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The 2025 graduating class of Purnell Swett High School. Graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2026 will be held across Robeson County on May 22 (Early College) and June 12.

PSRC announces 2026 graduation schedule

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Public Schools of Robeson County is proud to announce the graduation schedule for the Class of 2026. Families, friends, staff members and community supporters are invited to join in celebrating the accomplishments of graduating seniors as they prepare to take the next step toward college, careers, military service and beyond.

“These ceremonies represent the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and growth for our students,” said PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson. “We are proud of the Class of 2026 and look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our families and communities across Robeson County.”

The 2026 graduation schedule is as follows:

Friday, May 22

— Early College High School - 10 a.m., RCC Auditorium

Friday, June 12

— St. Pauls High School - 9 a.m., UNCP Givens Performing Arts Center

— Lumberton High School - 9 a.m., LHS Gym

— Red Springs High School - 9 a.m., RSHS Football Field

— Purnell Swett High School - 9 a.m., PSHS Gym

— Fairmont High School - 1 p.m., UNCP Givens Performing Arts Center

Graduation ceremonies will celebrate the achievements, leadership, and resilience demonstrated by students throughout their educational journeys.

PSRC encourages attendees to arrive early and follow any guidance provided by individual schools regarding parking, seating, and venue procedures.

The district congratulates all graduating seniors and wishes them continued success as they begin a new chapter in life.

Jessica Sealey is the PSRC chief communications officer. Reach her by email at jessica.sealey@robeson.k12.nc.us.

Feelin' Alive After 5



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian
Attendees dance to The Sand Band at Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton. This was the first Alive After 5 concert of the five scheduled to be held this year. For more photos, see page 8A.

Community input mixed on Scottish Packing site project

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The City of Lumberton received a mixed bag of public input Thursday as it held a community engagement meeting on the proposed redevelopment of the former Scottish Packing Co. plant along the Lumber River in South Lumberton.

Some residents questioned whether the project is the best way to help the South Lumberton community as it continues to recover from the devastating floods caused by hurricanes Matthew, in 2016, and Florence, in 2018. Others showed



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Community members and Travis Klondike, from the N.C. State University Coastal Dynamics Lab, look at a model of the Scottish Packing site at Thursday's community meeting in Lumberton on the site's redevelopment.

also becomes kind of a destination,” Edwin Harris, with architectural firm Evoke Studio, told The Robesonian after the meeting. “We want to create a destination for communities to come, for families to come gather and celebrate each other, but also to kind of learn and connect with the outdoors.”

As representatives from Evoke Studio and the N.C. State University Coastal Dynamics Lab presented ideas on how to potentially redevelop the site, a wide range of public comments were received.

their support for the proposal to convert the remnants of the Scottish Packing building that remain into a riverfront

pavilion. “The idea is really to create a framework that’s flexible enough for people to gather that

See PACKING | 7A

School board approves budget

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education approved the 2026-2027 budget for the county during Tuesday's meeting.

The board approved a budget of \$8.5 million, with \$3 million coming from the Public Schools of Robeson County's (PSRC) capital outlay. The rest will come from

a local current expense request.

The board also heard a review of a plan to train the county's instructors on new curriculum material for the 2027-28 school year.

Bobby Locklear, PSRC's assistant superintendent for auxiliary services, announced the summer operating hours for the school district. The modified schedule will begin on June 29,

with a work day for all schools and staff from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a 30-minute lunch break. The regular schedule will resume on August 10.

PSRC recognized Governor's School attendees Christian McDowell and Charley Whitley of Lumberton High School for representing the district in the prestigious North Carolina Governor's School program. It was also announced that three

PSRC students have accepted invitations to attend Governor's School this year.

Union Elementary was recognized for qualifying once again for PRC 251 Economically Disadvantaged Student Support funding after exceeding expected growth while serving a high population of economically disadvantaged students.

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St. Pauls receives clean audit

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The St. Pauls Board of Commissioners heard a report on the 2025-2026 fiscal year audit during its monthly meeting on Thursday.

The audit found no significant deficiencies with no internal control findings, though the General Fund decreased by approximately \$98,000. However, Water and Sewer Fund findings were stable and within expectations.

The board also approved the next phase of an annexation request and scheduled a public hearing for June 1. The potential annexation property has been investigated, and the bounds match those on the request paperwork.

Additionally, the Town Hall will close on May 25 for Memorial Day, and outdoor movie nights will be on a temporary hiatus for the summer due to later sunsets, resulting in later start times. Movie nights will begin again in the fall.

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Lumbee Tribe to host veteran stand down

Victoria Sanderson
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PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribe will be hosting its annual Veteran Stand Down on June 6.

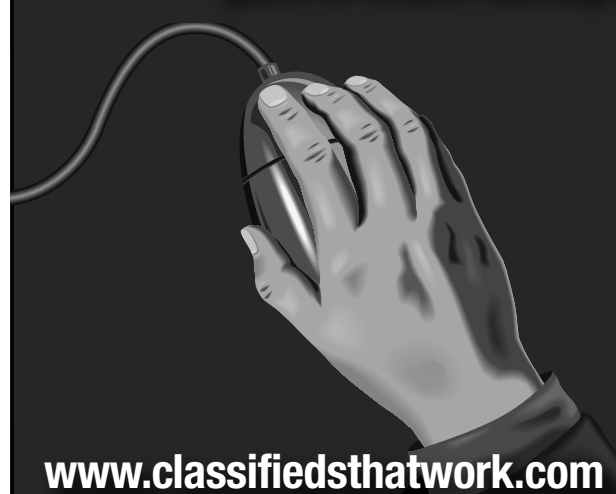
A veteran stand-down is an event during which VA staff and volunteers provide food, clothing and health screenings to homeless and at-risk veterans. In addition, veterans also receive referrals for health care, housing solutions, employment, substance use treatment, mental health counseling and other essential services.

The Lumbee Tribe hosts a stand-down each year to benefit its members who have served. Participating veterans will have the opportunity to receive help with basic needs, a haircut, gear distribution, training opportunities and support from their peers.

The stand-down will be held at the Lumbee Boys and Girls Club, located at 120 Youth Drive in Pembroke, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 6.

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Participants walk the track during the Robeson County Relay for Life May 1 in Lumberton.

Relay for Life passes fundraising goal

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The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The 2026 Robeson County Relay for Life event raised over \$100,000 for cancer research on May 1.

The Relay for Life is an annual event hosted by the American Cancer Society that raises money

to support ongoing efforts to cure cancer. Over 50 teams participated this year, according to organizer Cheryl Revels, beating the \$90,000 fundraising goal before the relay even began.

“We are so proud of all our teams,” Revels said, “of everyone who came out and supported us this year. It was a fantastic event.”

Though the fundraising goal was surpassed early, donations continued to come in throughout the night, bringing the grand total to \$118,585.43.

This was the 41st year of the annual event.

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Luminarias honor those affected by cancer at the Robeson County Relay for Life May 1 in Lumberton.



The Survivor's Lap circles the track during the Robeson County Relay for Life May 1 in Lumberton.

Supreme Court rejects Virginia's bid to restore congressional map favoring Democrats

Mark Sherman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday rejected Virginia's bid to restore a congressional map that would have given Democrats a chance to pick up four seats in the closely divided House of Representatives.

The court's order, issued without any noted dissent, is the latest twist in the nation's mid-decade redistricting competition. It was kicked off last year by President Donald Trump urging Republican-controlled states to redraw their lines and was supercharged by a recent Supreme Court ruling severely weakening the Voting Rights Act that opened up even more winnable seats for the GOP.

In recent days, the justices have sided with Republicans in Alabama and Louisiana who hope to redo their congressional maps to

produce more GOP-leaning seats following the court's voting rights decision.

But the Virginia situation was different, stemming from a 4-3 ruling by the Virginia Supreme Court that struck down a constitutional amendment that voters narrowly passed just last month.

The state court found that the Democratic-controlled legislature improperly began the process of placing the amendment on the ballot after early voting had begun in Virginia's general election last fall.

The Supreme Court typically doesn't intervene in state court proceedings unless they present an issue of federal law. Virginia Democrats had hoped to persuade the justices that the Virginia court misread federal law and Supreme Court precedent that hold that, even if early voting is underway,

an election does not happen until Election Day itself.

Virginia's amendment had been intended as a response to Republican gains in Texas, Missouri, North Carolina and Ohio, and to blunt a new map in Florida that just became law. Once the Virginia amendment passed, it briefly turned the nationwide redistricting scramble into a draw between the two parties.

That was unraveled by the Virginia Supreme Court's decision.

It's possible Democrats could use the high court's rejection of their bid, while also blessing Republican efforts in Alabama and Louisiana, in election-year messaging about a partisan Supreme Court.

The state's top Democrats disagreed about whether it was even too late for help from the Supreme Court. “Time grows short, but it is not yet

too late,” lawyers for the Democratic leaders of the legislature as well as the state told the justices in a brief filed Friday.

A day earlier, the office of Democratic Gov. Abigail Spanberger already had confirmed that the state will hold this year's elections under the current districts established in 2021. Last month, Virginia Commissioner of Elections Steve Koski said a court order was needed by this past Tuesday to set the district lines for primary elections on Aug. 4.

The leader of the state's Republican party said the justices made the right call. “Wisely, the Supreme Court of the United States has confirmed the judgment of the Supreme Court of Virginia,” state party chairman Jeff Ryer said. “This should once and for all put to rest the Democrats' effort to disenfranchise half of Virginia.”

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LHS campus all clear after bomb threat

Staff report

LUMBERTON — Lumberton High School's campus is safe, law enforcement says, after a bomb threat was received on Tuesday.

At approximately 12 p.m. on Tuesday, the Lumberton Police Department received a 911 call regarding a bomb threat at the school, located at 3901 Fayetteville Road in Lumberton.

Officers with the Lumberton Police Department immediately responded to the scene and coordinated with school administrators

to safely relocate students and faculty while the school grounds were searched for any suspicious or unusual items. Students were not allowed to leave campus until it was cleared.

During the search, several items were identified as suspicious or out of place. At that time, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad was contacted to assist with the investigation. After examination, the items were determined to be safe and posed no danger to students, staff or the public.

Following the completion of the

search and investigation of the items, normal school operations resumed.

Lumberton Police Department investigators identified and interviewed a person of interest in connection with the incident. The investigation remains ongoing.

The Public Schools of Robeson County had no additional comment, deferring to law enforcement.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to contact the Lumberton Police Department at 910-671-3845.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE

Harris honors law enforcement during National Police Week

WASHINGTON — Friday, U.S. Rep. Mark Harris (R-NC8) spoke on the House floor in honor of National Police Week to recognize the courage, sacrifice and service of law enforcement officers across North Carolina's Eighth District and the nation. In his remarks, Harris thanked the men and women in blue who put themselves in harm's way to protect their communities and called on Americans to show their gratitude to the officers who serve and defend them every day.

Rep. Harris's remarks as delivered:

"Every day across this country, law enforcement officers respond to calls most of us hope we never have to face: violence, danger, tragedy, and moments where lives are on the line. While others run away from danger, they run toward it.

"To the brave men and women in law enforcement who answer that call: thank you.

"Every single day, they put on that badge, unaware of the dangers that may lie ahead. And yet, they still stand ready to serve, time and time again.

"While most Americans are asleep, they stand watch. When chaos erupts, they are the first to respond. When fear takes over a community, law enforcement officers are the line between danger and safety.

"During National Police Week, let us honor the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of the men and women in blue who keep our

communities safe.

"To every officer across North Carolina's 8th District and across this nation: thank you. Thank you for your courage. Thank you for your service. Thank you for every holiday missed, every late-night shift worked, and every time you stepped into harm's way to protect someone else.

"My hope and prayer this Police Week is that everyone who sees a police officer will shake their hand and thank them for their service.

"The men and women behind the badge deserve to know that this country stands with them, supports them, and is grateful for their service.

"God bless our law enforcement officers, God bless their families, and God bless the United States of America."

Harris' cashless bail bill passes House

Thursday, Harris celebrated House passage of his bill, the Cashless Bail Reporting Act, legislation that requires the Attorney General to publish a public list of jurisdictions that allow certain serious offenders to be released without cash bail. The bill applies to violent, sexual and public disorder offenses and gives American families greater transparency about which communities are using bail policies that put public safety at risk.

"Cashless bail has proven to be a disaster, and Americans deserve to know when dangerous



Harris

offenders are being released before trial in their neighborhoods," said Harris. "Far too many Democrat-led states and cities

have pushed reckless bail policies that put criminals ahead of the people they were elected to serve.

"The tragic murder of Iryna Zarutka, just miles outside my district, was a heartbreaking reminder of what happens when repeat offenders are released back onto the streets. Americans should not be forced to live with the consequences of these failed policies.

"My Cashless Bail Reporting Act will bring much-needed transparency by requiring the Department of Justice to publish a public list of jurisdictions with cashless bail policies for serious crimes. Americans deserve access to this information so they can advocate for safer bail policies in their local communities."

"While in Congress, I will always stand with law enforcement and victims. I will continue fighting tirelessly to restore law and order and ensure public safety comes first."

The Cashless Bail Reporting Act codifies President Trump's Executive Order requiring the Department of Justice to identify and report jurisdictions that adopt cashless bail policies. The bill applies to violent, sexual and public disorder offenses such as murder, rape,

robbery, burglary, looting, rioting and fleeing law enforcement.

The bill comes in response to national outrage following the murder of Iryna Zarutka, whose alleged killer, Decarlos Brown Jr., had 14 prior arrests and had previously served a five-year sentence for robbery with a dangerous weapon. Brown had been released on a written promise to appear in court before the attack.

A 2023 Yolo County, California study found that individuals released under its "Zero Bail" policy were rearrested for 163% more crimes and 200% more violent crimes compared to individuals who posted bail.

Items for the "From The Legislature" column come from press material submitted by local, state and federal elected officials.

Juvenile Sexual Assault Investigation Leads to Multiple Arrests



Image courtesy of RCSO

Juvenile sexual assault investigation leads to 3 arrests

Staff report

ROBESON COUNTY — Robeson County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit investigators have arrested three individuals in connection with a juvenile sexual assault investigation.

On Tuesday, Jonathan M. Hunt, 34, of Rowland was arrested and charged with statutory rape of a person 15 years of age or younger.

Hunt is being held in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with no bond.

On Wednesday, Rosa L. Locklear, 67, Christopher L. Locklear, 46, both of Lumberton were arrested and charged with felony child abuse involving a sexual act, failure to report juvenile abuse and contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Rosa and Christopher Locklear are being held in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with a \$250,000 secured bond.

The Robeson County Sheriff's Office Special Victim's Unit investigated the case. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to contact the Robeson County Sheriff's Office at 910-671-3100.

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

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

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RE: Notice of Special Meeting of the Town of Pembroke

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Sincerely,

Allen G. Dial

Leading the Way in Patient Safety

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.

To explore UNC Health Southeastern's full grade details and to find valuable tips for staying safe in the hospital, visit HospitalSafetyGrade.org.

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Editorial

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HIS VIEW

When Cornwallis first invaded Carolina

RALEIGH — Most Americans know that George Washington was not only the first president elected under the United States Constitution but also the general placed in overall command of Patriot forces during the Revolutionary War.

Ask Americans to name the overall British commander during the conflict, however, and many would struggle to answer. Among those who did, the most common answer would surely be General Charles Cornwallis — and it would be an erroneous one.

This answer constitutes an injustice to at least five men. First of all, Cornwallis was never in overall command of British forces. At the beginning of the war, that task fell to General Thomas Gage. After sustaining heavy British losses at Bunker Hill, he was replaced by General William Howe.



John Hood
Contributing columnist

After winning a series of battles against Washington in New York and Pennsylvania, Howe resigned in 1778. His replacement, General Henry Clinton, served until 1782, and was succeeded by General Guy Carleton during the final months of the war.

The fifth man denied his due by our faulty historical memory is Cornwallis himself, who is mainly remembered as a loser forced to surrender a large British army at Yorktown. He

was a far better soldier than that. During a lengthy military career that took him to Ireland, western Europe, North America and India, Cornwallis won almost every battle he fought and proved an able administrator and diplomat, as well.

As a young member of Parliament during the 1760s, he actually voted against the Stamp Act and accused the government of mistreating the American colonists. When war came, however, Cornwallis resolved to do his part.

While even history buffs associate him primarily with Britain's second (and more successful) invasion of the Carolinas in 1780, that was not the general's first visit here. The first British invasion of the region began in March 1776 when General Henry Clinton arrived off the coast of Wilmington with a small army. He was expecting to find two groups of reinforcements waiting for him: a column of Loyalists marching southeast from the Carolina backcountry and an army of redcoats sailing west from Britain under the command of Clinton's subordinate, Charles Cornwallis.

The Loyalists never showed up. Halted at the Feb. 27 battle of Moores

Creek Bridge, some were killed and nearly all the rest were captured or dispersed. As for the redcoats, bad weather delayed their arrival until early May. At that point, Clinton was still toying with the idea of trying to reestablish British authority over North Carolina and restore royal governor Josiah Martin to power here.

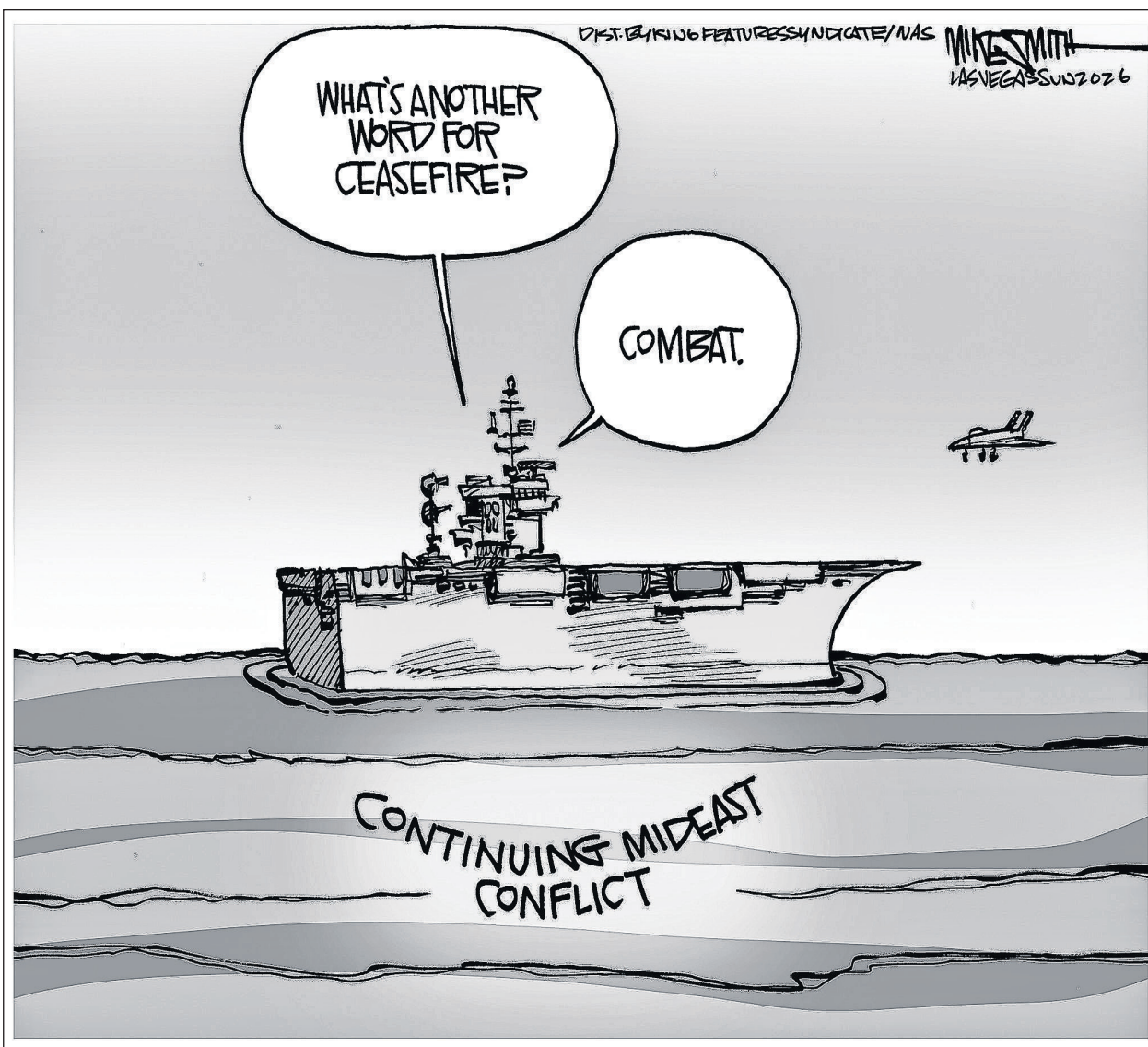
It was 250 years ago this week, then, that Clinton gave General Cornwallis his first assignment: leading 900 British redcoats in an assault on Brunswick Town, north of what is now Southport. It had been the main rebel base in the region. On May 17, 1776, Cornwallis and his men left the British flotilla "in the most secret manner imaginable" and "in the dead of the night," as Clinton put it, surprising the defenders of the town.

Unbeknownst to Clinton and Cornwallis, however, most of the Patriots had already evacuated. Cornwallis scored his first tactical victory of the war but it had no strategic import — something he and other British commanders would do many more times.

Over the next few days, Patriots and redcoats skirmished while Clinton fumed. Frustrated at his lack of progress in North Carolina, he decided his best course of action would be to sail further south and attack Charles Town (now Charleston), by far the most populous and prosperous city in the Carolinas. With that port in British hands, he thought, the rest of the region would inevitably fall.

It didn't work. Clinton failed to take Charleston in 1776. Charles Cornwallis did take the city four years later, but it proved no guarantee of ultimate victory. That wasn't his fault, though. Blame the politicians of London, who should have listened to young Cornwallis back in 1765 and treated Americans with more respect.

John Hood is a John Locke Foundation board member. His latest books, *Mountain Folk* and *Forest Folk*, combine epic fantasy with early American history (FolkloreCycle.com).



THEY SAID IT

"Achieving full federal recognition is more than a legislative victory; it is the fulfillment of generations of perseverance, resilience, and unwavering belief in who we are as a people. This moment belongs to every Lumbee ancestor who fought to preserve our identity, every leader who carried our story to Washington, and every tribal citizen who never stopped believing that our time would come."

— Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery on Saturday's Federal Recognition Celebration at UNC Pembroke ***

"I want to say thank you to the citizens of Red Springs, 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."

— Red Springs Mayor-elect Caroline Sumpter after her 2025 election victory was certified following a months-long protest ***

"When things don't go as planned... be ready

and be creative. The feeling of satisfaction in completing the task successfully will last a lifetime. Appreciate where your journey takes you... and be the change maker in a world that so desperately needs your intelligence and thoughtfulness."

— John Herrington, a former NASA astronaut who was the first Native American in space, at UNC Pembroke's Commencement ***

"This program reflects our deep commitment to preparing future teachers for the communities that need them most,"

said Tracy Mulvaney, dean of UNCP's School of Education. "Through the BWF Brave Innovators of STEM Education program, we are removing barriers for talented students while building a strong, sustainable pipeline of math and science teachers prepared to serve rural and underserved districts across southeastern North Carolina."

— Tracy Mulvaney, dean of UNC Pembroke's School of Education, on a new program which aims to address a shortage in STEM teachers

HIS VIEW

Reward follows long day driving, golf

I am not a Mountain Man, even though I was born on a hill, Chapel Hill. I have lived most of my life on the flatlands of Eastern North Carolina, do not care for heights at all, suffering occasional vertigo while negotiating an uphill lie or steep off-ramp on Interstate 95.

I had a couple of buddies in college from Boone, and I knew from visits there all the roads in the mountains are doglegs, bordered on at least one side — and sometimes both — by a cliff where those who are not alert plunge to die, either quickly or later on become bear poop.

That said, I accepted an invitation to join a modest group of friends this week for a few days in Weaverville, which snuggles up to Asheville, a 4 1/2-hour drive from my home, but on another planet in every other way.

I was to arrive on Monday, the time of little consequence, but the first leg of the trip was to Chapel Hill Country Club to play an alcohol-free round of golf with three friends, including Al Wood, the All-American basketball player at UNC, longtime NBA player, and now a pastor of a church. Al is not only a nice guy, he can golf his ball.

I worried in advance if my 68-year-old self could pull off seven hours of driving that sandwiched five hours of golf, knowing full well that my younger self would have eagerly taken on the challenge, but if the 2026 model who requires a daily nap was being overly ambitious.

I rolled out of bed on Monday at 4:36 a.m., fed the felines and hit the road shortly after 5:15 a.m. for the two-hour drive, more than enough time for the 9 a.m. tee time. I yawned the entire time, and my many doubts became many more.

I arrived about 7:30, hit a few balls, and then played some surprisingly good golf, but realized the hardest part of the day would not be on the golf course, but was up the road.

After enjoying some incredible barbecue, I was on the road again at about 2:15 p.m., guided by Maps, which told me I had 240 miles of road, most of which was Interstate 40, and an ETA of 6:15 p.m.

But Maps was not going to take me to the door of what I envisioned as a log cabin, but to the doorstep of Blowhole Road, which was described as a "tricky" 1.1-mile trek up a road with a standing offer of an escort. Knowing what I know now, I would have used different adjectives.

After leaving I-40, the degree of difficulty continually increased as I neared my destination, but when I dared to take my eyes off the road, the scenery was breathtakingly beautiful.

Not wanting to surrender my Man Card, when I arrived at Blowhole Road, I declined the escort, sharpened my focus, and began the slow journey at a 25-degree incline up a gravel road slightly wider than my Kia, peppered with potholes, and lined with a few homes occupied by folks with whom I am sure

I share nothing.

The only thing missing was "Dueling Banjos."

I knew when the road ran out, I was where I needed to be, but that 1.1 miles was the longest of my life. I took more than one wrong turn, had to put it in reverse several times, and one time ventured up Shakedown Road, wondering why it was so named.

Help arrived, delayed by oncoming traffic, a real problem on a one-lane road, and soon enough we were going up a 35-degree incline that requires a hard and fast right at the top of the hill to keep living.

A minute or so later, my tired eyes were massaged by the sight of a flat lot and a beautiful cabin. It was then that I realized seven hours of driving and five hours of golf were just a warmup for a driving skills test.

I wondered briefly if it had been worth it, entered the home, was handed a Bud Light and settled into a chair on the back porch, which offered a view of the meandering French Broad River at the bottom of the valley and Mount Mitchell in the distance.

I knew then it had been worth it.

And it was.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Right is greater than rights

Late one frigid winter night, I received one of those heart-dropping-into-your-stomach kind of calls from my son; he had been in an accident.

He was five minutes from home. I drove out to meet him, and, to my relief, found everyone alive and well. There was, however, an issue to deal with, namely that of a lady who was really upset. According to her, my son had come slightly across the center line, and their mirrors had smashed against each other as they passed. She had already called the police, and they were on their way.

My son and I got into the truck and waited in the warmth. As soon as we sat down, I asked him for his side of the story.



Bo Wagner
Contributing columnist

“I was in my lane, Dad, I know I was. I am going to get a ticket anyway, aren’t I? I mean, I am the younger driver, and she has the nicer vehicle, so this is going to go against me, isn’t it?”

I told him that it likely would, but that we weren’t going to worry about that. He was to keep his composure no matter what and maintain a good testimony. Then, waiting there in the darkness, we prayed. We prayed that we would be good witnesses and that both the other driver and the officer would see Christ through all of this.

A few moments later, the blue lights rolled up, two of them. The lady told her side of the story, my son told his, and then one of the officers went into the road to look. He came back a few moments later, spent some time writing up a report, then gave each of us a copy. When he came to our window to give us ours, he said, “There is no way at all for me to know who was over the line, it could have been one vehicle, the other vehicle, or even a little bit of both being too close. I am not giving anyone a ticket; your two insurance companies will handle the rest.”

I conveyed my thanks for his coming, then told him, “But for us, that isn’t the end of it. We want to make sure the name of Christ is held high. I am going to pay for her repair anyway.” A moment later, I told the lady the same thing and arranged for that to take place.

What is legal and what is right are often two very different things.

Proverbs 22:1 says, “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”

Our world is all about rights these days. Every race, gender, class, lifestyle choice, age and creed all seem to have advocacy groups to agitate for them, or in some cases even mobs to scare people into giving them what they believe are their rights. But for the Christian, right is usually far loftier than rights.

My son and I had a right to drive away and not look back, and leave the other driver to handle her own insurance or repair issues.

Jesus had a right not to die on Calvary.
Paul had a right not to suffer simply for preaching.

Jim Elliot and his band of missionary brothers had a right not to be slaughtered by the Aucas.

But right is greater than rights. Rights must sometimes be willingly laid down in order to accomplish something much higher. The late Vance Havner made this profound statement: “The best argument for Christianity is a genuine Christian.” Christianity is not a fair-weather thing; it is at its purest in the midst of a storm. Each day will present a child of God with opportunities to lay down their rights and do what is right. Each day will send across our paths people who are wondering if Christ is real, people who will find either an assurance of his reality through our behavior, or a reason to doubt if we behave in the wrong manner.

There is obviously a balance to be struck here. The same Paul who had a right not to suffer simply for preaching also appealed to Caesar when his life was about to be taken unjustly. The same Jesus who laid down his life as an innocent man also rebuked both the High Priest and an officer before he did so. So, yes, there is a time and a place to assert our rights. But there are also a whole bunch of times to lay them aside for something far greater.

Sometimes, a few dollars or a turned cheek is a small price to pay to make God look good to a world that needs him.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



Beulah Baptist Church

— Pastor: Rev. Thomas Oxendine
— Address: 1942 Sampson Road, Rowland, NC 28383
— Phone: 910-738-1900
— Service Schedule: Prayer Room, 9:30 a.m.; Devotion, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Wor-

ship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study/Youth Group, 7 p.m.
— Denomination: Southern Baptist
— Congregation: 107
— Established: 1942
— Favorite Scripture: Matthew 22:35-39
“Enjoying God and enjoying one another.”

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.

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

Beulah Baptist Church, 6516 Beulah Church Road, Lumberton.

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

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

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

Deeper Truth Deliverance Center, at 6154 Wire Grass Road

in Orrum, meets for Sunday school 10-11 a.m., and Morning Worship at 11:30 a.m. Bible Study is Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Cycachee Scott is the pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

Refuge Christian Center, at 111 S. Railroad St. in Rowland, holds Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer at 6 p.m. and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Rev. S.

Lomax Bryant is the pastor.

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

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



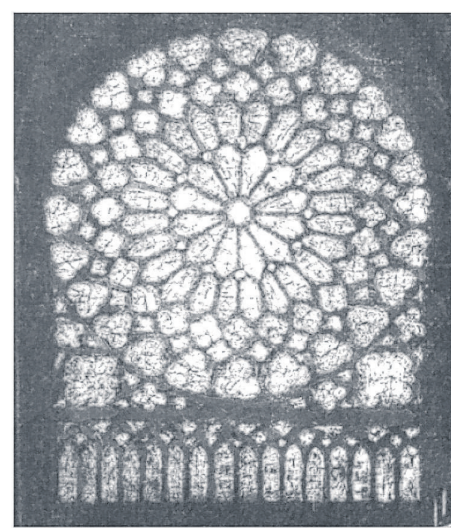
THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

“I am the rose of Sharon,
and the lily of the valleys.”

“Like a lily among thorns,
so is my love among the daughters.”

“Like an apple tree among
the trees of the woods,
so is my beloved
among the sons.”

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:1-3



Detail of “Rosette in Notre Dame”
by T.F. Simon (1877-1942)



PSRC named National Beta District of Distinction

Jessica Sealey
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — National Beta has recognized the Public Schools of Robeson County as a 2025-2026 National Beta District of Distinction, an honor awarded to school districts that demonstrate a strong commitment to academic achievement, leadership development, and service engagement.

This distinction is reserved for districts in which every eligible school offers National Beta and actively inducts qualifying students in grades 4-12. PSRC is among a select group of districts across the nation to earn this prestigious recognition for the 2025-2026 school year. In fact, PSRC holds the distinction of being the largest National Beta District of Distinction in the nation.

Through the leadership of Superintendent Freddie Williamson, along with the dedication of club sponsors and Beta members, PSRC continues to foster a culture where students are empowered to lead, serve, and excel. Ongoing efforts reflect a district-wide commitment to developing well-rounded students prepared for success in college, careers, and their communities.

“Being named a National Beta District of Distinction is an incredible honor for Public Schools of Robeson County, and being recognized as the largest district in the nation to receive this distinction makes it even more special,” said Williamson.

“This achievement reflects the hard work of our students, the dedication of our educators and Beta sponsors, and our district’s continued commitment to developing leaders who excel academically while serving their schools and communities. We are proud of our students for exemplifying what it means to lead through service each and every day,” Williamson added.

This recognition highlights PSRC’s focus on creating opportunities for students to grow academically while also building character and leadership skills through meaningful service. Across the district, Beta members exemplify the organization’s motto, “Let Us Lead by Serving Others,” in both their schools and communities.

As part of this achievement, the school district will receive a National Beta District of Distinction award for display at the district office. In addition, each participating school will receive recognition commemorating their contribution to this accomplishment.

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Lumberton High Agricultural Education Program named 2026 Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program of the Year

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For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Agricultural Education program at Lumberton High School has been selected by the North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association as the 2026 Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program of the Year.

The prestigious statewide honor recognizes agricultural education programs that demonstrate excellence in classroom instruction, experiential learning, and community impact over the past five years.

The recognition highlights the continued success of Lumberton High School’s Agricultural Education and FFA programs, as well as the dedication of students, educators, administrators and community supporters who have contributed to the program’s growth and impact.

“I am incredibly proud to announce that the Lumberton High School Agricultural Education program has been selected for this honor,” said Candace W. Grimsley, FFA advisor at Lumberton High School.

“This award is a direct reflection of the collaborative environment we’ve built here. I am so fortunate to work alongside such dedicated teaching partners, and this achievement truly belongs to our entire team. Together, we have worked hard to ensure our students receive top-tier classroom instruction and impactful FFA experiences,” she said.

The award recognizes programs that successfully integrate rigorous agricultural instruction with hands-on learning opportunities and leadership development through FFA participation.

Lumberton High School’s Agricultural Education program has continued to provide students with opportunities to develop career-ready skills while engaging in meaningful experiences that connect classroom learning with real-world agricultural practices and leadership development.

The program will be formally recognized during the Career and Technical Education Summer Conference in Winston-Salem this July.



Photo courtesy of PSRC

The Agricultural Education program at Lumberton High School.

“This achievement speaks to the commitment and passion of our agricultural education team and the incredible opportunities being provided to students at Lumberton High School,” said Public Schools of Robeson County Superintendent Freddie Williamson. “We are proud of the impact this program continues to make in preparing students for future success while strengthening connections between education and our community.”

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US overdose deaths fell again in ‘25, but some worry about policy and supply changes

Mike Stobbe
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — About 70,000 Americans died

of drug overdoses last year — about 14% fewer than the previous year, according to preliminary government data.

It was the third straight annual drop, making it the longest decline in decades, according to federal data released Wednesday. The 2025 total is about the same as the tally in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Declines were seen across a number of drug types, including fentanyl, cocaine and methamphetamine. Overdose deaths fell in the vast majority of states, although seven saw at least slight increases, including jumps of 10% or more in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico, the preliminary data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed.

“I’m cautiously optimistic that this represents really a fundamental change in the arc of the overdose crisis,” said Brandon Marshall, a Brown University researcher who studies overdose trends.

But the number of Americans dying from overdoses is still high, and deaths declined at a slower pace last year. A number of things could cause deaths to rise again — including government policy changes or a shift in the drug supply, Marshall and other researchers say.

“If deaths are going down rapidly, that means that can increase just as rapidly if we take our foot off the gas,” Marshall said.

Overdoses rose during the height of the pandemic

U.S. overdose deaths were generally rising for decades, but they shot up dramatically during the pandemic, peaking at nearly 110,000 in 2022. The pandemic spike was associated with social

isolation and difficulties accessing addiction treatment.

Deaths declined as the pandemic waned. Researchers have pointed to numerous possible factors: an increase in the availability of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone, expanded addiction treatment, shifts in how people use drugs, and the growing impact of billions of dollars in opioid lawsuit settlement money.

Some research also suggests the number of people likely to overdose has been shrinking, as fewer teens take up drugs and many illicit drug users have died. Another theory suggests regulatory changes in China a few years ago appear to have diminished the availability of precursor chemicals used to make fentanyl.

The nation’s decades-long overdose epidemic has played out at different paces in different parts of the country, due at least in part to differences in the illicit drug supply and what people are using. The death increases last year in Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico could stem from more combined use of fentanyl and methamphetamine recently in those places, Marshall guessed.

New substances are showing up in the US drug supply

Health and law enforcement officials in recent months have been sounding alarms about newer drugs that were increasingly detected in 2025.

Alex Krotulski is director of the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education, a federally funded toxicology lab in Horsham, Pennsylvania, that is an important part of a national illicit drug early warning system.

In all of last year, the

lab identified 27 new drugs. Less than five months into 2026, the lab already has identified 23, he said.

Among the drugs on the lab’s radar is cychlorphine, a potent synthetic opioid described as up to 10 times stronger than fentanyl. Experts say it is being used as a cutting agent, added to other illicit drugs, without the buyer’s knowledge.

“The drug supply continues to change and evolve,” Krotulski said.

Trump administration cuts some programs

Meanwhile, the Trump administration has been cutting programs designed to reduce overdose deaths and infections tied to drug use. In a letter last month, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration notified federal grant recipients that the government would no longer pay for test strips and kits that help drug users see if their drugs contain highly-lethal additives.

Officials say they are shifting away from services that facilitate illicit drug use, including clean syringes and hotlines that people can dial into while they use drugs.

Last week, a group of women who lost children to overdoses spoke with reporters to protest government policies that emphasize punishment and incarceration. Kimberly Douglas founded one group, Black Moms Against Overdose, after her 17-year-old son died.

“We are starting to see overdoses go down in some places and that’s because of harm reduction” services like those being targeted by the Trump administration, she said.

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Powell's tenure as Fed chair marked by fight for independence while trying to tame inflation

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — When Jerome Powell was sworn in as chair of the Federal Reserve eight years ago, economists worried that inflation and interest rates were too low and that too few Americans had jobs.

Now, as Powell steps down from the post after eight tumultuous years, the U.S. economy is transformed: Inflation soared after the pandemic and has remained above the Fed's 2% target for more than five years, angering voters and making rents, cars, and groceries harder to afford. The Fed's key short-term rate rose to a two-decade high in 2023, even as unemployment fell to a half-century low.

Along the way, Powell shrugged off relentless personal attacks from President Donald Trump that began just months after his appointment. But in January, he pushed back against an unprecedented legal investigation by the Justice Department, becoming one of the few top officials in Washington to stand up to the Trump White House.

Powell said he will continue serving on the governing board until he is confident the Fed's independence is truly restored. His success at protecting the central bank from day-to-day politics will be a key part of his legacy.

"It is not an unblemished record, but in an extremely challenging context, he's performed exceedingly well," said David Wilcox, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and director of research at Bloomberg Economics. "And my overall assessment is that the country has been lucky indeed to have him as chair."

Unlike many of his predecessors, Powell, 73, is not a trained economist, but a lawyer who also worked in finance before joining the Fed's board of governors in 2012. Unassuming in public and private, Powell often introduces himself as "Jay" and would display his guitar-playing skills, honed as a student busking through Europe, at the Fed's holiday parties.

'Transitory' inflation proved persistent

An inescapable part of



Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks at a news conference at the Federal Reserve April 29 in Washington.

Powell's legacy will be the post-pandemic inflation surge, when consumer prices rose by a four-decade high of 9.1% in June 2022.

Overall prices are now 27% higher than just before the pandemic six years ago, a staggering change for a country that had experienced little inflation for generations. Prices rose just 10% in the six years before the pandemic. Groceries are 30% more expensive than six years ago, after they rose just 3.6% in the six years preceding COVID.

Powell and other Fed officials — and indeed most economists — initially said the inflationary surge was "transitory," a result of supply chain snarls brought about by the pandemic, as COVID shut down factories and slowed ports around the world.

Their immediate priority was supporting the economy in a crisis.

In two moves in March 2020, they slashed their benchmark interest rate by 1.5 percentage points to near zero. The Fed also bought large amounts of Treasury debt and government-backed mortgage securities to reduce longer-term interest rates and took other steps to pour money into the financial system to keep credit markets functioning during pandemic chaos.

In April 2020, Powell said that the Fed would "continue to use these powers forcefully, proactively, and aggressively until we are confident that we are solidly on the road to recovery."

Even as inflation zoomed past the Fed's 2% target in 2021, the central bank kept its key interest rate near zero until

March 2022, when inflation hit 6.9%, according to the Fed's preferred measure.

The Fed's delay in raising rates was largely informed by a traditional economic view that inflation, stemming from a supply shock, would be temporary and if a central bank cranked up borrowing costs to fight it, the higher rates would just harm the economy and lift unemployment even as the supply crunch faded.

Misreading tea leaves

Meanwhile, the Trump and Biden administrations pumped about \$5 trillion in government spending into the economy, in the form of multiple stimulus checks, support for small businesses, and other aid. The flow of dollars fueled a spending spike just as supply chains were unable to deliver on the demand.

By keeping its key rate near zero for so long, Powell's critics charge, the Fed contributed to that excess spending and worsened inflation.

"Even though there was all the evidence there in the data that aggregate demand was going through the roof, they still said it was a transitory supply shock," said Mickey Levy, a former top economist at Bank of America and a visiting fellow at the Hoover Institution. "The Fed contributed to that inflation and completely misread the tea leaves."

As inflation began to spread into items such as apartment rents and surveys showed Americans increasingly worried it would last, Powell pivoted and oversaw the sharpest increase in interest rates since the early 1980s to combat the

price spike.

Still, many leading economists, including former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers, worried that defeating inflation would require a recession and a sharp increase in unemployment. Instead, inflation dropped to 2.3% by September 2024, according to the Fed's preferred measure, nearly reaching its 2% target.

By reducing inflation without a sharp economic downturn, Powell largely achieved an elusive "soft landing." Inflation then moved higher after Trump imposed sweeping tariffs last April.

Focusing on unemployment

Fighting inflation was a sharp shift for a Fed chair that began his term more focused on the Fed's mandate to pursue maximum employment. Before the pandemic, Powell often lauded the benefits of a strong job market for disadvantaged workers, winning plaudits from many progressive economists.

Yet some economists argue the Fed's focus on employment contributed to its delayed response to post-COVID inflation. In an August 2021 speech, Powell said the then-elevated unemployment rate of 5.4% was a reason to avoid hiking rates too early.

Still, many analysts defend Powell's support for the maximum employment mandate. Julia Coronado, president of MacroPolicy Perspectives and a former Fed economist, said Powell was right to keep rates low before the pandemic, even as unemployment steadily declined, because there were no signs inflation was worsening.

"If you can actually push a little harder for a little longer with no consequences for inflation, then you should damn well do it," she said. "He was absolutely right about that. He's still right about that."

For his part, Powell said in late April that "overweighting the employment market" had nothing to do with the inflation spike.

"It was a global shock that happened essentially very, very similarly all over the world," he said.

Fighting for Fed independence

Last July, in an image that will likely prove the most

enduring of his time as Fed chair, Powell and Trump stood before cameras in hard hats at the site of the Fed's extensive \$2.5 billion building renovation, which Trump had criticized as excessive.

Trump claimed the project would cost even more — \$3.1 billion — and showed Powell a paper listing the costs. Powell took out his reading glasses and corrected the president, on camera, by noting that he had included a third building that had already been renovated.

It was emblematic of Powell's willingness to push back against Trump's unprecedented attacks. Economists have long supported an independent Fed because it allows the central bank to take difficult steps — such as sharply raising interest rates to combat inflation — that politicians often oppose because they can be painful.

Powell benefited from strong relationship-building with Congress. Research by University of Maryland economist Thomas Drechsel has found that Powell met with senators more than twice as often as his two predecessors, with the meetings evenly split between both parties.

During one visit, Powell even endeared himself to North Carolina Republican Sen. Thom Tillis' dog, a move that paid huge dividends. Tillis essentially blocked Senate approval of Kevin Warsh, Trump's pick to replace Powell, until the investigation of the building project was dropped. The Justice Department eventually gave up on its probe.

Even those who fault Powell on some policy decisions credit him for defending the Fed.

"The big plus is the way he has protected central bank independence," said Don Kohn, a former vice chair of the Fed. "That is the most important thing for the future of the Federal Reserve and for protecting the public interest in having an independent central bank."

Powell hasn't said when he may leave the Fed, though he could remain on the governing board until January 2028.

"You want people to ... set interest rates to benefit the general public," Powell said at his last news conference, "and focus only on that and ignore political considerations. This isn't bipartisan, this is nonpartisan."

Packing

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One common theme was concerns that many houses in South Lumberton continue to sit in a dilapidated state nearly eight years after Florence and 10 years after Matthew, with some questioning why more funding can't be focused on renovating those homes.

"You're pushing the horse before the cart," one commenter said. "We're suffering here, all this money that you spent for this, this should've been spent trying to renovate these houses."

"Now we're already hooking up a horse to a carriage, and if you think about it, how many of you will go to an event where the community is falling down and you've got to pass through that community?" another commenter said.

Members of City Council and Deputy City Manager Brandon Love explained that grant money received for the Scottish Packing project is earmarked specifically for that kind of project, while other funding sources are responsible for helping provide funding to rebuild houses. Councilman John Cantey also noted that over 400 homes have been rebuilt in the city since the two storms, and that work remains ongoing.

Funding for the Scottish Packing site, throughout the duration of the project, has included a \$250,000 Environmental Enhancement Grant, to fund site work and the city's purchase of the property; \$116,000 from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, to fund a boat ramp which was completed last year; and \$30,000 from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, which funded design work for the proposed pavilion. Construction on the pavilion will be funded by another round of grant funding.

"We saw an opportunity to apply for those moneys for South Lumberton," Love said. "Yeah, it's not rebuilding houses, unfortunately, but we felt like it was helping to rebuild the community. That's why these projects have happened the way that they have."

Another commenter raised concerns about this becoming the beginning of a broader redevelopment of South Lumberton, even bringing up potential use of imminent domain.

"We are not trying to take anyone's land," Cantey said, noting that he lives close to the Scottish Packing site himself. "We are trying to rebuild our community from the floods of 2016 and 2018."

Cantey also encouraged those making negative comments about the project to take a more forward-looking approach.



Lumberton Deputy City Manager Brandon Love, left, speaks during Thursday's community meeting in Lumberton on the Scottish Packing site redevelopment, as, from left, Travis Klondike, of the N.C. State University Coastal Dynamics Lab, Edwin Harris, of Evoke Studios, Lumberton City Councilman John Cantey, and Billy Askey, of Evoke Studios, look on.

"Let's just focus on the future," Cantey said. "Every study and every plan says that when a major disaster has happened, such as we experienced in 2016 and 2018, to rebuild, you have to have a mixture and recreation, a mixture of economy, a mixture of homes being rebuilt. We are tackling the homes problem; that property there, it can sit there just like that, or we can work with the City and work with everyone else and make something out of it. It doesn't matter where it's located, it matters that we're building something to attract people to our community."

Other commenters were more supportive and praised the proposal to redevelop the dormant facility.

"I welcome this new development," said Chris-

McMillan, who said she has purchased several homes in South Lumberton for rental property. "I understand the history and how people feel, but something like this ... has to come to bring people who want to be here."

Two previous community engagement events were held in 2019, and city staff used ideas raised in those meetings — including for the site's redevelopment to be used for educational purposes pertaining to the river — as a guide for how the city would move forward. The city acquired the property in 2020, and performed environmental studies on the land in 2021.

A fire at the former plant building in 2022 caused the roof to collapse and severely damaged the structure; a "selective demolition" was performed in 2024 to



Community members listen during Thursday's community meeting in Lumberton on the Scottish Packing redevelopment project.

non-core components of the building.

Moving forward, Evoke presented two ideas for design concepts for the proposed pavilion, and stated these are only concepts and far from a firm plan.

"One, the idea is more providing a platform, so we imagine impromptu performances, places for people to be seated that are slightly elevated," Harris said. "The other one is really about kind of bringing people up even a little bit more elevated and providing these viewing platforms that kind of frames the river in some ways, shapes and forms, but also framing the sky."

Ideal uses of the site once it is developed could include events like weddings, family reunions or concerts, or more impromptu activities like picnics. Plans are to integrate elements of the site's history into the design of the pavilion.

"I think the idea of creating a park in an open space that celebrates the place and tells the story of a community is a great way to help tomorrow know about the legacy of the past and today," Harris said.

While the variety of public comments meant that the architects' presentation on the developmental plans was abbreviated, Harris said he appreciated the feedback, both good and bad.

"This is not hurting us at all, this is informing us," Harris said. "I want to thank you all for informing us, because we want to do right by you all, we want to do right by this community, and we're trying to do something special for this community, not only for today but building into the future."

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The Sand Band opens Alive After 5 season



Members of The Sand Band perform during Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton. Photos by Chris Stiles | The Robesonian



Ernest Locklear, left, Wendy Locklear, right, and dog Diamond take in Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton.



A member of The Sand Band performs during Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton.



Members of the Robeson County Board of Elections staff at Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton.



Members of The Sand Band perform during Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton.



Attendees dance to The Sand Band at Thursday's Alive After 5 concert in downtown Lumberton.

UNCP honors retirees for decades of service, lasting impact

Mark Locklear
For The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — When retiring theatre professor Holden Hansen reflects on his 29 years at UNC Pembroke, one thought rises above all others.

“UNCP gave me my career,” Hansen said emotionally. “Twenty-nine years is a lifetime. I will never forget it.”

Hansen was among 14 retirees honored during UNCP’s recent Retiree Celebration, representing a combined 289 years of service to the university.

Throughout nearly three decades, Hansen directed 38 productions and mentored students who later pursued professional acting careers.

“Directing was the most impactful for the students and for me,” Hansen said.

Retiring chemistry professor Paul Flowers also reflected on the fulfill-

ment of helping students succeed during his 37 years at UNCP.

“I really treasure the moments when I see students who I’ve had some small part in their academic success get their degree and move on to fulfill their aspirations,” Flowers said.

Flowers helped modernize the department’s laboratory instruction and scientific instrumentation during his tenure.

“When I started in 1989, we had three major instruments — now we have more than a dozen,” Flowers said.

Penny Oxendine’s career began at the Chavis Center, where she managed a small snack and drink booth before she eventually rose to the position of assistant director.

“I started at the bottom,” Oxendine said. “I never dreamed of getting

a degree.”

While working full time at the university, Oxendine earned her college degree in 2007 — an accomplishment she described as one of her proudest moments.

Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings praised retirees for the legacy they left behind.

“This year, we celebrate 14 retirees who together represent an extraordi-

nary 289 years of service to UNC Pembroke,” Cummings said. “That is not just time — that is legacy.”

“Legacy is not what you do — it’s what the people you impact do.”

Also recognized during the celebration were:

— Rick Crandall, Thomas College of Business and Economics, 23 years

— David Dran, Social Work, 20 years

— Mary “Gwen” Faircloth, Financial Aid & Scholarships, 10 years

— Rita Hagevik, Biology, 15 years

— Leonard Holmes, Chemistry & Physics, 35 years

— Debbie Locklear, McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing, 12 years

— Michael Parnell, Campus Recreation, 10 years

— Leszek Piatkiewicz,

Math & Computer Science, 31 years

— Terry Smith, Facilities, 11 years

— Winifred Sweat, Center for Student Success, 21 years

— Cynthia Woodrup, McKenzie-Elliott School of Nursing, 10 years

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From left, Terry Smith, Rita Hagevik, Winifred Sweat, Chancellor Robin Gary Cummings, Penny Oxendine, Cynthia Woodrup and Gwen Faircloth take a photo during UNC Pembroke's Retiree Celebration on May 4. Photo courtesy of UNCP

Memorial held for fallen officers

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Law enforcement officers from Robeson County who have lost their lives in the line of duty were remembered on Friday as the Robeson County Executive Law Enforcement Officers' Association held its 34th annual Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

The ceremony was part of the commemoration of National Police Week.

"Memorial ceremonies like this remind us that freedom, peace and public safety are never free; behind every badge is a human being. A husband or wife, a son or daughter, a mother or father, a friend, a neighbor," said Bryan House, director of Alcohol Law Enforcement, who was the program's keynote speaker. "Today we honor those whose watch ended while protecting the communities they loved."

The names of 21 officers who have been killed were read aloud, dating back to William Cole in 1879, while a new name was added to that list after Master Trooper Stien Davis Jr., of the North Carolina Highway Patrol, was killed in an on-duty car accident on Feb. 22.

Davis' name was added Thursday to a monument for fallen officers located at the Robeson County



Department chiefs from Robeson County law enforcement agencies look on during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



Tobias Epps, of the Fayetteville Fire Department, plays the bag pipes during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.

Sheriff's Office, said Chief Deputy Damien McLean, president of the Robeson County Executive Law Enforcement Officers Association.

"My prayers are that Trooper Stien Davis' name will be the last name ever added," McLean said.

U.S. Rep. Mark Harris also spoke in a video message which was played as part of the ceremony, thanking officers for the job that they do every day.

"Every single day you put on the badge, unaware of the dangers that lie ahead, and yet you still answer that call, time and time again. While most Americans are asleep, you stand watch. When chaos erupts, you're the first to

respond. When fear takes over a community, you're the line between danger and safety."

House echoed those remarks, noting that all in law enforcement have chosen a life of service.

"They chose long nights, missed holidays, difficult calls, dangerous situations and personal sacrifices so that others could sleep safely in their homes," House said. "And for some, that sacrifice cost everything."

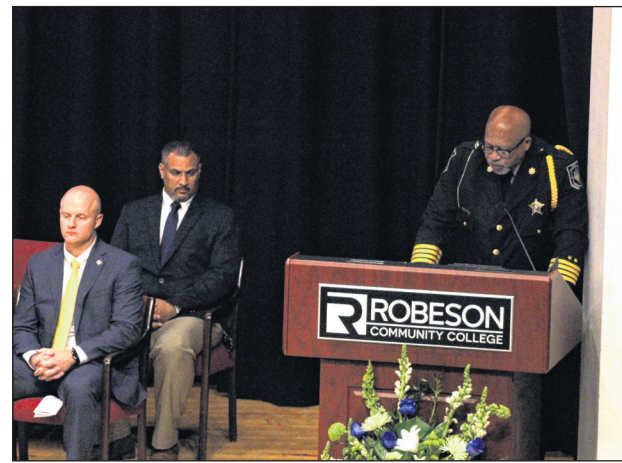
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An American flag is flown by the Lumberton Fire Department at the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



Robeson Community College President Melissa Singler speaks during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



Robeson County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Damien McLean, right, president of the Robeson County Executive Law Enforcement Officers Association, speaks during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



Karla Howard, of the Robeson County Sheriff's Office, plays "Taps" during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



Bryan House, right, director of Alcohol Law Enforcement, speaks during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.



The Robeson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard posts the colors during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton. Pictured, from left, are Cpl. Eugene Locklear, Sgt. Michael Hardin, SRO Raheem Thompson and Deputy Stephen Brooks.



U.S. Rep. Mark Harris, center, gives video remarks during the Law Enforcement Memorial Service Friday at Robeson Community College in Lumberton.

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NCHSAA TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Red Devils' Ellerbe 3rd in long jump at track states

Staff report

GREENSBORO — Several Red Springs track and field athletes made their presence felt at the NCHSAA 4A state championship in Greensboro Wednesday.

T.J. Ellerbe had a strong performance in the boys long jump, placing third with a measurement of 21 feet, nine inches, to give Red Springs an elite performer in that event. "Having confidence (is key) because this is my first year jumping," Ellerbe said. "I felt like I was jumping further than I was."

Tamarius Brown was sixth for the Red Devils in the discus throw, at 135-4.

In the boys 4x100 relay, Red Springs finished in seventh place with a time of 44.35 seconds. The team consisted of Ellerbe, Ernest Bratcher, Steven McCadney and Timothy Putnam.

"We just need to work way harder and stay consistent," Ellerbe said.



Red Springs' T.J. Ellerbe competes in the long jump at the 4A state championship Wednesday in Greensboro.

Putman finished eighth in the 300-meter hurdles, running the race in 42.11 seconds.

The Red Devils' Tamarius Brown placed ninth in the boys shot put, registering a 44-5.75 while Kamarion McBryde finished in 13th place with a score of 43-2.50.

Naxary Johnson finished 14th in the boys triple jump with a measurement of 38-8.50.



Red Springs' T.J. Ellerbe finished third in the long jump at the 4A state championship Wednesday in Greensboro.

Pirates' Leach, Bulldogs' relay 4th at states

Staff report

GREENSBORO — Robeson County saw some strong performances at the NCHSAA 5A/7A Track and Field State Championships Friday.

Lumberton's Giselle Leach was a factor in the 7A girls shot put, placing fourth with a measure of 36 feet and 6.25 inches.

"My coaches pushed me the whole season and I just knew I had to get it today at the states," Leach said.

Leach hopes her high finish as a sophomore will help her continue her success as a junior.

"I'm just going to work even harder," she said. "Going into my junior year, it just gives me something to push for."

In addition, the Pirates' Ariana Alford also had a solid showing, finishing sixth in the girls 400-meter dash with a time of 56.94 seconds.

Both Leach and Alford earned All-State honors by finishing in the top eight in their respective events.

While Leach and Alford's per-



Lumberton's Giselle Leach at Friday's NCHSAA 7A Track and Field State Championship. Leach finished fourth in the shot put.



Lumberton's Ariana Alford at Friday's NCHSAA 7A Track and Field State Championship. Alford finished sixth in the 400-meter dash.

formances made Lumberton shine at the 7A level, St. Pauls also had a strong showing in 5A competition.

St. Pauls team of Malikh Locklear, Yoshua McBryde, Jakhi Purcell and Malik McKoy finished

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LATE TUESDAY

Purnell Swett softball falls in 3rd round

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

CLAYTON — A special season for the fifth-seeded Purnell Swett softball team came to an end Tuesday as they lost 5-0 to No. 4 Cleveland, eliminating them from the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 7A state playoffs.

"We've had an amazing season," Purnell Swett coach Amy Lancaster said. "Four amazing seniors led the way. Making the third round is something they haven't



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See SOFTBALL | 2B Purnell Swett's Jayla Graham swings at a pitch during Tuesday's game at Cleveland.



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Purnell Swett soccer coach Kevin Locklear, center, gives his team in instructions moments before a Sept. 18, 2025 match in Pembroke. Locklear has been named the school's varsity boys basketball coach.

Locklear to coach Rams boys basketball team

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — As players from the Purnell Swett junior varsity boys basketball team advance to the varsity level, they won't have to worry about adjusting to a new coach.

Kevin Locklear, who coached the JV Rams to a conference championship last season, has been named head coach of the varsity program.

"Just the situation and the opportunity (is right)," Locklear said. "I've been here in the program for several years. The guys moving up are all my JV guys that I've coached, so I was really excited about the chance to go on up with them, and definitely try to do some good things in the program."

Locklear replaces Jeremy Sampson, who will not return as varsity head coach next season after 16 seasons leading the program.

"The school conducted a comprehensive search process and interviewed several strong candidates for the position," Purnell Swett Athletic Director

Robert McLean said. "Coach Locklear distinguished himself through a strong interview, his familiarity with the program, and his long-standing experience within Purnell Swett athletics. His selection reflects both his coaching experience at Purnell Swett and the support he has built within the school community over time."

"I never really thought I'd have the opportunity to be the head coach, so when the opportunity came, I was just like, I might as well try to put my name in the hat, and if it's meant to be, it's meant to be, and it's worked out," Locklear said. "I'm looking forward to getting off the ground and getting running, getting in the gym and getting better."

Locklear has coached the JV team since 2016 after previously coaching the ninth-grade team for one season. The JV Rams were 16-4 last season, winning the Tri-County Conference title, and the team has a 30-10 record over the last two seasons. Stepping into his

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Rams' Locklear finishes T16 at golf states

Staff report

PINEHURST — Purnell Swett's Logan Locklear finished tied for 16th at the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's 7A state championship, played at Pinehurst No. 8.

Locklear shot a 7-over-par 79 in Tuesday's final round following a 5-over 77 in Monday's opening round, which left him tied for 14th.

"It was fun. I loved the golf course, I just wish I would've played better. I went in knowing I could win if I played good golf; I just didn't play good golf," Locklear said. "I couldn't get a putt to drop. The first day I got off to a good start, but the wind picked up and I made some bad swings and it cost me a few shots. The second day making a triple bogey

really hurt."

Locklear's two-day total of 156 was 18 strokes behind Marvin Ridge's Ty Donnelly, who shot two rounds of 69 to win the individual title and lead the Mavericks to the team championship.

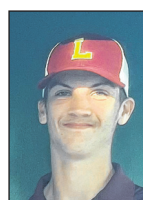
Lumberton's Jesse Pittman finished in a tie for 43rd after he posted a nine-stroke improvement from the first to the second round, shooting 80 on Tuesday after Monday's 89.

Locklear, a junior, was Purnell Swett's first boys golfer to qualify for the state championship since his uncle, Ian Locklear, in 2011. Pittman, also a junior, was the first Lumberton player to reach states in recent history.

"(After this year) I know what I need to do and I want to get back next year and win it," Locklear said.



Locklear



Pittman

FROM THE FRINGE

Staff report

Fairmont Golf Club news

Fairmont Golf Club will host the Thursday Evening Scramble Tournament on Thursday, May 21 with a 6 p.m. shotgun start. This is a nine-hole captain's-choice format with an entry fee of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members which includes a meal after play. Call the pro shop at 910-628-9931 to sign up.

LeMark Harris and Lance Harding were the winners in this week's Senior Shootout with a one-stroke victory over Timmy Grimsley and David Morris. The second flight was won by Ben Harris and Ron Anderson with Ricky Harris and Carlis Bryant coming in second place. The third flight was won by Kent Chavis and Larry Lynn Locklear followed by James Humphrey and Tommy Belch. Bobby Benton and Gene Brumbles were the fourth-flight winners with Prentice Harris and Greg Harris coming in second place. The fifth flight was won by Rick Baxley and Jimmy Dyson followed by Ronnie Chavis and Joe Locklear. Gene Harrison, John Haskins, Ricky Harris and Jimmy Haigler 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: James Thompson with a 70, Tommy Davis 71, Bert Thomas 72, Andy Andrews 72, Mitch Grier 73, J.T. Powers 73, John Stanley 76, Randy Williamson 76, Jared Parker 76, Chris Barfield 77, Robert Lawson 77, Bob Antone 77, Tom Lee 78 and Danny Glasscock 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.

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

Locklear

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first varsity basketball head coaching job won't be quite as large of an adjustment at Purnell Swett, Locklear said, given his well-established roots in the program.

"Coming in and stepping into a new role is almost scary, but moving into a role where you're familiar with everybody in the program already, the players, the administration, that makes it a little easier transition," Locklear said. "That's one of the things that's exciting is the ability to be able to continue to go with the guys I've coached the last few years, and we've had some really good JV records."

Locklear has also been on the soccer coaching staff since 2016 and was the varsity boys head coach on an interim basis last season. He also coached a semi-pro basketball team, the Carolina Gladiators, from 2013-15.

Locklear hopes that the success that his JV teams have had can translate to the varsity level.

"I want to not just compete, but I want to make the kids and the community proud to come and see these players play, and know that they're going to give it their all for that logo or that name across their chest. I want to change how people view Purnell Swett basketball," Locklear said. "We're going to compete, we're going to fight. I want to compete for the Shootout titles, I want to compete for the best teams in the county. I definitely want to compete to make the state playoffs and make a run. I think we have the ability, I think we have the players and I think they want to change and do some things."

Locklear works as a prevention specialist for Robeson Health Care Corporation; his wife, Courtney, is a teacher at Purnell Swett.

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The PSRC and UNC Health teams that administered the sports physicals.

PSRC, UNC Health Southeastern provide sports physicals

Jessica Sealey

For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Through a strong partnership between the Public Schools of Robeson County and UNC Health Southeastern, 1,213 student-athletes received sports physicals on May 8, helping ensure students are healthy, safe and prepared for the upcoming athletic seasons.

The annual event brought together healthcare professionals, district staff, volunteers, coaches and student-athletes in a collaborative effort focused on student wellness and success.

"It is truly an incredible feat to come together as a community and provide care for over 1,200 athletes," said Orthopedic Surgeon James Slauterbeck, M.D., of UNC Health Orthopedics at Southeastern Health Park. "The scale of coordination, dedication, and volunteerism required to accomplish this reflects the strength of UNC Health Southeastern and the commitment everyone has toward the health and safety of our local students."

The large-scale event highlighted the importance of community partnerships in supporting students both inside and outside the class-

room.

"We are grateful to UNC Health Southeastern and every volunteer, healthcare provider, coach, and staff member who dedicated their time to help ensure our students are healthy, safe, and ready to succeed both academically and athletically," said PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson.

The district also extends special appreciation to PSRC Board of Education Member Vonta Leach and the Beta Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity for preparing lunch and supporting participants throughout the day.

Just as athletes depend on working together to succeed on the field, Public Schools of Robeson County and UNC Health Southeastern came together to support students and ensure they are healthy, safe, and ready for a successful season.

"Events like this are a reminder that supporting students takes teamwork," Williamson said. "Together, we are making a difference for our students every day."

"This was an incredible example of what can happen when healthcare, education and community partners come together with a shared purpose," said UNC Health

Southeastern President and CEO Chris Ellington. "We are proud to help remove barriers for families and support the health and safety of student-athletes across Robeson County."

The UNC Health Southeastern Foundation also contributed to the event's success.

"This was a tremendous team effort and a meaningful investment in our community's children," said Sissy Grantham, executive director of the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation. "The Foundation was honored to support this initiative because we believe healthy students are better prepared to learn, grow, compete, and succeed."

Now in its second year, the event continues to build on a strong partnership between the school district and hospital system, as well as the shared commitment to student well-being.

"I want to encourage all student-athletes to continue taking advantage of this opportunity that the Public Schools of Robeson County and UNC Health Southeastern provides annually," said PSRC Athletic Director Glenn Patterson.

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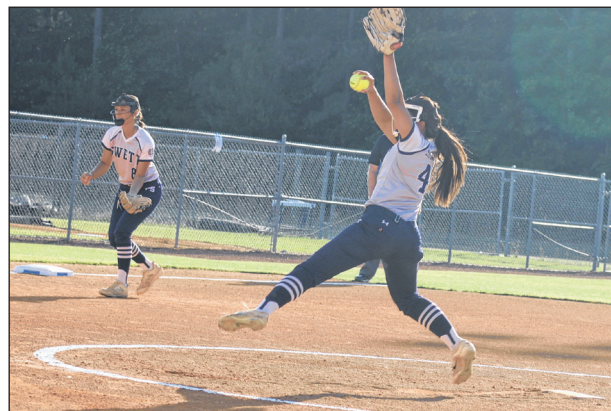
Softball

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done here at Purnell Swett so as a coach, I couldn't be prouder of the progress they've made individually and as a team."

Cleveland (19-2) began its scoring in the bottom of the second inning when Maddie Murphy came home on a dropped third strike. Immediately after, Abi Posey brought a run in on a groundout which made it 2-0 heading into the third inning. After Purnell Swett (16-6) went down in order in the top of the third inning, Cleveland's Karsyn Hudacky tripled, eventually coming home on a dropped pitch during Jenna Chapman's at-bat. Chapman brought in another run with an RBI groundout, making it 4-0 Cleveland going into the fourth inning.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Cleveland's



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Purnell Swett's Kamryn Locklear throws a pitch during Tuesday's game at Cleveland.

Izzy Sholar tripled and later scored because of Chapman's sacrifice fly which put them up 5-0. After a scoreless sixth and seventh innings, that was the final score.

"They don't give up," Lancaster said. "They could've stopped at any time and stopped swinging the bat. The grit this team has especially our seniors is something I'm very proud of."

Kamryn Locklear had two hits and Lanna Haggans and Jayla Graham each had one for Purnell

Swett. Kamryn Locklear allowed just two earned runs on five hits in six innings pitched for the Purnell Swett.

Cleveland pitcher Karsyn Hudacky struck out 11 batters in the complete-game shutout. Sholar, Avery Morgan and Murphy each had two hits for Cleveland, with Sholar scoring twice.

Cleveland advanced to play top-seeded D.H. Conley in the fourth round on Friday.

Despite the loss, Purnell Swett softball made

significant strides this season, reaching the third round of the playoffs since 2022 after winning the Tri-County Conference championship.

"I'm just glad I got to end with such an amazing year and made it all the way to the third round," senior Jayla Graham said.

The success they had this season is something the seniors will take with them moving forward.

"I'm happy with all the progress we've made and all the growth we've had," senior Nylah Johnson said. "We're leaving the girls in good hands."

Chloe Chavis and Lanna Haggans will also graduate from Purnell Swett this year.

Despite this season-ending loss, Amy Lancaster and her staff will look for ways to help them advance even further next year.

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Relay

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fourth in the boys 4x100 meter relay with a time of 43.35 seconds.

"They just took it seriously," St. Pauls coach Dominique Bridges said. "They broke the school record in the 4x100 recently and it made them work even harder."

The Bulldogs broke the record at the Eastern Sandhills Athletic Conference championships with a time of 42.77 seconds.

Bridges also discussed what it will take to continue their success next year.

"We have to keep getting more guys who understand how serious we are about track," he said.

Devin Suggs of St. Pauls finished eighth in the 5A boys long jump, registering a jump of 20-8.5. Antonio Arnold failed to qualify in the prelims for the boys 110-meter hurdles, finishing in 16.60 seconds for 15th place.



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The St. Pauls 4x100 relay team of, from left, Malikh Locklear, Jakhii Purcell, Malik McKoy and Yoshua McBryde, which finished fourth at the 5A state championship on Friday.

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- Special Use Permit Application (S-26-001) – A request submitted by Mandy Dial (Applicant) to locate an Automobile Detailing Shop on the property located at 202 W. 3rd Street (Robeson County Tax Parcel ID 350302015)

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the Town Clerk at (910) 521-9758.

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TO: CHRISTOPHER PREVATTE AND UNKNOWN FATHER

TAKE NOTICE THAT a Petition for the Adoption of a female child named above, who born to a woman named Andrea Marie Prevatte on the 27th day of October, 2017, in Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina, has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Robeson County, State of North Carolina on 1st day of December 2025. This child was conceived on or about the 22nd day of January, 2017.

You must file a response to the Petition no later than June 26, 2026, said date being forty (40) days after the date of first publication of this Notice in order to participate in and receive further notice of the proceedings, including notice of the time and place of hearing. The Clerk of Superior Court will enter an Order allowing the Adoption to proceed without your consent if there is no response. Any and all rights you may have in respect to the minor child and you as parent will be terminated with the entry of the Decree of Adoption.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GERALDINE GADDDY DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 23E000899-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Geraldine Gaddy, deceased, late of Robeson County, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of August, 2026, or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 16th day of May, 2026.

Brenda Allen
 PO Box 52
 Proctorville, NC 28375

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: Robeson County, North Carolina RE: THE ESTATE OF Michael Keith Sweatt- 26E000366-770 Having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of Michael Keith Sweatt deceased, Robeson County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of July 2026, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 25th day of April, 2026. MATTHEW KEITH SWEATT, ADMINISTRATOR DSR Legal, PLLC PO Box 51596 Durham, NC 27717

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MICHAEL DWAYNE WALKER DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 25 E 001327-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of MICHAEL DWAYNE WALKER, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 16th day of MAY 2026.

JUDY LOVE
 428 LARK AVENUE
 LUMBERTON NC 28358
 CO-ADMINISTRATOR

BRINDER WHITTED
 256 MALLARD DRIVE
 LUMBERTON NC 28360
 CO-ADMINISTRATOR

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LEGALS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JUNE ELLEN LOCKLEAR SAMPSON DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000444-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JUNE ELLEN LOCKLEAR SAMPSON, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

KIMBERLY SAMPSON HUNT
 121 SHAWN F ROAD
 PEMBROKE NC 28372

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KEITH DANIEL TOWNSEND DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000401-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of KEITH DANIEL TOWNSEND, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

JONATHAN E LOCKLEAR
 29 OPAL RD
 RED SPRINGS NC 28377

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LEGALS

May 11, 2026
 CITY OF LUMBERTON
 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS- ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE 1 AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Dear Offeror:

This is a Request for Qualifications to provide engineering services in connection with the City of Lumberton Water Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) project. Project activities may include:

- Replacement of water service lines from the main to the residence foundation
- Developing scope of work for sewer CIPP (9500')
- Design a sewer lift station rehabilitation and flood mitigation
- Grant Administration

The Lead Service Line Replacement Phase 1 project is funded by a \$4,800,000 Division of Water Infrastructure State Water Infrastructure Authority (SWIA) Grant. The Sewer Improvements Project is funded by a \$2,168,790 Clean Water State Reserve Program (CWSRP) low interest loan (2.45% interest rate over 20 years).

You are invited to submit a proposal of qualifications via email to be received not later than 5 PM on June 16, 2026 to: Corey Walters, Public Works Interim Director. Email: cjwalters@ci.lumberton.nc.us. The complete RFQ package requirements items A thru F will be available to view and download on the City of Lumberton website at the following address: https://lumbertonnc.gov/Bids.aspx.

One pdf version of the proposal shall be submitted by email in accordance with the following sections of this Request for Qualifications:

- A. Problem Statement
- B. Scope of Work
- C. Project Schedule
- D. Hourly Rate Schedule
- E. Proposal Content
- F. Factors for Award/Evaluation Criteria

The City of Lumberton will enter into a contract with the Engineer whose proposal of qualifications is determined to be the most advantageous to the City. Factors to be considered, the method used in the evaluation of the proposal and selection of the Engineer are set forth in Section F.

The City does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, familial status, and encourages proposals from small, minority, and female-owned businesses, and locally owned/operated businesses that provide employment opportunities to low-income individuals.

If you have any questions concerning the Request for Qualifications, please contact Corey Walters, Public Works Interim Director.

Laney Mitchell-McIntosh
 City Clerk
 Control No. 3108

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LEGALS
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SARA UMPHLETT HAWKINS DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000459-770

The undersigned having qualified as Executor, of the estate of SARA UMPHLETT HAWKINS, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 2nd day of MAY 2026.

BRADLEY MARTIN THOMPSON
 209 WEST 8TH STREET
 LUMBERTON NC 28358

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LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF LEWIS KINSTON BAKER AKA LEWIS K BAKER DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000025-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of LEWIS KINSTON BAKER, AKA LEWIS K BAKER, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 16th day of MAY 2026.

LEWIS KINSTON BAKER JR
 12246 HIGHWAY 41 N
 LUMBERTON NC 28358

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LEGALS

Robeson County Request for Qualifications for Robeson County Groundwater Supply Improvement
 Robeson County is Requesting for Qualifications for Groundwater Supply Improvement. For more information, please visit our website at www.robesoncountync.gov.
 Tammy Freeman
 Clerk to the Board/Executive Administrator

5/16 2026

LEGALS

NORTH CAROLINA ROBESON COUNTY Special Proceedings No. 25SP001256-770 Substitute Trustee: Philip A. Glass
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
 Date of Sale: May 20, 2026
 Time of Sale: 10:30 a.m.
 Place of Sale: Robeson County Courthouse
 Description of Property: See Attached Description
 Record Owners: Latonya Allen and David Locklear
 Address of Property: 115 Three Bridges Road Rowland, NC 28383 AKA 115 Three Bridges Road Pembroke, NC 28383
 Deed of Trust:
 Book : 2251 Page: 1
 Dated: October 5, 2020
 Grantors: David Dean Locklear, a single person, and Latonya Dell Allen, a single person
 Original Beneficiary: 21st Mortgage Corporation
CONDITIONS OF SALE:
 This sale is made subject to all unpaid taxes and superior liens or encumbrances of record and assessments, if any, against the said property, and any recorded leases. This sale is also subject to any applicable county land transfer tax, and the successful third party bidder shall be required to make payment for any such county land transfer tax.

The property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS." THERE ARE NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES relating to the title or to any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at or relating to the property being offered for sale, and any and all responsibilities or liabilities arising out of or in any way relating to any such condition are expressly disclaimed.
 A cash deposit of 5% of the purchase price will be required at the time of the sale. Remote bidding will not be accepted pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.25 (a). Credit bids on behalf of the Noteholder will be accepted. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or certified check at the time the Substitute Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided for in North Carolina General Statutes Section 45-21.30 (d) and (e). This sale will be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.
 Residential real property with less than 15 rental units, including single-family residential real property: an order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but not more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.
 Philip A. Glass, Substitute Trustee
 Nodell, Glass & Haskell, L.L.P.

Lying and being in Pembroke Township, Robeson County North Carolina, and being all of Lot No. 16 as shown on a recorded plat entitled "Survey for James Maynor" found in Map Book 55 Page 79, Robeson County Registry, and being bounded on the northwest by Samuel Britt (DB 741 PG 500), on the northeast by Lot No. 17, on the southeast by SR 1544 "Three Bridges Road" and on the southwest by Lots 15, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake located where the northwest right of way line of SR 1544 "Three Bridges Road" intersects a ditch, said stake being located North 34 degrees 30 minutes 25 seconds East 524.33 feet from a stake located where the northwest right of way line of SR 1544 intersects the northeast right of way line of NC Highway 74, and runs; THENCE North 55 degrees 14 minutes 45 seconds West, for a distance of 487 .84 feet, with said ditch, to a stake located in the original northwest boundary line of the original tract, a common line with Samuel Britt, said boundary line being the center of an existing ditch; THENCE North 38 degrees 58 minutes 55 seconds East for a distance of 118.36 feet, as the original northwest line, the center of said ditch, to a stake; THENCE South 55 degrees 28 minutes 50 seconds East, crossing over a new 1/2" rebar set on the bank at a distance of 5.01 feet, a total distance of 478.83 feet, to a new 1/2" rebar set in the northwest right of way line of SR 1544; THENCE South 34 degrees 37 minutes 05 seconds West for a distance of 120.00 feet, with said right of way line, to the point of BEGINNING. Together with and subject to easements, restrictions and covenants of record. Said property contains 1.32 acres more or less. This description was prepared by Robert E. Leach, II, Professional Land Surveyor from an actual field survey dated June 12, 2020 using north referenced to NC Grid North (NAD83/2011). Including a 2020 manufactured home with serial number LOHGA21934919AB. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and utility lines and rights of way in existence over, under or upon the above-described property. PIN: 933299048800 Property Address: 115 Three Bridges Rd. Rowland, NC 28383 and commonly known as 115 Three Bridges Rd. Pembroke, NC 28372

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Braves outdoor track & field teams send 4 to USTFCCA All-Region Team

Staff report

PEMBROKE —The UNC Pembroke track & field team continued a long-standing tradition for itself when four student-athletes were named to the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) Outdoor All-Southeast Region team.

CJ Agwu posted the Southeast Region's third-best mark in the discus, while Gary Parker (hammer), Kyleigh Pollock (triple jump), and Sofia Skidmore (800m) all posted the fifth-best marks/times in the

region. The quartet also posted new school records in their respective events this season.

The announcement marks the 15th-consecutive season both the men's and women's squads have been represented on the All-Region team, while also marking the 12th-straight season that the Black & Gold has had multiple student-athletes on the distinguished list.

The top five individuals in each event from each region earned all-region honors, in addition to each of the members of the region's top three relay teams. The regions



Agwu



Parker



Pollock



Skidmore

used for this award include the Atlantic, Central, East, Midwest, South, South Central, Southeast and West.

Braves track & field wraps up season at Mount Olive First Chance Meet

UNC Pembroke posted three top-three finishes to highlight action at the Mount Olive First Chance meet last Friday.

female to compete at the meet. Kell Simpson posted the lone personal-best mark crossing in 54.99 to take fourth in the men's 400 meter hurdles.

The Braves' Kyleigh Pollock placed third in the women's triple jump, jumping 11.45 meters.

Shamar Fields finished eighth in the men's 100 meter prelims with a time of 10.77 seconds.

Jacobe Jones placed 11th, finishing in 10.80 seconds while Brenton Chapple was 40th with a time of 12.15 seconds.

In the 100 meter finals, Fields placed eighth, finishing in 10.76 seconds.

In the men's 200m,

Jones finished third finishing in 21.36 seconds while Fields placed 13th with a time of 22.34 seconds while John Davis placed 20th with a time of 23.17 seconds.

In the Men's 400m, Calen McKinney came in sixth with a time of 49.66 seconds.

In the Men's 400m Hurdles, Kell Simpson placed fourth with a time of 54.99 seconds.

Finally in the men's 4x100m Relay, The second-seeded Braves team of Jacobe Jones, Shamar Fields, Calen McKinney, Kell Simpson finished in 40.75 seconds.

Braves' Lucas named to NCBWA All-Region first team

Staff report

PEMBROKE — UNC Pembroke redshirt senior Landon Lucas picked up another postseason award, as the third baseman was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-Southeast Region First Team, the organization announced Friday afternoon.

Friday's release marked the 16th time in the last 18 full seasons the Black & Gold has been represented on the All-Region team.

Lucas finished the year with a .419 (88-for-210) batting average, 20 doubles, three triples, 20 home runs, and 76 RBI,

becoming the first Brave to reach the 20 double-20 home run mark since Collins Cuthrell in 2015. The Blythewood, S.C. native tallied at least



Lucas

one hit in 45 of 50 games, and tallied 26 multi-hit games, 24 multi-RBI games, and three multi-home run games.

Lucas was named Conference Carolinas Player of the Week in March after going 10-14 with three doubles, a home run, and eight RBI in the series sweep at Southern Wesleyan. Lucas finished the regular season ranked in the top five in Division II in four categories, including second in hits and fifth in home runs and RBI.

Braves' Locklear named NFCA All-Region

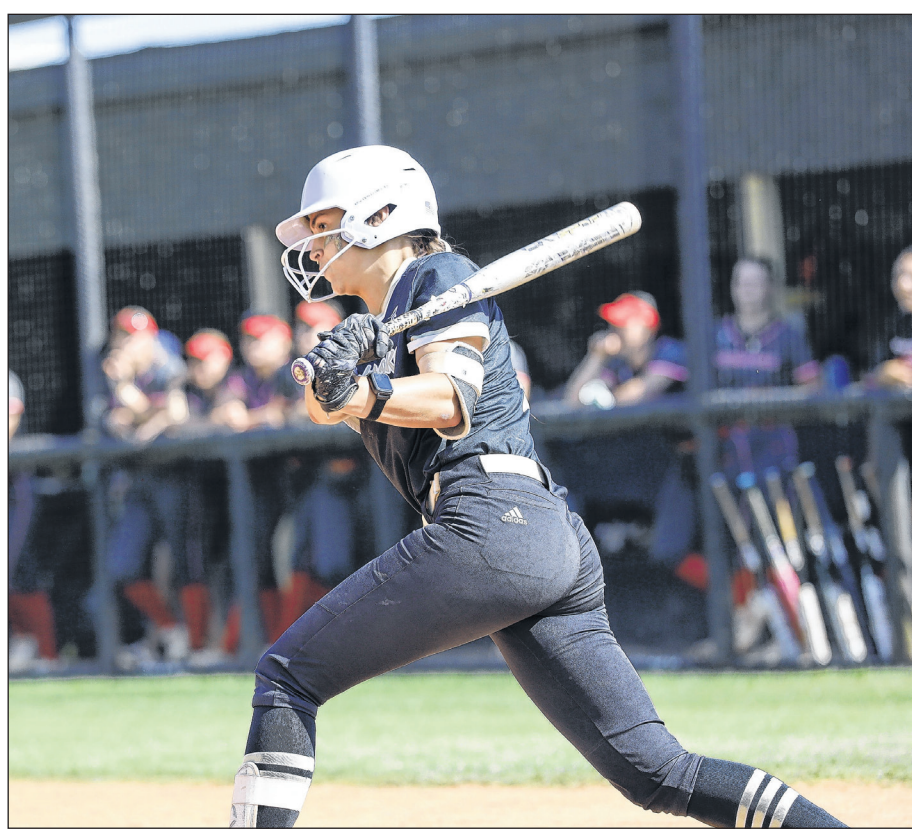
Staff report

PEMBROKE — Postseason accolades continued for the UNC Pembroke softball team on Friday when Chloe Locklear was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region (NFCA) team.

The announcement marks eighth time that the Black & Gold has had a student-athlete honored on the NFCA All-Region team. However, it is the first student-athlete to pick up the nod since Tatum Brummitt earned the award in 2021.

NFCA member head coaches from each respective region nominated their student-athletes and voted for the teams.

A product of Purnell Swett High School, Locklear picked up second-team All-Region honors after hitting .368 on the season. A native of Pem-



UNCP Athletics

UNC Pembroke's Chloe Locklear swings at a pitch during an April 11 game against Belmont Abbey in Pembroke.

broke, Locklear started in all 46 games and drove in 48 runs. The redshirt

junior added six doubles, a pair of triples and 10 homers during the sea-

son, while registering 195 defensive putouts this season.

Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the Town of Maxton Town Hall & Police Station Renovation Project will be received by the Town of Maxton until 1000 A.M. on May 26, 2026 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bids shall be delivered to:

Town of Maxton
201 McCaskill Avenue
Maxton, NC 28364
Attn: Angela Pritchford

Project Description:

The project generally consists of the construction of an approximately 5,800 square foot addition and renovation to the existing Recreation Center and Police Station facility located in Maxton, North Carolina. Work includes architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, civil, and associated site improvements.

Complete digital bidding documents and/or questions inquire from:

Lumber River Council of Governments
30 CJ Walker Road
ATTN: Craig Usher
cu@lrcog.org

Bidders must be properly licensed under Chapter 87 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

The Town of Maxton encourages participation by minority-owned, women-owned, and historically underutilized businesses (HUBs).

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SUSAN FLOYD JOHNSON DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000398-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of SUSAN FLOYD JOHNSON, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of AUGUST 2026 or be barred from their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are asked to please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 9th day of MAY 2026.

JASON FLOYD JOHNSON 600 W BOND STREET MARION SC 29571

C/O CHARLES E FLOYD ATTORNEY AT LAW 200 SOUTH MAIN ST FAIRMONT NC 28340

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Help Wanted General

Robeson Community College 12-Month HVAC & ELC LCI Instructor

Instructor needed to teach Air Conditioning, Heating, Refrigeration, and Electrical Systems at Robeson Community College's program at Lumberton Correctional Institute. Responsibilities include planning, organizing, promoting, and delivering instruction. Must be able to work effectively in a structured, controlled (correctional) environment.

For a list of qualifications and to apply, visit www.robeson.edu/hr or contact Human Resources at hr@robeson.edu.

Deadline for applications: May 20, 2026

ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Help Wanted General

Robeson Community College Vice President of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer

Robeson Community College seeks a strategic, collaborative, and student-centered leader to serve as Vice President for Instruction/Chief Academic Officer. Minimum Qualifications: • Master's degree from an accredited institution in education or a related field; doctorate preferred • Minimum of five (5) years of progressively responsible leadership experience in academic administration For a list of duties and to apply, visit www.robeson.edu/hr or contact Human Resources at 910-272-3524.

Deadline for applications: Until filled

ROBESON COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Robeson Community College Financial Aid Specialist - Workforce Development & Special Programs

Robeson Community College is seeking a Financial Aid Specialist to support Workforce Development & special programs. This position assists students through the financial aid process, manages the coordination and processing of funding, ensures timely and accurate awarding of assistance, and maintains compliance with applicable regulations while providing excellent student service.

For a list of qualifications and to apply, visit www.robeson.edu/hr or contact Human Resources at hr@robeson.edu.

Deadline for applications: May 20, 2026

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THE SKINNY

The stars will shine again

On April 9, 2016, I took my children, who at the time ranged from 3 to 9 years old, to the Robeson County Planetarium for the very last time.

Six months later, on Oct. 8, Hurricane Matthew devastated the central offices of the Public Schools of Robeson County, leaving several feet of water within the confines of the planetarium, toppling its original Spitz model A3P star projector, and ending nearly fifty years of access for Robeson County students and residents.



James Bass
Contributing columnist

For many adults and children, myself included, the privilege and benefit

of a local planetarium would be gone for a whole decade.

Planetariums are not just fun places for kids to take field trips. They are a rare scientific resource that only about 20 locations in North Carolina can claim. Since 1969, Robeson County has been one of them.

My daily work commute takes me past the shell that once housed the planetarium and for a decade I brooded over the loss it has been for education in Robeson County. It was a place visited by some 9,000 children each year. I think about my children's curiosity for the universe. I think about the children who passed through their academic years in the public schools without having ever marveled at this grand site.

The good news is that by the end of this year, Robeson County will be the home to a brand new, state-of-the-art planetarium, one that will be bigger and better than the old one. It will be open to the public in early 2027.

I had the pleasure this week of presenting Ken Brandt, the director of the Robeson County Planetarium, at a meeting of the Lumberton Rotary Club, where he shared more details about the new construction.

According to information from the Public Schools of Robeson County, the planetarium will be housed inside of the new 110,000 sq. ft. Robeson County Career and Technical Education Center, located on Hwy 711 headed towards UNC Pembroke.

Brandt said the new planetarium has a 40-foot diameter dome and 76 seats. The old one had a 30-foot dome and 65

See STARS | 2C



Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

Lumbee Ambassadors, including, from left, Junior Miss Lumbee Kyndall Locklear, Miss Lumbee Taylor Davis and Teen Miss Lumbee Keely Deal, march during the powwow at the Lumbee Tribe Wild Game Festival on March 28 in Maxton. Davis and the Lumbee Ambassadors will host the Hands & Hearts Powwow on June 13 in Pembroke.

Miss Lumbee to host disability-friendly powwow

Victoria Sanderson
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Miss Lumbee 2025 Taylor Davis is hosting a new event for the Tribe this June.

Davis, 26, who won her crown at her first-ever pageant last year, is using her status as a pageant queen to uplift people in her community with disabilities of all kinds. Davis herself has a severe stutter and is a cancer survivor, so creating spaces for others like her has been a core part

of her platform since the beginning.

The Hands & Hearts Powwow, which the Tribe plans to host annually going forward, will be a disability-friendly powwow catered to the special-needs members of the Lumbee Tribe. The other Lumbee Ambassadors — Little Miss Lumbee Jadya Herndon, Junior Miss Lumbee Kyndall Locklear, Teen Miss Lumbee Keely Deal and Senior Miss Lumbee Wendy Chavis Locklear — are cohosting the event with Davis.

It will be hosted

indoors to keep the heat at bay, and noise-canceling headphones will be available for participants who may struggle with sensory input.

“This powwow is not just another event; it is about opening our circle and making room at the table for everyone,” Davis said, “including those with special needs or disabilities. In our community, every unique person has a place. This day is open to everyone, and I hope you will come and help us teach, uplift, and connect with those who

have special needs/disabilities with your hearts and your hands.”

Ashton Blue, a friend of Davis who is helping to coordinate the powwow, said this powwow is a chance for those with disabilities to regain some confidence, as many may avoid public events and competitions due to a lack of accessibility or fear of judgment.

“There are a lot of children and adults in our community that struggle with invisible disabilities,” Blue said, “and a lot of them don’t go out and

speak a lot if they have a stutter. Taylor got up on the stage for the first time last year, just to prove to herself that she could, and walked away with the crown. She broke the ice for any other little child who feels like they can’t just because they’re a little different.”

The Hands & Hearts Powwow will be held at the Pembroke Boys and Girls Club on June 13 and is free to attend. All are welcome, with or without regalia.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.

Volunteer opportunities for seniors

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Volunteering is a rewarding experience that engages people from all walks of life. While young adults and adults in middle age may find it hard to squeeze

volunteering into their schedules, retirees are free of many of the professional and personal obligations that prevent younger adults from volunteering.

Retirees can reap some unique benefits from volunteering. Volunteering can provide retirees new opportunities to socialize, which can help them avoid feelings of social isolation and loneliness that many seniors confront after retiring. Volunteering also can provide an opportunity for seniors to utilize their professional expertise to the benefit of others.

With so much to gain from volunteering, retirees can start looking for opportunities in their communities. Many such opportunities exist, and the following tips can help retirees find the most suitable one for them.

— Identify your motivation to volunteer. Identifying why you want to volunteer can be a great first step. Many retirees



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who had long and distinguished careers in the professional arena aspire to give back by employing their expertise in new ways. For example, retired attorneys may want to volunteer with a nonprofit organization that provides free legal advice to those who cannot afford to hire their own legal representatives. Once retirees have identified why they want to volunteer, they can then look for opportunities that align with that motivation.

— Consider any potential limitations you have. Some volunteering opportunities are physically demanding, which makes them difficult for retirees. Seniors may not be able to handle a volunteering opportunity that requires heavy lifting or one that asks volunteers to spend hours on their feet. Be honest about any physical limitations, and discuss any uncertainty you might have with your health care provider before committing to a volun-

teering gig.

— Decide how much time you can volunteer. Volunteering is often characterized as a rewarding experience that offers homebound seniors a chance to get up and go. But some retirees already have active social lives, so it’s imperative that prospective volunteers identify how much time they have to volunteer. Many organizations allow volunteers to determine how much time they spend volunteering, but

others may ask more of volunteers in regard to a time commitment. For example, volunteering to organize community events may require a significant time commitment that some retirees do not necessarily want to make.

There are many great reasons to volunteer. Retirees considering volunteering can give the prospect ample consideration before they begin searching for the right opportunity to give back.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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/1-mile 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.

Painted Gold Classic Horse Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 16: The Carolina Paint Horse Club hosts the Painted Gold Classic, a 4-judge APHA and All Breed horse show. The format offers multiple opportunities to earn points and placings over the weekend, with circuit awards in every class with 2+ entries, as well as division and reserve prizes for qualifying CPHC members. The show is welcoming to a range of exhibitors, whether you're bringing a seasoned horse or one just getting started.

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!

Shibori Indigo Dyed Scarf Class, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., May 30: The Robeson Art Guild is hosting a workshop for learning how to use indigo dye to create a one-of-a-kind scarf. Other items may be acceptable for dying, so visit the website listed below for more details about the workshop. The fee is \$58 for members of the Guild and \$65 for nonmembers. Seating is limited to 12, so register early.

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.

Hairspray, 7 p.m., June 10: Hairspray, winner of eight Tony Awards, including Best Musical, is a family-friendly musical, piled bouffant-high with laughter, romance and delightfully tuneful songs. Hairspray is a musical based on John Waters' 1988 film about a teenager named Tracy Turnblad who dreams of dancing on a local TV Show in 1962 Baltimore.

Tickets: Individuals \$30, Seniors (60+) and Military \$27. Students \$15. Group discount rates of \$25 each for groups of 10 or more when purchased in advance are available by contacting the box office.

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.

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

PET OF THE WEEK



Meet Zeke. This handsome boy is almost 4 years old. His favorite thing is scratches on his head and behind his ears. He is hard not to fall in love with. He has the perfect face for kisses. He is patient when asking for pets, though he does need more training. He would do best in a home that is active and ready to give this boy the environment to learn. He is also a social butterfly who would thrive in a home with multiple pets and children, and he loves cats. Zeke is up for adoption at the Robeson County Humane Society. For more information, contact the Robeson County Humane Society, 3180 West Fifth Street, Lumberton, 910-738-8282.

FUN HOLIDAYS FOR MAY 16-22

Pick Strawberries Day: With strawberry season in the Southeast at its peak, celebrate by picking some as part of this commemoration on Wednesday.

National Waiters and Waitresses Day: Show your appreciation for this often-thankless job on Thursday.

Other fun holidays this week

Saturday: Armed Forces Day, Biographer's Day, National Learn to Swim Day, National Mimosa Day, National Piercing Day,

National River Cleanup Day, National Sea Monkey Day, World Fiddle Day, World Whiskey Day

Sunday: National Cherry Cobbler Day, National Mushroom Hunting Day, National Walnut Day, Step-mother's Day, Take Your Parents to the Playground Day, World Baking Day

Monday: I Love Reese's Day, International Museum Day, National Cheese Souffle Day, National No Dirty Dishes Day, National Visit Your Relatives Day, Send an Electronic Greeting

Card Day

Tuesday: Celebrate Your Elected Officials Day, Malcolm X Day, National Devil's Food Cake Day, Plant Something Day

Wednesday: Eliza Doolittle Day, Flower Day, National Be a Millionaire Day, National Rescue Dog Day, World Bee Day

Thursday: American Red Cross Founder's Day, Brown Bag It Thursday, I Need a Patch for That Day, International Tea Day, National Memo Day, National Strawberries and Cream Day

Friday: Carb Day, Don't Fry Day, National Buy a Musical Instrument Day, National Cooler Day, National Maritime Day, National Road Trip Day, National Solitaire Day, National Vanilla Pudding Day, National Wig Out Day, Sherlock Holmes Day
Week of May 17-23: International Pickles Week, National Backyard Games Week, National Unicycle Week

Source: holidays-and-observances.com

Stars

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seats. The old planetarium had 2K resolution and the new one has 8K capabilities. It also features six laser video projectors and a megastar star projector, as well as a laser system for showing content for the public, and a 5.1-surround-sound audio system. It also includes a 50-foot pad for night observation.

Planetaria are beneficial for students because they provide experiential learning, helping children blend what they learn from books with real-world hands-on applica-

tion. For 10 years, that has been lost.

Astronomy, earth science and scientific methods are major themes in national and state pre-college educational standards, something our planetarium can help students prepare for. Additionally, our understanding of astronomy regulates many parts of our lives, including daylight savings time, seasons and our calendar. Cultural stories about constellations reflect how past societies viewed the world. Farmers and sailors, for example, used the sky to determine patterns of survival and trade. Seasonal patterns of sunrise and sunset can

be observed, described and predicted by our planetary positions.

"The support of district leaders and the school board allowed me to deploy a backup plan," Brandt said. "In the intervening 10 years, we've been running an inflatable planetarium to keep the planetarium open and thriving."

Brandt's backup plan was a worthy one. I took my youngest child to some of these events held at Exploration Station. They were fun and certainly worthwhile, but nowhere as immersive and impactful as the planetarium experience. Brandt said during the 10-year hiatus he still

managed to reach some 5,000 students per year, adding that the new facility will be "a game-changer."

The exterior construction of the new planetarium looks exciting, the textured pyramid pattern of blue panels previewing what should be an incredibly beautiful new attraction for the county. We can thank our lucky stars that our county gets to be home to this amazing feature. I encourage you to visit and support it and encourage young, curious minds.

James Bass is the director of the Givens Performing Arts Center. Reach him at james.bass@uncp.edu.

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

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

Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

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

PUZZLES & GAMES

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the photograph. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 23 = E)

A. 3 14 20 2 2 23 25
Clue: Camera barrier

B. 26 10 16 7 23
Clue: Picture

C. 9 26 8 23 3
Clue: Organized data

D. 8 16 11 1 3 5 16 6 23
Clue: Horizontal position

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the photograph.

LNSE

Answer: Lens

GUESS WHO?

I am a country singer born in Texas on May 21, 1987. I started playing music at age 12 and worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I was named a New Male Vocalist of the Year in 2011, and by 2014, my breakthrough album cracked the Top 10 on Billboard's chart.

Answer: Cody Johnson

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to safety.

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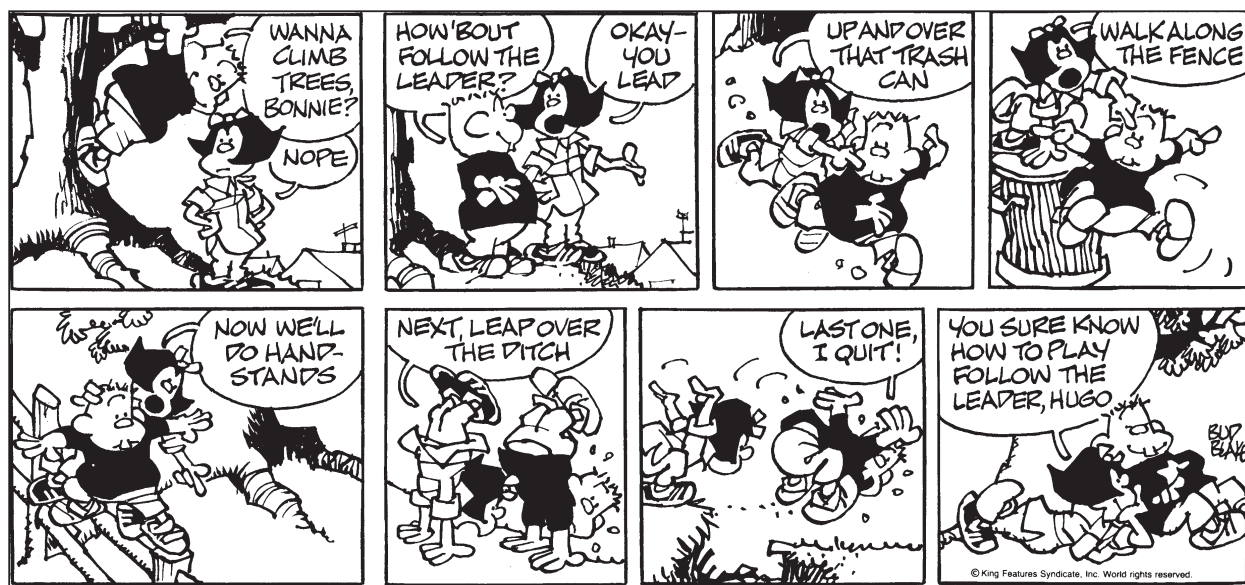
Answer: Guidance

SUDOKU ANSWER

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TIGER

By Bud Blake



FLASH GORDON

By Jim Keefe



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner



"Thanks a lot for telling me all that stuff, Dad! Now I'm going to need counseling!"

FEAR & KNOT crossword puzzle. Clues include: LAL, MYFRU, HERTE, ORPU, LANMIA, LYF, NATU, ENFLO, RFA, TYNPHO, TUUNI, AFEL. Includes a crossword grid and a list of words to be unscrambled.

Super Crossword puzzle. Includes a list of clues for across and down, a crossword grid, and a regression analysis section. Clues include: 1 Bourbon brand, 8 Belly area, 15 Girlfriend, in Genoa, 20 Pertaining to the womb, 21 Spiced Starbucks selection, 22 Autos for test-driving, 23 Food, clothes or money [actress Danes], 25 Greek market of old, 26 DC-10, e.g., 27 Lariat feature, 28 Rushes about wildly, 30 Marketed, 31 Grain tower, 32 Like a skimpy swimsuit [actor Perry], 35 Church area, 37 Powders mixed into liquids, e.g., 38 Research ctr., 39 Shoes worn with tutus [designer McCartney], 44 Tenth mo., 46 Perjurer's confession, 47 Fork prong, 48 Pop singer Rita, 49 Mai (drink), 52 Young morays, say, 54 Huge Asian mammal [justice Kagan], 60 Tijuana-to-Vegas dir., 61 Add- (extras), 63 Olive (military uniforms), 64 Small lakes, 65 Jima, 67 Having supple arms and legs [jazzman Davis], 72 Nuptial vow, 73 Moving spryly, 75 Smoothly polite, 76 Neighbor of TV's Homer, 78 Surg. sites, 80 Roomy place to house vehicles [actress Jones], 85 Vacation spot, 87 Swallowed, 88 Little fellow, 89 Performs like Ice Cube, 91 Initial venture, 92 1040 info, 93 Small, springy apparatus [director Scorsese], 98 Zenith, 101 Almsgiving, 103 Othello's false friend, 104 Antipollution law [singer Grande], 106 -Alt-Del, 108 Major (butler), 112 Gives one's approval, 113 Persia, today, 114 Showed anew, 115 Ellipses, 116 What the eight featured celebrities in this puzzle are doing?, 121 Edit further, perhaps, 122 State of joy, 123 Bones near tibiae, 124 Bottom-of-barrel residue, 125 Fabray of Broadway, 126 Greek Week guy, 3 Lead or tin, 4 "I'm Sorry" singer, 5 The Emerald Isle, 6 Singer DiFranco, 7 Most soft, dry and crumbly, 8 "Solid Gold" host Marilyn, 9 Breakfast chain, for short, 10 Flow barrier, 11 Discharge from the military, informally, 12 Skater Midori, 13 Minks' kin, 14 Femme, 15 Modify, 16 #1 song, say, 17 "The Father" actress Poots, 18 Tools for fruit preparation, 19 How bedding is often packaged, 24 IM chuckle, 29 City near Bangalore, 31 Booming jet of old, in brief, 32 Jazz genre, 33 Bitter brew, 34 Karel Capek sci-fi play, 36 Actor Pascal, 37 Floored it, 39 Good, in Nice, 40 From dusk to dawn, 41 Dynamo, 42 52, to Flavius, 43 Hotel cousin, 45 Li'l Abner creator Al, 48 Ashley or Mary-Kate, 49 Cooked in a clay oven, as naan, 50 Neighbor of a Spaniard, 51 Part of TGIF, 53 NBC skit show, in brief, 55 Lazy sort, 56 Meyers of "Kate & Allie", 57 "Rambo" site, for short, 58 Decline, 59 polloi, 62 "What a pity!", 66 Bullfight yell, 68 Your and my, 69 Droop down, 70 Mendes of movies, 71 Berlin article, 73 discount, 74 Long, thin fish, 77 Clear of mist, 79 Eye sore, 81 High-kicking French dance, 82 Dilettantish, 83 Long, thin fish, 84 Org. enforcing the 104-Across, 86 First post-band album, perhaps, 90 Vodka brand with no shell, 92 Marine snail, 93 Cooking wine, 94 Lyricist Gershwin, 95 Actor Cage, to friends, 96 "Addams Family" cousin, 97 Compadre, 98 Harmony, 99 Shamrock, e.g., 100 Threat, 102 Guys contracted by the Mafia, 105 Bird hangouts, 106 Wading bird, 107 Tic (mint), 109 Toothbrush brand, 110 Region of China, 111 In tune, 113 "Rhythm", 114 Country's McEntire, 117 Mo. neighbor, 118 Native suffix, 119 Tiny objection, 120 Space station until 2001.

MAGIC MAZE ON THE RIVER THAMES. Includes a maze and a list of place names: Chiswick, Egham, Eton, Hampton, Kew, Lambeth, London, Marlow, Putney, Reading, Richmond, Staines, Surbiton, Westminister, Windsor.

GO FIGURE! Includes a grid with arithmetic signs and numbers, and a list of numbers to be used: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 2, 4, 14, 44, 3, 5, 6, 14.

Today's Solutions. Includes solutions for the crossword puzzle, Go Figure, and Magic Maze. The crossword solutions are listed at the bottom of the page.

HEALTH FAQ

One fall, a lifetime impact: How to prevent hip fractures in older adults

Editor's note: This is part one of a series.

Hip fractures are a serious problem for the elderly. Unfortunately, every year, more than 1.6 million adults worldwide suffer a hip fracture.

These injuries can change a person's life quickly. About 15% of patients die within 6 months, and around 25% die within 1 year after a hip fracture. For those who survive, recovery can be very challenging. Only half regain basic daily function, and just about a quarter return to more complex activities. Many patients need to live in long-term care facilities after hip fractures.

Hip fractures happen more often in women. About 75% of cases occur in women, who have twice the risk compared to men. This happens because women lose bone faster; they tend to live longer and often have smaller bones, which makes fractures more likely.

The good news is that some fracture risk can be lessened by improving balance and nutrition, preventing falls, avoiding certain medications and making good lifestyle choices can decrease risk. If possible, talk to your health care provider about avoiding certain medications like corticosteroids, levothyroxine, proton pump inhibitors, loop diuretics, antidepressants, benzodiazepines and opioids. Consider making healthy lifestyle choices such as stopping smoking, avoiding drinking alcohol and consuming less than three cups of coffee per day.

Other ways to maximize your bone health starts with proper nutrition and screening. Patients at risk should have bone density testing using DXA. Calcium intake for most individuals should be 1,200 mg per day, and vitamin D should be 800 IU daily. Studies show that taking calcium and vitamin D together lowers the risk of hip fractures. Exercise is also one of the best ways to prevent fractures. Activities like walking, stair climbing, jogging, and dancing help maintain bone strength. Strength training increases bone density, especially when combined with weight-bearing activity. Some have suggested that whole body vibration therapy may also help improve bone strength and balance.

Fall prevention is critical. Balance training is very important because most hip fractures are caused by ground-level slips and falls. Exercise programs that combine strength, balance, and aerobic activity can reduce falls by nearly half. Tai chi is one of the most effective ways to prevent falls.

Some hip fractures can often be prevented with the right approach. Strong bones, good balance, proper nutrition and regular exercise all play a role. In Part Two, we will look at how hip fractures are treated and how medications help prevent future fractures.

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Photo courtesy of the Governor's Office

North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein shows his signature on the bipartisan Medicaid funding bill on April 30. Credit: Governor's Office

'Imperfections' in NC Medicaid bill may cause headaches, require fixes

Lucas Thomae

Carolina Public Press via NC Health News

RALEIGH — After months of political jockeying, state lawmakers finally pushed through a bipartisan bill to fully fund Medicaid through the end of the current fiscal year. However, the legislative victory wasn't without its "imperfections," as NC Rep. Sarah Crawford, D-Wake, put it in an interview with Carolina Public Press.

Health policy advocates said cost-cutting provisions inserted into the bill would unduly restrict care for the more than 3 million low-income North Carolinians covered by Medicaid. In some cases, the consequences went further than even the bill's own authors anticipated.

An unforced error on the part of the bill's architects accidentally booted 27,000 women and children off their insurance. Other provisions intended to cut spending through reduced enrollments may actually spike administrative costs and increase instances of uncompensated care, critics warned.

Still, all Republicans and most Democrats in the statehouse threw their support behind the bill, which Gov. Josh Stein signed into law Thursday afternoon.

The legislation had three primary objectives regarding NC Medicaid.

The first was to fully fund the program through the end of the current fiscal year — a key priority for Democrats.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services had previously warned that it would soon run out of money without an infusion of \$319 million, and DHHS went as far as cutting reimbursement rates to save money before being ordered to reverse course by the courts in December.

The second goal was to set stricter eligibility rules, some of which were mandated by H.R. 1, the federal law formerly known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act which Congress passed last year.

As a result, the 725,000 people covered under NC Medicaid expansion will now be required to work at least 80 hours per month, with some exceptions for schooling or volunteer work. They'll also undergo

more frequent eligibility checks. Some lawfully present immigrants who are not US citizens will lose their coverage entirely.

The third goal of the bill was to identify "fraud, waste and abuse" within the Medicaid program and to curb rising spending on ABA therapy, a popular treatment for children with autism.

The bill also increased copays for those covered under Medicaid expansion from \$4 to \$35, the maximum amount permitted under federal law, in an effort to reduce unnecessary utilization of medical services.

More Medicaid red tape?

Although state leaders celebrated the funding bill as a bipartisan achievement, DHHS and a coalition of advocacy groups warned legislators that some of the add-ons by lawmakers could have problematic ripple effects.

For example, the way in which the new rules were worded inadvertently terminated coverage for 27,000 pregnant women and children who are lawfully present noncitizens. Previously, that group was eligible for traditional Medicaid coverage under federal legislation called the CHIPRA 214 option.

DHHS alerted the leaders of the House health committee to that "potentially unintended" consequence in an email on April 23, before final votes on the bill took place.

However, because the legislation had already made it through both chambers and emerged in short session as a conference report, lawmakers weren't permitted to make further changes.

The legislators who crafted the bill said the exclusion of the women and children covered under CHIPRA was accidental. Crawford said the mistake was likely to be corrected in a future technical corrections bill, although bill co-sponsor, NC Rep. Timothy Reeder, R-Pitt, didn't confirm whether that was the case when asked via email.

Additionally, DHHS emphasized that any cost-savings resulting from the new work requirements and increased copays would not reduce future Medicaid funding requests. That's because those changes only apply to the

Medicaid expansion program, which is not paid for through the state's general fund like traditional Medicaid is.

In fact, the extra paperwork associated with the new eligibility rules could significantly raise administrative costs for both DHHS and county departments of social services that are responsible for processing applications and determining eligibility.

One particular area of concern is the requirement that new applicants for Medicaid expansion have worked for at least three months prior to receiving benefits. That's troublesome for people between jobs or those starting new employment. Federal law only requires a one-month lookback period.

"This is red tape that is going to lead to people losing coverage," Rebecca Ceresse, a health policy advocate for the left-leaning North Carolina Justice Center, said regarding the stringent new rules.

"It's actually going to increase costs for everybody by putting these ridiculous, unnecessary barriers in place."

Ceresse helped organize a letter signed by more than 40 advocacy groups voicing their concerns about several provisions in the bill. They recommended that the legislature pass a future "clean-up" bill to address those issues, although it's unclear what legislators are willing to change about the bill, other than to reinstate the CHIPRA 214 option.

Legislators scrutinize autism therapy

The spectre of "fraud, waste and abuse" loomed over several additional provisions of the funding bill. Lawmakers allocated \$500,000 to the Office of State Auditor for performance audits of both the Medicaid program and NCWorks career centers.

Two separate mandated audits are also set to pick apart the finances of NC Medicaid.

One comes from the funding bill, which requires DHHS to produce annual reports of improper payments and expenditures, as well as recovered funds. The other comes directly from CMS administrator Mehmet Oz, who recently directed all 50 states to produce a "revalidation strategy" of the medical providers enrolled in their

Medicaid programs.

The money allocated to the state auditor can't be used to comply with the CMS directive, DHHS staff said.

One particular target of Medicaid fraud speculation is applied behavior analysis, or ABA therapy.

The research-backed therapy aims to help children with autism spectrum disorder learn skills and reduce harmful behaviors. It often involves intensive one-on-one sessions for as many as 20 hours per week. It can be very expensive.

Medicaid spending on ABA therapy has surged in recent years, prompting concerns from DHHS and lawmakers on both sides of the partisan aisle that some providers might be overbilling the state or providing inadequate services.

Aside from the ongoing audits, the funding bill also overhauled the reimbursement rules for ABA therapy. It limited out-of-state providers and mandated that a majority of sessions be conducted in-person rather than through telehealth.

David Laxton, a spokesperson for the Autism Society of North Carolina, an organization that provides in-home and clinic-based ABA services, said many of the reforms included in the bill made sense, particularly in regards to the cutback of virtual sessions.

"From a best practice standpoint," he said, "in-person is better."

Crawford introduced a bill last week that would go further by creating a closed-network of ABA therapy providers. In that scenario, only a smaller group of in-network providers would be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement.

Crawford said she was concerned that "bad actors" were taking advantage of the current reimbursement system.

"What we're trying to do is put some bumpers on the bowling lanes and ensure that high quality ABA services remain intact for the people who need them," she said.

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"A Quiet Place" (2018) star John Krasinski returns to his TV role as Jack Ryan in the new political action film "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: Ghost War," premiering Wednesday, May 20, on Prime Video. While enjoying a normal civilian life after leaving the CIA, Ryan is roped back in for another job, this time in collaboration with MI-6, to "navigate a treacherous web of betrayal, facing a past they thought was long put to rest."

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Ryan returns: Clancy agent back to big screen in 'Ghost War'



Michael Kelly in "Jack Ryan: Ghost War"

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

They say heroes never die; and although that statement rings true in a fairly abstract way in real life (and is largely understood to mean that an influential person's work and memory remain relevant long after their death), the magical world of film and television can adopt a much more literal, often otherworldly approach.

From James Bond (most recently portrayed by Daniel Craig in 2021's "No Time to Die") to Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise, "Mission: Impossible — The Final Reckoning," 2025), many of the most unkillable on-

screen heroes are powerhouse secret agents. Jack Ryan, a secret agent born to the page from the mind of late author Tom Clancy (Rainbow Six), has had the pleasure of surviving on both small- and large-screen formats. Now, Ryan returns for more.

"Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: Ghost War," a new political action film from director Andrew Bernstein ("Ozark"), premieres Wednesday, May 20, on Prime Video.

In his current iteration (which emerged in August 2018 for Prime's "Jack Ryan" TV series), begrudging CIA analyst Jack Ryan is portrayed by "The Office" and "A Quiet Place" (2018) actor John

Krasinski. The fifth actor to tackle the physically demanding role since 1990 — after Alec Baldwin ("The Hunt for Red October," 1990), Harrison Ford ("Patriot Games," 1992, and "Clear and Present Danger," 1994), Ben Affleck ("The Sum of All Fears," 2002) and Chris Pine ("Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit," 2014) — Krasinski has starred as Ryan in 30 hour-long episodes over eight years, making him the most experienced in the role after Ford.

"Ghost War" will be Krasinski's first feature-length project as Ryan, however, which brings a whole new set of challenges for actor and character alike.

"In this new film," reads the official Prime Video plot synopsis, "Jack Ryan is reluctantly thrust

back into the world of espionage when an international covert mission unravels a deadly conspiracy, forcing him to confront a rogue black ops unit, and the clock is ticking. Operating in real time with lives on the line and the threat escalating at every turn, Jack reunites with battle-tested CIA operative Mike November [Michael Kelly, "Dawn of the Dead," 2004] and former CIA boss James Greer [Wendell Pierce, "The Wire"], their combined experience the only edge they have against an enemy who knows their every move.

Backed by an unlikely new partner — razor-sharp MI-6 officer Emma Marlowe [Sienna Miller, "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra," 2009] — Jack and the team navigate a treacherous web of betrayal, fac-

ing a past they thought was long put to rest — making this the most personal, high-stakes mission any of them has ever faced."

Betty Gabriel ("Get Out," 2017), who portrays CIA director and Rome's former chief of station Elizabeth Wright, also makes the jump from series to the film, while the new actors joining Miller include JJ Feild ("Captain America: The First Avenger," 2011), Max Beesley ("Hijack"), Douglas Hodge ("Joker," 2019), Diarmuid de Faoite ("Monster," 2019), McKenna Bridger ("Three Months to Break Your Heart") and Khalid Laith ("A Hologram for the King," 2016).

In the film's trailer — which released on April 16 and, as of April 28, has more than 12.3 million views on YouTube — Ryan appears to be enjoying a quiet CIA-free "civilian life" when Greer appears in an unmarked black SUV and asks Ryan to join him.

"Whatever it is, I'm not doing it," Ryan tells his former boss. "I just need you to meet a guy," Greer responds, knowing full well Ryan can't deny a chance to save his country from threat. As expected, Ryan answers "no," but it's too late: the trailer cuts to an aerial shot of Dubai's Burj Khalifa, replete with dancing fountains, as November tells Ryan over earpiece, "God, I've missed this." What follows is a murder, a series of high-octane fight scenes and several recognizable landmarks from the UAE to the U.K. and around the world.

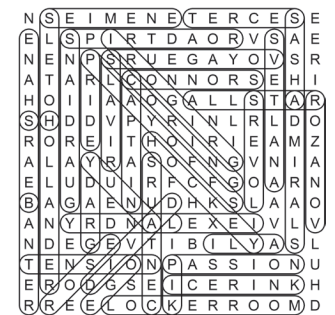
The story for "Ghost War" was created by Krasinski, Aaron Rabin ("Nobody 2," 2025) and Noah Op-

penheim ("Zero Day") from the characters and backstories established in Clancy's extensive life's work. Before his death in October 2013, Clancy wrote 17 novels in the Ryanverse, the last five of which (released between 2010 and 2013) were co-written with Gray Man series author Mark Greaney. Since Clancy's death, Greaney has continued the Ryanverse, which will contain 47 novels as of the anticipated release of "The Coldest War" this coming November.

At the end of the day, Krasinski's return as Ryan affirms his 2018 statement to Variety that Clancy's protagonist is the relatable hero we need to see on our screens.

"Jack Ryan ... is such a great hero for right now," Krasinski said upon taking on the role. "He doesn't have a cape, he doesn't have stuff flying out of his hands, he's just a guy with his brain and his instincts," Krasinski said during his Variety cover interview, adding, "[He has] less sex, but he's our James Bond."

So, per Mike November in the trailer, "Let's go cause an incident." "Tom Clancy's Jack Ryan: Ghost War" premieres Wednesday May 20, on Prime Video.





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StoryWalk with DKG - Llama Llama and the Bully Goat

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 Mon, May 18, 2026 , 8:00am-5:30pm
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 Wed, May 20, 2026 , 8:00am-5:30pm
 Thu, May 21, 2026 , 8:00am-5:30pm
 Fri, May 22, 2026 , 8:00am-5:30pm
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 Sun, May 24, 2026 , 8:00am-5:30pm
 Luther Britt Park
 671 Branch Street - off 5th Street
 Lumberton, NC

Lumbee Federal Recognition Celebration

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

OEuvre d'Art en Exposition

Sat, May 16, 2026 , 1:00pm-4:00pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church
 1210 North Walnut St
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Vision Board Business Brunch

Sat, May 16, 2026 , 1:00pm-5:00pm
 The Kinship Nc Event Venue
 304 North Elm Street
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Children's Storytime

Tue, May 19, 2026 , 10:30am-11:00am
 Fri, May 22, 2026 , 10:30am-11:00am
 Tue, May 26, 2026 , 10:30am-11:00am
 Fri, May 29, 2026 , 10:30am-11:00am
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 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Tue, May 19, 2026 , 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Tue, Jun 16, 2026 , 4:30pm-5:30pm
 Mc Millan Memorial Library
 205 E 2nd Ave
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Lumberton Ukulele Club

Tue, May 19, 2026 , 6:00pm-8:00pm
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Children's Storytime

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Music, Rhymes, and Storytime

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 Thu, Jun 18, 2026 , 10:30am-11:30am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
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Wine Down - IPCA

Thu, May 21, 2026 , 6:00pm-9:00pm
 Inner Peace Center for the Arts
 302 North Chestnut Street
 Lumberton, NC

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Thu, May 21, 2026 , 6:30pm-8:00pm
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 Robeson Art Guild
 109 West 9th Street
 Lumberton, NC

Rob Cole

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Children's Storytime

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 Hector Mac Lean Library
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 Fairmont, NC

BLADEN COUNTY

N.C. Tree Farm Program 2026 Annual Meeting

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

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Mon, May 18, 2026 , 4:00pm
 Commissioners' Room
 Bladen County Courthouse
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Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Mon, May 18, 2026 , 6:30pm
 Mon, Jun 01, 2026 , 6:30pm
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 Bladen County Courthouse
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Sports this week

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

7:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 8. (Live) (5h)

8:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Amundi German Masters, Third Round. (Live) (4h)

9:55 am ESPN2 FA Cup Soccer Chelsea vs. Manchester City. Final. (Live) (2h05)

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

ESPN 2026 PGA Championship Third Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (3h)

12:00 pm WTVD WPDE United Football League United Football League. D.C. Defenders at Louisville Kings. From Lynn Family Stadium in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)

1:00 pm WBTW 2026 PGA Championship Third Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (6h)

ESPN ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

3:00 pm WTVD WPDE United Football League United Football League. Houston Gamblers at St. Louis Battlehawks. From The Dome at America's Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Kroger Queen City Championship, Third Round. (Live) (3h)

4:00 pm WRAL WMBF 151st Preakness Stakes From Laurel Park in Laurel, Md. (Live) (3h30)

WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series BetRivers 200. From Dover Motor Speedway in Dover, Del. (Live) (2h30)

WFXB IndyCar Racing The 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500, Qualifying. From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h)

5:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

6:30 pm WWMB Banana Ball World Tour Savannah Bananas vs. Loco Beach Coconuts. From Grayson Stadium in Savannah, Ga. (Live) (2h30)

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

WFXB MLB Baseball (Live) (3h)
ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

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

8:00 pm WTVD WPDE NHL Hockey Second Round: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)

ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

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

10:00 am ESPN 2026 PGA Championship Final Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (3h)

USA Premier League Soccer Leeds United vs. Brighton & Hove Albion. From Elland Road Stadium in Leeds, England, United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

12:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

12:30 pm USA Premier League Soccer Newcastle United vs. West Ham United. From St. James' Park in Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne and Wear, England. (Live) (2h)

1:00 pm WBTW 2026 PGA Championship Final Round. From Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. (Live) (6h)

4:00 pm WFXB IndyCar Racing The 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500, Qualifying. From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

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

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

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FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)

SUNDAY, MAY 17

6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 9. (Live) (6h)

7:00 am GOLF Ladies Euro Tour Golf Ladies Euro Tour Golf. Amundi German Masters, Final Round. (Live) (4h)

7:30 am USA Premier League Soccer Aston Villa vs. Liverpool. From Villa Park in Birmingham, England, United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

WFXB United Football League United Football League. Columbus Aviators at Birmingham Stallions. From Protective Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. (Live) (3h)

ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm WRAL WMBF WNBA Basketball Las Vegas Aces at Atlanta Dream. From State Farm Arena in Atlanta. (Live) (2h30)

FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

2:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm ESPN College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)
GOLF LPGA Tour Golf Kroger Queen City Championship, Final Round. (Live) (3h)

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

MONDAY, MAY 18

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 Arsenal vs. Burnley. From Emirates Stadium in London. (Live) (2h)

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

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

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)
12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

6:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 10. (Live) (5h30)

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

2:30 pm USA Premier League Soccer Bournemouth vs. Manchester City. From Vitality Stadium in Bournemouth, England, United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm TBS TRUTV MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Live) (3h)

8:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 11. (Live) (6h)

3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

7:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball Portland Fire at Indiana Fever. From Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 Banana Ball World Tour (Live) (2h)

8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Western Conference Final, Game 1: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

9:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball Dallas Wings at Chicago Sky. From Wintrust Arena in Chicago. (Live) (2h30)

THURSDAY, MAY 21

6:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 12. (Live) (5h30)

7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Soudal Open, First Round. (Live) (2h)

9:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Championships Golf Trophy Hassan II, First Round. From the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, in Rabat, Morocco. (Live) (3h)

3:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, First Round. From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (Live) (4h)

7:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

8:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey (Live) (3h)

9:30 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

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

4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

FRIDAY, MAY 22

6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 13. (Live) (6h)

7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League (2h)

GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Soudal Open, Second Round. (Live) (2h)

9:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Championships Golf Trophy Hassan II, Second Round. From the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, in Rabat, Morocco. (Live) (3h)

12:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

2:00 pm WFXB IndyCar Racing Wienie 500. From Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. (Live) (30m)

ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

3:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, Second Round. From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (Live) (4h)

4:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

6:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB United Football League United Football League. D.C. Defenders at Orlando Storm. From Inter&Co Stadium in Orlando, Fla. (Live) (3h)

ESPN NHL Hockey Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)
ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball Western Conference Final, Game 2: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)

10:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)
TRUTV Banana Ball World Tour Party Animals vs. Indianapolis Clowns. From Cheney Stadium in Tacoma, Wash. (Live) (2h)

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Wrap it up: A stack of season and series finales air this week

By Sarah Passingham
TV Media

Of all the seasons, finale season is one of the most beautiful. With the views best enjoyed from the comfort of one's own couch, remote in hand, anyone with a cable or internet connection can take pleasure in the sights, sounds and suspense of their favorite shows closing their latest chapters.

CBS kicks off a week of endings with season finales of "FBI" and its newest spinoff series, "CIA," Monday, May 18. "Survivor" wraps up its historic 50th season Wednesday, returning to form and crowning the winner in a live vote reading. Thursday sees some sitcoms have the last laugh while a late-night show says goodnight for the last time.

Season finales of "Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage," "Ghosts" and "Elsbeth," air Thursday, May

21. Stephen Colbert ("The Colbert Report") bids viewers farewell from behind his "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" desk for the final time Thursday, after more than a decade of nightly monologues, sketches, celebrity interviews and musical performances. Finally, it's finale night for first responders on Friday with "Sheriff Country," "Fire Country" and "Boston Blue" all closing out the season.

To catch up on any of these shows (with the exception of "The Late Show," catch those segments on the show's official YouTube page) ahead of their finales this week, stream them on Paramount+. While "The Late Show" sings its swan song this week, the rest of the mentioned series will return in CBS's fall 2026 or spring 2027 lineup.

After cleaning house of the first two spinoffs — "FBI: Most Want-

ed" and "FBI: International" — in May 2025, Dick Wolf's ("Law & Order") bureau-centric franchise focused on the eighth season of originating series "FBI" and its intriguing new show, "CIA." In the upcoming episode of "FBI," titled "Defector," FBI special agents Maggie Bell (Missy Peregrym, "Van Helsing"), OA Zidan (Zeeko Zaki, "Valor") and the team must reach out to an old foe when a bioweapon is stolen.

Meanwhile, in the "CIA" finale, Colin (Tom Ellis, "Tell Me Lies") and Bill (Nick Gehlfuss, "Chicago Med") are confronted with a dangerous figure from Colin's past. The show's debut season has seen the odd couple of CIA agent Colin Glass — a suave British rebel — and FBI agent Bill Goodman, who lives up to his surname, learn to work together in the joint investigative cell aimed to out the mole within the CIA's New York City operation.



Tom Ellis and Natalee Linez in "CIA"

In an interview with CBS New York in March, Ellis explained how "CIA" differentiated itself from its action-packed originating series, saying, "The CIA approach to law enforcement is a much more voyeuristic approach where they spend a lot of time watching and collecting intelligence about people before they actually operate and do anything about it." The table's been flipped in a sense in "CIA" as all season, unbeknownst to Colin, he is being closely watched by Bill, the one tasked with rooting out the department's mole. Will Colin discover that he himself is the subject of investigation? Only the finale will tell.

There hasn't been a similar season-arc storyline in the latest season of "FBI," however, a baddie from Season 7 did make his return in a recent episode, titled "Forgiven," this time with a very personal crime. Ray DiStefano (Matthew Rauch, "Your Friends & Neighbors"), out of prison after Maggie sent him away, lured her into his trap by abducting her estranged sister, Erin (Adrienne Rose Bengtsson, "Inventing Anna"),

and then Maggie. DiStefano set the "FBI" team on a wild chase that ended in his demise off the edge of a cliff and the discovery of Erin's body in a remote cabin.

If heart-pounding action dramas aren't your thing, rest assured there's more to catch this week on CBS. With "Survivor" handing select gameplay decisions over to fans in celebration of the show's 50th season, the long-running reality competition show became a democracy run by viewers for the first time. The results ranged from inconsequential — tribe colors — to essential, like whether the castaways had to earn their rice and supplies. The fan-voted decisions come to their conclusion with the already decided live finale in Los Angeles, airing Wednesday, May 20, as well as the final four challenge and whether to keep fire-making to determine the final three contestants.

Then, back-to-back episodes close out this season of "Georgie & Mandy's First Marriage," "Ghosts" ends its fifth season with a two-part finale and the titular Elsbeth (Carrie

Preston, "True Blood") finds herself investigating the murder of a cabaret performer as the third season of the quirky police procedural wraps up this Thursday.

With a successful debut season nearly under its belt, "Sheriff Country" is almost ready to step into its sophomore season boots, but not before Sheriff Mickey Fox (Morena Baccarin, "Gotham") deals with fallout from a major investigation in the season finale Friday, May 22. "Boston Blue" also wraps up its freshman season with Danny (Donnie Wahlberg, "Blue Bloods") and Lena (Sonequa Martin-Green, "Star Trek: Discovery") responding to a crisis at a local hospital. Lastly, "Fire Country" attends to flooding conditions in Edgewater, California, in the drama's Season 3 finale with Shawn Hatasy ("The Pitt") returning to his guest role as battalion chief Brett Richards in the season's last two episodes.

Make sure to catch your favorite CBS shows as they wrap up this week and stream them on Paramount+.

Stars on screen

Surviving the wild: Netflix taps Ritchson to host survival series

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Surviving the wild: It takes resilience and grit, more than bravado, to survive in the wilderness — something Alan Ritchson (“Reacher”) knows well, given the action hero is himself an experienced outdoorsman and an avid survivalist. And that makes him the perfect fit for his newest TV project.

The star of Netflix’s “War Machine” (2026) will be heading into the wilds with cameras in tow as he hosts a new survival competition series for the streamer.

The untitled series will see Ritchson lead a group of high-profile influencers and headline-makers into the wilderness, where they’ll have to rely on their instincts and each other when all of the comforts and luxuries of modern-day life are stripped away.

Will egos collide? Who will be the first to give in to the pressure? And which carefully curated public personas will be shattered?

As he guides participants through the competition, Ritchson will also encourage them to push beyond their limits. But don’t expect the same Ritchson viewers saw on “American Idol” more than 20 years ago; since then, he’s built a career that leans heavily on discipline, physicality and control — qualities this series is clearly designed to test.

The project comes from Bunim/Murray Productions, which is also

behind such shows as MTV’s “The Challenge” and TBS’s “I Survived Bear Grylls.” While it marks Ritchson’s first time leading an unscripted series, Netflix has dabbled in survival-themed programming before, with “Outlast.” From executive producer Jason Bateman (“Ozarks”), “Outlaws” follows 16 survivalists in the Alaskan wilderness, where they compete for a chance to win a big cash prize. The series has been renewed for a third season on Netflix, whereas History Channel’s “Alone” has been able to connect with a larger audience.

As for Ritchson, the untitled Netflix series is one of several projects that are in various stages of development right now. He is starring opposite Owen Wilson (“Zoolander,” 2001) in the action movie “Runner,” which should hit theaters later this year, as will the holiday comedy “The Man With The Bag” with Arnold Schwarzenegger (“The Terminator,” 1984), while filming on Season 4 of “Reacher” recently wrapped.

Casting for Cannes: The fourth season of “The White Lotus” began filming last month in Paris and in the French Riviera, where the new story is set during the glitzy, star-studded Cannes Film Festival — which is currently underway.

The production has been on the ground throughout the festival, while the cast were expected to appear on the red carpet “at least once” (according to Variety’s source) this week.

The French Riviera setting has been known since last fall, followed by several casting announcements over the last few months. But it was recently announced that six additional actors had joined the eclectic Season 4 cast.

The latest group includes Heather Graham (“Chosen Family,” 2024), Rosie Perez (“Your Honor”) and Ben Schnetzer (“The Madison”); Scandinavian actors Tobias Santelmann (“The Last Kingdom”) and Frida Gustavsson (“Vikings: Valhalla”); and French actress Laura Smet (“The Bridesmaid”). Of course, no information about their characters has been released.

Graham most recently appeared in the action-comedy-horror film



Alan Ritchson to star in new wilderness series

“They Will Kill You” (2026) and has roles in several other projects currently in post-production — including Mike Flanagan’s (“The Haunting of Hill House”) upcoming adaptation of “Carrie,” in which she plays the mother of one of the bullies.

As for Perez, “The White Lotus” marks her latest project for HBO, after appearing in “Fantasmas” and earning an Emmy nomination for “The Flight Attendant.”

They join previously announced cast members Sandra Bernhard (“Marty Supreme,” 2025), Helena Bonham Carter (“Alice in Wonderland,” 2010), Vincent Cassel (“Ocean’s Twelve,” 2004), Steve Coogan (“The Trip”) and Kumail Nanjiani (“Eternals,” 2021), among many others.

‘Team’ play: Fresh off her Broadway debut as co-producer of “Fear of 13,” Kim Kardashian (“Keeping Up With the Kardashians”) is partnering with Paramount+ to bring a new reality series to the streamer.

Produced by ITV America (the company behind “Love Island USA”), Kim Kardashian Produc-

tions and Paramount Sports Entertainment, “Team Moms” immerses viewers in the world of nationally competitive youth baseball, capturing the day-to-day life of coaches, founders, families and the teen athletes taking part in a high-stakes training program at Legendary Prep Academy in Scottsdale, Arizona.

According to Paramount+’s Sneak Peak: “At its core, the show is about parents who push their kids toward the next level of the sport. You’ll see the highs and lows as talented teens work to make the college team of their dreams, and how their families’ involvement affects their relationships and their athletic journey. With Division 1 college scholarships, NIL deals and potential MLB careers on the line, these parents will do whatever it takes to see their kids make it in the big leagues.”

While Paramount+ has said it is looking at more female-driven shows, clearly it’s also moving to bolster its unscripted slate, having also ordered relationship dating series “Marking Love” from Kinetic Content, the company behind “Love Is Blind.”

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Brooke Shields and Amalia Williamson in "You're Killing Me"

By Kimberly Tremblay
TV Media

WHAT'S NEW ON APPLE TV

"Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed" - Season 1

In a quiet town, a killer is hiding in plain sight. The problem is Paula (Tatiana Maslany, "Orphan Black") is the only one who seems to think so. Her investigation begins Wednesday, May 20, on Apple TV, when "Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed" premieres with its first two episodes. Paula, a newly divorced soccer mom, is already drowning in a bitter custody battle with her ex-husband (Jake Johnson, "New Girl") when she wit-

nesses a crime no one else believes happened. Dismissed at every turn, she refuses to let it go. As she digs deeper to prove she's not losing her mind, her investigation exposes a conspiracy tangled in blackmail and murder. From creator-showrunner David J. Rosen ("Us & Them"), the series also stars Charlie Hall ("Bel-Air") as Rudy, Jessy Hodges ("Barry") as Mallory and Jon Michael Hill ("Elementary") as Det. Baxter.

WHAT'S NEW ON ACORN TV

"You're Killing Me"

Something stranger than fiction lifts off the pages of a famous novelist's work when "You're Killing Me" pre-

mieres Monday, May 18, on Acorn TV. The six-episode series follows a best-selling novelist, Allie Chandler (Brooke Shields, "Pretty Baby," 1978), who teams up with Andi (Amalia Williamson, "Sullivan's Crossing"), an aspiring podcaster, and Jack (Tom Cavanagh, "Scrubs"), a detective, to investigate a friend's mysterious death. Their investigation leads Allie to believe a killer is stalking the streets of her quaint New England town, and what's worse: they're copying murders from Allie's books. Now, the trio must work together to stop a murderer who's following a script Allie knows all too well. "You're Killing Me" is created and executive produced by Robin Bernheim ("The

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Princess Switch," 2018), alongside Shields and Lee Goldberg ("She-Wolf of London").

WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

"The Boroughts" - Season 1

The Duffer Brothers ("Stranger Things") are trading Hawkins for the New Mexico desert with their latest supernatural series, "The Boroughts." From creators Jeffrey Addiss ("The Lord of the Rings: The War of the Rohirrim," 2024) and Will Matthews ("Life in a Year," 2020), the eight-episode drama premieres Thursday, May 21, on Netflix and tells the story of a picturesque retirement community hiding a dark secret beneath its perfectly manicured lawns. When newcomer Sam Cooper (Alfred Molina, "Spider-Man: No Way Home," 2021) encounters something monstrous stalking the neighborhood, he's dismissed as a senile old man. However, his neighbors Renee (Geena Davis, "Thelma and Louise"), Judy (Alfre Woodard, "Clemency") and Wally (Denis O'Hare, "American Horror Story") know there's more to this town than meets the eye. Matt and Ross Duffer — known for their work on Netflix's hit series "Stranger Things" — executive produce alongside Hilary Leavitt ("Killing Eve"), with Ben Taylor ("Sex Education") directing the first two episodes.

"Wanda Sykes: Legacy" (2026)

Wanda Sykes ("Curb Your Enthusiasm") returns to her roots in "Wanda Sykes: Legacy," dropping Tuesday, May 19, on Netflix. Filmed live at her alma mater, Hampton University,

Sykes delivers her third Netflix stand-up special with a fearlessly funny takedown of everything from the state of the world to the cultural clash over washcloths. "With the trademark wit and fearless insight that have earned her multiple Emmy wins and nominations," says Netflix, "Sykes delivers an hour of bold, smart and laugh-out-loud comedy that cements her legacy as a comedy icon." Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Julie Dash ("Daughters of the Dust," 1991), the special is produced by Sykes and Page Hurwitz ("The Upshaws") via Push It Productions.

WHAT'S NEW ON PARAMOUNT+

"Skymed" - Season 4

The vast, unforgiving terrain of the Canadian North is calling the crew

back to the front lines when Season 4 of "SkyMed" begins streaming Thursday, May 21, on Paramount+. From series creator Julie Puckrin ("Motive"), this new season finds the crew at a breaking point like never before. As rookie pilots and medics join the ranks, leaders struggle to maintain order while emotions and personal history begin to override strict flight protocols that cause some major turbulence among the crew. Natasha Calis ("The Firm") returns as Hayley, alongside Morgan Holmstrom ("Day of the Dead"), Mercedes Morris ("Slasher"), Sydney Kuhne ("Schitt's Creek") and Aaron Ashmore ("Veronica Mars"). Lauren Lee Smith ("If I Stay," 2014) also joins the cast as Capt. Riley, a pilot who has a complicated past with Wheezer (Ashmore).



Tatiana Maslany in "Maximum Pleasure Guaranteed"

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The Bride!

After being brought to life as an intended mate for a tormented creature (Bale), the Bride (Buckley) rejects the role she was literally built for. Rather than submitting to a pre-determined existence, she escapes into a chaotic society where she must learn what it means to be human. As she navigates this strange new world, the Bride encounters outsiders, artists and misfits who challenge her understanding of identity, love and autonomy. Meanwhile, her creator (Bening) and the creature she was meant to complete struggle with their own loneliness and expectations.

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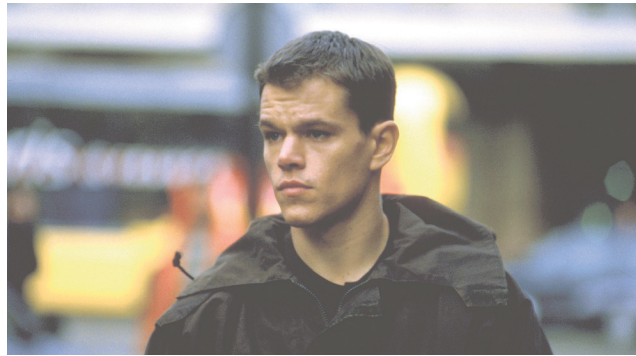
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Monday Best Bets

The Bourne Identity

AMC 5:30 pm

Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) wakes up with no knowledge of his past or his present, only to be handed a name and an impossible mission: dodge the assassins seemingly hell-bent on killing him. Franka Potente, Chris Cooper and Clive Owen also star.



Matt Damon in "The Bourne Identity"

Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid

TCM 8:00 pm

After he's hired by a woman (Rachel Ward) who thinks her father's (George Gaynes) death was no accident, private eye Rigby Reardon (Steve Martin) finds himself hunting down a Nazi (Carl Reiner) as he jumps through clips from countless 1940s films.

CIA

WBTV 9:00 pm

In the middle of investigating a company suspected of covering up their intelligence theft, Colin (Tom Ellis) and Bill (Nick Gehlfuss) must pivot to dealing with a ghost from Colin's past during the season finale of this police procedural.

Antiques Roadshow

WUNU 8:00 pm

As Season 30 continues, the appraisers bring back the annual "Junk in the Trunk" special to highlight some interesting finds from the season. This time, the finds include a 1979 Ed Ruscha Stage Fright ink on paper and a John Juzek violin circa 1950.

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 18, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)						WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	NBA Basketball Conference Semifinals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)						News at 11	:35 J. Fallon
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	News (N)		:35 J. Kimmel	
13	WBTV	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	FBI "Defector" (SF) (N)	CIA "Broken Glass" (N)	CIA "Elimination Game"	News (N)		:35 Colbert		
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	Celebrity Wheel	News 15 (N)		:35 J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	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	Independ.	"Light of the Setting Sun" (N)	Amanpour			
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Papás por siempre (N)	Doménica Montero (N)	Monteverde (N)	Monteverde (N)	Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero				
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	The 1% Club (N) (CC)	The Quiz With Balls (N)	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs		
62	WFPX	8	*** Major Payne ('95)	Damon Wayans. (CC)	*** Rebound ('05)	Martin Lawrence. (CC)	*** Crossover ('06)	Wesley Jonathan. (CC)	*** Cradle 2 the Grave ('03, Act)	DMX, Jet Li. (CC)							
A&E	21	Live PD "Episode 4"	Live PD "Episode 6"	Live PD "Episode 16"	Live PD "Episode 17"	Live PD "Episode 13"	Live PD "Episode 18" (N)	Live PD "Episode 19" (N)	:05 Killer Investigations								
AMC	41	2:30 *** Star Wars: Return of the Jedi	*** The Bourne Identity ('02)	Matt Damon. (CC)	*** Unstoppable ('10)	Denzel Washington. (CC)	*** Taken ('08)	Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)									
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	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (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	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)	:55 Office	The Office	The Daily Show (N) (CC)			
CSPAN	56	3:35 U.S. House (L) (N)	:25 U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	:10 U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events											
DISC	42	Contraband "Grab Bag"	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized	Contraband "Scammers"	Contraband: Seized (N)	Body Cam (N)	120 Hours Behind Bars	Contraband: Seized								
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	Phineas	Phineas	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	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
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	To Be Announced	ESPN Films (CC)										
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	NFL Live (N) (CC)	Pardon (N)	Baseball (N)	Last Train	Last Train	FC Barcelona (N) (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	30 for 30 Bullies of Baltimore (CC)							
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)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	BBQ Brawl (N)	BBQ Brawl (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	18	2:40 Sorcerer's Apprent...	:10 *** Free Guy ('21, Action)	Jodie Comer, Ryan Reynolds. (CC)	:50 *** Spider-Man: Homecoming	(2017, Action)	Michael Keaton, Tom Holland.	The 700 Club (N) (CC)									
FX	67	*** Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker ('19)	Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher. (CC)	*** Air (2023, Drama)	Ben Affleck, Matt Damon.	*** Air (2023, Drama)	Ben Affleck, Matt Damon.										
GOLF	45	Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)	Ask Rory (N)	Ask Rory (N)	Golf Central (CC)	PGA (N)	Mclroy (N)	U.S. Open Epics	LPGA Tour Golf Kroger Queen City Championship, Final Round (CC)								
HALL	62	* Love on Ice ('17)	Julie Marie Berman. (CC)	* The Wedding Veil ('22)	Lacey Chabert. (CC)	* Winter Castle ('19)	Emilie Ullerup. (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Renovation Aloha	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Rock "Sometimes Size Matters" (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)	Tropic (N)
HIST	51	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	History's-Mysteries	Mysteries "Foo Fighters"	History's-Mysteries	: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	Dr. Pimple Popper	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	:05 Dr. Pimple Popper	:05 Dr. Pimple Popper						
LMN	46	* The Life I Can't Remember ('24)	Morgan Bradley.	* Into the Arms of Danger ('20)	Cathy Moriarty.	* Playing With Fire ('25)	Kirsten Comerford.	* The Paramedic Who Stalked Me	Lexi Minetree.								
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	Big Bang	Big Bang	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	Tucci in Italy "Lazio"	Tucci in Italy "Abruzzo"	Tucci in Italy "Sicily" (CC)	Tucci in Italy	Tucci Ita "Le Marche" (N)	Tucci Ita "Sardinia" (N)	Tucci in Italy "Abruzzo"								
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	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)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol
OXY	171	With Barbara Butcher	Snapped "Amy Reese"	Snapped	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	Snapped: Killer Couples	The Killer Among Us	Snapped "Notorious: Happy Face Killer" (CC)								
PARMT	27	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	* Movie	* Movie								
SYFY	55	*** The Equalizer 2 ('18)	Pedro Pascal, Denzel Washington. (CC)	*** Dredd	(2012, Action)	Olivia Thirlby, Karl Urban.	*** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10)	Daniel Radcliffe.	Movie								
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick	Harvest (N)	Crushing	New Season	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N) (CC)	Takeaway Kirk	Harvest (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N) (CC)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Foul Play	Foul Play	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office		
TCM	54	3:30 *** Meet Me in St. Louis	*** The Makioka Sisters ('83)	Yoshiko Sakuma, Keiko Kishi.	*** Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid	:45 *** The Jerk ('79)	Steve Martin.	Movie									
TLC	23	3:00 90 Day Fiancé (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	"Tell All Part 4" (N) (CC)	:05 The Single Life (N)	:05 90 Day Diaries							
TNT	28	3:00 *** The Lost World: Jurassic Park	*** Godzilla: King of the Monsters ('19)	Kyle Chandler. (CC)	*** Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire	:45 *** Godzilla vs. Kong											
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	*** Draft Day (2014, Drama)	Jennifer Garner, Kevin Costner. (CC)	*** Draft Day (2014, Drama)	Jennifer Garner, Kevin Costner. (CC)						
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	3:00 Premier Soccer	Goal Zone	Everything	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU "Duty to Hope"	Law-SVU "Fractured"	Law-SVU "First Light"						
WE	61	9-1-1	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	"Hope"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal "True Genius"	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Snake Eyes"						

Tuesday Best Bets

Small Town Girl

TCM 4:45 pm

After being sentenced to 30 days in jail for speeding through a small town, playboy Rick (Farley Granger) makes an excuse to get out of jail for the night. The only catch is the judge's (Robert Keith) daughter, Cindy (Jane Powell), has to go with him.

The Bourne Ultimatum

AMC 8:00 pm

Jason Bourne (Matt Damon) finds himself in more danger than ever before as he evades a ruthless CIA official (David Strathairn) and searches for the truth about his killer past. 2004's "The Bourne Supremacy" airs immediately afterwards.



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American Masters

WUNU 9:00 pm

This documentary from writer-director Rita Coburn explores the life and legacy of Black civil rights activist W.E.B. Du Bois. Viola Davis narrates, while Common, Courtney B. Vance and Jeffrey Wright provide dramatic readings of Du Bois' poetry.

Bear Grylls Is Running Wild

WFXB 9:00 pm

Be it on NBC or Fox, nobody can stop famed survivalist Bear Grylls from sharing his love of the wild with A-list celebrities. The celebrities joining Bear in this new series include Matthew McConaughey, Elizabeth Banks, Colman Domingo and Tiffany Haddish.

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5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	America's Got Talent "Greatest Golden Buzzer!"	Password	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)	America's Got Talent "Greatest Golden Buzzer!"	Password	News at 11	:35 J. Fallon				
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Will Trent (CC)	R.J. Decker (CC)	High Potential (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!	Forever Young (N) (CC)	NCIS: Sydney "True Blue"	News (N)	:35 Colbert				
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Will Trent (CC)	R.J. Decker (CC)	High Potential (CC)	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family (N)	Family (N)	WWE NXT (L) (N)	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Roots "Far From Home"	Best	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Side	N.C. Wknd	Finding Your Roots	American Masters (N)	Movie	Amanpour					
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Papás por siempre (N)	Doménica Montero (N)	Monteverde (N)	Noticias 40						
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (N) (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	Farmer Wants a Wife (N)	Running Wild (N) (CC)	Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs		
62	WFPX	8	*** A Soldier's Story ('84) Howard E. Rollins.	*** Red Tails ('12, History)	Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding, (CC)	*** Stealth (2005, Action)	Jessica Biel, Josh Lucas, (CC)	*** XXX Vin Diesel.									
A&E	21	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Squatters	Squatters	:05 Squatters	:35 Squatters
AMC	41	*** Taken ('08) Maggie Grace, Liam Neeson. (CC)	*** Unstoppable ('10) Denzel Washington. (CC)	*** The Bourne Ultimatum ('07, Act) Julia Stiles, Matt Damon.	*** The Bourne Supremacy												
ANPL	64	North-Law "Mud Season"	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North-Law "Uncuffed"	North Woods Law	North-Law "Ice Out"	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law	North Woods Law					
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Neighbor	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)	Martin (CC)
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	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	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events											
DISC	42	Homestead Rescue	Homestead Rescue "Two Miles High and Dry" (N)	Homestead Rescue "Maine Bog Blues" (CC)													
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Big City	Big City	Big City	Phineas	Phineas	Vampirina	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	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31	3:00 NBA Today (L) (N)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Tip-Off (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Basketball	Conference Finals: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)	Inside the NBA (L) (N)	SportsC. (N)							
ESPN2	32	NFL Live (CC)	Sources Tell (CC)	Pardon	The Point	NFL Live (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	NFL Live (CC)									
FDSO	38	Offroad	Redfern	FIBA	Pulse/Pack	Carolina	To Be Announced	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)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Wildcard Kitchen	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Chopped Castaways (N)	Castaways "Dig In or Go Home" (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	18	2:30 Night at the Muse...	*** Elemental ('23) Leah Lewis. (CC)	*** Inside Out ('15) Amy Poehler. (CC)	*** Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore. (CC)	The 700 Club (N) (CC)											
FX	67	3:30 *** Thor: The Dark World	Chris Hemsworth.	*** Thor: Ragnarok (2017, Action)	Tom Hiddleston, Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	*** Thor: Love and Thunder ('22)	Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	Movie									
GOLF	45	Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)	PGA	The Golf Fix	Golf Central (CC)	Next Shot	Next Shot	Golf's Greatest Rounds	2007 U.S. Women's Open - Cristie Kerr (CC)	Golf Central (CC)							
HALL	62	Bottled With Love ('19) Bethany Joy Lenz.	Home Turf ('25) Warren Christie. (CC)	Truly, Madly, Sweetly ('18) Nikki Deloach.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls									
HGTV	65	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	Renovation Aloha	Renovation Aloha (N)	World's (N)	World's (N)	House Hunt	House (N)	House	House	House	House				
HIST	51	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker "Hard Boiled"	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch	Skinwalker Ranch (N)	Skinwalker	The Proof Is (N)	:35 Proof							
LIFE	25	Castle	Castle "3XK" (CC)	Castle "Almost Famous"	Castle	Castle	Castle "Last Call" (CC)	:05 Castle "Nikki Heat"	:05 Castle								
LMN	46	Mommy's Stolen Memories ('23) Tammin Sursok.	The Face I Can't Forget ('24) Rayisa Kondracki.	Stranger With My Name ('25) Layla Cushman.	While They Were Sleeping	Alicia Leigh Willis.											
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)									
MTV	36	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Love & Hip (CC)	Love & Hip (CC)	Love & Hip (SF) (N) (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Caught in Act (CC)	Love & Hip (CC)								
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)								
NGEO	70	Yukon "The Hunt"	Yukon Rescue "Ice Jam"	Yukon "Ransacked"	Yukon "End of the Road"	Northwoods Survival	Northwoods Survival (N)	Life Below Zero	Port Protection	Alaska							
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	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig
OXY	171	Philly Homicide	Philly Homicide	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
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	2:00 Harry Potter & the...	*** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2	Daniel Radcliffe.	*** A Nightmare on Elm Street	John Saxon.	*** A Nightmare on Elm Street	John Saxon.									
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Crushing	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N) (CC)	Joyce M.	One Israel	Together (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N) (CC)		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Leadoff (N)	MLB Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Close	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office			
TCM	54	Movie	:45 *** Small Town Girl ('53) Jane Powell.	*** Bring Your Smile Along	Record of a Tenement Gentleman	A Hen in the Wind	Kinuyo Tanaka.	*** Flavor of Green Tea O...									
TLC	23	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud	Baylen Out Loud (N)	Baylen Out Loud (N)	:05 Welcome to Pla (N)	:05 The Single Life (CC)							
TNT	28	3:00 Godzilla: King of the Monsters	:45 *** Pacific Rim Uprising ('18) Scott Eastwood, John Boyega.	*** Godzilla vs. Kong ('21) Alexander Skarsgård. (CC)	*** Meg 2: The Trench												
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	*** Kicking & Screaming ('05) Will Ferrell. (CC)	Leadoff (N)	MLB Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at New York Yankees (L) (N) (CC)	MLB Close	TBA	*** Jerry Maguire								
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	2:30 Soccer	Everything	Law-SVU "Master Key"	Law-SVU "Deductible"	Law-SVU "Calculated"	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU "The Accuser"	Law & Order: SVU							
WE	61	S.W.A.T. "The LBC" (CC)	Criminal "A Thin Line"	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds	Criminal "Foundation"	Criminal Minds	Criminal "The Company"	Criminal "Divining Rod"							

Real talk

Duets and debuts: 2026's Academy of Country Music Awards offers a dazzling line up

By **Caroline Collacutt**
TV Media

Duets and debuts: Returning to the world-renowned MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas after a three-year stint in Texas, the 61st annual Academy of Country Music Awards will see glitz, glamor and great music broadcast live on Prime Video, Sunday, May 17.

Featuring categories such as Album of the Year, Song of the Year and Entertainer of the Year, this annual celebration honors the best singers, songwriters and performers from across the country genre. This year's event is set to see a busy stage, with unforgettable debut performances, an iconic first-time host and more.

With plenty still to be announced, the Academy of Country Music has already confirmed 2025's ACM Song of the Year winner Cody Johnson ("I Want You") as one of the night's performers, alongside four-time ACM Award winner Riley Green ("My Way") and 16-time winner Lainey Wilson ("Things a Man Oughta Know"), who returns to the ACM Awards stage for the world premiere performance of her 2026 song "Can't Sit Still."

All three performers have also been nominated for awards throughout the night. While Johnson received four nominations — for En-

tertainer of the Year, Male Artist of the Year, Single of the Year and Visual Media of the Year — Green earned himself a similarly impressive three nominations for Male Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Music Event of the Year. Lainey leads both her male counterparts with seven nominations, in categories including Entertainer of the Year, Female Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and more.

According to People, singer Kacey Musgraves ("Rainbow") is also expected to debut a song from her new album, "Middle of Nowhere." Miranda Lambert ("Wranglers") has also been announced as one of the night's performers, leaving fans of the singers to wonder if a duet of "Horses and Divorces" off Musgraves's forthcoming project — which features Lambert — might be in store.

One thing is for certain: fans of the genre will be delighted to see country icon Shania Twain ("You're Still the One") sharing the spotlight with this year's honored guests, as she hosts the night's festivities for the first time.

"It's such an honor to be part of this incredible night celebrating country music's biggest stars, especially with so many talented women leading nominations this year," Twain said in a statement. "I can't wait to welcome all of the fans and

artists out for this unforgettable night."

A night of firsts for performances, artists and hosts alike, the 61st annual Academy of Country Music Awards airs Sunday, May 17 — live on Prime Video.

'Summer House' spinoff:

Follow Amanda Batula ("Winter House"), Kyle Cooke ("Entrepreneur Elevator Pitch"), Lindsay Hubbard ("Vanderpump Rules") and their fellow "Summer House" co-stars into a new chapter, with the premiere of "In The City" — making its debut Tuesday, May 19, on Bravo, following the Season 10 finale of "Summer House."

Filmed immediately after cameras cut for Season 10 of "Summer House," this next adventure joins the aforementioned Batula, Cooke and Hubbard as they return to their lives in New York City, joined by Danielle Olivera ("Scorched Earth," 2023), Whitney Fransway ("The Bachelor"), Andrea Denver ("Winter House"), Lexi Sundin ("Project Runway") and more, as they "navigate the biggest transitions of their lives at the time — marriage, separation, parenthood, reinvention and the reality of growing up without growing apart" (per Bravo).

A major throughline of this first season will follow ongoing separation between Amanda and Kyle, who met, began dating and got married within the first six seasons of "Summer House." In January 2026, the couple announced their separation via Instagram Stories. Now, Amanda and Kyle find themselves handling the logistics of their impending divorce, with cameras watching as they navigate prenups,

Extreme Sudoku

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Shania Twain hosts the 61st Academy of Country Music Awards

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Lindsay, meanwhile, has her own love life to worry about. As a single mother with a young daughter, Gemma, Lindsay has bravely decided to embrace a new season of her own, diving headfirst into NYC's dating scene.

"Rebuilding life on her own terms and rediscovering herself, Lindsay balances mommy time with an intentional return to dating, leaning on her closest friends along the way," Bravo describes.

Lindsay has also described how "In The City" differs from "Summer House" in tone, content and setting. "We're not really, like, in a place

where we can party in the Hamptons, in a shared house all summer, every weekend, right? Like I have a baby now, and that's just not where my head is at," she said, speaking with The Daily Dish at BravoCon 2025.

"But I think 'In The City' is so great because you see our day-to-day lives," she continued. "Like, some of us are new parents. Some of

us have kids. Some of us are married. Some of us are trying to have kids. So, it really is like the show of just learning how to take that new chapter in stride."

Seasons change, cities change, relationships change — but will anything stay the same for these longtime friends? Season 1 of "In The City" debuts Tuesday, May 19, on Bravo.

hollywood Q&A



King Ghidorah, Godzilla and Mothra in "Godzilla, Mothra and King Ghidorah: Giant Monsters All-Out Attack"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: Is Mothra going to show up in "Monarch: Legacy of Monsters"?

A: So far, the Apple TV series "Monarch: Legacy of Monsters," a continuation of the classic Godzilla movies that have been produced on and off since the 1950s, has stuck mostly to the big guy himself, Godzilla.

I say "mostly" because (spoiler alert for anyone who hasn't seen Season 2, which aired this spring) the second season featured King Kong as a sometimes-rival, sometimes-ally of the amphibious megalizard. This tracks with the recent big-screen films, most notably 2021's "Godzilla vs. Kong."

But as you point out, the Godzilla movies have produced a rich list of other monsters over the years, one of the most notable being Mothra, a giant moth who has similarly worked and tangled with Godzilla multiple times over the decades.

But "Monarch" has no plans to introduce Mothra or any of the other classic monsters. Not that they haven't thought about it.

"We had some bad auditions from Mothra," executive producer

Tory Tunnell ("Novocaine," 2025) told ComicBook.com. Instead, the producers decided to create a new monster as the antagonist in Season 2, which they called Titan X. "I think that we felt like it would be really fun to do something new and to give audiences something that they weren't expecting."

That doesn't mean they're not willing to play with the lore. For example, at one point in Season 2, we're given a brief look at records of past monster appearances, and they refer to a historical sighting of one called "Titanus Mosura," which is the original, Japanese name of Mothra.

Q: Have Penn and/or Teller done any acting work outside their magic shows?

A: Penn and Teller ("Penn & Teller: Fool Us") got famous by blending magic with comedy and storytelling over the years, and though that seems like a natural path to acting, they've been reluctant to follow it. Lately, all their focus is back on their roots as touring stage magicians — they're currently on a world tour celebrating their 50th anniversary as a magic act.

That's how they started out, before they became famous via their

Screen scramble

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Solution on page 19

Emmy-winning 1985 PBS special "Penn & Teller Go Public" and numerous subsequent TV appearances.

1985 was a big year for them as it was also the first time one of them did a scripted role.

It's no surprise that it was Penn Jillette, the one who does the talking on stage (Teller, who never gives his first name, is almost entirely silent during their shows). Jillette guested in the second-season premiere of "Miami Vice," pretty well the hottest show on TV at the time, playing a small-time criminal named Jimmy Borges.

Oddly, "Miami Vice" was also Teller's entree into the scripted

world. He played a lawyer representing a corrupt music-biz executive in a Season 4 episode in 1987.

They've done a few more over the years. For example, also in 1987, Jillette appeared in the big-screen dramedy "Tough Guys Don't Dance," and a few years later in the 1995 action movie "Hackers." Teller popped up in the 2012 film "Atlas Shrugged II: The Strike," and in 2018, did a brief arc in Season 12 of "The Big Bang Theory."

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

It's no secret I have been critical of the Trump administration. But tonight [April 21] I have to give credit where credit is due. America is finally great again because Red Lobster is bringing back Endless Shrimp. That's right. Our long national shrimpmare is finally over. Many believe this day would never come, but as Dr. King himself said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward the cocktail sauce."

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

Well, guys, the war continues on. Of course, I'm talking about the one between President Trump and Pope Leo XIV. Following their feud, Pope Leo said that debating Trump is "not in my interest at all." Yeah, I think the Pope is tired of dealing with Trump. Let's just say, today, there was a different smoke coming from the Vatican. Happy 4/20.

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

The president is in Las Vegas right now. He's got a hotel with his name out there. You know that, Guillermo? I have to say there's something comforting about the old casino owner going back to the strip. It's like when Pennywise goes back into the sewer.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

In a new interview, President Trump said that he will reach a peace deal with Iran and added, "It will happen one way or another, the nice way or the hard way." The nice way or the hard way? That's not how you reach a peace deal. That's something you yell during a bank robbery.

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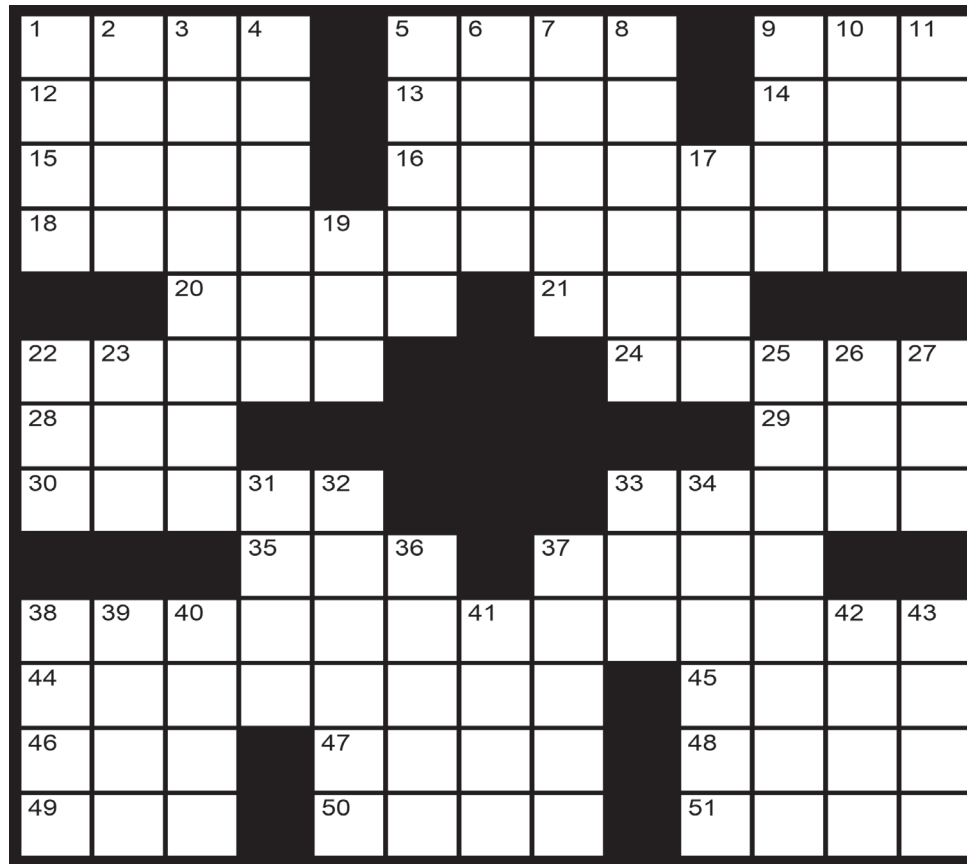
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- 46. "Walking on Thin Ice" singer
- 47. Start of Caesar's boast
- 48. First word in a fairy tale
- 49. Lee, e.g.: Abbr.
- 50. Yemeni city
- 51. Hasenpfeffer, e.g.

Down

- 1. Long (for)

television crossword



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- 2. Fruit served "na tigela"
- 3. "The Closer" star
- 4. Little laugh
- 5. Sharpen
- 6. Booty
- 7. Beginning
- 8. Red-hot
- 9. Peewee
- 10. "The Simpsons" teacher Krabappel
- 11. Oasis guitarist Gallagher
- 17. "Girl" lead-in
- 19. Hard throw, in baseball
- 22. Hot air
- 23. Slugger's stat
- 25. 1960s Roger Moore TV series
- 26. Pickled delicacy
- 27. NBC sketch series, briefly
- 31. Weight
- 32. Cannabis _____ (marijuana)
- 33. Butt
- 34. Beliefs
- 36. Like some potatoes
- 37. "Not ___!"
- 38. Urban haze
- 39. Sharpen
- 40. Steel ingredient
- 41. Prime-time hour
- 42. Regatta
- 43. Offed

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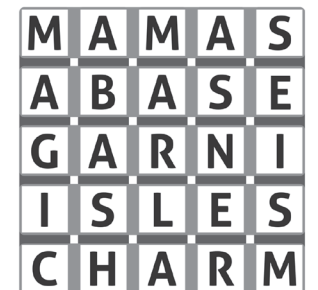
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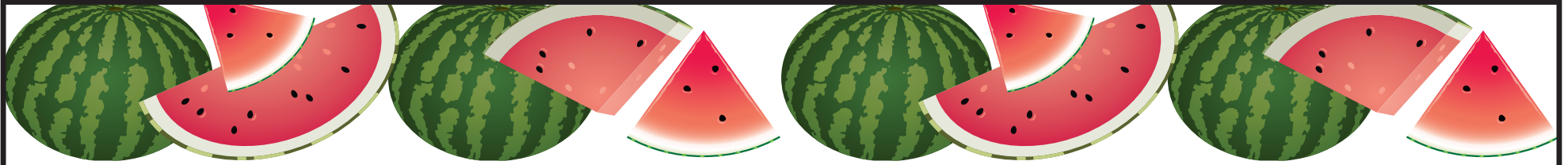
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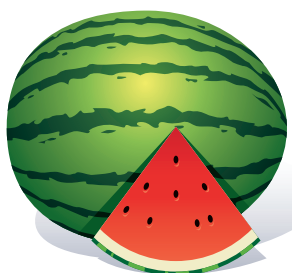
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