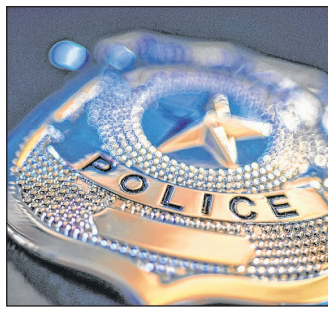


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Red Springs mayoral race certified for Sumpter

Mayor-elect to be sworn in soon after months-long protest

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

RED SPRINGS — The Robeson County Board of Elections (BOE) certified the 2025 Red Springs mayoral election Friday morning, confirming that Mayor-Elect Caroline

Sumpter will be sworn in as the next mayor of Red Springs.

The certification comes after a months-long legal battle due to former mayoral candidate and current commissioner Duron Burney's challenge



Sumpter



Burney

to the election results. Sumpter's two-vote margin, with 360 votes for the mayor-elect and 358 for Burney, stands. "I want to say thank

you to the citizens of Red Springs," Sumpter said, "to my campaign team, family, church family and all of my supporters. We have had people across the state supporting this effort, and we're extremely proud and thankful. We're going to take a few moments to rest, and get back to work."

Sumpter will be sworn in as mayor on a date to be determined in June.

Burney's challenge alleged that 18 voters from an assisted living facility in the town had been given undue assistance or influenced in their voting.

The Robeson County Board of Elections voted unanimously on Jan. 9 to dismiss Burney's protest, and the State Board of Elections voted 4-1 on Feb. 25 to uphold that ruling.

The deadline to submit a legal appeal passed at 5 p.m. on Thursday, meaning Burney can no longer challenge the election results.

The county board also heard the case last November, and deferred to the state board to interpret discrepancy between state and federal law on the issue. On Dec.

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Tribal election on gaming amendment set for June 23

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribe Election Board announced this week that the special election on a referendum to amend the Tribal Constitution regarding gaming in tribal territory will be held on Tuesday, June 23.

All enrolled tribal members who are 18 years old or more are eligible to vote at polling sites established in their district of residence.

Voters will say yes or no on an amendment to the Tribal Constitution which would authorize and regulate gaming in tribal territory.

The amendment would allow the Tribal Chairperson to nominate, and Tribal Council to confirm, members of a Tribal gaming regulatory board, and "to enact tribal ordinances that permit, license, regulate or otherwise govern gaming activities." The chairperson would also have authority to negotiate gaming

compacts, subject to approval of Tribal council and a gaming regulatory board.

"A yes vote on this would mean they authorize gaming along with these changes to authorize people to implement," Tribal Speaker Alex Baker said during the April 16 Tribal Council meeting. "If the people vote yes, it will be gaming; if they vote no, it will be the constitution stays the same and nothing changes, we will not game."

Tribal Council voted 17-2 on April 16 to advance the amendment to a public referendum.

"Tribal Council finds that establishing a clear governance framework is necessary to promote economic development, self-sufficiency and strong tribal government, and to fund essential government services including public safety, education, housing, health care and infrastructure," Tribal Councilman Rudy

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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

Children from the First Presbyterian Church Weekday School sing during the National Day of Prayer event Thursday at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

Prayers lifted for community, nation

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Local leaders, pastors and members of the public joined together in prayer for the nation and community on Thursday as the City of Lumberton held its annual National

Day of Prayer ceremony.

A rainy day outside didn't diminish the spirits of those who came to pray, with the event moved from its original location at Dick Taylor Plaza to the Carolina Civic Center's Carolina Ballroom nearby. This was the first time the

annual event has been moved due to rain, organizer Courtney Rogerson said.

Prayers for American prosperity were particularly meaningful this year as the country celebrates the 250th anniversary of its independence.

"We thank You for

the blessing of living in this nation," prayed Pat Hash, a retired U.S. Army chaplain. "For 250 years you have guided (us) in wisdom, grace, mercy and love. Today we pray for our leaders across this land, from the

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Lumberton man acquitted on 2 murder counts, found guilty of manslaughter

Staff report

LUMBERTON — A Lumberton man was acquitted of two counts of first-degree murder and two counts of armed robbery with a dangerous weapon on Friday, but was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter and possession of a weapon by a felon related to the death of a third man.

Dekota Ray Locklear, 26, was on trial for charges related to the

deaths of three men on Nov. 26, 2021 in the area of Randy Street and Evergreen Church Road, west of Lumberton.

Da'Vern Inman, 20, of Orrum; Ryan Locklear, 24, of Pembroke; and Treyvon Mitchell, 20, of Lumberton all died that day.

Dekota Locklear said during the trial that he acted in self-defense.

The jury was asked by



D. Locklear

Superior Court Judge Ricardo Jensen to consider whether aggravating factors existed, which could result in a harsher sentence, but ultimately found

that they did not. One of those was that Dekota Locklear was on pretrial release at the time of the incident, charged with robbery with a dangerous weapon, but his attorney Johnson Britt argued

that the presumption of innocence exists because he has never been tried for that charge, despite it occurring in 2020.

Dekota Locklear was sentenced to 63 to 88 months in prison — which is just over five years to just over seven — and was credited for nearly 4 1/2 years of time served while awaiting trial.

The evening of Nov. 26, 2021, Robeson County

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OBITUARIES

SUSAN RAKER MCINTYRE GOODMAN



Susan Raker McIntyre Goodman died peacefully on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, at the robust age of 88. Susan was born Dec. 23, 1937, in Lumberton, the second child of the late Evelyn and Dr. Stephen McIntyre.

Susan lived a spirited youth playing competitive basketball and tennis, attending Camp Yonahlossee for Girls, enjoying summers at the family home in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and romping with the many family dogs. After graduating from Lumberton High School, Susan obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Salem College in Winston-Salem.

Following a year teaching Fine Arts at La Jolla High School in San Diego, California, Susan was lured back to the east coast by a dashing young airman from Salisbury. Susan married John Cameron Goodman in January of 1960.

She shared her deep love of everything creative and artistic with her children, grandchildren and countless students at Charlotte Country Day School, teaching them to see the beauty and struggle of life through an appreciation of the arts. Friends and family will forever remember Susan through her own beautiful artwork, which she shared generously for decades.

John and Susan enjoyed 63 years of marriage, moving frequently between Charlotte, Raleigh and Wilmington, Delaware, before retiring to Pawley's Island, S.C. During her time in Pawleys, Susan honed her talent, painting many of her finest works. She also served as a board member for the South Carolina Watercolor Society and designed and built the columbarium and gardens at Georgetown Presbyterian Church, a true labor of love of which she was very proud.

Susan and John returned home to Charlotte in 2012, settling at the Sharon where Susan designed and built a charming cottage that served as a model for future development. During her 14 years at The Sharon, Susan served her community on the Board of Directors, the Fundraising & Community Outreach Committee, and the Residents' Council Welcoming Committee. She was beloved for her vibrant personality and endless energy and is already missed by all who knew her.

Susan is survived by her son, Cameron Ree Goodman and his wife Lori of Charlotte, and their children Merrit and Raker, and her daughter, Lyn Goodman Shoop and her husband, Brett of Dewey Beach, Delaware, and their children Conner, Owen, and Evelyn.

The family will hold a private memorial at Myers Park Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Arrangements are in the care of Kenneth W. Poe Funeral & Cremation Service, 1321 Berkeley Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28204, 704-641-7606. Online condolences can be shared at www.kennethpoeervices.com.

Pembroke board considers traffic plan

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — The Pembroke Board of Commissioners considered a traffic separation study on Monday, but ultimately tabled the matter.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) uses traffic separation studies to evaluate and improve safety at rail-highway at-grade crossings. The goal is to reduce conflicts between trains, motorists, pedestrians and rail passengers by identifying and implementing improvements such as crossing closures, grade separations, roadway upgrades and enhanced warning devices.

The board took no action and tabled the matter until the June 1 meeting.

Additionally, the board appointed Tina Jones to the town's Planning Board.

The board also encouraged members of the Pembroke community to participate in the May 16 celebration of the Lumbee Tribe's federal recognition, which will be held at UNC Pembroke.

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GREGORY KENNEDY BACOT

Gregory Kennedy Bacot, 64, of Mocksville, passed away peacefully on May 2, 2026, at his home, surrounded by love.

Greg was born on Oct. 14, 1961, in Lumberton. He graduated from Lumberton High School in 1980 and earned a BA in Business (1985) from UNC Pembroke. Greg wore many hats throughout his career, working with Roses, UPS, and interior design. For the last 20 years, he owned and operated Westbend Cavaliers and was a well-known aviculturist.

Greg lived life with love, kindness, a unique sense of humor, and understated generosity. He volunteered with the Neighborhood Justice Center, Wake Forest Baptist Radiology Patient Education, the American Red Cross, the American Cancer Society and the Outpatient Care Center at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, where he was still an active volunteer.

Greg wanted to leave this world a better place, and he did. He got it right!

Greg was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Smith Bacot; his father, Lacy Martin Bacot; and a special aunt, Atha Smith.

He is survived by his cousins: Dawn Walker (Doug) of Sedona, Arizona; Robbie Walker (Greg) of Ventura, California; Karen Meredith of Lumberton; Nan Dolphens of Lumberton; and Terry Bacot of Fayetteville. He is also survived by his long-time friend, Mark Raker of Lewisville, and his family.

Special thanks to Trellis Hospice of Davie County, as well as to Sabrina Hudson, Billie Faye, and DJ Staller, for your love, care, friendship, and compassion. The many friends who made visits, phone calls, and texts were so appreciated. Each of you put a smile on Greg's face, and his blue eyes twinkled.

A memorial service will be held on May 16, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at North Lumberton Baptist Church, 1901 Carthage Road, Lumberton. Visitation will follow the service in the church fellowship hall.

UNCHSE's Ellington named to Becker's Rural Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know list

Staff report

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern President and CEO Chris Ellington was named to Becker's Hospital Review's "146 Rural Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to Know" in 2026 list, which was published April 29.



Ellington

According to Beckers, "the featured leaders are responsible for expanding the services their communities rely on, recruiting the talented caregivers who deliver that care, and investing in facilities via thoughtful renovations and ambitious new construction. These executives wield an ability to manage complexity while genuinely investing in the people and places they serve. Their hospitals' successes are measured in healthier neighbors, stronger communities and improved overall patient experience."

Ellington's entry reads: "Since 2021, Mr. Ellington has served as president and CEO of UNC Health Southeastern, a health system that sees 13,000 inpatients and 60,000 emergency patients each year. UNC Health Southeastern is the only hospital in rural Robeson County. Under his leadership, the organization has seen significant improvements in publicly reported quality scores, including improved patient experience scores. Mr. Ellington spearheaded a \$40 million investment in women's and children's health services, resulting in the first new labor and delivery unit with NICU in the county in decades. He also enhanced the organization's visibility and community engagement through a media campaign and initiatives like an annual 5K health event. His tenure has stabilized financial outcomes, expanded medical education funding and strengthened community partnerships. Previously, he held senior leadership roles at Chapel Hill, N.C.-based UNC Health and Hazard, Ky.-based Appalachian Regional Healthcare."

The Becker's Hospital Review team completed editorial research and accepted nominations to curate this list. The full list features individual profiles of all honorees and can be read at <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-management-administration/146-rural-hospital-and-health-system-presidents-and-ceos-to-know-2026/>.



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Man sentenced for 2017 murder of infant

Staff report

LUMBERTON — A Shannon man was sentenced to more than 20 years in prison on Tuesday for the 2017 murder of a 16-month-old child, Robeson County District Attorney Matt Scott said.

Christian Clark pled guilty to the second-degree murder of Kinsey Scott. Clark was 23 at the time of the murder in 2017.

Clark was sentenced to serve a term of 250 to 312 months, which ranges from nearly 21 years to 26 years.

"We are grateful for the work of Assistant DA Elizabeth Gurnee who prosecuted the case and the Robeson County Sheriff's Office for their



Clark

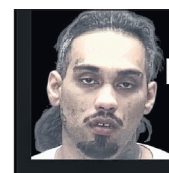
thorough investigation and support," Scott said.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office got a call from UNC Health Southeastern on Nov. 17, 2017 con-

cerning Scott before the child was transported to Duke University Medical Center and died there the next day. An autopsy performed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Raleigh showed Scott died of blunt force trauma.

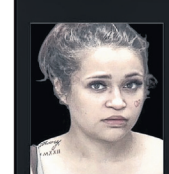
Then-Robeson County Sheriff Kenneth Sealey told The Robesonian at the time there were "bruises pretty much all over (Scott's) body."

It was said at the time that Clark was babysitting the child and considered a friend of her family.



Couple Arrested Multiple Drug Trafficking Offenses

Alejandro Alex Acevedo is charged with multiple drug offenses and is being held at the Robeson County Detention Center under No Bond.



Destiny Foxworth is charged with multiple drug offenses and is being held at the Robeson County Detention Center under a one million dollar bond.

Image courtesy of RCSO

2 charged with multiple drug trafficking offenses

Staff report

PEMBROKE — A traffic stop by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Community Impact Team has resulted in two individuals being arrested and charged with multiple drug violations.

On Wednesday, at approximately 12:41 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the area of Barbershop Road, northeast of Pembroke, for a motor vehicle violation. During the course of the investigation and search, a quantity of fentanyl, cocaine, marijuana and paraphernalia were located and seized.

Alejandro Alex Acevedo, 29, of Fairmont was charged with two counts of trafficking fentanyl, felony possession of cocaine, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver a schedule-II controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver a schedule-III controlled substance, possession of a schedule-II controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver fentanyl, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of schedule-IV controlled substance.

Acevedo was placed in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with no bond.

Destiny Foxworth, 24, of Fairmont was charged with two counts of trafficking in fentanyl, conspiracy to sell/deliver cocaine, conspiracy to sell/deliver a schedule-II controlled substance, conspiracy to sell/deliver a schedule-III controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver fentanyl, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver a schedule-II controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture, sell, and deliver a schedule-III controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Foxworth was placed in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with a \$1 million secured bond.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office Community Impact Team investigated the case.

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

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

"The Sheriff's Office does not issue or determine bond amounts," the post also stated. "This is done through a judicial official, such as a judge or magistrate, as per N.C. General Statute 15A-532. Many factors are considered when determining bond amounts."

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Fairmont to host America 250 celebration

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The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — The Town of Fairmont is hosting a three-day celebration for the 250th anniversary of American independence and the Fourth of July this June.

The anniversary event will begin on Friday, June 26, and run through Sunday, June 28, with unique events for each day.

Celebrations will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 26 in the Heritage Center to kick off the weekend event with an “American Pie” concert, featuring performances by Allen Hayes, Jo Jo Hammond, Jim Pate and Mary Lewis & Friends. They will perform a variety of patriotic songs for the crowd.

The “Patriots on Parade” parade will take place the following morning at 10 a.m., starting at the Town Hall parking lot. The parade will feature the 2025-

26 Farmers Festival Queens alongside decorated golf carts, public service vehicles, churches and floats from various other organizations. There will be food and craft vendors in the Town Hall parking lot after the parade.

There will also be four prize competitions on Saturday, June 27: best iced tea, Uncle Sam Dress-Up, best apple pie and most creative hot dog.

Finally, on Sunday, June 28, Fairmont will host its annual Fourth of July fire-

works show. The event will run from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with the fireworks launch planned for 10:30 p.m. The Pizazz band will be playing throughout the evening, with plenty of games, food and attractions for attending families.

For more information, contact Mayor Charles Kemp at 910-628-9766 ext. 216, or 910-740-0277.

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N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

4-H Summer Fun registration is open

LUMBERTON — Youth across 4-H are gearing up for another exciting season of learning, leadership and adventure as registration opens for Summer Fun 2026 programs. Designed for youth ages 5-18, the annual summer program series offers hands-on educational experiences, field trips, leadership opportunities, and traditional camp adventures throughout the summer months.

Robeson County 4-H Summer Fun gives young people the opportunity to explore new interests, build friendships, and develop life skills in a safe and engaging environment. Programs are open to all youth, regardless of prior 4-H experience.

This year's Summer Fun schedule will feature a variety of themed camps and activities focused on STREAM, agriculture, healthy living, outdoor recreation, cooking, biotechnology, leadership and creative arts. Popular camp experiences are expected to return, including Jr.

Chef camp, Cloverbud day camp, Jr. Master Gardener, Biotech, Adventurers, Van Camp and overnight camping opportunities. Costs include lunch, snacks, transportation, and costs associated with field trips and supplies for programs. Thanks to United Way Funds and donations, we are able to keep the fees at a reasonable level for your family.

One of two new camps we are doing this year is a mini-Jr. Chef camp focusing on bakery items, so you know this camp will be sweet. This camp is for 9-13-year-olds and will be held prior to July 4, so these little chefs will be ready to create something great for their celebrations. Also, as requested by our 4-H members, Van Camp. Van camp is for 14-18-year-olds and will be a series of trips that will allow them to learn about budgeting, navigating, and

trip planning, as well as to visit places they would not have gotten to see without this camp experience.

Summer Fun programs are designed to help youth continue learning outside the classroom while developing confidence, teamwork, communication skills and independence through experiential education. Many camps will include hands-on projects, community partnerships, and educational field trips that connect youth with careers and real-world experiences.

Programs will be offered throughout June, July and

August, with opportunities available for multiple age groups. Registration will take place through Eventbrite and youth must be actively registered on 4-H Online. Currently registration is open to 4-H members and will open to the public on May 15. Many camps are

expected to fill quickly due to limited space availability.

Robeson County 4-H has continued expanding opportunities for local youth through hands-on programming, leadership events, and seasonal activities. Families interested in participating in Summer Fun or year-round 4-H programming can contact the Robeson County 4-H office at N.C. Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center at 910-671-3276, or visit the Robeson County Extension website (robeson.ces.ncsu.edu). Registration can be found on the Robeson County 4-H app and blog as well.

For more information, please contact Shea Ann DeJarnette, 4-H youth development agent with North Carolina Cooperative Extension, Robeson County Center, at 910-671-3276, by email at Shea_Ann_DeJarnette@ncsu.edu, or visit the Extension website at <https://robeson.ces.ncsu.edu/>. Shea Ann is also licensed by the Emily Post Institute as a child etiquette teacher.

US fires on and disables 2 more Iranian tankers as tensions rise in the Strait of Hormuz

Adam Schreck, Ben Finley and Michael Miesecker
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — U.S. forces fired on and disabled two Iranian oil tankers on Friday after exchanging fire with Iranian forces in the Strait of Hormuz overnight. The United Arab Emirates, meanwhile, reported another Iranian missile and drone attack.

The attacks cast more doubt on a tenuous month-old ceasefire that the United States has insisted is still in effect. Washington is awaiting an Iranian response to its latest proposal for a deal to end the war, reopen the strait and roll back Tehran's disputed nuclear program.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said he hopes to receive “a serious offer” from Iran later Friday.

The U.S. military said Friday that its forces had disabled two Iranian tankers that were trying to breach an American blockade of Iran's ports. Hours earlier, the military said it thwarted attacks on three Navy ships and struck Iranian military facilities in the strait.

Iran has mostly blocked the critical waterway for global energy since the U.S. and Israel launched the war on Feb. 28, causing a global spike in fuel prices and rattling world markets. The U.S. has imposed its own blockade

of Iran's ports.

The UAE's Defense Ministry meanwhile said three people were wounded after air defenses engaged two ballistic missiles and three drones launched by Iran. It was not clear if all were successfully intercepted.

US says it responded to an attack in the strait

The U.S. military posted video of the two Iranian tankers as their smokestacks were struck by an American fighter jet on Friday. Earlier in the week, an American military jet shot out the rudder of a tanker the U.S. military said was attempting to breach its blockade.

Late Thursday, the U.S. military said it thwarted Iranian attacks on three Navy ships in the Strait of Hormuz and struck Iranian military facilities in response. It said no American ships were hit.

“They threaten Americans, they are going to be blown up,” Rubio told reporters Friday.

Iran's Foreign Ministry condemned what it called “hostile” U.S. military action, saying it violated the ceasefire. “Every time a diplomatic solution is on the table, the U.S. opts for a reckless military adventure,” Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi posted on X.

A U.S. strike overnight killed at least one sailor and injured 10 others

aboard a cargo vessel that caught fire, a news agency affiliated with Iran's judiciary reported. It was not clear if the ship was one of the two tankers the U.S. acknowledged striking.

U.S. President Donald Trump has insisted the ceasefire is holding. He also has reiterated threats to resume full-scale bombing if Iran doesn't accept an agreement to reopen the strait and roll back its nuclear program.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said his country has been in contact with the U.S. and Iran “day and night” in an effort to extend the ceasefire and reach a peace deal.

Images show apparent oil slick off Iranian terminal

Satellite images reviewed by The Associated Press show what appears to be an oil slick in the Persian Gulf emanating from the western side of Kharg Island, Iran's main crude export terminal.

Images taken Friday show the slick covering about 71 square kilometers (27 square miles) and appear to show oil still leaking from the terminal, said Ami Daniel, CEO of maritime intelligence firm Windward AI.

Daniel estimated that the equivalent of roughly

80,000 oil barrels has spilled from Kharg Island since the slick was first detected by satellite images Tuesday. It's unknown whether the spill was caused by a malfunction, an airstrike or something else.

“This is the risk of fighting in an oil-rich area,” said Daniel, adding that it's unlikely any cleanup efforts will be launched in Gulf waters that have become an active war zone.

He said the spill appears to be spreading southwest and within the next two weeks could potentially reach the shores of the UAE, Qatar or Saudi Arabia.

Nina Noelle, an international crisis operations expert with Greenpeace Germany, said Friday that preliminary assessment and recent images show the spill beginning to disperse and it appears unlikely that it will impact land. She said depending on wind, waves and current conditions, parts of the slick could still possibly affect some sensitive marine habitats.

“More likely, it will dissipate offshore under prevailing conditions,” Noelle said.

The Pentagon declined to comment on whether the U.S. military was tracking the spill or whether there had been

recent strikes on the Iranian island. Based on the imagery taken earlier this week, the spill occurred before the most recent round of U.S. strikes.

Rubio says ‘unacceptable’ for an Iranian agency to control strait

Rubio said Friday that it's “unacceptable” for Iran to have a government agency that vets and taxes ships seeking passage through the strait.

Lloyd's List Intelligence, a shipping data company, reported Thursday that Iran has created such an agency, known as the Persian Gulf Strait Authority.

The Iranian effort to formalize control over the channel raised new concerns about international shipping, with hundreds of commercial vessels bottled up in the Persian Gulf and unable to reach the open sea.

“Is the world going to accept that Iran now controls an international waterway?” Rubio said.

“What is the world prepared to do about it?”

Iran has effectively closed the strait, a vital waterway for the shipment of oil, gas, fertilizer and other petroleum products, while the U.S. is blockading Iranian ports.

A Chinese-crewed oil tanker was attacked near the strait. China has continued to import oil from Iran despite the effective closure of the waterway.

China's Foreign Ministry expressed concern, saying the tanker was registered in the Marshall Islands with Chinese crew on board. There were no casualties reported.

An oil tanker that passed through the Strait of Hormuz in mid-April arrived off South Korea's coast on Friday with 1 million barrels of crude. South Korea, which last year imported more than 60% of its crude through the strait, has capped prices of gasoline and other petroleum products.

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Happy Mother's Day
Irene Williams Taylor

To our mother, you are surely missed. You are still in our hearts. We love you!

Our mother taught at Hilly Branch and Fairgrove school. She is the daughter of Rev. Edgar C. Williams who was a pastor at Holy Swamp Baptist Church. His wife is Hattie Thompson-Williams (these are our grandparents). Mother belongs to the Thompson-Ashley Family!

With love from your children,
Angela (the first born), Ladsine, Byron and her niece Mary Williams Stover of Carey NC.

Editorial

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The Robesonian

HIS VIEW

Quest for birth certificate yields surprise

I am a recovering procrastinator, an affliction that impeded my development through the first third of my life, when any task that I found distasteful or potentially frustrating was punted for another day.

For me, it was a lifestyle.

Atop an always-growing need-to-do list during that phase of my life would be to study for an exam, which ultimately resulted in either an 11th-hour cram session or entering the classroom living on a prayer. The strategy served me well enough in high school, during which doting teachers provided a net, but recast me as an underachiever in college, where professors welcomed another vacant seat, and a bumpy road to graduation day and a potential career as a landscaper.



Donnie Douglas
Contributing columnist

I was, therefore, an unlikely candidate to choose a career in which I would labor under a daily deadline, but little about my life at that time followed careful contemplation. I found out quickly as a reporter and again as an editor that any task that could be completed now needed to be completed now, because in the business of news the to-do list can stack high quickly and without warning.

I often shouted just that to an idling reporter.

As an editor, I would begin each day with a to-do list and doggedly check off items as the deadline neared. But during retirement, the challenge has been to compile a to-do list, and when that has been done, rarely has there been any urgency attached.

Predictably, I have relapsed, which became clear recently when on the to-do list was to get a replica of my birth certificate so that I, on the edge of 69, could secure my first passport for a weeklong trip to Ireland where I will play a little golf, watch the Tar Heels play football and chug a lot of green beer.

Having been born in God's Country, Chapel Hill if you were not so blessed, I finally gathered the strength to go to the website for the Orange County government, click on the Register of Deeds icon, then the icon for birth, marriage and death certificates, and began what was a remarkably easy process that took less than two minutes of my life.

The questions were easy, or so I thought — my name, my parents' names, date and place of birth, daytime phone number, and mailing address, and the cost, a total of \$14, including the mailing of the certificate to my home, well within my budget.

The task was so easy that any idiot could do it, which I suspect was by design.

Shortly after the application was submitted, my cell phone lit up, and the Orange County Register of Deeds Office was displayed. I thought, and so it begins.

I was greeted by a pleasant voice, who shared the application was received, but there was a single problem. The name for my mother that I submitted and the one on the birth certificate did not match, which confused me because I was sure I knew my mother's name, Joyce Strother Douglas.

I momentarily considered I had unwittingly uncovered a dark family secret.

I asked the kind lady the name on the birth certificate and she said, Helen Strother Douglas. Helen Strother was my maternal grandmother.

Obviously the trusting sort, she offered to change it; I said please do, and the birth certificate should arrive any day.

I did ask my soon-to-be 92-year-old mother to solve the riddle, and she shared a story that is too long and winding to repeat here, but suffice it to say her father, my granddad, on the verge of being a first-time parent, answered a question wrong.

Mom was always going to be Joyce.

Next on the to-do-list is getting that passport. The trip is not until August, so there is no rush.

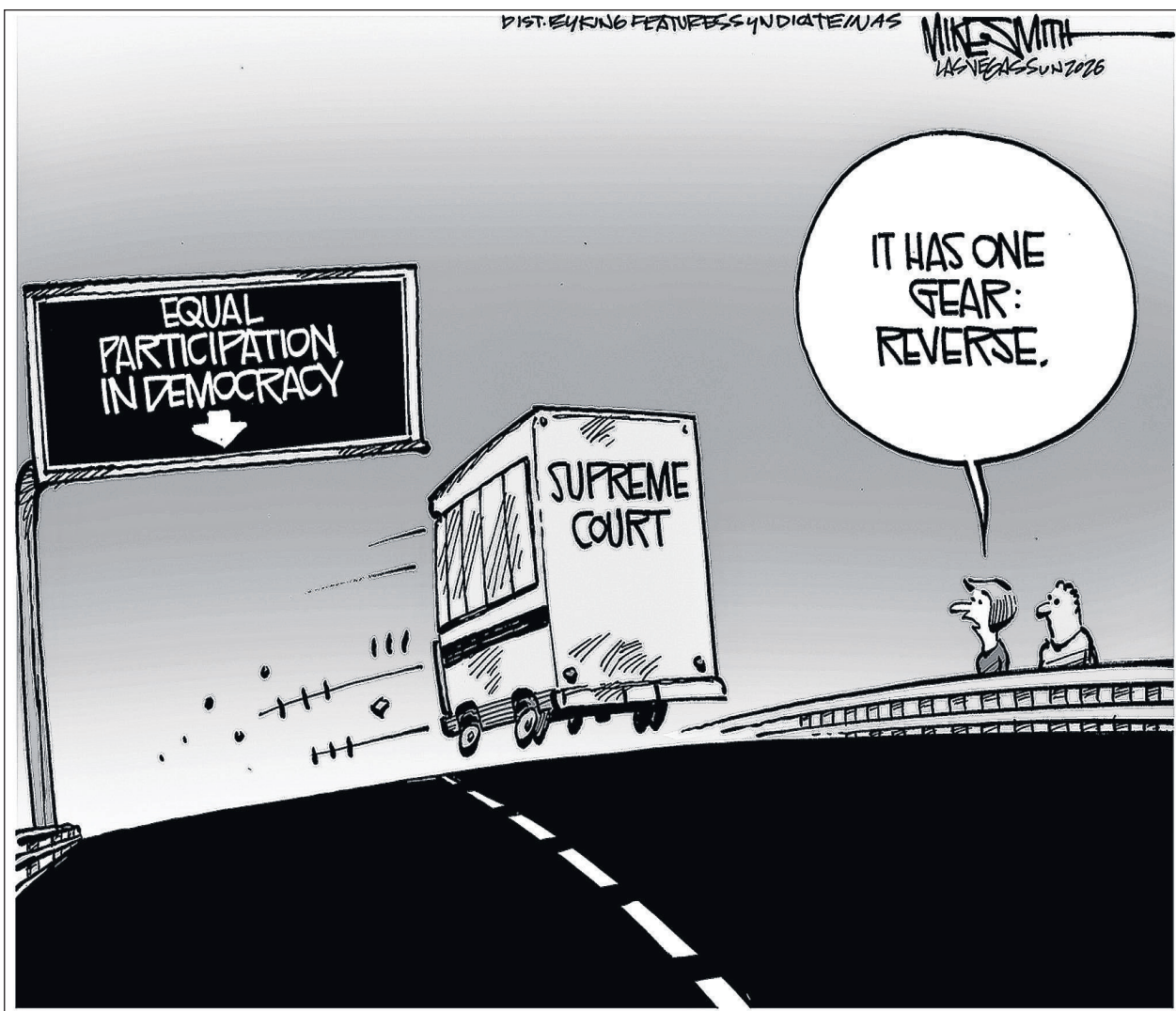
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Commissioner Edge's 'bad habit'

Dear Commissioner Edge,
I want to begin by saying that I fully support your right to freedom of speech. I believe that all of us have the right to speak our thoughts clearly, and to hope to be heard. Along with this freedom of speech, though comes responsibility and consequences.

You, Sir, have an unfortunate bad habit. You share and repost things on social media without considering the content and veracity of the post and/or the effect your reposting will have on those who read your post. As a matter of fact, you and I have had this discussion regarding two of your previous posts on social media.

Frankly, the images and language you may use in your MAGA, Republican, racist, neo-nazi and fascist chat rooms is totally inappropriate in social media, like Facebook. Comments on Facebook can be seen by

everyone in the world.

On your latest posted meme, I am certain that you cannot back up your claim within the meme that Barack Obama is indeed queer. Even more frightening, though, is your intent suggesting that any of these personal qualities were grounds, were reason, were rationale for someone to shoot at him! There are NO reasons for gun violence. None. Period. There are NO reasons for political violence.

Unfortunately, Commissioner Edge, your racist, homophobic and violent comments are now a matter of public record. Posting like this, you have done irreparable harm to the citizens of Robeson County and to Robeson County itself. Now folks outside of Robeson County will think, "Well, the Chair of their Board of Commissioners is a racist, homophobic, violent Republican. That must say something about

that community." And even worse, NO BUSINESS will consider locating in Robeson County because our community is now wrongly lumped in with your racist, homophobic and violent rhetoric.

So, Chair of the Robeson County Board of Commissioners Republican David Edge, I have some advice for you. Yeah, I know.... advice from the likes of me! My advice is simple. Knowing that you are a Rotarian: before you post anything on social media, please consider the Rotary International Four Way Test you recite at every meeting of Rotary:

*Is it the truth?
Is it fair to all concerned?
Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Jef Lambdin, Lumberton

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Assimilation policy targeted Tuscarora families

Across eastern North Carolina, the historical record reveals that the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina survived a coordinated system of assimilation rooted in the 1885 Croatan Act and the expansion of the Croatan Indian Normal School system. These programs did not simply rename a people. They sought to replace Tuscarora identity while advancing policies tied to land control and extinguishment.

The foundation for this effort appeared much earlier. A 1778 North Carolina law tied Tuscarora Indian Woods reservation claims to continued occupancy and recognition, allowing lands to be claimed if the people were considered extinct or absent. Assimilation therefore carried legal and economic incentives. By reclassifying Tuscarora families as "Croatan," the State created pathways that ultimately contributed to the loss of at least 60,000 acres of Tuscarora communal lands and resources.

Taxpayer funds sustained this system. Principal H. L. Edens, a leading official within

the Croatan school system, received state appropriations while openly describing the willingness of students to endure punishment without protest. His own statements reflected an environment centered on conditioning and submission rather than education alone. Tuscarora children often walked miles through cold and dangerous weather to attend these schools, sometimes suffering serious health consequences in the process.

Yet despite decades of reclassification efforts, investigations repeatedly continued to identify local families as Tuscarora. Reports tied the Lowrys, Oxendines, Locklears, Cumbo and other families directly to Tuscarora ancestry and migration histories. Even federal investigations conducted during the height of the Croatan program documented that community elders still openly recalled and affirmed their Tuscarora identity.

Modern international standards now reject these forms of forced assimilation. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of

Indigenous Peoples and the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples affirm that Indigenous peoples have the right to remain free from policies designed to erase, replace or dissolve their identity and cultural continuity.

The Croatan program and later policies like the Lumbee Act, attempted to erase the Tuscarora both physically and culturally through schooling, reclassification and land dispossession. Yet the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina endured. Today, the state has a responsibility not only to acknowledge this history, but to use public resources to advance reconciliation, reciprocity, healing and reaffirmation for the Tuscarora people whose identity survived despite generations of institutional pressure. The establishment and funding of a Tuscarora traditional educational center in our communities would be a good start.

Rahnà-wake-w Donnie McDowell
Co-Chair, Tuscarora Historical & Preservation Society

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Faith in AI

Have you ever typed a query into an internet search engine, scrolled a social media application, purchased something online, used direction or navigation systems (GPS) or had a word processor correct a spelling error? If you have, then you have been the beneficiary of artificial intelligence technology. Artificial intelligence, or AI, is a phrase we have heard a lot in the last two to three years, leading us to believe that it is a new phenomenon. In actuality, AI technology has been present in our lives in some capacity for many years. What we are becoming acutely aware of is a specific kind of artificial intelligence known as Generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini). The field is growing rapidly and pervasively, and for many people of faith, the advancement of the technology is happening at such a fast pace that we barely know what questions to even ask in terms of the potential impacts on religious life.

While its capabilities are staggering, so too is the level at which AI usage is permeating our lives. According to a recent publication of the Stanford University AI Index, AI usage is “ubiquitous with roughly 99% of U.S. adults using AI-enabled products — such as navigation, streaming recommendations, and chatbots — weekly. While 78% of organizations used AI in 2024, about 50% of adults reported active AI usage in a given week in early 2026, often without realizing it.” In a matter of a few years, AI has gone from something we laughed at in Hollywood productions to becoming a regular component of people’s everyday routines.

In Genesis 1:26-31, we are told that humanity was created in the image of God (the Imago Dei) and that “God looked over all He had made and saw that it was very good!” (v. 31, NLT). Those words were written and recorded at a time when their human authors could not possibly have conceived of something as technologically advanced as AI. So what are the implications of this truth in light of what we are seeing happening with a technology whose capabilities are beyond humans, which God created and deemed good?

While there is still so much to be explored and discerned by people of faith in this realm, it is important that we be mindful of some of its specific implications for religious practice and thought. There are at least five main areas of implication that I see for faith in AI. First, it forces us to be clear on what we mean when we discuss concepts like having a soul, what constitutes life or a living organism, and what can or cannot experience salvation. The debate around the cognitive abilities of AI programming, and whether its ability to think for itself constitutes individual consciousness or sentience. People of faith must be able to lean into these conversations and be involved on the front end of shaping ideas around this most basic concept of what it means to be human. A second implication is similar in that AI challenges us to consider how we establish connections with others and how we understand what relationships are. AI produces online manipulation on social media pages, while some folks are forming bonds and even erotic relationships with AI chatbots. Believers must be able to contextualize what a genuine human connection is and model healthy human bonds rather than allowing themselves to be pulled into digital distractions.

A third implication is the challenge around what constitutes wisdom and truth, and who or what is the arbiter of such truth. If someone has a question about a religious worldview or a specific religious text, does their ability to simply ask an AI replace the need to read and know Scripture for themselves? What is the necessity of personal study and reflection if you can have an answer provided for you with minimal effort? What is the role of ministers, pastors, imams, teachers, clerics and rabbis if the assumed source of “knowledge” is readily available to all? The fourth implication speaks to ethical implications in religious practice and content production. With just a few simple prompts, a preacher can have a fully fleshed-out twenty-minute sermon manuscript produced in less than ten seconds on any passage or topic, and their congregation could never know it. What are the expectations we have of our leaders around the use of this technology and ethically appropriate applications? Is the Spirit of God able to “guide” someone through the production of a sermon or study with such a tool? What is considered a divine product or a digital one?

A fifth and final implication is the environmental impacts on the created world. The data centers needed to power this amazing technology are significant drains on communities and the environment, driving up the cost of utility rates for community members and exhausting other resources. Many companies have found it advantageous to place these centers in rural areas, further taking advantage of already struggling communities. By some estimates, one data center uses as much electricity as a town with 200,000 homes! We must be able to lead the conversation around the necessity of such advancement at the cost of our most basic and treasured resources.

Given the proliferation of AI, there is still so much we don’t know about how it operates, what its limitations are, and what effects it may have on social, interpersonal, and intellectual decision-making in humans. This is a question that people of faith are not engaging enough with, though thankfully, there are writings and reflections that are beginning to populate the conversation. Whatever lies ahead, there are three things I’d suggest we all do. First, don’t ignore the reality of AI, but educate yourselves on the field and become aware of our own use of the technology. Second, we need to advocate for oversight and accountability by our leaders. And finally, we must never forget that God is sovereign, not a machine!

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church
 — Pastor: Rev. Andrew Smith
 — Address: 9677 N.C. 72, Pembroke
 — Phone Number: 910-521-7591
 — Service Schedule: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening service 6 p.m.; Wednesday service, 7:30 p.m. Services are streamed on the church’s Facebook.

— Established: 1948
 — Denomination: Independent Holiness Church
 — Favorite Scripture: Psalms 125:1-2
 “They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever.”

CHURCH CALENDAR

UPCOMING
Annual Women’s Day Program, 11 a.m., May 17: Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Proctorville will hold its annual Women’s Day Program on Sunday, May 17. Renee Steele, principal at W.H. Knuckles Elementary School, will be the guest speaker.

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 Forged against You Shall Prosper” from Doctrine and Covenants 71-75. Find details at <https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/>.

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

Crown of Life Outreach Ministries, at 114 W. Blue St. Pauls, meets each Sunday for prayer at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. Every Saturday there is prayer at noon. There is Monday Bible study at 7 p.m. Pastor Kenneth R. McAllister is the church pastor. For information, call 910-316-5712 or 910-774-6376.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Refuge Christian Center, at 111 S. Railroad St. in Rowland, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service at 11

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

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

Smyrna Baptist Church, at 8003 N.C. 211 East, Lumberton, meets for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m. 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@robsonian.com.



THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

He gathers the waters of the sea into jars;
He puts the deep into storehouses.

Psalm 33:7

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What the Medicaid deal means for the Border Belt

NC legislature approved \$319M to keep the program afloat for more than 3M recipients

Morgan Casey
Border Belt Independent

RALEIGH — Lawmakers and health officials are lauding a new deal to increase funding for Medicaid, the health care program that enrolls many low-income residents in rural southeastern North Carolina.

After a monthslong impasse, the Republican-led General Assembly approved \$319 million in additional Medicaid funding last week. Democratic Gov. Josh Stein signed the measure, House Bill 696, into law.

The money will pay additional costs associated with operating the program, which provides health care benefits to more than 3 million low-income people across the state, including over 118,000 in Bladen, Columbus, Robeson, and Scotland counties.

The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services asked lawmakers for an additional \$819 million last year for a Medicaid “rebase” to offset a shortfall created by increased costs. The legislature provided \$500 million in July 2025 as part of a “mini budget.” House Bill 696 closed the remaining gap.

North Carolina has the seventh-highest Medicaid enrollment in the country, according to data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Enrollment has steadily increased over the years, most sharply after the state passed Medicaid expansion in 2023.

In the Border Belt, 66,000 Robeson County residents are enrolled in Medicaid, about 57% of the total population. It's the eighth-highest total enrollment across North Carolina's 100 counties. About 50% of Scotland County residents are enrolled in Medicaid, and 47% in Bladen County.

“Ensuring North Carolina's Medicaid program is properly funded is critical to supporting the individuals and families who rely on it every day,” Rep. John Lowery, a Robeson County Republican and the chairman of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, posted to Facebook on April 29.

Medicaid costs have steadily increased since 2020, according to annual reports from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. In 2020, the program's total expenditures were over \$16.82 billion. In 2024, North Carolina spent more than \$27.7 billion on the program.

Federal and state governments split Medicaid costs. In 2024, the federal government gave more than \$18.8 billion to North Carolina for Medicaid, according to the annual reports, while the state provided over \$8.91 billion.

North Carolina's Medicaid costs are expected to increase by millions annually starting in 2027 as the state implements provisions of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act, according to a fiscal note attached to House Bill 696. The legislation

expanded the population that must meet work requirements and increased the number of times officials must certify someone is still eligible for benefits. It didn't provide any funding to states to implement the requirements.

House Bill 696 requires Medicaid applicants to meet the requirements for at least three months before applying. It's significantly stricter than the federal one-month lookback period, which most states plan to follow, according to a poll by KFF.

Some of the program's rising costs stem from applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy, a treatment for children with autism and other developmental disorders, according to an analysis by NC Health News. The state cut ABA services late last year, but a lawsuit forced the it to reverse the cuts.

Part of House Bill 696 restricts what kind of ABA therapy Medicaid will pay for, including limiting the amount of telehealth used and requiring more services to be given by specific providers.

The recently passed Medicaid funding is welcome news to Trillium Health Resources, which manages behavioral health and developmental disabilities services for Medicaid recipients across eastern North Carolina.

“This funding represents an important step in maintaining access to care for those who rely on Medicaid,” Joy

Futrell, the organization's chief executive officer, said in a news release. “Providers rely on sufficient and predictable funding so they can continue delivering high-quality services to communities across North Carolina.”

Provisions in House Bill 696 require the state Department of Health and Human Services to create an annual Medicaid “fraud, waste, and abuse” report for the General Assembly's Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Medicaid and the Fiscal Research Division. The legislation also directs the department to create a plan to improve “integrity, cost-savings, and efficiency measures in the Medicaid program.”

“While Medicaid costs continue to rise, I strongly believe the oversight measures included in [House Bill] 696 will help lower the state's long-term Medicaid spending and ensure taxpayer dollars are being used responsibly,” Rep. Brenden Jones, the House majority leader representing Robeson and Columbus counties, said in a written statement.

Under the new law, the state Department of Health and Human Services must review Medicaid recipients' eligibility every month, instead of quarterly.

Any applicant whose citizenship or immigration status cannot be verified “shall promptly” be referred to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security,

according to the law.

Under the new law, North Carolina becomes the 11th state in the country to not offer Medicaid to immigrant children and pregnant women who are legally in the United States but aren't citizens. Stein said nearly 27,000 pregnant women and children legally in North Carolina, “including victims of human trafficking, green card holders, and refugees,” will lose their health coverage because of the legislation. He called on state lawmakers to “fix this issue” during the ongoing short session.

Stein also noted that the law increases copayments for Medicaid expansion beneficiaries for certain services to the maximum allowed under federal law. Under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, those covered under Medicaid expansion can be charged up to \$35 for certain services.

Stein also took issue with what he called “onerous red tape” the bill places on beneficiaries, which he said will force people to wait months for services they are eligible to receive.

“Nevertheless, this bill moves North Carolina forward by addressing many critical needs facing state government and the people we serve,” Stein said.

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YOUR NEWSPAPER: TEXTBOOK TO THE WORLD

OPEN LETTER TO LUMBEE TRIBAL MEMBERS & VOTERS

Did you know that the Lumbee Tribe Constitution requires a referendum among the members to authorize gaming in our territory?

- this declares the approval of gaming to be of fundamental importance, to be decided by the people
- the referendum it requires must have at least 30% participation by tribal members to be valid, guaranteeing a public and vigorous debate among Lumbees

Did you know that the Lumbee Chairman and Tribal Council have proposed an amendment to the Lumbee Constitution to strip out this requirement for a referendum to authorize gaming?

- if adopted, this amendment would deprive membership of its right to have the rigorous debate to authorize gaming in a referendum
- this amendment can be adopted by a simple majority with no minimum voter participation, by a small handful of members and little or no debate

Did you know that the Lumbee tribal government has already scheduled this vote for June 23, with little or no public debate or knowledge?

- if this quiet, quick vote succeeds, **there will be no debate about gaming among our people and no referendum to authorize it**
- this proposed amendment also includes others that would place full power to approve and control gaming in our territory in the Chairman and Tribal Council to negotiate and approve gaming contracts

A group of concerned Lumbee citizens, who oppose this power grab, have organized to encourage the debate among our people on this important issue. We call ourselves **LUMBEEES UNITED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY**. And one of our members has launched a website to provide information about this proposed amendment called **VoteNoDemandBetter.com**. Visit our website, join us, make your voice heard, and preserve the integrity of our Constitution. **Please visit our booth as we gather on May 16 to celebrate Lumbee Recognition!**

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Chair: Dr. JoAnn Lowery
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Co-Secretaries: Louise Mitchell, Robin Branch



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Pat Hash, left, a retired U.S. Army chaplain, prays during the National Day of Prayer event Thursday at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.



First responders pray during the National Day of Prayer event Thursday at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

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Taylor McCullen plays the bagpipes during the National Day of Prayer event Thursday at the Carolina Civic Center in Lumberton.

Prayer

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White House to our state, county and town officials. We ask for Your wisdom to guide them in all that they do, strengthen each leader with resolve to do what is best for the country, and give each leader Your wisdom, discernment and guidance as they lead.”

Hash also prayed for the military and first responders as part of his segment, “Prayer for Our Nation.” This was one of six segments with a

specific theme; Michael Christian, pastor of St. Mary’s Holiness Church, led a prayer for the government.

“Our prayers today are not about politics; it’s about people,” Christian said during his prayer. “It’s about the men and women who carry the weight of leadership, those who must take and make decisions that affect millions.”

Mark Peterson, associate pastor of PowerPoint Church, prayed for children and families; Hedrick Jones, president of Native American Fellowship, prayed for business-

es; Jami Lewter, pastor of Trinity Holiness Church, prayed for churches; and Jimmy Hunt, the Robeson County Sheriff’s Office chaplain, prayed for the community.

“Father, You’re a God that knows all today, and so Father, we ask that you visit every community that’s in Robeson County,” Hunt prayed. “We ask that you visit these communities, and we ask that You place a guiding light in these communities.”

Children from the First Presbyterian Weekday School led the Pledge of Allegiance and sang two patriotic songs,

Taylor McCullen played “Amazing Grace” on the bagpipes and Eric Chavis, a member of the Lumberton City Council and Lumbee Tribal Council, sang the national anthem and “God Bless America.”

Mayor Bruce Davis, in closing remarks, seemed to have enjoyed the event.

“Let’s do this every week,” Davis said. “We’re going to find reasons to come back because this has been wonderful.”

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Race

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17, 2025, the state board sent the case back to the county board for further consideration and advised the county that federal law, which states that disabled individuals may receive assistance casting their ballot from anyone of their choosing, takes precedence.

The county board’s hearing on Jan. 9 included testimony from two employees of the assisted living facility and a repeat visitor to the facility. That testimony was included in the record to be reviewed by the state board before the Feb. 25 hearing, and heard arguments from attorneys representing Sumpter, Burney and Disability Rights NC.

Sumpter and Burney, both Red Springs commissioners, were running to replace longtime mayor Edward “Chub” Henderson, who chose not to seek reelection. Henderson will remain mayor until Sumpter is sworn in. Burney’s term on the Board of Commissioners continues through 2027.

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Locklear

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Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to a report of multiple people shot on the 100 block of Randy Street. Ryan Locklear and Mitchell were both found dead at the scene, and Inman’s body was later found at a separate location nearby.

Dekota Locklear filed for a speedy trial in December, claiming reasons of prolonged incarceration, anxiety over unresolved charges and the impairment of the ability to prepare defense due to the passage of time.

Family members of the victims said that justice was not served with the jury’s decision to acquit Dekota Locklear.

“I know today we did not get a justice for lives he choses to take. In my heart, I know he’ll eventually get justice,” Brittany Locklear, whose brother was killed, told WPDE.

UFO files shed light on sightings, leave interpretation to public

Seung Min Kim and Collin Binkley
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buzz Aldrin observing a “fairly bright light source” while aboard the Apollo 11. A mysterious object making “multiple 90-degree turns” at a speedy clip. A blaringly bright object doing corkscrew twists over the skies in Kazakhstan.

Those are some of the details in a new batch of files on UFOs that the Pentagon began releasing on Friday as President Donald Trump taps into the public’s long-held curiosities about “unidentified anomalous phenomena” in the broader universe. Though the Pentagon has been working on declassifying the documents for years, Trump put attention back on the topic months ago by teasing a major UFO document dump.

“Whereas previous Administrations have failed to be transparent on this subject, with these new Documents and Videos, the people can decide for themselves, ‘WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON?’ Have Fun and Enjoy!” Trump wrote Friday in a Truth Social post.

Trump’s Republican administration says the public can draw its own conclusions with the information in the files, which includes old State Department cables, FBI documents and transcripts from NASA of crewed flights into space. A new Pentagon website housing the documents on UAPs has a decidedly retro feel, with black-and-white military imagery of flying objects displayed prominently on the page, with statements displayed in typewriter-like font.

The files reflect cases that the government deems unresolved, meaning that for a variety of reasons they couldn’t be explained with certainty. The Pentagon described the files as new and “nev-



Files on UFOs, released Friday by the Pentagon, are photographed in Washington.

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er-before-seen,” though some had been made public years ago.

Experts urge caution around the release of the new files, warning that UAP videos are often misinterpreted and mischaracterized by those unfamiliar with military technology. A 2024 Pentagon report rebutted claims that the U.S. government has recovered alien technology or confirmed evidence of alien life.

Files describe numerous sightings of UAPs

The initial release is a trove of videos, other imagery and testimony that is sure to stir more speculation among those who believe we are not alone in the universe.

For instance, a State Department cable from the U.S. Embassy in Tajikistan in 1994 details how one Tajik pilot and three Americans saw a brightly lit UAP while flying a jet over Kazakhstan. The object, according to the cable, was “making 90 degree turns, doing corkscrews and maneuvering in circles at great rates of speed.”

That’s not the only instance of erratically moving objects cited in the document release. A military report from the Aegean Sea in 2023 cited a UAP flying just above the surface of the ocean

and making “multiple 90-degree turns at an estimated 80 mph” (129 km/h).

One interview with a U.S. intelligence official details an incident last year in which the official, doing a search on a helicopter, encountered a “super-hot” orb hovering over the ground, traveling about 20 miles (32 kilometers) at a speedy clip, then spotted four or five more orbs that flared up and down.

In a 1969 debriefing of Apollo 11 crew members, the astronaut Aldrin recalled spotting several unusual sights, such as a “sizeable” object close to the moon and a “fairly bright light source” that the crew felt could be a laser.

One document details an FBI interview with someone identified as a drone pilot who, in September 2023, reported seeing a “linear object” with a light bright enough to “see bands within the light” in the sky.

“The object was visible for five to ten seconds and then the light went out and the object vanished,” according to the FBI interview.

Another file is a NASA photograph from the Apollo 17 mission in 1972, showing three dots in a triangular formation. The Pentagon says in an

accompanying caption that “there is no consensus about the nature of the anomaly” but that a new, preliminary analysis indicated that it could be a “physical object.”

The documents include more than 20 video files showing unidentified objects captured by military sensors in locations from Syria and Japan to North America. The objects range from fast-moving specks captured in the distance to a football-shaped object spotted over the East China Sea in 2022. The most recent video is from Jan. 1 of this year and appears to show two circular lights flying against an inky black backdrop in North America.

Several files include military videos from the past several years that showed small ambiguous dots moving above the landscapes of Iraq, Syria and the United Arab Emirates. The white objects sometimes streaked across the screen in less than a second, while others slowly glided through the air or were followed by the camera.

Other files include written reports from U.S. military service members who were surveilling locations in the Middle East. One report described an object that

was “shaped as a bouncy ball” and traveling 483 mph (777 km/h) consistently for at least seven minutes over Syria in 2023.

The object was later determined to be benign.

Among the files are hundreds of pages detailing reported sightings dating to the 1940s. A 1948 report from U.S. airmen in the Netherlands raised concerns about recurring flying saucer sightings. Swedish counterparts saw them, too, and believed they did not come from “any presently known culture on earth,” the report said.

One military video that quickly caught attention on Friday appears to show an aircraft shaped like an eight-pointed star weaving through the air.

The video, from 2013 in the Middle East, is probably nothing more than a hot jet engine producing a diffraction pattern in the camera, said Sean Kirkpatrick, a former director of the Pentagon’s All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office, which investigates UAP.

Kirkpatrick said there’s nothing unexpected in the release and warned that without analysis it will “only serve to fuel more speculation, conspiracy and arm-chair pseudoscience.”

Hundreds march for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People awareness

Tasha Oxendine
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Hundreds of families took to the streets of Pembroke Tuesday afternoon to honor the memories of their loved ones and to bring awareness at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People (MMIW/P) March and Ceremony. The annual event welcomed dozens of individual families who carried signs and photographs of their sons, daughters, fathers, mothers and families. Some are looking for justice, some are still looking for their family members while others just want people to remember their loved ones.

The walk ended at the



Family of Kayla Hammonds at Tuesday's march in downtown Pembroke to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People.

Milton R. Hunt Memorial Park in Pembroke where some of the families shared their stories. Virginia Locklear, executive director of the Rape Crisis Center of Robeson County, talked about the staggering number of Native women who are victims of sexual assault or domestic

violence. She also said agencies are fighting for accurate data at the county and state level.

This event is part of a national movement. The mission of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People (MMIW/P) is to spread awareness of Indigenous women/people that have



Hundreds march in downtown Pembroke to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women/People on Tuesday. Photos courtesy of Lumbee Tribe

been murdered or have gone missing across the United States. Along with acknowledgement, there is a push to provide support to the families of the victims and encourage tribal

communities to come together to take a stand in support of protecting Native women, children, and families.

The event was sponsored by the Lumbee Tribe of North

Carolina, Native Visions Magazine and the Town of Pembroke.

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Locklear, chairman of the board's Constitution and Ordinance Committee, said during that meeting, reading from the ordinance to advance the amendment to a public vote.

The amendment does remove the language from Article VIII of the Tribal Constitution which states that any ordinance involving gaming requires a public referendum, but does so as the amendment itself serves as a de facto authorization of gaming on tribal territory.

If the Tribe had simply presented its members with a referendum vote of "do you authorize gaming?" an ordinance would have still be required to create a regulatory body, Baker said, as required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. This way, Baker said, the amendment itself, which creates that regulatory process, now also sits in the hands of the Lumbee voting public.

A regulatory ordinance would also be subject to legal challenges, Baker said, while a constitutional amendment passed by referendum would have a more firm legal standing.

Voters must have resided in their district for 30 days prior to the election, except for voters who live outside tribal territory and shall make a permanent declaration of their historical family home district within tribal territory, the election board said.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the day of the election.

Absentee ballots can be requested beginning on Monday, and requests must be received before 5 p.m. on Friday, May 22. Absentee ballot request forms are available on the Lumbee Tribe Election Board Facebook page and can be printed, completed and returned to the board; absentee ballots can also be requested by calling the election board office at 910-522-5469

beginning on Monday.

Any appeal of the outcome must be made within five working days after certification by the election board.

Lumbee Holdings, the for-profit arm of the Lumbee Tribe, bought 240 acres of land in an area just off Interstate 95 near exit 10 for \$6.8 million in December. The intended use of the land is for a casino and resort, which could include restaurants, business space, entertainment venues and even a golf course, should the public authorize gaming in the referendum. Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery has previously stated that if the public votes no on gaming, the land would be used for other economic development projects.

A casino and the surrounding entertainment district would create up to 3,000 jobs, according to reporting by the Border Belt Independent.

Tribal enrollment rolls to close for special election

Lumbee Tribal Rolls will close on Friday, May 22, in preparation for the special election, in accordance with Tribal law.

The Online Enrollment Portal will close on Wednesday, to allow adequate time for processing online updates. Tribal members may continue to update their enrollment information in person through May 22.

The Lumbee Tribe Enrollment Office will be open on Saturday, May 16, from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. exclusively for tribal citizens needing to pick up updated enrollment cards. No enrollment updates will be processed during these Saturday hours.

Please note that updated enrollment cards must be picked up in person to complete the update process. All updated cards must be picked up by 5 p.m. on May 22 in order to vote in the special election.

Without an updated enrollment card, tribal citizens will be unable to vote in the Lumbee election.

LRDA announces schedule for 57th Lumbee Homecoming

Celebration features new events, enhanced experiences, launch of Lumbee Homecoming Podcast Series

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) announced Thursday the Schedule of Events for the 57th annual Lumbee Homecoming, marking another historic year in the celebration of Lumbee culture, heritage, unity and community pride. Lumbee Homecoming will run from Friday, June 26 to Saturday, July 4.

As one of the largest and most anticipated Native American cultural celebrations in the Southeast, the 2026 Lumbee Homecoming promises to be one of the most exciting and memorable celebrations yet. This year's event lineup will feature beloved traditions alongside several new and exciting additions designed to enhance the experience for attendees of all ages.

Each year, Lumbee Homecoming draws thousands of visitors, tribal citizens, families and supporters from across the Southeast and throughout the country to Pembroke for a week-long celebration rooted in tradition, fellowship, and cultural pride.

Community members and visitors can expect a week filled with cultural events, entertainment, pageantry, family activities, food, music, and opportunities to celebrate the rich history and vibrant future of the Lumbee Tribe.

Among the updates for this year's celebration are changes to the fireworks schedule, along with the introduction of several new events that will continue to elevate the Lumbee Homecoming experience and engage the community in fresh and

meaningful ways. The fireworks show, which has been on the final day of Homecoming in recent years, will now be at 9 p.m. on the first day of Lumbee Homecoming on Friday, June 26.

In addition, LRDA is excited to announce the upcoming launch of the Lumbee Homecoming Podcast Series 2026, a special new media initiative that will spotlight the people, stories, and traditions that make Lumbee Homecoming one of the most celebrated Native American gatherings in the Southeast.

The podcast series will feature:

- Exclusive interviews with event organizers

- Conversations with community leaders and special guests

- Behind-the-scenes insights into Homecoming events

- Stories from Lumbee citizens and families

- Highlights celebrating the history and evolution of Lumbee Homecoming

The podcast series is being created to commemorate this historic year and provide the community with a deeper connection to the events and individuals that continue to shape the Lumbee legacy for generations to come.

"This year's Lumbee Homecoming represents more than a celebration — it is a reflection of our resilience, growth, culture, and the strength of our people," said Natascha Tilson, CEO of LRDA. "We are thrilled to introduce new experiences while honoring the traditions that generations have cherished for more than five decades. We look forward to welcoming visitors from across the Southeast and



John Oxendine walks in the Lumbee Homecoming parade on July 6, 2024, in Pembroke. The Robesonian file photo

beyond to experience the very best of Lumbee culture and community."

The official Schedule of Events will be released across LRDA platforms and social media channels. Community members are encouraged to stay connected for additional announcements, event details, special guests, and more information regarding the Lumbee Homecoming Podcast Series 2026.

The 57th annual Lumbee Homecoming is expected to draw thousands of attendees from across the Southeast and throughout the country as Lumbee citizens and supporters return home to celebrate culture, community, and tradition together.

Other notable events on the calendar during Lumbee Homecoming include:

- Lumbee Homecoming 575 Kick-Off Celebration, 7 p.m., Friday, June 26, LRDA Homecoming Field, Pembroke

- Lumbee Warriors Association Veterans Ball, 6 p.m., Saturday, June 27, Southeastern Agricultural Center, Lumberton

- Lumbee Homecoming Gospel Singing, 6 p.m., Sunday, June 28, Reedy Branch Baptist Church, Fairmont

- Little Miss and Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant, 6:30 p.m., Monday, June 29, Givens Performing Arts Center, UNC Pembroke

- Lumbee Elders Luncheon, 12 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, Southeastern Agricultural Center, Lumberton

- Who's Your People? A Brief History of the Lumbee Tribe with Dr. Lawrence Locklear, 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, Museum of the Southeast American Indian, Old Main, UNC Pembroke

- State of the Tribe Address, 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 30, Boys & Girls Club, Pembroke

- Teen Miss and Miss Lumbee Pageant, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, July 2, Givens Performing Arts Center, UNC Pembroke

- Summer Jam Concert, 6 p.m., Friday, July 3, Milton Hunt Memorial Park, Pembroke

- 5K Run-Walk, 6:30 a.m. Saturday, July 4, Southeastern Fitness Center, Lumberton

- Lumbee Homecoming 575 Carnival Extravaganza, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Saturday, July 4, LRDA Office Complex Field, Pembroke

- Lumbee Homecoming Parade, 10 a.m., Saturday, July 4, West Third Street, Pembroke

- Vintage Car Show, 11 a.m., Saturday, July 4, Annex Building Parking Lot, UNC Pembroke

- Native Strong Coalition Powwow, 1 p.m., Saturday, July 4, Quad Area, UNC Pembroke

- All Veteran Parachute Team Sky Show, 2 p.m., Saturday, July 4, Behind LRDA Office Complex, Pembroke

- Annual Outdoor Gospel Sing, 6 p.m., Saturday, July 4, LRDA Office Complex, Pembroke

- Season Premiere of Lumbee Historical Drama "Strike at the Wind," 7 p.m., Saturday, July 4, Adolph Dial Amphitheater, Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center, Maxton

For updates and additional information, follow LRDA on social media and visit official LRDA communication platforms.

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Married couple Ashley and Damian Ransom to cross stage together at UNCP Commencement

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — When Ashley and Damian Ransom cross the stage at UNC Pembroke's Spring Commencement on Saturday, they'll do so not just as graduates — but as husband and wife.

The Fairmont couple are life partners and will soon become partners in one of their greatest shared accomplishments. Earning their degrees together wasn't always part of the plan. It simply worked out.

"I started, and he started right after me," Ashley said. "Then it just lined up where we could graduate at the same time. It worked out."

But behind that timing is a journey defined by perseverance, support and transformation.

Ashley, a business administration major, returned to UNCP in 2023 after earning an associate degree from Robeson Community College. Working full-time in the banking industry, she balanced a full course load while continuing to build her career.

"I've always stayed busy," she said. "Taking four classes per semester while working — it wasn't easy, but I was able to manage it."

Damian, a criminal justice major and Navy veteran, began his UNCP journey while deployed in 2021. After serving six years in the Navy — including deployments to the Middle East, Persian Gulf and Mediterranean — he returned home and committed to finish-



Damian and Ashley Ransom will graduate from UNC Pembroke together on Saturday.

Photo courtesy of UNCP

ing his degree.

The couple credits one another for helping them reach this milestone.

"She's the reason why I came back to school," Damian said. "There was a point where I thought about quitting, but she encouraged me to keep going. I'm so glad she did — now here we are at the finish line."

Together, they balanced school, work, family and the anticipation of a new addition to their family.

"We pushed one another," Damian said. "We encouraged one another through it all."

While their shared graduation is

meaningful, Damian's journey adds a powerful layer to their story.

As a child, he struggled with behavior and spent time in the juvenile system, facing suspensions and instability at home. At one point, he said, college felt completely out of reach.

"I didn't know what college was at the time," Damian said. "I looked at it as something so far out of my grasp."

A turning point came in middle school, when a group of mentors stepped in to support him and help reshape his path. Later, a guardian, Danny Williams — a UNCP graduate — continued to guide and encourage him.

"That changed my way of thinking," Damian said. "He showed me that if he could do it, I could do it."

Today, Damian is preparing to begin a career in criminal justice, with hopes of becoming a probation officer — motivated by a desire to give back.

"I want to let young people know, don't let your past define you," he said. "No matter what you're going through, you can make it."

For both Ashley and Damian, graduation represents more than personal achievement — it marks a generational milestone.

Neither of Ashley's parents attended college, and Damian said he is the only one in his immediate family to earn a degree.

"It means a lot," Ashley said. "My family is very proud, and I hope it inspires others to go back and finish their degrees."

Damian echoed that sentiment.

"For our kids to look at us and say, 'If they can do it, we can do it,' — that's everything," he said. "It's a generational change."

As they prepare for commencement day, the moment feels both surreal and emotional.

"It's something I've never done before ... completing something I started," Damian said. "And to have my spouse with me, it just intensifies that feeling."

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Amidou caps standout UNCP career with academic, athletic honors

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For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Eugenie "Genie" Amidou arrived at UNC Pembroke with a dream shared by many young soccer players growing up in Canada — the opportunity to compete in the United States.

Four years later, she leaves as one of the program's most well-rounded student-athletes, excelling on the field, in the classroom and in research.

"It's a real big accomplishment," Amidou said. "I've worked so hard in my life to get where I'm at... just the fact that I am here, graduating after four years, is really a big accomplishment."

Amidou will be among the 1,173 graduates participating in Spring Commencement, including 656 undergraduates on Saturday and 517 from The William Howard Dean Graduate School on Friday.

A native of Montreal with roots in Brazil and Gabon, Amidou faced early challenges adjusting to a new country, a new academic system and a third language.

"As a freshman, it was hard with the language barrier, classes and adapting," Amidou said. "I knew I had to focus on getting my grades up and focus on going to medical school."

That focus paid off. A biology major and Esther Maynor Honors student, Amidou became deeply involved in research, presenting her work at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Pittsburgh. Along the way, she developed skills that will carry into her future in medicine.

"In the beginning, speaking in public was not my strong suit," she said.

"Now, I love speaking in public... I am comfortable now speaking in English in front of a crowd."

Her growth did not go unnoticed by the faculty. Dr. Silvia Smith, her research mentor, described Amidou as uniquely prepared for the next step.

"Genie possesses a cocktail of qualities... she is self-driven, self-disciplined and organized," Smith said. "Her intellectual and critical-thinking ability, combined with her compassion and empathy, will make her a capable and caring physician."

On the field, Amidou was just as impactful. A four-year starter, team captain and three-time conference champion, she earned multiple All-Conference honors while anchoring the team's midfield.

"She's one of the most underrated players," head coach Lars Andersson said. "She doesn't always show up on the stat sheet, but her work ethic and ability to secure our defense make her incredibly important to our team."

Andersson also pointed to her growth beyond athletics.

"Genie has been everything you want in a student-athlete," he said. "She's an outstanding student, an outstanding player and represents the university in such a positive way."

Amidou was named a Murphy Osborne Award finalist by Conference Carolinas, an honor recognizing the league's top student-athletes who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics and character.

Balancing athletics, academics and research required discipline — something Amidou embraced.

"I learned how to manage my time," she said. "I had to focus on my work

and what I needed to do to reach my goals."

Now, Amidou is preparing for the next chapter, with plans to pursue medical school and eventually become an


OB-GYN, driven by a desire to address disparities in women's healthcare.

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Eugenie Amidou is graduating from UNC Pembroke with a degree in biology.



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UNC Health Southeastern has received an "A" Hospital Safety Grade from The Leapfrog Group, a national nonprofit that rates hospitals on how well they protect patients from harm. The Spring 2026 grade recognizes hospitals that work to prevent medical errors, infections, injuries, and accidents.

"An 'A' Grade is a strong sign that UNC Health Southeastern is deeply committed to protecting patients from harm," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We commend the leadership, board, clinicians, staff and volunteers for the role each played in earning this distinction."

What This Means for Patients and Community

The new "A" grade is a sign of sustained progress over multiple grading cycles, not just a one-time fix. It reflects better performance in areas such as infection prevention, safe surgery and treatment practices, systems that reduce the chance of errors, and early response to serious conditions like sepsis.

"In a community like ours, where the need is great and the stakes are high, this achievement says something very important: our patients are receiving care that meets the highest standards in the country right here at UNC Health Southeastern," said UNC Health Southeastern President & CEO Chris Ellington.

For the community, UNC Health Southeastern's new "A" from The Leapfrog Group signals that the hospital has put stronger safety systems in place and is performing among the better hospitals nationwide on key patient safety measures.


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Virginia Supreme Court strikes down Democrats' redrawn US House maps, giving Republicans a win

David A. Lieb and Geoff Mulvihill

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — The Virginia Supreme Court on Friday struck down a voter-approved Democratic congressional redistricting plan, delivering another major setback to the party in a nationwide battle against Republicans for an edge in this year's midterm elections.

The court ruled 4-3 that the state's Democratic-led legislature violated procedural requirements when it placed the constitutional amendment on the ballot to authorize mid-decade redistricting. Voters narrowly approved the amendment on April 21, but the court's ruling renders the vote's result meaningless.

Writing for the majority, Justice D. Arthur Kelsey wrote that the legislature submitted the proposed constitutional amendment to voters "in an unprecedented manner."

"This violation irreparably undermines the integrity of the resulting referendum vote and renders it null and void," he wrote.

Democrats had hoped to win as many as four additional U.S. House seats under Virginia's redrawn map as part of an attempt to offset Republican redistricting done elsewhere at the urging of President Donald Trump. Later Friday, Virginia Democrats said in a filing that they intended to file an emergency appeal of the state high court's decision with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Friday's ruling, combined with a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that severely weakened the Voting Rights Act, has supercharged Republicans' congressional gerrymandering advantage heading

into this year's midterm elections.

"Huge win for the Republican Party, and America, in Virginia," Trump said about the decision on his social media account.

Richard Hudson, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said the ruling was another sign of GOP momentum heading into the midterms.

"We're on offense, and we're going to win," he said in a statement.

Don Scott, the Democratic speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates, said Democrats respect the court's opinion but lamented that it overturned the will of the voters: "They voted YES because they wanted to fight back against the Trump power grab."

Suzan DelBene, chairwoman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, criticized the court majority for what she said was a decision that "cast aside the will of the voters," but she said the people will have the final say.

"In November, they will, and they'll power Democrats to the House majority," she said in a statement.

A longshot Democratic appeal

Democrats are taking a legal longshot in asking the nation's highest court to reverse the Virginia ruling. The U.S. Supreme Court tries to avoid second-guessing state courts' interpretations of their own constitutions. In 2023, it turned down a request by North Carolina Republicans to overrule a state Supreme Court decision that blocked the GOP's congressional map. Still, even an unsuccess-



A person votes in the Virginia redistricting referendum at Fairfax Government Center, April 21 in Fairfax, Virginia.

Julia Demaree Nikhinson | AP Photo

ful appeal would let Democrats try to blame their failure on the conservative majority that dominates the nation's highest court, which has already infuriated the party and civil rights groups by neutering the Voting Rights Act.

Legislative voting districts typically are redrawn once a decade after each census to account for population changes. But Trump sparked an unusual flurry of mid-decade redistricting last year by encouraging Republican officials in Texas to redraw districts in a bid to win several additional U.S. House seats and hold on to their party's narrow majority in the midterm elections.

California responded with new voter-approved districts drawn to Democrats' advantage, and Utah's top court imposed a new congressional map that also helps Democrats. Meanwhile, Republicans stand to gain from new House districts passed in Florida, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Tennessee. They could add even more after the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the Voting Rights Act case, which has prompted some other Republican states to consider redrawing their maps in time for

this year's elections.

Virginia is currently represented in the U.S. House by six Democrats and five Republicans, all elected from districts imposed by a court following a bipartisan redistricting commission's failure to agree on a map after the 2020 census. The new districts could have given Democrats an improved chance to win all but one of the state's 11 congressional seats.

The state Supreme Court's majority was critical of the state's redrawing of the congressional maps to benefit one political party. Those justices noted that 47% of the state's voters supported GOP congressional candidates in 2024, but the new map could result in Democrats making up 91% of the state's House delegation.

What was in the Democrats' map

Under the Democratic-drawn map, five districts would have been anchored in the Democratic stronghold of northern Virginia. Revisions to four other districts across Richmond, southern Virginia and Hampton Roads would have diluted the voting power of conservative blocs in those areas. And a reshaped district in parts of western Virginia would

have lumped together three Democratic-leaning college towns to offset other Republican voters.

The state Supreme Court's seven justices are appointed by the state legislature, which has toggled back and forth between Democratic, Republican and split control over recent years. Legal experts say the body doesn't have a set ideological profile.

The case before the court focused not on the shape of the new districts but rather on the process the General Assembly used to authorize them.

Because the state's redistricting commission was established by a voter-approved constitutional amendment, lawmakers had to propose an amendment to redraw the districts. That required approval of a resolution in two separate legislative sessions, with a state election sandwiched in between, to place the amendment on the ballot.

The legislature's initial approval of the amendment occurred last October, during early voting for the general election, before it concluded. The legislature's second vote on the amendment occurred after a new legislative session began in January. Lawmakers also approved a separate bill in February laying out the new districts, subject to voter approval of the constitutional amendment.

Arguments over the definition of 'election'

Judicial arguments focused on whether the legislature's initial approval of the amendment came too late, because early voting already had begun.

Attorney Matthew Seligman, who defended the legislature, argued that the "election" should be

defined narrowly to mean the Tuesday of the general election. In that case, the legislature's first vote on the redistricting amendment occurred before the election and was constitutional, he told judges.

But in its ruling, the Supreme Court said, "this view appears to be wholly unprecedented in Virginia's history."

An attorney for the plaintiffs, Thomas McCarthy, argued an "election" should be interpreted to cover the entire period during which voters can cast ballots, which lasts several weeks in Virginia. If that's the case, he told justices, then the legislature's initial endorsement of the redistricting amendment came too late to comply with the state constitution.

The Supreme Court agreed with that argument, writing: "The General Assembly passed the proposed constitutional amendment for the first time well after voters had begun casting ballots during the 2025 general election."

By the time lawmakers initially endorsed the amendment, voters already had cast more than 1.3 million ballots in the general election, about 40% of the total votes ultimately cast, the court said.

The Supreme Court's ruling affirms a decision by a judge in rural Tazewell County, in southwestern Virginia. The court had placed a hold on that ruling and allowed the redistricting vote to proceed before hearing arguments on the case.

In the dissent to Friday's ruling, Chief Justice Cleo Powell said the election for the purpose of considering the amendment does not include the early voting period.

LUMBEE TRIBE ELECTIONS BOARD DISTRICTS AND LOCATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION



VOTING DATE : TUESDAY JUNE 23, 2026

Polls will open @ 6:30 a.m. and close @ 7:30 p.m.

D-1 Rowland Police Dept

206 W Main St
Rowland NC 28383

D-2 Southern Spirit Boys & Girls Club

1872 Back Swamp Rd
Lumberton, NC 28360

D-3 Army National Guard

4502 Fayetteville
Lumberton NC 28358

D4 Lumbee Lodge Community Bldg

2715 Philadelphus Rd
Pembroke NC 28372

D5 Two Streams Boys & Girls Club

16 Rosie Dr
Maxton NC 28364

D6 CIS Academy

818 W 3rd St
Pembroke NC. 28372

D7 Pembroke Library

413 Blaine St
Pembroke NC 28372

D8 Union Chapel School

4271 Union Chapel Rd
Pembroke NC 28372

D9 Four Winds. Community Bldg.

1073 Rennert Rd
Lumberton NC. 28360

D10 Rennert Fire Dept

9896 Rennert Rd
Shannon NC 28386

D11 Hawkeye Sands Appartments

5385 Red Springs Rd
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D12 Lumbee Heritage Elders Ct

6220 Heritage Lane
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D13 Cumberland Co. Assoc.for Indian People

2173 Downing Rd
Fayetteville NC 28312

D14 First Nation Boys & Girls Club

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Purnell Swett's Owen Deese, left, hits the ball during practice on Thursday.

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Boys volleyball grows in debut

Rams among local teams playing sport, to be sanctioned next year

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — At the start of the season, the inaugural Purnell Swett boys volleyball team wasn't quite in the flow of things as all of them played a brand new sport.

But it wasn't long before they were having a blast.

"It's been a complete turnaround, because at the beginning of the year, they weren't talking, they weren't moving, they would kind of watch the ball drop, 'oh, that's you,' they loved to point at each other," Purnell Swett coach Kali Carter said. "But they picked it up, and they didn't realize how much fun they'd have, and after the first week, they were like 'this is actually really fun,

I enjoy it, coach,' and I'm like, yeah, I've been trying to tell y'all, it's a great sport once you get used to it."

The Rams were the winningest of the three boys volleyball programs to compete this spring in Robeson County. The sport was unsanctioned this season, but on Wednesday the North Carolina High School Athletic Association voted to sanction the sport for the 2026-27 school year, giving the sport more structure as it continues to grow statewide.

Purnell Swett (8-8) reached the second round of the 7A state playoffs with a 3-1 win Wednesday against Lumberton (7-9). The Rams won the first two sets, 25-10 and 25-20, then Lumberton extended the



Purnell Swett's Aidyn Locklear, left, serves during practice on Thursday.

match with a 25-23 third-set win before Purnell Swett finished off the Pirates with a 25-16 win.

"It feels great beating Lumberton. It could've been the last game, but beating Lumberton always feels good. We wanted to win," Rams player Jackson Jacobs said. "First time ever playing in round two of the playoffs. I never

expected it to be in volleyball, but it's happening and I'm enjoying it."

The Rams lost 3-0 (25-23, 25-17, 25-18) at Riverside-Durham in the second round on Friday.

St. Pauls (5-10) also won a playoff match, beating Southeast Alamance 3-1 on Tuesday, before losing 3-0 at

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Locklear, Pittman finish top-10 at golf regionals, advance to states

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

GREENSBORO — Logan Locklear says he'd never been so nervous before a round of golf as he was at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 7A Central Regional on Tuesday. But once he teed off, the nerves went away, allowing the Purnell Swett junior to simply play his game.

"Once I started playing, everything became natural, and I just tried to stay positive all day and make good swings," he said. "It was a tough golf course, so staying patient was a big thing for me."

Locklear shot a 4-over-par 75, finishing in a tie for fifth and advancing to the state championship. Lumberton's Jesse Pittman shot 6-over 77, finishing tied for 10th to also advance to states. The regional was played at Starmount Forest Country Club in Greensboro, which hosted the PGA Tour's Wyndham Championship off and on from 1938-60 and the 1947 U.S. Women's Open.

Pittman, too, felt nerves leading up to the

first tee shot that dissolved as he got into the round.

"I was a little nervous on the first tee, but when I hit the ball and it went in the fairway I knew it was going to be a pretty good day," Pittman said. "I didn't really hit the ball as good as I wanted to, but I was able to keep my head in the game and kind of manage my ball around the course some, and shoot the best score that I possibly could."

The 7A state tournament will be played Monday and Tuesday at Pinehurst No. 8. Locklear and Pittman, both juniors, each advanced to states for the first time.

Locklear was tied for the lead on the 16th tee, but bogeyed the par-4 16th and par-3 17th, leaving his advancement to states in flux with one hole to go. But the Rams junior birdied the par-5 18th to finish the round and seal his spot at the state tournament.

"I took a couple of bad swings, but I tried to finish strong and I birdied the last," Locklear said.

"I didn't want to say

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L. Locklear



Pittman

LATE TUESDAY

Pirates pull away to beat East Wake



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Lumberton's Ava Hanna, center, celebrates in the dugout with Jaelyn Hammond, second from right, during Tuesday's first-round 7A state-playoff game against East Wake in Lumberton.

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Through the first 2 1/2 innings of Tuesday's first-round 7A state-playoff softball game, Lumberton and East Wake seemed destined for a low-scoring affair. But the Pirates made offensive adjustments and scored two runs or more in three of their last four turns at bat, while Norah

Johnson continued to hold the Warriors in check in the circle, as Lumberton pulled away

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Friday's second-round softball state-playoff results for Fairmont, Lumberton and Purnell Swett were unavailable at press time. For the full story, visit robsonian.com or see Wednesday's print edition.



Contributed photo | Kayden Bondurant

St. Pauls' Kayden Bondurant, second from left, signed Wednesday to the Greensboro College wrestling program.

Bulldogs' Bondurant signs with Greensboro College wrestling

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — Standout St. Pauls wrestler Kayden Bondurant has made his college announcement, signing Wednesday to Greensboro College. He cites his mom's connections as a primary reason for this decision, as Mitchell Johnson, the wrestling coach is his mom's boss.

Due to coaches frequently coming in and out at St. Pauls, Bondurant had to become a leader for St. Pauls and another coach out there. "I had to step up as a captain and as another coach," Bondurant said.

He says he has a lot to work on at the next level if he wants to succeed but is confident Greensboro College has the resources to help him reach his full

potential.

His mom's connection to coach Mitchell Johnson makes him more confident in his decision to become a member of the Pride.

"I expect to get better and develop (under coach Johnson)," Bondurant said.

Bondurant joins a wrestling roster that includes Thomas Davis, Josue Delcid and Omori Lee, who have all earned conference Wrestler of the Week honors.

As St. Pauls watches one of their own wrestlers advance to the college ranks, the Bulldogs and Robeson County as a whole will have its eyes on him as he pursues success at the college level.

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UNCP's Cash Bash sets fundraising record

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Athletics department officials at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke announced Thursday that the 13th annual Cash Bash, presented by Scotland Health, fundraising event raised more than \$220,000 for the department's general scholarship fund when it was held on April 30.

According to Braves

Club Director Monica Strickland, the total of \$221,017.08 marks the highest total raised by the event in the 13-year history of the department's premier fundraising event.

Brian Calabria served as the program's emcee and auctioneer for the event that featured over 70 silent auction items and experiences and six



UNCP Athletics

Auctioneer Brian Calabria during the Cash Bash on April 30 in Pembroke.

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LOCAL ROUNDUP

Chavis, Tornadoes torch Morehead softball in 1st round

Staff report

EDEN — Fairmont softball cruised to a 10-2 first-round playoff win over Morehead Tuesday, with Cecilia Chavis throwing a no-hitter in the victory.

For the Golden Tornadoes (10-13), the No. 18 seed in the 4A East Region, this was their third straight win and a powerful way to begin their playoff run, beating the No. 15 Panthers (6-11).

Chavis allowed one earned run with two walks and eight strikeouts in her seven innings pitched. She also had three hits, three runs and three RBIs, including two triples, for the Golden Tornadoes.

Kimberleigh Stevens also had three hits and scored one run for Fairmont. Jerrian Taylor had two hits, two runs and one RBI. Addison Ivey had two hits and one run, Alyssa Lambert had two hits and two RBIs, Dasia Inman scored twice, Layla Hunt had two RBIs, Mary Cummings had two hits, Makenzi Blackwell had one hit and one RBI, Jamey Quinata had one hit and one run.

Fairmont traveled to No. 2

Central Davidson for Friday's second round; the result was unavailable at press time.

Big inning sinks Rams in 1st round

The Purnell Swett baseball team was beaten soundly in Tuesday's 7A first-round playoff game against Riverside-Durham, 12-5. This concludes the Rams season in disappointing fashion.

No. 16 Purnell Swett (12-13) scored one run in the first inning, two in the second and one in the fourth before adding one more in the seventh. No. 17 Riverside-Durham (13-7) scored 11 runs in the fifth and one in the sixth inning.

Purnell Swett's Seth Brooks finished with a hit and two RBIs while Grayson Brooks had a hit and three runs scored. Conley Jacobs finished with a hit and an RBI while Jordan Locklear had a hit, an RBI and a run.

Riverside-Durham's Ryan Dippolito had two hits, three RBIs and two runs scored while Kingston Young had two hits, three RBIs and one run. Lucas Setji had two hits, an RBI and a run while Sam Bowers had a hit, two RBIs and a

run.

Lumberton baseball struggles in playoff contest against Clayton

The Lumberton baseball team struggled significantly against Clayton in Tuesday's playoff matchup, losing 11-2, as their season ends poorly.

Jennings Dunlap finished with three hits, three runs scored and an RBI for No. 9 Clayton (17-7) while Calvin Madenspacher had three hits, three RBIs and a run. Finally, Davis Duty had two hits, three RBIs and a run while T.J. Norton had two hits and an RBI.

The No. 24 Pirates (6-15) dropped four of their last five games to end the season.

Red Springs baseball drops road playoff matchup to Anson

The Red Springs baseball team fell short in its 4A first-round playoff contest at Anson, losing 5-2.

No. 14 Anson (14-8) scored a run in the first inning before No. 19 Red Springs (8-14) scored two in the third. Anson answered with one in the fourth inning, two in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Red Springs' T.J. Ellerbe and

Lucas Ammons both had a hit and scored a run, while Terry Locklear had a hit and an RBI.

The Red Devils lost their last two games of the season.

Fairmont baseball falls in playoff matchup against Roanoke Rapids

The No. 21 Fairmont baseball team lost its playoff matchup against No. 12 Roanoke Rapids (11-6) Tuesday 8-6.

Fairmont (6-17) dropped nine of its last 10 games this season.

Fairmont scored three runs in the seventh to take a 6-4 lead, including a go-ahead two-run home run by Parker Chavis. Roanoke Rapids answered with four runs in the bottom of the seventh to walk off the Golden Tornadoes.

Fairmont scored one run in the first and two in the fourth. Roanoke Rapids scored three in the first and one in the sixth.

Chavis had two hits and two RBIs for Fairmont and Daquan Moore had two hits with one run and one RBI. Jayden Hunt had a hit and two runs.

Wes Jenkins had three hits and two RBIs and R.J. Williams had three hits and one RBI for the Yellow Jackets.

Red Springs softball dominated by Uwharrie Charter

No. 21 Red Springs softball (7-13) was thoroughly defeated by No. 12 Uwharrie Charter (7-11), losing 20-1 in three innings Tuesday. This was their third straight loss to end the season.

Lumberton girls soccer drops matchup against Hoke County

The Lumberton girls soccer team fell to Hoke County in Tuesday's regular-season finale, 3-1.

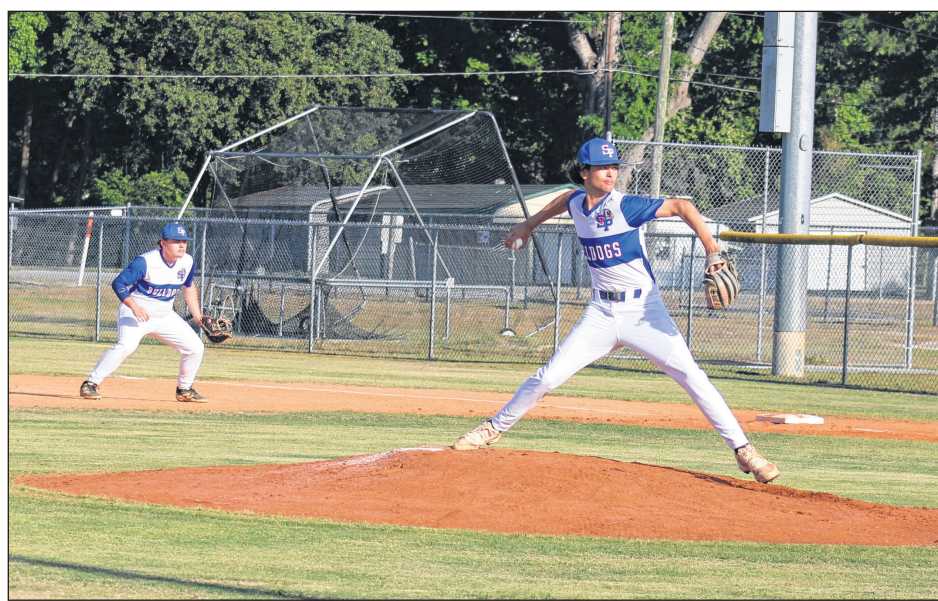
Linsi Padilla had the Pirates' lone goal with Brittney Hernandez assisting on the play.

After winning back-to-back games heading into this contest, this loss ends the regular season on a bad note for the Pirates (10-11).

Purnell Swett girls soccer falls to Jack Britt

The Purnell Swett girls soccer team dropped its contest against Jack Britt 2-0 Tuesday, ending its regular season on a sour note.

The Rams are 10-8-1 and the Buccaneers are 8-7.



St. Pauls' Cameron McNeill throws at a pitch during Tuesday's first-round 5A state-playoff game against Southeast Alamance in St. Pauls.



St. Pauls' Zayin Hunt swings at a pitch during Tuesday's first-round 5A state-playoff game against Southeast Alamance in St. Pauls.

Southeast Alamance routs St. Pauls in playoffs

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The St. Pauls baseball team had no answers against Southeast Alamance, losing 21-0 at home in their playoff matchup Tuesday night. After winning three of their last four games, they dropped the first do-or-die contest.

"These kids have fought all year," St. Pauls coach Timothy Carter said. "We had the best record in the county and finished second in the conference. I just don't think we came out to play tonight."

Southeast Alamance (9-13),

the No. 17 seed in the 5A East Region, advances to play No. 1 Hunt on Friday. St. Pauls finishes the season at 14-11.

The Stallions (9-13) scored a run in the first inning when sophomore Weston Greene scored on a groundout.

The Stallions added eight more runs in the second, thanks to multiple wild pitches followed by a sacrifice fly from Tyler Jackson and Tanner Bowden drawing a walk with the bases loaded.

Continuing the inning, Ayden Brown brought two runners home with a double and Aidan Amick brought another

runner in with a double of his own. Brayden Robbins followed that up with a two-run home run to put the Stallions up 9-0 heading into the third inning.

Southeast Alamance added six in the third, thanks to the bases quickly being loaded before Ian Kooser scored on a wild pitch. After a walk loaded the bases again, a runner scored with Ayden Brown up. Aidan Amick then hit a 2-RBI triple before Brayden Robbins hit a 2-run home run to put the Stallions up 15-0 heading into the fourth inning.

Brown brought two runners home with a single in the top

of the fourth inning before both Robbins and Finn Ellison were hit by a pitch with the bases loaded increasing Southeast Alamance's lead to 21-0.

Stallions freshman Brayden Robbins had a standout performance with three hits, including two home runs, finishing with seven RBIs. Junior Aiden Amick also swung the bat well, finishing with a double and a triple and three RBIs with several others making solid contributions.

Cameron McNeill had two hits and Tyler Lavoie had one for No. 16 St. Pauls (14-11).

Carter has a positive outlook

for the future of the Bulldogs' program.

"These younger kids have bought into everything we've been doing," Carter said. "They've come in and tried to change the program. They've come in and gotten really close to and are learning from the other guys. Hopefully, that leads to a better season."

Carter and St. Pauls as a whole looks fondly upon this season. However, they'll look to make more noise in the playoffs next year.

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Softball

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in an 8-1 win to advance to the second round.

"That's key to be able to win when it's a tight ballgame like that, to be able to stay in it and stay mentally focused, and we did that the first few innings, then we started trying to formulate a game plan and then going into the (third), what was she doing to keep us off balance, and we adjusted to that and that's when we bust it open," Lumberton coach William Britt said. "Olivia (McLamb) came up with that big bunt to spark that inning for us, and after that we just kept passing the bat down. That was a big team win; I think every one of them helped in some form or fashion to help contribute to that win tonight."

Lumberton (14-11), the No. 15 seed in the 7A East Region, played at No. 2 New Bern in the second

round on Friday; the result was unavailable at press time.

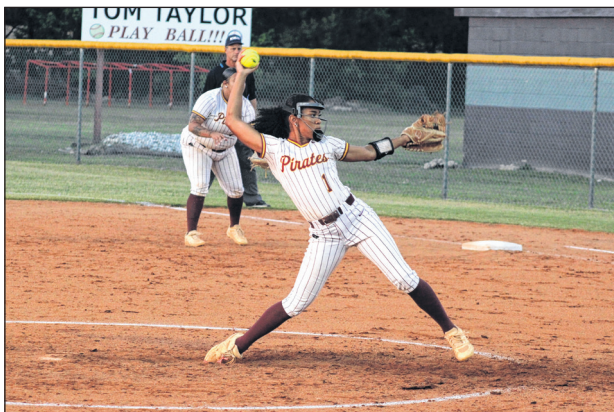
That bunt single by McLamb and a double by Jaelyn Hammond set the stage for Ava Hanna's two-RBI double, which gave the Pirates a third-inning lead; Hanna would later score on an error, and the Pirates led 3-0.

"We kept popping up in the beginning but as soon as we found the pitcher, found the strike zone, we were good," Hanna said.

Hanna had three hits, all doubles, bringing her to 18 doubles this season to break the Lumberton single-season school record previously set by her sister, Alona Hanna, in 2024.

"It feels really good to do it my senior season, and it just feels better to break my sister's record," said Ava Hanna, who had two RBIs and scored two runs Tuesday.

"That's something special to be able to hold over her older sister's head, being able to take that



Photos by Chris Stiles | The Robesonian
Lumberton's Norah Johnson, right, throws a pitch during Tuesday's first-round 7A state-playoff game against East Wake in Lumberton.

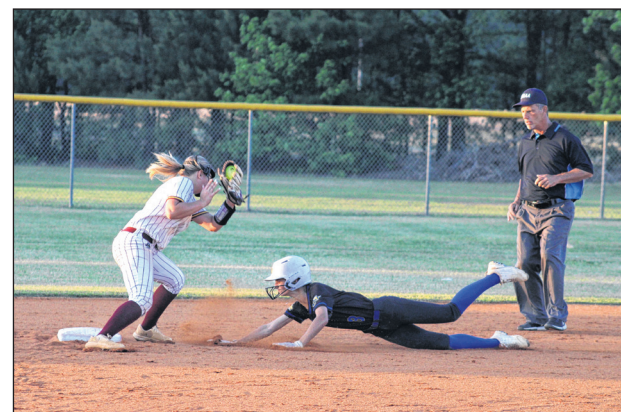
title from her," Britt said. "She's worked hard, she's had a good season. To be in that situation to where, the first at-bat it doesn't go her way, but to be able to bounce back and get three hits after that, that speaks volumes to how she's done for us all season long."

Even as the Pirates added five more runs later, that three-run frame would be enough for Johnson, who pitched a two-hitter with seven strikeouts, allowing one unearned run.

"I feel like I was really

trying to win it for my team, get in the playoffs, advance," Johnson said.

"Early on she was missing her spots, so we talked about it; she got in the dugout and just kind of worked on her mechanics a little bit, and it clicked after that," Britt said. "That was big for her, being able to not let that moment be too big for her, being able to just not let that moment be too big for her, and figure out what was going on and adjust to it, and it worked out perfect for her



Lumberton's Leea Wilkins, left, looks to tag East Wake's Katelyn Smith, center, during Tuesday's first-round 7A state-playoff game in Lumberton.

tonight."

The Pirates also made multiple strong defensive plays behind Johnson throughout the game, including Hammond's diving stop at shortstop with a throw from her knees to first base for the final out of the third inning.

No. 18 East Wake (9-13) scored its lone run in the fourth as Katelyn Smith reached base on one infield error and scored on another.

Hanna scored again in the fifth after leading off the inning with a double

and coming home on a sacrifice fly by Jayla Hunt; Charleigh Talton scored on an error and a Josie Lawson RBI single plated Kinsley Martin to put the Pirates up 6-1. Lumberton added two more in the sixth on a two-RBI double by Leea Wilkins which scored Michelle Smith and Shiloh Clark.

Hammond, Talton and Wilkins each had two hits for the Pirates and Talton scored two runs.

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3 Robeson girls soccer teams earn state playoff bids

Staff report

CHAPEL HILL — Three girls high school soccer teams in Robeson County earned state playoff berths when the North Carolina High School Athletic Association released brackets on Friday, and Purnell Swett will play a first-round home game.

Purnell Swett (10-8-1) earned the No. 14 seed

in the 7A West Region, and will host No. 19 South Iredell (9-10-1) in the first round on Monday. The winner will play in the second round on Thursday at No. 3 Grimsley (16-3-1).

While the Rams are in the West Region, Lumberton is in the 7A East Region. The Pirates (7-6-4) earned the No.

19 seed and will travel to No. 14 Overhills (7-6-4).

The winner will advance to play No. 3 Ashley (14-4-2) on Thursday.

In the 4A East Region, Red Springs (7-11) is the No. 20 seed and will travel to No. 13 Roanoke Rapids (8-8) on Monday. The winner will play Thursday at No. 4 Ledford (14-3-2).

St. Pauls did not earn a 5A playoff berth, ending the Bulldogs' season.



FROM THE FRINGE

Staff report

Lovette, Locklear record aces

Jayvan Lovette, a player on the Purnell Swett golf team, made his first hole-in-one on May 1. He aced the par-3 10th hole at Pinecrest Country Club from 186 yards with a 6-iron. Lovette has been playing for about six months, and was playing with Collin Sampson, Cam Hunt and Johnny Jackson.

Joe Locklear recorded his fourth career hole-on-one with an ace on the 108-yard par-3 15th hole at Fairmont Golf Club, using a 9 iron.

Fairmont Golf Club news

Lonail Locklear and LeMark Harris were the winners in this week's Senior Shootout with a one-stroke victory over Ricky Harris and Carlyis Bryant. Ray Lowry and J.D. McGirt were the winners of the second flight fol-

lowed by Benson Phillips and Anthony Bailey. The third flight was won by Keith Woods and Pete Maynor followed by Tim Moore and Rick Rogers. Ben Harris and Ron Anderson were the winners of the fourth flight with Ronnie Chavis and Joe Locklear coming in second place. The fifth flight was won by Ken Melvin and James Brown followed by Tim Locklear and Gene Harrison. John Adams, Chuck Smith, Keith Cox and Tommy Lowry were closest to the pin winners.

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

Top rounds posted this week include: Andy Andrews with a 69, Bert Thomas 71, Butch Lennon 71, Mike Connor 71, Gary Wallshock 71, Mitch Grier 72, Robert Lawson 72, Tommy Davis 72, Chris Barfield 72, Tim Rice 73, James Thompson 74, Bob Antone 75, Randy Williamson 75,

J.T. Powers 76, Tim Moore 76, John Stanley 77, David Miller 77, Kirk Hamilton 78, Phillip Wallwork 78 and Brian Davis 78.

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.

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Contributed photo | Andrea Jacobs

The Purnell Swett boys volleyball team celebrates after Wednesday's playoff win against Lumberton.

Volleyball

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Northern Guilford in the second round of the 5A/6A tournament.

The program at Purnell Swett came together quickly, with Carter saying that she knew the school might possibly sponsor a program about two months before the season, but that it wasn't finalized until about a week before the season.

"I had three or four days of workouts, one day of tryouts, and then that same week, on Thursday, we had our first game, against Lumberton," Carter said. "And I will say, it was a mess, we were all over the place. It kept me on my toes for sure, and it made me rethink a lot of things about how you coach and how to teach them, and take the time to walk them through the steps."

Jacobs, a senior who has played football and baseball at Purnell Swett, says he tried out for the team "as a joke" initially, then realized he should take it seriously once he made the team.

"We've always had athletes at Purnell, they've just got to come out, and they've come out and we've done pretty good," Jacobs said. "I think the thing that makes it the

funnest is just the people we're playing with. Nobody brings up bad energy; we're having a good time. The coaches are fun to be with, the players are fun to be with, it's just fun altogether."

"We had a group of athletes decide to do it," said Owen Deese, a senior who has also played soccer and tennis and had a sister play volleyball for the Rams. "We honestly decided to come to tryouts and see if we liked it, and we all did. We just stuck with it. We're still having fun with it, but we're also taking it serious."

Carter says that Deese and Phoenix Cummings, both from a soccer and tennis background, were among the quickest to adapt, and that football players had a "different adjustment." But over the course of the season, they've all ultimately adjusted well to playing the game.

"I've always felt like I had pretty good hand-eye coordination, and I hit the volleyball a couple of times; nothing too serious," Jacobs said. "I feel like I jumped on it pretty good. The hardest thing has been getting a serve; them boys have been serving that ball hard."

While Carter has been around volleyball her

whole life, coaching boys was an adjustment in itself.

"I love my girls, but the boys have been a blast," Carter said. "They are very corny, they're all over the place — they're boys. They keep it entertaining. They talk trash, it's like being on the football field, but they're respectful, it's entertaining. It's probably one of the best seasons I've coached in a while."

The players hope that others will see how much fun they're having on the court and will want to play in the future, helping the team to grow next season and beyond. "Most people didn't want to play it, because they thought it was a feminine sport, it was weird," Deese said. "But having a group of athletes like us to start it off, it's going to inspire other athletes after us to come play."

Purnell Swett had enough players try out that it could have had a junior varsity team in addition to the varsity squad, Carter said, but she opted to "keep it small and just try to start a good foundation, and next year grow" to have both.

Statewide, the sport has seen explosive growth in just the last few years. After seven NCHSAA member

schools had a boys volleyball team in 2022, more than 120 teams played in 2025, according to HighSchoolOT.

"Today is a red-letter day for men's volleyball in North Carolina and the decision of the Board of Directors reflects the momentum that students, coaches, and advocates have built over many years," NCHSAA Commissioner Que Tucker said after the Board of Directors' vote to sanction the sport on Wednesday. "Sanctioning men's volleyball allows us to provide more championship opportunities and continue our mission to expand participation and create positive experiences for student-athletes across the state."

Back at Purnell Swett, the team hopes to be grow into next season. Jacobs pointed to Hoke County, which is a second-year program this year and finished at 20-1, as proof the Rams could be even more competitive next season.

"Now that we've done this and made it to the playoffs, round two, some people might see it better," Jacobs said. "Even better athletes might come out next year, and I can see them boys doing big things."

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Golf

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too much too him to get him out of his groove going to the 18th hole, but I just told him 'don't let those two holes affect this one, finish strong,'" Purnell Swett coach Jacob Locklear said. "He went out there and he birdied 18 to basically seal the deal qualifying for states. He's a resilient kid."

Logan Locklear has been practically a "player-coach" for the Rams, Jacob Locklear said, helping make his teammates better throughout the season.

"I told him at the beginning of the season, carry yourself well around your teammates, because they truly look up to you," Jacob Locklear said. "Regardless of if you're a junior, you're the best golfer they may have ever seen. So just carry yourself well, and he's truly stepped up to the plate with that as far as helping the other players that may not be as good to grow and learn the game, and sort of get them up to par as well."

Pittman, meanwhile, birdied two of the final four holes to advance on the number. Had he scored one stroke higher, he would have ended up in a playoff for the final qualifying position for states.

"I think that helped his confidence too, finishing strong like that," Lumberton coach Jeff McLamb said. "The big thing with him is his confidence and not getting down on himself."

Pittman expressed thanks for McLamb helping his mindset with some of the things he said during Tuesday's round.

"It's almost amazing, what little bit of training he's had and lessons in golf, and to be as good as he is and to go as far as he has, for him to achieve that and especially to find out how long it's been since somebody from Lumberton to make it to states," McLamb said. Purnell Swett's Jayden Collins also competed at

regionals, finishing tied for 18th with a 9-over 81.

R.J. Reynolds' John Daniel and Andrew Jenkins and Cary's Clint Bailey shared medalist honors at 73. R.J. Reynolds won the team championship.

Locklear becomes the first Purnell Swett boys golfer to reach states since his uncle, Ian Locklear, in 2011. Pittman is Lumberton's first qualifier in recent history. Both plan to play a practice round on Sunday before the first round of the tournament on Monday.

Locklear previously played competitive rounds at Pinehurst No. 8 in the Junior World Championships when he was 14, and plays often in the Pinehurst area, familiarity which he believes will help him at states.

"I went into the course at regionals blind, I had never played there before," Logan Locklear said. "Knowing some of the holes and being familiar with the Pinehurst greens, it's not really a guessing game, it's just a matter of executing."

"I'm very confident that he'll go up there and score pretty low, play pretty well, because he's comfortable up there," Jacob Locklear said.

Pittman says he'll be focused on learning the course as he prepares this weekend.

"I'm really just focusing on mental preparation and not really worrying about my swing, I'm just going to go scout the course and see what the course is going to bring to me that week, and just give it my best shot to try to go for a state title," Pittman said.

"I told him, just go play golf. He got a couple of bad breaks at regionals," McLamb said. "I think he's got just as good a shot as anybody if he locks in and plays like he's capable of."

In the 4A Central Regional, played at Beechwood Country Club in Ahsokie, Fairmont's Jason Cox finished tied for 41 with a 101 and teammate Gavin Mayers was 45th with a 108.

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UNC Pembroke Athletic Director Dick Christy, left, bids on an auction item during the Cash Bash on April 30 in Pembroke.

Bash

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premiere live auction items.

The annual event has generated over \$800,000 for our student-athlete scholarships over the last five years.

"This was my first Cash Bash, and wow, what an incredible night with an incredible group of people," said incoming Director of Athletics Scott Byrd. "BraveNation stepped up with record support which reflects their belief in this amazing institution and the

student-athletes that represent it. I can not say thank you enough to all the people involved that made it such a special night. The future is bright for UNCP athletics and it's so encouraging to see so many people believe in that vision in such a tangible way."

The Cash Bash is one of the department's premier fundraising events that benefits the Braves Club scholarship fund. Proceeds from the event support all 16 varsity athletics programs, as well as nearly 400 student-athletes.

Next year's event has been tentatively scheduled for April 29th, 2027.

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THE SKINNY

A song for mom

When the recently-deceased David Allan Coe told songwriter Steve Goodman that his “perfect country and western song” was lacking a few inclusions that would, indeed, make it perfect, the first thing on the list was that he “hadn’t said anything about mama.”

What followed, of course, was a famous last verse of “You Never Even Called Me By My Name” in which the narrator’s mother got out of prison, but before she could be retrieved in a pick-up truck, “she got run over by a



Chris Stiles
Editor

(danged) old train,” in what has become one of the most famous one-liners in country music.

That mention of mother may also be the most humorous example in a frequent theme in music — in all forms, but bear with me on the others as country music is what I know best. On this Mother’s Day weekend, it seems apropos to look at a few of these tunes, which are largely appreciative of the mother’s understated role in every single one of our lives.

Any conversation about mama songs has to start with one of the most renowned country songs ever written, the simple but effective “Mama Tried” by the legendary Merle Haggard, a largely autobiographical tune in which he rues his own missteps but says it wasn’t for his mother’s lack of trying to raise him right.

“Everybody’s got a mama,” the Hag said once in an interview. “And most of ‘em tried.”

While “Mama Tried” was a massive hit that is still played nearly 60 years later, other songs in the category are much deeper cuts, but are just as meaningful. Vince Gill’s “A Letter to My Mama” also comes from a place of apology, but from a man in his 60s realizing later in life how thankful he is for his mother’s influence.

As the son of a Baptist music minister, Randy Travis’ “When Mama Prayed” hits close to home: “Not much more than five foot tall, but mountains big and small crumbled all away when mama prayed.” The knowledge, from her own admission, that my mother prays for me every day will never not be a comforting thought.

Along the same lines, Garth Brooks’ “Mom” tells the story of a baby apprehen-

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Clint Jennings, center, and the Robeson County Sheriff’s Office are holding the donated crosses.

Contributed photo | Rachel Jennings

Clint’s crosses for cops

Local child donates handcrafted crosses to RCSO

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The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Robeson County Sheriff’s Office received a heartfelt donation from a young local woodworker this week.

Clint Jennings, 6, has always taken an interest in his father’s woodworking projects, according to Jakob Jennings, who’s been teaching his son the basics of the craft for about a year.

“We were out in the shop,” Jakob said, “just working on some differ-

ent projects I had lying around. I happened to be building a bench, and I had some extra lumber lying around, and he just said, ‘Daddy, I want to make a cross. I want to make a cross and start giving people the spirit of Jesus.’ I helped him make that first one, but he designed everything and came up with it all on his own.”

Clint’s passion for his craft has only grown since putting together his first cross. With his parents’ help, Clint hosted an event at his church,

Abundance Grace Baptist Church. He passed out over 100 crosses to the Maxton community at the event, then began giving them out individually to those who expressed an interest.

Throughout his young life, Clint’s dreams have involved the police force, according to his mother, Rachel Jennings. Though he had been working hard to build his crosses, Clint chose to take the time to put together 30 for the police officers who inspired him.

“I was shy,” Clint said,

“but it was exciting! It was fun.”

Clint visited RCSO on Monday, crosses in hand, and mustered the courage to gift them his art.

As a thank you, Sheriff Burnis Wilkins gifted Clint with a Boots on the Ground cup, multiple officers’ challenge coins, and a special Bible from the Badges & Bibles program.

“We are incredibly blessed that Clint and his family chose to spend time with us today,” Wilkins said in a social media post. “Moments like this remind us why we do what we do. Clint,

keep following that path. You are already making a huge difference.”

Though he has made hundreds of crosses for his community, Clint is nowhere near slowing down. Those interested in owning one of his handmade crosses can contact Rachel Jennings for more information.

“It’s been mind-blowing,” Rachel said. “It means a lot to know that, as young as he is, he’s having such an impact in our community.”

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WWII veteran celebrates 103rd birthday

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LUMBERTON — Navy veteran James B. Prevatte recently celebrated his 103rd birthday.

Prevatte, who turned 103 on March 9, is a World War II veteran who served aboard the USS Melvin. During his service, Prevatte earned three campaign bars, five battle stars and was designated a Tin Can Sailor due to his service on a destroyer-class ship.

After completing his service, Prevatte opened his own business, Prevatte Auto Supply, in 1954. He ran the business faithfully for nearly 20 years before splitting into Auto Supply Inc. and Prevatte Auto Parts in the 1970s, opening new locations across the county.

Prevatte was married to the late Thelma Prevatte for 78 years and had one son, Eric Prevatte. He also has three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

To celebrate his 103rd birthday, members of his family and the Veterans Affairs office came to visit him at his residence, where he was presented with an emblem coin and a letter of thanks from the Veterans Affairs office,



James B. Prevatte, center, with his family, holding his letter of appreciation from the Office of Veteran Affairs to celebrate his 103rd birthday.

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along with a few personalized gifts, including a Navy hat and a new travel mug.

Tyra Hoffman from the Center for Development and Civic Engagement told Prevatte she was honored to have had the

chance to meet him and thanked him for the many conversations they had shared.

“It is with the deepest respect and admiration that we honor you on your 103rd year,” Hoffman said, “and present

you with this Centenarian Award, a testament to a life defined by courage, service and unwavering dedication. Your sacrifices and contributions have left an enduring legacy that continues to inspire generations, and we are

profoundly grateful for all you have given.”

When asked what the secret to his long life is, Prevatte said, “Enjoy yourself, be proud, and eat lots of cornbread.”

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

Mother's Day Hobby Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 9: Biggs Park Mall is hosting the Toys, Comic, Cards and Collectibles Show, center court in front of Tomlinson's Department Store. Collectors are welcome and the public as well. The show is perfect for all ages.

Chamber Golf Classic, 11 a.m., May 14: The Lumberton, NC Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic is at Pinecrest Country Club. Lunch is at 11 a.m., and Shotgun starts at 12 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.

Doggie Dash, 8 a.m., May 16: The Robeson Road Runners, in support of The Robeson County Humane Society, has planned the Doggie Dash 5k/1mile Fun Run event. Only leashed, well-behaved pets are welcome. Donations for the work and needs of the Humane Society will be accepted.

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 Slamma barrel racing is happening at the Southeastern NC Agricultural Events Center! Activities begin at 9 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 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!

Lumbee Tribe Veterans Stand Down, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 6: Veterans, mark your calendar for the Lumbee Tribe Veterans Stand Down on June 6 at the Lumbee Tribe Boys & Girls Club in Pembroke. The event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will offer health screenings, employment assistance, housing/shelter assistance, haircuts, assistance with veterans' benefits, some great gear and much more.

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

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

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

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Eliza! This adult female Tabby shorthair is available for adoption with an approved application. This gorgeous girl is current on her vaccinations and ready to find a calm and quiet forever home. Her big and beautiful eyes are ready to stare at you in adoration. Apply to adopt Eliza on the AnimalsFirst website link located at the top of the Robeson County Animal Shelter's webpage. Visit Eliza at the Robeson County Animal Shelter at 255 Landfill Road in St. Pauls or call 910-865-2200.

FUN HOLIDAYS FOR MAY 9-15

Relive Your Past by Listening to the First Music You Ever Bought No Matter What It Was No Excuses Day: The name speaks for itself, on Friday.

Clean Up Your Room Day: Perhaps it is no accident that this day coincides with Mother's Day on Sunday, as doing it will make mom pleased.

Other fun holidays this week

Saturday: American Indian Day, Alphabet Magnet Day, Bereaved Mother's Day, Brunch

for Lunch Day, National Archery Day, National Babysitters Day, National Dog Mom's Day, National Miniature Golf Day, National Sleepover Day, Stay Up All Night Day

Sunday: Mother's Day, National Shrimp Day, National Small Business Day

Monday: Eat What You Want Day, National Twilight Zone Day, National Women's Check-up Day
Tuesday: International Nurses Day, Limerick Day, National Nutty Fudge Day
Wednesday: Children of

Fallen Patriots Day, Frog Jumping Day, National Apple Pie Day, National Fruit Cocktail Day, National Night Shift Workers Day, Top Gun Day
Thursday: Ascension Day, International Dylan Thomas Day, National Buttermilk Biscuit Day, National Chicken Dance Day, The Stars and Stripes Forever Day

Friday: Bring Flowers to Someone Day, Dinosaur Day, Endangered Species Day, International Day of Families, International Kangaroo Care Aware-

ness Day, NASCAR Day, National Chocolate Chip Day, National Pizza Party Day, National Stockings Day, Straw Hat Day

Week of May 10-16: American Craft Beer Week, Armed Forces Week, Hospital Week, National Bike to Work Week, National Hamburger Week, National Nurses Week, National Police Week, National Stuttering Awareness Week, World Cocktail Week

Source: holidays-and-observances.com

Song

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sive about leaving God to come to earth, when God tells the child not to worry, there's "a loving angel, tender, tough and strong" waiting to take care of them.

And while the song is not solely about his mother, telling a broader story of family history, a line in Alan Jackson's

"Home" that says his mother "never had a social life, home was all she knew, except the time she took a job to pay a bill or two" was always one that struck me.

While I'm a country guy, there's certainly lots of mother appreciation tunes in other genres as well. These range from 2Pac's "Dear Mama" — about his mother, Lumberton's own Afeni Shakur, ending in a heart-

felt "you are appreciated" — to Taylor Swift's "The Best Day," recounting fun times spent with her mother at various stages of life.

The Beatles even get in on the action here in multiple ways. "Lady Madonna" vividly tells a story of a mother of multiple children struggling to make ends meet and providing, physically and financially, for her children. And the idea for "Let It Be" came

after Paul McCartney's late mother came to him in a dream during a hard time to say "it will be alright, let it be."

With these examples and many more, that song rings true as when "I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me, speaking words of wisdom, let it be."

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

PUZZLES & GAMES

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to meditation. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 16 = 6)

A. 3 15 4 25 15 6 14
Clue: Think deeply about

B. 3 15 25 10 7
Clue: Unwind

C. 17 14 3 15 17 17
Clue: Pressure or tension

D. 6 10 25 19
Clue: Quiet

Answers: A. reflect; B. relax; C. stress; D. calm

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to meditation.

A H T N C

Answer: Chant

GUESS WHO?
I am an actor born in California on May 12, 1981. I had minor roles in television shows before going on to more prominent work. My role in a television drama earned me an Emmy Award. My role as a larger-than-life rock band front man earned me several awards.

Answer: Brent Miller

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to discover something pertaining to dental health.

G B U S I H R N

Answer: Brushing

SUDOKU ANSWER

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Photo courtesy of UNC Health Southeastern
Jersey Mike's Subs in Lumberton will donate 20% of its sales the week of May 11-15 to the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.

Jersey Mike's gives back during Hospital Week

Amanda Crabtree
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Jersey Mike's of Lumberton has grown into more than a place to grab a great sub. It is a trusted partner to UNC Health Southeastern and a consistent presence in the life of this community.

Since opening their Lumberton location, Daniel and Jamie Terracciano have set the standard for what it means to be a good neighbor. Their support has taken many forms over the years, from leading Jersey Mike's Month of Giving with UNC Health Southeastern Foundation as the beneficiary, to providing meals and donated items for Foundation events, to stepping in whenever the hospital has a need. They do not just participate. They lead with action.

This year is no exception.

While Jersey Mike's national Month of Giving supported Special Olympics, Daniel and Jamie made the decision to ensure our local hospital would still be part of something impactful. Their answer is "Made to Share," a Hospital Week initiative where 20% of all sales from May 11 through May 15 will benefit UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.

"At Jersey Mike's, we believe our responsibility goes beyond the four walls of our stores to serving our communities in meaningful ways," said Daniel Terracciano, owner of Jersey Mike's of Lumberton. "We've always believed in giving to give, and supporting our local hospital matters deeply to us. UNC Health Southeastern plays a critical role in caring for Lumberton, and 'Made to Share' is our way of standing alongside them and directly supporting the care they provide to this community."

It is a simple idea with real impact. A good sub. A good cause. A community that cares.

Their support has already made an impact across our hospital, helping fund digital communication boards that enhance the patient experience, advancing the Delivering for Women initiative to strengthen women's health services, and supporting our Critical Need Fund to respond when needs arise.

"We are grateful not only for their generosity, but for the relationship we share," said Sissy Grantham, executive director of the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation. "We are just down the road from each other, and that connection is reflected in the way we care for the same people, serve the same families, and invest in this community every day."

"Made to Share" is more than a fundraiser. It is neighbors showing up for neighbors.

During Hospital Week, May 11 through May 15, the community is invited to take part. Stop by Jersey Mike's of Lumberton, place an order, and be part of something that gives back. Support UNC Health Southeastern and celebrate a local business that continues to stand with this community.

"Hospital Week gives us the opportunity to recognize the extraordinary people behind the care," said UNC Health Southeastern President and CEO Chris Ellington. "I am incredibly proud of our teammates and the compassion and commitment they bring to our patients and families every day. We are equally grateful for partners like Daniel, Jamie, and the Jersey Mike's of Lumberton team, whose generosity strengthens our ability to care for this community when it matters most."

For businesses or organizations interested in placing a large order, please contact UNC Health Southeastern Foundation at 910-671-5583 or sefoundation@unchealth.unc.edu.

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Pictured, from left, are UNC Health Southeastern Vice President and Chief Engagement Officer Patrick Ebri, PhD, President and CEO Chris Ellington, Drake Award Winner Keith Kinlaw, Baker Nurse Award Winner Carey Carroll, Baker Nursing Assistant Award Winner Tyshaun Sinclair, Caldwell Award Winner Magenta Smith, and Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Renae Taylor.

UNCHSE hosts 2026 Night of Excellence

Amanda Crabtree
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern hosted its annual Night of Excellence awards banquet on Tuesday to recognize recipients of the health system's most prestigious awards. The banquet was held as part of observances in May for Nurses and Hospital & Teammate Appreciation Weeks.

Carey Carroll was named the Baker Nurse of Excellence, Tyshaun Sinclair the Baker Nursing Assistant of Excellence, Magenta Smith was named the W. Reid Caldwell, Jr., Distinguished Leadership Award winner, and Ernest "Keith" Kinlaw as the John D. Drake Distinguished Service Award winner.

"This annual occasion is one we truly value, as it allows us to recognize the achievements of our teammates and leaders and share their outstanding work with our community through these time-honored awards," said UNC Health Southeastern President & CEO Chris Ellington during the banquet, which was held at the Carolina Civic Center Annex Building.

Baker Nurse of Excellence

Carroll's career in healthcare reflects a lifelong commitment to service, excellence, and compassion. He began his journey in 1988 as an EMT with Lumberton Rescue, where he dedicated 22 years to providing critical pre-hospital care to her community. From 1996 to 2006, he expanded his impact through his work with Duke Life Flight, delivering high-acuity critical care transport to patients in need. Inspired by his mother, who served as a nurse for more than 50 years, including 22 years with what was then Southeastern General Hospital, Carroll pursued his nursing degree and graduated in 2006. Following graduation, he joined the ICU team at then, Southeastern Regional Medical Center, where he has remained a steadfast and trusted presence.

"Carey embodies the very best of nursing, compassion, resilience, and an unwavering commitment to patients and their families," said Renae Taylor, UNC Health Southeastern vice president and chief nursing officer, who made the presentation. "His journey reflects a lifetime

of service to this community, and he continues to lead by example every single day. We are incredibly proud to recognize Carey with the Baker Nurse of Excellence Award."

Baker Nursing Assistant of Excellence

A lifelong resident of Fairmont, Sinclair is the youngest of three, with an older brother, Keith, and sister, Porschelia. His journey into healthcare began at age 19, inspired by an aunt. He became a personal care assistant (PCA) and, in 2014, earning his certified nursing assistant certification. Sinclair went on to dedicate more than a decade to home care, building a strong foundation rooted in compassion, patience, and connection.

Encouraged by his father to expand his impact in a hospital setting, Sinclair honored that wish following his father's passing in 2023 by transitioning into acute care. In his current role, he has become known for his genuine ability to connect with patients and families. His teammates shared that he takes the time to truly listen, believing that meaningful conversations are essential to understanding and delivering exceptional care. A valued member of the 7th Bed Tower team, Sinclair consistently demonstrates teamwork, empathy, and a commitment to excellence. He shares that he cannot imagine working with a more supportive and dedicated group of colleagues.

"Tyshaun exemplifies what it means to deliver compassionate, patient-centered care," said Taylor. "His ability to connect with patients, support his teammates, and honor the dignity of every individual truly sets him apart. We are incredibly proud to recognize him as our 2026 Baker Nursing Assistant of the Year."

The Baker Nurse of Excellence Award was established in 2014 through an endowed gift by Stephanie and Wil Bass of Clayton, NC. The Baker Nursing Assistant award was added in 2024. The awards are named in honor of Stephanie's late grandparents, Dr. Horace Baker, Jr., a surgeon who was a member of the medical staff at Southeastern Regional Medical Center, and his wife Dorothy, a former Army nurse. Dr. Horace Baker Sr., Bass' great-grandfather, was founder of the Baker Sanatorium in 1921 which later

merged with Thompson Hospital to form what was known as the Baker-Thompson Memorial Hospital in Lumberton in 1946. These two older facilities were replaced by a new hospital known as Robeson County Memorial Hospital in 1953 which currently operations as UNC Health Southeastern.

Caldwell Leadership Award

Smith has dedicated more than 20 years to Southeastern, beginning in June 2001 on the medical/surgical unit on 4th West and transitioning in 2003 to 5 North/5 South following the opening of Rust Tower. In 2007, she moved into nursing performance improvement, later advancing to nurse manager in 2012, where she led multiple areas including nursery/NICU, pediatrics, 3rd Bed Tower, hemodialysis and 2nd East. Since June 2021, she has served as director of inpatient services, overseeing 7th Bed Tower, 6th Bed Tower, 5 North and the resource pool.

She earned her associate's degree in nursing from Sandhills Community College in 2001, bachelor's of science in nursing from UNC Pembroke in 2005, and masters of science in nursing in education from UNC Pembroke in 2022. She has also served as an adjunct instructor at UNCP. Smith lives in Fairmont with her husband, Keith, of 21 years and their two children, Mahaven and Mynkoda.

"Magenta exemplifies the very essence of the Caldwell Leadership Award," said Taylor. "Her integrity, dedication, and ability to inspire those around her have strengthened every team she has led. She is deeply committed to excellence in patient care and to developing others, and her impact is felt across our organization and community."

To qualify for the Caldwell award, which was established in June 2016 in honor of former Vice President and Government Affairs Officer Reid Caldwell, a UNC Health Southeastern leader must serve at the manager level or higher with five or more years of service and must exemplify the fulfillment of the mission, vision, values, and standards of behavior of the organization while serving as a mentor to other leaders, removing barriers and contributing to a learning and advancing organiza-

tion.

Drake Distinguished Service Award

Kinlaw began his career in April 1996 as a heating and air conditioning mechanic, a role he held through November 2014. He then advanced to maintenance mechanic II, serving in that position until Oct. 2023, when he was promoted to maintenance mechanic III. He continued in that role until Feb. 2024, when he assumed his current position as supervisor of engineering/facilities, where he oversees facilities operations and supports the safe, efficient functioning of UNC Health's Southeastern's physical environment. Keith has been married to his wife, Betty, since 2009 and they have two children, Daniel and Elizabeth.

"Keith embodies the spirit and purpose of the John Drake Award," said UNC Health Southeastern Vice President and Chief Engagement Officer Patrick Ebri, PhD. "He is not only the backbone of our facilities and engineering department operations, but also a shining example of dedication to UNC Health Southeastern and the community we serve. I am proud to know and work with him."

Kinlaw is the 39th person to be named winner of the Drake Award, which was established by the Board of Trustees in 1988 to recognize exceptional service by employees. The Drake award was named in honor of the late John D. Drake, who retired as head cook in 1984 after 38 years of service.

To qualify for the Drake award, an employee must demonstrate high standards for personal performance on the job, loyalty and dedication to the organization, an excellent attendance record, respect by fellow workers, leadership skills and a caring attitude to fellow employees and guests of the organization.

To view a list of past award winners, visit <https://www.unchealth-southeastern.org/about-us/awards-and-recognition/organizational-awards/>.

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After seven years, 155 episodes and one farewell special, viewers and cast members alike wave goodbye to "The Neighborhood" Monday, May 11, on CBS. Also available to stream on Paramount+, the series wraps with two weddings on the Butler side of the fence and a possible relocation for the Johnsons. Max Greenfield ("New Girl"), Cedric the Entertainer ("Barbershop," 2002), Tichina Arnold ("Everybody Hates Chris") and Beth Behrs ("2 Broke Girls") star.

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There goes 'The Neighborhood': Butlers, Johnsons say goodbye in series finale

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

After seven years of sitting in on neighborly squabbles, family celebrations, devastating heartaches and more, fans of "The Neighborhood" must finally bid adieu to the popular CBS series and its titular neighbors.

Having first aired on the Viacom-CBS (now Paramount Global) owned network in October 2018, "The Neighborhood" boasts 155 episodes across eight seasons for a grand total of nearly two-and-a-half straight days of hilarious and heartwarming visual entertainment. Additionally, just last month, on April 6, CBS hosted an emotional farewell special, which — like all 155 episodes — remains available to stream on Paramount+.

But before you jump over to the streaming service to start the series over again from the top, don't miss the finale, in which Dave (Max Greenfield, "New Girl") and his begrudging bestie Calvin (Cedric the Entertainer, "Barbershop," 2002) get vulnerable for a final time before they — and their families — step into the next phase of their lives.

The series finale of "The Neighborhood" airs Monday, May 11, on CBS and the Paramount+ streaming service.

As TV fans can attest, there are many ways to end a series. One of the most iconic series finales in television history is that of "Friends," titled "The Last One," which aired on NBC May 6, 2004. After 10 seasons on air, the hour-long series conclusion drew more than 50 million viewers, all of whom looked on (many through tears) as Rachel (Jennifer Aniston, "The Morning Show"), Ross (David Schwimmer, "Band of Brothers"), Phoebe (Lisa Kudrow, "The Comeback"), Joey (Matt LeBlanc, "Episodes"), Monica (Courteney Cox, "Scream," 1996) and Chandler (late Canadian actor Matthew Perry, "The Whole Nine Yards," 2000) — the latter couple holding their newborn twins — take turns laying their keys upon the counter of their now empty (and very famous) purple apartment.

But "The Neighborhood" co-showrunners Mike Schiff and Bill Martin (who both also served as producers for "3rd Rock from the Sun") had a different series in mind as their idea of a perfect sitcom ending.



Hank Greenspan, Max Greenfield and Beth Behrs in "The Neighborhood"

"We want a victory lap that feels intimate, not bloated," Schiff told TV Line at the start of the show's eighth and final season last October, adding that "finales often go wrong when they get too big."

"To me," Schiff continued, "the gold standard is 'The Mary Tyler Moore Show,' which was just a half hour where everybody gets fired, they all sing 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary,' and we cry, and she turns off the lights. That's the kind of emotional resonance we want."

As for the details of "The Neighborhood's" final episode, Schiff and Martin have kept fairly tight-lipped. What we do know is that the Butler family is expanding as both Marty (Marcel Spears, "The Mayor") and Courtney (Skye Townsend, "A Black Lady Sketch Show") and Malcolm (Sheaun McKinney, "Vice Principals") and Mercedes (Amber Stevens West, "22 Jump Street," 2014) tie the knot in the final episode. While a double wedding is a lot for

any family to manage (and costly to boot!), the Butlers appear to be looking forward to making the most of their truly empty nest.

The Johnsons, meanwhile, have

their own brand of excitement brewing. Rumor has it that Dave, Gemma (Beth Behrs, "2 Broke Girls") and their now teenaged son Grover (Hank Greenspan, "Ethan

Bloom") are packing up and leaving the neighborhood altogether for a new opportunity.

As avid series followers may recall from the Season 8 premiere, Dave lost his job and has been searching for the right new vocation ever since. With Grover set to start high school and Gemma having already followed her dream job (that's what brought them to Pasadena, California, in the pilot, you'll remember), there appears to be no better time for Dave to accept an incoming offer and relocate with his family yet again.

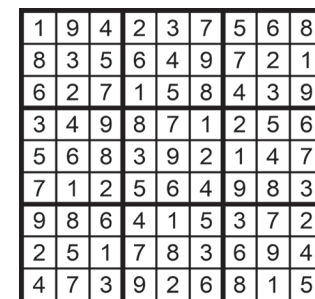
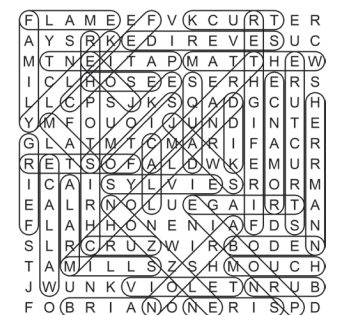
And although saying goodbye is never easy, Behrs and her co-star Tichina Arnold ("Everybody Hates Chris"), who plays Tina Butler, were among the first of the cast to take to social media and give their sincere thanks to CBS, "The Neighborhood" and all the viewers who made the show such a lasting success.

"Playing Gemma for eight years — through marriage, global pandemics, two strikes, motherhood and all the other bits of life — has been an absolute gift, and that is thanks to this incredible cast and crew," Behrs wrote on her Instagram (@bethbehrs). "Laughing

with you every single day has brought me immense joy. And thank you to all of you who watched us on CBS all these years. We are so grateful! THAT'S A WRAP!"

Likewise, Arnold (@tichinaarnold) posted a heartfelt moment during her last day with her castmates on set, pairing it with the caption, "This day is bitter-sweet... yet I am so Grateful. Thank you all for rocking with us. We could not have done this 8 year beautiful journey without YOU."

But the journey isn't over just yet. Tune in for "The Neighborhood's" final farewell Monday, May 11, on CBS. The finale, as well as all over 154 episodes of the series, are also available to stream on Paramount+.



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StoryWalk with DKG - Llama Llama and the Bully Goat

Friday, May 08, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Saturday, May 09, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Sunday, May 10, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Monday, May 11, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Thursday, May 14, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Friday, May 15, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Saturday, May 16, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm
 Luther Britt Park
 671 Branch Street - off 5th Street
 Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Friday, May 08, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Friday, May 15, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

Radiography Pinning

Friday, May 08, 2026, 10:00am-11:00am
 A.D. Lewis Auditorium, 34.674422, -79.007161
 Lumberton, NC

Medical Sonography Pinning

Friday, May 08, 2026, 11:30am-12:30pm
 A.D. Lewis Auditorium, 34.674422, -79.007161
 Lumberton, NC

Opening Day - Farmers Market

Saturday, May 09, 2026, 8:00am-12:00pm
 Robeson County Farmers Market
 Corner of 3rd Street & Water Street
 Lumberton, NC

Plant Sale - Master Gardners

Saturday, May 09, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
 Dick Taylor Plaza (Historic Downtown)
 111 E 3rd Street
 Lumberton, NC

Lumberton Ukulele Club

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 16 Stephens Lane
 Lumberton, NC

Commencement 1

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10:00am-12:00pm
 A.D. Lewis Auditorium, 34.674422, -79.007161
 Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Wednesday, May 13, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Annie H Mc Eachern Library
 223 W Broad St
 St. Pauls, NC

Commencement 2

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
 A.D. Lewis Auditorium, 34.674422, -79.007161
 Lumberton, NC

Commencement

Wednesday, May 13, 2026
 Robeson Community College
 5160 Fayetteville Road
 Lumberton, NC
 (910) 272-3700

Chamber Golf Classic

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 11:00am
 Pine Crest Country Club
 110 Nigel Drive

Lumberton, NC

Julia Golden

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00pm
 Your Pie Pizza
 5130 Fayetteville Road
 Lumberton, NC

Alive After 5 Concert Series - The Tams

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Thursday, May 21, 2026, 7:00pm-9:00pm
 Dick Taylor Plaza (Historic Downtown)
 111 E 3rd Street
 Lumberton, NC

Lumbee Federal Recognition Celebration

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 9:00am-9:00pm
 UNC Pembroke
 202 Main St
 Pembroke, NC

Vision Board Business Brunch

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 1:00pm-5:00pm
 The Kinship Nc Event Venue
 304 North Elm Street
 Lumberton, NC

BLADEN COUNTY

Bladenboro's Spring Fling, Downtown Bladenboro

Saturday, May 09, 2026, 12:00pm
 Elizabethtown, NC

Nature Storytime

Saturday, May 09, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Thursday, May 21, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Saturday, May 23, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 415 South Madison Street
 Whiteville, NC

Nature PlaySpace Pop-Up

Saturday, May 09, 2026, 3:20pm-3:50pm
 415 South Madison Street
 Whiteville, NC

Dinner Celebration

Saturday, May 09, 2026
 Lu Mil Vineyard
 438 Suggs-Taylor Rd,
 Elizabethtown, NC

Health and Human Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, May 11, 2026, 5:00pm
 Bladen County Health Department
 Elizabethtown, NC

Bladen County Firefighters Association Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 6:00pm
 Bay Tree Lake Fire Department
 Elizabethtown, NC

White Lake Water Festival

Friday, May 15, 2026, 8:00am
 Elizabethtown, NC

Bladen County Sheriff's Office Peace Officers Memorial Service

Friday, May 15, 2026, 10:00am-11:00am
 Elizabethtown, NC

N.C. Tree Farm Program 2026 Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 16, 2026, 9:30am-2:30pm
 5543 Live Oak Methodist Church Road
 White Oak, NC

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Sports this week

SATURDAY, MAY 9

6:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

7:30 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Estrella Damm Catalunya Championship, Third Round. (Live) (4h30)

10:00 am CNBC Premier League Soccer (2h)

USA Premier League Fulham vs. Bournemouth. From Craven Cottage in London. (Live) (2h)

12:00 pm ESPN College Softball Big 12 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 College Softball American Conference Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Max R. Joyner Family Stadium in Greenville, N.C. (Live) (2h30)

12:30 pm WRAL WMBF Premier League Soccer Manchester City vs. Brentford. From Etihad Stadium in Manchester, England, United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

1:00 pm WTVD WPDE WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Indiana Fever. From Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf Trust Championship, Third Round. From Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm WFXB United Football League United Football League. Louisville Kings at D.C. Defenders. From Audi Field in Washington, D.C. (Live) (3h)

2:30 pm ESPN College Softball ACC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Palmer Park in Charlottesville, Va. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 College Softball Sun Belt Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

3:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)

WBTW PGA Tour Golf Trust Championship, Third Round. From Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C. (Live) (3h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Third Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Live) (2h)

3:30 pm WTVD WPDE WNBA Basketball Phoenix Mercury at Las Vegas Aces. From T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Mission 200 at the Glen. From Watkins Glen International in Watkins Glen, N.Y. (Live) (3h)

4:30 pm WFXB IndyCar Racing Sonio Grand Prix. From Indianap-

olis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h30)

5:00 pm ESPN College Softball SEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From John Cropp Stadium in Lexington, Ky. (Live) (2h30)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Third Round. From Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J. (Live) (2h30)

7:00 pm WUVC Fútbol Mexicano Primera División (4h)

WFXB MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Padres. From PETCO Park in San Diego. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 Premier Lacrosse League Premier Lacrosse League. Denver Outlaws vs. Utah Archers. From Zions Bank Stadium in Herri-man, Utah. (Live) (2h)

TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm ESPN United Football League United Football League. Dallas Renegades at Birmingham Stallions. From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (Live) (3h)

8:00 am ESPN2 Equestrian Defender Kentucky Three-Day Event. From Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Ky. (2h)

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

9:00 am USA Premier League Soccer Nottingham Forest vs. Newcastle United. From The City Ground in Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England. (Live) (2h)

11:30 am USA Premier League Soccer West Ham United vs. Arsenal. From London Stadium in London. (Live) (2h)

12:00 pm WFXB LIV Golf League LIV Golf League. Virginia, Round 4. From Trump National Golf Club in Washington, D.C. (Live) (5h)

ESPN2 College Baseball Texas at Tennessee. (Live) (3h)

12:25 pm ESPN NWSL Soccer Chicago Stars FC at Kansas City Current. From CPKC Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live) (2h05)

1:00 pm WBTW LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Final Round. From Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell, N.J. (Live) (2h)

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8:30 pm WTVD WPDE NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Insuperity Invitational, Second Round. From The Woodlands Country Club in The Woodlands, Texas. (2h)

9:00 pm ESPN2 College Baseball Oklahoma State at Arizona State. (Live) (3h)

10:00 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

11:00 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

3:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Third Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (2h)

5:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 3. (Live) (30m)

SUNDAY, MAY 10

7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Estrella Damm Catalunya Championship, Final Round. (Live) (5h)

3:30 pm WTVD WPDE NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

5:00 pm WFXB PPA Tour Pickleball Finals. From Life Time Rancho San Clemente in San Clemente, Calif. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Insuperity Invitational, Final Round. From The Woodlands Country Club in The Woodlands, Texas. (2h)

6:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball Las Vegas Aces at Los Angeles Sparks. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h30)

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)

9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

12:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf ONEflight Myrtle Beach Classic, Final Round. From The Dunes Golf and Beach Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C. (2h)

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

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

3:00 pm USA Premier League Soccer Tottenham Hotspur vs. Leeds United. From Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London. (Live) (2h)

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

7:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 Men's College Volleyball NCAA Championship: Teams TBA. From Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom Financial in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

4:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

TUESDAY, MAY 12

7:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 4. (Live) (5h)

10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

3:00 pm USA Premier League Soccer (Live) (2h)

5:00 pm GOLF PGA Championship Highlights 2025 PGA Championship -- Scottie Scheffler at Quail Hollow Club. Scottie Scheffler wins the 2025 PGA Championship. (1h)

7:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TBS TRUTV MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. From Truist Park in Atlanta. (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 5. (Live) (6h)

8:30 am GOLF PGA Championship Highlights 1986. Bob Tway wins the '86 event. (30m)

3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

USA Premier League Soccer (Live) (2h)

5:30 pm GOLF PGA Championship Highlights 1989. Payne Stewart wins his first major at Kemper Lakes. (30m)

6:00 pm GOLF PGA Championship Highlights 2006. Tiger Woods claims in 3rd PGA Championship. (1h)

7:30 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball Las Vegas Aces at Connecticut Sun. From the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Conn. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

USA WNBA Basketball Indiana Fever at Los Angeles Sparks. From Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h30)

THURSDAY, MAY 14

7:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 6. (Live) (4h30)

8:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Amun-

di German Masters, First Round. (Live) (4h)

12:00 pm ESPN ESPN2 2026 PGA Championship First Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (7h)

3:00 pm GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Kroger Queen City Championship, First Round. (Live) (3h)

7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 PGA Championship First Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (1h)

7:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

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

4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 7. (Live) (2h)

FRIDAY, MAY 15

6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia 2026 Giro d'Italia: Men's Individual - Stage 7. (Live) (6h)

7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

8:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Amundi German Masters, Second Round. (Live) (4h)

12:00 pm ESPN ESPN2 2026 PGA Championship Second Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (7h)

2:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Kroger Queen City Championship, Second Round. (Live) (3h)

4:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 2026 PGA Championship Second Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (1h)

TRUTV Banana Ball World Tour Savannah Bananas vs. Loco Beach Coconuts. From Grayson Stadium in Savannah, Ga. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB United Football League United Football League. Orlando Storm at Dallas Renegades. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

9:30 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

Saturday Best Bets

The Wind and the Lion

TCM 2:30 pm

Based on a real event, this sweeping epic stars Sean Connery as a charismatic Moroccan Sheikh who kidnaps an American widow (Candice Bergen), igniting an international standoff and a bold show of diplomacy from President Theodore Roosevelt (Brian Keith).

IndyCar Racing

WFXB 4:30 pm

Expect racers Alex Palou, Kyle Kirkwood, Pato O'Ward, Scott McLaughlin and Christian Lundgaard to participate in this year's Sonio Grand Prix, live from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Palou of Chip Ganassi Racing won last year's race for Honda.



Melissa Peterman, Yan-Kay Crystal Lowe, Fiona Gubelmann and Tamera Mowry-Housley star in "All's Fair in Love & Mahjong"

All's Fair in Love & Mahjong

HALL 8:00 pm

After her daughter leaves for college, the ever-lonely Ronni (Fiona Gubelmann) discovers a talent for teaching mahjong. During a particularly exciting game, she sparks a connection with a new player, Ben (Paul Campbell). Yan-Kay Crystal Lowe also stars.

Saturday Night Live

WRAL WMBF 11:30 pm

Broadcast live from New York City's Studio 8H, this latest episode sees actor Matt Damon appearing as a guest star. Noah Kahan returns for his second appearance as a musical guest, prompting "The Great Divide," his newly released album.

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 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 Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (N)	News	NBC News	Paid Prog.	Education	The Wall		Dateline NBC (CC)	Saturday Night Live (CC)	WRAL News	SNL (N)				
9	WMBF	9	3:00 Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (N)	News	NBC News	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Wall		Dateline NBC (CC)	Saturday Night Live (CC)	News at 11	SNL (N)				
11	WTVD	11	3:30 WNBA Basketball	Home for	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	In NBA (N)	News (N)	Jeopardy!				
13	WBTV	13	3:00 PGA Golf Truist Championship, Third Round (N)	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Paid Prog.	Tracker "To the Bone"	CIA	48 Hours (N) (CC)	News (N)	Jeopardy!					
15	WPDE	10	3:30 WNBA Basketball	TBA	News (N)	World News	Home for	Hearts of (N)	NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	In NBA (N)	Attkisson					
21	WWMB	3	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Mission 200 at the Glen (L) (N) (CC)	Family Feud	Family Feud	The '90s Boy Band Boom (CC)		World's	Family Feud	Family Feud	Two Men						
31	WUNU	12	Old House	Old House	Outdoor	N.C. Wknd	Deception: World War II	Father Brown	Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders	Death in Paradise (CC)	Shaped by	Stage (CC)				
40	WUVC	4	El chal con Pao Sasso	Lo tomas o lo dejas (N)	Contigo en	Noticiero (N)	Fútbol Mexicano Primera División Cobertura de los partidos de la Liga MX.				Contigo en	Noticiero (N)					
43	WFXB	2	1:30 UFL (N)	IndyCar Racing Sonio Grand Prix (L) (N) (CC)			MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at San Diego Padres (L) (N) (CC)				Fox News	Queen City	Fear Fac "Sealed Fates"				
62	WFPX	8	3:00 *** Major Payne	** Money Train ('95) Wesley Snipes. (CC)			*** Unstoppable ('10) Denzel Washington. (CC)			*** Déjà Vu ('06, Thriller) Val Kilmer, Denzel Washington. (CC)			Movie				
A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars		Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Duck Dynasty (N)	:05 Storage Wars					
AMC	41	3:30 *** The Book of Eli ('10) Denzel Washington.	*** I Am Legend ('07) Will Smith. (CC)	*** Men in Black ('97) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)	*** Men in Black II ('02) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)												
ANPL	64	The Zoo "Giraffe Dance"	The Zoo	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: Friends for Life"	Dr. Jeff: "Born to Run"	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet							
BET	37	2:00 * National Security	Equalizer "Chinatown"	The Equalizer	The Equalizer	The Equalizer "D.W.B."	The Equalizer "Pulse"	Equalizer "Hard Money"	*** Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys								
CMT	48	2:45 * Indiana Jones & the Temple of D...	*** Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade ('89) Harrison Ford. (CC)	*** Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull ('08) Harrison Ford. (Gold. Girls													
CNBC	53	Greed "A Widow's Web"	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	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)	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 Hangover ('09) Bradley Cooper. (CC)	** The Hangover Part II ('11, Com) Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.	*** The Hangover Part III									
CSPAN	56	3:00 Washington	Washington This Week (CC)	Washington This Week (CC)			Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events									
DISC	42	Expedition "Arctic UFOs"	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition X	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files				
DISN	57	:05 Bluey	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Chibiverse	*** The Jungle Book	Neel Sethi.	Chibiverse	:20 Phineas and Ferb	:55 Phineas and Ferb	Phineas and Ferb	Ladybug	Ladybug		
E!	39	3:30 ** The Waterboy	Adam Sandler.	** Just Go With It ('11, Rom) Jennifer Aniston, Adam Sandler.	** 50 First Dates ('04) Adam Sandler. (CC)	** The Waterboy ('98) Adam Sandler. (CC)											
ESPN	31	2:30 College Softball	College Softball SEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA (L) (N)	Peyton's	UFL United Football League Dallas Renegades at Birmingham Stallions (L) (N)	SportCtr (N)	In NBA (N)										
ESPN2	32	2:30 College Softball	ESPN Films Premier Lacrosse League (CC)	Premier Lacrosse Denver	Outlaws vs. Utah Archers (N)	College Baseball Oklahoma State at Arizona State (L) (N) (CC)											
FDSO	38	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	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)	Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)	View- Lara Tru. (L) (N)	Saturday Night (L) (N)	Gutfeld!							
FOOD	66	Flavortown "Crunch Day"	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners				
FREE	18	3:45 *** Frozen II ('19) Kristen Bell. (CC)	:55 *** Brave ('12) Kelly Macdonald. (CC)	*** Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)	*** Lilo & Stitch: Daveigh Chase.												
FX	67	Movie	** Transformers: Dark of the Moon (2011, Action) Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf. (CC)	** Transformers: Age of Extinction (2014, Action) Stanley Tucci, Mark Wahlberg. (CC)	Movie												
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Tour Golf	LPGA Tour Golf Mizuho Americas Open, Third Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (N) (CC)	PGA Champ. Insuperity Invitational, Second Round (N)	PGA Tour Golf											
HALL	62	* Villa Amore ('25) Eloise Mumford. (CC)	* My Secret Valentine ('18) Lacey Chabert. (CC)	* All's Fair in Love & Mahjong (P)	* I'll Be Seeing You ('26) Tyler Hynes.												
HGTV	65	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters				
HIST	51	Secrets Declassified	Secrets "Buried Secrets"	Secrets "Top Secret Sites"	Secrets "Black Ops"	Secrets Declassified	Secrets Declassified	:05 Secrets "Secret Units"	:05 Secrets Declassified								
LIFE	25	* To Have and to Hold ('19) Erika Christensen. (CC)	* Tempting Fate ('19) Alyssa Milano. (CC)	* Love, Again ('26) Valerie Bertinelli. (P) (CC)	:05 * Mary J. Blige Presents Be Happy												
LMN	46	* Her Study of a Killer ('23) Natasha Wilson. (CC)	* Homecoming Revenge ('18) April Bowlby. (CC)	* Let's Murder Like It's 1999! ('26) April Martucci.	* My Killer Reunion ('23) Brittney Q. Hill. (CC)												
MSNBC	43	The Beat: Weekend (N)	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)	Cooked on MS NOW (N)	The Rachel (CC)	The 11th Hour With (CC)										
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office				
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)	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	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler	To Catch A Smuggler				
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	*** Trolls World Tour ('20) Anna Kendrick. (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)				
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	"Best of Rubble" (CC)	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol				
OXY	171	Snapped "Sante Kimes"	Snapped "Sydney Powell"	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide (N)	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "The Bad Man" (CC)	Philly "Deadly Drive-Thru"									
PARMT	27	2:45 *** Ocean's Twelve	:50 *** Ocean's Thirteen (2007, Comedy Drama) Brad Pitt, George Clooney.	*** Ocean's Eleven ('01) Matt Damon, George Clooney.	:20 * Ocean's Twelve												
SYFY	55	*** Dredd (2012, Action) Olivia Thirlby, Karl Urban.	*** Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation ('15) Tom Cruise. (CC)	*** Five Nights at Freddy's ('23) Josh Hutcherson. (P)	Movie												
TBN	68	Turning Point (CC)	Graham	Graham	Elmer Hein	Healing	Love	Your Move	Gaither Gospel Hour (N)	The Story	One Israel	Rosenberg	Michael (N)	Gaither Gospel Hour			
TBS	24	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Collision (L) (N)	*** We're the Millers ('13) Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston. (CC)	Movie					
TCM	54	Movie	:45 *** Gandhi (1982, History) Rohini Hattangadi, Ben Kingsley.	*** Kanal ('57) Teresa Izweska.	:45 * Salvatore Giuliano ('62, Cri) Bruno Ekmar, Salvo Randone.												
TLC	23	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	Welcome to Plathville	Welcome to Plathville	Welcome to Plathville (N)	Welcome to Plathville (N)	Welcome to Plathville (N)	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life				
TNT	28	*** John Wick: Chapter 2 ('17) Common, Keanu Reeves. (CC)	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N)													
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy				
TRUTV	40	1:30 * Flash	** Mortal	Kombat ('21) Lewis Tan. (CC)	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N)											
TVLAND	47	Roseanne	Roseanne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld				
USA	30	Chicago "Smash Therapy"	Chicago Fire	Chicago "My Lucky Day"	Chicago Fire	Chicago "Dead of Winter"	Chicago "Escape Route"	Chicago "Double Red"	Chicago Fire								
WE	61	NCIS "Deliverance" (CC)	NCIS "Bounce" (CC)	NCIS	NCIS "Knockout" (CC)	NCIS "Hide and Seek"	NCIS "Dead Reckoning"	NCIS "Toxic" (CC)	NCIS "Legend" (CC)								

Take 5

Sao → Brazil	Person living abroad	"Mr. & Mrs. ____"	Uncle's wife	Look of contempt
				Rats, gnats and brats
				Lumberjack
				Offer one's two cents
				Conclusion beginning
				This or that alternative

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

Solution on page 19

Ranch rivals: Streaming spinoff 'Dutton Ranch' settles in South Texas

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Good fences make good neighbors. A literal interpretation of that line from Robert Frost's 1914 poem "Mending Wall" has become a popular idiom, though it reads as ironic in the poem itself, questioning the purpose of borders. In a state like Texas, where land ownership is so much a part of the culture (over 93% of the state is privately owned, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife), there is only room for the literal interpretation.

Fan-favorite drama "Yellowstone" helped put Paramount+ on the map and told the story of the Dutton ranching dynasty over five seasons, ending with its series finale in 2024. It was the show that started the expansive partnership between series creator, writer and director Taylor Sheridan ("Sicario,"

2015) and the streamer, which now hosts the four existing series in the Yellowstone franchise, six additional scripted shows, the 2023 thriller film "Finestkind" and the country music reality competition series "The Road," all from Sheridan. Now, the fifth "Yellowstone" spinoff says so long to Montana and hello to the Lone Star State.

Kelly Reilly ("True Detective") and Cole Hauser ("The Lizzie Borden Chronicles") reprise their "Yellowstone" roles as Beth Dutton and Rip Wheeler in "Dutton Ranch," a brand-new nine-episode Western drama premiering Friday, May 15, on Paramount+. Two episodes will be available to stream on premiere day with weekly episodes following each Friday. The infamous lovebirds have landed in South Texas with their adopted son, Carter (Finn Little, "Reckon-

ing"), and are ready to start working their 7,000-acre titular ranch.

According to Paramount+, Beth and Rip "collide with brutal new realities and a ruthless rival ranch that will stop at nothing to protect its empire. In South Texas, blood runs deeper, forgiveness is fleeting and the cost of survival might just be your soul." If anyone from the Yellowstone universe was made to thrive in a cutthroat environment like that, it would be Beth, but that doesn't mean that her and Rip will have it easy.

Now that they are the newcomers settling in amongst longtime land owners, Beth and Rip might just be about to learn what it felt like to find yourself on the wrong side of the Dutton family back in Montana. Ed Harris ("Love Lies Bleeding," 2024) and Annette Bening ("Nyad," 2023) star as Everett McKinney and Beulah Jackson, a



Juan Pablo Raba in "Dutton Ranch"

couple of Texans in Beth and Rip's orbit.

While there isn't much official information about Everett and Beulah yet, the trailer and stills offer a little insight into the roles inhabited by two Hollywood movie stars. Beulah, who couldn't look more Texan if she tried with her color-coordinated Stetson, embroidered jacket and Western shirt, sits across from Beth in a tense scene from the official trailer.

"A legacy is a beautiful thing," Beth tells her, "but only if it survives." Leveling some threats over whiskey is nothing unusual for the fiery Beth we know, so it's no surprise that she's brought her management style with her to Texas. It is not as revealing as Beulah's face off with Beth in regards to where he stands with the Dutton Ranch folks, but Everett reveals via his cap that he is a Vietnam Navy vet, a member of a helicopter squadron nicknamed the Seawolves.

Also starring in "Dutton Ranch" are Juan Pablo Raba ("Delirium") as Joaquin; Jai Courtney ("American Primeval") as Rob-Will; J.R. Villarreal ("Landman") as Azul; Marc Menchaca ("Dexter: Resurrection") as Zachariah; and Natalie Alyn Lind ("The Goldbergs") as Oreana. Additionally, two actors were recently announced as recurring characters: Berto Colón ("The Penguin") will appear as Miguel, a cowboy with quiet strength, while Hart Denton ("Riverdale") will portray Chet, an employee of Dutton Ranch's rival.

Sheridan serves as executive producer of "Dutton Ranch," with a writing credit for creating the Yellowstone franchise characters continuing the saga in the new series. Chad Feehan ("Ray Donovan") is showrunner, executive producer and writer of "Dutton Ranch." Episode writers include Hayley Tibbenham ("Inhuman," 2019), Hilary Bettis ("The Dropout"), Sean Conway ("We Are Who We Are"), J. Todd

Scott ("Lawmen: Bass Reeves") and Jacob Forman ("Uglies," 2024).

Christina Alexandra Voros ("Ma," 2019) is one of the executive producers of "Dutton Ranch" and directed multiple episodes, including the premiere and season finale. Greg Yaitanes ("Presumed Innocent"), Jessica Lowrey ("The Madness") and Phil Abraham ("FUBAR") also directed episodes of the debut season. John Linson ("The Outsider," 2018), David C. Glasser ("MobLand"), Art Linson ("Sons of Anarchy"), Ron Burkle ("Mr. Scorsese"), David Hutkin ("The Agency"), Bob Yari ("Deep Water," 2026), Michael Friedman ("Lioness"), Keith Cox ("Hot in Cleveland"), Hauser and Reilly all executive produce.

Saddle up for the premiere of the new "Yellowstone" spinoff, "Dutton Ranch," streaming Friday, May 15, on Paramount+. Two episodes will be available to stream on premiere day with weekly episodes following each Friday.

Sunday Best Bets

Call the Midwife

WUNU 8:00 pm

The convent's future is in the balance as Sister Veronica (Rebecca Gethings) debates whether to remain in the Order, while Dr. Turner (Stephen McGann) tries to save the maternity home and the Mulucks fight for thalidomide victims in this season finale.

Home Town: Inn This Together

HGTV 8:00 pm

The Napiers go all in for their closest friends, tackling the gutted bones of a 1930s department store they hope to remake into Laurel's first boutique hotel. Six months, a mountain of debt and one prototype room stand between them and success.



My Granddaughter Has Your Son's Face

LIFE 8:00 pm

When word spreads that the pastor's son fathered her daughter's child, a fierce mother draws a hard line to guard her family from the judgment swirling through their small town and fights for the future she's spent a lifetime carefully building.

Bob's Burgers

WFXB 8:30 pm

During this all-new episode, Nat the limo driver gives Linda some lessons in anger management to help with her road rage. Meanwhile, Bob, Tina, Gene and Louise enjoy the highs and lows of riding a mattress down the stairs. Geronimo!

SUNDAY EVENING, MAY 10, 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. Round 17: Salt Lake City (CC)			WRAL News	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)		NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)						WRAL News	GameTime	
9	WMBF	9	3:00 AMA Supercr. Round 17: Salt Lake City (CC)			News (N)	NBC News	NBA Showtime (L) (N)		NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)						News at 11	:35 TBA	
11	WTVD	11	3:30 Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (N)			News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Funniest Home Videos	Celebrity Jeopardy!			Betrayal-Secret (N)		News (N)	News Extra	
13	WBTV	13	3:00 PGA Golf Truist Championship, Third Round (N)			CBS-News	News (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)		Marshals (N)	Tracker "Reclamation" (N)			Watson (CC)		News (N)	Paid Prog.	
15	WPDE	10	3:30 Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (N)			News (N)	World News	Videos (N)		Funniest Home Videos	Celebrity Jeopardy!			Betrayal-Secret (N)		News 15 (N)	:35 PaidProg.	
21	WWMB	3	2:30 Banana Ball		Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	WOW - Women (N)	Police (N)	*** Speed ('94, Action) Dennis Hopper, Keanu Reeves. (P) (CC)			The		The Right Side Forum		Attkisson		
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines	Week	Hoover (N)	Midsummer Murders	Midsummer Murders	Call the Midwife (SF) (N)	MaryLand-Mast (CC)				Monte Cristo (F) (N)		Murder in "Firestarter"		
40	WUVC	4	*** Godzilla ('14) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. (CC)			Contigo	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Juego de voces (N)				C.D.I. Código de in		Contigo	SaborDe	
43	WFXB	2	12:00 LIV Golf League		PPA Tour Pickleball Finals (L) (N) (CC)			Next Level Chef	Family Guy	Burgers (N)	American	Burgers		News (N)	Lately	Son of God	1st Church	
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Radical" (CC)		S.W.A.T. "Imposters" (CC)	*** Soul Food ('97) Vanessa Williams. (CC)		*** The Family That Preys ('08) Kathy Bates. (CC)						*** Kingdom Come ('01) LL Cool J.				
A&E	21	Biography	"The Curse of the Von Erchs, Part 2"			Biography: WWE Legends "Goldberg"			Biography: WWE Legends "Legion of Doom" (N)			WWE LFG (N)			:05	WWE (N)	:35	WWE (N)
AMC	41	3:00 *** I Am Legend	* The Dark Knight Rises						The Audacity (N)			:20	The Audacity "LampLighters" (CC)	Movie				
ANPL	64	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens			Yellowstone Wardens			Yellowstone Wardens			Yellowstone Wardens			Wardens "Case Closed"			
BET	37	*** Crooklyn (1994, Drama) Delroy Lindo, Alfre Woodard. (CC)				*** Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys ('08) Kathy Bates. (CC)						Payne	Payne	Payne	Payne			
CMT	48	2:30 * Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade	* Son-in-Law ('93) Carla Gugino, Pauly Shore. (CC)			:45 *** Encino Man ('92) Sean Astin. (CC)			:45 * Son-in-Law ('93, Comedy) Carla Gugino, Pauly Shore. (CC)									
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)			
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	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 "Colombian Cave Women" (CC)	Naked and Afraid "Flesh and Fangs" (CC)						Naked and Af. (N) (CC)			Filthy Fortunes (N) (CC)			:05 Filthy Fortunes			
DISN	57	Kiff (CC)	Kiff (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	*** Incredibles 2 ('18) Craig T. Nelson. (CC)	:05	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Place	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	Taylor (CC)	
ESPN	31	2:55 Spanish Soccer	ESPN FC (N)	ESPN Doc.	Inside the NBA (L) (N)	NHL Hockey	Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)				NHL Hockey			Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)				
ESPN2	32	3:00 College Baseball Florida State at Clemson (L) (N)	The Point (L) (N) (CC)			NCAA Softball (CC)			7 Innings (L) (N)			Banana Ball Texas Tailgaters vs. Savannah Bananas			SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)			
FDSO	38	1:30 Baseball Braves Live! Postgame (L) (N)				Sportsman Road Trip			Warehouse Games (N)			Warehouse Games (N)			Warehouse Games (N)			
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)	Weekend (L) (N)			Weekend (L) (N)			Weekend (L) (N)			Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)			Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)			
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	:24 in 24: Last Chef Standing "Shift 1: Strategy" (CC)			:24 in 24: Last "Shift 2: Speed" (CC)			:24 in 24 "Shift 3: Resourcefulness" (N)			Beat Bobby			Beat Bobby			
FREE	18	3:15 *** Cinderella Cate Blanchett. :50 *** Freaky Friday ('03) Jamie Lee Curtis. (CC)				:55 *** The Parent Trap (1998, Children) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan. (CC)			*** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales ('17) Johnny Depp. *** Hitman									
FX	67	1:30 * Pirates of the Cari...	*** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. (CC)			*** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales ('17) Johnny Depp. *** Hitman												
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Tour Golf	PGA Champions Inseperity Invitational, Final Round (N)			Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)			PGA Tour Golf Truist Championship, Final Round From Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C.									
HALL	62	3:00 * A Valentine's Match	* Love of the Irish ('25) Shenae Grimes-Beech. (CC)			* All's Fair in Love & Mahjong Melissa Peterman.			The Way Home (N)			* Raise a Glass to Love ('21) Laura Osnes. (CC)						
HGTV	65	Love It or List It	Home Town			Home Town			Home Town: Inn This (N)			Property Brothers: (N)			Hunters (N)			
HIST	51	Hazardous History	Hazardous History			Hazardous History			Hazardous "Killer Crazes"			Hazardous History (N)			:05 Built America (N)			
LIFE	25	* The Man With My Husband's Face				* The Boy With My Son's Face ('26) Italia Ricci. (CC)			* My Granddaughter Has Your Son's Face (P)			:05 * Love, Again ('26) Valerie Bertinelli. (CC)						
LMN	46	* The Wrong Baby Daddy ('26) Vivica A. Fox. (CC)	* The Child They Hid ('25) Grace Patterson. (CC)			* A House Built on Lies ('26) Kimberly-Sue Murray.			* A Mother-in-Law's Obsession ('25) Christa Rose.									
MSNBC	43	Crooked on MS NOW	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)			The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)						The Briefing (N) (CC)			Crooked on MS NOW			
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Pixels (2015, Comedy) Kevin James, Adam Sandler. (CC)	*** Hall Pass (2011, Comedy) Jason Sudeikis, Owen Wilson. (CC)									
NEWSN	16	The Hill Sunday With	NewsNation Live (L) (N)			NewsNation Live (L) (N)			NewsNation Live (L) (N)			NewsNation Prime (L) (N)			NewsNation Prime (L) (N)			
NGEO	70	Drugs, Inc. "Oregon High"	Catch.. "Cocaine Shoes"			To Catch a Smuggler			To Catch a Smuggler			Catch.. "Mama's Meth"			Catch.. "The Coke Inside"			
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob "Best of the SpongeBob Universe!" (CC)			Friends (CC) Friends (CC)			Friends (CC) Friends (CC)			Friends (CC) Friends (CC)			Friends (CC) Friends (CC)			
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol "Best of Everest" (CC)			PAW Patrol			PAW Patrol			PAW Patrol			PAW Patrol			
OXY	171	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples			Snapped: Killer (N)			A Plan to Kill (N)			:05 Snapped			Snapped: Killer Couples			
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue			
SYFY	55	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	Twi. Zone	
TBN	68	Turning	Prince	Michael (N)	Tim (N)	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Cahn	PowerPoint	J. Osteen (N)	Turning	Vinia: Er	Ancient	Jack Hibbs	Amazing	Heroes of (N)		
TBS	24	3:00 *** Barbie Margot Robbie. *** We're the Millers ('13) Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston. (CC)				Big Bang			Big Bang			Big Bang			Big Bang			
TCM	54	*** Bachelor Mother	*** Gypsy (1962, Musical) Natalie Wood, Rosalind Russell.			*** I Remember Mama ('48) Irene Dunne.			*** Imitation of Life									
TLC	23	90 Day Fiancé	90 Day Fiancé			90 Day Fiancé			90 Day Fiancé			90 Day Fiancé "In My Getting Married Era" (N)			90 Day Diaries (N) (CC)			
TNT	28	Movie	*** John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) Keanu Reeves.			*** John Wick: Chapter 4 (2023, Action) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves. (CC)			:45 *** Trap ('24) Josh Hartnett. (P)									
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	
TRUTV	40	3:00 * Tom Clancy's With... :15 *** The Accountant (2016, Thriller) Anna Kendrick, Ben Affleck.	*** The Accountant (2016, Thriller) Anna Kendrick, Ben Affleck.			*** The Accountant (2016, Thriller) Anna Kendrick, Ben Affleck.			:45 * Tom Clancy's Without Remorse									
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond	:55 Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		
USA	30	3:30 Law-SVU	Law & Order: SVU	WNBA (N)	WNBA Basketball	Las Vegas Aces at Los Angeles Sparks (L) (N)	Everything	Law-SVU "Mother"	Law-SVU "Savior"	Law & Order: SVU								
WE	61	Criminal "No Way Out"	Criminal "The Big Game"			Criminal "Revelations"			Criminal Minds			Criminal "Distress"			Criminal Minds "Jones"			

Stars on screen

Start your engines: Dennis Quaid headlines NASCAR drama

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Start your engines: AMC and NASCAR have partnered up on an upcoming drama that will have engines revving and tires screaming — and somewhere in the middle of all that, will be actor Dennis Quaid (“Lawmen: Bass Reeves”).

“Thunder Road” is described as “a multi-generational saga of the Whitlock family, whose legacy in stock car racing is as deep as the family’s ties to the southern hill country roots that shaped them,” according to the official logline. Quaid is set to headline the series from John Fusco, whose screenplays include “Young Guns” (1988) and “The Highwaymen” (2019).

The actor will play the part of Duane “The Wrecking Ball” Whitlock, a NASCAR legend and “a towering figure who built a racing empire from a legacy of moonshine runs and dirt tracks... and refuses to let it die.” The official description goes on to explain that, “this is a story about a blue collar dynasty at the edge of extinction — and the old king fighting to hold onto his crown.”

Over the course of his nearly 50-year acting career, Quaid has come to be associated with easygoing charm and quiet confidence — qualities that make him a natural fit for a retired driver who still carries the weight of every lap he’s ever run. And it’s not exactly new territory for the actor, who played a race car driver in the 2012 rom-com film “What to Expect When You’re Expecting.”

“Thunder Road” is the first drama set in the NASCAR world since the 1990 film “Days of Thunder” starring Tom Cruise (“Top Gun,” 1986), although there’s no shortage of real-life drama — along with cha-

os, and pressure — in the docuseries “Full Speed,” which recently shifted from Netflix to Prime Video. It’s also AMC’s latest push into sports content, having recently found success with “Rise of the 49ers.”

Taylor Elmore (“Justified”) will serve as showrunner on the series, and production is expected to begin this summer according to Deadline, which first reported both the project and Quaid’s casting.

Dr. Jost: Family man, dentist... cocaine kingpin?

“Saturday Night Live” writer and “Weekend Update” co-anchor Colin Jost is poised to star in/executive produce a new drama series about Philadelphia dentist-turned-drug lord, Larry Lavin, with writer-producer Alex Barnow (“The Goldbergs”) also serving as showrunner.

Based on Season 1 of the Audacy true-crime podcast “Wolves Among Us,” the potential series doesn’t have a title or an official series order yet, but it is in development at Peacock.

It also has an official description, which reads: “By day, Larry Lavin was a respected Ivy League dentist and family man — by night, the East Coast’s most elusive cocaine kingpin. This series is inspired by the shocking and absurd true story of the suburban dentist who built a drug empire behind the facade of the American dream.”

Lavin would be played by Jost, whose other current TV project, “Pop Culture Jeopardy!,” is releasing new episodes daily as of May 11 — but on Netflix instead of Prime Video.

With this project, Jost is seemingly branching out to scripted series and would be making his prime-time TV acting debut. He has previously dabbled in acting, with ap-



Dennis Quaid to star in “Thunder Road”

pearances in such films as “Staten Island Summer” (2015) and “How to Be Single” (2016), as well as “Fly Me To The Moon” (2024) alongside his wife, Scarlett Johansson (“Black Widow,” 2021).

Reportedly, this role shouldn’t impact Jost’s work on “SNL,” which he joined in 2005. And he wouldn’t be the first “SNL” cast member to juggle other projects with the long-running sketch program: Kenan Thompson (“Good Burger,” 1997) did it with his sitcom, as did Aidy Bryant with Hulu’s “Shrill” and Cecily Strong with “Schmigadoon!” on Apple TV.

More Monaghan: Fresh off 2025’s “The Family Plan 2” and Season 3 of “The White Lotus,” Michelle Monaghan is busy filming Netflix’s new upcoming hockey series — but it’s far from the only project on her slate.

Monaghan has now joined the cast of another TV series for its third season — specifically, Apple TV’s “Your Friends & Neighbors,” where she’s set to appear as a series regular.

No character details have been (officially) released, though it’s rumored she may play a love interest for series lead Jon Hamm’s (“Mad Men”) character.

This would keep Monaghan in the Apple TV fold after starring in Season 1 of “Bad Monkey” and in the aforementioned “The Family Plan 2,” which arrived on the streamer last November.

Monaghan will also be seen in “The Whisper Man” alongside Robert De Niro (“Zero Day”) and Adam Scott (“Severance”). An adaptation of the best-selling novel by Alex North, the Netflix film follows a widowed crime writer (Scott) who turns to his estranged father (De Niro) — a retired former police detective — for help after his young son (Acston Luca Porto, “Dora and the Search for Sol Dora-do,” 2025) is kidnapped. However, he soon discovers a connection between his situation and the decades-old case of a convicted serial killer, whose moniker ties into the film and book title. “The Whisper Man” is scheduled for release sometime this year.

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WHAT'S NEW ON DISNEY+

"Tucci in Italy" - Season 2

Whether he's drifting through canals in Veneto or wandering the streets of Sicily, one thing is for certain: Stanley Tucci ("The Devil Wears Prada," 2006) feels at home in Italy, and now, the beloved actor returns for Season 2 of "Tucci in Italy" to continue his adventures. National Geographic's Emmy-nominated series arrives Tuesday, May 12, on Disney+, so pack your bags, grab your passport and join Tucci as he explores five new regions and uncovers the deep, delicious ties between Italy's storied landscape and its old culinary traditions. From breaking bread in Campania to raising a glass to an ancient volcanic vine grape in Naples, then winding along the rugged Adriatic coast of Le Marche, Tucci is reminded that in Italy, a shared meal isn't just a tradition — it's a love letter to its people. "Tucci in Italy" hails from executive producers Tucci and Lottie Birmingham ("Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy").

WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

"Off Campus" - Season 1

Starring Ella Bright ("The Crown") and Belmont Cameli ("Saved by the



Stanley Tucci stars in "Tucci in Italy"

Bell"), "Off Campus" leaps off the pages of Elle Kennedy's ("Us") best-selling novel "The Deal" and lands on Prime Video when the first season arrives Wednesday, May 13. Created for television by Louisa Levy ("In the Dark"), the college-set drama follows an elite Briar University hockey team as they grapple with love, heartbreak and the growing pains that come with finding yourself during your college years. At its center are two students who don't quite make sense on paper. There's Garrett (Cameli), the hockey team's star player who lives for the chanting of the crowd in the stands, and

Hannah (Bright), a quiet songwriter who keeps her world tucked inside the pages of her journal. When their paths cross, an unexpected romance begins to take shape — one that pushes them to rethink their plans and changes them both in ways neither ever expected. Mika Abdalla ("Sex Appeal," 2022), Antonio Cipriano ("Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin"), Jalen Thomas Brooks ("The Pitt"), Josh Heuston ("Dune: Prophecy") and Stephen Kalyn ("Gen V") round out the cast. A second season, based on Kennedy's "The Mistake," is already in production.

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WHAT'S NEW ON HULU

"Rivals" - Season 2

Rutshire's most ruthless are back and they haven't gotten any nicer. Based on Jilly Cooper's ("Comedy Playhouse") beloved novel from her best-selling Rutshire Chronicles series, "Rivals" returns for Season 2 with its first three episodes dropping Friday, May 15, on Hulu. The battle for the Central South West television franchise has never been bloodier, and Tony Baddingham (David Tennant, "Doctor Who") — who is very much alive and very furious — is done playing nice. Weaponizing scandal, pulling strings and turning allies into casualties, he's out to dismantle Venturer, brick by brick. Meanwhile, the personal lives of our Rutshire heroes unspool in spectacular fashion with big hair, bigger egos and the kind of 1980s glamour that makes bad behavior look very, very good. Alex Hassell ("The Boys"), Aidan Turner ("Poldark"), Danny Dyer ("EastEnders"), Katherine Parkinson ("The IT Crowd") and Emily Atack ("The Inbetweeners") all return for a season that promises to be the naughtiest yet.

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

"Pop Culture Jeopardy!" - Season 2

If you can name every Taylor Swift ("The Fate of Ophelia") Easter egg but couldn't solve a math problem to save your life, this one's for you. Starting Monday, May 11, the popular quiz show "Pop Culture Jeopardy!" — hosted by comedian Colin Hanks ("Saturday Night Live") — will air on Netflix every weekday through June 5. The series puts a

twist on the classic "Jeopardy!" format as contestants test their pop culture knowledge in TV, movies and music, with categories including "Horror Made Wholesome," "Bummer Movie Endings" and everything in between. Teams survive or go home, week after week, until the five longest-winning-streak teams face off in a final tournament for a \$300,000 cash prize. Michael Davies ("Jeopardy!") and Bari Jean Dorman ("Who Wants to be a Millionaire") return as executive producers.

WHAT'S NEW ON PARAMOUNT+

"Couples Therapy" - Season 5

Orna Guralnik ("Gossip Girl"), a world-renowned psychologist and psychoanalyst, is back in session to help couples with their relationship

woes when Season 5 of "Couples Therapy" arrives Friday, May 15, on Paramount+ with nine new episodes. This season, a volatile marriage is being torn apart by clashing political beliefs that fuel daily fights, while a couple on the brink of moving in together are derailed by an autism diagnosis. High school sweethearts, now 20 years into marriage, have grown into different people and ask Guralnik if it's time to let go. Then, the discovery of secret, paid cuddling sessions has blindsided another couple. Guralnik sits with all of it — unflinching, as always. "Couples Therapy" is produced by Edgeline Films, with executive producers including Sundance Award-winning filmmakers Josh Kriegman ("The Fight," 2020), Elyse Steinberg ("The First 48") and Eli Despres ("Blackfish," 2013).

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Dreams

Fernando (Hernandez) is a talented Mexican ballet dancer who dreams of building a life in the United States. He becomes romantically involved with Jennifer (Chastain), a wealthy and influential American socialite who appears to support his ambitions. Believing in their relationship, Fernando risks everything to cross the U.S. border and pursue both his career and a future with her. However, once he arrives, the imbalance in their relationship becomes clear. Jennifer's control, status and hidden motives begin to dominate, turning what seemed like a passionate romance into something manipulative and damaging.

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American Idol

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

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Independent Lens

WUNU 10:00 pm

This documentary about Natchez, Miss., examines the clash between the city's deep pride in antebellum preservation and its unresolved past. Residents grapple with race, contested memory and what it truly means to honor history honestly and completely.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 2026

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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)	American Idol "916 (Grand Finale)" (SF) (L) (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!	Neighbor (F) DMV (F) (N) (CC)	FBI "Long Shot" (N) (CC)			CIA "Forbidden Eye" (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)	American Idol "916 (Grand Finale)" (SF) (L) (N) (CC)						News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Sullivan's Crossing (N)	Wild Cards			National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)	
31	WUNU	12	Farmer	Christina	Horizons (N)	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Focus On	Best	Antiques Roadshow (N)	Antiques Roadshow			Independent Lens "Natchez" (N) (CC)		Focus On	
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "El follower" (N)	Mi verdad oculta (N)	Mi rival (N)				Hermanas, un amor (N)		Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	1% Club "Split Decision"	The Quiz With Balls			Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs
62	WFPX	8	★ The Royal (2022, Drama)	Elisabeth Röhm, Amin Joseph. (CC)	★★★ Radio	(2003, Drama)	Ed Harris, Cuba Gooding. (CC)	★★★ Akeelah and the Bee ('06) Laurence Fishburne. (CC)	★★★ Bull ('19)								
A&E	21	Live PD "Episode 44"	Live PD "Episode 46"	Live PD "Episode 2"	Live PD "Episode 15"	Live PD "Episode 7"	Live PD "Episode 16" (N)	Live PD "Episode 17" (N)	:05 Live PD "Episode 14"								
AMC	41	1:00 ★ Dark Knight Rises	★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance ('95, Act) Jeremy Irons, Bruce Willis. (CC)	★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins. (CC)	★★★ True Lies												
ANPL	64	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People	Alaskan Bush People
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	As. Living	As. Living	As. Living	As. Living	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 "Episode 10"	Shark Tank (CC)									
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)								
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)	:55 Office	The Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N)		
CSPAN	56	Public Affairs Events		Public Affairs Events		Public Affairs Events		Public Affairs Events		Public Affairs Events				Public Affairs Events			
DISC	42	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized (CC)	Contraband: Seized (N)	Body Cam (N)	120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars								
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Phineas	Phineas	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	Two Men	Two Men
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ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	The Point (L) (N) (CC)	Volleyball NCAA Championship: Teams TBA (L) (N)	NFL Live (CC)	WSL: Inside Pro Surfing	Peyton's	Peyton's								
FDSO	38	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance	Overtime Select Basketball	Warehouse	MLB Baseball											
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)									
FOOD	66	BBQ Brawl	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl (N)							
FREE	18	3:35 ★ 10 Things I Hate About You	:40 ★★ The Princess Diaries ('01) Julie Andrews. (CC)	:20 ★★ The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ('04) Anne Hathaway.	The 700 Club (N) (CC)												
FX	67	Movie	★★★ Alita: Battle Angel ('19) Christoph Waltz, Rosa Salazar. (CC)	★★★ Bumblebee (2018, Action) John Cena, Hailee Steinfeld. (CC)	★★★ Bumblebee (2018, Action) John Cena, Hailee Steinfeld. (CC)												
GOLF	45	2:30 PGA Tour Golf Truist Championship, Final Round		Live From the PGA Championship (L) (N) (CC)	Live From the PGA Championship (CC)												
HALL	62	★ Paris, Wine & Romance ('19) Jen Lilley. (CC)	★ The Wedding Veil Unveiled ('22) Autumn Reeser.	★ A Country Wedding ('15) Jesse Metcalfe. (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls								
HGTV	65	Unsellable Houses	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Rock "Great Reasons To Be Mad" (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	51	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries (N)	Mysteries "Foo Fighters"	:05 History's Greatest (N)	:05 History's-Mysteries								
LIFE	25	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	:05 Dr. Pimple Popper	:05 Dr. Pimple Popper								
LMN	46	★ Secrets in the Building ('23) Shemeka Wright.	★ Secrets Beneath the Floorboards	★ Secrets to Kill For ('25) Courtney Grace. (CC)	★ Secrets Between Sisters ('24) Jessica Morris.												
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N) (CC)	The Rachel (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)										
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	Ramsay: Uncharted	Ramsay: Uncharted	Tucci in Italy	Tucci in Italy "Lombardy"	Tucci in Italy "Tuscany"	Tucci in Italy (N)	Tucci in Italy "Sicily" (N)	Tucci in Italy "Tuscany"								
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble (N)	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	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: "Dawn Fowler"	Snapped										
PARMT	27	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	★ Movie									
SYFY	55	★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ('04) Daniel Radcliffe.	★★★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Fantasy) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.	★★★ Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone													
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	The Daniel	New Season	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Takeaway Kirk	Harvest (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	Foul Play (N)	Foul Play	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office
TCM	54	3:00 ★ So Well Remembe...	★★★ Raintree County (1957, Drama) Elizabeth Taylor, Montgomery Clift.	★★★ All of Me ('84) Steve Martin.	:45 ★★ Parenthood ('89) Mary Steenburgen, Steve Martin. (CC)												
TLC	23	90 Day "The Last Word"	90 Day "The Last Rodeo"	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	The Single Life "The Act of Making It Official" (N)	:05 The Single Life (N)	:05 90 Day Diaries (CC)									
TNT	28	3:00 ★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabell...	★★★ John Wick: Chapter 4 (2023, Action) Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves. (CC)	★★★ Avengers: Endgame (2019, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey. (CC)													
TOON	69	Regular (N)	Regular	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	★★★ Jerry Maguire (1996, Romance) Cuba Gooding, Tom Cruise.	★★★ Jerry Maguire ('96) Tom Cruise.								
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	3:00 Premier Soccer	Goal Zone	Everything	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
WE	61	9-1-1 "Jinx" (CC)	Criminal	"Today I Do"	Criminal Minds	"Coda"	Criminal	"Valhalla"	Criminal Minds	"Lauren"	Criminal Minds	Criminal	"Hanley Waters"	Criminal	"The Stranger"		

Wednesday Best Bets

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 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 "Thank You" (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 "Thank You" (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 Jeopardy! (N)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	News (N)	:35	J. Kimmel			
13	WBTV	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Survivor (N) (CC)	Culinary "Million-Dollar Menu" (SF) (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)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	News 15 (N)	:35	J. Kimmel			
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Family (N)	Police 24/7 "Busted" (N)	Law & Order Toronto	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Antiques Roadshow	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Nature	NOVA	Shared Pla "Forests" (N)	Amanpour (N)						
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "La paloma" (N)	Mi verdad oculta (N)	Mi rival "Mi rival" (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40	:35	Noticiero					
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	MasterChef (N)	The Floor (N)	Fox News	:35	Not. News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs		
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Contamination"	S.W.A.T. "Fences" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Ghosts" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Crews" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Payback" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Armory" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Patrol" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Source" (CC)								
A&E	21	Live PD	Live PD	K9 Pa.	K9 Pa.	K9 Pa.	Patrol K9	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	Southern Law (N)	:05	Squatters	:35	Squatters
AMC	41	3:00	*** Shooter '07	Mark Wahlberg. (CC)	*** Unstoppable '10	Denzel Washington. (CC)	*** The Bourne Identity '02	Franka Potente, Matt Damon.	*** The Bourne Supremacy									
ANPL	64	Tanked	Tanked	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	Monsters "Asian Slayer"	Monsters "Russian Killer"			
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	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 (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	American Greed	American Greed					
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)								
COMC	34	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)	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events					
DISC	42	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Expedition Files	Conspiracies (N)	Conspiracies			
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas and Ferb	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	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	Harry Potter & the Sor...		
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)				
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	Game On Softball	NFL Live (CC)	ESPN Original Documentaries (CC)	Podcast (CC)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)										
FDSO	38	3:00	MLB Baseball	FIBA	To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.												
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)									
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery "DDD-licious"	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Flavortown "Game Day"	Flavortown "Fry Day" (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games									
FREE	18	3:00	*** Fox & the Hound	*** Tarzan '99	Tony Goldwyn. (CC)	*** The Lion King '94	Matthew Broderick. (CC)	*** Aladdin '92	Scott Weinger. (CC)	The 700 Club (N) (CC)								
FX	67	3:00	*** X-Men: Days of Future Past	*** Captain America: The Winter Soldier '14	Chris Evans. (CC)	*** Captain America: Civil War '16	Act) Robert Downey, Chris Evans. (CC)											
GOLF	45	9:00	PGA (L) (N)	PGA	PGA Champ.	PGA Championship 2006	Live From the PGA Championship (L) (N) (CC)	Live From the PGA Championship (CC)										
HALL	62	*** Love on the Amazon '26	Jaicy Elliot. (CC)	*** Betty's Bad Luck in Love '24	Laci J Mailey. (CC)	*** All's Fair in Love & Mahjong	Melissa Peterman.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls					
HGTV	65	House	House	House	House	House	Rock "Great Reasons To Be Mad"	Zillow	Zillow	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	
HIST	51	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	American Pickers	Pickers "It's a Woody"	Hazardous "Killer Crazes"	Hazardous History	Hazardous History	:05	Hazardous History	:05	Hazardous History					
LIFE	25	Castle	Castle "The Late Shaft"	Castle "Den of Thieves"	The Rookie "Standoff"	The Rookie	The Rookie "Redwood"	:05	The Rookie	:05	The Rookie							
LMN	46	*** Girl Who Vanished '25	Rylee Reagan. (CC)	*** Taken in Plain Sight '24	Tennille Read.	*** No One Believed Me '25	Meghan Carrasquillo.	*** Danger in the Countryside '25	Nicole Reddinger.									
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	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Cat Smug Cont (N)	Smuggler "Cocaine Cop"	Catch a Smuggler								
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	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	Dateline "The Sting"	Dateline "Dark Valley"	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	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	Two Men	Two Men	
SYFY	55	3:20	*** Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows: Part 2	:05	*** I Am Number Four '11	Timothy Olyphant, Alex Pettyfer.	*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi)	Bill Pullman, Will Smith. (CC)	Movie									
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	The Daniel	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	Michael (N)	Turning	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
TCM	54	Movie	*** Ride the High Country	:15	*** Welcome to Hard Times	Henry Fonda.	*** Ed Wood '94	Martin Landau, Johnny Depp.	:15	*** The Aviator '04	Leonardo DiCaprio. (CC)							
TLC	23	Body Bizarre	Body Bizarre	Body Bizarre	Body Bizarre	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	The Face Doctors (N)	Bad Foot C "Nailing It"					
TNT	28	Movie	*** We're the Millers '13	Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston. (CC)	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N)												
TOON	69	Regular (N)	Regular	Ed, Edd	Ed, Edd	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	NHL on TNT	NHL Hockey (L) (N)									
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	3:00	Soccer (L) (N)	Goal Zone	9-1-1 "Jinx" (CC)	9-1-1	WNBA Pre.	WNBA Basketball	Las Vegas Aces at Connecticut Sun (L) (N) (CC)	WNBA Basketball								
WE	61	NCIS "The Inside Man"	NCIS	NCIS "Code of Conduct"	NCIS	NCIS "Endgame" (CC)	NCIS "Power Down" (CC)	NCIS "Child's Play" (CC)	NCIS "Faith" (CC)									



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Real talk

Game on: The Wrexham Reds prepare to make history in Season 5 of 'Welcome to Wrexham'

By **Caroline Collacutt**
TV Media

Game on: As Thin Lizzy once said, the boys are back in town. Rob Mac (formerly know as Rob McElhenney, of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia") and Ryan Reynolds ("Deadpool & Wolverine," 2024) return to Wrexham, Wales, once again during Season 5 of "Welcome to Wrexham," which premieres Thursday, May 14, on FXX and Hulu.

The Emmy-winning series has followed notable Hollywood actors

through the process of owning and running the third-oldest professional football club in the world: the Wrexham Red Dragons. Reynolds and Mac — who initially bought the team in February 2021 — have since led the team from the National League, the fifth division of English football, to its upcoming debut in the EFL Championship, which acts as a major plot point for the upcoming season.

According to the Wrexham Reds' official website (wrexhamreds.com), Season 5 will see the Red Dragons facing top-tier

competitors as they complete a historic run at the domestic cup.

"The season is expected to highlight significant squad changes, including new arrivals as Wrexham adapt to Championship level and the departures of long-standing players who were central to the club's rise," their synopsis reads.

Additionally, Season 5 will "explore changes in ownership structure and new investment, reflecting Wrexham's rapid growth as a football club and global brand," per Wrexham Reds writer Andrew Pargh.



Rob Mac and Ryan Reynolds star in "Welcome to Wrexham"

Extreme Sudoku

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Solution on page 19

According to Reynolds himself, "Welcome to Wrexham" fans can also expect the release of three new seasons following the debut of Season 5. The actor announced the series' renewal on his Instagram (@vancityreynolds), sharing: "season five premieres May 14 and we've been renewed for three more... Congrats to our Emmy-winning doc team, the town, and Wrexham AFC for always making things so dramatic and stressful. Good for TV, bad for blood pressure."

Produced by Mac, Reynolds, Josh Drisko ("It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia"), Bryan Rowland ("Match Made in Hell," 2020), Jeff Luini ("Family Matters"), Humphrey Ker ("American Auto"), Nick Frenkel ("Mythic Quest"), George Dewey ("Free Guy," 2021) and Boardwalk Pictures' Andrew Fried ("America's Sweethearts: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders"), Dane Lilegard ("Last Chance U"), Sarina Roma ("Paul American") and Andy Thomas ("Tough As Nails"), Season 5 of "Welcome to Wrexham" makes its debut Thursday, May 14, on FXX and Hulu.

Ready to be roasted: When you're a comedian, it's important

to laugh at yourself sometimes, too. Join A-list funnyman Kevin Hart ("Kevin Hart: Acting My Age," 2025) as he chuckles, chortles and gasps at comments from his hottest Hollywood friends in "The Roast of Kevin Hart," airing live Sunday, May 10, on Netflix.

Hart, who boasts an impressive — and comedic — filmography, including "Scary Movie 3" (2003), "Ride Along" (2014), "Central Intelligence" (2016), "Die Hart 2: Die Harter" (2024) and more, is no stranger to the "roast" format. Previously, Hart served as Roastmaster for the "Comedy Central Roast of Justin Bieber" in 2015, and just two years ago, in 2024, Hart led Netflix's roast of former NFL player Tom Brady, commanding a boisterous audience alongside Roastmaster General Jeff Ross ("Jeff Ross: Take a Banana for the Ride," 2026).

Shortly after its debut, "The Roast of Tom Brady" proved itself to be one of Netflix's most successful events to date, with over two million viewers tuning in to view the three-hour special live. Within its first week on the streamer, Brady's roast earned itself 1.67 billion minutes of viewing time (per

Deadline), cementing itself as a more-than-successful format.

While Brady has publicly claimed that he "wouldn't do that again" when asked about the roast, Hart reacted to the interest with far more excitement, offering himself up as the next subject to step into the spotlight.

While participants in Hart's roast have yet to be announced, fans will see comedian Shane Gillis ("Shane Gillis: Beautiful Dogs," 2023) leading as the evening's host. As the final event of 2026's "Netflix Is a Joke Fest" in Los Angeles, Hart's open stage is likely to attract plenty of funny familiar faces — perhaps Nate Bargatze ("Your Friend, Nate Bargatze," 2024), who is set to tape his upcoming Netflix Comedy special during the same event, or Hart's longtime friend and collaborator, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," 2017).

With Hart, Ross, Casey Patterson ("The Roast of Tom Brady," 2024), Amy Zvi ("Torching 2024: A Roast of the Year," 2024) and Dave Becky ("Kevin Hart: Acting My Age," 2025) acting as executive producers, "The Roast of Kevin Hart" airs live Sunday, May 10, on Netflix.

Friday Best Bets

Celebrity Jeopardy!

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

Answers come in the form of questions in this Season 4 finale. So far, this star-studded season has seen the likes of Robin Thede, Patton Oswalt, Margaret Cho, Ray Romano and Mira Sorvino. Tonight's winner earns \$1 million for a charity of their choosing.



Ken Jennings hosts "Celebrity Jeopardy!"

Fire Country

WBTW 9:00 pm

Bode Donovan (Max Thieriot) and his fellow firefighters work to keep Edgewater, Calif., safe in the midst of unexpected accidents, natural disasters, historic temperatures and more. Kevin Alejandro, Jordan Calloway and Jules Latimer also star.

Mirage

TCM 8:00 pm

After a strange blackout in his office building, accountant David Stillwell (Gregory Peck) finds he can't remember the last two years of his life. Stillwell attempts to piece together the missing moments from his past with a target painted on his back.

The Martian

SYFY 11:00 pm

Presumed dead after a fierce storm forces his crew to evacuate a trip to Mars, astronaut Mark Watney (Matt Damon) is left stranded with dwindling supplies. His ingenuity, NASA and his crewmates are his only hopes for survival and rescue.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 15, 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	Happy's	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	Happy's	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!	Fire Country (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: Fool Us	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	Great Performances "Irving Berlin's Top Hat" (N) (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	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40		Noticiero						
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	UFL Football	United Football League Orlando Storm at Dallas Renegades (L) (N)		Stories		Goldbergs				
62	WFPX	8	*** Kingdom Come ('01)	LL Cool J. (CC)	*** The Family That Preys ('08)	Kathy Bates. (CC)	*** Soul Food ('97)	Vanessa Williams. (CC)	*** If Not Now, When?	Meagan Good.									
A&E	21	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	Fugitives	:05	Fugitives	:35	Fugitives
AMC	41	*** The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes ('23)	Tom Blyth. (CC)	*** The Hunger Games ('12, Sci-Fi)	Josh Hutcherson, Jennifer Lawrence. (CC)	*** The Hunger Games: Catching Fire													
ANPL	64	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters				
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Neighbor	Neighbor	*** Boo! A Madea Halloween (2016, Comedy)	Cassi Davis, Tyler Perry.	*** Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriag...									
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)	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	South Park	South Park			
CSPAN	56	3:40 Public Affairs	:20 Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Ceasefire (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Ceasefire (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Ceasefire (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Ceasefire (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Ceasefire (CC)	Public Affairs Events					
DISC	42	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	Deadliest Catch (N)	Last W. "209" (N)	:05	In the Eye	In the Eye of the Storm						
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	*** Descendants 3 ('19)	Dove Cameron. (CC)	*** Ralph Breaks the Internet	John C. Reilly.	:55	ZOMBIES	:25	ZOMBIES	Ladybug	Ladybug				
E!	39	Movie	*** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09, Children)	Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.	*** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10)	Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)	Movie												
ESPN	31	12:00 2026 PGA Championship Second Round (L) (N) (CC)	NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)													
ESPN2	32	Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	2026 PGA Championship	Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)	Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA (N)													
FDSO	38	Carolina	Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse	Focused	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Pulse/Pack	Duke	Outdoor	Great						
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				
FREE	18	3:30 *** Aladdin ('19, Children)	Mena Massoud, Will Smith. (CC)	*** Encanto ('21)	Stephanie Beatriz. (CC)	*** Coco ('17)	Anthony Gonzalez.	The 700 Club (N) (CC)											
FX	67	2:00 *** Pearl Harbor ('01)	Ben Affleck. (CC)	*** Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings ('21)	Simu Liu. (CC)	*** Doctor Strange ('16)	Benedict Cumberbatch. (CC)	Movie											
GOLF	45	3:00 PGA Tour Golf	PGA Tour Golf	Live From the PGA Championship (L) (N) (CC)	Live From the PGA Championship (CC)														
HALL	62	*** To Barcelona, Forever ('25)	Alison Sweeney. (CC)	*** The Nine Lives of Christmas ('14)	Brandon Routh.	*** Christmas at the Catnip Café ('25)	Erin Cahill.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls							
HGTV	65	Ugliest	Ugliest	Ugliest House	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome						
HIST	51	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable "Odd Jobs"	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable	UnBelievable (N)	:05	UnBelievable	:05	UnBelievable							
LIFE	25	NCIS "Shell Shock, Part I"	NCIS "Shell Shock, Part II"	NCIS "Gone" (CC)	NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"	NCIS	NCIS "Shabbat Shalom"	:05	NCIS "Shiva" (CC)	:05	NCIS "Hit and Run"								
LMN	46	*** Twisted Little Lies ('21)	Jessica Morris. (CC)	*** My Professor's Deadly Secret	Maddison Bullock.	*** Death at the Dinner Party	Candice Lidstone. (P)	*** Sex, Lies and Murder ('21)	Lindsay Hartley. (CC)										
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)											
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Rush Hour (1998, Action)	Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan. (CC)	*** Rush Hour 2 ('01)	Jackie Chan. (CC)	Movie							
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 "Secrets of D-Day"	Drain the Oceans	Drain the Oceans	Drain the Oceans	Drain "Sunken War Ships"	Hidden "Episode 7" (N)	Hidden "Episode 8" (N)	Drain "Sunken War Ships"										
NICK	29	3:00 *** SpongeBob Movie...	SpongeBob	Rock Paper	Sonic Prime	SpongeBob	*** The Boss Baby 2: Family Business	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang						
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod				
OXY	171	Snapped "Valerie Pape"	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped: Killer Couples						
PARMT	27	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	*** Movie	*** Movie								
SYFY	55	Movie	*** After Earth ('13)	Will Smith, Jaden Smith. (CC)	*** Knock at the Cabin ('23)	Dave Bautista. (CC)	*** The Day After Tomorrow ('04)	Dennis Quaid.	*** The Martian										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	The Daniel	The Song	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Praise (N)	TBA	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)					
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Black Adam (2022, Action)	Aldis Hodge, Dwayne Johnson.							
TCM	54	3:45 *** Frisco Jenny	*** Red Headed Woman	*** Baby Face	Barbara Stanwyck.	*** Mirage ('65)	Diane Baker, Gregory Peck. (CC)	*** Arabesque ('66)	Sophia Loren, Gregory Peck.										
TLC	23	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day: The Single Life	90 Day "More to Love: In My Getting Married Era" (N)	90 Day (N)	90 Day Diaries (CC)	90 Day										
TNT	28	3:30 *** Jurassic Park ('93)	Sam Neill.	:15 *** The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97)	Julianne Moore, Jeff Goldblum.	:15 *** Jurassic Park III ('01)	Sam Neill.	:15 *** Jurassic Park											
TOON	69	Regular	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	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Savannah	Banana Savannah	Bananas vs. Loco Beach	Coconut	*** Wimbledon ('04)	Kirsten Dunst. (P) (N) (CC)	*** Wimbledon						
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King				
USA	30	Chicago "Foul Is Fair"	Chicago Fire	"Slamigan"	Chicago Fire	Chicago "The F Is For"	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) (CC)	Two Men	Two Men										
WE	61	3:00 *** Men in Black	*** Men in Black II ('02)	Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)	*** Men in Black ('97)	Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)	Mama June (N)	Mama June	*** Men in Black II										

hollywood Q&A



Keith David voice stars in "Gargoyles"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: I was recently reminded how much I loved "Gargoyles" from the 1990s, and I had forgotten how unique the voice of Goliath was. Is that actor still around?

A: For a kids show that only ran three seasons three decades ago, "Gargoyles" seems to still have a hold on the cultural imagination. And the rumbling earthquake of Keith David's ("The Thing," 1982) voice, as head gargoyle Goliath, was a big part of its appeal.

David has been a highly respected character actor and go-to voice star for decades, and he remains so today.

He's already been in four projects this year alone — a chief support in the crime-comedy film "Mike & Nick & Nick & Alice," a role in a couple of episodes of the Amazon series "The Gray House" and voice roles in the cartoons-for-

grownups "Strip Law" and "Krapopolis."

He has more than 400 roles on his resume, and yet "Gargoyles," which ran way back in 1994 on Fox, still gets mentioned. For example, when the news broke last year that David was getting a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, multiple articles referenced it as one of his most "iconic" roles.

As usual, David has a number of projects on the go at the moment. Most notably, perhaps, he has the co-lead in the upcoming indie comedy film "My New Friend Jim" (as the title character), about two very different fathers who "form an unlikely bond while searching for a runaway daughter in Reno" — the other father is being played by screen great Rob Lowe ("St. Elmo's Fire," 1985).

Q: Is William Shatner still acting? Is he ever going to retire?

A: TV legend William Shatner ("Star Trek") has shown no signs of wanting to retire. Indeed, at age 93,

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Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows. Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

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he literally scoffed at the idea recently.

Last year, he posted news on his Instagram feed (yes, William Shatner has an Instagram feed — I was as surprised as you) that he had received a lifetime-achievement award from the Saturn Awards. "I'm wondering if that's a subtle hint to retire," he wrote, followed by a string of emojis that suggested he found the idea ridiculous.

And his actions bear that out. He's still the full-time host and executive producer of "The UnXplained," a History Channel docuseries about "the world's most fascinating, strange and inexplicable mysteries"

— Season 8 debuted in February.

And he pops up from time to time on other shows as well. He was a guest on "Piers Morgan Uncensored" last month and in the feel-good reality show "Celebrity IOU" in January.

He's even working on a new movie, "Family Tree," an independently produced holiday comedy that is at least aiming for release this December (it's never a guarantee with indies).

Have a question? Email us at questions@tvtabloid.com. Please include your name and town. Personal replies will not be provided.

Late laughs

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert

So, it's possible that we got nothing out of this war, but we're starting to learn how we decided to go and not get it. According to the New York Times, there's a series of situation room meetings starting back on [Feb. 11] where the president was given a highly classified presentation on Iran by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It's being called the most manipulative PowerPoint since your middle schooler put together "Tyler's reasons the family should get a dog." No. 1, your fighting makes me sad.

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

It's been four days [April 13] now since the first lady shocked the world and went in front of the camera to distance herself from the Trump-Epstein files. Originally, Trump said he didn't know his wife was making a statement, but a spokesperson for the first lady said Trump was told she was going to make a statement. So, then the report said that her spokesperson updated the statement to say it was unclear if he knew what Melania would be making a statement about. It would all be so much easier if Trump and Melania had each other's phone numbers.

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (R)

In an effort to boost iPhone sales, Apple announced a cheaper version of the iPhone 17. It's the exact same, except all of your emails end with "sent on a budget."

Late Night With Seth Meyers (R)

A California man was recently sentenced to four years in prison for allegedly stealing \$1,000 worth of Pokemon cards. But if his cellmate asks, he killed a guy.

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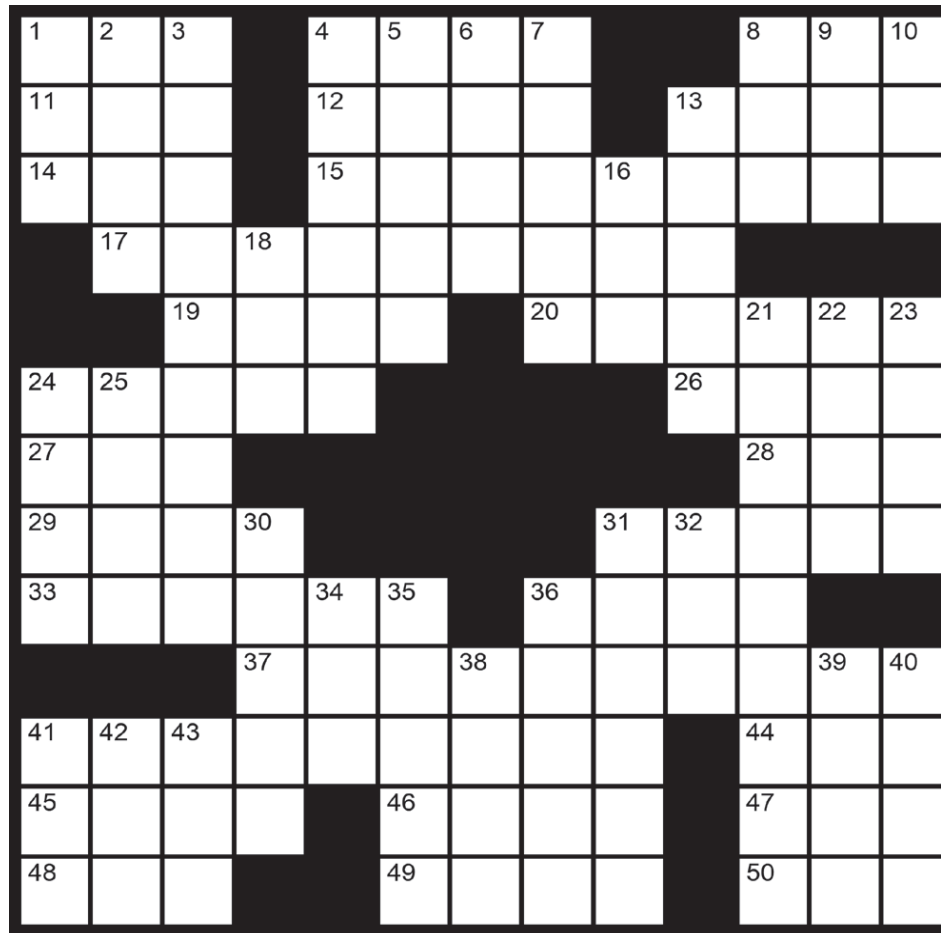
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- 28. Staff sgt., e.g.
- 29. Guinea pigs, maybe
- 31. Goes up and down
- 33. Anatomical ring
- 36. Eggheady sort
- 37. Reality show set in a villa
- 41. Reality show that is a spinoff of "Vanderpump Rules"
- 44. Prefix with realism
- 45. Bundle
- 46. Masterful
- 47. Stun
- 48. "Very interesting..."
- 49. Low pitch
- 50. Uncouth one

Down

- Across**
- 1. Sweet potato
 - 4. Fig. near an m.p.g. rating
 - 8. Homer's cry
 - 11. Hawaiian tuna
 - 12. Seehorn of "Pluribus"
 - 13. Kind of cabbage
 - 14. Islamabad's ctry.
 - 15. "SNL" spoof of MacGuyver
 - 17. Reality show about the crew on ships
 - 19. Scarf material
 - 20. Put (away)
 - 24. "Hallelujah" songwriter Leonard
 - 26. Golfer Isao ____
 - 27. Demon from Japanese folklore

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- 1. Go on and on
- 2. Ishmael's captain
- 3. "The White Lotus" show-runner
- 4. Satellite, in kid-lit
- 5. Wrap
- 6. In-basket stamp: Abbr.
- 7. Book collection
- 8. Pat
- 9. Big cheer
- 10. "All ____ Fault"
- 13. Friend of Oliver J. Dragon
- 16. Elvis's label
- 18. Rangers/Brewers pitcher Kameron
- 21. "Who's the Boss?" star
- 22. Pyrex sister brand
- 23. God: Sp.
- 24. Lola's nightclub, in song
- 25. Long, unbroken take, in film lingo
- 30. Work out
- 31. "Okay, I get it"
- 32. The Magic, on scoreboards
- 34. Hawaii's Mauna ____
- 35. Classroom with cameras
- 36. Nobelist Bohr
- 38. Site of Napoleon's exile
- 39. Kind of tide
- 40. Info
- 41. "Frankly," in texts
- 42. Stage hog
- 43. "Slippery" tree

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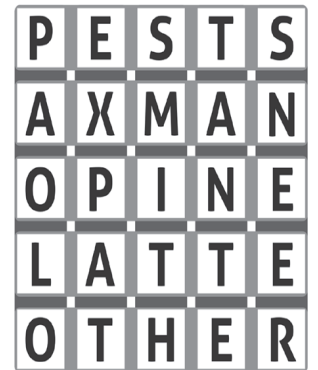
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