inning.

Robeson Community College (14-34, 13-25 Region 10) followed that with three runs in the fifth inning and four in the sixth before Fayetteville Tech got one run back in the bottom of the sixth, putting them down 10-7 heading into the seventh inning.

While the Diamond Eagles were kept off the board in the eighth and ninth innings, they allowed two runs in each inning to take an 11-10 loss.

The Diamond Eagles' Ty Lee had two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored, while Owen Noonan had two hits and three RBIs. Ayden Wall had one hit, two RBIs and two runs and Lezlie Jackson walked twice, coming around to score both times.

The Trojans' Toufic Khabie had four hits, four runs scored and four RBIs. Jordan Wright had three hits, three runs and three RBIs, while Brantley Hayward had two hits and two RBIs.

The Eagles visit Pitt Community College for a three-game series beginning at 4 p.m. Thursday.

Braves' Davis named Super Region 2 Rookie of the Year

Staff report

PEMBROKE — UNC Pembroke wrestling 125-pounder Cooper Davis capped off his impressive redshirt-freshman season by being named the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) Division 2 Super Region II Rookie of the Year, the organization announced.

The Davidson native earned the honor after finishing his season 24-10 overall with 19 bonus point victories



Davis

(eight pins, 10 technical falls, one major decision). Davis brought home a third-place finish at the NCAA Super Region II Tournament to

punch his ticket to the NCAA Championships, where he went 1-2 with a win via technical fall.

Davis becomes the second UNCP wrestler to bring home the award, joining Avery Buonocore who won the award following the 2023-24 season.

UNCP baseball lands 3 on All-Conference teams, 2 named to All-Defensive squad

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The UNC Pembroke senior trio of Landon Lucas, Kasen McCawley and Daniel Stephens were each named to the All-Conference Carolinas Team, while McCawley and Ashton Donathan were both selected to the All-Defensive team the league announced Tuesday afternoon.

A first-team selection, Lucas closed the regular season with a .434 (85-for-196) batting average, 20 doubles, three triples, 19 home runs, and 75 RBI. The Blythewood, South Carolina native has tallied 25 multi-hit games, 24 multi-RBI games, and three multi-home run games. Lucas was named Conference Carolinas Player of the Week in March after going 10-for-14 with three doubles, a home run, and eight RBI in the series sweep at Southern Wesleyan. The redshirt senior



is currently ranked in the top five in Division II in four categories, including second in hits and fifth in home runs and RBI.

McCawley, a second-team selection, ended the regular season with a 9-3 record and a team-high 72.0 innings pitched. The senior currently ranks second in Conference Carolinas in strikeouts with 78, and was named the NCBWA Southeast Region Pitcher of the Week in back-to-back weeks earlier this season. The Haw River native was also named the NCBWA National Pitcher of the Week after throwing a no-hitter against Shorter, marking the first solo no-hitter by a Braves pitcher since 2009.

McCawley also became the first Braves pitcher to reach nine wins in a season since Branden Kunz hit the mark in the 2022 season.

Stephens joined McCawley as a second-team selection and finished the regular season hitting .370 (70-for-189) with 16 doubles, two triples, six home runs and 41 RBIs, while also going 16-for-20 in stolen base attempts. The redshirt senior and Raleigh native logged 22 multi-hit games and 12 multi-RBI games, as well.

McCawley also was voted to the Conference Carolinas All-Defensive Team after not making an error in 12 chances, while also allowing just

four stolen bases on the year and picking off two runners.

Donathan joined McCawley on the All-Defensive squad after fielding .984 on 378 chances and throwing out 34% of base stealers, including 46% in Conference Carolinas play. The Sanford native was charged with just two passed balls in 44 games played.

Tuesday's release marked the ninth-straight year that the program has sent at least one player to an All-Conference first team, and is also the 16th time in the last 18 seasons the Black & Gold has sent multiple representatives to All-Conference laurels.

The two All-Defensive selections marked the fourth time in the last five years the Black & Gold have been represented, and the first time since 2022 that multiple Braves earned the honor.

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THE SKINNY

Tips to make Mother's Day special

Metro Creative Connection

Mother's Day is coming on Sunday, May 10 and marks a perfect opportunity to show Mom how much she's loved and appreciated. Mother's Day has been celebrated for more than 100 years, and in that time mothers have grown accustomed to certain staples of the holiday. A bouquet of fresh flowers, Sunday brunch at a local restaurant and some gifts from a partner and the children have become standards each Mother's Day.

While Mother's Day standards may never lose their appeal, families looking to make this year's celebration a little more unique can consider these ideas.

— Whip up (or order in) some baked goods. If Mom is the family baker, surprise her this year with some homemade baked goods. An aroma of freshly baked goodies around the house can set a welcoming tone for the day, particularly if the treats are prepared in the morning before Mom wakes up. Partners and children whose baking skills leave a little to be desired can get some freshly baked treats from a local bakery and have them waiting for Mom when she wakes up.

— Take to the road. Another way to make Mother's Day extra special is to make the celebration a weekend affair. A weekend getaway can be a welcome breath of fresh air for mothers and serve as a great opportunity for the family to unwind and celebrate Mom away from everything that reminds her of the hustle and bustle of everyday life. A getaway can be an especially ideal surprise for mothers whose children are full grown. Invite adult kids along and make their attendance a surprise for Mom.

— Book a unique experience. Experiential gifts have been wildly popular in recent years, so why not incorporate this trend into Mother's Day celebrations? Book a tour of a local vineyard or winery, take Mom to a live theater performance, or take her out for a day on the water, complete with brunch and a champagne toast. Such memorable experiences won't soon be forgotten and can provide an exciting alternative to previous Mother's Day celebrations.

— Ensure Mom
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Lumbee author to release debut novel

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Lumbee author Chuck Locklear is releasing his debut novel, "A Storm Coming," on June 2.

When Locklear's father passed away in 2018, his biggest regret was not listening more closely to his father's stories of their family's past.

"I started to research the history of our family," Locklear said, "the history of the Lumbee, the history of the Lost Colony. Luckily, my Uncle Grover is still around, and he was able to tell me a lot of the details I didn't pay attention to. I was happy for that, but I have seven grandchildren, and I wanted to be sure they didn't make the same mistake as me."

Rather than waiting for his young grandchildren to come to him asking about their legacy, Locklear decided to take action and put down his family's stories on paper.

Though Locklear is the descendant of the Lumbee legend Henry Berry Lowry, his debut novel does not focus on him. Instead, the story follows his seven-times-great-grandmother, who went by the English name of Jane.

Jane was a member of the Tuscarora tribe who lived a regular, if somewhat privileged, life due to her familial ties until the Tuscarora wars broke out in the early 1700s. She fell in love with a man who came to the tribe to persuade them to fight the settlers who were beginning to take



Locklear

over their lands.

"English encroachment had become a real problem for the Tuscarorans," Locklear said, "and for all the Native Americans on the East Coast. Something that many people don't realize is that the English captured Native Americans and used them as slaves on the sugar islands of Barbados and the Bahamas."

The novel closely follows the real-life story

of Jane, with its most important characters and events having been real fixtures in her life. However, Locklear chose to interpret her story as historical fiction so it could reach more readers.

"I did try to be as accurate as possible with the facts and details," Locklear said, "but at the same time there are some things I had to invent. For example, Jane's aunt isn't a real person. I knew there were clanmothers and I knew what their role was, but I didn't know a specific person, so I had to make her up."

Though Locklear does not live in Robeson County, rather residing in Michigan, he has never lost touch with his Lumbee roots and returns to his family's hometown to visit relatives and par-

ticipate in Lumbee Homecoming.

"I think a lot of people have the wrong impression about Native Americans these days," Locklear said. "The impression is based a lot on what happened out west; Indians living in tipis and riding horses, and that was not true on the East Coast. Native American people were very civilized. I know that nonfiction and history books can be very dry and boring, so I'm hoping that by introducing people to these characters, telling them their life stories, and making it real, people will learn about Native Americans in a way they're not going to from a history book."

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.



Friends, college leadership, and guests gather for a group photo following the presentation of the Allen de Hart Humanitarian Award. Pictured, from left, are Lawrence Wittenberg, Janet Taylor, First Lady Laurie Brown, President Gary M. Brown, honoree Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews, Vice President of Institutional Advancement Alitha Palich, Theresa Hunt, Jim Hunt, Frankie King and Ellen Mullen.

Red Springs native receives prestigious alumni honor

Louisburg College recognizes Stevenson-Mathews for humanitarian impact and civic service

Staff report

LOUISBURG — Louisburg College formally presented the Allen de Hart Humanitarian Award to distinguished alumnus Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews during a special reception held on Thursday, April 24, in the Main Building Parlor on campus. The honor was presented by Gary M. Brown, 28th president of Louisburg College, before alumni, friends, faculty and guests.

One of five alumni awards presented annually, the Allen de Hart Humanitarian Award recognizes a visionary graduate whose accomplishments, leadership and service have uplifted humanity and made a lasting difference in the lives of others.

Stevenson-Mathews, a Red Springs native, attended Louisburg Col-

lege, where he quickly became involved in campus and community life. During his student years, he wrote for the college newspaper, served on the Christian Life Council, annually assisted with Easter Seals campaigns, and participated in efforts to help resettle Vietnamese refugee families arriving in the United States in the years following the Vietnam War. He also served as President of the Student Body. Those experiences helped shape a lifelong commitment to service.

Today, Stevenson-Mathews is widely recognized for his civic leadership and charitable work in Glen Cove, New York, and beyond. His community involvement has included elected office, nonprofit leadership, veterans advocacy, senior services support, faith-based outreach and volunteer initiatives

benefiting countless individuals and families. Additionally, he serves as President of the Tribute and Honor Foundation, which honors veterans and supports military families.

Penny McDonald, a longtime family friend from the honoree's hometown of Red Springs and Gaitley's former high school choral director, shared: "Gaitley was raised in a family that believed deeply in helping others. Service was simply part of daily life in that household, and he has carried those same values wherever life has taken him."

Following the ceremony, Brown remarked: "Louisburg College is proud to honor alumni who use their talents and opportunities to improve the lives of others. Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews represents the very spirit of this award."

Pam Panzenbeck, Mayor of Stevenson-Mathews' current hometown of Glen Cove, who was unable to attend but arranged for a citation to be presented on behalf of the City of Glen Cove, praised his service, saying: "Gaitley has long been a tireless advocate for Glen Cove. Whether working on behalf of veterans, seniors, or civic causes, he brings people together and inspires others through action."

Although originally named as the 2024 honoree, Stevenson-Mathews was unable to receive the award at that time due to scheduling conflicts. Friday's ceremony provided an opportunity for the college to formally bestow the recognition.

Accepting the award, Stevenson-Mathews reflected: "Louisburg had a profound influence on my life. It helped deepen my sense of purpose,

broaden my horizons, and strengthen my belief in service to others. To receive this honor from a place that gave me so much is deeply meaningful."

The afternoon was not only a celebration of an accomplished alumnus, but also of a life defined by compassion, leadership, and answering the call to serve. Stevenson-Mathews is the son of the late Jim and Jean Mathews of Red Springs and grandson of the late Annie Culbreth Gaitley, also of Red Springs.

Founded in 1787 and affiliated with the United Methodist Church, Louisburg College is a private two-year institution and is recognized as the oldest chartered two-year college in the nation. For generations, the college has emphasized scholarship, character, leadership and service.

Contributed photo | Gaitley Stevenson-Mathews

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Border Belt Horseman Association Event, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 2: The Southeastern NC Agricultural Event Center is hosting the Border Belt Horseman Association Show. Our mission is to bring riders of all ages, skill levels and disciplines together to develop their skillset and love for these animals. We instill a culture of positive reinforcement and the desire to help each and every rider. Negative Coggins is required.

Robstock IV- Robeson County Band of Brothers, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., May 2: Robstock IV is presented by the Robeson County Band of Brothers at Lumberton Station 1917. The event honors the late musician David Smith of the band Ashes to Ashes and features performances by them, Eleven Fifty Nine, Delgado, and C.O.A.D. Proceeds support scholarships for Lumberton Senior High School students.

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.

Stories & Sounds, 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 3: The Kinship NC is the location for a cozy Sunday afternoon in Historic Downtown Lumberton. Wind down with Tonya Holy Elk & Lakoda John as they recite poetry and play acoustic guitar. Enjoy the beautiful setting in Kinship, NC.

Farmer's Market Opening Day, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 9: The 2026 Season of the Robeson County Farmers Market begins! The Market is located downtown on the plaza for opening day. Farmers display the fresh-from-the-field vegetables, eggs, meats and more. Vendors are present, and there is space for more.

Master Gardener's Plant Sale, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 9: The Master Gardeners extension of the NC Cooperative Extension Services is hosting a plant sale at the Farmers Market. Buy Spring annuals, perennials, herbs, vegetables and learn about how to take care of your favorite plants.

Chamber Golf Classic, 11 a.m., May 14: The Lumberton, NC Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic is at Pine Crest Country Club. Lunch is at 11:00 a.m., and Shotgun starts at 12:00 p.m. Hole-in-one prize is available, as are 4 closest-to-the-pin, most accurate drive, money board, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Team awards. Support the Chamber and enjoy the day!

Alive After 5 Concert Series Opening Show, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., May 14: The Sand Band is opening the Alive After 5 Concert Series in Historic Downtown Lumberton on the Dick Taylor Plaza. Get in the groove for a weekly concert each Thursday for the next 5 weeks! The Sand Band is based in Pinehurst and is known for the variety of music that will reach the soul of the audience. Some seating is available at the plaza, but be encouraged to bring your own folding chair to rest between dances. More details will follow, so SAVE THE DATE!

Lumbee Federal Recognition Celebration, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., May 16: An invitation is extended to the celebration of a Federal Recognition Event on campus at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Join the minipowwow with food, festivities, a gospel sing, vendors and more. This is an occasion to remember! The celebration area is the quad between Old Main and the Mary Livermore Library.

OEuvre d'Art en Exposition, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., May 16: Trinity Episcopal Church is hosting OEuvre d'Art en Exposition, an afternoon of Art and Music with Mark Andersen. Well-known musician Mark Andersen will premiere his new piano suite, composed to accompany the artwork on display. The artwork exhibit will include paintings and sculptures from Mark Andersen's personal collection, in addition to work recently shown at the Robeson Art Guild.

Da Bomb Barrel Racing, 9 a.m., May 23: Summa Slam barrel racing is happening at the Southeastern NC Agricultural Events Center! Activities begin at 9:00 a.m.

John P. Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament, 12 p.m., May 23: Date changed to the 23rd of May!!! This is the 23rd annual John P. Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament, and the proceeds from the tournament benefit the Robeson County Humane Society. Lunch is at Noon. A shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m.; \$300 per 3-player team or \$100 per individual. See the other details on the flyer above. Sponsor a hole for this worthy cause!

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Davey Jones! He is about 3 years old. Davey Jones is as unique as his name. He loves to paw his water and entertain himself. Davey Jones is up for adoption at the Robeson County Humane Society. For more information, contact the Robeson County Humane Society, 3180 West Fifth Street, Lumberton, 910-738-8282.

FUN HOLIDAYS FOR MAY 2-8

Lemonade Day: Take a sip of the refreshing beverage for this observance on Sunday.

National Concert Day: Celebrate live music, at an intimate venue or a big stadium, with this day on Tuesday.

Other fun holidays this week

Saturday: Baby Day, Brothers and Sisters Day, Free Comic Book Day, International Drone Day, Kentucky Derby, Learn to Ride a Bike Day, National Auctioneers Day, National Scrapbooking Day, Pilates

Sunday: Mayday for Mutts, National Chocolate Custard Day, National Public Radio Day, National Ride a Bike Day, National Two Different Colored Shoes Day, Paranormal Day, World Laughter Day, World Press Freedom Day

Monday: Bird Day, Intergalactic Star Wars Day (May the Fourth), International Firefighters Day, National Orange Juice Day, National Weather Observers Day

Tuesday: Cinco de Mayo, Cartoonists Day, Museum Lover's Day, National Golf Day, National Teachers Day, Oyster Day

Wednesday: National Beverage Day, National Deaf Interpreter Day, National Nurses Day, National Tourist Appreciation Day, National Walk Bike & Roll to School Day, No Homework Day

Thursday: National Day of Prayer, National Cosmopolitan Day, National Roast a Leg of Lamb Day, World Password Day

Friday: Child Care Provider Day, Military Spouse Appreciation Day, National Coconut Cream Pie Day, National Have a Coke Day, No Socks Day, World Donkey Day, World Red Cross Day

Week of May 3-9: Be Kind to Animals Week, National Pet Week, National Physical Education and Sports Week, National Small Business Week, National Tourism Week, National Wildflower Week, Week of the Classroom Teacher

Source: holidays-and-observances.com

Tips

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doesn't lift a finger. A truly special Mother's Day will give Mom a day off. Partners and kids can team up to take care

of everything from the moment Mom wakes up until she returns to bed at night. Serve breakfast in bed, order in some lunch and then take Mom out for a nice meal at a local restaurant. In between meals, let Mom

relax any way she sees fit, whether that's curling up with a good book, dusting off her paint brush and engaging in some artistic endeavors and/or squeezing in a rare midday nap. Mom will undoubtedly appre-

ciate a full day off, which might just make for the best gift of all.

Mother's Day is the ideal time to offer Mom a unique experience that shows her how much she's loved and appreciated.

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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!

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PUZZLES & GAMES

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Solve the code to discover words related to horses. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = D)

A. 12 23 18 17
Clue: Balances horse

B. 10 18 16 15 10
Clue: Passenger

C. 6 23 16 16 17 15
Clue: Riding accessory

D. 3 23 16 16 22 11 19
Clue: Small enclosure

Answers: A: rail B: rider C: saddle D: paddock

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to horses.

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Answer: Stable

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer/songwriter born in New York on May 9, 1949. I played the piano at a bar to help support my mother while in high school. I progressed to being a Grammy Award-winning artist and pianist known for my huge catalog of songs. I am the third best-selling solo artist in the U.S.

Answer: Billy Joel

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to bugs.

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Answer: Thorax

SUDOKU ANSWER

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HEALTH FAQ

True statement about cancer causes intense worry in reader

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your column every day. In a recent column, you wrote: "Since age is the major risk factor in getting cancer, it's likely that some people who were cured of their original cancer will later succumb to a different one."

This statement terrified me as I fall into this category. I had a lobectomy in 2009 to remove stage IA lung cancer that hadn't spread and for which I wasn't prescribed chemo or radiation. Annual CT scans since then have all been negative except for a pulmonary embolism in 2014, which resulted in a blood thinner prescription. I'm told that I will need to be on the blood thinner for the rest of my life.

Two years ago, my oncologist said that I could opt out of the scans and yearly visits since my chance of a recurrence was "less than 1%." (I think this was the percentage, or maybe I'm confusing it with something else she said.) Nevertheless, I decided to continue the scans and visits just to be on the safe side.



Dr. Keith Roach
Contributing columnist

I rarely think about this cancer until it's time for a scan and a visit. However, your column shed new light on the situation, and as I said, now I'm scared to death. My first question is: Was it really necessary for you to include this statement since it was bound to frighten a great many people like me, who may not routinely worry about a 15-year-old cancer but will now most certainly worry?

My second question is: What can you say about my situation that may assuage my fears? — J.G.

ANSWER: I'm sorry to scare you. Every cancer survivor does know that cancer can come back. However, this risk goes down over time. How much and how quickly the risk goes down depends on the type of cancer. Your oncologist is right that for non-small cell lung cancer (I'm making an assumption), the risk is very low after 18 years. You should continue to follow her advice about follow-up scans.

What I was really referring to is that a person who's had cancer is more likely to get a new and separate cancer than the average person (who has about a 25% to 30% chance of dying from cancer). So, a cancer survivor should be diligent about following recommended screenings for other cancers, such as a mammogram, colonoscopy or PSA test (as appropriate for their age and sex).

Not all people (especially women) with lung cancer are current or former smokers, but those who are or were smokers should have careful exams of their mouths and throats. Lifestyle changes can also make a big difference with cancer risk, especially diet. A mostly plant-based diet reduces the risk of many cancers, and regular exercise helps as well. This is good advice for everyone — but especially those who have had cancer. Alcohol should be minimized or avoided entirely.

All of us live with the knowledge that we will die someday. Many people don't like to think about it, but physicians need to so that we can give our patients the best advice on how we can help them. For cancer survivors, this means being diligent about living wisely and getting the appropriate screening. It doesn't mean being obsessed with the possibility of an old cancer returning or a new cancer appearing.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.



Photo courtesy of UNC Health Southeastern
Gibson Cancer Center nurse Stacie Smith and Otis Gwynn stand by the fountain that he chose to recreate as art in honor of Gibson Cancer Center and the care team who have supported him throughout his journey.

'The Art of Healing' exemplifies cancer journey at MED GALA

Heather Walters
UNC Health Southeastern

LUMBERTON — At this year's THE MED GALA, the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation centered its theme on "The Art of Health," celebrating the skill, creativity, compassion and humanity behind every moment of care at UNC Health Southeastern.

At Gibson Cancer Center, that idea comes to life every day through the hands and hearts of its care teams.

But sometimes, healing does not only come from medicine. Sometimes, it comes from within. Sometimes, art itself becomes a place of peace, focus, and restoration.

For Otis Gwynn, it became exactly that.

A retired Army veteran, Gwynn has been receiving care at Gibson Cancer Center since 2025. Following a bone marrow transplant in December of last year, his health is doing well, but his journey has required strength, patience and faith.

Along the way, he returned to something that has been part of his life since childhood.

Growing up on a farm in Yanceyville in Caswell County, Gwynn developed a love for drawing at a young age. After long days of farm work, he would spend time in the woods sketching his surroundings. After retiring from military service in 2002, he began experimenting more deeply with what he calls his "ink work," using pen and ink as a creative outlet.

"Art is like music," said Gwynn. "It's my happy place, a way to stay focused and steady, especially during treatment, when I need something that helps my mind rest and keeps me grounded."

During his time in treatment, that creative outlet became something more. It became part of his healing process.

After taking a photograph of the fountain garden at Gibson Cancer Center, Gwynn began working on a detailed pen drawing from his home. Inspired by nurse Stacie Smith, who had seen

artwork he previously created for UNC Health in Chapel Hill, he chose to create the piece in honor of Gibson Cancer Center and the care team who have supported him throughout his journey.

Stacie Smith, a nurse at Gibson Cancer Center, spoke to both his talent and the impact of his work.

"Mr. Gwynn has an incredible gift," said Smith. "The detail and care he puts into his work is remarkable, but what stands out even more is the heart behind it. This piece means so much because it reflects not just his talent, but his gratitude and the way he sees this place."

Gwynn and his family, who reside in Hope Mills, came to Gibson Cancer Center following a recommendation from UNC Health oncology physicians. Since then, he describes the center as a place of both excellence and peace.

"Gibson has been a blessing," he said. "It's close to home for testing and maintenance, and it gives you a place where you can relax, let your mind rest, and not have to worry."

When asked to describe his experience in one sentence, his response was immediate, "Thank God. Thank God for this facility and these team members."

He continued, describing the team as "the best staff in the world, professional, happy, and joyful," adding that "having a place like this is touching to the heart."

Gwynn has graciously gifted his original pen and ink drawing to Gibson Cancer Center, granting permission for it to be displayed, digitized and shared. The piece now stands as a reflection of gratitude, resilience, and the deeply personal nature of healing.

The UNC Health Southeastern Foundation is grateful for his beautiful gift, his talent and his kindness.

His work also continues a tradition of using art to bring comfort to others. In Chapel Hill, Gwynn created a ceiling tile drawing honoring "Cheese," a beloved therapy dog, offering patients something uplifting to focus on during



Photo courtesy of UNC Health Southeastern
Gibson Cancer Center Fountain drawing by Otis Gwynn.

treatment.

Through stories like Gwynn's, UNC Health Southeastern Foundation continues to highlight the impact of compassionate, whole-person care through its "Hope Starts Here" campaign, including initiatives like the "Tree of Hope" and "Path to Hope," which support spaces and experiences that bring comfort, reflection, and strength to patients and families.

Gibson Cancer Center delivers comprehensive, high-quality cancer care close to home, offering advanced treatment options, infusion services, care navigation, and ongoing support for patients and their families. With a commitment to both clinical excellence and compassionate care, the center focuses on treating the whole person throughout every stage of their journey. Because at Gibson Cancer Center, healing is not only clinical. It is personal.

Hope Starts Here




To support the "Hope Starts Here" campaign, gifts may be made to the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation in meaningful and lasting ways. Donors may purchase engraved bricks along the "Path to Hope" in honor or memory of a loved one, or become part of the "Tree of Hope," a visible

symbol of strength, remembrance, and support for those impacted by cancer. For more information or to give, please contact sefoundation@unchealth.unc.edu or mail a contribution to P.O. Box 1408, Lumberton, NC 28359.

Gwynn also looks forward to creating an original ink drawing of the "Path to Hope," where the first bricks are expected to be in place in time for Survivors Day, capturing a space that will soon be filled with reflection, remembrance and hope. For more information about Otis Gwynn's artwork or to inquire about commissioning a piece, please contact the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.

Gibson Cancer Center will host its annual Survivors Day event June 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This year's event theme is Camp Hope, which will focus on sun safety and skin cancer prevention for survivors, families, caregivers, and community members. For more information about the event, contact the Gibson Cancer Center Social Work team at 910-735-8013.


Heather Walters is the manager of Donor Experience & Engagement for the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.



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According to the Department of Defense (DOD), the United States Armed Forces had 1.33 million people identified as active troops as of 2025. The DOD reported that an additional 770,118 people were serving in the National Guard or as reserves as of 2025. Active-duty Armed Forces personnel in the United States are spread across six main service branches: the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and the Space Force. As of December 2025, the Army had more active-duty troops (447,455) than any other branch of the American military. The Navy (339,602) had the second most active-duty troops, while the Air Force (315,317) was the third largest branch in terms of active-duty troops.

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How to support veterans through nonprofits

Military service personnel make a personal sacrifice and put the country before their own needs and those of their families. Serving the military has inherent risks to safety, but many still heed the call to serve.

Serving the nation seldom is an easy task, and sometimes acting military and veterans need some assistance. Many charities work to provide that assistance, and these organizations are worth supporting.

- Wounded Warrior Project®: This organization was founded in 2003 by a group of veterans and friends in Roanoke, Virginia, who wanted to take action to help injured service men and women. The mission of WWP is to honor and empower service personnel who incurred physical or mental injuries, illnesses or wounds related to military service on or after September 11, 2001. According to the organization, 100 percent of a person's dona-





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tion supports wounded warriors, with roughly 71 percent spent directly on programs and services, and the balance paid to support the delivery of this support.

· **Homes For Our Troops:** Homes For Our Troops builds and donates specially adapted and customized homes nationwide to help severely injured post-9/11 veterans. Since the nonprofit organization's inception in 2004, nearly 90 cents out of every dollar spent has gone directly to program services to veterans. HFOT builds homes where veterans choose to live, and continues a relationship with the veterans after home delivery to assist with rebuilding their lives.


· **Gary Sinise Foundation:** Many people recognize Gary Sinise as a prominent and award-winning actor known predominantly for his roles as Lieutenant Dan in "Forrest Gump" and Detective Mac Taylor on "CSI: New York." After the tragic attacks on September 11, 2001, Sinise began devoting much of his time to support the people who were deployed in response to those attacks. Sinise ultimately decided to found his own organization with the mission of expressing gratitude and giving support to the men and women who willingly fight for the country to keep the nation safe and free.

· **K9s for Warriors:** According to the K9s for Warriors organization, an average of 20 veterans take their own lives each day and roughly 1,000 dogs are euthanized. To change these stark statistics, K9s for Warriors was established to adopt and train shelter dogs as service animals, and pair them with mentally struggling veterans who could benefit from a four-legged friend. A study by Flagler College found 92 percent of the nonprofit's veteran graduates reported a reduction in medication usage, and 82 percent reported reduced suicide ideation after being paired with a dog.

· **Vets Canada:** Vets Canada is a grassroots movement founded by veteran Jim Lowther in 2010. Lowther realized veterans were slipping through the cracks and living in high-risk situations. Together with his wife Debbie, Lowther formed a small team in Halifax to offer help to homeless and at-risk veterans with an end goal of reintegrating them into civilian life. The mission evolved into Vets Canada, which has helped 4,554 veterans to date.

Supporting military and veterans charities is a great way to show your appreciation for the individuals who served and sacrificed for their countries.

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Notable monuments to veterans across the United States

Veterans Day honors the millions of men and women who have sacrificed much to serve in the United States military. Veterans Day is commemorated each year on November 11 because it was that day in 1918 when an armistice was reached between combatants in World War I, which estimates suggest claimed the lives of as many as 22 million people.

There are many ways for Americans to celebrate veterans on Veterans Day. Visiting war memorials can instill a greater sense of appreciation for the men and women who have served in the United States military. The following are some notable war memorials honoring veterans across the United States.

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is an iconic memorial located in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia. Cemetery officials note New York Congressman and World War I veteran Hamilton Fish, Jr., played an integral role in establishing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by proposing legislation that provided for the internment of one unknown American soldier killed during WWI. Guards are now present at the tomb 24/7, and visitors, including U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries, typically lay a wreath at the tomb to honor the sacrifices of all U.S. veterans.

Korean War Veterans Memorial

The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors the roughly 1.5 million American veterans who fought alongside forces from the United Nations in a conflict that lasted from 1950 to 1953. Nineteen sculptures depicting U.S. servicemen on patrol during the conflict are among the many

notable components of this moving memorial, which also features a wall and pool of remembrance that display the names of the more than 36,000 Americans killed during the Korean War.

Liberty Memorial


The Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, was built in 1926 to honor the brave American service members who lost their lives in World War I. The Liberty Memorial, which is now known as the National World War I Museum and Memorial, is an iconic landmark in Kansas City that features the Liberty Memorial Tower, which rises 217 feet about Memorial Court-yard and 268 feet above the North Lawn. The top of the tower emits a flame at night to create a stunning visual. Memory Hall on the east side of the Liberty Memorial Tower containing a portion of the Panthéon de la Guerre, an iconic French painting that depicts the Allied nations of World War I.

USS Arizona Memorial



The USS Arizona Memorial in Honolulu, Hawaii, is dedicated to preserving the memories of the sacrifices of servicemen who fought in the Pacific theater throughout World War II. The memorial marks the resting place of more than 1,100 sailors during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, an event that led to U.S. involvement in World War II. The memorial is accessible exclusively by boat and the sunken remains of the battleship USS Arizona straddle the site.

These are just four of the many notable landmarks that commemorate the sacrifice and service of U.S. military members over the course of the nation's history.


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7 ways to honor active military and veterans



A major portion of the North American population is comprised of people who are actively serving in the Armed Forces or those who once did. USAFacts reports the military included 2,079,142 military personnel and 778,539 civilians as of September 2023. In 2023, the U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 15.8 million veterans in the U.S. In Canada, the 2021 Census of Population found that 97,625 Canadians were serving in the Canadian Armed Forces while 461,240 Canadians were characterized as veterans.

Military men and women work tirelessly and selflessly to defend their countries' ideals and freedoms. Too often military members do not get the attention and acclaim they deserve. The month of May, which celebrates Military Appreciation Month as well as Memorial Day, is a perfect time of year to honor those who have served in various ways.

• Improve the community.

Veterans want the communities they call home to be the best they can be, and that can be achieved by community members pitching in to improve their towns and cities. Doing something honorable, like establishing a park in honor of veterans, can be a great way to improve a community and honor service personnel at the same time.

• Support veteran-friendly policies.

By supporting policies and organizations that prioritize veterans' rights, individuals are showing veterans they care. Policies that ensure veterans have access to services they need warrant everyone's support.

• Donate to a nonprofit that supports veterans.

Many charities do important work to bridge the gap in care or services needed by veterans or active military members. Using hard-earned dollars to fund these nonprofits is money well spent.

• Ask a veteran to be a keynote speaker.

Schools or businesses can ask military members to come in and speak to groups about their experiences. Newspapers and other local publications can write about veterans and share their stories.

• Pay respects to the country.

A simple way to honor veterans is to embrace and showcase national pride. Flying the country's flag in front of homes and businesses is a first step. Attending patriotic events, such as parades and memorials, also is a way to honor veterans and others.

• Keep cemeteries clean.

Respect the hallowed land that is the final resting place for veterans by volunteering to tidy up around headstones and other markers. On key calendar dates, such as Memorial Day, help with the placement of flags on every veteran's grave as a token of thanks for their sacrifice.

• Volunteer at a VA hospital.

Now more than ever VA hospitals may be short-staffed and have need of more volunteers to help with various services. Volunteer work can include visiting patients or running recreational activities, both of which can boost the spirits of veterans receiving care.

Honoring veterans and other military personnel doesn't have to be difficult. Beyond a simple "thank you," there are many steps people can take to show their gratitude to active military personnel and veterans.



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Honor Vietnam veterans in your community



The Department of Veterans Affairs notes that approximately 2.7 million Americans served in the Vietnam War. There was strong domestic opposition to American involvement in the conflict, and many veterans returning from the war were treated poorly and unfairly. That made it difficult for Vietnam veterans to adjust to life at home, a problem compounded by the trauma of the war.

Although it is impossible to reverse time and remedy the poor treatment of Vietnam veterans, there are ways that the public can honor those veterans who sacrificed their safety and health in service of their country. These ideas can help communities express their gratitude to veterans who served in the Vietnam War.

- Join the Vietnam War Commemoration as a commemorative partner. Once approved, member organizations are given a free starter kit of materials for developing and implementing their programs and events.

- Adopt a care facility. Individuals or organizations can support a local VA hospital or gathering organization by organizing events that can include visits, food and entertainment.

- Single out Vietnam veterans in the community. Spotlight features on veterans who live in town with write-ups in the newspaper or interviews for a townwide blog or social media group. Share veterans' stories with as many people as possible.

- Offer special discounts to Vietnam veterans. On National Vietnam War Veterans Day this March, community officials can encourage local restaurants to offer discounts on meals and small business owners can offer exclusive sales to service personnel who served in Vietnam.

These are some of the ways communities can recognize Vietnam veterans who call their towns and cities home.

Drivers can thank the military for the introduction of sport utility vehicles to the mainstream market.

Drivers can thank the military for the introduction of sport utility vehicles to the mainstream market. Predecessors to modern SUVs date back to military models from the late 1930s, and four-wheel-drive station wagons and other vehicles that were introduced in the late 1940s. However, many car enthusiasts feel the 1984 Jeep Cherokee was the first SUV in the modern style. In 2021, the Environmental Protection Agency reported that SUVs made up 44.67 percent of all light-duty vehicles produced that year, compared to 25.69 percent of market



share for sedans and wagons. In fact, as of 2023, many major automakers had announced plans to phase out many of their popular sedans. General Motors dropped nearly all passenger cars from its North American portfolio. Dodge dropped the Challenger and Charger; Acura removed the ILX model; the Chrysler 300 is no more; and Nissan no longer offers the Maxima. These are just some of the effects of the popularity of SUVs and also part of a larger shift toward the production of electric vehicles.

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Gestures anyone can embrace in support of veterans



Veterans Day (United States) and Remembrance Day (Canada) are commemorated each year on November 11. Both holidays honor the individuals who served in the armed forces for their respective countries.

Community-wide events tend to be held on November 11, but any day of the year is a good time to pay respect to veterans. On a local level, people can do much to thank veterans for their service and sacrifice.

• **Provide a free restaurant meal.** Offer to take out a veteran for breakfast, lunch or dinner. If you see a veteran eating in a restaurant, anonymously pay the bill for that person.

• **Send care packages.** Communities can gather resources and chip in to make care packages for veterans who live in town, and even to send to troops stationed elsewhere. Include foods

and comforts from home.

• **Buy from veterans.** Seek out veteran-owned businesses in the area, and then make purchases from their retail stores or utilize their services.

• **Volunteer at a VA hospital.** Spend time with veterans where they receive care for current health needs or past injuries suffered in combat.

• **Decorate cemeteries.** Honor fallen veterans by placing flowers or flags by their gravesites.

• **Participate in a parade.** If your town hosts a Veterans Day or Remembrance Day parade, find out how you can volunteer or be a part of it. Oftentimes parade officials enable youth

groups, such as high school marching bands or scouting troops, to participate in the parade.

• **Write to the newspaper.** Write an op-ed or highlight piece to submit to the newspaper about veterans in the community. Mention local veterans who have unique stories, or speak about the importance of veterans to the community.

• **Ask a veteran to speak.** If you work in a school or a community center, ask veterans to share their experiences with area youth.

• **Visit local memorials.** Spend time visiting memorials nearby and paying homage to the veterans who devoted their time, or even their lives, to service.

Community members have plenty of opportunities and ways to give back to veterans in the area.

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How to help deployed military troops



- **Check in when you can.**

Some deployed troops have the ability to check in through video chats. Set aside regular times to touch base even if it is inconvenient. Seeing a familiar face can be a huge pick-me-up.

- **Offer a listening ear.**

Venting to a judgment-free ear can help reduce the stress of deployment. It's not necessary to provide feedback. Sometimes getting thoughts out and just having a supportive shoulder to lean on can help mitigate stress and worry.

- **Set up resources.**

Once deployed military return home they may need certain services, such as qualified counseling or assistance finding a home. Having a list of people and resources at the ready can make assimilation back into domestic life easier.

- **Send cards and letters.**

Any correspondence can be a welcome change for deployed personnel. Whether you have a service member deployed or not, you can adopt one and provide assistance and support. Many troops miss huge life events with their families, or may have no family back home. So even one letter or card can make a world of difference.

Support can make deployment a little easier as soldiers cope with the challenges that life in the military can present.

The nation's military is comprised of millions of brave men and women who stand for the country's freedoms by serving domestically and abroad. Whether during war or in peacetime, the military plays an important role in protecting the nation and its interests.

Deployed military personnel face numerous and notable challenges. Every deployment is different, but community support can make deployment easier on military person-

nel and their families. With that in mind, the following are some ways anyone can help deployed military personnel and their loved ones at home.

- **Send care packages.**

Care packages provide some of the comforts of home to deployed troops. They also let troops know that they are being thought of even if they are thousands of miles away. To facilitate the process of sending care packages, work with an organi-

zation that routinely delivers items to troops. One option is to donate money to the USO, which can send care packages on your behalf.

- **Care for the families left at home.**

Deployed troops may be able to rest more easily if they know their loved ones are happy and safe. Individuals can offer to babysit, run chores, share meals, and engage in other supportive acts with parents or spouses of the deployed.

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Based on William Golding's classic novel of the same name, the BBC miniseries "Lord of the Flies" premieres Monday, May 4, on Netflix. Following a deadly plane crash, a group of school boys must survive the elements, unpredictable wild animals and one another while stranded on a desert island awaiting rescue. Winston Sawyers ("The Crow Girl") plays Ralph, while newcomers Lox Pratt, David McKenna and Ike Talbut play Jack, Piggy and Simon, respectively.

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Lord of the 'flix: Netflix premieres BBC adaptation of Golding classic



Daniel Mays stars in "Lord of the Flies"

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

For those who attended high school in North America after 1970, the title "Lord of the Flies" likely conjures a somewhat Proustian return to ninth-grade English class: the smell of chalk, the high-pitched squeak of metal chair legs on vinyl tile flooring and the nervous feeling in the pit of your stomach as you realize you may be the next student called upon to read aloud from the book. Whether or not you enjoyed the novel, chances are at least one scene left an indelible impression in the back of your mind.

A powerful debut novel from British author and playwright William Golding, "Lord of the Flies"

was first published in 1954 amid Cold War turbulence, the rise of rock 'n' roll and the peak of McCarthyism in the United States. As a piece of literature, "Lord of the Flies" serves as a startling depiction of the benefits and drawbacks of modern societal structures. As a television miniseries some 72 years later, the story still serves as a reminder of the horrors that persist at the heart of our shared will to survive against all odds.

"The Lord of the Flies," which first aired on BBC One and BBC iPlayer in the U.K. this past February, premieres Monday, May 4, on Netflix.

Adapted for the screen by "Adolescence" co-creator Jack Thorne, the four-episode series re-

tells the harrowing tale of a group of British schoolboys who have become stranded on a remote island following a plane crash. Each episode is told through the lens of one of the story's main characters — Piggy (new talent David McKenna), Jack (played by Lox Pratt, who will star as Draco Malfoy in HBO's "Harry Potter" series, releasing this December), Simon (new talent Ike Talbut) and Ralph (Winston Sawyers, "The Crow Girl") — and benefits from three-time BAFTA winner Marc Munden's ("The Sympathizer") direction behind the camera.

For those less familiar with the plot of "Lord of the Flies," The Hollywood Reporter sums up the post-plane crash events as follows: "In an attempt to remain civil, they [the schoolboys] organize themselves, led by Ralph [Sawyers] and supported by the

group's intellectual, Piggy [McKenna]. But when Pratt's Jack becomes more interested in hunting and vying for leadership, he soon begins to draw other boys away from the group, and hope soon descends into tragedy."

This theme of seeking power and control amid fear, anger and pivotal change is central to the novel, and Thorne notes that it's one of the driving forces behind his involvement in its adaptation for BBC (soon to land on Netflix in North America).

"As a society, we're having a conversation right now about boys," Thorne told Netflix, which released his other male teen-focused series, "Adolescence," last March. "We're losing a generation of boys, and we're losing it because of the hate they are ingesting — because it is an answer to their loneliness and isolation."

Pratt, who plays Jack (arguably the series' most sinister character), also spoke to this motif of young male loneliness addressed in the show. While discussing his first on-screen role with The Hollywood Reporter in a Feb. 4 article, the budding actor shared the process he adopted to play such a complicated and seemingly villainous character so early on in his career.

"I had quite a good, long chat to [Thorne] about the way Jack was neglected, the way that he's not a psychopath, the way he just doesn't know how to show affection, the way he doesn't feel love," Pratt said, later adding, "there's so much complexity."

Joining the four core cast members on-screen — three of whom are new to acting as of this project, thanks to an open casting call — are fellow rising talents Thomas Connor as Roger, Freddie Lee-Grey as Percival, Beau Thompson (who will star in "The Death of Robin Hood" this June) as Philip, Tom Page-Turner (who acted in upcoming short "Rule, Britannia") as Bill, and twins Noah and Cassius Flemmyng (Planet Coaster 2) as Sam and Eric, respectively. Additionally, Fred Jones, who previously appeared in Season 12 of the BBC One/PBS series "Call the Midwife," appears in "Lord of the Flies" as Johnny.

Although filming with young actors can often present challenges related to strict scheduling and working conditions, series director Munden told Netflix press that he feels their limitations actually

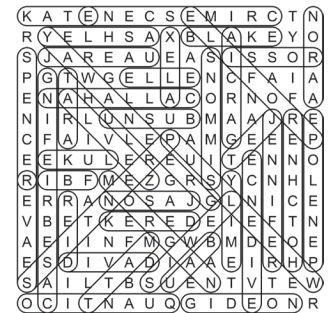
enhanced the design of the series, which shot in Malaysia for its lush jungle landscapes.

"We couldn't shoot with the children after 6 o'clock, yet a lot of the action takes place after dark," said Munden, per Tudum.com. "[Director of Photography] Mark Wolf ["Triple 9," 2016] and I developed this idea of shooting day for night with an infrared camera, which responds to the green foliage, changing it to pink and red. It has a hallucinatory feel, heightened with magical realism."

But for all the adjusted filming schedules, location scouting and new actors, Thorne says it will all be worth it if it generates a newfound interest in the source material.

"I hope it takes people back to the book," Thorne told Tudum, "and I hope it allows people to lean into what the book really is, in my opinion: a difficult and dangerous account of who we are and what we're capable of."

Don't miss your trip to the island when "Lord of the Flies" makes its streaming premiere Monday, May 4, on Netflix.





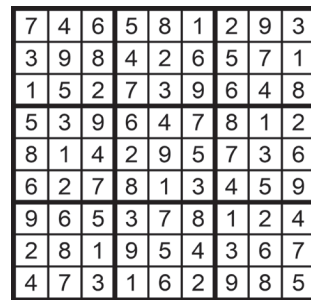
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Sunday, May 03, 2026, 3:00pm-4:30pm
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Tuesday, May 05, 2026, 4:30pm-5:30pm
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 Rowland Public Library
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Children's Storytime

Tuesday, May 05, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Friday, May 08, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Robeson County Public Library
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Music, Rhymes, and Storytime

Thursday, May 07, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
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Thursday, May 07, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm

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 Tuesday, May 05, 2026, 5:00pm
 Commissioner's Room,
 Bladen County Courthouse,
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Board of Commissioners' Meeting,

Monday, May 04, 2026, 6:30pm
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 Bladen County Courthouse,
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Thursday, May 07, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
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SATURDAY, MAY 2

- 6:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)
- 6:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Turkish Airlines Open, Third Round. (Live) (4h30)
- 7:30 am USA Premier League Soccer** Aston Villa vs. Tottenham Hotspur. From Villa Park in Birmingham, England, United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)
- 10:00 am ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** NCAA Championships, Game 9. From Gulf Beach Place in Gulf Shores, Ala. (Live) (1h)
- USA Premier League Soccer** Brentford vs. West Ham United. From Gtech Community Stadium in London. (Live) (2h)
- 11:00 am ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** NCAA Championships, Game 10. From Gulf Beach Place in Gulf Shores, Ala. (Live) (1h)
- 12:00 pm WTVD WPDE United Football League** United Football League. Dallas Renegades at D.C. Defenders. From Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (Live) (3h)
- ESPN College Softball** Florida at Georgia. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** NCAA Championships, Game 11. From Gulf Beach Place in Gulf Shores, Ala. (Live) (1h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Cadillac Championship, Third Round. From Trump National Doral in Miami. (Live) (3h)
- 12:30 pm WRAL WMBF Premier League Soccer** Arsenal vs. Fulham. From Emirates Stadium in London. (Live) (2h)
- WBTW PPA Tour Pickleball** Atlanta Championships. From Peachtree Corners, Ga. (Live) (2h)
- 1:00 pm ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** NCAA Championships, Game 12. From Gulf Beach Place in Gulf Shores, Ala. (Live) (1h)
- FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 2:00 pm ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** (Live) (1h30)
- 2:30 pm WRAL WMBF 152nd Kentucky Derby** From Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (4h45)
- WFXB MLS Soccer** Seattle Sounders FC at Sporting Kansas City. From Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City, Kan. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN College Softball** Baylor at Texas Tech. (Live) (2h)
- 3:00 pm WTVD WPDE NHL Hockey** First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)
- WBTW PGA Tour Golf** Cadillac Championship, Third Round. From Trump National Doral in Miami. (Live) (3h)
- GOLF 2026 Regions Tradition** Third Round. From Greystone Golf

- & Country Club - Founders Course in Birmingham, Ala. (Live) (2h30)
- 3:30 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series** Andy's Reilly Custard 340. From Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (3h)
- ESPN2 Women's College Beach Volleyball** (Live) (1h30)
- 4:30 pm WFXB MLS Soccer** Portland Timbers at Real Salt Lake. From America First Field in Sandy, Utah. (Live) (2h30)
- 5:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball** Oklahoma at Texas A&M. (Live) (2h)
- 5:30 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** México Riviera Maya Open, Third Round. From El Camaleon Golf Club in Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN2 NWSL Soccer** Portland Thorns FC at Chicago Stars FC. From SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, Ill. (Live) (2h)
- 1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 2:00 pm ESPN College Baseball** Mississippi State at Texas. (Live) (3h)
- 3:00 pm WRAL WMBF AMA Supercross** Championship Round 16: Denver. From Empower Field at Mile High in Denver. (2h)

- 12:00 pm WBTW Formula E** Berlin E-Prix. Highlights from May 2 race in Berlin. (1h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Cadillac Championship, Final Round. From Trump National Doral in Miami. (Live) (3h)
- 12:30 pm ESPN Women's College Beach Volleyball** NCAA Championship: Teams TBA. From Gulf Shores Public Beach in Gulf Shores, Ala. (Live) (1h30)
- 1:00 pm WBTW LPGA Tour Golf** México Riviera Maya Open, Final Round. From El Camaleon Golf Club in Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico. (Live) (2h)
- ESPN2 NWSL Soccer** Portland Thorns FC at Chicago Stars FC. From SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, Ill. (Live) (2h)
- 1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 2:00 pm ESPN College Baseball** Mississippi State at Texas. (Live) (3h)
- 3:00 pm WRAL WMBF AMA Supercross** Championship Round 16: Denver. From Empower Field at Mile High in Denver. (2h)

- 10:00 am USA Premier League Soccer** Chelsea vs. Nottingham Forest. From Stamford Bridge in London. (Live) (2h)
- 3:00 pm USA Premier League Soccer** Everton vs. Manchester City. From Hill Dickinson Stadium in Liverpool, Merseyside, England. (Live) (2h)
- 4:00 pm GOLF College Golf** 2026 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, First Round. (Live) (3h)
- 6:00 pm FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 7:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- 8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)
- 8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 9:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Cadillac Championship, Final Round. From Trump National Doral in Miami. (5h30)
- 9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- 12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)

- 2:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)
- 3:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour** Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. MCB Ladies Classic, Second Round. (2h)
- 5:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour** Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. MCB Ladies Classic, Final Round. (2h)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- 2:30 pm WUVC Fútbol UEFA Champions League** UEFA Champions League Soccer. (2h30)
- 3:00 pm WBTW UEFA Champions League Soccer** UEFA Soccer. Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)
- FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 4:00 pm GOLF College Golf** 2026 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Final Round. (Live) (3h)
- 7:00 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)
- 7:30 pm ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- 10:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- 7:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Estrella Damm Catalunya Championship, First Round. (Live) (2h30)
- 10:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf** ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, First Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Live) (2h)
- 12:00 pm GOLF LPGA Tour Golf** Mizuho Americas Open, First Round. From Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J. (Live) (2h)
- 2:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, First Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Live) (4h)
- 7:00 pm ESPN MLB Baseball** Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live) (3h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Truist Championship, First Round. From Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. (4h)
- TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)
- 10:00 pm ESPN MLB Baseball** St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego. (Live) (3h)
- TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)
- 2:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)
- GOLF LPGA Tour Golf** Mizuho Americas Open, First Round. From Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J. (2h)
- 4:00 am ESPN2 MLB Baseball** Tampa Bay Rays at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (2h)
- FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- 6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia** 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 1. (Live) (5h)
- 7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)
- 7:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Estrella Damm Catalunya Championship, Second Round. (Live) (2h30)
- 10:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf** ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Second Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Live) (2h)
- 12:00 pm GOLF LPGA Tour Golf** Mizuho Americas Open, Second Round. From Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J. (Live) (2h)
- 2:00 pm WFXB LIV Golf League** LIV Golf League. Virginia, Round 2. From Trump National Golf Club in Washington, D.C. (Live) (3h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Second Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Live) (4h)
- 4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)
- 5:00 pm ESPN College Softball** (Live) (2h)
- 7:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Champions** Golf Inspire Invitational, First Round. From The Woodlands Country Club in The Woodlands, Texas. (2h)
- TNT NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)
- TRUTV Banana Ball World Tour** Party Animals vs. Savannah Bananas. From Truist Park in Atlanta. (Live) (2h)
- 7:30 pm ESPN College Softball** (Live) (2h)
- 8:00 pm WFXB United Football League** United Football League. Columbus Aviators at St. Louis Battlehawks. From The Dome at America's Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (Live) (3h)
- 9:00 pm ESPN2 College Baseball** Oklahoma State at Arizona State. (Live) (3h)
- GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Truist Championship, Second Round. From Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. (4h)
- 10:00 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)
- 1:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf** ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Second Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (2h)
- 3:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Champions** Golf Inspire Invitational, First Round. (2h)
- 4:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia** 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 2. (Live) (1h30)

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- 7:15 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h45)
- 8:00 pm WTVD WPDE NHL Hockey** First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)
- ESPN2 Banana Ball World Tour** Texas Tailgaters vs. Savannah Bananas. From Kyle Field in College Station, Texas (Live) (2h)
- 8:30 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Cadillac Championship, Third Round. From Trump National Doral in Miami. (5h30)
- 9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** First Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- 10:00 pm ESPN2 Professional Fighters League** Professional Fighters League. PFL Sioux Falls: Main Card. From the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, S.D. (Live) (2h)
- 11:00 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- 6:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Turkish Airlines Open, Final Round. (Live) (5h)
- 8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)

MONDAY, MAY 4

- 6:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- 10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)
- 2:30 pm WUVC Fútbol UEFA Champions League** UEFA Champions League Soccer. (2h30)
- 3:00 pm WBTW UEFA Champions League Soccer** UEFA Soccer. Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)
- 4:00 pm GOLF College Golf** PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Second Round. (Live) (3h)
- 7:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)
- 8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)
- ESPN2 College Baseball** Louisville at Vanderbilt. (Live) (3h)
- TBS TRUTV MLB Baseball** Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros. From Daikin Park in Houston. (Live) (3h)
- 8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)
- 10:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

Saturday Best Bets

PPA Tour Pickleball

wbtw 12:30 pm

The Veolia Pickleball Championships continue today in Peachtree Corners, Atlanta. Players enter the Semifinal rounds on the Humana Championship Court, fighting for a win and a spot in tomorrow's Championship. Every second counts in games like these.

152nd Kentucky Derby

WRAL WMBF 2:30 pm

Dubbed the "Greatest Two Minutes in Sports," this annual horse race from Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky., sees the best three-year-old Thoroughbreds compete for the first jewel of the Triple Crown. Last year's race was won by Sovereignty.



John Savage in "Inside Moves"

MLS Soccer

wfxb 4:30 pm

Portland fans are howling for a win as the Portland Timbers prepare to play against Real Salt Lake. The teams will meet at America First Field (formerly Rio Tinto Stadium) in Sandy, Utah, before meeting again in Portland come July.

Inside Moves

TCM 10:00 pm

After a failed suicide attempt leaves him paralyzed, Roary (John Savage) meets and befriends a local bartender, Jerry (David Morse), who's got a bad leg and plenty of stories from his past as a basketball player. Diana Scarwid and Amy Wright also star.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 2, 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	2:30 152nd Kentucky Derby (L) (N) (CC)					:15 NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)					Saturday Night Live (CC)		WRAL News	SNL (N)		
9	WMBF	9	2:30 152nd Kentucky Derby (L) (N) (CC)					:15 NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)					Saturday Night Live (CC)		News at 11	SNL (N)		
11	WTVD	11	3:00 NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)					News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)			News (N)	News Extra		
13	WBTW	13	3:00 PGA Golf Cadillac Championship, Third Round (N)					News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Paid Prog.		NCIS	48 Hours (N) (CC)		News (N)	Jeopardy!	
15	WPDE	10	3:00 NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)					News (N)	World News	Ent. Tonight (N) (CC)	NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)			News 15 (N)	:35 Attkisson			
21	WWMB	3	3:30 NASCAR O'Reilly Andy's Frozen Custard 340 (L) (N) (CC)					Last Man	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Go-Go's (2020, Documentary) (CC)			World's	World's	The Rookie (N)		
31	WUNU	12	Old House	Old House	Outdoor	N.C. Wknd	Victoria & Albert (CC)	Father Brown (CC)	Midsomer Murders			Midsomer Murders	Death in Paradise (CC)	Shaped by	Stage (CC)			
40	WUVC	4	Dosis con Mich (N)	Lo tomas o lo dejas (N)	Contigo en	Noticiero (N)	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Cobertura de los partidos de la Liga MX.										Familia (N)	Noticiero (N)
43	WFVB	2	2:30 MLSSoc.	MLS Soccer	Portland Timbers at Real Salt Lake (L) (N) (CC)			MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals (L) (N) (CC)			Fox News	Queen City	99 to Beat (CC)					
62	WFPX	8	3:00 *** Rebound		** Crossover ('06) Wesley Jonathan. (CC)			*** In Too Deep ('99) LL Cool J, Omar Epps. (CC)			*** Cradle 2 the Grave ('03, Act) DMX, Jet Li. (CC)		** To Live & Die & Live					
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars (N)			Storage Wars (N)		Duck Dynasty (N)	:05 Storage Wars				
AMC	41	3:00 *** The Bourne Ultimatum		*** The Bourne Supremacy ('04) Matt Damon. (CC)			*** The Bourne Identity ('02) Matt Damon. (CC)			*** Taken ('08) Liam Neeson. (CC)								
ANPL	64	The Vet Life		The Vet Life			Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: "Healing Farm"		Dr. Jeff: RMV "Hero Dog"		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet	Dr. Dee: "Farm Frenzy"		
BET	37	2:00 * Tyler Perry's Acrim...		The Equalizer "Shooter"			The Equalizer			Equalizer "Separated"		The Equalizer		The Equalizer "Legacy"			* Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriag...	
CMT	48	:15 *** National Lampoon's Vacation ('83) Chevy Chase. (CC)		*** National Lampoon's European Vacation			:45 ** Son-in-Law ('93, Comedy) Carla Gugino, Pauly Shore. (CC)		*** Encino Man									
CNBC	53	Greed "Shipwrecked"		American Greed			American Greed			American Greed		American Greed		American Greed				
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)			CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)			CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		Real Time With (N) (CC)		Kara Swisher (N)		Real Time With (CC)	Kara Swisher	
COMC	34	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	*** 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler.		** Grown Ups				
CSPAN	56	3:00 Washington		Washington This Week (CC)			Washington This Week (CC)			Public Affairs Events (CC)			Public Affairs Events (CC)					
DISC	42	120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars			120 Hours Behind Bars			Conspiracies		Conspiracies		Conspiracies		Conspiracies		
DISN	57	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	:25 Big City	*** Raya and the Last Dragon		:50 Kiff (CC)		:15 Kiff (CC)	:40 Kiff (CC)	:05 Phineas	Phineas	Ladybug	Ladybug	
E!	39	2:00 * A League of Their ...		*** Mrs. Doubtfire (1993, Children) Sally Field, Robin Williams. (CC)			*** Mrs. Doubtfire (1993, Children) Sally Field, Robin Williams. (CC)			* A League of Their Own								
ESPN	31	2:30 Softball 7Innings (N)		ESPN Films (CC)			The Point (L) (N) (CC)		NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)			NHL Hockey First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)						
ESPN2	32	3:30 Volleyball (L) (N)		College Softball Oklahoma at Texas A&M (L) (N) (CC)			SEC Inside Banana		Banana Texas Tailgaters vs. Savannah Bananas (L) (N)			Pro Fighters League PFL Sioux Falls: Main Card (N)						
FDSO	38	Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games			Warehouse Games			The Icons		FIBA	United Fight Alliance		United Fight Alliance (N)	AU Pro Softball		
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)		Weekend (L) (N)			Weekend (L) (N)			Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)		View- Lara Tru. (L) (N)		Saturday Night (L) (N)	Gutfeld!	
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	
FREE	18	2:40 * Luca		:45 *** A Bug's Life ('98) Dave Foley. (CC)			:55 *** Ratatouille ('07) Patton Oswalt. (CC)			*** Zootopia ('16) Ginnifer Goodwin. (CC)								
FX	67	Movie		*** Maleficent: Mistress of Evil ('19) Angelina Jolie. (CC)			*** The Devil Wears Prada ('06) Meryl Streep. (CC)			*** The Devil Wears Prada ('06) Meryl Streep. (CC)								
GOLF	45	3:00 Regions Trad. Third Round (L) (N)		LPGA Golf México Riviera Maya Open, Third Round (N)			Golf Central (N)		PGA Tour Golf Cadillac Championship, Third Round (N) (CC)									
HALL	62	* The 27-Hour Day ('21) Autumn Reeser. (CC)		* The Reluctant Royal ('25) Andrew W. Walker. (CC)			* Kentucky Roses ('26) Annie Fitzpatrick. (P) (CC)		* To Philly with Love ('26) Rebecca Dalton. (CC)									
HGTV	65	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Zillow		
HIST	51	The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island			The Curse of Oak Island			The Curse of Oak Island		Curse Island "Road Trip"		:05 Curse Island	:05 Curse Island			
LIFE	25	* Stolen Girl ('25) Scott Eastwood, Kate Beckinsale.		* Kidnapped by a Killer: Heather Robinson Story			* Kidnapped in Her Own Home: Martha Carelli Story		* Rescued by Faith: Connie & Larry Van Oosten Story									
LMN	46	* The Boy Who Vanished ('25) Tegan Moss. (CC)		* The Night She Disappeared ('26) Rachel Sellan.			* The Little Boy Who Went Missing Laurie Fortier.		* My Daughter Was Taken ('26) Patrice Goodman.									
MSNBC	43	The Beat: Weekend (N)		PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)			The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)		Crooked on MS NOW (N)		The Rachel (CC)		The 11th Hour With (CC)					
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	To Be Announced Programming to be announced.										
NEWSN	16	NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Live (L) (N)			NewsNation Live (L) (N)		Batya (N) (CC)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		Batya (CC)	
NGEO	70	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler			To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler		Amsterdam Narcos (N)		To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smuggler			
NICK	29	SpongeBob		SpongeBob "The Best Krabby Patty Moments!" (CC)			* The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang		
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol "Best of Big Truck Pups" (CC)			PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol		
OXY	171	With Barbara Butcher		Barbara "Suburban Fury"			Philly Homicide		Philly Homicide		Philly Homicide (N)		Dateline: Secrets		Dateline: Secrets		Philly Homicide	
PARMT	27	2:30 * Hangover Part II		*** The Hangover Part III ('13, Com) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.			*** The Hangover (2009, Comedy) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.		*** The Hangover Part II ('11) Bradley Cooper.									
SYFY	55	2:30 *** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire		*** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ('07) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)			*** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)											
TBN	68	Turning Point		Graham			Healing	Ancient	Love	Your Move	Gaither Gospel Hour (N)		The Story	One Israel	Rosenberg	Michael (N)	Gaither Gospel Hour (N)	
TBS	24	3:30 *** Central Intelligence		:45 *** Dumb & Dumber ('94) Jeff Daniels, Jim Carrey. (CC)			Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang		
TCM	54	Movie		*** Oh, God! ('77) George Burns.			:15 Life Achievement		*** Fat City ('72, Dra) Jeff Bridges, Stacy Keach.		*** Inside Moves ('80) John Savage.							
TLC	23	90 Day Diaries		90 Day Diaries			90 Day Diaries		90 Day Diaries		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé			
TNT	28	3:00 *** John Wick: Chapter 2		*** John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum Keanu Reeves. (P)			All Elite Wrestling: Collision (L) (N)		*** John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum									
TOON	69	3:30 * Scooby-Doo! Cam...		Burgers			Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	3:00 * Father of the Bride		:15 *** Father of the Bride Part II ('95) Steve Martin. (P) (CC)			*** Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson.		:45 *** Dumb & Dumber ('94) Jeff Daniels, Jim Carrey. (CC)									
TVLAND	47	Roseanne	Roseanne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King	
USA	30	9-1-1 "Home Invasion"		9-1-1 "Tomorrow" (CC)			9-1-1 "Cursed" (CC)		9-1-1		9-1-1 "Red Flag" (CC)		9-1-1 "In a Flash" (CC)		9-1-1 "In Another Life"		9-1-1 "Recovery" (CC)	
WE	61	NCIS "Iceman" (CC)		NCIS "Grace Period" (CC)			NCIS "Cover Story" (CC)		NCIS "Brothers in Arms"		NCIS "In the Dark" (CC)		NCIS "Trojan Horse" (CC)		NCIS "Angel of Death"		NCIS "Bury Your Dead"	

Take 5

Parish priest	Hole- _____	Betty Gilpin anti-A.I. series "Mrs. _____"	Lacquer ingredient	Mary-Kate, Ashley or Elizabeth	It killed the radio star
					Summing up
					Protected waterways
					Japanese animation
					Pine tree extract

Use the clues above and beside the grid to fill in the squares.

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After Elizabeth: New series picks up where 'Pride and Prejudice' left off

By Sarah Passingham
TV Media

Love is eternal and comes in many forms. Unrequited, hard-won, star-crossed or felt at first sight, the act of falling in love is a tale as old as time. A new miniseries adaptation follows a familiar, underdeveloped character from one of the most enduring classic novels in the history of literature, as she goes on her own journey of self-discovery and learns to love herself. If she happens to find a husband along the way, then that's just a bonus that also satisfies her match-making-obsessed mother.

The 10-episode period drama miniseries "The Other Bennet Sister" premieres Wednesday, May 6, on BritBox. The first three episodes will be available to stream on premiere day, with new episodes dropping weekly after that. "The Other Bennet

Sister" is part of BritBox's "Austen Forever" programming, a six-month celebration of the author's 250th birthday on Dec. 16, 2025.

The series is based on the 2020 novel of the same name from author Janice Hadlow, which is itself a sort of sequel to the 1813 Jane Austen novel, "Pride and Prejudice." A beloved book for many generations since its initial publication, "Pride and Prejudice" has been adapted a number of times for film and television, in addition to several continuations of the story and revamped retellings of Lizzie (portrayed in the series by Poppy Gilbert, "Stay Close") and Mr. Darcy (relative newcomer Victor Pilard) from authors inspired by Austen. This series, however, imagines the life of an overlooked Bennet sister.

Ella Bruccoleri ("Down Cemetery Road") stars as Mary Bennet, the middle child of five sisters whose

dominant quality in "Pride and Prejudice" is her serious plainness. In "The Other Bennet Sister," Mary gets a more sympathetic characterization as she leads the series. Now less judgmental and moralistic and more headstrong and pragmatic — not unlike her sister Lizzie, really — Mary steps out of the confines of her family and discovers who she truly is on a transformational trip from Longbourn to London.

In the official trailer for the upcoming miniseries, it seems that, with the exception of her genial father, the other members of her family go to great lengths to confirm for Mary her outsider status. An uncomfortable conversation at the dining table over her new spectacles and a disappointed look from her mother as she sets her sights on Mary's very beige attire for an outing make it clear that Mary must overcome her family's low expecta-



Richard E. Grant and Ruth Jones in "The Other Bennet Sister"

tions of her and seek a kinder perspective of herself.

Richard E. Grant ("Can You Ever Forgive Me," 2018) is Mary's father, Mr. Bennet, and Ruth Jones ("Gavin & Stacey") stars as Mrs. Bennet. Alongside Gilbert as Lizzie, the rest of the sisters are Maddie Close in her first on-screen role as the eldest Bennet sister, Jane; Molly Wright ("The A Word") as Kitty; and Grace Hogg-Robinson ("Miss Scarlet") as the youngest, Lydia.

Also starring in the miniseries are Indira Varma ("The Night Manager") as Mary's aunt, Mrs. Gardiner; Richard Coyle ("The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina") as Mr. Gardiner; Tanya Reynolds ("Emma," 2020) as the well-connected social darling Caroline Bingley; Donal Finn ("Young Sherlock") as Tom Hayward, a fast friend of Mary's in London; and Varada Sethu ("Andor") as Ann Baxter, another of Mary's friends who has plans for marriage to Tom.

Laurie Davidson ("The Girlfriend") stars as William Ryder, a romantic interest of Mary's. The two meet at a games night set up by the Gardiners before Mary dazzles him with her wit and self-assurance between dances at a ball. A sort of courtship follows, however it is complicated by both Mary's insistence that this visit to London is not explicitly a husband hunt and another suitor with an attractive unavailable quality.

In the trailer, Mary happily accepts a gift of a book from Tom, who promises that it will open her heart. Despite his arrangement with Ann and Mary's connection with William, Tom confesses to Mary, "there is no one I long to talk to like I do you." While Mary navigates the path to her future, her time in London has placed her at a proverbial fork in the road.

"If you are incapable of finding a match, then you shall remain here with me, instead," Mrs. Ben-

net tells Mary in the trailer, reminding her of the reality of her standing and the high stakes of marriage. With relatively little money to their name and a succession of daughters, the best the Bennets have to offer their children is a chance to marry into wealth. With an unexpected love triangle at her feet, it is up to Mary what her next step will be.

"The Other Bennet Sister" was written by Sarah Quintrell ("The Power") with the exception of the fourth episode, which was written by Maddie Dai ("We Were Dangerous," 2024). Asim Abbasi ("The Famous Five") and Jennifer Sheridan ("Extraordinary") each directed five of the series' 10 episodes.

Don't miss the premiere of "The Other Bennet Sister" when it releases Wednesday, May 6, on BritBox. Catch the first three episodes on premiere day, with the remaining episodes dropping weekly on the streamer.

Sunday Best Bets

Somebody's Watching Me

LIFE 8:00 pm

Insomnia is on order when a woman must search for answers after receiving a flash drive featuring shocking footage of a masked individual watching her while she sleeps. The disturbing video leaves her unsettled and desperately looking for clues.

Watson

wbtw 10:00 pm

After two seasons of stories, this adaptation of Arthur Conan Doyle's iconic characters comes to a close. In this series finale, a seemingly random murder links to the return of someone from Watson (Morris Chestnut) and Holmes' (Robert Carlyle) past.



The Count of Monte Cristo on Masterpiece

wunu 10:00 pm

In this penultimate episode, Edmond (Sam Claflin) finds Villefort's (Mikkel Boe Følsgaard) illegitimate child (Henry Lawfull), who's grown up to be a criminal. Then, Danglars (Blake Ritson) learns of Fernand's (Harry Taurasi) terrible deeds in Algeria.

The Postman Always Rings Twice

tcm 10:15 pm

When drifter Frank (John Garfield) gets a job at Nick's (Cecil Kellaway) roadside diner, he finds Nick's beautiful young wife (Lana Turner) to be on the menu. Together, they conspire to kill Nick and take his money. However, the local law is onto them.

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 3, 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 AMA Supercr.	Awards (N) (CC)	WRAL News	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)	NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	WRAL News	GameTime							
9	WMBF	9	3:00 AMA Supercr.	Awards (N) (CC)	News (N)	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)	NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	News at 11	:35 TBA							
11	WTVD	11	3:30 NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)	Videos	*** The Devil Wears Prada '06	Meryl Streep. (CC)	News (N)	News Extra						
13	WBTW	13	3:00 PGA Golf Cadillac Championship, Final Round (N)	CBS-News	News (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)	Marshals (N)	Tracker (N)	Watson (F) (N)	News (N)	Paid Prog.						
15	WPDE	10	3:30 NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N)	News (N)	World News	Videos (N)	Videos	*** The Devil Wears Prada '06	Meryl Streep. (CC)	News 15 (N)	:35 PaidProg.						
21	WWMB	3	Two Men	Last Man	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WOW - Women (N)	Police 24/7	*** Twister (1996, Action)	Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt. (P) (CC)	The	The Right Side	Forum	Attkisson			
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines	Week	Hoover (N)	Midsomer Murders (CC)	Midsomer Murders (CC)	Call the Midwife (N) (CC)	Maryland-Mast (CC)	The Count "The Duel" (N)	Murder in the					
40	WUVC	4	*** Clash of the Titans ('10) Sam Worthington.	Contigo	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Superhéroe" (N)	Juego de voces (N)	C.D.I. Código de in	Contigo	SaborDe							
43	WFXB	2	UFL United Football League Birmingham Stallions at Orlando Storm (L) (N)	Next Level Chef (CC)	Family Guy	Burgers (N)	American	Family Guy	News (N)	Lately	Son of God	1st Church					
62	WFPX	8	3:30 *** 48 HRS. ('83) Nick Nolte.	*** Another 48 Hrs. ('90) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	*** The Glimmer Man ('96) Steven Seagal. (CC)	*** Gemini Man ('19, Act) Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Will Smith.											
A&E	21	Biography: WWE Legends "Sgt. Slaughter"	Biography "The Curse of the Von Erchs, Part 1"	Biography "The Curse of the Von Erchs, Part 2" (N)	WWE LFG (N)	:05 WWE (N)	:35 WWE (N)										
AMC	41	3:30 *** Die Hard 2 ('90) Bruce Willis. (CC)	*** Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Miles Teller, Tom Cruise. (P) (CC)	The Audac "Vanitas" (N)	:15 The Audacity "Vanitas" (CC)	*** Die Hard											
ANPL	64	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Wardens of the North	Wardens "Revved Up"	Wardens of the North	Wardens of the North									
BET	37	*** Boo! A Madea Halloween (2016, Comedy) Cassi Davis, Tyler Perry. (CC)	*** Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor	Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne										
CMT	48	*** National Lampoon's European Vacation	:15 *** Vegas Vacation ('97) Beverly D'Angelo, Chevy Chase. (CC)	*** Major League ('89, Com) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger. (CC)	Mama's	Mama's											
CNBC	53	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	Eva Longoria (N)	Eva Lon. "Brittany" (N)	CNN Special Program								
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
CSPAN	56	:20 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 "Sucker Punched in South Africa"	Naked and Afraid	Afraid "Please Don't Eat Me" (N)	Filthy Fortunes (N) (CC)	Naked and Afraid	"No Tools Allowed"										
DISN	57	Phineas	Phineas	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	*** Wreck-It Ralph John C. Reilly. :45 Big City	:10 Big City	:35 Big City	Vampirina	Place	Ladybug	Ladybug			
E!	39	3:00 *** Joe Dirt	*** The Waterboy ('98) Adam Sandler. (CC)	*** 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler.	*** Just Go With It ('11, Rom) Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler.	Movie											
ESPN	31	2:00 College Baseball	Storied Summer of '83	NBA Basketball First Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NFL Films Presents (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)										
ESPN2	32	NWSL No Free Picnics (CC)	NWSL: The Final Third	Women's Sports Now	NFL Draft Daily	The Draft	The Draft	Polo U.S. Open Championship (N) (CC)	Banana Ball	World Tour							
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)	Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)	Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)	One Nation (L) (N) (CC)	Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)							
FOOD	66	Grocery "Grocery Rush"	Guy's Grocery Games	24 in 24: Last Chef Standing	"Shift 1: Strategy" (CC)	24 in 24: Last "Shift 2: Speed" (N) (CC)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby					
FREE	18	3:05 *** Onward	:15 *** Up ('09) Ed Asner. (CC)	:20 *** Monsters, Inc. ('01) John Goodman. (CC)	:25 *** Monsters University ('13) Billy Crystal. (CC)												
FX	67	2:00 *** The Avengers	*** Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15) Chris Hemsworth, Robert Downey. (CC)	*** Avengers: Infinity War (2018, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Robert Downey. (CC)	*** X2												
GOLF	45	3:00 2026 Regions Tradition Final Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (L) (N)	PGA Tour Golf Cadillac Championship, Final Round From Trump National Doral in Miami. (CC)	Regions Final Round												
HALL	62	3:00 *** Harvest Moon	*** A Royal Runaway Romance Philippa Northeast.	*** Kentucky Roses ('26) Annie Fitzpatrick. (CC)	The Way Home (N)	*** Autumn at Apple Hill ('24) Erin Cahill. (CC)											
HGTV	65	Home Town	Home Town	Home Town	Home Town (N)	Property Brothers: (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	World's								
HIST	51	Built America	Built America	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	Hazardous History (N)	:05 Built America (N)	:05 Built America								
LIFE	25	*** Who Could Kill a Sweet Old Lady?	*** The Moonlight Murders ('26) Harley Bronwyn.	*** Somebody's Watching Me Kirsten Comerford. (P)	*** Kidnapped in Her Own Home: Martha Carelli Story												
LMN	46	*** Daddy's Deadly Secret ('24) Sarah Allen. (CC)	*** I Thought My Husband's Wife Was Dead	*** The Woman Before Me ('26) Tayler Hamilton. (CC)	*** Murder, Lies & Marriage ('25) Kelly Sullivan. (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	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang					
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 (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (CC)							
NGEO	70	Drugs, Inc "Gin & Juiced"	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	To Catch a Smuggler	Catch.. "Not My Meth"	To Catch a Smuggler	Catch.. "Pots of Coke"	To Catch a Smuggler								
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)					
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol "Best Animal Rescues" (CC)	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol					
OXY	171	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer (N)	A Plan to Kill (N)	Snapped	Snapped: Killer Couples	Plan-Kill "Pizza Bomber"	Snapped "Traci Wolfe"								
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue (N)	Bar Rescue								
SYFY	55	3:30 *** The 5th Wave ('16) Chloë Grace Moretz.	*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith. (CC)	*** Independence Day: Resurgence ('16) Liam Hemsworth.	Movie												
TBN	68	Turning (N)	Prince (N)	Michael (N)	Tim	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Jeremiah	PowerPoint	J. Osteen (N)	Turning (N)	Ancient	Healing	Jack Hibbs	Amazing (N)	Heroes of (N)	
TBS	24	3:15 *** Father of the Bride Part II	*** We're the Millers ('13) Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston. (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang					
TCM	54	:15 *** Nothing Sacred	:45 *** I'll Cry Tomorrow ('55) Richard Conte, Susan Hayward.	*** The Searchers ('56) John Wayne. (CC)	:15 *** The Postman Always Rings Twice												
TLC	23	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé	"Tell All: Part 2" (N)	90 Day Fiancé (N)	Welcome "High Hopes"								
TNT	28	3:00 *** Godzilla vs. Kong	:15 *** Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire ('24) Rebecca Hall.	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Movie								
TOON	69	Ben 10 (CC)	Ben 10 (CC)	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	3:00 *** Dumb & Dumber	:15 *** Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson. (CC)	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced										
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Raymond "The Home"	:55 Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
USA	30	Law-SVU "Ridicule"	Law-SVU "Fight"	Law-SVU "Inconceivable"	Law-SVU "Tenfold"	Law-SVU "Outsider"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU								
WE	61	Criminal Minds "P911"	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Psychodrama"	Criminal "The Aftermath"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Empty Planet"	Criminal "The Last Word"								

WEEKDAY DAYTIME, MAY 4 TO 8, 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		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..	NBC News Daily / F Atlanta Braves		Aging Untold	Inside Edition	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	M Th F Beyond/Tu W UEFA Champ. Today		Perfect/ Soccer	M Th F 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!						Dicho/ Noticiero	Tu W Vecinos	Noticiero/ Desiguales	M Th F Vecinos	M Th F ¡Siéntese / Tu W El gordo y la flaca		¡Siéntese/ Fútbol	Tu W Ch League	M Th F Desiguales					
WFXB	2	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherri		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Scrambled Up	News	America/ Autry	Judge Lauren Lake	Judge/F LIV Golf League	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	RoadWars	Various	RoadWars	Various	RoadWars	Various	RoadWars	Various	RoadWars				
AMC	41	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Th Stooges	The Hunger Games: Th...		W The Hunger Games		F Deepwater Horizon	M U.S. Marshals / Tu :15 Olympus Has Fallen		The Hunger Games: Ca...	F The Perfect Storm		M Top Gun: Maverick / Tu White House Down					
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	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	To Be Announced											
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				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	
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..	M Th South Park	:25 SouthPark/ ..	South Park	South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..				
CSPAN	56	Washington	Washington	Th U.S. House		M F Public/Tu W U.S. House		U.S. House	F :50 Public	M-W U.S. House		U.S. House	Public	Tu W U.S. House		Public	:35 U.S. House				
DISC	42	Various		Various		Louisiana/ Expedition/ Airplane/ Last W.		Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!	Various	M Caught!				
DISN	57	Bluey	Bluey	Spidey	Iron Man	Bluey	Bluey	Kitties	Mickey	Various	M Ariel/Ariel	HeyAJ!	Bluey	Robogobo	Bluey	Various	Various				
E!	39	Various	Chrisley	Various	Various	Various	W Chrisley	Various	Movie	Various	How I Met	How I Met	Various	Various	How I Met	How I Met	Various				
ESPN	31	Get Up				First Take				The Pat McAfee Show				SportsCenter		NBA Today					
ESPN2	32	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Get Up				First Take				Various		SportsCenter					
FDSO	38	Softball/ Life/ Warehouse	Tu FIBA Basketball	Carolina/ TBA/ Redfern	Pulse/Pack/ Great	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 Pioneer	Various	M Pioneer	Various	Various	F Grocery	Various	F Grocery	Various	F Grocery	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	F Diners				
FREE	18	Boy/World	Boy/World	F 700 Club/700 Club		700 Club		Movie	M Th F Jim	Movie	Movie/F Jim	The Goonies/ There's So...		Movie	The Hunchback of Notre ...		Movies				
FX	67	Movies		Various		Movie		Movie	Th Free Guy	X-Men: Dark Phoenix		Movie	Movie	Movie	W Free Guy/F Transformers						
GOLF	45	M 5 Clubs/Tu 5 Clubs		M Golf/W Smylie		Various	PGA TOUR	Regions/ Coll. Golf/ Smylie	PGA	W On the Range		Golf Today/ Golf/ PGA Golf		W Golf Today							
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	M House	Various	M Rock	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	F Caribbean	Various	F Caribbean	Various	F Caribbean					
HIST	51	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various					
LIFE	25	The Equalizer / F Meet, Marry, Murder		The Equalizer / F Meet, Marry, Murder		The Equalizer / F Meet, Marry, Murder		The Rookie / F Meet, Marry, Murder		The Rookie / F NCIS		The Rookie / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS					
LMN	46	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	Office	Various	Office	Various	Office	Various	Office	Various	Office	BigBang				
NEWSN	16	Morning in America		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation					
NGEO	70	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Pirates	Various	Pirates	Various	Pirates	Various	Pirates	Various	Stranges	Various	Stranges	Various	Stranges				
NICK	29	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PeppaPig	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Mr.Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Mr.Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob				
NICKJ	71	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Blue	Blue	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Rubble	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol				
OXY	171	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various					
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue					
SYFY	55	F NCIS: Los Angeles		After Earth/ I Am Numb...	Th Knock at the Cabin	W Braven		M The 5th Wave	The Martian/ The Foreig...	W Knock at the Cabin			Independence Day	The Foreigner	Tu The Dark Tower						
TBN	68	Jeffress	Joyce M.	Creflo	Hagee	Joel Osteen	Jackson	S. Furtick	Kingdom	Jeffress	Winning	Joyce M.	Better Together		A.Wommack	The 700 Club					
TBS	24	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends				
TCM	54	White Zombie	Th Riptide	The Black Scorpion	:45 Kiss Me Kate	:15 A Night at the Opera	The Beast From 20,0....	F Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde	:45 Gold Diggers of ...	Forbidden Planet/ Dark Victory/ :15 Night of Dar...	F Men Must Fight	:45 The Invisible B...	Dracula A.D. 1972	F Things to Come	M :15 The Killer Shrews	Tu :45 Eye of the Devil					
TLC	23	Various		Various		Th Pregnant		Various	Th Pregnant	Various		Various		Various		Various					
TNT	28	M-W Charmed / Th F FBI		M-W Charmed / Th F FBI		M-W Cold Case / Th F FBI		M-W Cold Case / Th F FBI		M-W Cold Case / Th F FBI		ColdCase/ Aquaman & th..		Cold Case/ Plane/ FBI		Various	Movie				
TOON	69	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various	Various				
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers				
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke					
USA	30	Various	M Law-SVU	Various	M Premier	Various		Law-SVU/ Chicago/ Chica..		Various	M Law-SVU	Various	M Law-SVU	Various	M Premier	Various					
WE	61	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	F Criminal	Various	F Criminal	Various	F Criminal	Various	F Criminal	Various	F Criminal	Various	Movie	9-1-1/ S.W.A.T./ NCIS					

Stars on screen

Mother Meryl: Streep to star in Netflix limited series

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Mother Meryl: How do you follow up a whirlwind of red carpet appearances, global headlines and even a Vogue cover moment? If you're actress Meryl Streep, whose movie "The Devil Wears Prada 2" (2026) is currently in theaters, apparently you pivot — gracefully, of course — into prestige television.

Streep — already the winner of four Emmys, nine Golden Globes and three Oscars (her 21 nominations to date are a record) — has lined up a Netflix limited series as one of her next projects.

"The Corrections" is based on the best-selling novel by Jonathan Franzen, who is now adapting it for TV, nearly 25 years after the literary work was awarded the National Book Award. Netflix describes the story as "a sharply comic portrait of a Midwestern family whose three unmoored adult siblings desperately resist their mother's wish for one last Christmas together — each undone by the delusional ambitions that were supposed to save them from becoming their parents."

Streep will play the part of Enid, mother to depressed banker Gary, floundering academic Chip and scandal-plagued Denise. Enid is desperate to deliver the best — and potentially final — family Christmas, especially given her husband Alfred's worsening struggle with dementia. Oscar and Emmy winner Cord Jefferson ("American Fiction,"

2023) will direct each episode.

Given that "The Corrections" was a Pulitzer Prize finalist and remains one of the most critically acclaimed books of the 21st century, one might find it surprising that it is only being adapted to film and TV now — and indeed, there have been some previous attempts. A film version was in the works but never materialized. And in 2012, HBO filmed a pilot for a potential series with Dianne Wiest ("The Birdcage," 1996) and Chris Cooper ("Lonesome Dove") attached, but it wasn't picked up to series.

Here's hoping Streep's winning streak will extend to this project, which has been in development since 2024. "The Corrections" marks her latest TV role in recent years, having appeared in "Big Little Lies" and "Only Murders in the Building." On the film side of things, she is set to star in the upcoming films "Useful Idiots" with Sigourney Weaver ("Avatar," 2009) and a Joni Mitchell ("Big Yellow Taxi") biopic directed by Cameron Crowe ("Almost Famous," 2000).

'Firefly' flies again?: It's not a full revival, but fans of the sci-fi cult-classic series "Firefly" might be relieved to know that the Serenity may fly again — at least in animated form.

While speaking on a panel at Awesome Con in Washington, D.C., and during a live taping of his podcast "Once We Were Spaceman" with co-star Alan Tudyk ("Resident Alien"), series star Nathan Fillion ("The Rookie") announced that a "Firefly" animated series is in early development at 20th Television Animation.

He was joined by the rest of the "Firefly" cast — Tudyk, Gina Torres ("9-1-1: Lone Star"), Jewel Staite ("Family Law"), Morena Baccarin ("Sheriff Country"), Sean Maher ("Teen Titans: The Judas Contract," 2017) and Summer Glau ("Arrow") — who, along with Adam Baldwin ("The Last Ship"), are all expected to reprise their roles and lend their voices to the animated version.

Fillion's production banner Collision33 is involved in this reboot of sorts, though original series creator Joss Whedon ("Buffy the Vampire Slayer") is not — but rest assured, he has given it his blessing, according to Fillion.



Meryl Streep to star in "The Corrections"

In terms of the "Firefly" timeline, the animated series would be set somewhere between the events from the original TV run in 2002 and the feature film continuation, 2005's "Serenity." A script has already been written.

"The dedication of 'Firefly' fans has kept this 25-year-old show relevant," said Fillion, speaking with Deadline. "Clearly, the return of 'Firefly' is something the fans want. More importantly, it's something they deserve." Following the announcement, the animated project was expected to be taken out to buyers shortly.

'Presumed' involved: If the 1980s sitcom "Who's the Boss?" made Judith Light a household name, her decades of Emmy- and Tony-recognized work since have made it clear that was only the beginning.

The "Transparent" standout remains a commanding presence on television, and she's not slowing down — Light is headed to Apple TV's "Presumed Innocent" next.

Light is set to appear alongside Season 2 lead Rachel Brosnahan ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") as part of an all-new cast that includes

Matthew Rhys ("The Americans"), Courtney B. Vance ("61st Street") and more.

The season will be based on the Jo Murray novel "Dissection of a Murder," scheduled to be published this week, and because of this release date, an official logline and character details haven't been released yet. However, here's the description of the novel: "When Leila Reynolds [Brosnahan] is handed her first murder case, she's shocked at how high profile it is: the murder of a well-respected, well-known judge. This shouldn't be the kind of case she's leading; it's way beyond her expertise. But the defendant, Jack Millman, is clear. He wants her, and only her."

Season 1 of "Presumed Innocent" launched in June 2024 and earned four Emmy nominations: one for Best Lead Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series for Season 1 lead Jake Gyllenhaal ("Nightcrawler," 2014), two in the category of Best Supporting Actor in a Limited or Anthology Series for Bill Camp ("12 Years of Slave," 2013) and Peter Sarsgaard ("Graden State," 2004) and Best Supporting Actress in a Limited or Anthology Series for Ruth Negga ("Loving," 2016).

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Yuki Yamada stars in "Song of the Samurai"

By **Kimberly Tremblay**
TV Media

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX "Remarkably Bright Creatures" (2026)

An adaptation of Shelby Van Pelt's debut novel, "Remarkably Bright Creatures" arrives Friday, May 8, on Netflix. Tova Sullivan (Sally Field, "Forrest Gump," 1994) keeps to herself, working long nights at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, where mopping floors and caring for sea creatures briefly dull the pain of losing her son, Erik (Brandon McEwan, "Alter Boys"), after only his boat washed ashore 30 years ago. During her late shifts, she forms a close bond with Marcellus (voiced

by Alfred Molina, "Spider-Man 2," 2004), a perceptive octopus who watches those around him with surprising insight. But when Tova meets Cameron (Lewis Pullman, "Top Gun: Maverick," 2022), a drifter who lands a job at the aquarium, she soon begins to suspect their lives, as well as Marcellus', may be intertwined in more ways than one — with all roads leading back to her son's 1989 disappearance. Also starring Colm Meaney ("Star Trek: Deep Space Nine"), Joan Chen ("The Last Emperor," 1987), Kathy Baker ("Picket Fences"), Beth Grant ("Little Miss Sunshine," 2006) and Sofia Black-D'Elia ("Your Honor"), "Remarkably Bright Creatures" is directed

by Olivia Newman ("Where the Crawdads Sing," 2022).

WHAT'S NEW ON HBO MAX "Song of the Samurai" - Season 1

Based on the Japanese manga series written by Shinya Umemura ("Record of Ragnarok"), Season 1 of "Song of the Samurai" premieres Saturday, May 9, on HBO Max. Set in Kyoto during the final years of Japan's shogunate, the series follows the rise of the Shinsengumi, a samurai force assembled to maintain order across the city. At the center of the story is Toshizo, played by Yuki Yamada ("Tokyo Revengers," 2021), tracing his journey from street brawler to legendary leader of the

swordsman group, where he meets Isami Kondo (Nobuyuki Suzuki, "The Shadow Strays," 2024) and Soji Okita (Kanata Hosoda, "Bullet Train Explosion," 2025) and forms a brotherhood that will be tested through loyalty, betrayal and war as the old shogunate crumbles. Directed by Kazutaka Watanabe ("Showtime 7," 2025), the cast also includes Ayano Go ("The Light Shines Only There," 2014) and Kento Nakajima ("Concordia"), with Akira Morii ("Kill Bill: Vol. 1," 2003) serving as a producer.

WHAT'S NEW ON SHUDDER "The Terror: Devil in Silver"

Behind the creaking doors of an old psychiatric hospital, a dark presence is ready to welcome you home. From executive producers Ridley Scott ("Alien," 1979) and David W. Zucker ("Into the Storm," 2009), "The Terror: Devil in Silver" arrives on Shudder Thursday, May 7. This third installment of "The Terror" anthology series is inspired by Victor LaValle's ("The Ballad of Black Tom") best-selling novel of the same name. Set in Queens, New York, the New Hyde Psychiatric Hospital stirs unease among all those who walk its halls as the crumbling institution holds inside all those society would rather forget. Dan Stevens ("Abigail," 2024) stars as Pepper, a working-class mover who is committed to the facility after an incident with three police officers escalates to violence. Inside, he discovers a terrifying creature that, to the naked eye, he can only describe as a "devil" with the head of a bison. As the devilish presence stalks the halls at night and preys on the hospital's most vulnerable patients, Pepper "must contend with patients working against him

[and] doctors harboring grim secrets" (per Shudder). As he searches for a way out, he finds that the only path to freedom is to face the devil himself — but doing so may prove that the worst demons of all live inside him. The series also stars Judith Light ("Who's the Boss?"), CCH Pounder ("The Shield"), Aasif Mandvi ("Evil") and John Benjamin Hickey ("The Big C").

WHAT'S NEW ON PEACOCK "M.I.A." - Season 1

Revenge knows no limits in Peacock's new series, "M.I.A.," premiering on the streamer Thursday, May 7. The series stars Shannon Gisela ("Strip Law") as Etta, a young woman who has long been tied to her family's drug-running operation in

the Florida Keys. But when a devastating tragedy destroys the business and leaves most of her family dead, Etta is forced into Miami's neon-lit criminal underworld. Driven by revenge, she sets out to hunt the men responsible for the attack, even as they close in on her. By Etta's side are her new friends, Lovely (Brittany Adebumola, "4400") and Stanley (Dylan T. Jackson, "City on Fire"), bringing together Latinos and Haitians, two of the largest communities in Miami. "M.I.A." hails from writer and executive producer Bill Dubuque, who previously co-created the Netflix series "Ozark." Karen Campbell ("Outlander") will serve as executive producer and showrunner, with "High Potential's" Alethea Jones directing the season.

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Sally Field in "Remarkably Bright Creatures"



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Wuthering Heights

In 18th-century England, a mysterious orphan, Heathcliff (Cooper), is brought to live at Wuthering Heights. He forms a deep, almost inseparable bond with Catherine (Mellington), aka "Cathy," but their relationship becomes strained by class differences and ambition. As they grow older, Cathy (Robbie) chooses to marry the wealthy Edgar Linton (Latif) for security and social status, even though she is deeply connected to Heathcliff (Elordi). Heartbroken and believing himself rejected, Heathcliff leaves. Years later, he returns rich and determined to take revenge. He buys Wuthering Heights, manipulates those around him and rekindles a toxic, obsessive affair with the married Cathy. *Director: Emerald Fennell. Stars: Margot Robbie, Jacob Elordi, Hong Chau, Shazad Latif, Alison Oliver, Martin Clunes, Ewan Mitchell, Owen Cooper, Charlotte Mellington. 2026. 123 min. Romantic Drama.*

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Tuesday Best Bets

The Avengers

FX 4:00 pm

S.H.I.E.L.D.'s Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) recruits Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Captain America (Chris Evans), the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Thor (Chris Hemsworth) and others when Thor's evil brother, Loki (Tom Hiddleston), attempts to conquer the world.



Ramon Rodriguez in "Will Trent"

Will Trent

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

As Season 4 of this unique police procedural comes to a close, GBI Special Agent Will Trent (Ramón Rodríguez) teams with APD homicide detective Franklin Wilks (Kevin Daniels) to solve crime and make a difference in the lives of Atlanta's residents.

NBA Basketball

WRAL WMBF 8:00 pm

The road to glory heats up as the fields continue to narrow. The best of the NBA go head-to-head in this conference semifinal matchup. Expect high-scoring drama, aggressive defense, buzzer-beaters and some questionable coaching decisions.

I Was Born, But ...

TCM 10:30 pm

After two brothers (Tomio Aoki, Hideo Sugawara), move to a new neighborhood in Tokyo due to their father's (Tatsuo Saito) promotion, they join a local gang and quickly rise to leadership. However, they're embarrassed to learn their father's low position.

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 5, 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 (N)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (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 (N)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (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)		Betrayal-Secret (N)		Betrayal "Fertility Fraud"	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
13	WBTW	13	3:00 Soccer Teams TBA (N)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	NCIS (N)		NCIS: Origins (N)		NCIS: Sydney (N)	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)	Will Trent (N)		Betrayal-Secret (N)		Betrayal "Fertility Fraud"	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Family (N)	WWE NXT (L) (N)			National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)	
31	WUNU	12	Finding Your Roots	Best	BBC World		PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Side	N.C. Wknd	Roots "In the Blood"		American Rev "The Most Sacred Thing" (N)		Movie		Amanpour	
40	WUVC	4	2:30 Champions League	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	Farmer Wants a Wife (N)		Running Wild (N) (CC)		Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs
62	WFPX	8	*** The Substitute (1996, Action)	Ernie Hudson, Tom Berenger.		** The Substitute 2: School's Out				*** XXX (2002, Action)	Asia Argento, Vin Diesel. (CC)					** XXX: State of the Union	
A&E	21	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Road Wars	Customer	Customer	:05 Customer	:35 Customer
AMC	41	*** White House Down	Channing Tatum.		*** The Hunger Games ('12, Sci-Fi)	Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence. (CC)		*** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13)	Jennifer Lawrence. (CC)								
ANPL	64	Louisiana Law		Louisiana "Storm Surge"		Louisiana "Blind Rage"		Louisiana "Road Killer"		Louisiana Law		Louisiana "Mr. Bad Guy"		Louisiana Law		Louisiana Law	
BET	37	12:00 To Be Announced				Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	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)	
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	Family Guy	Family Guy	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	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)				U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)				Public Affairs Events (CC)				Public Affairs Events (CC)			
DISC	42	Homestead Rescue "Big Sky Intervention" (CC)				Homestead "Raney Returns: Back to Black Hills"				Homestead (SP) (N)		Homestead Rescue "Where the Buffalo Own" (CC)				Homestead Rescue	
DISN	57	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	ZOMBIES	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Vampirina	Place	Jessie (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NHL Draft	NHL Hockey	Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)				NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)			
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		The Point (L) (N) (CC)		To Be Announced		College Baseball Louisville at Vanderbilt (L) (N) (CC)						ESPN Films (CC)	
FDSO	38	Offroad	Redfern	FIBA	Pulse/Pack	Carolina	To Be Announced			MLB Baseball						TBA	
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)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)	
FOOD	66	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		24 in 24: Last "Shift 2: Speed" (CC)		Beat Bobby	
FREE	18	3:35 **** The Goonies ('85)	Sean Astin.		:15 **** Beetlejuice ('88)	Michael Keaton. (CC)		:20 **** Haunted Mansion ('23, Family)	Tiffany Haddish, LaKeith Stanfield. (CC)					The 700 Club (N) (CC)			
FX	67	**** The Avengers (2012, Action)	Chris Evans, Robert Downey. (CC)		**** Air (2023, Drama)	Ben Affleck, Matt Damon.		**** Air (2023, Drama)	Ben Affleck, Matt Damon.								
GOLF	45	College Golf PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Second Round (L) (N) (CC)				Golf Central (L) (N)		College Golf PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Second Round (CC)						College Golf			
HALL	62	* June in January ('14)	Brooke D'Orsay. (CC)		* A Season to Blossom ('26)	Carlo Marks. (CC)		* The Wish Swap ('25)	Jake Foy, Emily Tennant.		Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Cheap A\$\$	Cheap A\$\$	Cheap A\$\$	Cheap A\$\$	Cheap A\$\$	Cheap A\$\$	Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha (N)		World's (N)	World's (N)	House (N)	House Hunt	House Hunt	House Hunt
HIST	51	The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		Curse Island "Road Trip"		The Curse of Oak Island		The Curse of Oak Island		Curse Island (N)		:05 Secrets (N)		:05 Curse Island	
LIFE	25	Castle "Hell to Pay" (CC)		Castle "Crossfire" (CC)		Castle		Castle "Nanny McDead"		Castle		Castle		:05 Castle		:05 Castle	
LMN	46	* My Best Friend's Secret Life ('22)	René Ashton.		* Secret Love Triangle ('23)	Bianna Cohen. (CC)		* Whispers of a Secret Life ('25)	Brittany Cavaco.		* I'm Your Biggest Fan ('25)	Meghan Carrasquillo.					
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	Caught in Act (CC)		Caught in Act (CC)		Love & Hip (CC)		Love & Hip (CC)		Love & Hip (N)		Caught in Act (CC)		Caught in Act (CC)		Love & Hip (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	Port Protection Alaska		Port Protection Alaska		Port Protection Alaska		Port Protection Alaska		Port Protection Alaska		Port Protection (N)		Port Protection Alaska		Life Below "Pain to Gain"	
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)	Big Bang	Big Bang
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	Philly "End of Watch"		Philly Homicide		Dateline: Secrets "A Haunting Stretch of Road"		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue "Game Over"		Bar Rescue		*** The School of Rock ('03)	Joan Cusack, Jack Black. (CC)			To Be Announced						To Be Announced	
SYFY	55	Movie	*** The Day After Tomorrow ('04)	Dennis Quaid.		*** Mission: Impossible ('96, Act)	Jon Voight, Tom Cruise. (CC)		:35 **** Mission: Impossible II ('00)	Dougray Scott, Tom Cruise.							
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Graham (N)	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		Joyce M. (N)	One Israel	Together (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Leadoff (N)	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros (L) (N)						MLB Close	The Office
TCM	54	3:45 *** Eye of the Devil		** I Walked With a Zombie	:45 **** The Seventh Victim			** The Ozu Diaries (2025)								*** I Was Born, But ...	
TLC	23	Welcome to Plathville		Welcome "High Hopes"		7 Little Johnstons		7 Little Johnstons		7 Little Johnstons (N)		7 Little Johnstons (N)		Welcome to Plathville (N)		Unexpected	
TNT	28	3:00 *** Plane		:15 *** The Accountant (2016, Thriller)	Anna Kendrick, Ben Affleck. (CC)			*** Tom Clancy's Without Remorse						:15 *** The Accountant ('16)	Ben Affleck. (CC)		
TOON	69	Gumball	Gumball	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	*** Kicking & Screaming ('05)	Will Ferrell. (CC)		Leadoff (N)		MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Houston Astros (L) (N)						MLB Close	* Draft Day
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU "911"		Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Shock Collar"		Law-SVU "Clock"	
WE	61	S.W.A.T. "Hoax" (CC)		Criminal "Middle Man"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal "25 to Life"		Criminal "Corazon"		Criminal Minds	

Real talk

A century of conservationism: Attenborough revisits 1976's 'Life On Earth' in retrospective documentary

By **Caroline Collacutt**
TV Media

A century of conservationism: Airing in celebration of conservationist David Attenborough's 100th birthday, the feature-length documentary "Life On Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure" airs Wednesday, May 6, on PBS.

Having first appeared on our television screens more than 70 years ago, the great David Attenborough has become one of the most well-known and widely recognized nature broadcasters of all time. With shows such as "Planet Earth," "Pre-historic Planet," "Zoo Quest" and more, Attenborough inspired countless generations of future conservationists by popularizing in-depth, educational nature documentaries.

One of these many endeavors, 1976's "Life on Earth," proved to be one of Attenborough's most ambitious undertakings. Over three years, Attenborough and his team traveled to 40 countries and documented 600 species, utilizing cutting-edge camera technology and techniques — including time-lapse, microphotography and filming

speeds of up to 10,000 frames per second — to capture animal activity in ways never seen before. "Life on Earth" sets out to "tell the greatest story in all the world: how life on our planet evolved," says PBS.

Featuring behind-the-scenes insights, interviews with Attenborough and his crew and never-before-seen footage, this newly released, hour-long retrospective hopes to document how the team captured some of the original series' most unforgettable moments — including "a lioness ferociously taking down a wildebeest, the rare moment a male Darwin's frog 'gives birth' by mouth and Attenborough's unforgettable encounter with mountain gorillas in Rwanda, often voted one of the greatest television moments of all time," according to PBS.

"Few series have made an impact the way 'Life on Earth' did, truly reshaping our understanding of the natural world," said Paula Kerger, president and CEO of PBS. "Sir David Attenborough's vision set a standard we're still reaching toward 50 years later. We are so proud to share this new film and to celebrate his unparalleled contribution to our

shared understanding of the planet we call home."

Jack Bootle, head of specialist factual commissioning at the BBC, adds: "It's impossible to overstate what Sir David Attenborough has given us. His programs have not only defined science and natural history broadcasting, but they have also changed how we see our planet and our place within it."

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Gym, tan, goodbyes: Since its premiere in 2009, "Jersey Shore" has cemented itself as one of the most iconic and quotable reality franchises. Now, after 300 episodes and countless spinoffs, the decades-long cycle of gym visits, tanning trips and laundry loads ends with Season 9 of "Jersey Shore Family Vacation," making its debut Thursday, May 7, on MTV.

Pauly D ("The Pauly D Project"), Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi ("Jersey Shore"), Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino ("Marriage Boot Camp: Reality Stars"), Ronnie Ortiz-Magro ("Ex on the Beach"), Jenni "JWoww" Farley ("Snooki & JWoww"), Vinny Guadagnino ("All-Star Shore"), Deena Cortese ("Jersey Shore"), Angelina Pivarnick ("Couples Therapy") and Sammi "Sweetheart" Giancola ("Snooki & JWoww") are all set to appear.

"This farewell season marks the culmination of a franchise that entertained millions with major life milestones, laugh-out-loud chaos and the unfiltered chemistry that defined an era of reality television," reads a description by MTV's parent company, Paramount. "The 'Shore'

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Solution on page 19



David Attenborough features in "Life On Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure"

family is going bigger than ever, celebrating the moments that made this franchise a cultural phenomenon."

This upcoming season follows the Jersey stars as they embrace sobriety, parenthood, career changes, benchmark birthdays, new relationships, sold-out shows and more — including, of course, a few outrageous parties.

One highlight of the season is said to be Sammi's upcoming wedding to boyfriend Justin May, as the 39-year-old can be seen preparing for her nuptials alongside her friends in a recently shared sneak peek.

"I could cry right now," Sammi tearfully says, before sharing one

more surprise with her housemates: "I'm pregnant."

However, her ex-boyfriend, Ronnie, seems to be far less than thrilled about his former girlfriend's new relationship. Ronnie and Sammi shared an on-again, off-again romance from 2009-16, but Ronnie's pain rears its head at the most inconvenient of times, as Sammi plans to say her "I do" on her ex's birthday.

"It's kinda f— up," Ronnie says in the trailer. "I don't wanna get out of bed."

Acting as a tribute to the friendships, relationships, inside jokes, dramatic conversations and unforgettable moments brought to us by "Jersey Shore," the epic, 18-episode final season of "Jersey Shore Family Vacation" premieres Thursday, May 7, on MTV.

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Wednesday Best Bets

Life on Earth: Attenborough's Greatest Adventure

wunu 8:00 pm

Celebrating the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough and 50 years since production began on his ambitious film "Life on Earth," this special offers behind-the-scenes insight into the film with interviews from Attenborough and the original team.

MasterChef

wfxb 8:00 pm

The amateur cooks are trying their best to please judges Gordon Ramsay, Tiffany Derry and Joe Bastianich while learning the tips and tricks that will allow them to create spectacular meals and beat the competition. The winner receives a \$250,000 prize.



Gordon Ramsay hosts "MasterChef"

Man of a Thousand Faces

tcm 8:00 pm

Young Lon Chaney (James Cagney) falls in love with his assistant, Cleve (Dorothy Malone), while breaking into show business. She leaves him after their son is born. But when Chaney moves to Hollywood and becomes a star, she tries to mend things.

Mission: Impossible III

syfy 9:35 pm

While training recruits for the Impossible Mission Force, agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) meets his match in Owen Davian (Philip Seymour Hoffman), an international broker of arms and information known for being ruthless. Ving Rhames also stars.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 6, 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 (N)	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago P.D. (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 (N)	Chicago Med (N)	Chicago Fire (N)	Chicago P.D. (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)	Celebrity Wheel	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
13	WBTV	13	3:00 Soccer Teams TBA (N)	News (N)	WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Survivor (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)	Celebrity Wheel	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Family (N)	Police 24/7 (N) (CC)	Nancy Guthrie (N) (CC)	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)				
31	WUNU	12	American Rev	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Life on Earth (N) (CC)	NOVA	Shared Planet (N)	Amanpour (N)					
40	WUVC	4	2:30 Champions League	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	:35 Noticiero					
43	WFVB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	MasterChef (N) (CC)	The Floor (N) (CC)	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs		
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Pilot" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Cuchillo" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Pamilya" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Radical" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Imposters" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Octane" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Homecoming"	S.W.A.T. "Miracle" (CC)							
A&E	21	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	Sout. Law "Headbutt" (N)	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	
AMC	41	Movie	*** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1					*** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2 ('15)	Jennifer Lawrence. (CC)	*** Hunger Games: Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes							
ANPL	64	Tanked	Tanked					River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters				
BET	37	12:00 To Be Announced						Neighbor	Neighbor	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Hip Hop (N)	Divorced Sistas (N)	The Family Business (N)	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	American Greed				
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	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Place	Jessie (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon	SportCtr (N)	NBA Tip-Off (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Basketball	Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball	Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball	Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball	Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball	Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Basketball
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	Game On: Journey (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	SEC Storied (CC)	NFL Films (CC)	ESPN Films	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)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games
FREE	18	3:30 **** Beetlejuice	*** The Lion King ('19) Donald Glover. (CC)	*** Jungle Cruise (2021, Adventure) Emily Blunt, Dwayne Johnson. (CC)	The 700 Club (N) (CC)												
FX	67	3:00 **** Free Guy Ryan Reynolds.	*** The A-Team ('10, Action) Bradley Cooper, Liam Neeson. (CC)	*** Uncharted (2022, Adventure) Mark Wahlberg, Tom Holland.	*** Uncharted ('22) Tom Holland.												
GOLF	45	College Golf 2026 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Final Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (L) (N)	College Golf 2026 PGA WORKS Collegiate Championship, Final Round (CC)	Golf Central												
HALL	62	* Sweet Carolina ('21) Lacey Chabert. (CC)	* Always Amore ('22) Autumn Reeser. (CC)	* Kentucky Roses ('26) Annie Fitzpatrick. (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Help-Wrecked	Help-Wrecked	Rock the Block "Goin' to the Chapel"	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic
HIST	51	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers
LIFE	25	Castle "Little Girl Lost"	Castle	Castle "Deep in Death"	The Rookie "The Mickey"	The Rookie "Wildfire"	The Rookie "The Kiss"	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie	:05 The Rookie
LMN	46	* Lies My Sister Told Me	Nicole Marie Johnson.	* Missing Twin ('21) Alaina Huffman. (CC)	* My Mother Looked Just Like You Jenny Heaton.	* The Woman With My Face	Nicole Marie Johnson.										
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	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
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	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Smuggler "False Friends"	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Cat Smug Cont (N)	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru	Catch a Smuggler: Peru
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	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline "The Silhouette"	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	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	Bar Rescue	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced
SYFY	55	Movie	*** Mission: Impossible ('96, Act) Jon Voight, Tom Cruise. (CC)	*** Mission: Impossible II ('00) Dougray Scott, Tom Cruise.	:35 *** Mission: Impossible III ('06) Tom Cruise.												
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Graham (N)	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	Michael (N)	Turning (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)		
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	**** Top Hat ('35) Ginger Rogers, Fred Astaire.	*** That's Dancing! (1985, Documentary)	*** Man of a Thousand Faces James Cagney.	:15 *** Valentino ('77) Rudolf Nureyev.												
TLC	23	Save My Skin	Bad Foot C "Nailing It"	The Bad Foot Clinic	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body
TNT	28	:15 *** Tom Clancy's Without Remorse ('21) Michael B. Jordan.	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N) (CC)													
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers
TRUTV	40	*** Draft Day (2014, Drama) Jennifer Garner, Kevin Costner. (CC)	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N) (CC)													
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King
USA	30	9-1-1 "Fools" (CC)	9-1-1 "Pinned" (CC)	9-1-1	9-1-1 "Eddie Begins" (CC)	9-1-1	9-1-1 "Powerless" (CC)	9-1-1	9-1-1 "What's Next?"	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1	9-1-1
WE	61	NCIS "Chimera" (CC)	NCIS "Requiem" (CC)	NCIS "Designated Target"	NCIS "Lost & Found" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Tribes" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Stakeout" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Dog Tags" (CC)						

Friday Best Bets

The Perfect Storm

AMC 2:00 pm

The crew (George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg, John C. Reilly) of fishing boat the Andrea Gail battle three deadly storms in the North Atlantic. Based on a true story, it's a fight for survival against one of the fiercest storms ever recorded.



Gregory Peck in "Duel in the Sun"

Deadliest Catch

disc 8:00 pm

In the season premiere, the captains find a rare strain of red King crab in the north amid crushing ice and violent storms. Sig deploys an underwater drone to pinpoint the horde. Jake revives the legendary Cornelia Marie to battle perilous northern seas.

Duel in the Sun

tcm 9:30 pm

Upon the arrival of an unexpected beauty (Jennifer Jones), the sons (Joseph Cotten, Gregory Peck) of a Texas cattle baron (Lillian Gish) begin to fight for the woman's affections. Lionel Barrymore, Walter Huston and Butterfly McQueen also star.

United Football League

wfxb 8:00 pm

Jalan McClendon, Toa Taua and the Columbus Aviators head into St. Louis to face Brandon Silvers and the defensive St. Louis Battlehawks. Expect a battle as Hakeem Butler and Pita Taumoepenu look to defend home turf against the UFL's newest squad.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 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 (N)	Happy's	Stumble	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	Inside (N)	Happy's	Stumble	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	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Sheriff "The Gambler" (N)	Fire "Best Man" (N)	Boston Blue (N)	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)	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)	20/20 (N) (CC)					News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Family (N)	Penn & Teller (CC)	Bible Challenge (N)	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	nclmpact	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)	La rosa de Guadalupe	Mi verdad oculta (N)	Mi rival (N)	Hermandad, un amor (N)	Noticias 40					:35 Noticiero	
43	WFXB	2	2:00 LIV Golf League	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	UFL United Football League	Columbus Aviators at St. Louis Battlehawks (L) (N)	Stories				Goldbergs	
62	WFPX	8	As Good as Dead ('22)	Michael Jai White. (CC)	*** 48 HRS. ('83) Eddie Murphy, Nick Nolte. (CC)		*** Another 48 Hrs. ('90) Eddie Murphy. (CC)		*** The Glimmer Man ('96) Steven Seagal. (CC)								
A&E	21	Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		Predator Hunters		:05 Predator Hunters	
AMC	41	2:00 The Perfect Storm		*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg.		*** American Sniper (2014, War) Sienna Miller, Bradley Cooper.		*** Midway Ed Skrein.									
ANPL	64	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters			
BET	37	12:00 To Be Announced				Neighbor		Neighbor		*** Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Arsenio Hall, Eddie Murphy. (CC)		Movie					
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)	
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	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park
CSPAN	56	3:25 Public Affairs (CC)		:10 Public Affairs Events (CC)		Ceasefire (CC)		Public Affairs Events (CC)		Ceasefire (CC)		Public Affairs (CC)		Public Affairs (CC)			
DISC	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "Kings of the Frozen North" (SP) (N)		:15 Deadliest Catch		:10 Deadliest Catch			
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	* Descendants 2 ('17) Dove Cameron. (CC)		*** Inside Out ('15) Amy Poehler. :40 Kiff (CC)		:05 Kiff (CC)		Kiff (CC)		Ladybug		Ladybug	
E!	39	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	*** Big Daddy	
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		College Softball (L) (N)		ESPN Films		College Softball (L) (N)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)			
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (CC)		SportCtr (N) Pardon		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NFL Live (CC)		ESPN Films (CC)		College Baseball Oklahoma State at Arizona State (L) (N) (CC)					
FDSO	38	Carolina	Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse	Focused		Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		Pulse/Pack		Duke		Outdoor	
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)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)			
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
FREE	18	3:30 *** The Other Woman ('14) Cameron Diaz.	*** Sweet Home Alabama ('02) Reese Witherspoon. (CC)		*** The Devil Wears Prada ('06) Meryl Streep. (CC)		The 700 Club (N) (CC)										
FX	67	3:00 *** Transformers ('07) Shia LaBeouf.	*** Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ('09) Shia LaBeouf. (CC)		*** Transformers: Dark of the Moon ('11) Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf. (CC)												
GOLF	45	2:00 PGA Tour Golf		Golf Central (L) (N)		PGA Champions Insperity Invitational, First Round (N)		PGA Tour Golf Trust Championship, Second Round (N)									
HALL	62	* Love on the Danube: Love Song		* Once Upon a Holiday ('15) Briana Evigan. (CC)		* Christmas by Starlight ('20) Kimberley Sustad.		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls			
HGTV	65	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Tropic	Zillow	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Zillow (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters	World's	World's
HIST	51	UnBelievable		UnBelievable		UnBelievable		UnBelievable		UnBelievable		:05 Proof-There (N)		:05 UnBelievable			
LIFE	25	NCIS "Newborn King"		NCIS "Housekeeping"		NCIS "A Desperate Man"		NCIS "Secrets" (CC)		NCIS "Psych Out" (CC)		:05 NCIS "Need to Know"		:05 NCIS "The Tell" (CC)			
LMN	46	* Murder in Nashville ('25) Sarah Zanotti. (CC)		* She Wants My Daughter ('25) Alison Chace. (CC)		* The Secrets of the Matriarch ('26) Skye Coyne. (P)		* The Boy With My Son's Face ('26) Italia Ricci.									
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	Big Bang	MTV Special (CC)	*** Blended (2014, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler. (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	Drain "The Alamo"		Drain the Oceans		Drain "The Amber Room"		Drain the Oceans		Hidden Beneath (N)		Hidden Beneath (N)		Drain the Oceans			
NICK	29	SpongeBob SquarePants		*** Hotel Transylvania: Transformania		*** Sing 2 ('21) Matthew McConaughey. (CC)		Friends (CC)		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang	
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	Buried "A Family Affair"		Buried in the Backyard		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped "Susan Walls"		Snapped		Snapped "Donna Scrivero"		Snapped	
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ('89) Harrison Ford. (CC)		*** Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Miles Teller, Tom Cruise. (CC)									
SYFY	55	*** A Nightmare on Elm Street John Saxon.		*** Mission: Impossible -- Ghost Protocol ('11) Tom Cruise.		*** Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation ('15) Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise. (P)											
TBN	68	Turning (N)	S. Furtick	Harvest (N)	Hagee (N)	Behind (N)	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Mother's Day (CC)	Mother's Day (CC)	Mother's Day (CC)	Mother's Day (CC)	Mother's Day (CC)	Mother's Day (CC)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Meg 2: The Trench (2023, Sci-Fi) Jing Wu, Jason Statham.	*** Pacific Rim Uprising						
TCM	54	:15 *** Transatlantic Tunnel ('35) Richard Dix.		:15 *** Non-Stop New York ('37) Anna Lee.		*** The Gunfighter		*** Duel in the Sun ('46) Gregory Peck, Jennifer Jones. (CC)									
TLC	23	90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé "More to Love: Tell All: Part 2" (N)		90 Day (N)		The Single Life (CC)		90 Day (N)	
TNT	28	FBI "Fathers and Sons"		FBI "Short Squeeze" (CC)		Foul Play (N)		NHL on TNT		NHL Hockey (L) (N) (CC)		NHL Hockey (L) (N) (CC)					
TOON	69	Regular	:45 Regular	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Savannah		Banana Party Animals vs. Savannah Bananas (L) (N)		Foul Play		Endurance		NHL Hockey (L) (N) (CC)	
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	Chicago Fire		Chicago "Take a Knee"		Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire "Carry Me"		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) (CC)		Two Men		Two Men			
WE	61	Movie	:45 *** Beverly Hills Cop II ('87) Eddie Murphy.	:45 *** Beverly Hills Cop ('84) Judge Reinhold, Eddie Murphy.		Mama June (N)		Mama June		*** Beverly Hills Cop II							

hollywood Q&A



Kelly Reilly guest starred in "Poirot"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: Was that Kelly Reilly I saw in an old episode of "Poirot"? (I have them all on DVD.)

A: One of the great joys of rewatching old, guest star-hungry shows like "Poirot" (for anyone unfamiliar, picture a very British kind of "Law & Order") is the before-they-were-stars spotting.

The series, which started in the U.K. but aired over here on both PBS and A&E, aired 13 seasons across 24 years. In that time, it gave a huge number of actors an early leg up in their careers — stars of today such as Michael Fassbender ("Prometheus," 2012), Emily Blunt ("Edge of Tomorrow," 2014) and, yes, future "Yellowstone" lead Kelly Reilly.

When her episode, titled "Sad Cypress" (adapting the Agatha Christie novel of the same name), aired in 2003, Reilly had only appeared in a bunch of similar projects — guest roles in British TV shows. It's worth noting at this point that she is, herself, English — this may surprise people who only know her as "Yellowstone's" hard-as-nails Montana rancher Beth Dutton.

Reilly had just done a supporting role in her first major film a year earlier — and that was still a relatively unknown European art-house dramedy, 2002's "The Spanish Apartment."

She was still a couple of years away from real, mainstream exposure, first in the 2005 big-screen adaptation of "Pride & Prejudice," then a few years later in the 2009 blockbuster "Sherlock Holmes," playing Mary Morstan, future wife of the legendary detective's (Robert Downey Jr., "Iron Man," 2008) companion Dr. John Watson (Jude Law, "Closer," 2004).

Q: Where is Jane Lynch nowadays? I haven't seen much of her since "Glee."

A: It's hard to explain what Jane Lynch ("A Mighty Wind," 2003) has been doing except to say "a little bit of everything." She has an incredible 490 credits on her resume, most of which have come after the end of her beloved musical comedy series "Glee" in 2015.

Sitcom guest spots? Check. She is a recurring character in NBC sitcom "Happy's Place," most recently showing up a couple of weeks ago.

Gritty crime shows? Check. She just did an episode of "Law & Order" and also had a recurring character role in "Criminal Minds" up until 2020.

Prestige comedy? She had a key supporting role in the multi-award-winning Hulu series "Only Murders in the Building."

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She has a key sideline in game shows, as the ongoing host of the latest revival of "The Weakest Link" and previously the host of "Hollywood Game Night" until 2020.

Lately, and not surprising for a "Glee" graduate, a lot of her time has been taken up with stage work. She's been touring the U.S. with her musical comedy stage show, "The Trouble With Angels," alongside longtime theatrical partner Kate Flannery (whom you probably know as Meredith from "The Office"). She's also been staying put and doing Broadway — she did a revival of "Funny Girl" in 2022 and 2023.

But Glee fans will be pleased to know that TV comedy remains Lynch's bread and butter. She just shot a new sitcom pilot for NBC — a so-far-untitled two-hander that puts her opposite another Fox-sitcom veteran, Katey Sagal ("Married...With Children"). It's still in production, so we don't know yet when it will come out — or if it ever will (it's never a guarantee with pilots).

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Late laughs

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

Folks, it was a big night on all the broadcast networks. Donald Trump at 9:00 gave a national prime-time address. It was concise, intelligent and brought the nation together with shared purpose. April fools. He gave a speech tonight on the first night of Passover. So, whether you're Jewish or not, I recommend having had four glasses of wine.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

Today [March 30] President Trump launched a new mobile app for people to receive news, updates, briefings and alerts directly from the White House. Yeah, and these days when you hear the phrase "President Trump launched," a new app is the best-case scenario.

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

We are back at it after a week off. It's hard to believe it was a only a week off. So much stuff happened while we were off. We learned a lot of things. We learned that there are two people with inflatable boobs in Kristi Noem's house. We learned Tiger Woods had a throwback Thursday. The Super Mario movie made \$130 million, which means we now have a plumber leading the box office and the Department of Homeland Security.

Late Night With Seth Meyers (R)

A video has gained attention online of a gray squirrel in London carrying a vape pen. So, congratulations to the very first squirrel in history to figure out a way to relax.

A North Carolina woman was recently bitten by an otter while watching a marathon. Said her friend, "Just say you don't want to come to my party, OK?"





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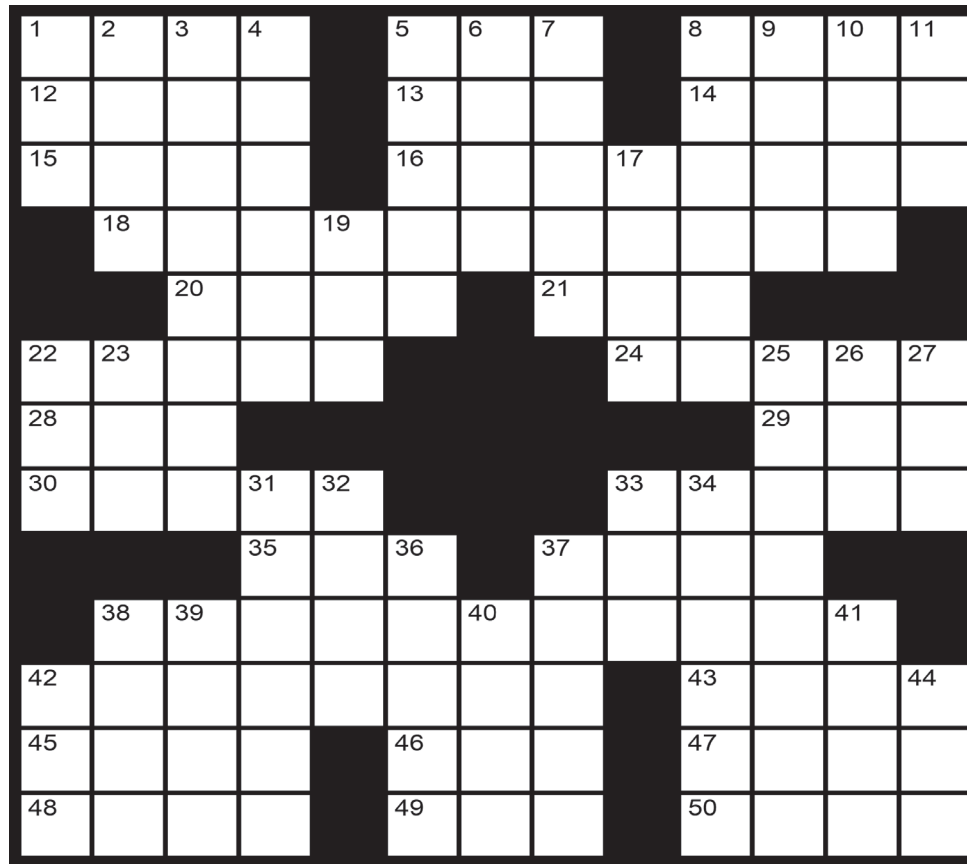


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28. Poetic contrac-
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29. Battery type

30. "Ya think?!"

33. The Jetsons' dog

35. Supporter

37. Naysayer

38. Kevin Costner
series

42. "Star Trek"
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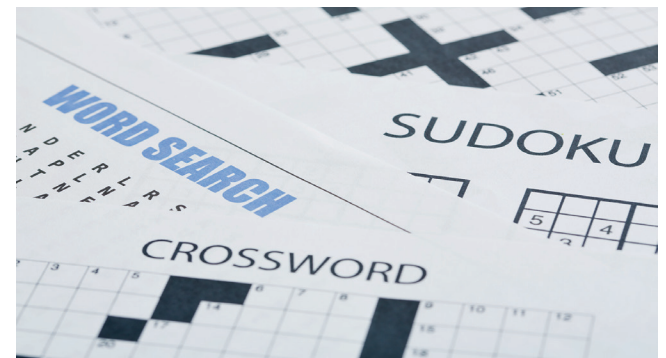
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5. On behalf of
8. Musical staff symbol
12. Island near Kauai
13. Phrase of commitment
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15. Fingerboard ridge
16. Word in either blank "Sunday Night ____" or "Monday Night ____"
18. Sarah Snook series

1. Gut reaction?
2. "Gone with the Wind" (1939) plantation
3. Showtime series of the 2000s
4. Person on a wanted poster
5. Marching band instruments
6. Aroma
7. House tops
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9. Race place
10. List
11. Shape of a right angle
17. Khakis
19. Mins. and mins.
22. Grasp
23. New beginning?
25. Mandy of "Chicago Hope"
26. Hole goal
27. Ming of the Houston Rockets
31. Funnywoman Tracey
32. Control post
33. Orkin target
34. Bar furniture
36. Bible verb
37. Poplar variety
38. Vociferate
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40. "Arli\$\$" star Michael
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42. What you might do with hat in hand
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