

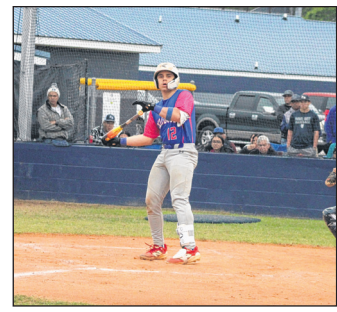
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## Blue elected chair of UNC Board of Governors

Staff report

**RALEIGH** — The University of North Carolina Board of Governors has elected Kellie Hunt Blue as its next chair, effective July 1, the board announced Thursday. Terry Hutchens was elected vice chair, and Carolyn Coward was elected secretary. Each of the officers is a graduate of a UNC System institution.



Blue

into excellent jobs and bright futures for our students. I am excited to continue this work and look forward to serving alongside Vice Chair

Hutchens and Secretary Coward as we enact responsible policies that strengthen the university and its mission."

Blue becomes the board's 20th chair, and is the third woman to hold the position.

Blue, a resident of Pembroke, has served on the Board of Governors since 2017 and has been vice chair since 2024. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of North Carolina Pembroke, where she received the Outstanding Alumnus Award. She later chaired the UNC Pembroke Board of Trustees. Blue currently serves as county manager for Robeson County, overseeing the business operations of county government.

"I am honored to lead this Board during a moment when higher education is more important than ever for the future of our state," Blue said. "For several years, the Board and its leadership have worked to keep costs low, make universities more efficient and ensure that degrees translate

Hutchens, of Fayetteville, has served on the Board since 2019 and chairs the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs. He is founding partner of Hutchens Law Firm LLP, and earned a bachelor's degree from NC State University and an MBA and a law degree from Wake Forest University.

Coward, of Arden, has served on the Board since 2017 and chairs the Committee on University Personnel. She is a principal with The Van Winkle Law Firm and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The Board elected the new officers during its May meeting. Blue, Hutchens and Coward will each serve two-year terms in their leadership positions.

## Early College graduates record class



Photos by Chris Stiles | The Robesonian

Graduates of PSRC Early College High School celebrate as they turn their tassels at the end of Friday's graduation ceremony in Lumberton.

### 64 end high school journey, earn diplomas

**Jessica Sealey**  
For The Robesonian

**LUMBERTON** — Sixty-four PSRC Early College High School graduates walked across the stage and into their future Friday during the school's commencement ceremony held in the A.D. Lewis Auditorium of Robeson Community College. The class marked a record number of graduates for

ECHS, which was established in 2005.

The commencement ceremony recognized students who completed the rigorous Early College High School program — a partnership between the Public Schools of Robeson County and Robeson Community College — which allows students to graduate with both a high

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Lajada James, right, hugs cousin Ruth McDowell, right, after Friday's PSRC Early College High School graduation ceremony in Lumberton.

## PSRC celebrates excellence during 2026 awards ceremony



Photo courtesy of PSRC

Public Schools of Robeson County Teacher of the Year Crystal Scarlett is presented a check for \$250 at PSRC's Awards Ceremony held Tuesday in Lumberton.

**Jessica Sealey**  
For The Robesonian

**LUMBERTON** — The Public Schools of Robeson County proudly celebrated outstanding educators, staff members, retirees and school leaders during the 2026 PSRC Awards Ceremony held Tuesday at the Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Events Center. The evening recognized individuals whose dedication, leader-

ship and service continue to make a lasting impact across the district.

Several district-level honorees were recognized. School-level Teachers of the Year, Teacher Assistants of the Year and National Board Certification Recipients were also recognized alongside retirees whose years of dedicated service have made a lasting impact on the students and families of Robeson County.

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## Fairmont board hears project updates

**Victoria Sanderson**  
The Robesonian

**FAIRMONT** — The Fairmont Board of Commissioners heard a review of the town's various project updates during its meeting Tuesday night.

Town Manager Jerome Chestnut presented updates to the board, including the new Town

Hall, the youth center and sewer rehabilitation and sediment removal projects.

According to Chestnut, the parking lot for the youth center is being repaired and restriped for free by Simmons Public Utility Site Work Inc. as an invest-



Chestnut

ment in the town. Progress on the center otherwise is well underway, according to Chestnut, and on schedule.

The Town Hall building is currently in its architecture and budget phase, and a meeting will be held on Thursday to discuss next

steps.

The sewer rehabilitation project, a \$15 million effort, has had one of its contractors pause work behind the Fairmont Food Lion to address flooding issues. Once the flooding is resolved, the work will resume and eventually spread to the Fairmont

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OBITUARIES

ANDREA "ANDE" GRANTHAM



Andrea "Ande" Grantham, wife of Dockins "Doc" Grantham, passed away peacefully on May 11, 2026, surrounded by her family, leaving behind a life marked by faith, adventure, creativity and deep devotion to those she loved most. While we are all in deep mourning, in humble confidence, we believe Ande is in Paradise in the warm embrace of her savior, Jesus.

Born in 1947 to Lloyd and Lucille Belperain (deceased), Ande grew up in Norfolk, Va. as the oldest of four children and shared a lifelong bond with her siblings, Jean McClelland (Jim) Lydia Woodhouse (Mickey), and Lloyd Belperain. She attended Norfolk Catholic High School, later graduating from Old Dominion University, where she was a proud member of the Theta Phi chapter of Delta Zeta.

Ande was the cherished daughter-in-law of Charles and Rose Grantham (deceased) and sister-in-law to Rie Antone (Bob). Before her adventures abroad, she worked for the Bell Telephone Company and spent treasured years with Doc in Fairmont, living on the family farm in the converted dairy barn. Those years and memories remained close to her heart throughout her life.

Ande embraced life fully and fearlessly. A surfer and long board enthusiast in her younger years, she carried a true zeal for adventure that took her across the world. During the 1970s, she served as head of the physical education department at Damavand College, a private liberal arts college for women in Tehran, Iran. Her experiences abroad included dining with the Empress of Iran, living in Saudi Arabia, and traveling across Europe and to the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean; unforgettable chapters of her life that she loved to talk about.

She was discerning by nature and an excellent judge of character. Those who earned her trust knew a deeply loyal friend with a sharp wit, strong opinions, and unwavering support. Her creativity touched nearly everything she did. Ande loved projects of every kind and approached them with precision and determination. Whether it was sewing, decorating, or creating something from scratch, she was affectionately known by her family and favored contractor as "Boss 1".

Ande loved a good tole and had a distinct eye for design long before it was trendy. A true master with a sewing machine, she made her own wedding dress and created countless costumes and hand-made pieces over the years. While movies never interested her much, she adored the theater. One of her favorite memories was her first date with Doc to see Jesus Christ Superstar at the Shady Grove Music Fair. Ande had a bohemian spirit and a deep love of music. Janis Joplin was her favorite performer. Years later, she was still dancing, performing with a group of ladies in Washington, D.C. that her husband affectionately called "the Geezettes".

At home, Ande created warmth in ways both large and small. She was a devoted Catholic who quietly supported Catholic charities and lived her faith through service, generosity and consistency. Her family will forever remember the holidays she made special, the meals she perfected, and the traditions she carried on year after year. You could always count on her clam dip at gatherings. Above all else, Ande loved her family deeply. Her devoted husband of 53 years, Doc Grantham; her daughters, Jocelyn Whittington and Megan Kolcun; her most cherished son-in-law, Samuel "Whitt" Whittington; and her two grandsons, Brennan Whittington and Michael Grantham, who brought the greatest joy and pride to her life, survive her.

Ande lived boldly, created beautifully, and leaves behind a legacy of faith, strength, loyalty and unforgettable memories. All who knew and loved Ande will profoundly miss her. A celebration of Ande's life will be live-streamed at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 11 a.m. To view, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/@blessedsacramentfl8152> on YouTube.

In honor of her deep Catholic faith and lifelong support of charitable causes, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to St. Veronica Catholic Church (<https://www.stveronica.net>) in lieu of flowers.

JEAN GENEVIEVE MORGAN PUGH



Jean Genevieve Morgan Pugh, 96, of Wilmington, passed away May 16, 2026.

She was born in Robeson County, on May 7, 1930, to the late Colonel Morgan, Jr. and Sadie Spivey Morgan. After moving to Wilmington with her family, Jean and her younger sister became involved with the local USO. Jean was a junior chaperone for USO organizer Hannah Block.

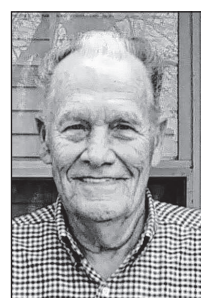
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Pugh and her brothers, Cecil James Morgan and Charles Rudolph Morgan.

Survivors include her sister, Marlene Morgan Kramer; daughters, Gail Gallaher (Terry) and Teresa Payne (Conrad); grandchildren, Rachel Elyse Gallaher, Patrick Henry Gallaher, Benford Payne, and Freyja Lawson; great-grandchildren, Ethan and Adam Lawson; and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2026, at Andrews Market Street Chapel, Wilmington. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park.



RALPH WAYNE SHUMPERT



Mr. Ralph Wayne Shumpert, age 89, of Lumberton, passed away on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Regency Hospital in Florence, S.C. He was born in Lexington, S.C. on April 4, 1937 to the late Preston & Ellen Elizabeth Shumpert.

He was a charter member of Tabernacle Baptist Church and served as the music director for 45 years. He considered his greatest accomplishment being a servant for the Lord and providing for his family.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred Alice Shumpert; a granddaughter, Shannon Shumpert; his brothers: Ansel Shumpert, Monroe Shumpert, Murry Shumpert and Frank Shumpert; his sisters: Maggie Crump, Ines Hallman and Margaret Shumpert; and his daughter, Gloria Faye Saliva.

He is survived by his sons, Larry Shumpert of Lumberton and Frank Shumpert (Marise) of Columbia, S.C.; his daughter, Deidra Lynn Chance of Lumberton; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Meadowbrook Cemetery in Lumberton with Rev. Tony Stevens officiating.

CRIME ROUNDUP

Lumberton Police seek suspect in armed robbery

Staff report

LUMBERTON — The Lumberton Police Department is seeking a suspect after an armed robbery at a gas station in the Tanglewood community.

At around 3 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, LPD officers responded to the Tanglewood Liberty Gas Station at 2759 North Roberts Avenue in Lumberton in reference to an armed robbery. Upon arrival officers spoke with the clerk who advised that an unknown male with a face covering entered the store armed with a handgun and demanded money. The suspect then fled from the scene on foot.

The suspect is believed to be a white male, approximately 5-foot-9 to 6-foot tall.

The Lumberton Police Department is asking anyone with information on the robbery to contact Detective David Williford at 910-671-3845.

Couple arrested for drug trafficking

An investigation conducted by the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Division has resulted in the arrest of two suspects.

On Wednesday, the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Division and SWAT Operators executed a search warrant in the 100 block of Green Acres Road, near Pembroke. During the search a quantity of cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana, a firearm and U.S. currency was located and seized.

Anthony J. Difranto, 39, and Lauren L. Deese, 38, both of Pembroke, were arrested and charged with trafficking in fentanyl, possession

with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver fentanyl, maintaining dwelling for a controlled substance, possession with to sell/deliver cocaine, felony conspiracy, possession with intent sell/deliver marijuana, cockfighting, cruelty to animals, possession of marijuana paraphernalia and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Difranto was also charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Difranto was placed in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with a \$1,000,000 secured bond.

Deese was placed in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with a \$500,000 secured bond.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Robeson County Sheriff's Office Drug Enforcement Division at 910-671-3191 or email [drugs@robeson-countysonc.gov](mailto:drugs@robeson-countysonc.gov)

"Under our system of justice, every person is presumed to be innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law," a social media post by RCSO states.

"The information contained in this post is not intended to be an expression of opinion regarding guilt. The views and opinions expressed by private citizens who may comment on this post are not adopted by and do not reflect the official policy or position of this law enforcement agency."

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



Courtesy of Lumberton PD  
Lumberton Police have released this surveillance footage of a suspect in Saturday's armed robbery at the Tanglewood Liberty Gas Station on North Roberts Ave.

amounts.

910-671-3100.

Suspect arrested, charged with sex offenses

A juvenile sexual assault investigation has led to an arrest by Robeson County Sheriff's Office Special Victims Unit.

On Friday, May 15, Cheyanne D. Eddings, 27, of Lumberton was arrested and charged with indecent liberties with a minor and solicitation of child by computer/certain other electronic devices to commit an unlawful sex act.

Eddings is being held in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center with \$500,000 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

Lumberton man sentenced in 2023 Adelio's shooting

A Lumberton man was sentenced Tuesday to serve 15 to 20 years in prison for a 2023 shooting.

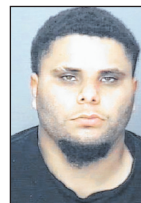
Cameron Dion Smith, 23, pled guilty to charges related to a shooting which occurred at Adelio's Restaurant in downtown Lumberton on Nov. 22, 2023. The shooting left six people injured, including two males and four females.

The charges included six counts of felony conspiracy and assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury.

Roughly 200 people were present at the restaurant and bar on the night of the shooting, which was the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving.



Eddings



Smith



Difranto



Deese

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# Tribal Council appoints judges, election board members

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PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribal Council approved appointments for two members of the tribe's Election Board and three Administrative Court judges, and each of the five appointees was sworn in, during Thursday's monthly board meeting in Pembroke.

Kristy Fields was appointed to the administrative court to represent Region 2, Kris McMillian for District 4 and Kirsten Oxendine for District 5. Each will serve a five-year term.

Dustin Locklear was appointed to the election board for Region 2 and Linda Dial for Region 4. Each will serve a six-year term.

The five appointments were approved unanimously in a blanket vote. Each individual submitted an application and resume, was brought in for an interview and voted on by the Constitution and Ordinance Committee, its chair Rudy Locklear told the board.

Council also approved a resolution naming Dominique Dial as an alternate administrative court judge; this was done after, because of redistricting, Dial and another judge both reside in the same region. In order to "maintain proper regional representation," Judge Robbie Hunt, who is the chief justice of the administrative court, will remain on the court while Dial will serve as an alternate for the balance of Hunt's term.

Dial is expected to then serve her term on the board after Hunt's term expires. The resolution passed 19-1, with Chocajuana Oxendine casting



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From left, Lumbee Tribe Supreme Court Chief Justice Ronette Sutton swears in Tribal Administrative Court Judge Kris McMillian, Election Board member Dustin Locklear, Administrative Court Judges Kristy Fields and Kirsten Oxendine and Election Board member Linda Dial during Thursday's Tribal Council meeting in Pembroke.

the lone vote in opposition.

Several budget amendments were approved by Council, which most notably included an additional \$140,000 in funding from Trillium, adding to \$1 million already donated by the organization for a health and wellness clinic. The funding will fund two added personnel positions for the project.

"I'm excited that we are bringing people on board to implement ... Indian Child Welfare; this is wonderful news, Council," Tribal Speaker Alex Baker said.

Matt Roller, the Tribe's assistant legal and compliance officer, who gave the chairman's report in Chairman John Lowery's absence, said that the Tribe was pleased with how its federal recognition celebration, held last Saturday at UNC Pembroke, turned out.

"Thank you all who came to participate," Roller said. "It was a great event. It wasn't as hot as we thought it was going to be, and we had great turnout and everything went

smooth. I think we just had a great time, so thank you all for participating, thank you all who came out and enjoyed yourself."

He also noted that enrollment was scheduled to close at 5 p.m. Friday due to the upcoming gaming amendment election on June 23, and that the pool located at the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center in Maxton will open for the season on Monday. Pool hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the fee to use the pool is \$3 with a tribal ID card or \$4 without one, money which goes right back into the pool for maintenance costs and paying employees.

Tribal Council will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday at approximately 8 p.m., following a community meeting, to discuss and finalize a contract with the tribal attorney. Its next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18.

Editor Chris Stiles can be reached at 910-416-5847 or by email at cstiles@robersonian.com.

# Lumbee Tribe Election Board posts sample ballot for gaming amendment vote

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribe Elections Board released a sample ballot on Wednesday for the June 23 special election in which the tribal public will decide whether or not to amend the Tribe's constitution to authorize and regulate gaming operations in tribal territory.

The ballot first lists out the four sections of the constitution which would be amended if the measure passes. It is listed below as presented on the sample ballot:

"Article I, Section 1  
"— The territory of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina shall include Robeson, Hoke, Scotland and Cumberland Counties, North Carolina, and any additional lands acquired by the Tribe or by the United States on behalf or for the benefit of the Tribe.

"Article VII, Section 1:  
"— [The Tribal Council's] legislative power shall include the authority to approve any gaming compact negotiated by the Tribal Chairperson, to confirm the Tribal Chairperson's nomination of all members to the board of any Tribal gaming regulatory body and any Tribal gaming enterprise, and to enact tribal ordinances that permit, license, regulate or otherwise govern gaming activities, consistent with Tribal, Federal, and other applicable law.

"Article VIII, Section 1:  
"— [The Tribal Chairperson

shall, within ten (10) days of its passage by the Tribal Council, certify for referendum by the general voting membership any tribal ordinance that imposes a tax on Individual Tribal Members. Any such ordinance shall not take effect until the Tribal Elections Board conducts a referendum on it and a majority of those voting in the referendum approves it.

"Article VIII, Section 1:  
"— [T]he Tribal Chairperson shall have the authority to negotiate gaming compacts, subject to approval by the Tribal Council, and to nominate members, subject to confirmation by the Tribal Council, to the board of any Tribal gaming regulatory body, and any Tribal gaming enterprise established to conduct and operate gaming on behalf of the Tribe, consistent with Tribal, Federal, and other applicable law.

The ballot then says the following:

"Mark your choice clearly and completely color in the circle YES or NO.

"Do you approve the proposed amendment in accordance with Article XIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina as listed above?"

"— YES I approve the amendment to the Constitution

"— NO I do not approve the amendment to the Constitution"

It is signed by Millicent Brewer, chairperson of the Lumbee Tribe Elections Board.



Photo courtesy of NCDOT

A new bridge which carries N.C. Highway 72 across U.S. Highway 74 is now open to traffic, the N.C. Department of Transportation said Thursday.

Roundabouts are included at each on/off ramp at the interchange of U.S. Highway 74 and N.C. highways 72 and 130, improving safety and traffic flow.

# US 74-NC 72 interchange, bridge open to traffic

Staff report

ORRUM — A new interchange along U.S. Highway 74 in southeastern Robeson County opened to traffic on Thursday.

The interchange combines N.C. Highways 72 and

130, which each previously had an intersection with U.S. 74. and is located near Orrum. Drivers can now use the on/off ramps and roundabouts to cross the bridge, which has been closed during construction, the N.C. Department of Transportation said.

Roundabouts were built at each on/off ramp, which

will "further improve safety, lowering the risk of serious crashes, and reduce backups or engine idling associated with traffic lights and stop signs," NCDOT said.

A \$24.6 million contract for the project was awarded by NCDOT in Feb. 2023.

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# Adventure Seeker Day Camp: A week of fun

LUMBERTON — Adventure Seeker Day Camp promises outdoor fun and discovery for youth ages 9-13. This summer, young adventurers are invited to unplug from screens and dive into the wonders of nature at the Adventure Seeker Day Camp, scheduled for June 22-26, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This five-day camp offers an exciting opportunity to explore the outdoors, build friendships, and learn about the natural world, all for just \$150.

With nature as their classroom, campers will embark on daily field trips to state parks where they'll hike along scenic trails, observe native wildlife, and discover the diverse ecosystems that



Jade McNeill  
N.C. Cooperative Extension

make our environment so unique. In addition to time spent on the trail, participants will visit fascinating museums, providing a chance to deepen their understanding of regional history and science through interactive exhibits and educational programs.

Each day promises a new adventure and fresh learning experiences, designed to spark curiosity and encourage a deeper appreciation for the outdoors. From towering trees to animals and insects that call the woods home, campers will have the chance to connect with nature in a hands-on and memorable way.

The program is thoughtfully designed to

be both fun and educational, promoting physical activity, teamwork and environmental stewardship. Campers will learn important outdoor skills and safety tips while engaging in activities that stimulate critical thinking and creativity.

The \$150 registration fee includes daily lunches, snacks, all supplies and field trip costs, making this camp an affordable and all-inclusive experience for families. Every

detail has been considered to ensure a safe, engaging and enriching experience for all participants.

To ensure a quality experience and individualized attention, camp enrollment is limited to just 10 youth. This small group size allows for stronger connections between campers and leaders and creates a more supportive and interactive learning environment.

Registration is open now and will close on June 8, so families are encouraged to sign up early to secure a spot. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to help your child make new friends, gain confidence in the outdoors and create memories that will last a lifetime.

If your child is ready for a summer experience filled with adventure, exploration and discovery, the Adventure Seeker

Day Camp is the perfect choice. Whether they're an avid hiker or simply curious about the world around them, this camp offers something for every young explorer. Lace up those sneakers and get ready for a week of fun, learning and outdoor excitement!

For more information, contact Jade McNeill, Extension 4-H youth development program assistant, at 910-671-3276, by email at jade\_mcneill@ncsu.edu, or visit the Extension's website at <http://robeson.ces.ncsu.edu/>.

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## ROBESONIAN EDITORIAL

### Remembering Robeson County's Vietnam fallen

While Memorial Day has become an unofficial start to summer, its observance is rooted in anything but a celebration. Instead, it's our most solemn of holidays, to honor and recognize the men and women who have given their lives to protect our freedom.

As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of American independence this year, we should remember all of those who have died for that cause, from 1776 (and even before) to the present day. That total, over that quarter of a millennium, is greater than 1 million.

An initial idea for this space, on this weekend, was to list every Robeson County native who has died in service to our country, or at least all of them since a certain date (i.e. last 50 or 100 years). However, comprehensive records on those deaths, sorted by location of origin, are not so easy to compile for some conflicts or eras, even within recent decades.

But the Virtual Vietnam Wall, an online database of the 58,318 names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., does provide an option to sort by the hometown of those killed. Thus, while it won't recognize those killed in other wars — who we also remember with appreciation this Memorial Day weekend — it's a good place to start.

In recent years, as surviving Vietnam veterans get older, there have been efforts to show them appreciation, as they were often ostracized when returning home due to the unpopularity of the war. To those reading who fought in Vietnam, we are so grateful for your service.

But 45 Robesonians who fought in Vietnam didn't get any kind of return welcome, because they never got to come home. The names of all 45 are listed below, with their rank and the date they were killed in action, sorted by hometown then alphabetically.

While the peak of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War was from 1965-73, you'll notice nearly all of these death were within a four-year stretch from 1966-70, which mirrors the broader pattern for U.S. forces overall.

#### Fairmont

Spc. Dan Michael Britt (March 18, 1969)  
Spc. Wyman Gene Britt (Aug. 4, 1969)  
Pfc. Bobby Ray Jones (Jan. 8, 1968)  
Pfc. Victor Lawrence Jones (Oct. 11, 1969)  
Spc. Willie B. McNeill (Feb. 10, 1968)  
Pfc. Willie French Oxendine III (May 30, 1968)  
Sgt. Willie Jerome Peppers Jr. (May 10, 1966)  
Spc. Charles Terrell Pittman (Feb. 13, 1966)

#### Lumberton

1st Lt. Harry L. Alway (July 13, 1967)  
Sgt. Lee Andrew Bowden (April 6, 1968)  
Pfc. James Linwood Britt (Feb. 8, 1970)  
1st Lt. Harry Hutchinson Gibson (March 21, 1969)  
Sgt. Franklin Eugene Hosler (April 4, 1966)  
Pfc. Glenn Dirk Kerns (Nov. 11, 1967)  
Capt. Walter Vann Lemmond III (Sept. 20, 1969)  
Staff Sgt. Donald Frank McKenzie (Dec. 10, 1968)  
Spc. Charles Edward McRae (June 19, 1966)  
Sgt. 1st Class Cecil Abner Meares (Sept. 23, 1967)  
Staff Sgt. Hughie Oxendine (Dec. 25, 1967)  
Sgt. Timothy Coleman Patterson (April 22, 1967)  
Sgt. Dickie Walter Reagan (May 6, 1970)  
Spc. John Carl Rodgers (Aug. 18, 1969)  
Sgt. 1st Class David Thompson (Jan. 27, 1964)

#### Magnolia

Pfc. Jammie Jay Lanier (April 14, 1966)  
Spc. Dallas Ervin McKinney Jr. (April 22, 1969)

#### Maxton

Sgt. Rhonnie Lee Clark (Nov. 17, 1968)  
Pfc. Sylvester E. Conley Jr. (March 10, 1968)  
Lance Cpl. John Howard Herring (July 5, 1968)  
Spc. Jimmy Locklear (Sept. 4, 1968)

#### Orrum

Cpl. Vinson Byrd (July 6, 1967)  
Sgt. Wilson Truman Gerald (May 17, 1967)  
Spc. Jimmy Linwood Rhodes (Nov. 21, 1966)

#### Parkton

Capt. Bernard Hodges (Dec. 6, 1970)  
Pfc. Joseph Earl Jackson (Sept. 10, 1970)  
Spc. Thomas Millsap III (April 22, 1970)

#### Pembroke

Spc. Bradley Chavis (Feb. 26, 1967)  
Sgt. 1st Class William Anderson Collins (Nov. 18, 1967)  
Master Sgt. Glen Locklear (Oct. 11, 1967)  
Spc. Charles Hedric Oxendine (Feb. 7, 1969)

#### Red Springs

Staff Sgt. Thomas Dean (Oct. 6, 1966)  
Sgt. 1st Class Lindberg Wade (May 15, 1969)

#### Rowland

Pfc. Raeford James Gerald Jr. (May 20, 1969)

#### Shannon

Spc. Foster Locklear (March 19, 1970)

#### St. Pauls

Capt. Paul Nash Jackson (Jan. 24, 1970)  
Staff Sgt. Leo McEachern (April 11, 1970)



## THEY SAID IT: MEMORIAL DAY

"It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

— Gen. George S. Patton

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it."

— Author unknown

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude."

— President Harry S. Truman

"These fallen heroes represent the character of a nation who has a long history of patriotism and honor — and a nation who has fought many battles to keep our country free from threats of terror."

— Michael N. Castle

"The brave die never, though they sleep in dust: Their courage nerves a thousand living men."

— Minot J. Savage

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself."

— Joseph Campbell

"They fell, but o'er that glorious

grave, floats free the banner of the cause they died to save."

— Francis Marion Crawford

"A nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure."

— President Abraham Lincoln

"I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

— Nathan Hale

"Only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you: Jesus Christ and the American soldier. One died for your soul; the other died for your freedom."

— Author unknown

## HIS VIEW

### Minor disruption could become catastrophic

I have reached the stage, slash age, in my life where what should be a minor disruption in my daily routine morphs into a major annoyance. I am pretty sure it is genetic.

A to-do list now has become a rock in my shoe, at least until the to do is ta done. If there were a pill that would remedy it, I would gobble one each morning.

Thanks, Dad. And while most of the stories I share on here at least subtly make me look like something other than an idiot, today's will be an exception, so consider it a gift. Perhaps it will add a layer of credibility to the stories that depict me more favorably.

So here is the deal: I pay almost all of my bills with two credit cards, both Visa, one Chase, the other Bank of America. I do this for a variety of reasons, primarily because both offer a percentage of cash back, and that adds up to several hundred dollars a year, which helps in a pinch.

I almost never carry a balance, so I am not paying any interest.

Credit card purchases are incredibly easy when done on the Internet, as both those cards pop up as payment options when I check out, as does all the other pertinent information, name, address, etc., making my only assignment a three-keystroke security code.

This also enables me to carry somewhere between little and no cash in my wallet, so I am not lying when I tell the vagrants who approach me at the West Fifth Street Food Lion parking lot who need a couple of dollars for gasoline to extend their road trip to visit their dying mother, wink, wink, that I have no cash.

It is not that I am not charitable, but I have decided that financing a stranger's meth addiction is not an act of kindness. Plus, I have my own bad habits that are costly.

The minor disturbance that has become a major annoyance is that somehow I have managed to lose not one of the

cards, but both, pulling off this stunt within three days of each other during the past week, completely flipping, at least in the

interim, how I stimulate the economy.

Canceling the cards and getting two new ones mailed was easy enough, requiring a phone call to Chase and Bank of America, and then a couple of minutes correctly working

my way through the prompts, during which I was assured that no unauthorized purchases have been made.

Both new cards should arrive next week, so until then I must make sure I have enough cash on hand for lunch, cart and greens fees, to gas up, or whatever occasion should arise. Sounds simple enough, but remember, I am the same guy who lost two credit cards.

I already had a minor scare when my car advised that I had 21 miles left in the tank, and I was 12 miles from my driveway, and only had some change in the

console. I have hidden an emergency \$20 bill in my car, but already worry should the need arise, I will not be able to find it.

The prevailing problem is that multiple monthly purchases, ranging from TV subscriptions, to HOA fees to, to health supplements are all attached to the credit cards, which means I have work to do, the rather laborious task of identifying them all and providing updated credit card information.

That will have to wait until the new credit cards arrive and I have the information that must be provided. Most of that stuff can wait, but I do worry I will come home, turn on the TV and the screen will be blank, my YouTube, Prime Video, Netflix, Peacock, or ESPN subscription having expired, and no way to extend one, a couple or all.

At that point, the minor disturbance that has become a major annoyance will be elevated to catastrophic.

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**Donnie Douglas**  
Contributing columnist

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

# The case for celebrating Pentecost

Each year, people of faith have multiple high and holy celebrations to enjoy. Christmas and Easter take the lead, with each being accompanied by multiple weeks of buildup, decorations, parties and grand worship celebrations. However, these are not the only two “feasts” or celebrations that are a part of the Christian calendar. You may have heard of other observances like Christ the King Sunday, Trinity Sunday or Ascension Sunday, all of which remind us of important aspects of who Jesus is. While these are less widespread celebrations, there is one other day that I would highlight. In fact, I would like to make the case for raising its prominence in recognition amongst faith communities. While it may not rise to the level of Christmas and Easter, it is close behind and certainly in a league of its own. This day is Pentecost!



**Rev. Joshua K. Owens**  
Contributing columnist

The Christian observance of Pentecost, (which falls this Sunday, May 24) recalls the day Jesus’ promise of a future advocate (John 14:16-17) becomes a reality when the Holy Spirit fills the disciples who had gathered in Jerusalem. This event is recorded in Acts 2, and it was here that Jesus’ first followers were empowered to share the Good News with the whole world and invite others to become a part of God’s community. The word Pentecost comes from a Greek word meaning, “fiftieth” and before it became a part of Christian worship practice, it was a major feast of our Jewish forebearers. The specific Jewish celebration is called the Feast of Weeks, or Shavuot. Shavuot was one of the three main pilgrimage festivals prescribed to God’s people in the Old Testament (Deut. 16:16), and it fell fifty days after Passover, hence where the name Pentecost comes from. It was this very celebration that those early followers of Jesus had gathered to enjoy as they met in that house in Jerusalem.

As Acts 2:2-4 tells us, this group of believers were all meeting together in one place, and something spectacular happened. A sound like a mighty windstorm filled the house, and “what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them”, resulting in everyone being filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in other languages (quite literally “other tongues” the original text says). This commotion in the house spilled out into the streets, and the large crowds who had come to Jerusalem from all corners of the known world to be a part of the festival began to take note of the disciples. Then something even more amazing happens. The foreigners who had come to the city began to hear what the disciples were saying and comprehend their words. The text is clear to express that it was not that all the disciples were speaking one language and then all of the nonnatives were able to understand. No, each of these foreigners was able to hear what the people of God were saying to them in their native language and comprehend it (v. 8). There was a melting pot of vernaculars, dialects, and languages being spoken, a new kind of Babel (Genesis 11), in which people from many different lands (v. 9-11 records them all) were able to hear the truth of God spoken as the people they already were.

It was quite a chaotic scene, one that needed some explanation. In response, the emerging leader Peter would stand to address the crowd, delivering one of the most complete presentations of the Gospel in all of the written scriptures. After Peter finished his address, verse 41 tells us that those who heard, hailing from a plethora of foreign lands, “were baptized and added to the church that day — about 3,000 in all” (v. 41).

Where Christmas celebrates the birth of the Savior of the world, Pentecost celebrates the birth of the Savior’s Church! It was at Pentecost that the great gift that Jesus had promised his followers would come was actually delivered! It was this Spirit that would empower and embolden Jesus’ first followers to not only go and fulfill the great commandment, but also to grow and fill the Lord’s church with folks of all tribes, nations, and tongues. Pentecost is the Church’s birthday, and every birthday deserves a celebration.

Pentecost observances are reminiscent of the party and revelry that were present at that first Pentecost celebration. Folks are often encouraged to wear the colors of fire: red, orange, and yellow, to remember the flames of fire that fell upon the people. My congregation offers red ribbons and pinwheels to children to move around the room during praise music to remind us all of how the Spirit of God blew like wind across that room all those years ago. Many churches will be reading the Acts 2 story, with some having their members who speak other languages reading the text in their various tongues to remind worshippers of the diversity of sound but unity of message felt on that day. Then, because no birthday celebration is complete without cake, I like to have a cake or cupcakes for my congregation following the worship service to experience the fellowship and the joy of being united together in the Spirit of God!

As I have tried to make the case for elevating the observance of Pentecost, I hope that you can see that so much of who we are as faith communities and the universal Church is tied to what happened on that fateful day centuries ago. Barriers were broken between heaven and humanity, as well as between people groups. Pentecost represents not conformity, but unity that acknowledges the unique ways God has created us all, encompassing the many presentations of the image of God Almighty. So whether your church has a tradition of Pentecost celebration, or maybe you are considering starting one yourself, let me encourage us all to wear your red, shout your praise, and give thanks to the Lord and for the Lord’s Church this Pentecost Sunday.

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## CHURCH OF THE WEEK



**Cedar Grove Baptist Church**  
— Address: 410 S. Morro St., Fairmont, N.C. 28340  
— Pastor: Rev. Rodney Hunt  
— Phone: 910-774-0707  
— Service schedule: Sunday, morning service, 10 a.m., and worship service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday night service, 7 p.m.  
— Denomination: Baptist  
— Established: 1928  
— Congregation: 45  
— Favorite scripture: Psalms 91:1-2

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my GOD; in him will I trust.”

## CHURCH CALENDAR

## 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.

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**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](mailto:powerinword@aol.com).

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

**Shiloh Tabernacle in Shannon**, 10410 Shannon Road,

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

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

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

**St. Marks Lutheran Church**, 202 West 24th St., Lumberton; 910-739-2329, [stmarksinc.org](http://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.

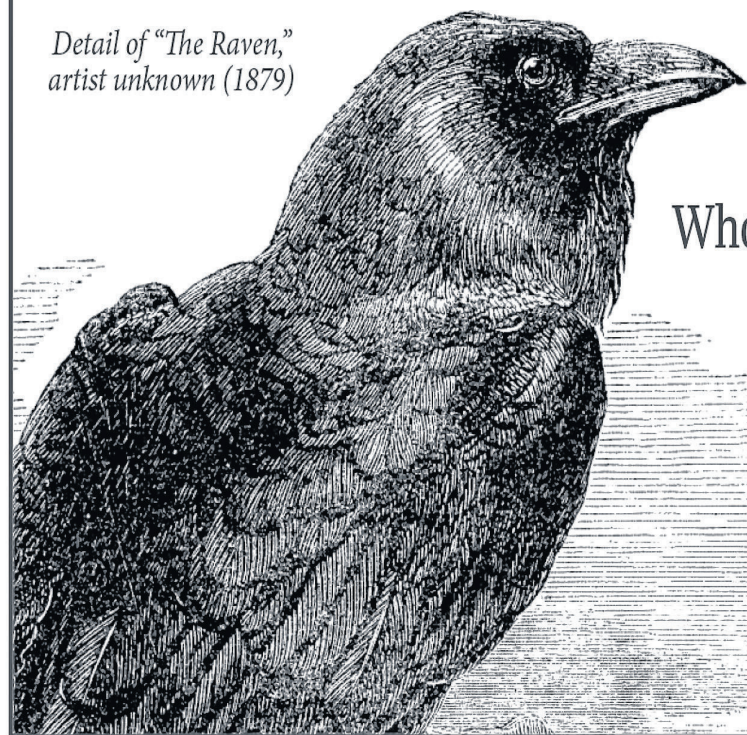
**The Fairmont Ministerial Alliance** meets every third Saturday of the month at Jonesville Baptist Church at 327 Mill Branch Road, Fairmont. Breakfast is at 8:30 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. New members are welcome. Dr. Martine Spencer is the president.

For your church event to be included in the Church Calendar, send it to Editor Chris Stiles at [cstiles@robsonian.com](mailto:cstiles@robsonian.com).



## THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

Detail of “The Raven,”  
artist unknown (1879)



Who provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?

 JOB 38:41

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Faith can move mountains!



## Fairmont

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High School area.

Chestnut also shared that Columbus Utilities, another contractor working on the sewer rehabilitation project, will pave the road cuts once it finishes its work.

The contractor for the ongoing

sediment removal efforts from local waterways hit their quota on May 14, according to Chestnut, and the town is looking for avenues to extend the contractor's work to Walnut Street. After the initial sediment removal, the town will look into long-term maintenance options, as preventing new sediment build-up is not possible.

The board also took a brief recess to hold a Board of Adjustments meeting regarding a request from Maurice

Townsend to divide his parcel of land at 310 Iona Street into two. Chestnut said the parcel had two structures on the lot, with not enough land to meet setback requirements.

No members of the public spoke during the hearing, and the request was approved.

The board also introduced the new Chief of Police and Captain, Chief Jonathan Evans and Captain Josh Harris, following the retirement of Chief Jon

Edwards.

Finally, the board held a moment of silence for Fairmont High Senior Ta'nyah Pittman, who lost her life in a traffic accident on Saturday. The commissioners and Mayor Charles Kemp expressed their sympathy and sorrow to Pittman's family and friends and reiterated the importance of traffic safety and seat belts to the community.

Contact Victoria Sanderson at vsanderson@robsonian.com.



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Some attendees take a group photo at PSRC's Awards Ceremony held Tuesday in Lumberton.



PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson, center, speaks during the district's Awards Ceremony held Tuesday in Lumberton.

## PSRC

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"Tonight, we celebrate excellence, dedication, and the incredible contributions of our educators and staff," said Jamal Campbell, PSRC assistant superintendent of human resources. "As we celebrate, let's remember that every success is a shared effort. Together, we continue building a brighter future for Robeson County."

### District-Level Honorees

PSRC Beginning Teacher of the Year — Levita Peterson, Peterson Elementary

PSRC Teacher Assistant of the Year — Lisa Baxley, Rowland Norment Elementary

PSRC Teacher of the Year — Crystal Scarlett, PSRC Early College

PSRC Assistant Principal of the Year — Aaron Locklear, Piney Grove Elementary

PSRC Principal of the Year — Katrina Locklear, Union Elementary

PSRC Bus Driver of the Year — Patricia Hunt, Shining Stars Preschool

PSRC Child Nutrition Employee of the Year — Debra Hill, Peterson Elementary School

PSRC Custodian of the Year — Edward Brown, Rowland Norment Elementary School

PSRC Maintenance Employee of the Year — Terry Evans, Central Office

PSRC Transportation Employee of the Year — Derrick Locklear, Central Office

PSRC School Counselor of the Year — Dominique Brooks, Tanglewood Elementary School

PSRC School Social Worker of the Year — Chante Hargrove, St. Pauls High School

### National Board Recipients

National Board Certified Recipients — Shernetta Noble, East Robeson Elementary; Telisha Locklear, Pembroke Middle; Whitney Steen, Purnell Swett High

### School-Level Teachers of the Year

Jimmy Brown — Robeson County Career Center

Kayla Hunt — L. Gilbert Carroll Middle School

Travis Jenkins — Deep Branch Elementary School

Alisha Smith — East Robeson Primary

Amy Williamson — Fairgrove Elementary School

Alita Lumbab — Fairmont High School

Stacy Robinson-Chambers — Fairmont Middle School

Kelsey Edwards — Littlefield Middle School

Rhonda Lange — Long Branch Elementary School

Pauline Cheng — Lumberton Junior High School

Amy West — Lumberton Senior High School

Chrystal McDonald Roberts — Magnolia Elementary School

Milissa Cox — Orrum Middle School

Shannon Bird — Oxendine Elementary School

Gayon Williams — Parkton Elementary School

Danyel Jolicoeur — Pembroke Elementary School

Jessica Henderson — Pembroke Middle School

Tarsha Patterson — Peterson Elementary School

Michelle Raines — Piney Grove Elementary School

Hannah Moore — Prospect Elementary School

Taleek Harlee-McCray — Purnell Swett High School

Mervin Reyes — Red Springs High School

Marsha McDonald — Red Springs Middle School

Brittiney McCall — Rex-Rennert Elementary School

Marlena Hunt — Rosenwald Elementary School

Delia Jenkins — Rowland Norment Elementary School

Debbie Emmanuel — Shining Stars Preschool

Aubrey Josen — South Robeson Middle School

Courtney Locklear — Southside-Ashpole Elementary School

Luz Mateus-Gonzalez — St. Pauls Elementary School

Jessica Belle — St. Pauls High School

Kaydian Coward — St. Pauls Middle School

Cynthia Hammonds — Tanglewood Elementary School

Tiffany Nichols-Bridges — Townsend Elementary School

Jacquelyn Maynor — Union Elementary School

William Wesley Jacobs — Union Chapel Elementary School

Selina Locklear — W.H. Knuckles Elementary School

**School-Level Teacher Assistants of the Year**

Joslyn Smith — L. Gilbert Carroll Middle School

Cassandra Oxendine — Deep Branch Elementary School

Bettina McCormick — East Robeson Primary

Brooke Hunt — Fairgrove Elementary School

Autumn Britt — Fairmont High School

Denise Hunt — Fairmont Middle School

Mary Bryant — Littlefield Middle School

Sommer Broadway — Long Branch Elementary School

Herbert Washington Jr. — Lumberton Junior High School

Cherie Stephens — Lumberton Senior High School

Veronica Regan — Magnolia Elementary School

Amanda Jacobs-Hill — Orrum Middle School

Sharon Smith — Oxendine Elementary School

Susan McLellan — Parkton Elementary School

Loren Brigman — Pembroke Elementary School

Louise Locklear — Pembroke Middle School

Helen Chavis — Peterson Elementary School

Sylvia Tyler — Piney Grove Elementary School

Mallorie Dial — Prospect Elementary School

Tammy Locklear — Purnell Swett High School

Beverly Williams — Red Springs High School

Felicia Kyle — Red Springs Middle School

Guadalupe Salazar — Rex-Rennert Elementary School

Phelicia Lewis — Rosenwald Elementary School

Lisa Baxley — Rowland Norment Elementary School

Angelia Jacobs — Shining Stars Preschool

Essence Thompson — South Robeson Middle School

Daphine Southern — Southside-Ashpole Elementary School

Danielle Dunham — St. Pauls Elementary School

Myrtle Williams — St. Pauls High School

Brittany Wilson — St. Pauls Middle School

Amanda Smith — Tanglewood Elementary School

Judith Edmonds — Townsend Elementary School

Meagan Sampson — Union Elementary School

Robin Emanuel — Union Chapel Elementary School

Kenyardia George — W.H. Knuckles Elementary School

Anna Freeman — PSRC LAP

### Retirees

PSRC also honored 74 retirees for their years of dedicated service and commitment to educating and supporting students throughout Robeson County. Their contributions have left a lasting legacy across the district, and the PSRC Family extends its heartfelt gratitude and best wishes as they begin this new chapter.

Sandra Bell — Child Nutrition Supervisor, Child Nutrition

Beverly Thompson — Cafeteria Assistant, Magnolia Elementary School

Belinda Bourgeois — Secretary, Lumberton High School

Tony Brewington — JROTC Instructor, Purnell Swett High School

Peggy Britt — Teacher, Long Branch Elementary School

John Britt — Cafeteria Assistant, Pembroke Elementary School

Jeannie Buckner — Teacher, Prospect Elementary School

Kevin Buie — Teacher, Fairmont High School

Bryan Bullard — Teacher, Magnolia Elementary School

Vanessa Burks — Teacher Assistant, St. Pauls Elementary School

Kimberly Chavis — Social Worker, Townsend Elementary School

Lottie Chavis — Teacher Assistant, Oxendine Elementary School

Darlene Chavis — Teacher Assistant, Union Chapel Elementary School

Christy Ward — Bookkeeper, Parkton Elementary School

Stephanie Collins — School Nurse, Central Office

Gwen Daniels — Secretary/Bookkeeper, Long Branch Elementary School

Teresa Davis — Teacher, Lumberton High School

Cynthia Dudley — Teacher Assistant, Fairgrove Elementary School

Tonia Ferguson — Teacher, Peterson Elementary School

Joy Floyd — Teacher Assistant, St. Pauls Elementary School

Jennifer Freeman — Assistant Superintendent, Central Office

Sherae Hagans — Teacher, Union Chapel Elementary School

Kendall Hamilton — Principal, Littlefield Middle School

Valerie Hammond — Teacher, Piney Grove Elementary School

Leccer Hammond — Head Custodian, L. Gilbert Carroll School

Monica Harris — Cafeteria Assistant, Pembroke Middle School

Angela Harris — Custodian, Purnell Swett High School

Monica Hood — In School Suspension Coordinator, Fairmont High School

Belinda Hunt — Cafeteria Manager, Pembroke Elementary School

Kimberly Hunt — Teacher, Prospect Elementary School

Lisa Hunt — Payroll Clerk, Central Office

Karen Jones — Teacher, Piney Grove Elementary School

Helena King — Academic Coach, Long Branch Elementary School

Sandra Leggett — Supervisor, Child Nutrition

Peggy Locklear — Bookkeeper, Pur-

nell Swett High School

Tina Locklear — Social Worker, LAP/Alternative School

Susan Locklear — Teacher Assistant, Peterson Elementary School

Velinda Locklear — Teacher, Purnell Swett High School

Vachel Locklear — Cafeteria Assistant, Purnell Swett High School

Lori Locklear — Teacher, Fairmont High School

Ronnie Locklear — Custodian, Tanglewood Elementary School

Lisa Lowry — Teacher, Deep Branch Elementary School

Jerri Lynn Martin — Teacher Assistant, Tanglewood Elementary School

Wendy Maynor — Teacher, Union Chapel Elementary School

Brenda McCallum — Secretary/Bookkeeper, Southside Ashpole Elementary School

Laverne McNeill — Cafeteria Assistant, Lumberton Jr. High School

Glenn McNorial — JROTC Instructor, St. Pauls High School

Betty Miller — Teacher Assistant, Littlefield Middle School

Christine Mitchell — Teacher, Magnolia Elementary School

Sherry Musselwhite — Teacher, Fairmont High School

Elarce Oxendine — Teacher, Lumberton High School

Diana Pauley — Teacher, Rosenwald Elementary School

Malcom Register — Teacher, Lumberton High School

Kerry Revels — Teacher, Lumberton High School

Sonya Sampson — School Counselor, St. Pauls High School

Marilyn Sanderson — School Nurse, Central Office

Tama Smith — Teacher, Learning Acceleration Program

Tray Smith — Teacher, Union Chapel Elementary School

Angela Stephens — Media Coordinator, W.H. Knuckles Elementary School

Karen Stickney — Teacher, Early College High School

Teresa Strickland — Youth Development Specialist, Red Springs High School

Terry Thomas — Teacher, St. Pauls Elementary School

Eduardo Torres — Teacher, Red Springs High School

Angela Townsend — Interpreter, Purnell Swett High School

Brenda Turlington — Teacher Assistant, Parkton Elementary School

Vivian Tyndall — Principal, Fairmont Middle School

Thomas Umphrey — Teacher, Purnell Swett High School

Sharon Walker — Teacher Assistant, Rowland Norment Elementary School

Delilah Walters — Teacher, LAP/Alternative School

William Watson — Data Manager, Townsend Elementary School

Donald Weller — Teacher, St. Pauls Middle School

Rhonda West — Data Manager, Littlefield Middle School

Jennifer West — Principal, Parkton Elementary School

Antonio Wilkins — Principal, Union Chapel Elementary School

Amy Woods-Locklear — Teacher, Prospect Elementary School

"Public Schools of Robeson County is stronger because of the passion and dedication of these outstanding individuals," said PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson. "We thank each honoree and retiree for the difference they have made in the lives of our students and families."

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Members of the Robeson Community College Class of 2026 at the school's commencement ceremony on May 13.



Members of the Robeson Community College Class of 2026 at the school's commencement ceremony on May 13.



Members of the Robeson Community College Class of 2026 at the school's commencement ceremony on May 13. Photo courtesy of RCC

# RCC celebrates Class of 2026

School holds commencement for 383 graduates

**Courtney Jacobs**  
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Robeson Community College celebrated the achievements of the Class of 2026 during commencement ceremonies held Wednesday, May 13. A total of 383 graduates were honored during the two ceremonies as degrees and diplomas were conferred before trustees, elected officials, faculty, staff, family members and friends.

The ceremonies opened with Early College High School student Roberto Nieves performing the National Anthem on guitar, while Student Government Association President Kionna Locklear led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Melissa Singler welcomed attendees and congratulated graduates on reaching an important milestone in their lives.

“Today represents not only

the completion of your academic journey, but also a powerful step forward into a future filled with possibility,” said Singler. “As you move forward, carry with you your pursuit of excellence, your curiosity, and your commitment to others.”

The commencement address was delivered by Bailey Stephens, a 2018 graduate of RCC’s Nursing program and now a Family Nurse Practitioner with UNC Women’s Health Services at Southeastern. During her address, Stephens shared her personal journey of

perseverance and encouraged graduates to continue moving forward despite challenges and setbacks.

“The people who succeed are not the ones who never fail,” Stephens told graduates. “They’re the ones who refuse to quit. Be brave enough to try, be brave enough to fail, and be brave enough to try again.”

Stephens reminded graduates that success comes through resilience, determination, and continuing to show up even during difficult moments.

As graduates crossed the

stage to receive their credentials, the ceremonies celebrated not only academic achievement, but also the dedication and perseverance demonstrated by the Class of 2026 throughout their educational journeys.

Robeson Community College congratulates the Class of 2026 and wishes each graduate continued success as they continue their academic journey or join the workforce, both of which they are well prepared for.

Contact Courtney Jacobs, RCC director of governance and marketing, at 910-272-3231 or cjacobs@robeson.edu.

## Local student among winners in statewide Farm to School Calendar Contest

Staff report

RALEIGH — A local student was selected as one of 13 winners in the annual Farm to School Calendar Contest, sponsored by North Carolina Grange.

Kevin Lucas Perez, a first-grader from Peterson Elementary School in Red Springs, was recognized as one of the winners. His entry will be the calendar artwork for April 2027. He is taught by Tapanga Bullard.

Each month of the calendar depicts the art of a student and represents a different commodity. The calendar also includes daily facts about agriculture, giving students an understanding of agriculture’s role in food production.

“It’s clear from this artwork that these students have a good understanding of farms and what agriculture looks like here in North Carolina,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “It was a very competitive year with over 3,500 entries from 58 counties. There is no denying the talent in this room. These students have a lot to be proud of.”

Prizes for student winners from kindergarten through fifth grade include gift cards from the N.C. Farm to School Cooperative and the School Nutrition Association of North Carolina. They were awarded at the Got to Be N.C. Festival in Raleigh on May 15.

For 29 years, the N.C. Farm to School Program has helped place products

from North Carolina farms into the state’s school cafeterias. This year, the program provided North Carolina with over \$1.8 million worth of food products to schools across the state. This program is a collaboration of the Food Distribution and Marketing divisions in the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Agriculture and agribusiness are North Carolina’s leading industry with an economic impact of \$100 billion, employing a sixth of the state’s workforce. The Farm to School Program provides farmers with market opportunities and encourages students to take an interest in the state agriculture industry.

“Agriculture in North Carolina is so diverse. We still get new community entries for the first time each year. We had a hydroponic system, cut flowers, and alpacas represented this year,” Troxler said.

The North Carolina Grange sponsors the competition and ensures that schools and students receive calendars free of charge. If needed, more copies can be obtained through NCD&CS while supplies last and a printable calendar is available online at [www.ncfarmtoschool.com](http://www.ncfarmtoschool.com).

The North Carolina Grange is a nonprofit, grassroots organization dedicated to strengthening agriculture and rural communities across the state.

## Annual Humane Society golf tournament honors Williamson

**Devin Hammonds**  
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — The Robeson County Humane Society is preparing for its 23rd annual John Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament on May 23, continuing a tradition that honors a young man.

Williamson passed away in 2003, but his legacy continues through the tournament, which benefits the humane society and helps support its work in the community.

Marion Wooten, who works with the Robeson County Humane Society, said the event is one she looks forward to each year.

“Every year, I look forward to the tournament,” Wooten said.

Though Wooten did not know Williamson personally, she shared the story behind the event and the lasting connection between the Williamson family and the shelter.

Williamson was the son of Rick and Beth Williamson, owners of Century 21 in Robeson County. According to Wooten, John adopted the very first dog from the Humane Society shelter. After his death, his parents and brother continued caring for the dog, cherishing the pet because of the bond John had with it.

For years, the dog even made appearances at the memorial golf tournament, serving as a visible reminder of John’s compassion for animals and the family’s commitment to preserving his memory.

The tournament has become both a fundraiser and a tribute, bringing together community members in support of the humane society’s mission.

Wooten said there are still spots available for golfers interested in participating in this year’s event. They encourage everyone to come out to support the foundation.

The tournament is a three-person superball format, with no more than two players per team with less than a 6 handicap. Registration is \$300 per team or \$100 per individual, or \$350 includes a three-player team and a hole sponsorship, and the entry fee includes lunch, cart/green fees and a mulligan. Hole sponsorships are also available.

Lunch will be served at noon followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Prizes will be awarded first, second and third place, closest to the pin and the longest drive.

Proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Robeson County Humane Society and its ongoing efforts to care for animals in need.

Devin Hammonds is an intern for The Robesonian.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF RED SPRINGS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notice is hereby given that the Red Springs Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to consider the following Zoning Map Amendment(s):

#### 1. Zoning Map Update for the Town of Red Springs

The public hearing will be conducted on:

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026**  
**Time: 7:00 p.m**

**Location:**  
On the second floor of the Red Springs Town Hall located at **217 South Main Street, Red Springs, NC 28377**

Anyone wishing to speak in support or opposition of the proposed Zoning Map Update may speak during the public hearing.

#### Town of Red Springs Board of Adjustment

**Attest:**

**Barbara McColl, Town Clerk**  
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# The Tams entertain at Alive After 5



Photos by Victoria Sanderson | The Robesonian  
A couple dancing at the Alive After 5 performance by The Tams on Thursday night in downtown Lumberton.



People watching and dancing to The Tams' performance at Alive After 5 on Thursday night in downtown Lumberton.

## Judge feeds local EMS workers



Victoria Sanderson | The Robesonian  
Robeson County's EMS workers were treated to an appreciation lunch by Judge David Locklear on Thursday. The recognition was a commemoration of EMS Week.

## Grads

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school diploma and either an associate degree or transferable college credits.

The majority of the members of the graduating class had previously crossed the stage during Robeson Community College's Commencement Ceremony on May 13, making this season an even greater celebration of academic achievement.

The Lumberton Senior High School JROTC Color Guard posted the colors, followed by a performance of the National Anthem by Early College High School sophomore Nathan Carter. ECHS senior Maximum Koerner welcomed family members, friends, faculty, staff and distinguished guests before Ethan Scott delivered the invocation.

ECHS Advanced Senior Emma Scott delivered the student address, reflecting on the dedication, perseverance and resilience demonstrated by the Class of 2026 throughout their Early College experience. Scott also took time to honor a beloved classmate who passed away in 2023, and recognize his mother in the audience.

A white bow reserved a seat in memory and honor of the late Ethan Brown, whose legacy impacted many of his classmates.

"Ethan was the pinnacle of what a student at our school should strive to be, and I wholeheartedly believe that if he were here today, he would be one of the most deserving students to walk across the stage," Emma Scott said.

"He continues to live on through our memories, and I can guarantee that part of him is cheering every single one of us on as we are about to cross the finish line for this chapter of our lives," she said.

Robeson Community College President Melissa Singler also shared words of inspiration.

"Graduates, through your hard work, determination and commitment, you have successfully completed your high school education while simultaneously earning college credits, degrees, diplomas and certificates," she said.

"At Robeson Community College, we are proud to celebrate your accomplishments, which reflect resilience, discipline, and a vision for your future that deserves recognition. We are excited to see the impact you will make in your communities and beyond," Singler said.



Photos by Chris Stiles | The Robesonian  
Sonjah Scott, left, Estefanie Olan, center, and Emma Powers, right, after Friday's PSRC Early College High School graduation ceremony in Lumberton.



Andrew Adams, right, shakes hands with Robeson Community College president Melissa Singler, left, during Friday's PSRC Early College High School graduation ceremony in Lumberton.



Paige Cummings, center, holds balloons as friend Tina Stanley, right, looks on after Friday's PSRC Early College High School graduation ceremony in Lumberton.

Throughout the ceremony, students showcased their talents and school pride through musical performances, including "Soar Now, Eagles" performed by ECHS sophomores and a special rendition of "A Million Dreams" from The Greatest Showman.

Principal Andrew Davis also addressed graduates and guests, commending students for successfully balancing the demands of both high school and college coursework while preparing for bright futures ahead.

"Scholars, the future will not always be easy, but you have already shown that you are capable of rising, adapting and succeeding. Carry your dreams boldly, lead with integrity and never forget where you came from. We are proud of you today and excited for the impact you will make tomorrow," Davis said.

The ceremony concluded with the presentation of diplomas led by Principal Andrew Davis, teacher John Allen, and Chief Marshal Salsabil Shammakh alongside district, Board of Education and RCC officials. Graduates were formally recognized during the conferring of

graduates, marking the culmination of years of hard work, determination and academic excellence.

PSRC Superintendent Freddie Williamson, alongside members of the PSRC Board of Education, PSRC Cabinet and officials from Robeson Community College, extended congratulations to each graduate as diplomas were presented during the ceremony.

"Today, you are not just receiving a diploma — you are stepping into a future filled with opportunity, purpose and possibility," Williamson said in a statement.

The Class of 2026 recessed to "Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar, marking the end of their high school journey and the beginning of their next chapter.

"As you enter this next chapter of life, may you move forward with confidence, firmly grounded in your faith and purpose. May God continue to bless and guide you toward a future filled with promise and prosperity," Williamson added.

Jessica Sealey is the PSRC chief communications officer. Reach her by email at [jessica.sealey@robeson.k12.nc.us](mailto:jessica.sealey@robeson.k12.nc.us).



## 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](http://HospitalSafetyGrade.org).

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## UNCP wins Joby Hawn All-Sports, Men Trophy

Staff report

PEMBROKE — The UNC Pembroke athletics department continued to rake in honors on Wednesday afternoon when the Braves were announced as winners of the Conference Carolinas Joby Hawn Cup for the fourth consecutive season, while also bringing home the men's sports Joby Hawn trophy.

The Braves picked up 77.1% of its maximum points across the athletic season to win the overall Hawn Cup

and stayed ahead of Belmont Abbey who finished second in the overall race with 74.2% of its possible points. The Black & Gold won the Hawn Cup trophy for men's sports for the fourth time since rejoining Conference Carolinas by collecting 83.1% of its maximum points, and out-paced Converse who finished in second place with 78.2% of its maximum points.

On the women's side, the Braves

took fourth place accumulating 67.6% of the maximum points, as Belmont Abbey won the women's trophy for the first time with 75.9% of the maximum points.

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

the tournament champion (two bonus points) and runner-up finisher (one bonus point). The total points earned from all sports for each institution is divided by the total possible points (excluding bonus points) for each institution based on sports sponsorship for each participating sport.

Wednesday's release marked the seventh time that UNCP has picked up the Hawn Cup. The Braves also claimed the

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### ALL-COUNTY BASEBALL TEAM & AWARDS



St. Pauls' Josh Brooks swings a pitch during an April 7 game against Lumberton in Pembroke. Brooks was named Robeson County Player of the Year.

## Bulldogs' Brooks is county's best

St. Pauls, Purnell Swett lead All-County baseball picks

Jacob Husson  
The Robesonian

ROBESON COUNTY — The 2026 high school baseball season in Robeson County has come and gone and it's time to recognize those who stood out from the rest. These players and coaches stood out from the rest, providing their teams with the best possible chance to win.

#### Player of the Year

St. Pauls' Josh Brooks, a freshman has been named Robeson County Player of the Year after an incredible season where he hit .492 with a .595 on-base percentage and three home runs.

"It means a lot and as a freshman, this is a big deal for me," Brooks said.

With three seasons left in his career, the sky is the limit for the St. Pauls' star. If he continues to put up similar stats each season, he could win this award again.

With one season of exceptional production under his belt, the Bulldogs are confident he'll continue building off his success.

"It's very exciting," St. Pauls coach Timothy Carter said. "We want him to make it three more years."

Brooks compiled 20 RBIs, 14 extra-base hits and 30 runs for the Bulldogs this spring, while

also playing strong defense at the catcher position.

He looks to continue training as he plans to continue his success into the future.

"I want to stay strong and still run fast," Brooks said.

Brooks, as a freshman was a key piece to a playoff team that had the most wins of any team in Robeson County.

He describes himself as a gym rat which goes a long way to explain his success.

"I've been in the gym all year and I put a lot of work into it," Brooks said.

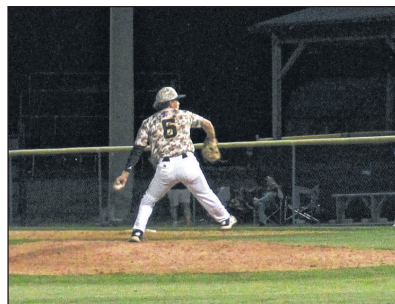
With three seasons to go, it's exciting to see how much more Brooks can grow as a high school baseball player.

#### Pitcher of the Year

Parker Chavis, a senior for the Fairmont Golden Tornadoes is the Robeson County Pitcher of the Year for the second time after winning the award in 2024. He frustrated batters all season long, compiling a 2.17 ERA and giving the Golden Tornadoes their best chance to win every time he took the mound.

"He starts preparing hours before the game and I'm not surprised because he's one of the best pitchers we've had in awhile," Fairmont coach A.J. Brooks said.

Chavis is a prolific strikeout pitcher who struck out 13 batters



Jacob Husson | The Robesonian  
Fairmont's Parker Chavis throws a pitch during a March 10 game against St. Pauls in Fairmont. Chavis was named Robeson County Pitcher of the Year for the second time.

in his first start this season against West Columbus and never looked back. He went on to strike out 80 batters in 57 innings pitched.

"He's a pitcher, not a thrower and works his off-speed very well," Brooks said.

Chavis decided that attending junior college was his best option moving forward to greater success. He is signed to play at Lenoir Community College.

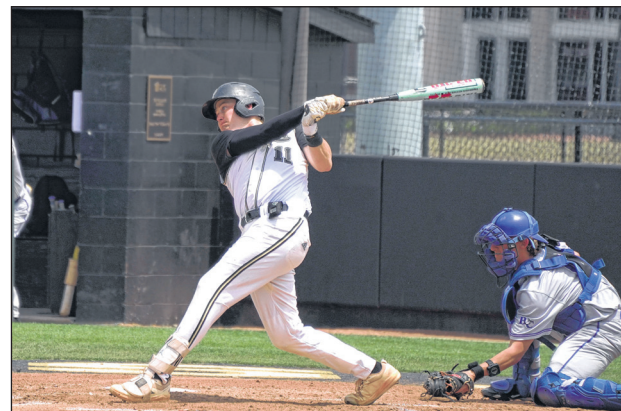
"He's going to juco so he'll have two years to develop and possibly become a Division I pitcher," Brooks said.

He made hitters look foolish all season long and now, and will look to do the same at the junior college level.

#### Underclassman of the Year

Purnell Swett sophomore Kade

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UNCP Athletics  
UNC Pembroke's Landon Lucas puts the ball in play during an April 25 game against Barton in Pembroke. Lucas was named a first-team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.

## Braves' Lucas named NCBWA first-team All-American

Staff report

PEMBROKE — Third baseman Landon Lucas added his name to a long list of UNC Pembroke baseball greats on Wednesday when the red-shirt senior was named to the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) Division-II All-American first team.

Lucas becomes the program's first All-American first-team selection since Trey Jacobs in 2018.

The announcement marks the 38th All-American honor over the last 19 seasons for the UNC Pembroke baseball program, with 18 different

players being named to at least one publication's All-American team over that span. Lucas was joined by eight other Conference Carolinas student-athletes in Wednesday's announcement as well, with five accompanying Lucas on the First 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 one hit in 45 of 50 games, and

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Derik Hamilton | AP Photo  
Kyle Busch is introduced at the NASCAR All-Star Race Sunday in Dover, Del. Busch, a two-time NASCAR Cup Series champion, died Thursday after a brief illness; he was 41.

## NASCAR superstar Kyle Busch dies at 41

2-time Cup Series champ had been hospitalized with 'severe illness'

Steve Reed  
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD — Kyle Busch, a two-time Cup Series champion who won more races than anyone across NASCAR's three national series, died Thursday. He was 41.

The Busch Family, Richard Childress Racing and NASCAR issued a

joint statement Thursday afternoon saying Busch died after being hospitalized. No cause of death was given.

Busch's family said earlier Thursday that he was hospitalized with a "severe illness," three days before he was to compete in the Coca-Cola

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## Diamond seniors meet juniors in showcase

Softball seniors, baseball juniors win the night

Jacob Husson  
The Robesonian

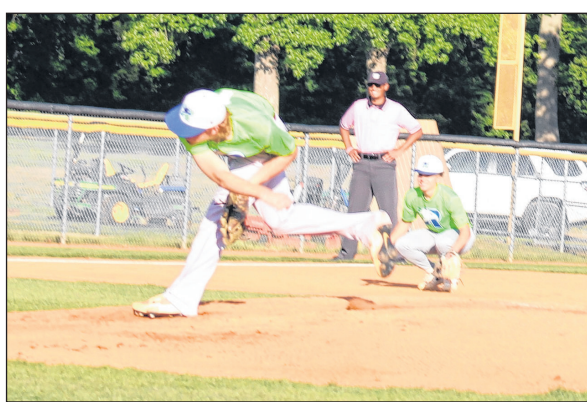
LUMBERTON — Robeson County's softball stars shined in Wednesday in the county showcase game with the seniors earning a 10-8 win. A two-run home run and an RBI double helped St. Pauls Angel Purcell earn the game's

MVP award.

"It feels pretty good," Purcell said. "It could've been more energetic to play to their full potential but it was a great game."

The seniors held a 7-5 lead after three innings, largely thanks to Purcell's two-run home run and Fairmont's Jamey Quinata hit a single that scored two runs.

Makenzi Blackwell can't in to score for the juniors on an RBI groundout to tie it at seven after three innings. Lumberton's Jaelyn



Jacob Husson | The Robesonian  
Caiden Hall throws a pitch during Wednesday's Robeson County Showcase game in Lumberton.

Hammond came in to score after Ava Hanna hit an RBI single to make it 8-7 before Purcell

added another run with a double.

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#### LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BLADEN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 25JT001036-080  
 BLADEN COUNTY DSS Petitioner vs ELIZABETH MCMILLIAN Respondent Mother  
 TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on the 23rd day of May 2026. Please take further notice of Court Appointed Counsel for Respondent Mother Elizabeth McMillian: Cynthia Singletary-Address: 190 S. Poplar Street, Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337-Phone Number: (910) 862-8870. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS regarding juvenile LUNA KISKIS-DOB December 4th, 2025. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than thirty(30) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being thirty(30) days after the 13th day of June 2026, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. Please Publish: May 23rd, 2026, May 30th, 2026, June 6th, 2026, June 13th, 2026

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ELEANOR SINCLAIR FIELDS DECEASED  
 File Number 26E000533-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator, of the estate of Eleanor Sinclair Fields, 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 26th 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 23rd day of May, 2026.

William C. Fields, Jr.  
 PO Box 126  
 Raeford, NC 28376

Attorney  
 John H. Thompson  
 PO Box 126  
 Raeford, NC 28376  
 910-875-4065

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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.

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C/O CHARLES E FLOYD  
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#### LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BLADEN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NUMBER: 26JT000025-080  
 BLADEN COUNTY DSS Petitioner vs John Doe Respondent Father  
 TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on the 23rd day of May 2026. Please take further notice of Court Appointed Counsel for Respondent Mother John Doe: Manda Thomas-Address : 905 E. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, NC 28337 P.O. Box 1734 Elizabethtown, NC 28337. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS regarding juvenile LUNA KISKIS-DOB December 4th, 2025. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than thirty(30) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being thirty(30) days after the 13th day of June 2026, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought. Please Publish: May 23rd, 2026, May 30th, 2026, June 6th, 2026, June 13th, 2026.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BEFORE THE CLERK  
 FILE NO. 25SP001375-770

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

MICHAEL BRANDON BRANCH, PETITIONER FOR THE ADOPTION OF LOGAN MARIE WILKINSON

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 name 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.

This the 16th day of May, 2026.

Crystal L. Graham  
 Attorney for the Petitioner  
 Graham Law Firm, PLLC  
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 910-735-2876 Telephone  
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PUBLIC HEARING  
 The Town of St. Pauls Planning Board and the Town Board will meet at 7PM on June 1, 2026, at 210 W. Blue Street to consider rezoning 106 S. Wilkinson St. (Parcel 030855300400 & 050855108700) from R12 to Hospitality. Anyone who would like to address the board is encouraged to participate in the public hearing.

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#### LEGALS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BLADEN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE FILE NUMBER: 26JT000033-080  
 IN RE: Baby Jane Doe Bladen County DSS, Petitioner VS Jane Doe, Respondent Mother  
 Notice of Service by Publication TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on the 23rd day of May 2026. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS regarding the juvenile JANE DOE born on Marh 27th, 2025 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina. Juvenile, JANE DOE, was safely surrendered by the biological mother who did not express an intent to return for the infant and that the infant was surrendered to an individual pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7B-521 (1), at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina on March 27th, 2025. At the time of surrender, the juvenile was observed to be African American with brown eyes, brown hair, and weighed at 6 lbs. and 2 oz. A petition to terminate the parental rights of the surrendering parent was filed with the Bladen County Clerk of Court on April 27th, 2026, and has been assigned a file number of 26JT00033-080. Please take further notice of Court Appointed Counsel for Respondent Mother: Jeffery B. Lane Address-113 Courthouse Sq, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472. The PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS of this matter shall be held on August 26th, 2026, at 9:30am, at the Bladen County Courthouse located at 166 E. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337. You are required to make written defense to such pleading no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being thirty (30) days after the 13th day of June 2026, and upon your failure to do so, and the court determines that the ground for termination has been provided and that terminate of that parent's rights is in the best interests of the juvenile, the respondent's parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated. Please Publish: May 23rd, 2026, May 30th, 2026, June 6th, 2026, June 13th, 2026.

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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-ADMINSTRATOR

BRINDER WHITTED  
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF BLADEN IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE FILE NUMBER: 26JT000034-080  
 IN RE: Baby Jane Doe Bladen County DSS, Petitioner VS John Doe, Respondent Father  
 Notice of Service by Publication TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action and notice of service of process by publication began on the 23rd day of May 2026. The nature of relief being sought is as follows: TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS, PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS regarding the juvenile JANE DOE born on Marh 27th, 2025 at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina. Juvenile, JANE DOE, was safely surrendered by the biological mother who did not express an intent to return for the infant and that the infant was surrendered to an individual pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 7B-521 (1), at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton, Robeson County, North Carolina on March 27th, 2025. At the time of surrender, the juvenile was observed to be African American with brown eyes, brown hair, and weighed at six (6) pounds and two (2) ounces. A petition to terminate the parental rights of the non-surrendering parent was filed with the Bladen County Clerk of Court on April 27th, 2026, and has been assigned a file number of 26JT00034-080. Please take further notice of Court Appointed Counsel for Respondent Father: Manda Thomas-Address : P.O. Box 1734 - 905 E. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, NC 28337. The PRE-TRIAL, ADJUDICATION AND DISPOSITIONAL HEARINGS of this matter shall be held on August 26th, 2026, at 9:30am, at the Bladen County Courthouse located at 166 E. Broad Street, Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337. You are required to make written defense to such pleading no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication of notice stated above, exclusive of such date, being thirty (30) days after the 13th day of June 2026, and upon your failure to do so, and the court determines that the ground for termination has been provided and that terminate of that parent's rights is in the best interests of the juvenile, the respondent's parental rights to the juvenile will be terminated. Please Publish: May 23rd, 2026, May 30th, 2026, June 6th, 2026, June 13th, 2026.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF GERALDINE GADY 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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#### LEGALS

Public Notice  
 The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Southeastern Academy Charter School proposes for Federal funding for the 25-26 school year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of June 1-5, 2026 in the office of Mrs. Karen Jacobs, Director of EC Programs located at 12251 NC Hwy 41 N. Lumberton, NC 28358.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF ALLEN JONES DECEASED  
 FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000456-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of ALLEN JONES, 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.

LARRY L. JONES  
 3030 EAST MCDONALD RD  
 FAIRMONT NC 28340

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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF CAROL JEAN LOCKLEAR DECEASED  
 FILE NUMBER: 25 E 002067-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of CAROL JEAN LOCKLEAR, 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 27th 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 23rd day of MAY 2026.

COREY ADAM LOCKLEAR  
 2957 RED HILL ROAD  
 MAXTON NC 28364

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF EVELYN MORGAN DECEASED  
 FILE NUMBER: 22 E 000448-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of EVELYN MORGAN, 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 27th 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 23rd day of MAY 2026.

JENNIFER MORGAN  
 331 PATIENCE DRIVE  
 ROWLAND NC 28383

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF JERMAINE MCLEOD JR DECEASED  
 FILE NUMBER: 25 E 002057-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of JERMAINE MCLEOD JR, deceased, late of ROBESON COUNTY, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 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.

ANGELA M MCLEOD  
 1231 CHIMNEY SWIFT DR  
 FAYETTEVILLE NC 28306

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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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#### LEGALS

Public Notice  
 The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Paul R Brown Leadership Academy proposes for Federal funding for the 2026-2027 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 25, 2006 to May 28, 2026 from 8:00am-2:00pm. in the office of Ms. J McDowell the Director of E C Programs located at 1300 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Elizabethtown, NC 28337,

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# Busch

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600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Busch was the younger brother of Kurt Busch, a NASCAR Hall of Famer. He's survived by wife Samantha and children Brexton and Lennix.

"Our entire NASCAR family is heartbroken by the loss of Kyle Busch," the statement said. "A future Hall of Famer, Kyle was a rare talent, one who comes along once in a generation. He was fierce, he was passionate, he was immensely skilled and he cared deeply about the sport and fans."

The statement went on to say that "throughout a career that spanned more than two decades, Kyle set records in national series wins, won championships at NASCAR's highest level and fostered the next generation of drivers as an owner in the Truck Series. His sharp wit and competitive spirit sparked a deep emotional connection with race fans of every age, creating the proud and loyal 'Rowdy

Nation."

Busch was testing in the Chevrolet racing simulator in Concord on Wednesday when he became unresponsive and was transported to a hospital in Charlotte, several people familiar with the situation told the AP.

During the emergency call placed late that afternoon from the General Motors training facility, an unidentified caller calmly told the dispatch: "I've got an individual that's (got) shortness of breath, very hot, thinks he's going to pass out, and is producing a little bit of blood, coughing up some blood."

Busch was lying on the bathroom floor inside the complex and the caller told dispatch "He is awake," according to audio provided by the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office.

The man then gave directions on where emergency responders should go and asked that they turn off any sirens upon arrival.

Richard Childress Racing, who Busch has raced for the last four seasons, announced it plans to suspend use of Busch's No. 8 Cup Series car and will run the No. 33 instead beginning on Sunday at the Coca-Cola

600 and moving forward. Earlier on Thursday, RCR had announced that Austin Hill would replace Busch in the No. 8 Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 this weekend.

RCR said the No. 8 will now be reserved for Busch's son, Brexton, to use when is he ready begin NASCAR racing.

Brexton Busch is 11 years old, but is already known for his racing exploits.

"Kyle Busch was instrumental in the design of RCR's stylized No. 8 and it has become synonymous with Kyle and an important symbol for fans and the NASCAR community," RCR said on X. "No one can carry it forward to the level that he did."

On Monday, Busch posted a happy birthday message to his son Brexton on Instagram saying "Your mom & I are so proud who you're turning out to be!"

The father and son spent Tuesday night in Durham, North Carolina, with the Andretti family at the opening of a go-kart facility.

Busch radioed into his crew near the end of a Cup Series race at Watkins Glen on May 10, asking a doctor to give him a "shot" when he finished the race.

According to the TV broadcast, Busch had been struggling with a sinus cold exacerbated by the intense G-forces and elevation changes at the New York road course. Busch finished the race in eighth place.

Busch competed at Dover last weekend and won the Trucks Series race for Spire Motorsports. He then finished 17th at the NASCAR All-Star race, his final race.

NASCAR officials confirmed to The Associated Press the Coca-Cola 600 will go on as planned Sunday. Practice and qualifying are set to begin on Saturday.

Meanwhile, gloomy, gray skies hung over the track Friday on an unseasonably cool day in Concord, which seemed a fitting background for the in memoriam photo of Busch on the video board.

"Absolutely cannot comprehend this news," NASCAR driver and former teammate Denny Hamlin posted on social media. "We just need to think of his family during this time. We love you KB."

Added driver Brad Keselowski on social media: "Absolute shock. Very hard to process."

A polarizing figure known as "Rowdy" and

"Wild Thing" for his post-race fights, regular feuds with other drivers and sometimes outlandish behavior, the multi-talented Busch stormed on the Cup Series scene in 2005 by winning Rookie of the Year while driving for Hendrick Motorsports.

He went on to win championships in 2015 and 2019 for Joe Gibbs Racing.

"His impact on our organization and on the sport of NASCAR will never be forgotten," the team said in a statement.

From Las Vegas, Busch experienced unrivaled success across NASCAR's three national series winning a combined 234 Cup, O'Reilly Auto Parts and Trucks Series races. He had 63 Cup victories along with 102 O'Reilly Auto Parts wins and 69 Trucks victories — the latter two of which are records.

Busch moved on to Joe Gibbs Racing where he experienced the vast majority of career success. But Busch was let go when there was no sponsor after the 2022 season and joined Richard Childress Racing, where had struggled to win races.

# Lucas

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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 regular-season play ranked in the top five in Division II in four categories, including second in hits and fifth in home runs and RBI.

Lucas exits Pembroke with a .369 batting average (134-for-363), 28 doubles, four triples, 30 home runs, and 131 RBI over his two years in the Black & Gold.

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LEGALS

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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF KENNETH JONES DECEASED FILE NUMBER 24 E 000791-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of KENNETH JONES, 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

TERESA WILKINS JONES 260 DECKER ROAD ST PAULS NC 28384

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF 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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF MERITTA LOCKLEAR LACY DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 25 E 001838-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of MERITTA LOCKLEAR LACY, 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 27th 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 23rd day of MAY 2026.

MARTIN ALLEN LACY 1052 HEZEKIAH RD PEMBROKE NC 28372

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ROBESON NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF NOAH LINWARD RATLEY DECEASED FILE NUMBER: 26 E 000406-770

The undersigned having qualified as Administrators, of the estate of NOAH LINWARD RATLEY, 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 27th 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 23rd day of MAY 2026.

JOYCENETTE RATLEY BEST 1109 BUCKHORN ROAD GARNER NC 27529

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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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TOWN OF PEMBROKE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPERTY REZONING

Notice is hereby given that the Pembroke Town Council will conduct a public hearing on Monday, June 1, 2026, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at the Pembroke Town Hall, 98 Union Chapel Road, Pembroke, NC, to consider the following item:

- Rezoning Request (Z-26-003) – A request submitted by Jordan Sampson (Owner) to rezone 3 parcels (Robeson County Tax Parcel ID# 140702019, 140702020, and 140702021), a total of 1.43 acres located on Normal Street from R-20, Residential District to R-8, Multiple-Family Dwelling District.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the

Town Clerk at (910) 521-9758.

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Public Hearing for Annexation

The Town of St. Pauls has received a voluntary petition to annex Parcel #211102003 that is located on Highway 301, St. Pauls. The tract consists of approximately 54 acres. The Town Clerk has reviewed the petition for annexation and the metes and bounds legal description is sufficient to call for a public hearing for annexation.

The public hearing will be held on June 1, 2026 at 210 W. Broad Street, St. Pauls in the Town Conference Room at 7pm. All interested parties are invited to attend to express their opinions.

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Help Wanted General

**Robeson Community College Adult Basic Education Instructor**

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Help Wanted General

Deadline for applications: June 1, 2026

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  - 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](http://www.robeson.edu/hr) or contact Human Resources at 910-272-3524.

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# Trophy

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conference's biggest athletic prizes following the 1983-84, 1988-89, 1991-92, 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 athletic seasons. The 1991-92 campaign was the last for UNCP as a member of both the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the then-Carolinas Conference. The Braves rejoined the league prior to the start of the 2021-22 campaign. The athletics department has now raked in 18 Conference Carolinas tournament titles since rejoining the league. The Black & Gold have also collected 10 Conference Carolinas East Division titles along with six regular season championships as well.

On the men's side, the cross country team tallied its fourth consecutive Conference Carolinas Tournament Championship, while men's basketball took home the Conference Carolinas East Division title. The wrestling team also collected the Conference Carolinas East Division title.

On the women's side, swimming brought home the program's third-straight Conference Carolinas Championship.

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

# FROM THE FRINGE

Staff report

## Fairmont Golf Club news

Richie Chmura, Jay Clark, Kevin Bean and Jason Hale were the winners in this week's Thursday Evening Scramble with a one-stroke victory over Jason Elliott, Teddy Williams, Brady Hatcher and Jackson Williams. Donnie Paschall, Dylan Paschall, Dillon Bledsoe and Nick Lane were the second-flight winners followed by Ronnie Cox, Allen Oliver, Shane Fipps and Thomas Cain.

The next Thursday Evening Scramble will be played on Thursday, June 18 with a 6 p.m. shotgun start.

LeMark Harris and Lance Harding were the winners in this week's Senior Shootout with a one-stroke victory over James Cox and Gary Wallshock. Ben Harris and Dexter Chavis were the winners of the second flight followed by Rory McKeithan and Tommy Davis.

The third flight was won by Jimmy Dyson, who played as a single, fol-

lowed by Tim Moore and Robert Clyburn. Ancil Dial and Ronald Dial were the winners of the fourth flight with Rick Baxley and Clifton Rich coming in second place. Lee Hunt, Robert Clyburn, Tim Bell and Al Almond 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: Richie Chmura with a 67, Joe Marks 67, Phillip Wallwork 70, Brody Broadway 71, Bobby Edge 71, Bert Thomas 72, Mitch Grier 72, Tommy Davis 72, Steve Pippin 73, J.T. Powers 73, Bob Antone 73, Tracey Hunt 74, Tom Lee 74, Chris Barfield 74, James Thompson 76, Robert Lawson 76, Butch Lennon 77, Bentley Cox 78, Richard Coleman 78, Mark Madden 78, Rick Baxley 78 and Marcus White 79.

## Pinecrest Country Club news

Ben Harris and Ronald Anderson were the championship-flight winners in this week's Senior Shootout

at Pinecrest with a 65, winning in a scorecard playoff over runners-up Michael Graham and Lee Hunt.

Chris Smith and Jerry Paul were the first-flight winners with a 71, one stroke ahead of runners-up J. Long and Jerry Long.

Closest to the flag winners were Al Wall, Lonail Locklear, Timmy Grimslay and Chuck Smith.

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](mailto:cstiles@robesonian.com).

# Showcase

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In the juniors' final chance, Kinsley Martin walked and eventually scored but it wasn't enough as they lost 10-8.

"Most of my memories will just be the memories I have with the girls on the team," Purcell said.

With softball season at an end, fans will have to wait until next spring for a new season to begin.

## Juniors overwhelm seniors in baseball all-star game

The juniors took it to the seniors in the baseball showcase game with an 11-1 win Wednesday. With a strong performance on the mound, not allowing



Robeson County's baseball seniors and juniors take a group picture following Wednesday's Robeson County Showcase game in Lumberton.

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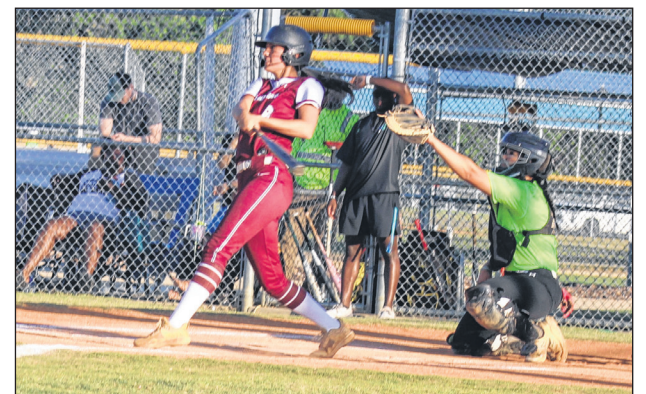
any runs, Caiden Hall earned the game's MVP award.

"I'm just trying to get back in the groove on the mound," Lumberton's Caiden Hall said. "It's been a rough season. I'm just trying to find my way back."

Two runs scored for the juniors in the first inning after Purnell Swett's Conley Jacobs reached base on an error, scoring Grayson Brooks and Mason Brewer, both fellow Rams.

The juniors increased their lead to 5-1 by the end of the sixth inning

before exploding in the seventh inning with RBI singles from Terry Locklear and Nazir Blackmon. That was followed by Dominik Forbes being hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. More offensive fireworks helped the juniors win 11-1.



Ava Hanna swings at a pitch during Wednesday's Robeson County Showcase game in Lumberton.

Of course, the other side of this performance is pitching and only allowing one run went a long way.

Caiden Hall spoke about what will be different next season.

"It'll be a new atmosphere," Hall said. "We'll change the atmosphere to something different."

With Hall and the other juniors all returning to their respective teams next season, it will be interesting to see what they can do in their final chance at high school glory.

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# Baseball

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Oxendine is this year's Robeson County Underclassman of the Year after hitting .327

with 16 runs scored and 11 RBIs. This put him second on the Rams in batting average and

sixth in runs. He did all that in only 65 plate appearances.

Having the team's second-best batting average as a sophomore is a testament to his plate discipline and contact hitting.

Oxendine was a key member of Purnell Swett (12-13) this season, proving vital to their playoff appearance and earning a first-round home game.

With two seasons left in his high school career, Oxendine is a player Purnell Swett fans should be excited to continue to watch grow and develop, especially given how productive he was as a sophomore.

Efforts to reach Purnell Swett coach Edmund Locklear for this story were unsuccessful.

## Coach of the Year

St. Pauls first-year head coach Timothy Carter is the Robeson County Coach of the Year after he led the Bulldogs to a 14-11 record overall, finishing second in the Eastern Sandhills Conference with an 8-2 mark.

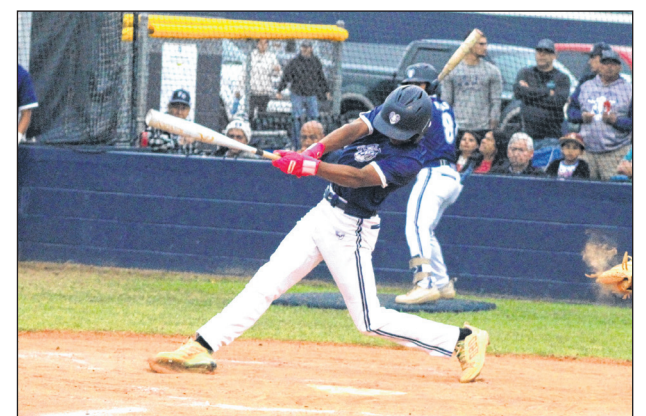
"We had a little bit of luck," Carter said.

Whether they had luck or not, they rattled off a six-game winning streak, starting with a 2-1 win at Freedom Christian Academy and concluding with their 24-5 win over Red Springs April 4.

Carter credits coaching with family for helping him and his team succeed.

"Having great people around me in my dad and my brother was important," he said.

The family ties on the coaching staff certainly made Carter's job easier knowing he had his father and brother out there with him. Nonetheless, what he was able to do with St. Pauls in his first season at the helm is nothing short of



Purnell Swett's Kade Oxendine swings at a pitch during an April 6 game against St. Pauls in Pembroke. Oxendine was named Robeson County Underclassman of the Year.

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impressive.

St. Pauls finished with the most wins in Robeson County this season. They'll look to repeat that success next season and make a deeper run in the playoffs.

## All-County Team

Mason Brewer, Jr., SS, Purnell Swett — .325 average, 16 RBIs, 10 extra-base hits, 23 runs

Greyson Brooks, Jr., OF/IF, Purnell Swett — .300, eight extra-base hits, 21 steals

Jordan Locklear, Sr., 1B, Purnell Swett — .368 average, 13 RBIs

Conley Jacobs, Jr., IF/OE, Purnell Swett — .311 average, 21 RBIs, 13 steals

\*^Joseden Oxendine, Jr., P, Purnell Swett — 3.02 ERA, four wins, 54 strikeouts

Cameron McNeill, Sr., 3B/P, St. Pauls — .373 average, 25 RBIs, 18 runs, seven extra-base hits; 1.56 ERA, four wins, 56 strikeouts

\*Tyler Lavoie, Sr., OF/P, St. Pauls — .381 average, 13 RBIs, 26 runs

Cailen McNeill, Sr., 2B/P, St. Pauls — .309 average, 20 RBI, 28 runs, 10 steals; 3.32 ERA, three wins, 34 strikeouts

Jabryan Calhoun, So., SS/P, St. Pauls — .317 average, 16 RBI, 22 runs, seven extra-base hits

Malikah Locklear, Jr., OF, St. Pauls — .368 average, nine RBIs, 12

runs, 15 steals

\*Brennan Griffin, Sr., SS, Lumberton — .348 average, 16 RBIs, 20 runs, eight extra-base hits, 20 steals

\*Brody Stueck, Sr., C, Lumberton — .350 average, 14 RBIs, six extra-base hits, 21 caught-stealing at catcher

Manny Alba, Jr., 2B, Lumberton — .380 average, eight RBIs, seven extra-base hits

\*^T.J. Ellerbe, Sr., SS, Red Springs — .458 average, eight RBIs, 24 runs, six extra-base hits, 24 steals

\*^Xzavier Sinclair, Jr., C/SS/P, Red Springs — .350 average, 12 runs; three wins, 49 strikeouts

Jacoby Lowery, Sr., 1B/C, Red Springs — .426 average, 24 RBIs

\*Terry Locklear, Jr., 3B, Red Springs — .426 average, 11 RBIs, 19 runs

Jayden Hunt, Sr., 2B, Fairmont — .390 average, 12 RBIs, 20 runs, six extra-base hits

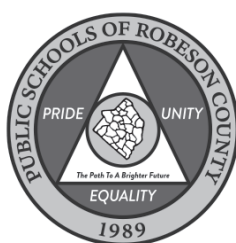
\* — denotes 2025 All-County selection  
^ — denotes 2024 All-County selection

## Honorable Mention

Purnell Swett's Aaron Locklear and St. Pauls' Dominik Forbes each earned honorable-mention selections.

The All-County Team and postseason awards are selected by The Robesonian sports staff with input from coaches.

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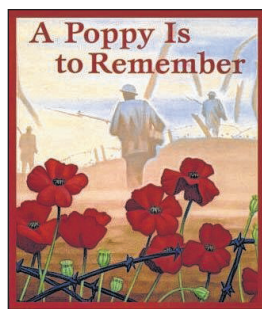
The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108.446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that the Public Schools of Robeson County proposes for Federal funding for the 2026-2027 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of May 28 and 29, 2026 in the office of Tracie L. Hunt, Director of EC Programs located at 100 Hargrave Street Lumberton, NC 28358.

# Lifestyles

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## THE SKINNY



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The poppy we are familiar with today is believed to have come from the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrae. But McCrae wasn't a poet by profession, he was a doctor.

## What's the deal with the poppies?

Kasie Strickland  
Champion Media

There are several traditions associated with Memorial Day in America, but one in particular — the red poppy — stands out.

The poppy we are familiar with today is believed to have come from the World War I poem "In Flanders Fields," by John McCrae. But McCrae wasn't a poet by profession, he was a doctor.

Major McCrae was second in command of the 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery stationed near Ypres, in West Flanders, Belgium according to published accounts.

During the the Second Battle of Ypres a Canadian artillery officer in the same unit



McCrae

named Lieutenant Alexis Helmer — a friend of McCrae's — was killed on May 2, 1915 after a German artillery shell landed near him.

With the chaplain away — and as the brigade doctor — it fell to McCrae to conduct the burial service for Helmer.

Although there are a few different accounts of how the poem ultimately came to be, it is generally believed that later that evening, after his friend's burial, McCrae wrote the first draft of what was to become "In Flanders Fields."

Some varying stories claim McCrae wrote the poem sitting on an ambulance the next day while looking at Helmer's grave. It is said red poppies were springing up all around the fresh graves.

Another story states McCrae wrote the poem in twenty minutes in an attempt to compose himself following Helmer's death.

A third account, this one given by his commanding officer, states that McCrae told him he drafted the poem partly to pass the time between the arrival of two groups of wounded at the first aid post.

No matter how it came to be, "In

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Christopher Furchis plans to run from Red Springs to Pembroke on Jan. 2, 2027 to raise awareness for cancer.

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## Student organizes cancer awareness run

Victoria Sanderson  
The Robesonian

RED SPRINGS — Red Springs High School student Christopher Furchis will be hosting a cancer awareness run next January.

Furchis, who now weighs just under 200 pounds, was nearly 400 pounds just four years ago. He struggled with depression and motivation before finding his

inspiration to start exercising.

"God spoke to me in a dream," Furchis said, "and really woke my mind up. It was nothing but pitch black, and in this dream, I'm just sitting there before I suddenly wake up. I feel like it was God's way of telling me to live."

At the beginning of his journey, Furchis walked. Through exhaustion,

aches and heavy breathing, he walked. When he could, he would jog or run, but no matter what, he kept himself moving forward.

"I have no limits," Furchis said.

Now, Furchis regularly runs multiple miles to stay in shape and continue bettering his health.

Though he has worked hard to better himself and his health, the past four

years have not been without their turmoil. One of Furchis' teachers, who has been a steadfast supporter of his throughout his studies and efforts, was diagnosed with cancer.

"I run by her house every day," Furchis said. "I want her to fight it and beat it. I'll keep running for her."

To raise awareness for the illness his teacher is

fighting, Furchis decided to host a run from Red Springs to Pembroke, an 11-mile stretch, on Jan. 2, 2027. The run is open to all who want to participate.

"I want it to give people with cancer something to fight for," Furchis said. "I want them to live, and see that they are loved."

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## Low-cost summer entertaining

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Summer is a season for entertaining. But as the cost of consumer goods and even necessities like food has risen in recent years, some people may be hosting a lot less often than they used to.

It's important to keep in mind that memorable entertaining options are not only defined by cost. Sure that professional decorator or expensive catering service may be lavish, but it's possible to host a gathering without putting a strain on your finances. Here are some strategies for budget-friendly summer entertaining.

— Buffets and bars: A complex, multi-course meal will be expensive, and some guests may even find it pretentious. Instead, reduce time spent in the kitchen and simplify meal service with buffet stations and food bars. Allow guests to customize their food with different toppings and ingredients, which can elevate even simple fare like tacos or burgers.

— Signature drinks: A full open bar is expensive. Keeping a few staples on hand, such as beer and red and white wine, should be sufficient. But hosts also can create a signature cocktail, make it in bulk and serve it in a pitcher. Spritzers also can stretch wine or liquor further because they are mixed with sparkling



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water. Remember to also make non-alcoholic offerings available. A pitcher of mineral water with fruit or cucumber slices is affordable and refreshing.

— Affordable atmosphere: There's no need to hire a party planner to

transform an entertaining space. Inexpensive tricks can go a long way. Lighting is important, and repurposed holiday lights or bistro lights will make the space intimate as the sun goes down. Even tea candles in scat-

tered mason jars will create a relaxing ambiance. Utilize found items for decor, like seasonal fruits in a bowl for a vibrant centerpiece or clippings from the garden instead of costly bouquets picked up from the store.

— Music: Music is an useful means to set the mood and help guests feel comfortable, while silent space can be austere and awkward. Hosts can curate a party playlist via a free or paid music app rather than spending money on live entertainment.

— Encourage contributions: As a party host or hostess, it's tempting to want to do it all and take on all of the burden. But it's alright and cost-effective to accept help when guests want to contribute. If friends express a desire to help, ask them to bring a side dish, a favorite beverage or a dessert to defray costs.

— Low-cost activities: Keeping guests occupied doesn't have to be expensive. Pass around lyrics to songs so everyone can join in on a group karaoke session featuring familiar favorites like "Sweet Caroline" or Shaboozey's "A Bar Song (Tippy)," among others. Board games, lawn games like cornhole, or even card games are some additional low-cost options. Pool owners have an ultimate source of entertainment without any new expenses.

Entertaining during the summer doesn't have to be expensive. By focusing on company, fun and casual food, hosts and their guests are likely to have a good time.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**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:** 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.

**One Year Anniversary Celebration, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 30:** Congratulations to Cakes So Good Bake Shop as they celebrate their first anniversary. Free hotdogs are available all day long and \$1 cupcakes. A business built on Faith, fueled by passion and grateful for the loving support of the community is giving back. Visit and enjoy this delightful celebration.

**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.

**Revisiting the Revolution in Robeson, 6 p.m., June 8:** Historian and Storyteller, Blake Tyner, is honoring America's 250th Anniversary by presenting "Revisiting the Revolution in Robeson", an event of storytelling of some of the history of Robeson County. The event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP by June 4th by contacting Blake Tyner at [Blake@blaketyner.com](mailto:Blake@blaketyner.com) or 910-837-5504.

**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 deliriously 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 are \$30 for individuals, \$27 for seniors (60-plus) and military and \$15 for students. 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.

**Wet Felting Class, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., June 13:** The Robeson Art Guild is hosting a wet felting class with instructor Annette Zeller. Participants will learn the wet felting process and create 2 colorful one-of-a-kind wallets. Space is limited to 12 participants. The fee for the class is \$58 for members and \$65 for nonmembers. Register early by following the RAG weblink listed below.

### 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.

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

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

## PET OF THE WEEK



Gentry is a Rhodesian ridgeback who is fun, loving and playful! Gentry lost his eye due to an injury but that doesn't slow him down one bit! For information on adopting Gentry, contact Franny's Friends at 910-736-0123.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Caelan Upton and Rachel Harper of Mineral Point, Mo. are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Nicole Upton, on May 11 at Parkland Health Center in Farmington, Mo. She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Jamie (Jim) Upton, Rhonda Upton, Gwendolyn Sue Lowry and the late Marty Harper, the sister of Logan Bailey and Brayden Bailey, the niece of Cameron Upton, Chelsea Upton, Adam Harper and Sarah Harper.

## FUN HOLIDAYS FOR MAY 23-29

**International Jazz Day:** Whether swing, blues or something in between, open your holiday weekend on Saturday with your favorite jazz tunes.

**National Brisket Day:** While the Memorial Day cookouts might be on Monday, keep the barbecue going with this commemoration on Thursday.

**Other fun holidays this week**

Saturday: International Turtle Day, Lucky Penny Day,

National Italian Beef Day, National Taffy Day

Sunday: Asparagus Day, Brother's Day, The Greatest Day in Racing, Scavenger Hunt Day

Monday: Memorial Day, Geek Pride Day, National Tap Dance Day, National Wine Day, Towel Day

Tuesday: National Blueberry Cheesecake Day, National Cherry Dessert Day, National Paper Airplane Day, Sally Ride Day, World Dracula Day, World Red Head Day

Wednesday: National

Grape Popsicle Day, National Sunscreen Day, Nothing to Fear Day, Old Time Player Piano Day, World Otter Day

Thursday: Amnesty International Day, Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day

Friday: National Biscuit Day, Paper Clip Day, Pink Flamingo Day

Week of May 24-30: Older Americans' Mental Health Week

Source: [holidays-and-observances.com](http://holidays-and-observances.com)

## Poppies

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"Flanders Fields" was written, and the significance of red poppy was born. Or, it would be shortly after ...

TIME magazine reported that while reading Ladies' Home Journal, an overseas war secretary named Moina Michael came across the poem. "Moved, she vowed

always to wear a silk poppy in honor of the American soldiers who gave up their lives for their country," the article reads. "She started selling them to friends and co-workers and campaigned for the red flowers to become an official memorial emblem. The American Legion embraced the symbol in 1921, and the tradition has spread to more than 50 other countries, including England, France and Australia."

"In Flanders Fields" by Maj. John McCrae May, 1915.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses,  
row on row,  
That mark our place;  
and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn,  
saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved,  
and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel  
with the foe:

To you from failing  
hands we throw

The torch; be yours to  
hold it high.

If ye break faith with us  
who die

We shall not sleep,  
though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

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## SUDOKU

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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!

### 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!

## PUZZLES & GAMES

### CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to law enforcement. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 17 = O)

- A. 23 25 3 9  
Clue: System of rules
- B. 1 17 23 10 22 13  
Clue: Enforces laws
- C. 18 12 17 17 1 13 12  
Clue: State police officer
- D. 17 12 2 13 12  
Clue: State of something

Answers: A: laws B: police C: trooper D: order

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the police.  
T T E I C K  
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Answer: Ticket

### GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born in England on May 26, 1966. I paid for a spot in the actors' directory *Spotlight* using money won from a national writing contest. I am a versatile actress, easily playing dramatic, quirky or musical roles. I've been tied to many Tim Burton films and have worked alongside Johnny Depp and Colin Firth.

Answer: Helena Bonham Carter

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to CPR.  
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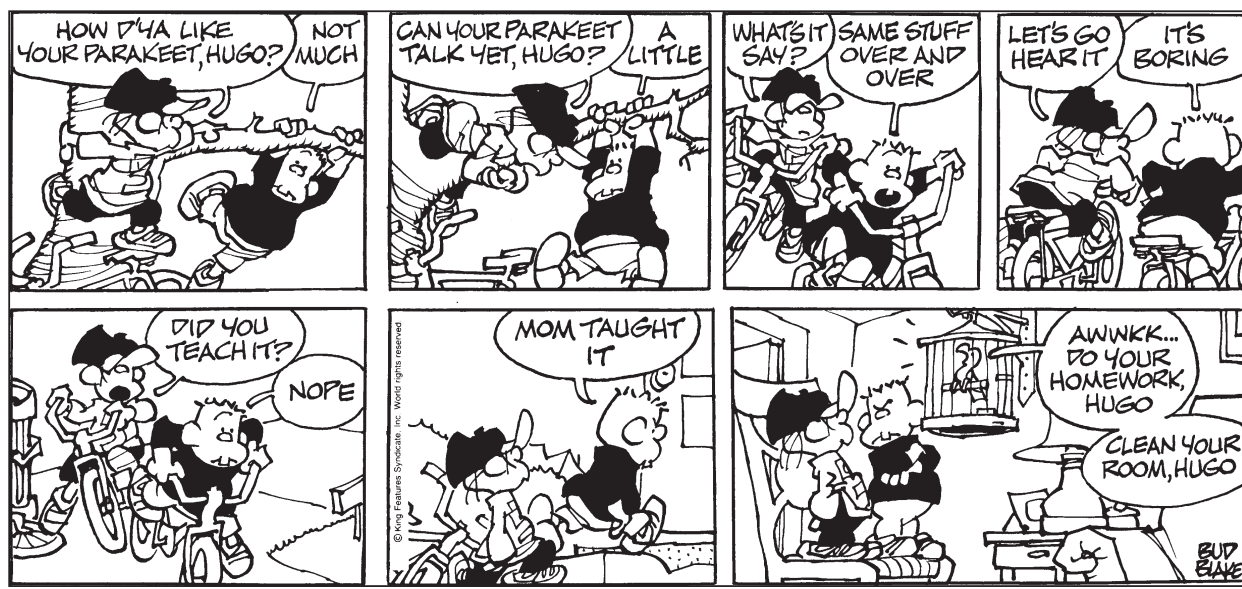
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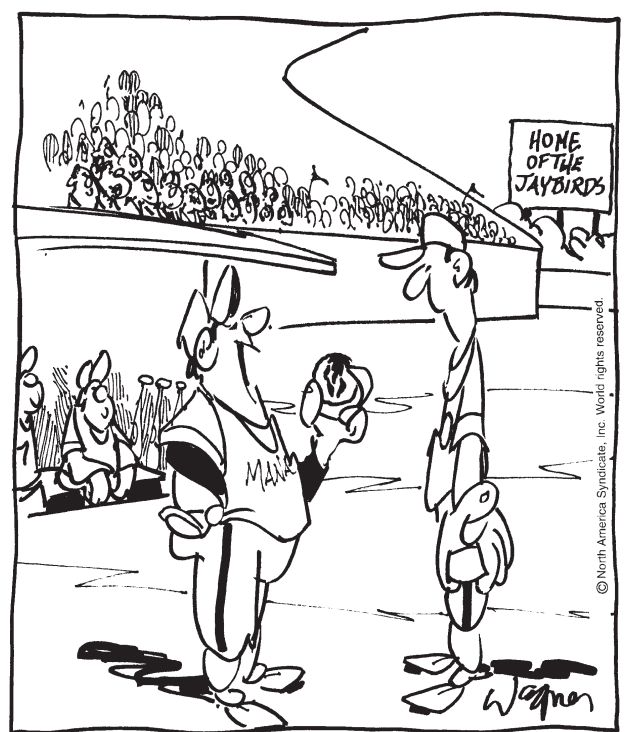
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By Bud Blake



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner



"Nice try, Lank, but painting flames on the ball doesn't make it go faster."

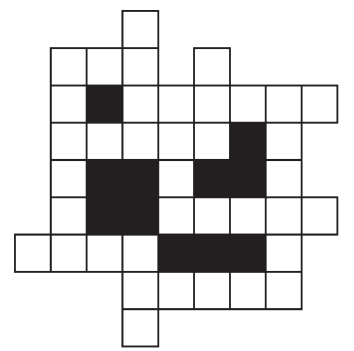
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By Jim Keefe



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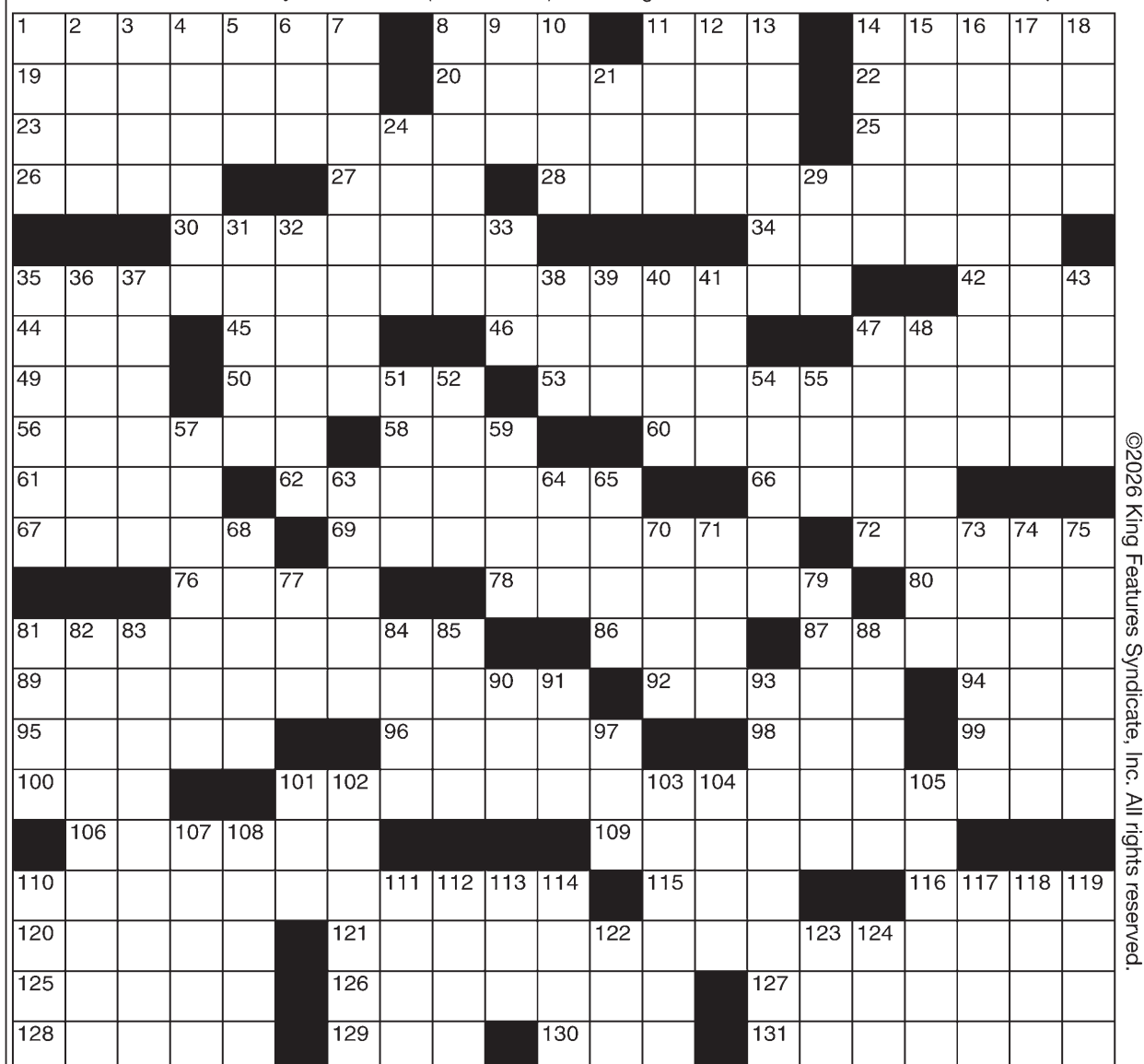
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Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (♥) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ♥ RATHER becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

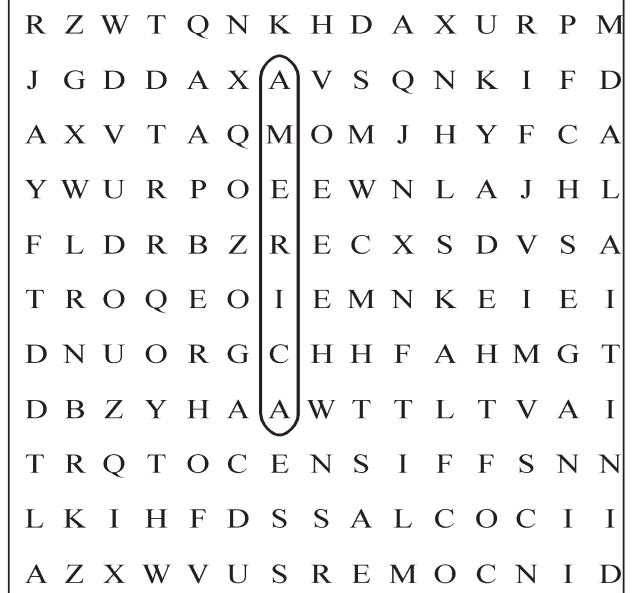
Super Crossword

POOL PLAY

- ACROSS
1 Clipboard's larger relative
8 Nintendo game system
11 Styled after
14 Funny Foxx
19 Law of motion topic
20 Behind bars
22 Fabric design
23 Execute the opening pool shot perfectly?
25 Iowa senator
26 Mid-voyage
27 Inquire
28 Unable to find your pool stick?
30 Actor Caine
34 1950s-'60s Egyptian president
35 Puts spin on a pool ball with no further tricks?
42 Animal throat
44 Chicken
45 River of Bern
46 "Cops" sound
47 Office scribe
49 Road furrow
50 Basie's music
53 Pool triangle packed in a suitcase?
56 Ultimatum end
58 Assist
60 Anticipates a treat, maybe
61 Stridex target
62 Some schlumpy physiquies
66 Bits of land in the ocean, in French
67 Label anew
69 Toddler who's a whiz at pool?
72 Really heavy herbivore
76 Lackluster
78 Street in Manhattan's Alphabet City
80 Scandinavian thunder god
81 Having a trio of components
86 Alex and (jewelry brand)
87 "Quickly" or "slowly," e.g.
89 Perimeter of a pool table that people have plopped down on?
92 Habituate (to)
94 Org. for cavity fillers
95 In spite of the fact that, in brief
96 Itty-bitty
98 Scot's refusal
99 Ocasek of the Cars
100 Put a tear in
101 Resume play after accidentally sinking the white pool ball?
106 "Othello" victim
109 Pool variety with 22 balls
110 Observe a hole in a pool table?
115 La mer filler
116 Love god
120 Jetson boy
121 Last shot of a pool game?
125 Be at a slant
126 Mass in the throat
127 Admiral Nelson
128 Liv of "Super"
129 Riddle-me-
130 Facial locale
131 Rightful flies
13 Certain small pooch
4 Reveries
5 Zeta follower
6 [not my type]
7 Desert region in Africa
8 Devalitize
9 Vacation stop
10 Long-range nuke carrier
11 Gets mature
12 Grasslands
13 Last name of singer Adele
14 Many PC pics
15 Alcove-hiding tapestry
16 Mixture baked in pies
17 Aetna offering
18 Kin of -ess
21 Grande of pop, for short
24 "Ozark" actor
29 "Uh-uh"
31 "No bid"
32 Attacked as a cat might
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35 Hoopla
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39 "Despicable Me" antihero
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41 Actress Swenson
43 Pad thai pans
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52 Singer Barry
54 Similar
55 Baseballer Hodges
57 Guides, biblical-style
59 "A little dab'll —"
63 Mahmoud of Palestine
64 "seaQuest —" (sci-fi series)
65 Old Big Apple stadium
68 —Roman
70 Decade divisions, in Rome
71 Lay waste to
73 "— Huckabees" (2004 film)
74 Swedish, say
75 Jerry of stage and screen
77 "The Simpsons" character once voiced by Hank Azaria
79 Ex-president Obama
81 Old autocrat
82 In a spiral-shaped way
83 1960s World War II series, with "The"
84 Ostrich kin
85 Arena level
88 John of plows
90 Ottawa loc.
91 Abbr. on a bad check
93 Not looked for
97 Cen. divisions
101 Tiny drink
102 Over the line
103 Central New York lake
104 Complain
105 Turkey's tallest peak
107 Breadth
108 More bashful
110 Ohio-to-Utah direction
111 Suffix with fungi
112 Large joint
113 Berlin article
114 General — chicken
117 Witty sayings
118 Steinbeck migrant
119 Old Olds cars
122 Large joint
123 Call for help
124 Uno tripled

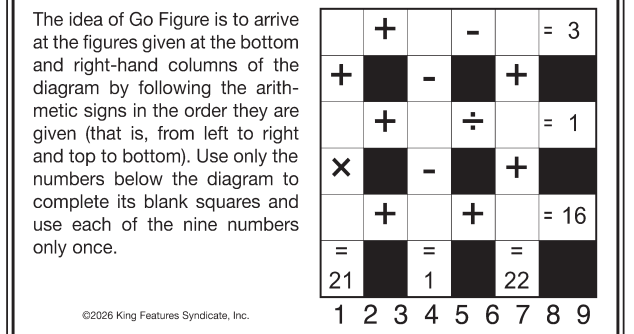


MAGIC MAZE MIDDLE

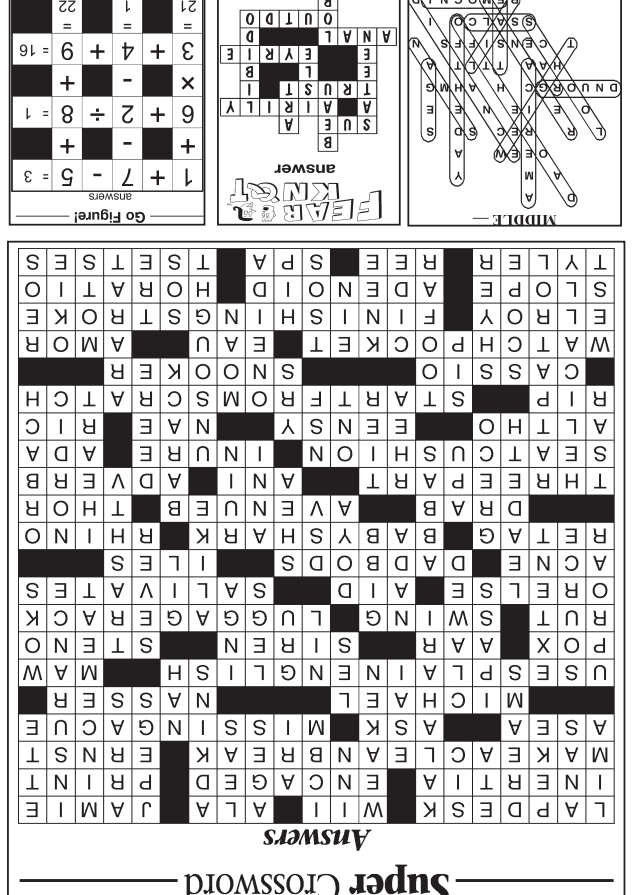


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Today's Solutions



Super Crossword

## HEALTH FAQ

### After the fall: How hip fractures are treated and what comes next

*Editor's note: This is part two of a series on hip fractures. Part one was published on page 4C in the May 16 print edition.*

When a hip fracture happens, quick treatment is very important. Surgery and proper medical care can improve recovery and reduce the risk of future fractures. Most hip fractures are treated with surgery, usually within 48 hours. Early surgery helps reduce pain, shorten hospital stay and lower the risk of death. Hip fractures are divided into two main types: femoral neck fractures, which occur inside the joint, and intertrochanteric or subtrochanteric fractures, which occur outside the joint. The type of fracture determines the treatment approach.

For femoral neck fractures that are not displaced, surgeons often use screws to hold the bone in place. This allows the patient to keep their natural hip. For displaced fractures, hip replacement is commonly performed, especially if arthritis is present. Hemiarthroplasty replaces only the ball of the hip and has a lower dislocation risk. It has about a 9-year implant survival and is often used for less active patients without arthritis. Total hip replacement replaces both the ball and socket. It provides better function and quality of life, but it has a higher dislocation risk. It is usually recommended for more active and healthier patients with arthritis.



**Dr. James Slauterbeck**  
UNC Health Southeastern

Fractures outside the joint are usually treated with metal plates and screws or nails. These devices provide stability and allow the bone to heal properly and allow the patient to move their hip and begin to weight-bear again with some restrictions.

After a hip fracture, treating osteoporosis is critical to prevent future fractures. Bisphosphonates are the most common first-line treatment and reduce hip and spine fractures significantly. These medications can be taken by mouth or by IV. Denosumab is another option, given as an injection every six months, and it reduces hip fractures significantly over 36 months. For patients at very high fracture risk, anabolic medications (teriparatide, abaloparatide and romosozumab) that build new bone may be used.

In postmenopausal women, hormone therapy can also reduce fracture risk. In one study, women who took calcium, vitamin D and hormone therapy had a 42% reduction in hip fractures compared to those taking calcium and vitamin D alone.

Recovery after a hip fracture requires a full team approach. Physical therapy helps restore strength and movement, while occupational therapy helps patients return to daily activities. Good nutrition supports healing, and pain control must be balanced to avoid sedation and further falls. Early movement after surgery helps prevent complications such as blood clots and pneumonia.

After one hip fracture, the risk of another is high, so prevention is essential. This includes osteoporosis treatment, balance training such as tai chi, home safety changes, vision correction and careful review of medications. Hip fractures are serious, but treatment has improved. With the right care, many patients can recover and maintain independence. The best results come from combining surgery, medication, rehabilitation and prevention strategies.

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President-Elect Chileatha Wynn, NC Academy of Physician Associates, speaks at a press conference held by Attorney General Jeff Jackson on measures to protect North Carolina's healthcare workforce, especially in rural parts of the state.

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## NC joins lawsuit against US Dept. of Ed. over health care student loan changes

**Rose Hoban**  
NC Health News

RALEIGH — North Carolina's population is rapidly growing and becoming older. By the early 2030s, the population of people older than 65 is projected to surpass the number of residents who are younger than 18.

At the same time, the state is forecast to have a worsening nursing shortage. By 2033, North Carolina will need at least 12,500 more nurses, according to data from the Sheps Center for Health Services Research at UNC Chapel Hill.

That's why researchers like Erin Fraher, who crunched the nursing workforce numbers, started raising the alarm this winter about the Trump administration's Department of Education rule change narrowing the definition of "professional degree." The new rule was finalized the first of this month and takes effect July 1.

The new definition excludes post-baccalaureate nursing degrees — such as master's-prepared nurse practitioners and doctorates awarded to nurses who often educate the rest of the nursing workforce — from the "professional degree" classification that gets applied to physicians, dentists and ministers.

That means the amount of federal loans that graduate nursing students can take will be capped at \$20,500 a year up to a total of \$100,000. It can take more than five years for a doctoral nursing student to complete their advanced degree.

"It's not good news for our nursing shortage in North Carolina, period," Fraher said of the new loan limits.

Now, state Attorney General Jeff Jackson argues that the education department's rule change was unlawful. Jackson told reporters during a news briefing on Tuesday that he is joining a lawsuit being filed by 24 other states and Washington, D.C., against the federal Department of Education over the new rule.

"Congress has already been explicit and said 'Here are the degrees that constitute professional degrees,'" Jackson said. "But the Department of Education said, 'No, we're not going to listen to what Congress said. We're going to come up with our own list, and we're going to exclude all nursing and all physical therapists and all physician assistants.'"

"That is wrong. It is unfair, and it is unlawful."

### Limiting financial lifelines

Tuition for healthcare professional programs are all over the map. According to their websites, Duke University's School of Nursing has a tuition rate of about \$35,000 per semester for advanced degree nurses, UNC Chapel Hill's graduate nursing program charges \$18,610 per semester and graduate nursing school tuition runs around \$5,366 a semester at NC A&T State University.

Many students get financial aid and scholarships that cut their costs. For many, though, student loans also go toward living expenses accrued while in school. It can be tough for nursing students to go to school and shoulder a job at the same time. Their education typically requires clinical hours as well as classroom time.

"Access to federal loans were a lifeline for me," said Leigh Habegger, a student in Wake Forest University's program to train physician assistants, another profession affected by the new rule.

Habegger had a decade-long career in public policy work before going back to school last year. She called her program "rigorous" and said she's unable to work while studying, even though her program costs more than \$50,000 a year.

"For those of us who pivot in mid-career to this profession later in life, it's clear what this rule will do," she said. "One of my fellow classmates in the class above me shared that from his class that just graduated last weekend, nearly 90 percent of students said that they would not have been able to attend PA school without federal loans. Not 'would have struggled,' not 'would have needed to budget a little differently,' flat out 'would not have attended school.'"

"It's really our future students in North Carolina who will bear the burden of this policy change," Habegger added. "This rule stands to have a significant negative impact on the number of students who are able to attend PA school ... in North Carolina precisely at a time when our state needs us the most."

**Choking off the pipeline**  
Some, including the Department of Education, have argued that professional programs have jacked up their prices, knowing that students borrow money to pay ever-higher tuition and fees.

"Placing a cap on loans will push ... graduate nurs-

ing programs to reduce their program costs, ensuring that nurses will not be saddled with unmanageable student loan debt," reads a Q&A on the department's website. The website also contends that "95% of nursing students borrow below the annual loan limit and therefore are not affected."

Advanced degree students might comprise only about 2 or 3 percent of all nursing students, but they are some of the most critically needed nurses, said Bonnie David Meadows, president of the North Carolina Nurses Association, which has opposed the new rule and the loan limits.

"There is an alarming shortage of nursing professors. If we restrict access to graduate degrees, it could severely cripple the nursing faculty pipeline," Meadows said.

Nurses with doctoral degrees in nursing make up fewer than 2 percent of the 188,735 nurses licensed in North Carolina.

Meadows noted that each year, North Carolina nursing schools turn away qualified candidates for bachelor and associate degree programs because of a lack of faculty, who need at least a master's in order to teach.

"This change will disproportionately impact nursing students from lower income backgrounds and could force determined students to utilize more expensive and even predatory private loans," Meadows said. "The \$100,000 cap on student loans for graduate nurses is short-sighted. We should be maximizing the capabilities of our entire profession."

She and other speakers also argued that by hamstringing students' ability to borrow, the pipeline of nurse practitioners, physician assistants and other highly trained healthcare professionals to rural parts of the state will slow.

"Nearly one in five advanced practice registered nurses works in rural areas," said Deborah Barksdale, a doctorally prepared nurse who heads the American Academy of Nursing. "A study published in Health Services Research noted that certified registered nurse anesthetists make up to 80 percent of the anesthesia providers in rural counties."

"Ninety-three of our 100 counties are healthcare professional workforce shortage areas," said Sen. Gale Adcock (D-Cary), a nurse practition-

er for close to four decades. "Twenty-eight of our counties lack any OB-GYN certified nurse midwives or hospitals that offer obstetrical care, 97 counties are designated mental health healthcare provider shortage areas, 31 of our counties have no psychiatrist, 25 have no mental health or substance use prescribers of any kind. While all counties, except eight, are a healthcare provider shortage area, many of the others lack adequate and timely access to primary care clinicians."

### Will the past be prologue?

Jackson said he believes the lawsuit has a good chance of succeeding. He compared some of the legal questions to those that arose last year when the federal Department of Education tried under the Trump administration to withhold \$165 million in education funding that Congress had approved from the state. Jackson and other state attorneys general prevailed in getting the education department to unfreeze the funds after taking court action.

Jackson acknowledged that the cost of higher education is challenging not only for many students, but also the federal government. But the Trump administration action could have far-reaching detrimental effects, he added.

"Congress has a legitimate issue on its hands with respect to affordability of education, and that's why they put these caps in place," Jackson said. "This really is not a policy question — for 'Was Congress right or wrong?' there. This is a legal question — for 'Was the Department of Education right?' and how they misconstrued congressional intent."

"They really willfully mischaracterized what Congress passed," Jackson contended, adding that he thought the education department had "plainly broken the law."

"The downstream consequences of that are going to be very harmful for the state," Jackson said. "That's my lane. That's my case."

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The BAU tracks "complex and evolving criminal networks" while "still playing whack-a-mole with Sicario offshoots and devotees" in Season 4 of "Criminal Minds: Evolution," premiering Thursday, May 28, on Paramount+. A continuation of the CBS hit "Criminal Minds," "Evolution" stars original cast members A.J. Cooke ("Final Destination 2," 2003), Kirsten Vangsness ("Pretty the Series"), Paget Brewster ("Community") and Joe Mantegna ("Baby's Day Out," 1994). "Heated Rivalry's" Connor Storrie guest stars this season.

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# 'Evolution' of TV: 'Criminal Minds' revival returns to streaming

By Dana Simpson  
TV Media

Every so often a television series emerges and completely captures the spirit of a generation. For millennials, particularly those who dedicate a major portion of their time to true crime podcasts and documentaries, that show was Jeff Davis's ("Teen Wolf") dark procedural "Criminal Minds," which premiered on CBS in September 2005. After 15 seasons on television, the show drew to an end in February 2020, just prior to the first wave of COVID-19 lockdowns.

The series wouldn't stay gone for long, however, as in February 2021 — not more than a year after its 15th and (would be) final season — a "Criminal Minds" revival, to be subtitled "Evolution," was announced for Paramount+. Now three years into its second life (the 19th season overall), the new season of "Criminal Minds: Evolution" begins Thursday, May 28, on Paramount+.

A moodier, more psychological approach to the crime procedural model than its network companion "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," "Criminal Minds" follows a team of FBI profilers as they analyze the methods, means and possible motives behind spree and serial killings across the United States. Led by Behavioral Analysis Unit Chief Aaron Hotchner (Thomas Gibson, "Dharma & Greg") and Senior Supervisory Director Jason Gideon (Mandy Patinkin, "The Princess Bride," 1987), the BAU uses evidence and victimology to create an unknown subject, or "UnSub," profile, thus essentially creating a guide to identifying the murderer.

As the series heads into Season 19, "the BAU [continues] to track complex and evolving criminal networks" while "still playing whack-a-mole with Sicarius offshoots and devotees" (per Paramount+).

"With danger this palpable," the Paramount+ description continues, "a serialized approach allows for a deeper look into the psyches of these killers and the approach of the dedicated professionals who hunt them down."

The November 2022 return of "Criminal Minds" continued the well-established storylines for many of the original series' characters, largely focusing on Jennifer "JJ" Jareau (A.J. Cook, "Final Destination 2," 2003) and Penelope Garcia



Kirsten Vangsness in "Criminal Minds: Evolution"

(Kirsten Vangsness, "Pretty the Series"), both involved since Season 1; Emily Prentiss (Paget Brewster, "Community"), involved off and on since Season 2; and David Rossi (Joe Mantegna, "Baby's Day Out," 1994), involved since Season 3. Later-season "Criminal Minds" characters Dr. Tara Lewis (Aisha Tyler, "Archer") and Luke Alvez (Adam Rodriguez, "CSI: Miami"), both of whom joined in Season 12, also feature heavily as part of "Evolution's" main cast, as do Elias Voit (Zach Gilford, "Midnight Mass") and Tyler Green (RJ Hatanaka, "Nancy Drew"), who were written into the series as of "Evolution's" premiere at Season 16.

And while all leading cast members are confirmed for Season 19, many fans of the procedural are most excited for the growing gamut of guest stars, which includes "Heated Rivalry" star Connor Storr, "Community" comedian Yvette Nicole Brown, "Star Trek: Voyager's" Jeri Ryan, "Weeds" actor Justin Kirk and "Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." star Clark Gregg.

Paramount+ also notes the re-

turns of Nicole Pacent ("Westworld") as prosecutor Rebecca Wilson and Paul F. Tompkins ("BoJack Horseman") as conspiracy theorist Brian Garrity. Additional Season 19 guest stars also include Cara Jade Myers ("Killers of the Flowers Moon," 2023), Cress Williams ("Black Lightning"), Lyndon Smith

("Parenthood"), Kofi Siriboe ("Queen Sugar"), Richard Cabral ("Mayans"), Jim True-Frost ("The Wire"), Inny Clemons ("Judging Amy"), Nicholas Gonzalez ("The Good Doctor"), Dash Mihok ("Ray Donovan") and Rob Yang ("Succession").

But despite the many confirmed

cast members, die-hard fans are still waiting (as of writing) for news of Dr. Spencer Reid's possible return.

Reid, played by Las Vegas native Matthew Gray Gubler ("500 Days of Summer," 2009), was a main character across 324 episodes of "Criminal Minds" from 2005 to 2020. Beloved for his neurodivergent traits, cavernous mind and lack of a filter amid social situations, the multiple PhD-holding genius has appeared in just one "Evolution" episode to date: Season 18, Episode 3, titled "Time to Say Goodbye," in which the BAU worked to solve an organ-harvesting case. And while plenty are hoping that 2025 episode is just a taste of what's to come in Season 19, no news has yet been released regarding Gubler's potential involvement.

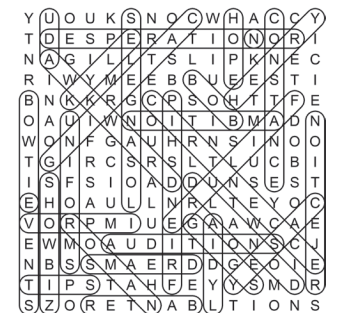
One thing that has been announced, however, is that Season 19 will not be "Criminal Minds" last. The series was renewed for a 20th season in March 2026, just two months ahead of the Season 19 premiere. As a result, "Criminal Minds" is poised to join the ranks of America's longest-running crime procedurals, a list currently led by NBC's 27-season series "Law & Order: Spe-

cial Victims Unit," starring Mariska Hargitay ("ER") and rapper Ice-T ("New Jack City," 1991).

At the end of the day — and regardless of how many seasons "Criminal Minds" boasts when all is said and done — CBS is clearly very proud of the found family it created at the BAU.

"It is the quintessential CBS hit," the network's executive vice president of current programs Amy Reisenbach said upon the show's wrap on CBS, adding, "We are so proud to have aired it."

Don't miss the fourth season of Paramount+'s "Criminal Minds: Evolution," also known as Season 19 of "Criminal Minds," when it premieres Thursday, May 28, on the streamer.



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 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall  
 16 Stephens Lane  
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#### StoryWalk with DKG - Llama Llama and the Bully Goat

Sat, May 23, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm  
 Sun, May 24, 2026, 8:00am-5:30pm

#### Luther Britt Park

671 Branch Street - off 5th Street  
 Lumberton, NC

#### Children's Storytime

Tue, May 26, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am  
 Fri, May 29, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am  
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 PEMBROKE LIBRARY  
 413 Blaine St  
 Pembroke, NC

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 Wed, Jun 10, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Wed, Jun 24, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Wed, Jul 08, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Annie H Mc Eachern Library  
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#### Music, Rhymes, and Storytime

Thu, Jun 04, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Thu, Jun 18, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am  
 Robeson County Public Library  
 101 N Chestnut St  
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#### Artist Choice/ Remembrance Poppy Exhibition - RAG

Tue, Jun 02, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm  
 Robeson Art Guild  
 109 West 9th Street  
 Lumberton, NC

#### Alive After 5 Concert Series - The Tams

Thu, May 28, 2026, 7:00pm  
 Dick Taylor Plaza (Historic Downtown)  
 111 E 3rd Street  
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#### Da Bomb Barrel Racing - SNCAEC

Sat, May 23, 2026, 9:30am  
 Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural Events Center  
 1027 Hwy 74 East  
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#### John P. Williamson Memorial Golf Tournament

Sat, May 23, 2026, 12:00pm  
 Pine Crest Country Club

110 Nigel Drive  
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Sat, May 23, 2026, 9:30am-1:00pm  
 Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center  
 226 Camp Rockfish Road  
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Tue, May 26, 2026, 4:30pm-5:30pm  
 Tue, Jun 23, 2026, 4:30pm-5:30pm  
 Hector Mac Lean Library  
 106 S Main St  
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Sat, May 23, 2026, 9:30am

#### Agricultural Events Center

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Wed, May 27, 2026  
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#### Scarlet Tantrum

Thu, May 28, 2026, 7:00pm  
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### BLADEN COUNTY

#### Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Mon, Jun 01, 2026, 6:30pm  
 Lower Level  
 Bladen County Courthouse  
 106 East Broad Street  
 Elizabethtown, NC

#### Farm Tour at Clark's Farm

Sat, May 23, 2026, 9:30am-12:00pm  
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**6:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 14.** (Live) (6h)  
**8:00 am ESPN2 Cheerleading ICU World Championship - Coed.** (1h)  
**9:00 am ESPN2 Cheerleading ICU World Championship - All Girl.** (1h)  
**GOLF PGA Tour Champions Golf Trophy Hassan II, Final Round.** From the Royal Golf Dar Es Salam, in Rabat, Morocco. (Live) (3h)  
**11:00 am ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN2 Men's College Lacrosse** NCAA Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. From Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Va. (Live) (2h)  
**12:30 pm WTVD WPDE College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**1:00 pm WBTW WNBA Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, Third Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (Live) (2h)  
**2:30 pm WFXB MLS Soccer** Austin FC at St. Louis CITY SC. From Energizer Park in St. Louis, Mo. (Live) (2h30)  
**ESPN2 Men's College Lacrosse** NCAA Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA. From Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Va. (Live) (2h)  
**3:00 pm WTVD WPDE United Football League** United Football League. Birmingham Stallions at Columbus Aviators. From Historic Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio. (Live) (3h)  
**WBTW PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, Third Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Soudal Open, Third Round.** (3h)  
**4:30 pm WRAL WMBF Swimming** TYR Pro Series. (1h30)  
**5:00 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series** Charbroil 300. From Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C. (Live) (3h)  
**WFXB The American Rodeo** The American Rodeo Championship Round. From Arlington, Texas. (2h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)

**5:30 pm ESPN2 College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**6:30 pm TRUTV In The Shadows of Giants** (1h)  
**7:00 pm WFXB MLB Baseball** (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**7:30 pm ESPN2 College Baseball** Big 12 Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Surprise Stadium in Surprise, Ariz. (Live) (3h)  
**8:00 pm WBTW WNBA Basketball** Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**8:30 pm WTVD WPDE NBA Basketball** Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**9:00 pm ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**11:00 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**12:00 am ESPN2 Banana Ball World Tour** Savannah Bananas vs. Texas Tailgaters. From Neyland Stadium in Knoxville, Tenn. (2h)

**12:30 pm WFXB The 110th Running of the Indianapolis 500** The 110th running of the Indianapolis 500. (Live) (3h)  
**1:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf The CJ Cup Byron Nelson, Final Round.** From TPC Craig Ranch in McKinney, Texas. (Live) (2h)  
**1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**2:00 pm WRAL WMBF Swimming** TYR Pro Series. (1h)  
**WTVD WPDE College Baseball** SEC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Hoover Metropolitan Stadium in Hoover, Ala. (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (Live) (3h)  
**3:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**3:30 pm WRAL WMBF WNBA Basketball** Dallas Wings at New York Liberty. From Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Live) (2h30)  
**4:00 pm WFXB United Football League** United Football League. Dallas Renegades at Louisville Kings. From Lynn Family Stadium in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**5:00 pm ESPN2 College Softball** NCAA Tournament, Super Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**7:00 pm WFXB MLS Soccer** Philadelphia Union at Inter Miami CF. From Miami Freedom Park in Miami, FL. (Live) (2h)  
**ESPN2 United Football League** United Football League. St. Louis Battlehawks at Houston Gamblers. From Shell Energy Stadium in Houston. (Live) (3h)  
**8:00 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Western Conference Final, Game 3: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**WUVC Fútbol Mexicano Primera División** Toluca vs. América. Final juego de vuelta. Toluca enfrenta a América. (3h)  
**ESPN NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**9:00 pm WFXB MLS Soccer** Seattle Sounders FC at LAFC. From BMO Stadium in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h30)

**TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 15.** (1h)  
**4:00 am TRUTV In The Shadows of Giants** (1h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**MONDAY, MAY 25**

**6:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**1:00 pm ESPN Men's College Lacrosse** NCAA Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Scott Stadium in Charlottesville, Va. (Live) (2h30)  
**2:00 pm TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**3:30 pm ESPN MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals. From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (Live) (3h)

**Match Play, Quarterfinals.** (Live) (2h30)  
**2:00 pm TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**6:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team Match Play, Semifinals. (Live) (4h)  
**6:30 pm TBS TRUTV MLB Baseball** Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live) (3h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Western Conference Final, Game 4: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**10:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 16.** (Live) (1h)  
**11:00 pm TRUTV In The Shadows of Giants** (1h)  
**2:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**2:00 pm TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**6:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team Match Play National Championship. (Live) (4h)  
**7:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Phoenix Mercury at New York Liberty. From Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**8:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**9:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Atlanta Dream at Minnesota Lynx. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (Live) (2h30)  
**1:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 17.** (Live) (1h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Austrian Alpine Open, First Round.** (Live) (5h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN 2026 Women's College World Series** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**2:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**2:30 pm ESPN 2026 Women's College World Series** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)

**4:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Charles Schwab Challenge, First Round. From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (3h)  
**7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 3:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Western Conference Final, Game 5: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**9:30 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 4:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**2:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**2:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 18.** (1h)  
**4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Austrian Alpine Open, Second Round.** (Live) (5h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN2 College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**GOLF LPGA Tour Golf ShopRite LPGA, First Round.** From Bay Course at Seaview in Galloway, N.J. (Live) (3h)  
**2:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (Live) (3h)  
**4:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Charles Schwab Challenge, Second Round. From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (3h)  
**4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)  
**7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 5:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm WFXB United Football League** United Football League. Dallas Renegades at St. Louis Battlehawks. From the Dome at America's Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**8:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**9:30 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 6:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**1:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 19.** (1h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)

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**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**SUNDAY, MAY 24**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Soudal Open, Final Round. (Live) (5h)  
**8:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am CNBC SYFY Premier League Soccer** (2h01)  
**WRAL WMBF Premier League Soccer** Teams TBA. (Live) (2h)  
**TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**USA Premier League Soccer** (Live) (2h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN Women's College Lacrosse** NCAA Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Lanny and Sharon Martin Stadium in Evanston, Ill. (Live) (2h)  
**ESPN2 College Baseball** ACC Tournament, Championship: Teams TBA. From Truist Field in Charlotte, N.C. (Live) (3h)

**5:30 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Individual Championship. (Live) (4h)  
**6:00 pm FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**3:00 am ESPN2 MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals. From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (2h)  
**4:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**1:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team

**5:30 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Individual Championship. (Live) (4h)  
**6:00 pm FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**12:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**3:00 am ESPN2 MLB Baseball** New York Yankees at Kansas City Royals. From Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. (2h)  
**4:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**TUESDAY, MAY 26**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**10:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**1:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team

**Match Play, Quarterfinals.** (Live) (2h30)  
**2:00 pm TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**6:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team Match Play, Semifinals. (Live) (4h)  
**6:30 pm TBS TRUTV MLB Baseball** Atlanta Braves at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston. (Live) (3h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Western Conference Final, Game 4: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**10:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 16.** (Live) (1h)  
**11:00 pm TRUTV In The Shadows of Giants** (1h)  
**2:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**2:00 pm TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**3:00 pm FDSO MLB Baseball** (3h)  
**6:00 pm GOLF Women's College Golf** 2026 NCAA Women's Team Match Play National Championship. (Live) (4h)  
**7:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Phoenix Mercury at New York Liberty. From Barclays Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**8:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**9:00 pm USA WNBA Basketball** Atlanta Dream at Minnesota Lynx. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (Live) (2h30)  
**1:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 17.** (Live) (1h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**THURSDAY, MAY 28**

**6:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**7:00 am GOLF DP World Tour Golf** DP World Tour Golf. Austrian Alpine Open, First Round. (Live) (5h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN 2026 Women's College World Series** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**2:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**2:30 pm ESPN 2026 Women's College World Series** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)

**4:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Charles Schwab Challenge, First Round. From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (3h)  
**7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 3:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm ESPN NHL Hockey** Conference Final: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**8:30 pm WRAL WMBF NBA Basketball** Western Conference Final, Game 5: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**9:30 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 4:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**2:00 am FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball** Athletes Unlimited Pro Softball. (2h)  
**2:30 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 18.** (1h)  
**4:00 am FDSO Overtime Select Basketball** (2h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)  

**FRIDAY, MAY 29**

**6:00 am TNT TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**7:00 am FDSO Pro Padel League** (2h)  
**GOLF DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Austrian Alpine Open, Second Round.** (Live) (5h)  
**9:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (2h)  
**11:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (3h)  
**12:00 pm ESPN2 College Baseball** NCAA Tournament, Regionals: Teams TBA. (Live) (3h)  
**GOLF LPGA Tour Golf ShopRite LPGA, First Round.** From Bay Course at Seaview in Galloway, N.J. (Live) (3h)  
**2:00 pm TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (Live) (3h)  
**4:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf** Charles Schwab Challenge, Second Round. From Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth, Texas. (Live) (3h)  
**4:30 pm FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse** (2h)  
**7:00 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 5:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**8:00 pm WFXB United Football League** United Football League. Dallas Renegades at St. Louis Battlehawks. From the Dome at America's Center in Saint Louis, Mo. (Live) (3h)  
**ESPN NBA Basketball** Conference Finals: Teams TBA. (Live) (2h30)  
**8:30 pm TNT TRUTV NHL Hockey** (Live) (3h)  
**9:30 pm ESPN2 2026 Women's College World Series Game 6:** Teams TBA. From Devon Park in Oklahoma City, Okla. (Live) (2h)  
**1:00 am TRUTV 2026 Giro d'Italia Stage 19.** (1h)  
**5:00 am TRUTV 2026 Roland-Garros Tennis** (1h)



# Take 5

Go on and on	William Shatner series "Boston ____"	"Take ____!"	It takes two to do this	Delivery specialist	Ancient Greek philosopher
				Doctor's order	
				Getting on	
				Sharp-tasting	
				"Rocketman" (2019) subject	

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

**Solution on page 19**

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## Something in the water: 'Summerwater' explores a bad trip to Scotland

By Sarah Passingham  
TV Media

Picture a peaceful waterfront resort on Scotland's serene coast. A getaway perfect for forgetting about the world's troubles and reconnecting with loved ones, nature and one's deepest self — and the ideal setting for murder? "Summerwater," a new six-part mystery thriller adapted from the 2020 novel of the same name by author Sarah Moss, premieres Monday, May 25, on Acorn TV. New episodes drop weekly on the streamer on Mondays.

The temporary residents of Summerwater may have come for a stay in the resort's cabins to get away from it all, but rest and relaxation cannot be achieved even with generous distance from neighboring vacationers. Tensions simmer between the tourists and boil over when there is a devastating, lethal fire. Was it an

accident or was someone really out for blood on vacation?

From Acorn TV: "A thrilling and compulsive drama about relationships, sex, class and not being able to escape yourself, 'Summerwater' is a surreal world that takes the viewer on a journey of wit, heart and tragedy. An unflinching yet empathetic look at human nature across generations, 'Summerwater' provides a riveting portrait of the divided nation that is modern Britain."

The drama stars Dougray Scott ("Sherlock & Daughter") as David Campbell; Shirley Henderson ("Dept. Q") as Annie Campbell; Gabriel Scott ("House of the Dragon") as young David; Valene Kane ("Say Nothing") as Justine Tindall; Daniel Rigby ("I, Jack Wright") as Steve Tindall; Anna Prochniak ("Showtrial") as Alina Piotrowska; Shereen Cutklevin ("Annika") as Millie Nkene; Anders Hayward ("Wild Cherry") as

Josh; Shauna Macdonald ("Shetland") as Rachel Henderson; James Harkness ("Raised by Wolves") as Gavin Macquoid; Jamie Sives ("Outlander: Blood of My Blood") as Ian Henderson; and Arnas Fedaravicius ("The White Lotus") as Marijonas Zaliskevicius.

All of the families find themselves tied to each other during their waterfront vacations as they are plagued by the unpredictable weather of Summerwater. Per Acorn TV, Summerwater is an "all-knowing place where residents are confronted with their deepest desires and darkest truths." With so many vulnerabilities surfacing among relative strangers, it's no wonder that more than just someone's feelings get hurt. The series opens with the investigation into how a tragedy could have happened on holiday, and the following episodes slowly reveal everyone involved.



Dougray Scott and Shirley Henderson in "Summerwater"

Henderson spoke about portraying Annie, a character living with the effects of dementia, in an interview last November.

"I liked the idea of a woman for whom things are changing," she told *The Independent*. "Part of her is leaving, and other parts of her are coming in through memories and the past. She's questioning things and haunted by things."

Annie and her caregiver husband David experience the stress of a relationship strained by illness, a pressure that follows them on their holiday at Summerwater. About the reality of Annie and David's marriage, Henderson said, "Who said life was going to be easy. We could all just walk away, we could just say, 'OK, I'm fed up.' But people don't — we cling on. You need the battles in life."

The upcoming mystery series was written for television by John Donnelly ("The Pass," 2016), with Robert McKillop ("Ludwig") directing four episodes and Fiona Walton ("Rebus") directing the penultimate epi-

sode and the finale of "Summerwater." The show was produced by Freedom Scripted in association with All3Media International, with support from Screen Scotland. Mike Ellen ("River City") is executive producer for Freedom and Jules Hussey ("Before We Die") is the series producer.

Kane spoke with Channel 4 ahead of the "Summerwater" premiere on the network last November, praising McKillop's vision, saying, "Viewers will be really shocked and surprised by the immediacy of the way that [McKillop] has styled and shot the series. It's unlike anything that we might have seen before. 'Summerwater' is very moody and atmospheric; it's filmic and feels much more like an indie film, which is another reason why I love it so much."

While the series originally premiered in Britain last year, it makes its debut on this side of the pond as part of Acorn TV's second-annual Murder Mystery May. To mark the

occasion, every Monday this month, Acorn TV will drop new episodes of fan-favorite mystery series in celebration. All of the whodunit bases are covered with the latest installments of "Dead & Buried," "The Feud on Shelbury Drive," "The Island," "The Brokenwood Mysteries," "You're Killing Me" and "Murdoch Mysteries" available to stream now.

The Murder Mystery May slate of programming also includes the full series binge of Canadian police procedural "The Murders" and the 2016 gothic thriller film "The Limehouse Golem." In addition to streaming mysteries, Acorn TV's original series "Irish Blood," starring Alicia Silverstone ("A Merry Little Christmas," 2025), just made its cable debut Sunday, May 17, on WeTV, with new episodes airing every Sunday.

Catch the brand-new, six-part series "Summerwater" when it premieres Monday, May 25, on Acorn TV. New episodes are available to stream every Monday.



# WEEKDAY DAYTIME, MAY 25 TO 29, 2026

	TW	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	
5	WRAL	5	7:00 Today	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		The Perfect Line	Family Feud	WRAL News at Noon	WRAL 12:30 Report	NBC News Daily		The Kelly Clarkson Show		Family Feud	Inside Edition	
9	WMBF	9	7:00 Today	Today 3rd Hour		Today With Jenna & Sheinelle		Grand	Th Legal Access	WMBF News	InvestigateTV+/ Cele..	NBC News Daily / F Atlanta Braves		Aging Untold	Inside Edition	Drew Barrymore	Drew Barrymore	
11	WTVD	11	7:00 Good Morning America	Live with Kelly and Mark		ABC 11 Eyewitness News 10AM		The View		ABC 11 Eyewitness News at Noon		GMA3		Tamron Hall		General Hospital		
13	WBTW	13	7:00 CBS Mornings	News 13 Now	Living Local Carolina	Let's Make a Deal		The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless		The Bold and	Beyond the Gates		The Perfect Line	Jeopardy!	
15	WPDE	15	7:00 Good Morning America	Live with Kelly and Mark		The 700 Club		The View		Family Feud	Flip Side	GMA3		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		
21	WWMB	21	The National News Desk		National Weat	25 Words or Less	Maury	iCRIME - Vargas	iCRIME - Vargas	Hot Bench	Paid Prog./ Hot Bench	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Cutlers Court	Cutlers Court	The People's Court		
31	WUNU	31	Lyla in the Loop	Carl/Th Wowsabout	Daniel Tiger	Phoebe & Jay	Sesame Street	Work It Out Wombats!	Donkey Hodie	Rosie's Rules	Elinor	Alma's Way	Molly of Denali	Xavier Riddle	Various	Various	Various	Sara's/ Old House/ Fit S..
40	WUVC	40	7:00 ¡Despierta América!						Como dice el dicho	Noticiero Univision	Vecinos	¡Siéntese quien pueda!		¡Siéntese quien pueda!		Desiguales		
43	WFXB	43	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherry	Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Scrambled Up	News	America/ Autry	Judge Lauren Lake	Mathis Court	Judge Eboni	Judy/Tu USA Roster	Judy Justice	
62	WFPX	62	Karamo		Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Family Feud Favorites	Family Feud Favorites	In the Heat of the Night		M F In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		
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ANPL	64	Crikey! It's the Irwins		Gator Boys		Gator Boys		My Cat From Hell		My Cat From Hell		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Various		
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CNN	26	CNN News Central		CNN News Central		The Situation Room		The Situation Room		Ins. Politics		CNN News Central		CNN News Central		CNN News Central		
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# Stars on screen

## Surprise series: LL Cool J, Scott Caan lead new 'NCIS' spinoff

By Michelle Rose  
TV Media

**Surprise series:** In an era dominated by spinoff buzz and pilot hype, it's rare for a series to slip under the radar while quietly securing a coveted prime-time slot. But one such show upended expectations at its fall 2026 schedule reveal, when a new "NCIS" spinoff headlined by a returning character was announced.

In "NCIS: New York," LL Cool J is back as NCIS Agent Sam Hanna from "NCIS: Los Angeles," returning to his hometown of New York City and partnering with a "roguish agent" (per CBS) played by Scott Caan of "Hawaii Five-0" fame. The two previously starred together in an "NCIS: Los Angeles" and "Hawaii Five-0" crossover, but this time, Caan will be playing a new character.

As for LL Cool J, rarely do you see a lead from one spinoff serving as the lead (or co-lead, in this case) of another, and all while playing the same character within the franchise — although it's not unprecedented, with Christopher Meloni having starred as Det. Elliot Stabler in "Law & Order: SVU" and later in "Law & Order: Organized Crime," which was just recently canceled by NBC.

"NCIS: New York" has landed a cushy spot in the network's Tuesday night lineup, airing between the flagship series and "NCIS: Origins," which will be replaced mid-season by another spinoff, "NCIS: Sydney." "NCIS: New York" is the eighth show in the franchise — technically ninth if you include "JAG," which spawned the NCIS-verse — and the third featuring LL Cool J (he made guest appearances on the parent show just last month).

The pilot episode comes from "The Pitt" creator R. Scott Gemmill,

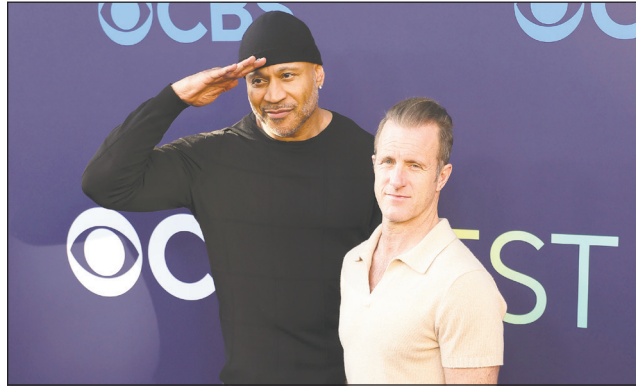
former showrunner of "NCIS: Los Angeles" for seven seasons and a writer on all 14 seasons. Byron Balasco ("Without a Trace") will serve as showrunner on "NCIS: New York."

So how did CBS make this surprise series happen? Fast. Deadline reports a five-month sprint from early talks to greenlight, with major talent deals already in place. It's a swift turnaround for television, but one that reflects CBS and CBS Studios' growing emphasis on franchise-building, undoubtedly bolstered by the launch of four offshoots over the last five years.

**Someone new:** Production on the 13th season of FX's "American Horror Story" is underway, and while the casting of Ariana Grande ("Scream Queens") commanded attention, she's not the only new addition to the "AHS" cast.

Joey Pollari ("American Crime") has also joined the cast, and like Grande and every other season regular, Pollari has previously worked with co-creator Ryan Murphy ("Glee") on other projects. Pollari previously starred in "The Beauty" and played Anthony Perkins in "Monster: The Ed Gein Story" on Netflix. He will next be seen in "Monster: The Lizzie Borden Story."

Pollari joins the previously announced cast that includes returning Murphy and "AHS" favorites Evan Peters ("X-Men: Apocalypse," 2016), Angela Bassett ("9-1-1"), Kathy Bates ("Misery," 1990), Jessica Lange ("Tootsie," 1982), Emma Roberts ("We're the Millers," 2013) and Billie Lourd ("Smurfs," 2025). Sarah Paulson ("All's Fair") also confirmed she is reprising her character of Cordelia Goode from "American Horror Story: Coven" (Season 3). This suggests fan speculation about a re-



LL Cool J and Scott Caan to star in "NCIS: New York"

turn to a previous story may not be off the mark, though plot and character details have been kept under wraps.

**Cunk is back:** Ill-informed reporter Philomena Cunk will soon return in a three-episode series coming to Netflix and the BBC.

Co-created by "Black Mirror's" Charlie Brooker and Diane Morgan (who plays Cunk), the British comic character has charmed viewers with her deadpan delivery and absurd interviewing style as the host of several satirical documentaries, such as "Cunk on Britain," "Cunk on Earth" and 2024's "Cunk on Life."

Add one more to the list. "Cunk on Cinema" follows Cunk as she delves into the world's love affair with movies, by asking experts about the history of cinema — from the invention of the camera, to the New Wave filmmakers of the 1960s, to the debut of CGI, to the possible

impact of AI. According to the description: "Cunk will attempt to demystify it all while sitting in lumpy seats with stale popcorn, asking herself where did cinema come from? And why? What does it want? And why can't it tell us?"

"Cinema has given the world some of the most profound, memorable and moving visual moments in its unswerving depiction of the human condition: the shower scene in 'Psycho,' Death playing chess in that Swedish thing and Tom Selleck's glistening moustache in 'Three Men And A Little Lady,' to name but all three of the only examples I can think of at the moment," Cunk said in a statement. "There will, unfortunately, be some bits in black and white, but we'll keep that to the barest minimum."

Described as her "most glamorous series to date," the three-part "Cunk on Cinema" will stream on Netflix.

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Nicolas Cage stars in "Spider-Noir"

By Kimberly Tremblay  
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## WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

### "Spider-Noir" - Season 1

Based on the Marvel comic by David Hine and Fabrice Sapolsky — who also collaborated on the 2012-17 series "Ultimate Spider-Man" — Season 1 of "Spider-Man Noir" arrives Monday, May 25, on MGM+ and is available to stream on Prime Video starting Wednesday, May 27. Set in 1930s New York, this live-action, super-powered crime drama tells the story of Ben Reilly (Nicolas Cage, "Next," 2007), a seasoned, down-on-his-luck private investiga-

tor who is forced to grapple with his past life, following a deeply personal tragedy, while also being the city's one and only superhero. Written for television by Oren Uziel ("The Lost City," 2022), "Spider-Noir" stars Lamorne Morris ("New Girl") as reporter Robbie Robertson, Brendan Gleeson ("The Banshees of Inisherin," 2022) as mob boss Silvermane, Abraham Popoola ("The Curse") as Tombstone and Andrew Lewis Caldwell ("College," 2008) as Megawatt.

## WHAT'S NEW ON HULU

### "Deli Boys" - Season 2

Get into the meat of the family business when Season 2 of "Deli Boys"

makes its debut Thursday, May 28, on Hulu. Season 1 followed brothers Mir (Asif Ali, "Wrecked") and Raj (Saagar Shaikh, "Ms. Marvel") after the loss of their father (Iqbal Theba, "Glee") and the discovery that not everything Baba did was above board. Turns out their family business was nothing but a front for a multimillion-dollar drug-smuggling ring hidden behind a chain of Philadelphia convenience stores. As Mir and Raj scrambled to take their father's place in the real family business, they were forced to adapt quickly to survive a world they were dangerously unprepared for. But inheriting a criminal empire turned out to be the easy part as more money really does mean more prob-

lems. This season sees the Dar brothers needing to up their game now more than ever as Philly's sketchiest crooks start to circle them following the arrival of casino king Max Sugar (Fred Armisen, "Saturday Night Live"). Also starring Poorna Jagannathan ("Never Have I Ever"), Alfie Fuller ("The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel") and Brian George ("The Expanse"), "Deli Boys" was created by Abdullah Saeed ("Bong Appetit") and developed by Jenni Konner ("Girls") and Nora Silver ("Single Drunk Female").

## WHAT'S NEW ON PARAMOUNT+

### The 52nd Annual American Music Awards

The biggest night in music gets its royal welcome when Queen Latifah ("The Equalizer") hosts the 52nd Annual American Music Awards, broadcasting live Monday, May 25, from MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. All eyes will be on Taylor Swift ("...Ready for It?"), who's received eight nominations — including Artist of the Year, Album of the Year ("The Life of a Showgirl") and Song of the Year ("The Fate of Ophelia") — and may just extend her already record-shattering 40 wins, cementing her place as the winningest artist in AMA history. Breakout stars Olivia Dean ("Lady Lady") and sombr ("i don't know you anymore") look to impress as first-time nominees, each earning seven nominations including New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Breakthrough Album of the Year. Other first-time nominees include Alex Warren ("Ordinary"), BigXthaPlug ("Hit List"), KATSEYE ("Internet

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Girl"), Leon Thomas ("Favorite"), PinkPantheress ("Break it Off"), Raye ("Prada"), Role Model ("blind"), Sienna Spiro ("Die on This Hill") and Tate McRae ("greedy"). And after receiving multiple wins, nominations and accolades for her acting chops, Teyana Taylor ("Gonna Love Me") is a first-time American Music Award nominee this year for Best Female R&B Artist.

## WHAT'S NEW ON APPLE TV

### "Star City" - Season 1

The other side of the space race is finally getting its due when the first season of "Star City" makes its debut Friday, May 29, on Apple TV. A bold spinoff of the critically acclaimed "For All Mankind," "Star City" is a propulsive, paranoid thriller that flips the alt-history space race on its axis — stepping behind the Iron Curtain to the moment the Soviet Union became the first nation to put a man on the Moon. Led by Rhys Ifans ("House of the Dragon") as the enigmatic Chief Designer driving the Soviet program forward, the series pulls back the curtain on the cosmonauts, engineers and intelligence officers embedded among them, each carrying secrets as volatile as the rockets they launch — and the consequences of failure far more dangerous than a botched mission. Starring Anna Maxwell Martin ("Becoming Jane," 2007) as Lyudmilla, Agnes O'Casey ("Black Doves") as Irina and Ruby Ashbourne Serkis ("Becoming Elizabeth") as Tanya, "Star City" is created by Ben Nedivi ("Fargo").



Asif Ali, Poorna Jagannathan and Saagar Shaikh in "Deli Boys"

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**Sentimental Value**

Sisters Nora (Reinsve) and Agnes (Lilleaas) reunite with their estranged father, Gustav (Skarsgard), a once-renowned film director who abandoned them years earlier. After the death of their mother (Klasson), Gustav returns to their lives with a plan to make a comeback movie inspired by his own family history and asks Nora, a stage actress, to star in it. Nora refuses, still carrying resentment and emotional scars from his absence, so Gustav instead casts a young Hollywood actress (Fanning) in the role. As production unfolds largely within the family's old home, the lines between art and reality blur, forcing the family to confront buried memories, unresolved pain and generational trauma.

Director: Joachim Trier. Stars: Renate Reinsve, Stellan Skarsgard, Inga lisdatter Lilleaas, Elle Fanning, Marianne Vassbotn Klasson. 2025. 133 min. Drama.

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WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	Brilliant Minds (N) (CC)	Chicago Fire (CC)	Chicago P.D. (CC)	WRAL News	:35 J. Fallon			
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13	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Hollywood	Boston Blue (CC)	FBI (CC)	News (N)	:35 Comics			
15	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	The Greatest	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel			
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31	12	Antiques Roadshow	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Nature	NOVA	Secrets of the Dead (N)	Amanpour (N)						
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A&E	21	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	Southern Law (N)	K9 PD- Jim	K9 PD- Jim	
AMC	41	2:00 Shawshank Rede...	*** American Sniper	(2014, War) Sienna Miller, Bradley Cooper.	*** Shooter (2007, Action) Michael Peña, Mark Wahlberg. (CC)	*** The Perfect Storm											
ANPL	64	Tanked	Tanked "All in the Ocean"	Monsters "The Mutilator"	Monsters "Alligator Gar"	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters	River Monsters
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Love & Hip Hop Miami	Hip Hop (N)	Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)	The Family Business (N)	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)	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Mad Money (L) (N) (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)							
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown
DISN	57	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)
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	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)	NFL Live (CC)	Pardon	The Point	NFL Live (CC)	ESPN Films (CC)	Banana Ball	World Tour								
FDSO	38	3:00 MLB Baseball	FIBA	To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.												
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)	Hannity (L) (N) (CC)	Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)								
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery "Burger Ballers"	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Flavortown Food Fight	Flavortown (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games
FREE	18	*** Beetlejuice '88	Michael Keaton. (CC)	*** Night at the Museum '06	Carla Gugino, Ben Stiller. (CC)	*** Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian	The 700 Club (N) (CC)										
FX	67	2:30 Fast & Furious Presents: Hobbs ...	*** Bad Boys	Women's College Golf 2026 NCAA Women's Team Match Play National Championship (N)	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf
GOLF	45	Golf Today (L) (N)	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf	Women's College Golf
HALL	62	*** Made for Each Other '23	Alexandra Turshen.	*** Polar Opposites '25	Rhiannon Fish.	*** Two Tickets to Paradise '22	Ashley Williams.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Fixer to Fabulous	Fixer to Fabulous	Rock the Block "Let's Win This" (CC)	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Fixer Upper	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	51	American Pickers	World War II with To	World War "Blitz"	World War "Barbarossa"	The Rise and Fall of the	"The Rise" (N) (CC)	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries	:05 History's-Mysteries
LIFE	25	Castle (CC)	The Rookie (CC)	The Rookie (CC)	The Rookie (CC)	The Rookie (CC)	The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)	:05 The Rookie (CC)
LMN	46	*** Abducted at an HBCU: A Black Girl Missing Movie	*** Taken at a Truck Stop: A Black Girl Missing Movie	*** Girl Who Survived: Alina Thompson Story	*** The Girl in the Garage: The Laura Cowan Story												
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	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	The Challenge (CC)	Special	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (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	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Smuggler "Khat Corridor"	Smuggler "Dirty Dealing"	Cat Smug Cont (N)	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler	Catch a Smuggler
NICK	29	Patrick Star	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	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	Dateline: Secrets "Somebody's Daughter" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "10 Minutes to Sunset" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "The Sleepover" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "The Day the Music Died" (CC)												
PARMT	27	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
SYFY	55	3:30 *** Dredd '12	Karl Urban.	*** The Equalizer 2 '18	Pedro Pascal, Denzel Washington. (CC)	*** The Martian (2015, Sci-Fi) Jessica Chastain, Matt Damon.	*** Day After Tomorrow										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	Graham	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise	Harvest (N)	JM. Youssef	Turning	Stakelbeck	Praise		
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
TCM	54	3:30 *** The Wicked Lady	Looney /:45 *** Tom Jones '63	Albert Finney.	*** Butterflies Are Free '72	Goldie Hawn.	*** The Bad Seed '56	Nancy Kelly.									
TLC	23	Save My Skin	Save My Skin	Save My Skin	Save My Skin	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body
TNT	28	2:00 Roland-Garros (L) (N)	Roland	*** John Wick '14	Keanu Reeves. (CC)	NHL on TNT (L) (N)	NHL Hockey (L) (N)	Post-Game									
TOON	69	Regular	:45 Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers
TRUTV	40	2:00 Roland-Garros (N)	Roland (N)	To Be Announced	TBA	PowerHouse	NHL on TNT (L) (N)	NHL Hockey (L) (N)									
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	30	3:30 9-1-1	9-1-1 "Peer Pressure"	9-1-1	WNBA Pre.	Basketball	Phoenix Mercury at New York Liberty (N)	WNBA Basketball	Atlanta Dream at Minnesota Lynx (L) (N)	Two Men							
WE	61	NCIS "Lost at Sea" (CC)	NCIS "The Namesake"	NCIS "Shell Shock, Part I"	NCIS "Shell Shock, Part II"	NCIS "Gone" (CC)	NCIS "Devil's Trifecta"	NCIS "Shabbat Shalom"									

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Real talk

# Rafa's reflections: Tennis champion Rafael Nadal discusses his career in new documentary

By **Caroline Collacutt**  
TV Media

**Rafa's reflections:** While the French Open delights tennis fans across countries, delve further into the life and career of one of the sport's most notorious players with "Rafa," a docuseries making its debut Friday, May 29, on Netflix.

From Oscar-nominated director Zach Heinzerling ("Cutie and the Boxer," 2013), the four-part series shines a spotlight on a player with 14 French Open titles of his own:

Rafael Nadal. Colloquially known as Rafa — or the King of Clay, to some — Nadal has an impressive pro tennis career that spans over two decades, earning Nadal 92 ATP Tour singles titles, 36 Masters titles and an Olympic gold medal.

Netflix's description reads: "Rafa" retraces Nadal's remarkable journey with cinematic scope, combining testimonies from those who know him best — on and off the court — with unseen moments that reveal what lies behind the legend. From his beginnings at just three years old

to his return to competition in 2024, the documentary not only shows the evolution of a champion, but also the physical and emotional toll that has shaped his path, as he faces time and again Nadal's most constant rival: his own body. 'Rafa' spotlights a candid and vulnerable superstar, and each episode goes beyond tennis to explore the life, story and legacy of an unparalleled icon."

As the description suggests, "Rafa" details the many injuries Nadal faced throughout his time on the court, including stress frac-



Rafael Nadal is the subject of "Rafa"

# Extreme Sudoku

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tures, tendonitis, knee injuries, back injuries, hip injuries, abdominal tears and chronic Mueller-Weiss syndrome in his foot. It also follows Nadal through the highs and lows of gameplay, into fatherhood and through his farewell tour at Roland Garros — the very stadium where Nadal won 14 of his 22 Grand Slams — promising a comprehensive look at the end of Nadal's impressive career.

While Nadal offers his own insights, viewers can also expect appearances from other big names in the tennis world, including testimonies from Nadal's teammates and interviews with Nadal's longtime rivals Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic and competitor John McEnroe.

From Skydance Sports — with David Ellison ("Top Gun: Maverick," 2022), Jesse Sigsold ("Air," 2023), Jason Reed ("Rise of the 49ers") and Jon Weinbach ("The Last Dance") acting as executive producers — "Rafa" makes its debut Friday, May 29, on Netflix.

**Roads to Rome:** Travel back in time and explore one of history's greatest cautionary tales for yourself with the debut of "The

Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire," a new series premiering Wednesday, May 27, on History.

You might have heard the phrase "all roads lead to Rome." But for five centuries, the idiom proved itself more than true. The Roman Empire (active from 27 BC to AD 476, per Britannica) was once a central hub for all that surrounded it, featuring an extensive system of complicated roads that all met at the Milliarium Aureum in Rome. The empire saw rapid expansion, massive military accomplishments and — ultimately — a devastating collapse, leaving behind a history that scholars, enthusiasts and historians still contemplate today.

With this latest special, the network manages to share a comprehensive look at the empire's staggering rise and fall, from the early days of the Republic to Rome's military expansion — through the Punic Wars and the Macedonian Wars — to Rome's relationship with Greece, Roman technologies, societal struggles in the Late Republic and more.

Across both episodes, the series will also discuss the emperors who led the Roman Empire

through each stage of its existence, from the first Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus, to the last, Romulus Augustulus. While some names might be totally unfamiliar to viewers, others — such as Julius Caesar, Nero and the bloodthirsty Caligula — have left such a mark on history that their names have become synonymous with the empire.

"The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire" joins an impressive roster of past History series detailing the time period, including "Engineering an Empire," "Rome: Rise and Fall of an Empire," "Colosseum," "Ancient Empires" and 2024's "Drain the Oceans: The Rise of the Roman Empire," a YouTube exclusive special that explores Roman trade routes now submerged underwater.

From October Films, the creators of "Emperor: The Rise & Fall of a Dynasty" — and executive producers such as Neil Breakwell ("Secret Life of the Lighthouse"), Mike Warner ("Colosseum") and Kathryn Taylor ("America: The Story of the US") — "The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire" makes its debut Wednesday, May 27, on History.



# Friday Best Bets

## Die Hard 2

AMC 12:30 pm

Christmas is never restful for LAPD detective John McClane (Bruce Willis). A year after his heroics in LA, McClane gets caught up in terrorist attack at Washington Dulles International Airport while waiting for his wife's (Bonnie Bedelia) plane to land.

## The Cheyenne Social Club

TCM 6:00 pm

He rode all the way to Wyoming expecting a tidy inheritance and instead received the deed to a brothel. When Madam Jenny (Shirley Jones) is brutalized, drifter John O'Hanlan (James Stewart) takes justice into his hands and inherits a blood feud with it.



Jack McBrayer hosts "Zillow Gone Wild"

## United Football League

WFXB 8:00 pm

The Dallas Renegades ride into The Dome at America's Center, aiming to knock the St. Louis Battlehawks down a peg or two. With playoff seeding at stake, this showdown should deliver hard hits, bold play-calling and some very compelling spring football.

## Zillow Gone Wild

HGTV 9:30 pm

Forget curb appeal — this listing doesn't even have a curb. Host Jack McBrayer ventures 26 feet underground to explore a fully self-contained bunker home that features a yard, backyard and pool, while completely hidden from the sunny world above.

## FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 2026

	TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Happy's	Stumble	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		WRAL News		:35	J. Fallon
9	WMBF	9	WMBF News at 4 (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	NBC News	WMBF News	Inside (N)	Happy's	Stumble	Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News at 11		:35	J. Fallon
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)	20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N)		:35	J. Kimmel	
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTV News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel (N)	Jeopardy!	Sheriff "Crucible, Part 2"	Fire Country (CC)	Boston "Hard Truths"		News (N)		:35	Comics
15	WPDE	10	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	ABC15 News at 5 (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	News (N)	ET (N)	Celebrity Jeopardy! (N)	20/20 (N) (CC)		News 15 (N)		:35	J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Penn & Teller: Fool Us	Bible Challenge (SF) (N)	The National News Desk		The National News Desk			
31	WUNU	12	Energy	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Issues	ncImpact	Week (N)	State Lines	Great Performances "Broadway Musicals: A Jewish Legacy" (CC)		Amanpour			
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe	Mi verdad oculta	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Hermanas, un amor (N)	Noticias 40		:35		Noticiero		
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	UFL United Football League	Dallas Renegades at St. Louis Battlehawks (L) (N)	FIFA World		Goldbergs			
62	WFPX	8	★ The Royal (2022, Drama)	Elisabeth Röhm, Amin Joseph. (CC)		★★★ Rebound ('05) Martin Lawrence. (CC)		★ Crossover ('06) Wesley Jonathan.		★★★ Cradle 2 the Grave ('03) Jet Li.							
A&E	21	Desert Law	Desert Law "Standoff"		Desert Law		Desert Law		Desert Law		Desert Law		Desert Law "Busted"		:05 Desert Law		
AMC	41	3:00 ★★★ Die Hard ('88)	Bruce Willis. (CC)		★★★ Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back ('80)		Mark Hamill. (CC)		★★★ Star Wars: Return of the Jedi ('83) Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill. (CC)								
ANPL	64	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	★ Tyler Perry's Acrimony (2018, Thriller) Lyriq Bent, Taraji P. Henson. (CC)		★★ Tyler Perry's the Family That Preys ('08) Kathy Bates. (CC)									
CMT	48	King	King	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Mama's	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)	Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)		Cooper 360 (L) (N)		The Source With (L) (N)		CNN NewsNight (L) (N)		Laura Coates Live (L) (N)		
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)	Public Affairs Events		Ceasefire (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)		Ceasefire (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)		Ceasefire (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)		
DISC	42	The Last Woodsmen	Last W. "Razor's Edge"		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest "Stack Fire"		Deadliest Catch (N)		The Last Woodsmen (N)		In the "Mile-Wide EF5"		In the Eye of the Storm		
DISN	57	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	Bluey (CC)	★★★ Toy Story ('95) Tom Hanks, Phineas		Phineas	Phineas	Kiff (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug	
E!	39	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	★ Joe Dirt ('01) Dennis Miller, David Spade. (CC)		★ Joe Dirt David Spade.			
ESPN	31	3:00 NBA Today (L) (N)	SportCtr (N)		Pardon	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)	Squeeze Play (CC)		Women's College WS Game 5: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)		Update (N)		Women's College WS Game 6: Teams TBA (L) (N) (CC)		NFL Live						
FDSO	38	Carolina	Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse		Focused		Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games		Pulse/Pack		Duke	Outdoor	Great
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N) (CC)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N) (CC)		Hannity (L) (N) (CC)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)		
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food Network's "Pizza"		Diners	Diners
FREE	18	2:35 ★ Princess Diaries	:15 ★★★ The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement ('04) Anne Hathaway. :55 ★★★ The Parent Trap (1998, Children) Dennis Quaid, Lindsay Lohan. (CC)		★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07) Jon Voight, Nicolas Cage. (CC)		★★★ Predator										
FX	67	2:30 ★ Equalizer 3 - Final ...	★★★ National Treasure (2004, Adventure) Diane Kruger, Nicolas Cage. (CC)		★★★ National Treasure: Book of Secrets ('07) Jon Voight, Nicolas Cage. (CC)		★★★ Predator										
GOLF	45	PGA Tour Golf Charles Schwab Challenge, Second Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (L) (N)		PGA Tour Golf Charles Schwab Challenge, Second Round (CC)		Golf Central										
HALL	62	★ The Perfect Setting ('25) Laci J Mailey.	★ Tidings for the Season ('25) B.J. Britt. (CC)		★ Christmas Under the Stars ('19) Jesse Metcalfe.		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Zillow	Zillow	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	51	The UnXplained	The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N) (CC)		:05 The UnXplained		:05 The UnXplained		
LIFE	25	NCIS (CC)	NCIS (CC)		NCIS (CC)		NCIS (CC)		NCIS (CC)		NCIS (CC)		:05 NCIS (CC)		:05 NCIS (CC)		
LMN	46	★ Abducted: The Mary Stauffer Story	★ Rescued by Faith: Connie & Larry Van Oosten Story		★ Kidnapped in Her Own Home: Martha Carelli Story		★ Accused: The Karen Read Story		Katie Cassidy.								
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	MTV Special (CC)	MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (CC)		MTV Special (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	Lost "Nero's Lost Palace"	Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of Rome		Lost Treasures of (CC)		Anc Autopsy (N)		Anc Autopsy (N)		The Lost Tomb		
NICK	29	SpongeBob ★ Movie	★ Movie		★ Movie		★ Movie		★ Movie		★ Movie		★ Movie		★ Movie		
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	"Best Summertime Rescues" (CC)		PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	The Killer Among Us	The Killer Among Us		Snapped		Snapped "Ina Kenoyer"		Snapped "Ulisa Chavers"		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		
PARMT	27	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	★ Movie		★ Movie					
SYFY	55	2:30 ★ Jupiter Ascending	★★★ Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01, Child) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)		★★★ Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets ('02) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)												
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	The Song	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	K-Love Fan Awards 2026 (N)		K-Love Fan Awards 2026 (N)						
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Foul Play	TBA
TCM	54	★★★ Sex and the Single Girl ('64) Tony Curtis.	★★★ The Cheyenne Social Club James Stewart.		★★★ Cape Fear ('62) Gregory Peck.		★★★ The Boys From Brazil ('78) Gregory Peck.										
TLC	23	Welcome to Plathville	Welcome to Plathville		90 Day Fiancé "Trusting the Process -- Part 1"		90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day (N)		Single "Tell All Part 2"		90 Day				
TNT	28	2:00 Roland-Garros	Roland	FBI "Breakdown" (CC)	FBI "Protégé" (CC)		NHL on TNT (L) (N)		NHL Hockey (L) (N)								
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	2:00 Roland-Garros (L) (N)	Roland (N)	To Be Announced	TBA		PowerHouse	NHL on TNT (L) (N)	NHL Hockey (L) (N)								
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	Chicago "A Closer Eye"	Chicago "Going to War"		Chicago Fire		Everything		Everything		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) (CC)		To Be Announced				
WE	61	3:30 Criminal	Criminal Minds	"Hit"	★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)		Love After "Big Throuple Energy" (N)		This Is Poly (N)		Love After "Big Throuple Energy" (CC)						



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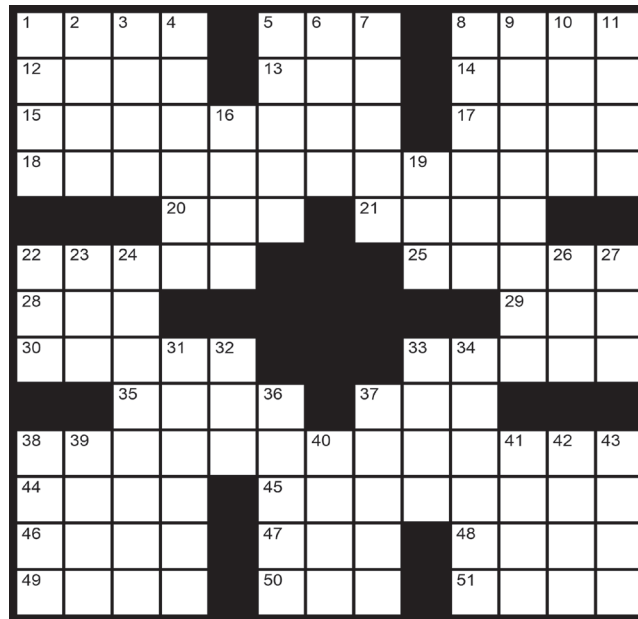
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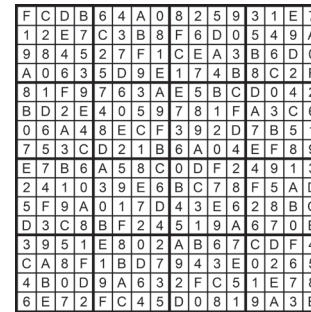
**Across**

1. Savvy about
5. "I can't believe this," in texts
8. Diagnostic test
12. Pour
13. Córdoba kinswoman
14. "Not to mention ..."
15. Competition show hosted by Buddy Valastro
17. The "R" of "A.P.R."
18. Joel McHale series
20. Live
21. "Me neither"
22. "If I \_\_\_ Care" (The Ink Spots' song)
25. Peter Pan pal
28. Peanut Butter Lovers Mo.
29. Hurricane's center
30. Wynonna and Naomi
33. Cousin of a mink
35. Years on end
37. Actress Ullmann
38. Reality show hosted by Gordon Ramsay
44. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
45. Ex-QB who calls games on CBS
46. Lass
47. Boost
48. Kuwaiti leader
49. Barker
50. County units: Abbr.
51. Shoe strengthener
2. Indian bread
3. Kind of torch on "Survivor"
4. Kind of show
5. Lifted, so to speak
6. Catchall category: Abbr.
7. Sports
8. Camus contemporary
9. Squidward's instrument
10. About
11. Carol
16. One of TV's Simpsons
19. Right this minute
22. Abbr. after Cory Booker's name
23. Marker
24. Bonus on a Blu-Ray
26. Batiking need
27. "\_\_\_ out!"
31. "You don't say!"
32. Show Adrien Brody has been banned from
33. Unctuous
34. Camerapeople, gaffers, etc.
36. Attack
37. Advances
38. Badgers
39. Border lake
40. Telephone-on-the-web tech
41. Main Web page
42. Disney's "\_\_\_ and the Detectives" (1964)
43. Dix or Knox

**Down**

1. Seal eater

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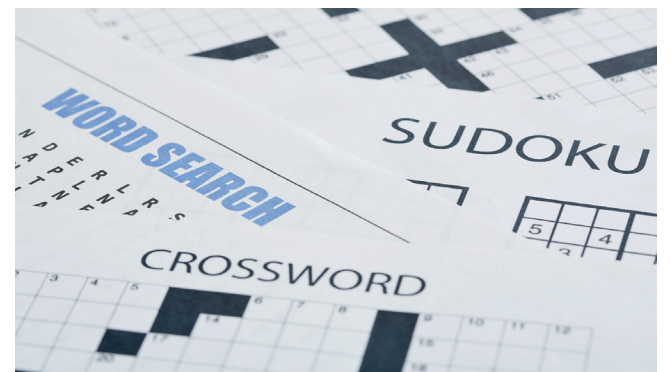
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