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Heat wave continues with cooldown expected Sunday

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ROBESON COUNTY — The heat wave across Robeson County over the last week is expected to continue through Saturday, the National Weather Service says.

Friday saw a high temperature of 97 in Lumberton for the third straight day, though a late-afternoon thunderstorm cooled temperatures some. This marked the 10th consecutive day above 90 degrees.

Temperatures in the high 90s are expected to continue through Saturday; a forecast for rain on Sunday is expected to finally bring temperatures down.

Friday marked the ninth consecutive day the NWS issued a heat advisory for Robeson County, according to Tim Armstrong, a meteorologist with the NWS. Those nine straight days are among the 12 heat advisories issued for the county so far in 2026.

“If that’s not unprecedented, it’s awfully close,” Armstrong said. “That’s one of the longer periods of excessive heat I’ve seen in a while.”

A high pressure which sat over the Mid-Atlantic Region and caused excessive heat about a week ago in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington D.C. and the surrounding region moved south to the Carolinas and has resulted in the persistent high temperatures in recent days.

Saturday will also see high temperatures, with a forecast high of 95 and a heat index of 100, though there is a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms on Saturday afternoon and a 40% chance of rain overnight.

The high pressure system will move south this weekend, causing “a shot of Canadian air” to come down into the Carolinas, bringing temperatures down, Armstrong said. Sunday’s high temperature is forecast at 89 degrees, with a 80% chance of rain, and Monday’s high will be around 86, the NWS says.

After more than a week above normal, which is 91 degrees in early- to mid-July, these forecasted temperatures will be below normal for this time of year, Armstrong said.

As hot as Robeson County has been this week, it is still not seeing the highest temperatures in the region. Wilmington saw temperatures of over 100 degrees both Wednesday and Thursday, the city’s first time with back-to-back triple-digit days since 2012, Armstrong said.

The hottest part of the day is typically between about 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Armstrong encouraged people to stay indoors if possible during that part of the day.

“You want to stay indoors as much as possible, make sure you stay hydrated with lots of non-alcoholic beverages, and if you have to work outdoors, because of your job or you’re exercising, take frequent breaks indoors in an air-conditioned location,” Armstrong said.

Temperatures are forecasted to remain in the 80s on Tuesday, with a high near 89, before gradually rising through the middle of next week, returning to above average by Thursday, with a 96-degree forecast.

Support shown for, against CTEC naming



Kawanda Merritt English, right, speaks during the PSRC Board of Education’s public hearing regarding the naming of the Career and Technical Education Center Thursday in Lumberton.

Chris Stiles
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Support was shown both for and against the possibility of naming the Robeson County Career and Technical Education Center (CTEC) for former superintendents Johnny Hunt and Barry Harding as the Public Schools of Robeson County Board of Education held a public hearing on the matter on Thursday at Lumberton Jr. High School.

Of 20 speakers in the public hearing, 13 expressed support

for naming the school after Hunt and Harding, while seven spoke in opposition.

Earlier this year, the board considered a proposal to place plaques honoring the two men outside the building, but the possibility of naming the facility for them was brought up in the discussion around that measure. It was ultimately tabled so that public input could be given, leading to Thursday’s public hearing.

No action was taken by the board during the public hearing; this was stated from the start. Additionally,

no board members responded to any speaker’s comments, as is standard procedure in open hearings.

The CTEC facility, located east of Pembroke along Highway 711, is currently in the later stages of construction and is scheduled to open this fall.

Support for naming CTEC after Hunt and Harding centered around the service and character of the two longtime Robeson County educators, in addition to the role of each in the origins of the project.

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‘Strike at the Wind!’ features new lead Deam, final run for Ward and Drahos



Sean Deam, left, as Henry Berry Lowrie, and Cheyenne Ward, right, as Rhoda Strong, perform during the season debut of “Strike at the Wind!” on July 4 in Maxton.

Michele Chavis
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LUMBERTON — “Strike at the Wind” is back!

Sean Deam, who had previously played Harris, a key figure in the Lowrie gang, has taken over the lead role of Henry Berry Lowrie this year.

“I’m very excited about this role. We went through opening the

other night and it went very well. I had only had the part for a week,” said Deam. “Whether I’m able to come back or not really depends on the new director’s vision.”

Jonathan Drahos, the head of the theatre program at UNC Pembroke, is in his final season as the play’s director. Alongside the talented cast

See STRIKE | 6A

Red Springs residents air their frustrations at board meeting

Michele Chavis
The Robesonian

RED SPRINGS — Tensions ran high at the Red Springs Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday night.

The people of Red Springs came out in droves to express

their frustration over town manager Shanelle Harris’ decision to outsource the trash collection to ALL Pro in Pembroke and after her recent decision to evict the Red Springs Rescue Squad from the building that it has leased



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James Carthen speaks during the public comment period of Tuesday’s Red Springs Board of Commissioners meeting.

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OBITUARIES

GILES ROBERTSON CLARK



Giles Robertson Clark of Elizabethtown, North Carolina, died July 4, 2026, aged 96. He was hospitalized for complications of cancer in Wilmington, NC, where his loved ones attended to him during his final days.

Born December 5, 1929, in Elizabethtown, Mr. Clark arrived in a nation with 48 states at the headwaters of the Great Depression. World War I was only a decade in the past, World War II a decade to the future, and America had recently celebrated its 150th birthday in 1926. Dying on the nation's 250th anniversary, Giles experienced and participated in nearly 40 percent of American life and history. He left his mark as a man who loved the Lord God above, his family, the law, aviation and the UNC Tar Heels.

The second born of four sons to H. Manly Clark and Mary Robertson Clark, Giles arrived shortly before his father was elected sheriff of Bladen County, an office he would hold for 14 years. The position allowed young Giles to see law enforcement and justice in action. He later wrote, "I was privileged to sit on the floor of the crowded courtroom in front of the jury box and observe the proceedings. I became enamored with the attorneys and the judges, their eloquence, knowledge and advocacy as well as the respect and admiration given them."

A World War I veteran who valued providing public service as sheriff, Giles' father possessed the heart of a talented and restless entrepreneur. Before and after Giles' birth, "Mr. Manly" founded several successes, many connected to the region's farming and agriculture, and others supplying petroleum products and automobiles needed for a rapidly growing transportation sector.

Fondly remembered by Giles and his brothers, their mother, Mary Robertson of Rowland, NC, trained as a nurse during World War I, taught school and came to Elizabethtown as a home demonstration agent, bringing current home economic techniques and equipment to rural areas. After she married, the raising of four boys, involvement in church, PTA and community, along with required gardening and canning, coalesced into full-time pursuits for Mrs. Clark.

Giles graduated Elizabethtown High School and East Carolina College, where he majored in Social Studies and English. He volunteered for the Army and became part of the Counter Intelligence Corps, serving during the Korean War. After discharge, he enrolled in the University of North Carolina School of Law. Of his time at Chapel Hill, he rated his zealous support of the undefeated 1957 National Champion Tar Heel basketball team as an achievement almost equal to obtaining his law degree in 1958.

Mr. Clark's law practice began with three years on the staff of the state attorney general. Based in Raleigh, NC, he'd appear before the Industrial Commission and in courtrooms across North Carolina defending claims against the state. He then realized a long-held goal of practicing law in his hometown, which he did for seven years. "This was a typical country lawyer practice where you just took whatever case walked in the door—real estate, criminal and civil trials, contracts and domestic relations were mat-

ters of primary concern, but other intriguing cases, claims and personalities were frequently encountered," he's explained, saying that private practice was a crucially educational and enjoyable time of his life.

Years of interacting with judges, and studying opinions and writings of the judiciary, led Mr. Clark to want to be a part of it. "Witnessing the character, ability and integrity of those serving in the Superior Court and those on the appellate bench was inspiring to me," he's written. His judicial journey began by accepting an appointment to Bladen County Records Court in 1966. Two years later, he won election to the district court, a position he would hold until early 1975 when he was chosen to fill a vacancy as Resident Superior Court Judge for North Carolina's 13th Judicial District. Standing for elections, he held the seat for 18 years until retirement in 1993.

Judge Clark served with distinction throughout his legal career, receiving several professional recognitions. He regularly topped surveys of attorneys and courthouse personnel that rated judges on ability, integrity and impartiality. He was known as tough but fair and typically seasoned the proceedings with his characteristic quick wit and good humor.

Mr. Clark was blessed with two loves of his life. He first met Dottie Ann Matthews, the daughter of Nash County tobacco farmers, on campus at East Carolina. There was mutual interest, but romance didn't spark until later meetings in Washington, D.C., with Giles in the Army and Dottie at the Pentagon. Married in D.C. in 1958, they soon moved to Raleigh, where Giles worked for the state attorney general and Dottie in the governor's office. By 1961, they were in Elizabethtown, starting a family that would grow to two sons and a daughter as Giles' legal career developed and Dottie managed the household. A loving marriage of 30 years ended with Dottie's death in 1989.

Fascinated by aviation since childhood, Mr. Clark held ownership in private aircraft most of his adult life. While flying in 1990, he heard an uncharacteristically casual question over the flight radio frequency: "Hey Judge, how are you doing?" It was the voice of Rachel Peterson Keziah, a school administrator and private pilot living in Wilmington. Mutual friends decided the two should meet and planned the "radio rendezvous." Within two years, Giles and Rachel were married.

During the next 34 years, most of them in their retirement, the couple enjoyed skybound adventures, including a round-trip transcontinental journey from North Carolina to Fairbanks, Alaska, flying in an aircraft built by Mr. Clark and friends. Giles and Rachel were enthusiastic members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and participated in the organization's Young Eagles program, introducing airplanes and flight to youth. And several summers were highlighted by flying to Oshkosh, Wisconsin, for the EAA's week-long signature airshow.

Judge Clark was retired for nearly as long as he labored. Though after formal retirement in 1993, he eased out by occasionally serving as an emergency and retired/recall judge until 2007. He also found purpose helping others settle differences through arbitration and mediation, assisting the conflicting parties and removing many cases from overloaded court dockets.

In retirement, Mr. Clark gained freedom for deeper engagement with the businesses started or inspired

by his father and developed by his three brothers, Manly, David and Rogers. While a judge, conflict-of-interest and time constraints limited Mr. Clark's contributions to the entities he held stake in. Sampson-Bladen Oil Company, Clark Brothers, and Clearwater Enterprises are part of a wide family portfolio holding convenience stores and petroleum products, truck transport, commercial real estate, farmland, timber and Camp Clearwater, a large campground on the shore of White Lake, NC. Once retired, Mr. Clark was stimulated by interacting with his brothers and the upcoming family generations in their efforts to advance corporate success.

A seven-decade member of the Elizabethtown Baptist Church, Giles served as a deacon and perennially taught Sunday School. Often the person asked to bless the meal or offer prayer for other events, he held quiet witness to his faith through helping others and striving to show kindness to all. He lived in steady gratitude to the Lord and knew that keeping the faith is a daily project.

The judge became a grandfather at the grandfatherly age of 71 and lived to see his two grandchildren graduate college. Much of his later life was built around family, with many activities centered on summers at his home on White Lake. Grandchildren Lindsay and Matthew Woodard lived in Raleigh, and "Goodole" (short for "Good Ol' Granddaddy") and "Mema" (Rachel) regularly made the trip from Bladen County to attend the kids' school and church events, music recitals and sport competitions. Likewise, few UNC Tar Heel football and basketball games escaped Giles' viewing, and each season he mandated that a minimum of one game in each sport be attended in person by the family, which they did until he was age 90.

Mr. Clark was preceded in death by his parents, H. Manly Clark and Mary Robertson Clark; brothers, H. Manly Clark Jr. and Rogers H. Clark; and first wife, Dottie Matthews Clark. He is survived by his second wife, Rachel Peterson Clark; brother, David K. Clark; children with Dottie Clark: Giles R. "Bob" Clark Jr. (Robyn), Martin Matthews Clark (Julia) and Catherine Clark Woodard (David); grandchildren, Lindsay Olivia Woodard and Matthew Clark Woodard; stepson, Walter Payne Keziah III; and more than a dozen nieces and nephews who shared mutual affection with "Uncle Giles."

Mr. Clark's children with Dottie Clark are all long married and grateful for the loving parents who supported, motivated and encouraged them. Bob Clark is an airline Captain residing in Texas, Martin Clark is a media producer in Chapel Hill and Catherine Clark Woodard is an attorney in Raleigh. They are also thankful their father found a great partner after Dottie died in the kind person of Rachel Clark.

The family appreciates the many condolences and stories of how Judge Clark mentored, inspired, assisted or entertained them—his humor, easygoing nature and wisdom are fondly remembered.

A celebration of life for Mr. Clark will be held at 1 PM Saturday, August 1 at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church. A visitation will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Donations can be made in Judge Clark's memory or honor to:

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Sons of American Revolution to celebrate 250th anniversary of the Declaration reading

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LUMBERTON — Community members will gather to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence in North Carolina, honoring the sacrifices made by the nation's Founding Fathers and reflecting on the enduring significance of American independence. The event, organied by the Colonel Thomas Robeson chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Proctor Law Office at 517 North Elm Street.

Blake Tyner, president of the Sons of the American Revolution, spoke about the bravery demonstrated by the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence. "We owe the signers of the Declaration of Independence a debt we cannot repay," Tyner said. "When the 56 men signed, they became direct targets of the British Crown, risking execution, the destruction of their livelihoods and severe retaliation against their own families."

Tyner said the anniversary celebration serves as an opportunity to remember those sacrifices while bringing the community together.

"I'm hoping this event will bring together members of the Col. Thomas Robeson Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and those interested in celebrating the reading of the Declaration of Independence," Tyner said. "It's a chance to acknowledge the sacrifices made by the 56 men who risked their lives to create the Declaration of Independence."

This commemoration will recognize the historic reading of the Declaration in North Carolina and highlights the lasting legacy of the document and the individuals whose actions helped establish the United States.

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The Capital of Fairmont opens in historic building

Michele Chavis
The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — On Tuesday morning, the former location of the Hector McLean Library in Fairmont officially became the Capital Bar and Grill. The much-anticipated restaurant is housed in a special building that has been a part of Fairmont’s history for decades. To understand the significance of the building’s history, let’s look back.

In 1897, Angus McLean, who later became governor of North Carolina, and Judge Thomas A. McNeill started the Bank of Lumberton with \$15,000 and was the first bank in Robeson County.

By the time that 1952 came, McLean’s son, Hector, was a decorated World War II veteran and was practicing law in Lumberton. A tenacious and persuasive leader, Hector McLean cared about enriching the

community of Robeson County and was elected to the board of the Bank of Lumberton. And in 1955, McLean was elected president of the bank. Through expansion and the acquisition of multiple smaller banks, the Bank of Lumberton was renamed several times, and in 1959 was permanently named Southern National Bank.

Fairmont is a close-knit community and in 1962 had a bustling population of 111,000 and was defined by its dense network of tobacco-growing terrain with much of the population working in tobacco or performing a skilled trade. This was the same year a small garage dealership was purchased and turned into the Fairmont branch of Southern National.

Upon mcleans retirement as Southern National’s president in 1990, he saw a chance to give back to the Fairmont community and in an act of true

philanthropy, donated the bank building to the town. In 2021, along with a \$500,000 capital improvement grant, the old bank complex was donated by mclean and renovated by the town of Fairmont and officially dubbed the Hector McLean Public Library, in appreciation and honor of its benefactor.

“When the town moved the library to the old post office complex two years ago, the old building was put up for bid and Ms. Shirley Smith won that bid shortly thereafter,” said Mayor Charles Kemp.

Shirely Smith became the sole proprietor of the historic site at 106 South Main Street on Feb. 11. Appropriately named The Capital of Fairmont Grill and Seafood, and the restaurant serves family favorites like, wings, burgers and a variety of seafood.

“We are looking forward to serving the surrounding counties and our local community,”



The Capital of Fairmont
Fairmont Mayor Charles Kemp, second from left, with other dignitaries and restaurant leaders at Tuesday’s ribbon cutting for The Capital of Fairmont Grill and Seafood.

Smith said in a social media post. “It has been a journey, much money, independently. No grants, no nothing. Just the grace of God.”

If you find yourself in Fair-

mont, swing by and feel the history and experience “the best taste in town” at the Capital of Fairmont Grill and Seafood.

Michele Chavis is an intern for The Robesonian.

N.C. COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Celebrating watermelon

LUMBERTON — We just celebrated a momentous occasion in the history of this country, the 250th anniversary of our Founding Fathers signing the Declaration of Independence. Along with celebrating the Fourth of July annually, we each can probably recall fond memories from years gone by, or maybe you’re young and starting new traditions with your family. Some of those traditions may include grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, or maybe corn on the cob, finishing it off with apple pie topped with some homemade vanilla ice cream. Hey, don’t forget the watermelon; nothing says summer and Fourth of July like a slice of cold watermelon — always a refreshing treat to enjoy when coming inside from the heat of the day. So, I thought I would share some fun facts about our delicious and healthy summer fruit.

Did you know the watermelon is entirely edible? Not only can you enjoy the sweet, fleshy heart of the melon we love so dearly, but you can also pickle the rind and eat the seeds dried or as sprouts! Two cups of watermelon have 80 calories, no fat, 8% of your daily allowance of vitamin A, 8% of vitamin B6, 25% vitamin C, 6% magnesium, 8% thiamin, and 2% phosphorus. Who would have thought there are 10 grams of protein in an ounce the seeds!

So, where did our watermelon fruit come from? This story will start in Africa. As a matter of fact, the wild ancestors still grow like weeds there today. Like our present-day watermelon, those melons are full of water, and some still have the similarly colored green



Mack Johnson
N.C. Cooperative Extension

rind. These ancestral plants have pale yellow to almost white flesh and they taste very bitter. Some even have fuzzy rinds. Interestingly, the first known recording of watermelon cultivation has been from Egypt 3,500 to 4,000 years ago, with seed, leaves and paintings found in Egyptian tombs — including King Tut’s.

So, where do watermelons grow? Many of you know they thrive on well-drained soil with eight or more hours of direct sun. Of course, they need water to develop, so irrigation is important for commercial production. North Carolina grows our fair share, as we usually rank about fifth nationally in watermelon production, growing around 10,000 acres. Which county do you think grows the most watermelons? If you said Sampson, then you are correct. Matter of fact, Sampson County grows more than the next four N.C. counties ranking in production combined, which are Wayne, Hertford, Chowan and Nash.

The last question, where can I buy my watermelon? There are endless outlets you can purchase a watermelon, but we would like to encourage you to buy local if possible. We have many roadside farmstands throughout the county, and you can always check the Robeson County Farmers Market located in the plaza of downtown Lumberton during its operating hours. So now, during these hot summer days, why not enjoy some cool refreshing watermelon.

For more information, contact Mack Johnson, Extension horticultural agent, at 910-671-3276, by email at mack_johnson@ncsu.edu, or visit the Extension’s website at <http://robeson.ces.ncsu.edu/>.



Homicide Arrest

Isaiah R. Thompson
***First Degree Murder**
Unrelated Charges
*** Felony Breaking, Entering & Larceny**
***Felony Conspiracy**



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Arrest made in teen’s homicide

Staff report

ROWLAND — An teenager has been arrested in a homicide investigation after the death of a 15-year-old.

On Friday, at approximately 3:58 am, Robeson County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded to 1644 Henry Berry Road, between Rowland and Pembroke, in reference to an individual shot. Upon the arrival of the deputies, Jameson Graham, 15, of Fairmont was found deceased.

Isaiah R. Thompson, 18, of Rowland was arrested and charged with first degree murder.

Thompson was also charged with breaking and entering, larceny, and felony conspiracy in an unrelated case.

Thompson was placed in the custody of the Robeson County Detention Center without bond. The investigation is ongoing.

The Robeson County Sheriff’s Office Homicide Division is investigating the case. Anyone with information about the case is asked to contact the Robeson County Sheriff’s Office at 910-671-3100.

“Under our system of justice, every person is presumed to be innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The information contained in this post is not intended to be an expression of opinion regarding guilt,” a social media post by RCSO states.

FROM THE LEGISLATURE

Harris introduces 2 bills to cut bureaucracy at Dept. of Ed.

WASHINGTON — Thursday, U.S. Rep. Mark Harris (R-NC8) introduced the Less Bureaucracy, Better K-12 Education Act and the Less Bureaucracy, Better Higher Education Act, two bills to transfer the administration of certain federal education programs to the Department of Labor and help codify President Trump’s plan to downsize the Department of Education.

The bills are part of the House Committee on Education and Workforce’s “Less Bureaucracy, Better Education” legislative package, a 10-bill effort led by Chairman Tim Walberg (R-MI) to reduce federal education bureaucracy, ensure responsibilities are carried out by agencies better positioned to administer them, and better focus on students, families, and taxpayers.

“Across America, our schools and colleges are preparing the next generation of leaders,” said Harris. “With educators in my own family, I know the heart they have for helping students reach their full potential. The federal government should support that work, not get in the way with unnecessary bureaucracy. I am proud to introduce these two bills to ensure K-12 and higher education programs are administered by an agency better positioned to serve students and families.”

In March 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing the Secretary of Education, to the maximum extent



Harris

appropriate and permitted by law, to take steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return authority over education to states and local communities while ensuring the continued delivery of services, programs and benefits on which Americans rely.

As part of the administration’s effort to reduce federal education bureaucracy, the Department of Education and the Department of Labor have established partnerships involving the administration of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education programs. Under these partnerships, the Department of Labor has taken a greater role in administering certain federal education programs.

The Less Bureaucracy, Better K-12 Education Act and the Less Bureaucracy, Better Higher Education Act would build on these efforts by transferring responsibility for administering specified federal education programs to the Department of Labor while preserving the statutory authorities and funding purposes governing those programs, a press release said.

Budd calls for CAISI to resume publishing research on frontier AI models

U.S. Sen. Ted Budd (R-NC) recently sent a letter to the National Cyber Director, Sean Cairncross, and the Director of the Office of



Budd

Science and Technology Policy, Michael Kratsios, calling for the Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI) to resume publishing its findings and evaluations of frontier Artificial Intelligence (AI) models.

In the letter, Senator Budd addresses CAISI’s role in identifying potential vulnerabilities and risks associated with Chinese AI models. Additionally, he notes the need to coordinate and leverage both the private and public sectors to evaluate and monitor AI development to advance American leadership in AI.

In the letter, the Senator wrote: “To continue to build on the groundbreaking innovation of America’s AI industry, I request that you continue to allow CAISI to perform its important mission in conjunction with the AI missions of other components of the government and, to the extent possible, allow its research to be published. More high-quality research conducted by CAISI’s informed experts deepens America’s AI competitive ecosystem for model and benchmark developers. Leveraging the strength of both America’s public and private sector capacity to evaluate, monitor, and understand frontier AI development will only become more critical as industries in every sector of our economy continue to embrace AI technology.”

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HIS VIEW

North Carolina’s housing crisis

Drive around most any city of size in North Carolina and you are likely to see neighborhoods transitioning before your eyes. World War II era bungalows and 1960’s split levels, houses ranging between 900 to 2,500 hundred square feet of living space, are being torn down and replaced with new “McMansions” of 3,000 to 6,000 square feet.

This building boom is disguising a huge housing shortage in North Carolina. Bowen National Research conducted a study that revealed between 2024-2029 our state would have a housing gap of 764,000 units; 442,000 for sale units and 322,000 rental units needed.

Not only does our state have a housing shortage but there’s also an affordability crisis.

Forbes data reveals that the median price of a home in our state is now \$381,000. In 2024, it required 3.9 years of labor to purchase a median price home in the United States. In North Carolina, with a median yearly household income of \$72,388, it requires 5.1 years of labor to purchase that median price house.

The rental picture is also revealing. According to Apartments.com the average monthly rental rate for a one-bedroom apartment in NC is \$1,361 per month; two bedrooms average \$1,554 monthly. For a person working 40 hours per week, the one bedroom would require an hourly wage of \$7.80 just to pay the rent; the two-bedroom unit would require an \$8.98 hourly wage. Keep in mind that our state’s minimum wage has been \$7.25 per hour since 2009.

The definition of what is considered “affordable” is that no more than 30% of your gross (pre-tax) income should be spent on housing. This figure includes rent, utilities and insurance for renters and the mortgage, property taxes and insurance for home buyers.

There’s little doubt North Carolina is experiencing a housing crisis, so the question is what can be done to reduce the shortage and make housing more affordable?

Just about everyone agrees building construction takes too long and costs too much. While contractors cannot control the costs of building materials there are some areas where unnecessary time and money can be saved.

State and local governments need to become willing partners in this process by reviewing and revising policies, codes and approvals with an of not to sacrifice safety and good construction techniques but making construction simpler and more economical.

One thing that could immediately be done to bring down costs would be to relax zoning restrictions to allow more units to be built on an acre or parcel of land. This would not have to be enacted in the entire city or county but could be done in certain specified areas.

Another solution is to relax restrictions on prefab and modular construction. We’re not advocating the resurrection of mobile home parks, but offsite construction can speed up the building process and be more cost effective.

Fees and permitting is another area where time and money could be saved. And building codes can be standardized and, wherever possible, simplified throughout the state, again ensuring safety and good construction.

Inspections are a major factor in the length of and costs of construction. Builders constantly complain about having to wait around for inspectors to come spend very little time inspecting and signing off on plumbing, electrical and other aspects of building.

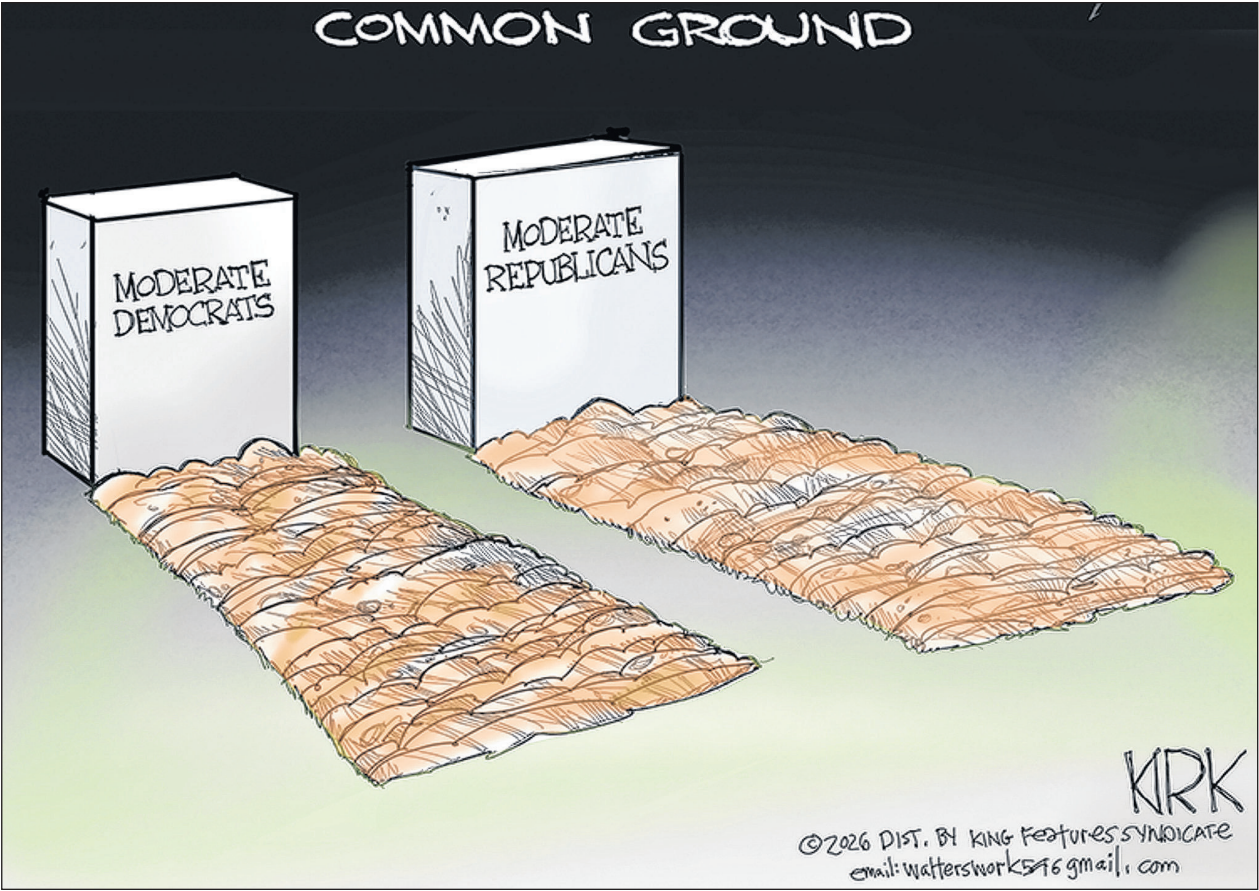
And the repairing and renovating of older construction can help ease the gaps. Many communities have buildings that could be repurposed to provide housing. Just as we offer incentives to new businesses and industries to locate here, state and local governments could encourage projects by offering generous tax credits in targeted areas where shortages are severe.

There are big payoffs for reducing our housing crisis. Dr. Mike Walden, one of our state’s leading economists, reported on the economic impact to closing this housing gap. His conclusion states, “Over 2 million jobs would be created paying a total of \$144 billion in labor income. Also, the total value of the economic activity in the State generated by the construction would be \$489 billion. Aggregate public sector revenues paid to local, state and federal governments would be \$51 billion.”

With our state adding thousands of new residents every year the current housing shortage will continue to grow unless a concerted effort is employed to reduce or eliminate the situation.

The potential payoff is well worth the effort.

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HIS VIEW

Getting a pass for a trip to Ireland

I checked an item off my to-do list this week that had been lingering for almost 69 years.

Pretty soon, my U.S. Passport will arrive through the mail, a necessary and almost final to-do item before I fly to Ireland the day after my 69th birthday, where I will play a little golf, watch my Tar Heels play football, drink pints of Guinness, tour the country and write some new stories.

The good people at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, who made quick and easy a process I was sure was going to be laborious and frustrating, said I should expect to get the passport in three to four weeks. Everything else they told me about the process was correct, so I trust this as well.

A few friends have expressed surprise that in all my years that I have never had a need for a passport, but this upcoming trip will only be my third out of the United States, the other two obviously not requiring a passport.

I remember well my trip to Jamaica in 1983 because as soon as I was out of the country and not paying attention, the Atlanta Braves traded beloved favorite son Brett Butler to the Cleveland Indians for a sore-armed pitcher named Len Barker, a trade that appeared dubious then and has only gotten dumber over time. Forty-three years later, it is among a handful of things I will never get over.

I was between jobs at the time, and I carried about \$300 cash, a couple of Casio watches that were coveted by the islanders and intended for bartering, to the beaches of Negril, where I transitioned from poor to rich.

I remember a single dollar bill would not only buy a Red Stripe but was enough for the tip to the native who delivered it, and consuming eight whole lobsters delivered by the “Lobster Man” still soaking wet from the sea, with the per-crustacean cost progressively getting lower.

I also remember as we were preparing to leave for home, the young man who had shadowed us for four days, doing errands for a penance, asking me if he could try on my Converse tennis shoes. I knew what was up and waved him and them good-bye as he disappeared down the beach with my Carolina blue size 12s flopping.

Perhaps he grew into them.

There are other memories, some dulled by the deeds and others by decades, and then there are those I am smart enough not to detail.

My only other trip out of this country came in the mid-1990s and was to Manitoba, Canada to hunt geese. I was never a hunter, and the invitation was extended from a dear doctor friend who considered me good entertainment and knew that I would be a worthy foe in the battle of Bud Light consumption.

We had traveled far north to hunt “fresh birds,” meaning they had never been hunted. As our guides called them down and toward the blinds, I felt like I was shooting in self-defense; it was during subsequent trips when we hunted birds that had been shot at before and would flare from a mile high at the blink of an eyelid, that I realized the fight was more than fair.

Reflecting on that trip, it is sad to count that out of the 12 people on the trip, exactly half of them are no longer with us, including three with whom I spent summer weekends at Ocean Isle fishing, playing golf and eating cow.

So, Ireland is now teed up.

I do not know much about the country, but I do know it is breathtakingly beautiful, the Irish speak something close to English, the folks are friendly, they love golf and Guinness, and right now my Tar Heels are unbeaten.

What’s not to like? I am ready to make some more deposits in my memory bank.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastors and members should let preachers’ kids be kids

Children of preachers have a unique life. Where a man heeds the call to ministry, and a wife willing joins her husband in ministry, children are plopped into all of it with no say in the matter. They get birthed, a couple of days later they are in the church nursery, and before they are even really old enough to grasp the situation, someone is snootily looking down on them proclaiming “I never expected a pastor’s child to have a diaper like THAT!”



Bo Wagner
Contributing columnist

Things often go downhill pretty fast from there. When they learn to toddle around, they find that another child can bite someone or whack someone with a toy, and grace and mercy are the prescription, lest some precious member be offended and leave. When they do the same, though, the pastor will be expected to nearly flog them publicly.

As they grow, other kids can run in church, and they will be “redirected.” If they do the same (and I speak from actual experience on this one), they will be dragged to the office, and some oaf or oafette will angrily proclaim, “Preacher’s kids ought to know better than to run in church!”

The pre-teen and teen years are often the worst. “Normal” kids will be allowed a life to play and go and do without much scrutiny, but a pastor’s kids will have every outfit, outing, interaction, word, post, crush, joke and facial expression put under a microscope.

But all of that can be dealt with easily enough. What is utterly soul-crushing is when those flesh-and-blood kids look to their mom and dad expecting mom and dad kind of support, and instead find those parents being pastor and pastor’s wife first, and dad and mom a distant second. They will often see a scowl of disapproval and hear something they never expected to hear, something like, “Even if they are wrong, we need to go along with what they say for the benefit of my ministry.”

If you ever do that, congratulations: in one fell swoop, you have not just damaged the ministry you prize so highly by letting others know they can steamroll you and your family, you have also made sure that your kids will hate the very notion of ever being in ministry, and maybe of even being in church. I have lost count of the number of ministry families exactly like what I just described, whose little children have grown into young adults and left home as early as possible, moved far away, and do not even darken the doors of any church. Don’t make that mistake.

Do you want your children to grow up to love the Lord, and you, and other believers, and church and the Bible, and all the things that matter? Then please understand that your children must be able to be children, not just “little missionaries to the church.” The day they get the idea that they are merely tools for your use as you build your ministry, resentment will begin to build that will one day likely wreck their lives and yours.

The great apostle Paul said, “When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child.” It was not till he became a man that he “put away childish things.” In Isaiah 11:8, God says that a child will play. This notion that children of members should be allowed that kind of childhood, but children of preachers should not, is abominable. Proverbs 20:10 says, “Divers weights, and divers measures, both of them are alike abomination to the Lord.” This tells us how much God prizes things that are handled evenly, rather than skewed.

Children hate unequal things nearly as much as God does. Adults don’t usually go around wailing “That’s not fair!” but children do. And oftentimes, not only are they right, but it is dad and mom/pastor and wife that are to blame for allowing or even expecting it.

We have raised three children in church from birth to mid-twenties. All three are saved, love the Lord, love us, love church, and are not just still in church with us, but all actively serving in our church. At an age where they could have moved away and gotten out, they have chosen to stay in. For us, that was actually the goal the entire time. We never wanted to produce little obedient robots with an 18-year shelf life before total malfunction; we wanted to produce kids who loved all of it so much that they would continue in it and raise our grandkids in it one day.

In their own words, all of this is largely because they always knew we were mom and dad first, and pastor and wife second. We took up for them. When some church member viewed them as fair game to yank up and chastise, we stepped in and “remedied the situation.” We let them be part of the youth group, just like every other kid, putting no difference whatsoever between any of them. We let them have fun. We let them make mistakes, and then we privately corrected those mistakes rather than making a public example out of them. We did not put “you have to save my ministry” kind of pressure on them. Yes, as they grew old enough to understand, we did let them know that what they did could affect or even ruin it; that is fair and accurate. But we also told them that we were their parents first, and that they could be kids and have fun and not even think about it, because we, as parents, would correct them anyway if they ever started to go wrong.

That really is key, young preacher. If you behave as a good dad, correcting the wrongs and setting things right, there really is no need to beat the “you could ruin my ministry” drum. Nor, by the way, should you ever, ever allow “ministerial brethren” to pressure you into making your children conform to their expectations. That happens a lot, and it could largely be solved by a simple “Stay in your lane, bro.” Your children will appreciate it, and you, believe me.

Before I close, please let me give a public thank you to my church. They have loved my children fiercely and treated them fairly, and I give them a ton of credit for how well they have turned out.

Now, go play with your kids, Dad.

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CHURCH OF THE WEEK



East Lumberton Church of God

— Pastor: Rev. Tim Lewis

— Address: 100 Dresden Ave., Lumberton

— Phone: 910-739-3397

— Service schedule: Sunday, Sunday School 10 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m., Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.

— Denomination: Pentecostal

— Congregation: 165

— Established: Old building 1944, Current building 1977

— Favorite scripture: Proverbs 3:6

“In all they ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.”

CHURCH CALENDAR

UPCOMING

Sounds of Zion Gospel Concert, 3 p.m., July 11: New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church invites you to the Sounds of Zion Gospel Concert, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 11 at St. Pauls Middle School. Admission is free and an offering will be collected. Featured groups include Spiritual Friends, Coco McMillan and 2nd Chance of Dillon, also featuring Elder Rodney L. McCrowe, who will serve as master of ceremony, the St. Luke Holiness Church Praise Team and other special guests. For more information call 910-618-7304.

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.churchofjesus-christ.org/>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Meeting

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since 2021.

“If we are talking about outsourcing any position, it should be the town manager’s position that needs to be outsourced,” said James Carthen, Red Springs resident.

There was heavy police presence at the meeting to control any emotional outburst, and Mayor Caroline Sumpter was forced to strike her gavel on multiple occasions saying that everyone’s speaking time would be respected equally.

Residents demanded accountability over the resignation of police chief Antionette Hurtt, with one resident, James Carthen, who acted as the spokesperson for the Red Springs locals, saying, “our town manager needs to be held accountable for her actions and her attitude towards her actions.”

Protestors gathered in front of Red Springs Town Hall, carrying signs that demanded the firing of Harris just before the meeting started.

David Swan, a Red Springs resident,



Red Springs Town Manager Shanelle Harris, third from right, speaks during Tuesday’s Board of Commissioners meeting. Michele Chavis | The Robesonian

said, “(Hurtt) was having crimes investigated instead of sweeping them under the table which has been done for so many years in this town,” said David Swan, a Red Springs resident.

This was the first town board meeting that was held after the resignation of Chief Hurtt and the public spoke

loudly.

“Our town is broken and we have to find a solution,” said Commissioner Duron Burney.

In other business, former mayor Edward “Chub” Henderson was honored with a plaque of appreciation. Henderson served as mayor from 2017 until

Strike

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and crew, Drahos brings the historical events that shaped Lumbee culture to life.

“This year is bittersweet for me and the director, Jonathan,” said Cheyenne Ward, who is celebrating her last season on the cast in her longtime role as Rhoda Strong, the wife of Henry Berry Lowrie. “There are so many emotions. I am excited and sad. This is my sixth year, and it has been a big part of my adulthood.”

The outdoor drama debuted in 1976 and is marking its 50th anniversary season. The production made its 2026 debut July 4 at the Adolph Dial Amphitheatre, located at the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center in Maxton.

The play is scheduled to run Fridays and Saturdays through July 18, and is a part of the Cultural Center’s

summer lineup.

Strike at the Wind chronicles the life of Henry Berry Lowrie — a key figure in the shaping of Lumbee history, after the killing of his father and brother by the Confederate Home Guard. The murders become the catalyst for the eruption of a battle that lasts for seven years, The Lowrie War of 1865. A band of men, led by Lowrie begin a crusade for justice against the Home Guard and all other persecutors of indigenous people of Robeson County. Through his actions, Lowrie becomes a famous hero and local legend that represents the resilience and fortitude of the Lumbee people.

The show offers locals a chance to celebrate their heritage and it gives visitors the unique chance to learn more about the history of Robeson County.

“Strike at the Wind helps us connect with our culture and the community has been so supportive,” said Ward.



Large crowds attended the season debut of “Strike at the Wind!” on July 4 in Maxton.



Gary Locklear, center, speaks during the PSRC Board of Education’s public hearing regarding the naming of the Career and Technical Education Center Thursday in Lumberton.



Members of the PSRC Board of Education listen during its public hearing regarding the naming of the Career and Technical Education Center Thursday in Lumberton.

CTEC

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Harding served as superintendent from 1998-2002; during his tenure, PSRC acquired the land where the CTEC facility is currently being built. Hunt held the role from 2006-15, and helped to gain additional support around the county for the eventual project. He also served as a Robeson County commissioner before becoming superintendent.

“Securing the property for the new school was a bold, yet foundational, first step necessary for the establishment of the new school,” said Gary Locklear, reading from a letter from Rev. Michael Cummings endorsing the proposal. “(Hunt) pursued the new vision of the school and made certain that the project never lost momentum. Dr. Hunt wasn’t just able to secure final building plans; his influence and vital relationships beyond the public school sector brought further support from key county government leaders.”

Many of those who spoke in favor of naming the building for Hunt and Harding were PSRC educators who worked alongside one or both men.

“I’ve had the pleasure of working with both of these fine men, and during that time, I saw dedication, determination and two men that you can be very proud of, and all the things that they did for us as administrators, teachers and especially for our children,” Molly Locklear said.

Given that both men are members of the Lumbee Tribe, Charles Graham noted that naming the facility is in a “strategic location,” less than one mile east of the Tribe’s headquarters.

“These gentlemen were visionaries, they were

intent on doing what’s right for our children, and they need this distinction,” said Graham, a retired educator and former state representative. “Why wouldn’t we want to recognize individuals of distinction? Two individuals who have given 80 years of their life and career to educating and providing for the children of Robeson County.”

Various speakers also read letters in support of naming the school after Hunt and Harding from dignitaries including Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery, UNC Pembroke Chancellor Robin Cummings, Fairmont Mayor Charles Kemp, Rev. Michael Cummings and the Lumbee Regional Development Association.

Many of those who spoke in opposition also touted the character and service of both Hunt and Harding, but opposed the premise of naming a county-wide facility for any specific individuals.

“They are, without question, the exact kind of leaders we want our children to study, respect and emulate,” said John Campbell, chairman of Concerned Citizens for Better Government and a former member of the school board. “Our position tonight is not a reflection on their character or their incredible legacy. But a public building belongs to the entirety of the public. We believe moving forward with a permanent personal renaming at this stage is premature. ... A rushed decision has created unnecessary division around a building that should be a symbol of unity.”

Campbell suggested a compromise that the inside of the building contain plaques and/or a “historical exhibit” honoring Hunt and Harding.

“Let the inside of the building teach our children who paved the way, while the outside of the building remains a neutral, welcoming home for every student in Robeson County,” Campbell said.

Kawanda Merritt English, a former PSRC educator

who is currently executive director of Connect Community Inc., also said that race should not influence the decision to name the school, stating that the current name starting with “Robeson County” is “the most appropriate.”

“Regardless of anyone’s intentions, the decision should not be about race; it should reinforce the values we want our students to learn: unity, inclusion and shared purpose,” she said. “A county-wide facility should have a name that every student, regardless of background or hometown, can see as their own.”

English also suggested that the board consider adding a scoring rubric to the policy to name facilities to make it less subjective in the future.

Arnie Lowery added that Hunt and Harding could potentially be considered in the event of a new school in the Pembroke area, but not one that will serve the entire county.

Jerry Stephens, president of the Robeson County NAACP, said that a school in which students will receive instruction on trades and technical skills should be a place about those opportunities, not one or two individuals.

“It represents skill, trade, our education, innovation, economic development and hope for our future generations,” Stephens said.

Two individuals spoke on the connection between the new facility and the Hilly Branch School. That school opened in 1919 and was the first rural high school for Black students in Robeson County, Charlotte Williams said, before consolidating with Southside School in 1968 and eventually becoming the location of the county’s first technical school. The Hilly Branch Alumni Association is against naming the new CTEC for Hunt and Harding.

“To keep our diversity, our identity and our heritage intact,” Williams said. “We have many men and women who had an impact on this school, from way, way back, before these incredible people.”

Douglas McMillan, also a Hilly Branch alumnus, said that within the new CTEC there should be a “reflection on Hilly Branch and the history that it represents.”

The PSRC Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the central office.

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1.7 million grill brushes recalled

David J. Neal
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MIAMI — Conair recently recalled 1,719,995 brushes sold under the Cuisinart brand.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recall notice explained: “Small metal wire bristles

can detach from the brushes and stick to the grill or food, posing an ingestion hazard and risk of serious internal injuries that could require surgery.”

That’s not an idle concern, either. The notice says Conair knows of “at least 54 reports and reviews where small wire bristles detached

from the grill brushes.”

Among those incidents, there were “three reports of consumers who swallowed metal bristles and sought medical treatment to remove the bristles from their digestive tract or throat.”

These were sold at Burlington, TJ Maxx and Ross stores, on Cuisinart.com and

on Amazon.com from June 2009 through March 2026.

The models recalled are:

- CCB-100 Triple Bristle Grill Cleaning Brush
- CCB-4125 4-in-1 Grill Cleaning Brush with Stainless Steel Wire Bristles
- CCB-5014 BBQ Grill Cleaning Brush and Scraper, 16.5-inch Stainless Steel
- CCB-6450 Triple Bristle Grill Brush SS Bristles
- CCB-8012 2-in-1 Grill Brush Bristle/Coil
- CCB-4114 Pizza Stone Cleaning Brush
- CCB-W2 Wood Grill Cleaning Brush (18.5-inch with Pakka Wood Handle)
- CSBS-777 Steam Clean Grill Brush

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RALEIGH — In a surprise move on Wednesday, June 24 the U.S. Department of Justice announced a proposed settlement with chemical manufacturer Chemours over the company’s contamination of major waterways in three states, including North Carolina’s Cape Fear River.

The proposed settlement agreement, totaling about \$450 million, seeks to remediate what the DOJ called “years of historic and ongoing pollution of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), known as PFAS, from the Defendants’ chemical facilities.”

“Through this commitment, Chemours will better control PFAS at its plants, allowing the company to continue its manufacturing operations while protecting communities,” read a release from DOJ. “This agreement ensures that the company will manufacture these critical materials in a responsible manner.”

Almost immediately, though, in a response sent to the media, North Carolina Gov. Josh Stein and Attorney General Jeff Jackson denounced what they called a “backroom deal” that leaves “virtually nothing for North Carolina.”

Jackson said that he only learned of the pending agreement on Tuesday, June 23.

“This [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency], which has already weakened protections against chemicals like GenX, is now allowing polluters to pick and choose how and where they’ll fix their contamination — leaving North Carolina with no guarantees,” Stein said in the release.

The settlement was announced from the Southern District of West Virginia, where Chemours operates and “transferred PFAS materials between and among the West Virginia facility and the facilities in New Jersey and North Carolina.”

It’s the latest twist in a long-running saga of industrial pollution of waterways in North Carolina — and across the country — and the efforts to hold manufacturers responsible. These efforts have played out over the course of multiple presidential and gubernatorial administrations with varying degrees of force.

Drop in the bucket

Announcement of the agreement came on the same day that Stein, along with Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Reid Wilson, had been visiting homes in the Wilmington area where residents have been pushing for action around PFAS remediation for almost a decade.

“Forever chemicals like PFAS cause serious health problems, and one out of three North Carolinians currently drink water with PFAS levels that exceed upcoming federal health standards,” Wilson said in a statement.

The money flowing to North Carolina as a result of this settlement would amount to a drop in the bucket for water utilities like the Cape Fear Public Utility Authority, which provides drinking water for hundreds of thousands of residents in the Wilmington area. Since 2017, the water utility has spent more than \$92 million to remove PFAS from drinking water for ratepayers, including the installation of a granular activated carbon system, according to information provided by the utility.

Stein said his administration has pushed for more than \$1.6 billion in water infrastructure projects to improve drinking water and wastewater treatment, and to mitigate PFAS contamination. That’s after the Cooper administration and the state legislature funnelled more than \$1.5 billion of American Rescue Plan Act dollars to water and sewer projects across the state.

In Stein and Jackson’s joint release, they criticized the amount of money that will come to North Carolina as a result of Wednesday’s settlement.

In their statement, they noted that, “Chemours will get to propose the projects it will fund, without any input from North Carolina or its residents. If any of the states require Chemours to do any



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additional PFAS cleanup or mitigation, the money that Chemours spends can get credited against this \$90 million pool. Chemours doesn’t have to make any commitments to spending any of this money in North Carolina.”

The \$90 million sum, if divided by three states over a 15-year period, would amount to roughly \$2 million annually for each state.

The dollars are minuscule compared with the amount already spent on studying and mitigating PFAS contamination statewide.

N.C. State epidemiologist Jane Hoppin, principal investigator of the GenX Exposure Study, told NC Health News that since 2017, she has raised about \$11.5 million in funding to support her research project, which includes collecting blood and other biological samples from 1,200 people and examining it. Hoppin said she will continue to rely on research money to fund the project for years to come.

Though Kemp Burdette, executive director of the Wilmington-based environmental advocacy group Cape Fear River Watch, couldn’t put a number on how much money the organization has spent collecting water samples, paying for lab tests and helping to enforce the 2019 consent order established between Chemours, Cape Fear River Watch and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, he told NC Health News it’s a lot — and the work continues.

Kemp said he and his staff continue to inform the public on PFAS-related environmental issues and contribute to proposed policy and PFAS litigation.

The North Carolina Collaboratory, a General Assembly initiative that coordinates research across the UNC System to support state and local government decision-making, has received approximately \$54million from the North Carolina General Assembly since 2018 to support PFAS research, Steve Wall, the senior research advisor, shared in an email to NC Health News.

“\$450 million dollars sounds like a lot, but when you’re trying to divide up \$450 million between three states over 15 years, it’s a drop in the bucket for the amount of money needed to remove PFAS,” said Beth Kline-Markesino, founder of Stop GenX in our Water, a former nonprofit advocacy group.

“This doesn’t include the thousands of well owners in our state with detectable PFAS limits from Chemours,” she continued. “The \$450 million dollars is a start to help struggling utilities install filters, what our country needs is enforceable PFAS limits in drinking water.

Decades of pollution

Since the first detections of PFAS pollution in the Ohio River Valley in the early 2000s, research has been underway to track the health effects of the chemicals, known for their persistence in the environment.

Since then researchers have found possible links between PFAS and several health effects, such as low birth rates, certain forms of cancer, weakened immune systems, thyroid disease, and liver and kidney damage.

The Cape Fear River pollution was revealed in a 2017 Wilmington Star-News exposé revealing that the chemi-

cal GenX and other, older, forms of PFAS had been found in riverwater downstream from Chemours’ Fayetteville Works plant on the Bladen County border. At first, local utilities and the state, which had been alerted to the problem by N.C. State University water quality scientist Detlef Knappe, did not publicize the findings.

The facility, which produces industrial gas, plastics and resin chemicals, had been improperly storing chemicals on its property. The settlement documents also note that the company had allowed PFAS-tainted effluent to flow into the Cape Fear River.

“From 2004 to 2022, Old Dupont and Chemours surface water sampling downstream of Fayetteville Works

detected PFOA (Perfluorooctanoic acid) and PFOS (Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid) discharges to the Cape Fear River, with PFOA concentrations of 42,000 – 49,000 [parts per trillion] and PFOS concentrations of 40,000 – 44,000 [parts per trillion] in 2021,” the settlement reads.

Subsequent studies of the surrounding area found contamination of soil and drinking water wells from PFAS, ostensibly emitted out of the chemical facility’s smokestacks and carried by the winds to surrounding areas.

Monitoring had also detected other stormwater discharges from 2019 to 2021 that totaled about 1.8 million parts per trillion for PFOA. In 2020, a report from the NCDEQ found “staggering” amounts of PFAS pollution in discharges into the Deep River, a tributary of the Cape Fear, that measured 1,000 parts per trillion of PFOS, far less than the concentrations released by Chemours.

In 2019, the state reached a consent agreement with Chemours that fined the company \$12 million and required it to speed up actions to remove contaminants from the air, groundwater and the river water.

After the initial contamination event in Ohio and West Virginia, Chemours’ precursor company, DuPont, paid out hundreds of millions of dollars to study the effects of the chemicals, remediate the pollution and compensate victims.

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Bladen CC, county leaders working to keep young workers in region

Dallas Ludlum
The Bladen Journal

ELIZABETHTOWN — Ask a young person in Bladen County about their plans, and there’s a decent chance the answer involves leaving. That’s not a judgment — it’s a pattern. A pattern that the county’s demographic data has been tracking for years, and one that local leaders are now, with a new sense of urgency, trying to reverse.

The numbers tell a stark story. Bladen County’s median age is 44.7 years, compared to a statewide average of 39.1. Just 20.6 percent of residents are under 18, below the state average of 21.6 percent. Meanwhile, 24.3 percent of the county’s population is 65 or older, compared to 18 percent statewide. The overall poverty rate hovers around 22 percent, more than eight points above the state average — and among children, the estimated poverty rate climbs to 37 percent.

These are not abstract statistics. They are the lived reality of a rural county in which generations of young people have looked at the available opportunities and made a calculation: there’s more out there than this.

“We hear it from students all the time,” said a Bladen County high school administrator. “They’re smart, they’re capable, and they want a future. The question we have to answer — as a school system, as a county — is whether we can give them a reason to build that future here.”



Students enrolled in Bladen Community College's welding program work toward certifications that local employers say are in high demand. College officials and county leaders view workforce training as a key tool in reversing the county's "brain drain."

The institutional response to that challenge has been led, in large part, by Bladen Community College. Located in Dublin, BCC has positioned itself in recent years as the county’s primary engine of workforce development, offering short-term training programs in welding, electrical systems, healthcare, and agribusiness that are designed to connect students directly to local employers.

“Our goal is simple: create a pathway from a classroom in Bladen County to a job in Bladen County,” said a BCC administrator. “We’re not training people to leave. We’re training people to stay, and we’re working with local employers to make sure the jobs are here when they graduate.”

The college administers WIOA — the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act — funding to help cover training costs for qualifying students, and has partnered with the NCWorks Career Center to provide job placement support. The SECU Bridge to Career Scholarship offers addi-

tional financial assistance specifically aimed at bridging the gap between training completion and employment.

Katrina Harbison, a WIOA case manager at BCC, works directly with students navigating those programs. She said the financial barriers to pursuing even short-term training can be significant for young people from low-income households, and that the support systems BCC has built are essential to the pipeline actually working.

“A lot of our students are the first in their family to pursue any kind of post-secondary training,” Harbison said. “They don’t always know what’s available to them. Part of my job is just making sure they know the door is open — and that there’s help walking through it.”

Employers in need

On the employer side, the urgency is equally real. Major industrial employers like Smithfield Foods and Kuraray, along with a network of smaller businesses, represent the backbone of Bladen County’s job market. HR managers at several of

those companies say the challenge is not a lack of available positions — it’s finding local candidates with the skills and credentials to fill them.

“We have openings,” said one Bladen County industrial employer who requested anonymity because of company communication policies. “We have good jobs with benefits that pay well. What we don’t always have is a pool of local applicants who are ready for them. That’s the gap we’re trying to close, and it’s why the partnership with BCC matters so much.”

That gap has not gone unnoticed at the county level. In 2022, Bladen County joined Carolina Across 100, a University of North Carolina program designed to connect what researchers call “Opportunity Youth” — young people between 16 and 24 who are neither enrolled in school nor working — with living-wage jobs and mentorship opportunities. The county’s local partner in the program is Men and Women United for Youth and Families, a nonprofit that has been working with at-risk youth in Bladen County for years.

“These are kids who have fallen through the cracks,” said one program participant’s mentor. “They haven’t given up on Bladen County — Bladen County has just never quite figured out how to reach them. Programs like this are us trying to get it right.”

The Bladen County Economic Development Commission has also been working to diversify the county’s job base, recognizing that sustainable youth retention requires



Bladen Community College's Dublin campus is the hub of the county's workforce development efforts, offering training programs designed to connect students directly with local employers.

more than industrial employment. The commission supports small business development through Bladen’s Bloomin’ Agri-Industrial Inc., which provides revolving low-interest loans to small businesses in manufacturing and agriculture, and has championed quality-of-life projects like the Brown’s Creek Bike Park as part of a broader effort to make the county a place young people actually want to live.

“Jobs are necessary, but they’re not sufficient,” said the EDC director. “Young people today are making decisions about where to live based on quality of life — on whether there are things to do, whether the community feels alive. We have to compete on that front, too.”

Strategy yields results

There are signs that the strategy is beginning to yield results, at least in individual cases. A 26-year-old Bladenboro native who left for college at UNC-Pembroke returned to Bladen County two years ago after being recruited by a local healthcare employer following a BCC clinical training placement.

“Honestly, I didn’t plan to come back,” she said. “I assumed the jobs weren’t here. But when I got the offer, I looked at what it would cost to live here versus somewhere else, what it would mean to be near my family, and it made sense. I’m glad I came back. I just wish more of my friends had the same option.”

Her experience illustrates both the promise and the challenge. The path back — or the path

to staying — has to be visible, credible, and competitive. For many young Bladen County residents, it simply has not been, and changing that perception requires the kind of sustained, coordinated effort that county leaders say is now underway.

A Bladen County commissioner who has championed youth retention as a policy priority was blunt about the stakes. “If we don’t solve this problem, we don’t have a county in 30 years,” he said. “That sounds dramatic, but it’s what the numbers say. We are an aging county, and the only way we change that is by giving young people — whether they’re from here or not — a real reason to choose Bladen County.”

For now, the people doing that work are making their case one student, one job, one conversation at a time. At BCC’s welding shop, where sparks fly on a weekday morning and an instructor walks a 19-year-old Bladenboro native through a joint weld, the abstract policy discussions give way to something more immediate: a young person learning a skill that an employer down the road needs, in a county where, right now, a future is being built for anyone willing to reach for it.

I just want a good job and to stay close to home,” the student said, pulling up his welding mask. “I don’t think that’s too much to ask.”

County leaders are banking on the fact that it isn’t.

Dallas Ludlum is the editor of The Bladen Journal.

NCDOT announces 90 day detour on 701 in Whiteville

Staff report

WHITEVILLE — A main artery into downtown Whiteville is expected to close Tuesday, July 14 for 90 days to construct a roundabout that will improve safety and traffic flow, the N.C. Department of Transportation announced.

The closure where U.S. 701 Business (South Madison Street) converges with South Franklin and South Lee streets is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. July 14.

State highway contract crews need the closure to safely pour the concrete apron and center island, construct the curbs and gutters, and pave and then restripe the intersection.

NCDOT says, weather permitting, the roundabout will fully open to traffic in mid-October, replacing the existing traffic signal.

Until then, the detour for U.S. 701

Business will be as follows:

- Drivers headed north on U.S. 701 Business will turn right onto South Franklin Street, then left onto East Main Street to return to the highway.
- Drivers headed south on U.S. 701

Business will turn right at West Main Street, then left onto South Lee Street to return to the highway.

To better facilitate the detoured highway traffic, the southbound lane of South Franklin Street and the northbound lane of South Lee Street will be closed during this 90-day period; drivers on these two

side streets should follow the posted detour signs.

Construction of the \$1.8 million project began in June.

State transportation officials remind drivers to plan ahead, remain alert and obey all posted traffic signs.

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Fairmont girls basketball hungry and hard at work



The Fairmont girls basketball team won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 4A East Regional championship on March 6 by defeating First Flight 59-40 in Greenville. Pictured, the Golden Tornadoes celebrate as time expires in the regional final.

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

FAIRMONT — Sometimes, one program clearly distinguishes themselves from the other teams around them and that was clearly the case for Fairmont girls basketball last season. The Golden Tornadoes went 27-3 en route to a 4A state championship appearance. The team is now in summer practices preparing for another successful season.

“You have to stay locked in and treat it like you weren’t the best team,” Fairmont coach Marcus Thompson said.

In the seven seasons Thompson has led the

Golden Tornadoes, they have drastically improved from before he took over. Fairmont went 0-22 in 2018-19, the year before he arrived and 9-15 in his first season, they’ve had all winning seasons since and currently have a streak of four straight 20-win seasons. The Golden Tornadoes have improved in each successive season, and have also won three consecutive Robeson County Shootout titles.

Staying focused on the task at hand was a major reason for the success last season as they avoided getting too high or too low.

The Golden Tornadoes couldn’t have dominated

the way they did last season without the trio of Lyric McNair, Kimiyah Smith and Aaliyah Duran.

McNair was the team leader with 12.9 points, 4.8 assists and 4.6 steals per game, earning Robeson County Player of the Year honors. Kimiyah Smith put up 8.1 points, 11.9 rebounds and 2.4 blocks per game, earning Robeson County Defensive Player of the Year honors. Duran ended last year with 10.9 points, four assists and 3.8 steals per game, and was named Robeson County’s Underclassman of the Year. McNair and Duran are now rising juniors and Smith is

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‘Enthusiastic’ Evans tabbed as St. Pauls’ new AD

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The Robesonian

ST. PAULS — The foundation for any strong athletic program starts at the top. St. Pauls High School knows this and believes it has found a solid anchor in new athletic director Bobby Evans. There is excitement throughout the St. Pauls community to see what the Bulldogs can do with his leadership.

“(Evans) was enthusiastic and has St. Pauls ties from being an assistant coach for girls basketball,” St. Pauls Principal Jason Suggs said.

Evans’ enthusiasm and ties to St. Pauls should help him in this new role. He will also become an assistant principal at the school.

Evans replaces Jordan Strickland, who left the role after one year to take a job as assistant principal at L. Gilbert Carroll Middle School in Lumberton.

In addition to his enthusiasm, Evans has also worked in Public Schools of Robeson County for a long time.

“I have worked with the Public Schools of Robeson County since 2017-18 and coached multiple

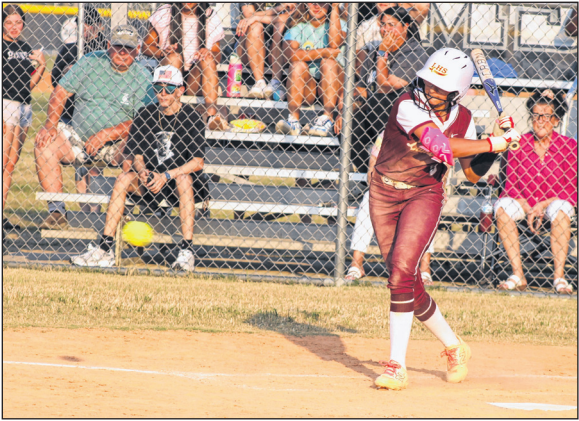


Evans



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Lumberton’s Jaelyn Hammond swings at a pitch during an April 24 game against Purnell Swett in Pembroke. Hammond was named Tri-County Conference Player of the Year.

Lumberton’s Hammond earns 7A East Player of the Year

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — Lumberton softball had multiple standout players make the N.C. Softball Coaches Association’s 7A All-State team with Jaelyn Hammond shining as the 7A East Player of the Year.

Hammond hit .544 with a .583 on-base percentage and 30 stolen bases, breaking her own school record with 49 hits. She scored 39 runs and drove in 27.

“I was honestly shocked when I saw it,” Hammond said. “I started out without a lot of confidence and this makes me more confident that I

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The West Robeson 10U Diamond Youth Baseball team won the state championship and advanced to the DYB World Series. Pictured, in the front row from left, are Jude Jacobs, Asher Freeman, Caniyah Bullard, Declyn Locklear, Braxon Locklear and Taylon Hunt. In the second row, from left, are Jace Bullard, Brendon O’Brien, Jaxon Bullard, Nixan Jacobs, Hunter Clark and Jace Locklear. In the back row, from left, are coaches Eric Freeman, Caleb Jacobs and Laython Bullard.

Photos courtesy of West Robeson Baseball Association

2 more West Rob. teams head to WS

Jacob Husson
The Robesonian

PEMBROKE — Playing baseball as a child is a key part of many people’s formative years. Young boys across America and the world grow up with a bat in their hands. When you add winning to that, it creates precious memories like the ones West Robeson 10U Diamond Youth Baseball and 13U Dixie Boys Baseball teams are making after each won the state championship.



The West Robeson 13U Dixie Boys Baseball team won the state championship and advanced to the DBB World Series. They are pictured celebrating after the title.

West Robeson’s 10U team will compete in the AAA Diamond Youth Baseball World Series in Laurel, Mississippi from July 29 to Aug. 3. The 13U team is set to compete in the Dixie Boys Minors World Series in Sterlington, Louisiana July 15-17.

The 13U team was undefeated in the Dixie Boys Baseball state tournament to advance.

“We had great pitching and got hits when we needed them,” West Robeson 13U coach Lathan Bullard said.

Bullard was happy to win and advance but was clear that the job isn’t finished.

West Robeson 13U has certain keys to victory

it is emphasizing before going to Mississippi.

“Pitching will be key,” Bullard said.

If they’re able to maximize their pitching performance in the World Series, that will greatly help their chances.

For the West Robeson 10U squad, several important performances helped them get to this point. Coach Caleb Jacobs was sure to make that point.

“Jackson Bullard pitched most of the first game and Nixon Jacobs finished it to set us up well,” Jacobs said. “Brendan O’Brien pitched five innings in the championship to help us win. Most importantly, they finally

started hitting in the last two or three games.”

Every baseball team wants to hit the ball well but strong pitching and fielding are critical to improving a team’s chances.

Fortunately for this 10U team, the coaches have complete confidence in the team’s ability to prevent runs.

“Our defense and pitching is amazing,” Jacobs said.

The coaching staff believing in the team like this is always a good sign for the squad.

At the state tournament in Tabor City, West Robeson 10U beat East Duplin 10-3 on Saturday and Topsail 12-2 on Sun-

day to start the tournament. After a 2-1 loss on Monday to Winter Park, the team rebounded with a 12-3 win on Tuesday against South Columbus, then beat Winter Park 12-0 on Wednesday. Having to beat Stanly twice on Thursday, they did so, with wins of 13-4 and 7-1 to take the title.

As both West Robeson teams prepare to compete in the World Series, they’ve already made their families and community proud. Now, they’ll look to make a name for themselves on the biggest stage possible.

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Fairmont's Lyric McNair (00) dribbles as Maiden's Amelia Beal (2) defends during the 4A state championship game March 13 in Winston-Salem. McNair was named Robeson County Player of the Year following the season.

Fairmont

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a rising sophomore.

“It feels really good (to practice with the team again),” Duran said. “We’re hopefully going to be in the same spot as last year.”

Guards Kaziyah McLean (8.4 points per game) and Amiyah McLean (7.5 points per game), both rising sophomores, were also key contributors last season. The team had just one senior, Jayda Dial (6.9 points, 5.4 rebounds, 2.1 steals per game).

Fairmont was a powerhouse both offensively and defensively last season, thoroughly overwhelming teams in both areas.

Thompson and the coaching staff clearly have one area of the game they’re focused on this summer.

“We’re focused on offense and making everyone a vital threat offensively,” Thompson said.

The Golden Tornadoes think these summer practices will help them eventually make another deep run in the state playoffs.

The players were clear they have to maintain their focus to have another strong year.

“We have to play with each other as a team and everyone has to want it,” Smith said.

Making sure everyone is on the same page and they’re all pulling in the same direction has been emphasized this summer for Fairmont.

Maintaining continuity and intensity in returning players isn’t the only challenge, though. The Golden Tornadoes are also focused on getting new players initiated into Fairmont basketball.

“It’s super important when you get new girls in,” Thompson said. “We’re trying to get everyone baptized into this culture.”

Getting all freshmen and transfers up to speed will be critical to repeating the Golden Tornadoes’ success from last season.

With basketball season still a few months away, time will tell if Fairmont will be able to go deep into the state playoffs again. However, they’re hard at work this summer trying to make that dream a reality. That question will be closer to being answered when the season starts in a few months.

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Evans

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sports including basketball, football, baseball and soccer,” Evans said. “My coaching experience extends beyond my years as a PSRC employee.”

Evans’ wealth of experience teaching and coaching in Robeson County has prepared him for this role. He was the assistant principal at Lumberton Jr. High previously.

“I believe my experience has prepared me for this role in several ways,” Evans said. “Nine years as a teacher and even more as a coach provided me with a great understanding of what our students need, both in the classroom and in athletics.”

Despite some turnover, the primary mission of St. Pauls athletics remains the same and that’s what helps them.

“Everybody is on the same page,” Suggs said. “Faces may change but the blueprint is still there.”

Resume is only one aspect of the hiring process. The administration must also feel comfortable with the person leading the charge.

Evans was clear that collaboration will be key in his first year on the job.

“The primary focus for year one is listening, learning and building relationships,” Evans said. “I want to get to know our coaches, student-athletes, parents and the St. Pauls community. I want to know what we are doing well and identify areas where we can improve.”

Years of coaching taught Evans that making sure everyone’s on the same page is key and he seems intent on emphasizing that in his tenure.

In Evans, St. Pauls believes they have an athletic director of good character who also knows how to win.

“(Evans’) personality fits what I want here at St. Pauls,” Suggs said.

Since the school found someone it likes to lead the athletic department for the foreseeable future, its new task is to excel in every sport.

For now, though, Evans is excited to lead the St. Pauls athletic department into its next chapter.

“I believe we are going to have a lot to be excited about this year,” Evans said. “Go Bulldogs!”

As Evans and the rest of the athletic department look to see its other teams succeed the same way baseball, football and boy’s soccer did in the 2025-26 season, his enthusiasm should help set the tone. With the new school year about a month away, time will tell if he’s able to set a tone that leads to success.

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Hammond

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can be a great player.”

Hammond, who was also named Robeson County Player of the Year, became the elite player in 7A and truly the leader of the Lumberton softball team which has several other dominant players.

With this season completed, Hammond was quick to credit her coaches for their help.

“I’m so grateful to my coaches,” Hammond said. “Without them, I would never have become the player I am now.”

Of course, Hammond was not the only standout softball player from Lumberton as Ava Hanna and Charleigh Talton also received All-State selections. Olivia McLamb also earned an All-Region selection from the NCSCA.

Hanna hit .517 with a .536 on-base percentage and had 18 doubles, breaking the school’s single-season record, and 35 RBIs. Talton hit .412 with a team-best three

home runs and five triples, scoring 30 runs with 22 RBIs. McLamb hit .391 with 22 runs scored and 13 RBIs.

McLamb is heading into her junior season while Talton will be a sophomore next year. However, Hammond and Hanna are both moving on having graduated from Lumberton. Can other players step up to fill those absences? Pirates fans will find out next spring as they hope for more award winners.

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Robeson County Jamboree set for Aug. 7

Staff report

FAIRMONT — The Robeson County High School Football Jamboree will be held at Fairmont High School on Friday, Aug. 7. Tickets are \$8 and can be bought at any of Robeson County’s high schools. They can also be bought for \$10 at the gate.

The event begins at 5 p.m. when Purnell Swett faces West Bladen. Red Springs will face Lumberton at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., St. Pauls plays Marlboro before the night concludes with host Fairmont facing E.E. Smith at 8 p.m.

These games will be preseason scrimmages before the regular season begins on Friday, Aug. 21.



LHS hosts youth softball camp



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The Lumberton High School softball program held its annual youth softball camp this week. Pictured, a camper takes batting practice during Thursday’s camp session.



Campers take advantage of the shaded batting cages to practice their hitting on a hot day of camp Thursday.



A camper practices her pitching during camp on Thursday.

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The purpose of the public hearing is to create a standalone ordinance regarding Automotive Establishments within the City's jurisdiction.

Those in attendance will have an opportunity to formally comment on the proposed Ordinance. For interested persons, the Ordinance has been made available for public review at the Planning and Neighborhood Services Department, City Hall, during normal business hours (8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST.).

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Laney Mitchell-McIntosh
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF
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This the 24th day of JUNE, 2026 .
Paul Truett Canady, II, Administrator of ERIC CLINT HUNT Estate , c/o Canady & Canady, Attys., P.O. Box 7, St. Pauls, NC, 28384-0007

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This the 27th day of June, 2026.

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Executor

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FROM THE FRINGE

Staff report

Mickelson records ace

Todd Mickelson recently made his second career hole-in-one while playing the 120-yard par-3 eighth hole at Fairmont. He made the ace with a 9-iron.

Robeson County Golf Championship set for July 17-19

The 45th annual Robeson County Golf Championship sponsored by Dial Insurance Agency will be played Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19 at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton.

Entries are \$110 for the Championship Division, or \$75 for the Regular, Senior, Super Senior or Ladies divisions. Entries must be submitted by July 15.

The tournament is open to all amateur golfers age 13 and older. Must be 55 or older to play the Senior Division or 65 or older for the Super Senior Division. Must be a Robeson County resident or member of a Robeson County golf course.

The Championship Division will play all three days. Super Seniors will play Friday and Saturday, while the Regular, Senior and Ladies divisions will play Saturday and Sunday.

Food and beverages will be available daily. All divisions receive trophies and gift certificates. Divisions with the most participants will include a new Callaway driver as first-place prize; second most will receive a new Scotty Cameron putter. Fields will be flighted for all divisions after Saturday's round.

To register, visit the Pinecrest Country Club pro shop.

Danny Graham Scholarship Golf Tournament set for Sept. 18

The inaugural Danny Graham Scholarship Golf Tournament will be played on Friday, Sept. 18 at Pinecrest Country Club in Lumberton. Registration will be at 8:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

It is a four-person scramble. Registration is \$75 per player or \$300 per team. Fees include cart/green fee, range balls, one mulligan, one red tee and a day of fun. Additional mulligans and red tees are available to purchase. Hole sponsorships are also available for \$100.

Prizes include a putt-off contest, 50/50 raffle, closest to the pin and long drive.

Proceeds will benefit the Danny Graham Endowment Scholarship at UNC Pembroke.

For more information or to register, contact Scott Graham at 910-827-1752 or ksgraham83@gmail.com.

Fairmont Golf Club news

Fairmont Golf Club will host the Thursday Evening Scramble Tournament on Thursday, July 16 with a 6 p.m. shotgun start. This is a nine-hole captain's-choice format with an entry fee of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members which includes a meal after play. Call the pro shop at 910-628-9931 to sign up.

Ray Lowry and Ben Harris were the winners in last week's Senior Shootout, winning in a playoff over Adam Hunt and Mike Graham. Warren Bowen and Alton Hagans were the winners of the second flight with Ricky Harris and Carlyss Bryant coming in second place. Rory McKeithan and Tommy Davis were the third flight winners followed by Kirk Hamilton and Al Almond. The fourth flight was won by Wally Hardin and Jeff Lee with Jerry Long and James Howard Locklear coming in second place. Rick Baxley and Clifton Rich were the winners of the fifth flight followed by Mike Lowry and Kyle Clark who came in second place. Knocky Thorndyke, John Haskins, Mark Turner and Lonail Locklear were closest to the pin winners.

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

Top rounds posted this week include: Richie Chmura with a 68, Mitch Grier 68, Gary Wallshock 70, Phillip Wallwork 70, Jeff Slabe 71, Joe Marks 71, James Thompson 71, Bert Thomas 72, Chris Barfield 72, Mark Lassiter 72, Randy Williamson 73, Steve Pippin 73, Tom Lee 73, Mark Smith 74, Bob Antone 74, Tommy Davis 74, Andy Andrews 74, Brook Gehrke 75, Butch Lennon 75, Daniel Lee 75, Chris Hawk 75, Robert Lawson 75, Tim Moore 75, Mark Madden 75, John Stanley 76, Tim Rice 76, Robert Clyburn 76, Benley Cox 76, Mark Smith 76, Marcus White 76, Mike Connor 77, Bob Antone 78 and Brian Davis 78.

Pinecrest Country Club news

Tommy Lowry and Johnny Hunt were the championship-flight winners in this week's Senior Shootout at Pinecrest with a 64, winning by five strokes over runners-up Greg Gregson and Ricky Lowry. First-flight winners were Bucky Beasley and Bob Antone with a 73, winning a scorecard playoff over runners-up Pandora Carter and Al Wall.

Closest to the flag winners were Michael Graham, John Holder and Bob Antone.

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.



Novak Djokovic leaves the court after losing to Jannik Sinner in a men's singles semifinal match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships Friday in London.

Djokovic ‘blessed and cursed’ after Wimbledon defeat

Andrew Dampf
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Novak Djokovic didn't dwell on Centre Court after getting dominated by Jannik Sinner in the Wimbledon semifinals.

The 39-year-old Djokovic enjoyed a warm, smile-filled embrace with his 24-year-old opponent at the net after the 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 defeat Friday, quickly packed up his tennis bags and then waved to the boisterous crowd as he held one hand to his chest to show his appreciation as he walked off.

Will the seven-time Wimbledon champion ever be back to play on these hallowed lawns again?

Only time — something that Djokovic is running out of — will tell.

It's been nearly three years since Djokovic won his record-extending 24th Grand Slam singles title at the 2023 U.S. Open. And despite reaching the semifinals at all four Grand Slams last year and reaching a final and another semi in two of three Slams this year — he acknowledges that's not enough.

"For 99% of the players, that would be a very good Grand Slam result," Djokovic said. "For me, it's good but not good enough, because I'm blessed and cursed to be used to something of a highest degree in terms of results and achievements."

"I always have the highest expectations for myself," Djokovic added. "So it's kind of that internal battle really of what I've been through for the 20-plus years of my career, what the goals were always, the expectations, and trying to balance it out and really be a little more humble in that sense."

Still, Djokovic expressed interest in playing Wimbledon when he's 40: "I would like to, at least one more time," he said.

"I feel when I'm healthy," Djokovic added, "I'm still able to play as a top-five player, still able to compete at the highest level."

For Sinner, it was a measure of revenge after Djokovic won their last meeting in five sets in this year's

Australian Open semifinals.

"Playing against Novak," Sinner said, "what he's still showing is true inspiration."

Aiming to defend his title at the grass-court Grand Slam, the top-ranked Sinner will face second-seeded Alexander Zverev in Sunday's final.

Zverev ended the "Ferytale" run of British wild card Arthur Fery with an overpowering 7-6 (0), 6-2, 6-4 victory earlier as the star-studded crowd on Centre Court witnessed two one-way contests.

Zverev will be playing for another major trophy a month after winning his first Grand Slam title at Roland Garros.

If there were any lingering questions over Sinner's physical status after his meltdown at the French Open, they should be answered now.

Sinner blasted his way past Djokovic and showed off the kind of dominance he displayed before that second-round defeat in Paris.

"I knew mentally," Sinner said, "that today I had to raise my level, which I've done."

Andre Agassi attributed Sinner's performance in part to Djokovic: "What these guys can do now is all because he has shown them what's possible," Agassi said on the BBC.

No heat issues for Sinner

It was another warm day in southwest London, with the temperature rising to about 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29 Celsius). It was also breezy, though, and a bit cloudier than in recent days.

Still, it felt nothing like the suffocating heat and humidity in Paris when Sinner wasted a big lead against Juan Manuel Cerundolo, who was ranked No. 56, and had his 30-match winning streak ended.

Djokovic was coming off the longest quarterfinal in Wimbledon history, when he outlasted Felix Auger-Aliassime after 5 hours, 15 minutes on Tuesday.

Sinner, by contrast, hadn't lost a set since he was pushed to five by Miomir Kecmanovic in the first

round.

From the start, Sinner pushed Djokovic back with his powerful groundstrokes and came up with big serves in big moments.

When Sinner faced his only break point of the match early in the third set as late-afternoon shadows started creeping across the court, he produced an ace.

Sinner has won 9 straight vs. Zverev

Zverev, whose breakthrough at Roland Garros came in his fourth Grand Slam final, is attempting to become the first man in the professional era (since 1968) to win his second major title at the next event immediately after his first.

Sinner has won his last nine meetings with Zverev and 14 straight sets.

"I have to trust myself and I have to believe that I can win and that's what I'm going to do," Zverev said before he knew who his opponent would be.

The 114th-ranked Fery, who grew up five minutes from the All England Club and played at Stanford University, was attempting to become the first wild card to reach the final since Goran Ivanisevic won Wimbledon in 2001.

Zverev did well not to let the pro-Fery crowd get behind the local player too much and a double fault from Fery early in the first-set tiebreaker put Zverev in control.

British cheering

The British spectators did their best to encourage Fery early on, chanting his name between points as they sipped their Pimm's under their wide-brimmed hats.

When it was over, Fery walked off to a standing ovation and applauded the crowd in return.

"I know that 99.99% of the stadium was wanting Arthur to win," Zverev said. "But it was still such an incredible atmosphere. It was such a fair crowd as well."

The women's final on Saturday features two Czech players, Karolina Muchova against Linda Noskova.



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Patti Diamond
King Features

Every grocery store has an aisle filled with ingredients people buy without thinking. Flour. Rice. Pasta. Oats. Then there's the one ingredient many shoppers pass week after week because they're not quite sure what to do with it. That's polenta. And it might be one of the best bargains in the store.

Polenta isn't fancy. In fact, it's one of the oldest comfort foods around. It's simply coarse cornmeal slowly cooked until creamy, but don't let its humble beginnings fool you.

You see, polenta has a marketing problem. It sounds fancy pants, so shoppers assume it's difficult or expensive. In reality, it's just cornmeal wearing its Italian name tag.

If you're wondering whether polenta is just fancy grits, the answer is ... sort of. They're close cousins. Polenta is usually made from yellow corn and has a heartier texture, while grits are made from white corn and cook up a bit smoother.

A single bag costs just a few dollars yet makes many generous servings. Because its flavor is mild, it happily soaks up whatever you pair it with. A spoonful of butter and Parmesan turns it into comfort food. Top it with hearty meat sauce, roasted vegetables, braised meats, mushrooms or today's Italian sausage and peppers, and suddenly an inexpensive pantry staple becomes dinner worthy of a cozy Italian restaurant.

The leftovers are where polenta really shines. Once chilled, it's firm enough to slice. Pan-fry the slices until golden, grill them alongside burgers or chicken, or tuck them beneath a fried egg for breakfast.

If you're pressed for time, fully cooked tube polenta is a handy shortcut. Just don't let convenience empty your wallet. Making it from scratch takes only about 20 minutes and costs a fraction of the price.

CREAMY POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings
Total Time: 25 mins.

2 cups water
2 cups whole milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cups cornmeal
1 tablespoon butter
4 ounces cream cheese, cubed
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

In a large saucepan, bring the water, milk and salt to a boil, then reduce heat to low. Add the cornmeal in a steady stream, whisking to avoid lumps. Keep stirring on low

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Children cool off at the Hamilton Fish pool, July 18, 2017, in the Lower East Side neighborhood of New York City.

Mary Altaffer | AP File Photo

Preparedness can prevent drowning

More children are drowning, doctors say; how to keep kids safe in the pool

Mike Stobbe
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Doctors and others are sounding an alarm: More U.S. children have been drowning in recent years.

“When drowning occurs, seconds matter,” said Dr. Rohit Sheno, the lead author of a recent American Academy of Pediatrics warning. “Quick rescue and resuscitation can mean the difference between life, death and lifelong disability.”

About 4,000 to 5,000 Americans drown each year. Most are adults who die in natural bodies of water, such as lakes, ponds or oceans.

But statistically speaking, drowning is a much larger danger to children. It's the No. 1 cause of death for kids ages 1 to 4, and one of the top killers of children ages 5 to 14. The drowning rate is higher for white kids in the younger group, but much higher for Black, American Indian and Alaska Native children in the older group.

Drownings of very young children sometimes occur in bathtubs. But most, like Stew Leonard's, occur in swimming pools.

A family tragedy leads to a foundation for water safety

The Stew Leonard's grocery chain offers a Disney-like shopping experience, featuring food-promoting animatronic characters like a

dancing banana, a mooing cow and singing avocados. But several of its stores also have an animatronic creature that seems out of place: a life-jacketed duck named Stewie who sings about how not to drown.

The duck is named for the son of Stew Leonard, the grocery chain's chief executive. The boy was 21 months old when he drowned during a family vacation on the island of St. Martin in 1989.

More than a dozen adults and kids had gathered at a birthday party for Stewie's older sister, who was turning 3. Stew Leonard was outside hanging balloons and his wife was inside baking a cake.

“I saw Stewie outside and I assumed that he (Leonard) was watching him,” said his wife, Kim, noting that other relatives also were in the area of the pool.

“We never communicated with each other; ‘You've got him?’” said Kim Leonard, now 65. “When everyone's watching, nobody's watching.”

“There were a couple of balloons floating in the water,” Leonard, 71, recalled. “And you know after a few minutes, sort of everybody was like, ‘Where's Stewie?’ Unfortunately I was the one who found him. He was face down in the pool.”

His death led the couple to start a foundation that pays for children's swimming lessons and

promotes drowning prevention.

Why are more kids drowning?

Unintentional child drowning deaths in the U.S. fell from around 2,000 a year in the 1980s to below 1,000 a year by the early 2000s, thanks in part to public awareness campaigns, expanded access to swimming lessons, and adoption of pool fencing laws. Between 2000 and 2019, health officials saw a 38% drop.

But then the trend reversed, with the number of child drowning deaths rising from 756 in 2019 to 865 in 2024, the most recent year for which complete data is available. The bulk of them were children younger than 5. The child drowning death rate also increased slightly, from 1.1 to 1.2 per 100,000 children.

What happened?

The COVID-19 pandemic interrupted swimming lessons and life-guard training programs, and contributed to a national lifeguard shortage. Meanwhile, some data suggests an increase in swimming pool construction and increases in unsupervised swimming, said Tessa Clemens, the CDC Foundation's senior director for drowning prevention initiatives.

Kym Roberts studies drownings in Australia — where child drownings have been either level or decreasing in recent

years. She said “drowning in young children is often associated with falls into water and lapses in direct supervision.”

Some possible good news: Preliminary U.S. data for last year suggests child drownings declined. But it's not clear whether that's the start of a trend, and the deaths still remain higher compared to before the COVID-19 pandemic, Clemens said.

Pediatricians push for standards and regulations

Inventors have recognized a need for child water safety measures, and recent years have seen the emergence of immersion alarms that sound if the wristband a child is wearing goes underwater. But manufacturers of such devices note they can serve as an extra warning system, but should not be considered a primary way to keep children safe.

The federal government's top public health agency, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, laid off Clemens and the rest of the staff of its drowning prevention program last year. But new guidance and drowning prevention support continues to come out of other organizations, including the CDC Foundation and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

A CDC Foundation program has paid for basic swimming and water safety skills training for over 35,000 students

since 2024. The program operates in 11 states with higher drowning rates: Alaska, Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Louisiana, Michigan, New York, Oklahoma and Texas.

Ways to prevent drowning

The AAP says research shows that policies can make a difference, including lifeguard standards, life jacket regulations and requirements that swimming pools be completely surrounded by fences with self-closing, self-latching gates.

Stew Leonard emphasizes two other approaches — swimming lessons for young kids and complete focus by caregivers when young children are around water.

“I mean, I love ballet. I love karate. I love tennis lessons. You know, all the activities that kids can do,” he said. “But the only thing you can do to save their life is put them in swimming lessons.”

His foundation has funded over 250,000 swimming lessons for children and opened two swimming schools — one of them across the street from his company's headquarters in Norwalk, Connecticut.

Also, “shut your cell phones off when you're around the pool, watching the kids. Don't sit there reading a book. Don't sit there talking to your friends, neglecting your child that's near the water,” he said.

“This happens in the blink of an eye.”

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Strike At The Wind, July 11, 17 and 18, 7 p.m.; “Strike at the Wind” is an outdoor drama held in the amphitheater of the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center. The play chronicles the life of Henry Berry Lowrie, who led a band of men in a seven-year conflict against the Confederate Home Guard after the unjust killings of his father and brother. It highlights vigilante justice resistance, and the active fight for the Lumbee people's rights during the post-Civil War era in North Carolina. Tickets are available through the ticket office of Given's Performing Arts Center (<https://www.uncp.edu/community-and-culture/givens-performing-arts-center/index.html>) and at the entrance of the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center, the night of the performance. The venue opens at 5:45 p.m. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:15 p.m. and the drama begins at 7 p.m.

Robeson County Farmers Market, July 11, 14, 18, 21, & 25, Lumberton: The Robeson County Farmers Market opens each week on Tuesdays, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Dick Taylor plaza in the heart of historic downtown Lumberton. Parking is available around the plaza, intersecting streets and across from Adelio's Italian Restaurant one block from the plaza on West Third Street.

Mahjong, Your Pie Pizza, July 14, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Learn to play Mahjong and compete. Your Pie Pizza Restaurant is hosting Pine & Tiles, a team teaching the rules and strategies of the game. Instruction will be available in two locations during the month of July. Follow the dates on the flyer and enjoy. Register for events at <https://linktr.ee/PineTiles>.

Sean Mills, Your Pie Pizza, July 16, 7 p.m.: Join Sean Mills, live, at Your Pie Pizza! Order a just-right pizza for your taste, beverage and dessert, sit back and enjoy the evening with Sean. It's always a good time!

“1776,” Purple Door Productions, July 17-26: Purple Door Productions presents the musical, “1776”. Cake and ice cream, served in celebration of the 250th birthday of our great nation, ignites an evening of music, history, and humor.

Flock Swap, July 18, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.: The Flock Swap is featured at the Robeson County Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month. Gather for swapping or purchasing small farm animals, such as chickens, ducks, rabbits and goats as examples. It is free to sell but must register a waiver with the Robeson County Farmers Market.

Love and Heartbreak Concert - Carolina Civic Center, July 18, 5 p.m.: The Carolina Civic Center is hosting “Love & Heartbreak” featuring music from the 90's. This is an evening of live music, food, drinks and unforgettable vibes. Doors open at 5:00pm, purchase tickets early, dress up and be ready for an exciting evening. Ticket information is available on the Carolina Civic Center website.

4-H Congress, July 20-24: The ultimate teen leadership opportunity. We will spend five days in Raleigh with youth taking part in workshops, cultural opportunities and social events. Youth will have an opportunity to take on leadership roles, complete community service projects, and have fun making new friends. For ages 14-18. Cost:\$450. Deadline to register is July 1.

Fragile Planet, Robeson Planetarium & Science Center, July 21 & 22, 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.: The Robeson Planetarium and Science Center is offering several opportunities at the planetarium during the summer months. Refer to the information on the flyer for specific times to visit.

Summer Living Exhibition, Robeson Arts Guild, July 23, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.: The Robeson Art Guild is hosting “Summer Living”, an exhibition illustrating times of leisure, rainbows, children swimming or playing in a park, fireflies shining in the night, celebration of Independence Day, what will the exhibition contain? Attend the welcoming open house reception for a delightful evening at the Guild House.

NC United Women in Faith, July 25, 9 a.m., Piney Grove, Maxton: Join us in person for the A Deep Knowing: Experiencing Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives by Linda L. Furtado. A study happening on various July throughout 2026. This is a great chance to dive deep, connect with others, and grow your faith in a welcoming environment. Whether you're new or seasoned in your journey, everyone is welcome.

PET OF THE WEEK



Taquito is an adult male pitbull mix who is already neutered and knows basic commands. He also appears to be housetrained, gets along well with other dogs and loves people. He has a snaggle tooth, but that doesn't slow him down. Apply to adopt Taquito on the AnimalsFirst website link located at the top of the Robeson County Animal Shelter's webpage. Visit Taquito at the Robeson County Animal Shelter at 255 Landfill Road in St. Pauls or call 910-865-2200.

FUN HOLIDAYS FOR JULY 11-17

National Swimming Pool Day: Cool off and go for a swim to commemorate this day on Saturday.

National Tattoo Day: Whatever the reason for your ink, celebrate it alongside the roughly one-third of Americans who have a tattoo with this commemoration on Friday.

Other fun holidays this week

Saturday: All-American Pet Photo Day, Bald is in, Cheer Up the Lonely Day, Make

Your Own Sundae Day, National Blueberry Muffin Day, National Mojito Day, 7-11's birthday

Sunday: Barn Day, Different Colored Eyes Day, Etch a Sketch Day, National Eat Your Jello Day, National Pecan Pie Day, Simplicity Day

Monday: Barbershop Music Appreciation Day, Beans 'n' Franks Day, Embrace Your Geekness Day, Fool's Paradise Day, International Rock Day, National French Fries Day

Tuesday: Bastille Day, Chick-Fil-A's Cow Appreciation Day, National Macaroni and Cheese Day, Shark Awareness Day

Wednesday: Be a Dork Day, I Love Horses Day, National Give Something Away Day, National Gummi Worm Day, National Hot Dog Day, National Tapioca Pudding Day, Orange Chicken Day, Take Your Pet to Work Day

Thursday: Get to Know Your Customer Day, Guinea Pig

Appreciation Day, National Cherry Day, National Corn Fritters Day, National Personal Chef's Day, World Snake Day

Friday: National Peach Ice Cream Day, National Tattoo Day, World Emoji Day, Yellow Pig Day

Week of July 12-19: National Baby Food Week, Operation Safe Driver Week, Sports Cliche Week

Source: holidays-and-observances.com

Bargain

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heat until thickened, about 15 minutes. Switch to a wooden spoon and add the butter, cream cheese and Parmesan. Keep stirring. You can tell it's done when it pulls away from the sides of the pot. Serve immediately.

ITALIAN SAUSAGE & PEPPERS WITH POLENTA

Yield: 4-6 servings
Total Time: 30 mins.

1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil, divided

1 pound Italian sausage links

1 large yellow onion, chopped

1 red bell pepper, chopped

2 medium zucchinis, sliced

1 teaspoon fresh garlic, minced

1 (15 oz.) can fire-roasted crushed tomatoes

1 teaspoon Italian seasoning

In a large skillet, heat 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and brown the sausages. They will cook more later, so they don't need to cook completely now. Set aside and keep warm.

In the same skillet, add remaining oil and saute the onion until softened. Add the bell pepper and zucchini, continuing to cook until both are mostly cooked through. Add the garlic and stir

to combine, followed by the tomatoes and Italian seasoning. Let this come to a simmer and return the sausage links to the skillet and let this cook for 10 minutes to marry the flavors and finish the sausages. Serve over polenta.

Sometimes the smartest grocery bargains are the humble, old-fashioned ingredients patiently waiting on the shelf for someone new to discover them.

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 independent retailers. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: I = P)

A. 13 22 19 1 1 6 17 24
Clue: Buying goods

B. 13 21 19 15 11
Clue: Retailer

C. 1 20 15 14 22 4 13 11
Clue: Acquire by paying for something

D. 1 15 19 9 6 21
Clue: Make money

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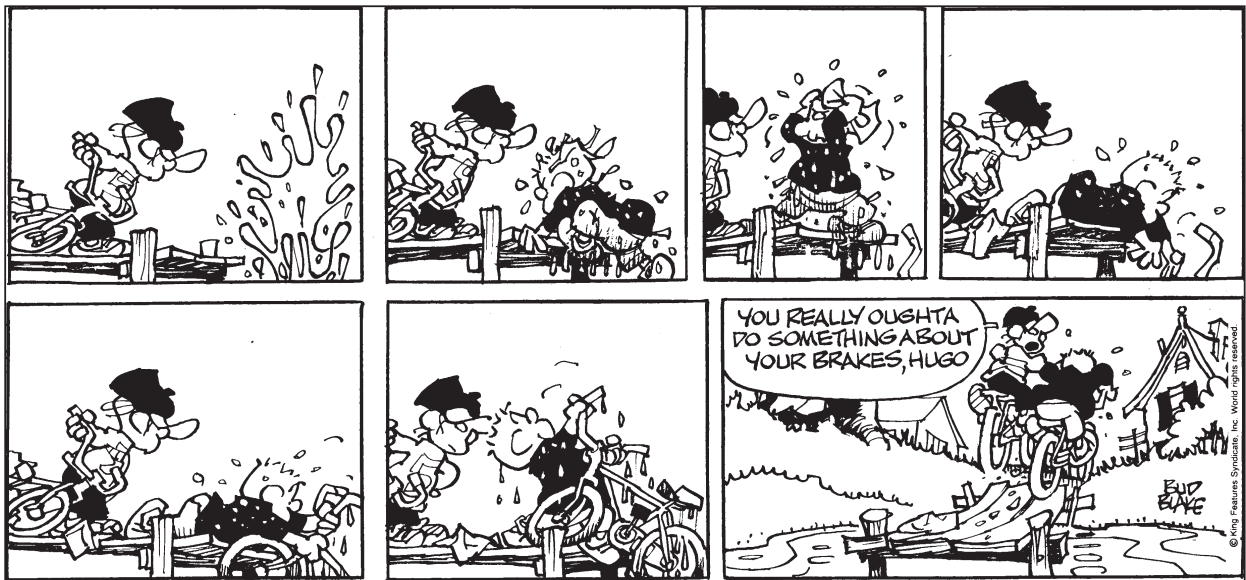
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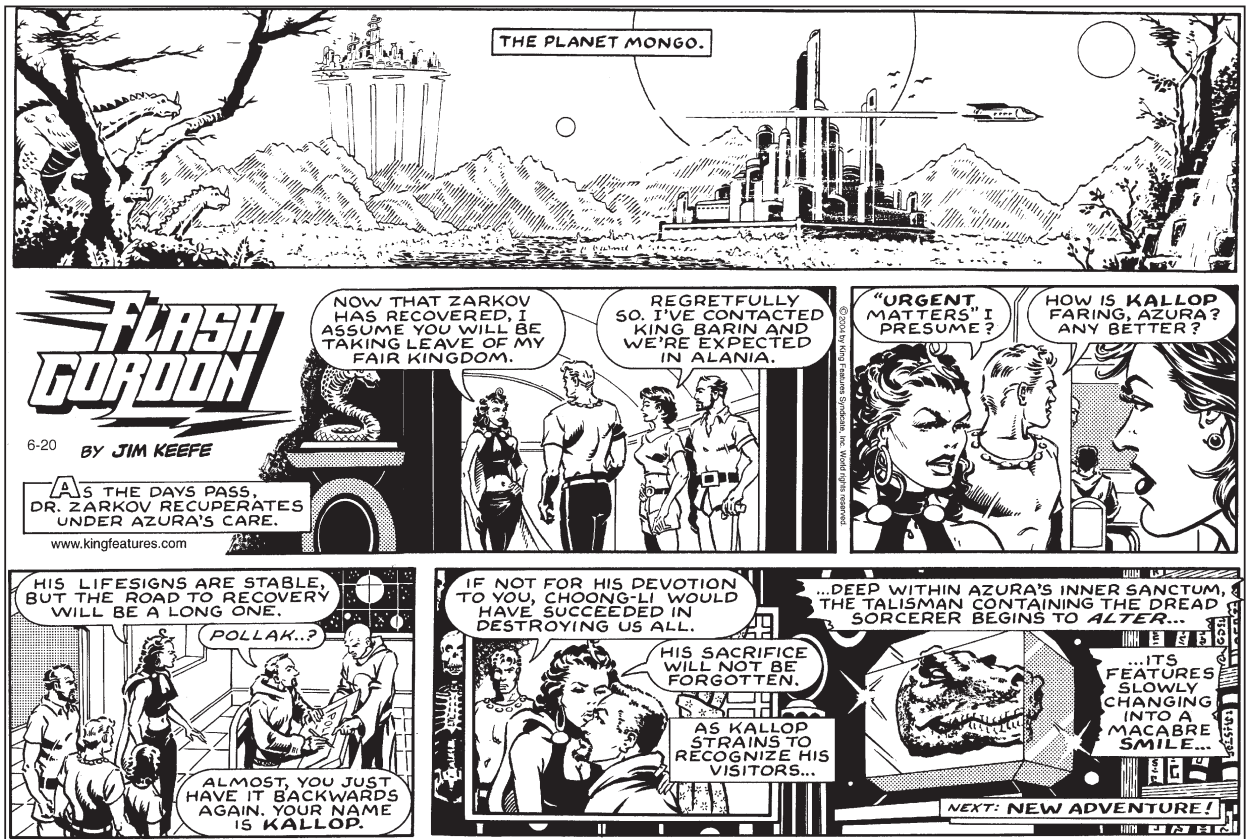
TIGER

By Bud Blake



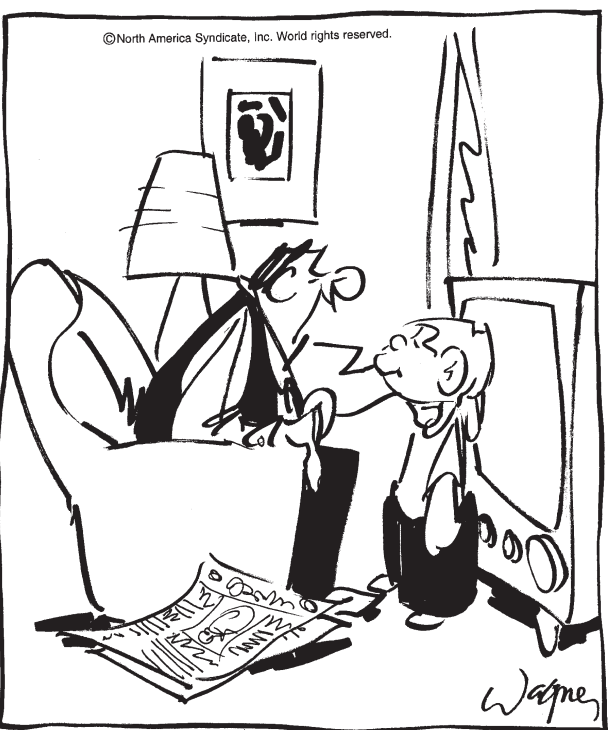
FLASH GORDON

By Jim Keefe



GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Wagner



FEAR KNOT

By: rj johnson

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

UMD
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♥ UHMC
LAMEGA
EIR
♥ CEDI
MUTRO
MHA
SMATLO
♥ ACIMG
♥ ELDI

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. ♥RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fit each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

Super Crossword

Q2 REPORT

ACROSS

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ACROSS

53 She sang "Skylark"
55 Grandma, in Italy
57 Sri Lankan monkey with a hatlike whorl of hair
62 Nosy sort
65 Yuletide poem opener
67 Skip out (on)
68 Business attire
69 French "the"
70 Dental buildup
73 Joked around
75 Cooler cubes
76 Competent
78 Gallivant
79 Doubt-free
80 Deep-seated
82 Cartoon short featuring a bird who was a precursor to Tweety
85 Lamp cover
88 Sheer
89 Goosey cheese
91 Designer with the fragrance Lucky Wish
95 Quaint suffix with poet
96 Reply to "Are you?"

DOWN

99 Dropping extra work and "acting your wage"
101 Wicca's realm
103 Jethro — (rock band)
104 Excavate
105 NHL team that became the Colorado Avalanche
111 Saintliness
113 Draws upon
114 Nutrition fig.
115 Debt memo
116 Tear apart
117 — Lady of Fatima
118 Algebraic statement graphed as a parabola
125 Bi- plus one
126 Poet's dusk
127 Counterpart of digital (Var.)
128 Norway port
129 Kong, for one
130 1950s prez
131 Actor Clint
132 "Sheesh, close call!"

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MAGIC MAZE

WORDS FOUND IN "INDEPENDENCE DAY"

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PNMKJHFPEDECNAD
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions: forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Unlisted clue hint: UNSWEETENED — TEA

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Candid
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Canine

Cayenne
Daddy
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Dependency

Dine
Eyepiece
Needed
Paid

Peace
Pecan
Penance

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GO FIGURE!

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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HEALTH FAQ

Man with hemicrania continua requires indefinite therapy

DEAR DR. ROACH: My future son-in-law was diagnosed with hemicrania continua several weeks ago by a neurologist and is responding to indomethacin. Could you provide a prognosis for this illness? The internet says that it can take anywhere from weeks to months to years. Is this likely the case? — M.I.L.

ANSWER: Hemicrania continua is an unusual type of headache syndrome. It's often misdiagnosed, with 50% of people not receiving a correct diagnosis for eight years. The pain is on one side of the head (hence "hemicrania"), and the pain severity can be high, with over 70% of sufferers describing the pain as "excruciating."

Although the pain can come and go, most people have or develop continuous unrelenting pain (hence the "continua"). In some people, these episodes of continuous pain can last for weeks or months and are followed by a pain-free period. This condition is usually diagnosed and managed by a neurologist.

The bad news for your future son-in-law is that most people have this condition not merely for months or years but for the rest of their lives, so they need indefinite therapy. The good news is that people who respond to indomethacin tend to keep responding to it.

Almost 50% of people were able to decrease their dose of indomethacin — a potent but somewhat toxic anti-inflammatory drug that can affect the stomach and kidneys. Many people need medicine (such as ranitidine) to protect their stomachs. People who can't tolerate indomethacin have other options such as melatonin, the anti-seizure drug topiramate, or nerve blocks.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I read your recent column on dry age-related macular degeneration (AMD) and the AREDS2 vitamin and mineral supplement. I'm taking a generic version of them, even though my ophthalmologist (who's a board-certified retina specialist) says that mine's in the early stages and that AREDS are only useful in later stages. But he says that there's no harm in taking AREDS before then, and perhaps it'll do some good.

I'm also taking a saffron extract, which appears to be the only thing that clinical studies have found to help during the early stages. I wonder if you have any thoughts on this. — B.S.

ANSWER: There was a randomized, controlled trial on saffron for mild to moderate AMD in 2019, and saffron did show modest but statistically significant improvements compared to a placebo. People who took saffron had small improvements with visual acuity (both people who were and weren't taking AREDS supplements benefited from saffron), as well as improvements with sophisticated measurements of retinal activity.

Since there weren't any significant side effects, and there's an added benefit on top of the AREDS supplements, saffron is a reasonable treatment. The dose that was studied was 20 mg per day, and I found it easily available at reasonable prices.

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



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Revels Funeral Home has gifted UNC Health Southeastern's Women's Health Services with a new Caring Cradle through the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation's Powered By You program.

Powered By You brings new Caring Cradle to UNCHSE's Women's Health Services

Heather Walters
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — When families experience the heartbreaking loss of a baby, every moment matters.

Thanks to a gift from Revels Funeral Home through the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation's Powered By You program, Women's Health Services at UNC Health Southeastern now has a new Caring Cradle, providing families additional time to hold, love and say goodbye to their child following a pregnancy or infant loss.

The Caring Cradle is a specialized cooling bassinet designed to gently preserve an infant's body, allowing families precious additional time together. Those moments often become opportunities to hold their baby, create memories, take photographs, gather with loved ones, receive spiritual support and begin processing an unimaginable loss.

The gift began with an idea from Brandy Bell, a labor and delivery nurse in UNC Health Southeastern's Women's Health Services department, who recognized the need to replace the hospital's existing Caring Cradle with a newer model that would continue supporting families during one of the most difficult moments they may ever face.

Bell submitted the request to the UNC Health

Southeastern Foundation through a Powered By You suggestion card. Powered By You is the Foundation's employee-driven initiative that gives teammates a direct way to share ideas and identify needs that could improve patient care, the patient experience or teammate experience. Once a request is reviewed and approved, the Foundation works to connect those needs with donors who want to help make them possible. The Caring Cradle is the first project completed through the program.

After receiving the request, the Foundation sought a donor who would understand the impact this resource could have on grieving families. Juddie and Gina Revels of Revels Funeral Home immediately came to mind. Through their work serving families throughout our community, they have walked alongside countless parents and loved ones during times of loss and understood the importance of providing families every possible opportunity to spend time with their child.

"One of the hardest things any family can experience is the loss of a child," said Juddie Revels. "In our work, we see grief every day, and we know how important it is for families to have time, support, and compassion."

"We are honored to help provide a resource that allows parents precious

moments with their baby and supports them during such a difficult time," added Gina Revels.

"For families facing the loss of a baby, there are no words that can take away the pain," said Lyndsey Walters, director of Women's Health Services at UNC Health Southeastern. "What we can do is provide compassionate care and give families the time and space they need to be with their baby. The Caring Cradle allows parents and loved ones time to hold their child, create memories, and say goodbye in their own way. That time is something families never forget."

Bell said the project reflects the importance of listening to teammates who work directly with patients and families.

"We care for families during some of the happiest moments of their lives, but we are also there during some of the hardest," said Bell. "When a family experiences the loss of a baby, every moment becomes precious. Our Caring Cradle had served many families over the years, and we knew it was time to replace it. I am grateful to the Foundation and to Revels Funeral Home for helping ensure this resource will be available for families when they need it."

UNC Health Southeastern Foundation Executive Director Sissy Grantham said the project demon-

strates the purpose of Powered By You.

"Our teammates see needs every day that can make a real difference for patients and families," said Grantham. "Powered By You creates an opportunity for those ideas to be shared with the Foundation and matched with donors who want to make an impact. We are grateful to Brandy for bringing this request forward and to Juddie and Gina Revels for helping make it possible."

She added, "We hope this first Powered By You project encourages teammates across our organization to continue sharing ideas with us. The people providing care every day often have the best understanding of what patients and families need. When those ideas are combined with the generosity of our donors, great things can happen."

The new Caring Cradle is now available for use in Women's Health Services department at UNC Health Southeastern and will serve families throughout southeastern North Carolina for years to come.

For more information about UNC Health Southeastern Foundation, visit <https://www.unchealth-southeastern.org/foundation> or call (910) 671-5583.

Heather Walters is the manager of donor experience & engagement for the UNC Health Southeastern Foundation.

Becker's honors Locklear on CPOs to Know list

Amanda Crabtree
For The Robesonian

LUMBERTON — UNC Health Southeastern Pharmacy Director Eric Locklear was named to Becker's Hospital Review's 101 Hospital and Health System Chief Pharmacy Officers to Know in 2026 list, which was published June 26.

According to Becker's, these leaders are driving the future of pharmacy practice by championing automation and emerging technology, shaping cost-conscious strategies that balance clinical excellence with fiscal responsibility, and developing the policies that govern how their organizations approach one of healthcare's most essential functions.

Locklear's entry reads: "Mr. Locklear oversees a diverse range of pharmacy services at UNC Health Southeastern, including inpa-



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tient, outpatient, oncology and a medication assistance clinic. His leadership has enhanced services across multiple facilities, with a focus on reaching underserved populations through the pharmacy care clinic. Mr. Locklear has been pivotal in maintaining medication access and chemotherapy

compounding for the region's cancer patients. He assumed his current role of director in 2006 after serving as assistant director and clinical coordinator since 1990."

In addition to offering services you'd expect from a community healthcare system, UNC Health Southeastern provides a number of

specialized services that are unique to the system and not available anywhere else in the region. The nonprofit system, which is part of UNC Health, offers a combination of acute care, intensive care and psychiatric services to more than 13,000 inpatients and 60,000 emergency patients annually. It is our mission to provide exceptional care for our diverse region; offer the highest quality standards in a safe environment; and provide compassionate care provided by a committed team.

To view the full Becker's list, visit <https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/hospital-management-administration/101-hospital-and-health-system-chief-pharmacy-officers-to-know-2026/>.

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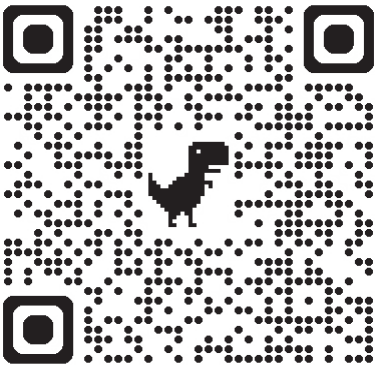
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The final chapter of high school football drama "All American" unfolds, beginning with a special two-hour premiere event Monday, July 13, on The CW. A one-hour special, "All American: The Final Season Special," celebrates the series before the season premiere. College recruitment dominates everyone's world as each character considers their future this upcoming season. Michael Evans Behling ("The Queen's Jewels," 2025) and Greta Onieogou ("Heartland") star.

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**MOVE IN
SPECIAL**

The end zone: 'All American' wraps up with eighth season



Bre-Z in "All American"

By Sarah Passingham
TV Media

Baseball is America's pastime and FIFA fervor is in full swing, but no other sport brings out fan-demonium quite like the gridiron. The legendary Friday night lights of high school football fields have nurtured generations of professional-level talent. With the high stakes of each game's outcome, not to mention the possibility of making a play that could write one's own ticket to the big leagues weighing on young athletes' shoulders, the level of drama in the world of high school football is sky-high.

The final chapter of high school football drama "All American" unfolds, beginning with a special two-hour premiere event Monday, July 13, on The CW. First, the one-hour special "All American: The Final Season Special" celebrates the series that's already surpassed the 100-episode milestone. It is immediately followed by the season premiere.

The show's eighth season will be its last; its 13 episodes detail a single week in the lives of the beloved cast of characters that make up the Beverly and Crenshaw crew.

From The CW, the upcoming season spans "a week that will have them wondering if everything

they've been through over the course of their lives has prepared them for this moment. A week that will ultimately reunite old with the new, friend with enemy, and alter the course of each of their futures forever."

Starring in "All American" are Michael Evans Behling ("The Queen's Jewels," 2025) as Jordan Baker; Greta Onieogou ("Heartland") as Layla Keating; Bre-Z ("Empire") as Tamia "Coop" Cooper; Osy Ikhile ("Citadel") as Cassius Jeremy; Alexis Chikaeze ("Miss Juneteenth," 2020) as Amina Simms; Nathaniel Logan McIntyre ("The Equalizer") as Kingston "KJ" Jeremy; Antonio J. Bell ("Manhunt") as Khalil Edwards; Kareem Grimes ("The Vince Staples Show") as Preach; and Lauryn Hardy ("Mann and Wife") as Tori.

College recruitment is the center of everyone's world, whether it is affecting Jordan's coaching duties at South Crenshaw High or KJ's laser-focused vision on becoming an NFL quarterback. Only a small fraction of high school football players make it to pro, and with that self-imposed pressure, KJ is at a boiling point when he confronts his father Cassius in the official trailer.

While Jordan is in charge of the South Crenshaw High program, Cassius is a coach at Beverly Hills High. After an unexpected introduction at school, KJ wants answers, telling Cassius, "pretty sure I just met your replacement."

Meanwhile, Khalil worries about the cost of tuition, Amina keeps a consequential secret from her father Preach and Layla struggles

with her relationships and future plans.

This final season focuses on what "All American" has always been about, "football, family and friendship," per The CW. Olivia (Samantha Logan, "13 Reasons Why"), heavily pregnant with twins, puts one of those pillars into perspective in the trailer for the upcoming season.

As the characters of "All American" face their futures, Olivia reassures Layla that "family is fear and joy tied together." Logan returns as Olivia in guest actor capacity this season, as does Daniel Ezra ("The Running Man," 2025) as Spencer James. The love story of Spencer and Olivia was a throughline of the series, with the happy couple tying the knot, packing up and moving across the country after Spencer signed with the fictional NFL team the New York Bobcats.

Showrunner and executive producer Nkechi Okoro Carroll ("Found") reflected on the experience of creating the final season of "All American" with the cast and crew of the show in a statement, thanking the viewers for their loyalty to the drama through its entire run (and a spinoff series, "All American: Homecoming," which aired for three seasons from 2022 to 2024).

Carroll said, "What we realized was that, just like when your kids grow up and finally leave home, this wasn't goodbye ... it was a tear-filled 'I'll see you soon.' So, to our fans who have rocked with us faithfully for over a hundred episodes, we hope you enjoy this final season as much as we enjoyed making it."

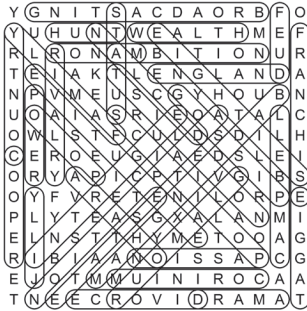
"All American" is executive pro-

duced by Greg Berlanti ("Brilliant Minds"), Jameal Turner ("Rosewood"), Sarah Schechter ("The Flight Attendant") and Davis Strauss ("One Tree Hill"), alongside Carroll.

The series is inspired by the life of professional football player Spencer Paysinger. Paysinger spent six years in the NFL. First signing with the New York Giants in 2011 as an undrafted free agent, Paysinger went on to play for the Miami Dolphins and signed with the New York Jets before playing three games with the Carolina Panthers and retiring from the sport in 2017.

While the show takes creative liberties with their Spencer, Paysinger played high school football in Beverly Hills, California, and was involved with setting up the story that became "All American." Paysinger shared in an interview on the "In The Zone" podcast, "there are some moments in that pilot that I wrote, that I changed, so to see those acted on a grand scale like that and then people actually like it was something that completely redefined the goals that I wanted in my life."

Don't miss the premiere of the eighth and final season of "All American" Monday, July 13, on The CW.





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Robeson County

StoryWalk - The Someone New

Fri, Jul 10, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Sat, Jul 11, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Mon, Jul 13, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Tue, Jul 14, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Wed, Jul 15, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Thu, Jul 16, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Fri, Jul 17, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Sat, Jul 18, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Luther Britt Park
 671 Branch Street, Lumberton, NC

Pets Rock! Rock Pets! - Teens

Wed, Jul 15, 2026, 4:00pm-5:00pm
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Fri, Jul 10, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Tue, Jul 14, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Fri, Jul 17, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Tue, Jul 21, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Fri, Jul 24, 2026, 10:30am-11:00am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St., Lumberton, NC



Sean Mills

Thu, Jul 16, 2026, 7:00pm
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St., Lumberton, NC

Artist Choice/ Remembrance Poppy Exhibition - RAG

Tue, Jul 07, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm
 Thu, Jul 09, 2026, 11:00am-4:00pm
 Robeson Art Guild
 109 West 9th Street, Lumberton, NC

Lumberton Ukulele Club

Tue, Jul 21, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Tue, Jul 28, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Tue, Aug 04, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Tue, Aug 11, 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm
 Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall
 16 Stephens Lane Lumberton, NC

Children's Storytime

Wed, Jul 22, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Wed, Aug 12, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Wed, Aug 26, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Wed, Sep 09, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Annie H Mc Eachern Library
 223 W Broad St., St. Pauls, NC

Free Paint Hour - Adults

Tue, Jul 21, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm
 Gilbert Patterson Memorial Library
 210 N Florence St
 Maxton, NC

Coffee & Color - Adults

Fri, Jul 17, 2026, 10:00am-11:00am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St., Lumberton, NC

Candle Making - Adults

Tue, Jul 14, 2026, 1:00pm-2:00pm
 Annie H Mc Eachern Library

223 W Broad St
 St. Pauls, NC

Robeson County Farmers Market

Sat, Jul 11, 2026, 8:00am-12:00pm
 Sat, Jul 18, 2026, 8:00am-12:00pm
 Tue, Jul 21, 2026, 4:00pm-7:00pm
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St., Lumberton, NC



Strike At the Wind

Sat, Jul 11, 2026, 7:00pm
 Sat, Jul 18, 2026, 7:00pm
 Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center
 824 Terry Sanford Drive, Maxton, NC

Dino Trivia - Adults

Sat, Jul 18, 2026, 5:00pm-6:00pm
 219 ELM, 219 N Elm St
 Lumberton, NC

StoryWalk - The Someone New

Sun, Jul 12, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Mon, Jul 13, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
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 Wed, Jul 15, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
 Thu, Jul 16, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm
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 Sat, Jul 18, 2026, 8:00am-8:00pm

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Cavern Canvas! - Kids

Tue, Jul 14, 2026, 10:30am-11:30am
 Robeson County Public Library
 101 N Chestnut St
 Lumberton, NC

Bladen County

Prayer Service

Mon, Jul 06, 2026, 8:00am
 Elizabethtown, NC

Creative Kids Summer Camps

Tue, Jul 14, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
 Wed, Jul 15, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
 Thu, Jul 16, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
 Fri, Jul 17, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
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 Tue, Jul 21, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm
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Board of Commissioners' Meeting, Lower

Level, Bladen County Courthouse
 106 East Broad Street, Elizabethtown
 Monday, July 20, 2026, 6:30pm
 Monday, August 03, 2026, 6:30pm
 Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:30pm



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Sports this week

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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

8:00 am WRAL WMBF 2026 Tour de France Stage 8. (Live) (4h)

ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Doubles Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (2h)

10:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Third Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

11:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Ladies' Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (3h)

12:00 pm WBTW DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Genesis Scottish Open, Third Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 Boys High School Basketball Run 4 Roses Classic. (Live) (1h30)

GOLF 2026 Kaulig Companies Championship Third Round. From Firestone Country Club South Course in Akron, Ohio. (Live) (4h)

1:00 pm WTVD WPDE WNBA Basketball New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx. From the Target Center in Minneapolis. (Live) (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

2:00 pm ESPN Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Carolina Blaze at Texas Volts. From Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 Boys High School Basketball Run 4 Roses Classic. (Live) (1h30)

2:30 pm WRAL WMBF Golf American Century Championship, Third Round. From Edgewood Tahoe Resort in Stateline, Nev. (Live) (3h30)

3:00 pm WTVD WPDE 2026 Wimbledon Championships Ladies' Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (3h)

4:00 pm WBTW WNBA Basketball Portland Fire at Atlanta Dream. From Gateway Center Arena at College Park in College Park, Ga. (Live) (2h)

ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, Third Round. From Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)

4:30 pm WWMB AVP Beach Volleyball League, Week 5. From Los Angeles. (Live) (2h)

TRUTV NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400, Qualifying. From EchoPark Speedway in Hampton, Ga. (Live) (1h30)

5:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Quarterfinal: TBA vs. TBA. From Miami Stadium in Miami Gardens, FL. (Live) (2h)

6:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (2h)

7:00 pm WWMB NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Focused Health 250. From EchoPark Speedway in Hampton, Ga. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 X Games Chiba 2026 (2h)

8:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

9:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Quarterfinal:

FDSO Athletes Unlimited Pro Lacrosse (2h)

10:00 am GOLF PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Final Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (2h)

10:30 am TRUTV FIA World Endurance Championship FIA World Endurance Championship. 6 Hours of Sao Paulo. (Live) (6h)

11:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (4h)

12:00 pm WRAL WMBF 2026 MLB All-Star Futures Game American League Team vs. National League Team. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live) (2h30)

WBTW DP World Tour Golf DP World Tour Golf. Genesis Scottish Open, Final Round. From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball Phoenix Suns vs. New Orleans Pelicans. From Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas, Nev. (Live) (2h)

4:00 pm WBTW BIG3 Basketball BIG3 Basketball. Week 4: Los Angeles. From Galen Center in Los Angeles. (Live) (2h)

WWMB PBR Bull Riding Bulls and Beats. From Canvas Stadium in Fort Collins, Colo. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN NWSL Soccer Portland Thorns FC at Seattle Reign FC. From Lumen Field in Seattle. (Live) (2h)

GOLF PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, Final Round. From Hurstbourne Country Club in Louisville, Ky. (Live) (3h)

5:00 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball Charlotte Hornets vs. Boston Celtics. From Cox Pavilion in Las Vegas, Nev. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN WNBA Basketball Chicago Sky at Dallas Wings. From American Airlines Center in Dallas. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Carolina Blaze at Texas Volts. From Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas. (Live) (2h)

USA WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Atlanta Dream. From Gateway Center Arena at College Park in College Park, Ga. (Live) (2h30)

8:00 pm BET BIG3 Basketball BIG3 Basketball. (2h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

11:00 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Portland Trail Blazers. From Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 14

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

3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Semifinal: TBA vs. TBA. From Dallas Stadium in Arlington, TX. (Live) (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Oklahoma City Spark at Texas Volts. From Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas. (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB 2026 MLB All-Star Game American League All-Stars at National League All-Stars. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live) (3h)

8:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

3:00 pm WFXB FIFA World Cup 2026 FIFA Soccer. Semifinal: TBA vs. TBA. From Atlanta Stadium in Atlanta, GA. (Live) (2h)

FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

8:00 pm ESPN NWSL Soccer Washington Spirit at Gotham FC. From Citi Field in Flushing, N.Y. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

USA WNBA Basketball Golden State Valkyries at Indiana Fever. From Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. (Live) (2h30)

10:30 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

4:00 am USA 2026 Open Championship First Round. From Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, Lancashire, England. (Live) (11h30)

THURSDAY, JULY 16

12:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Championship, First Round. From Corales Golf Club in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. (Live) (3h)

7:00 pm ESPN MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Live) (3h)

ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

9:00 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

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

4:00 am ESPN2 MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (2h)

FDSO Overtime Select Basketball (2h)

USA 2026 Open Championship Second Round. From Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, Lancashire, England. (Live) (11h30)

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

12:00 pm GOLF PGA Tour Golf Corales Puntacana Championship, Second Round. From Corales Golf Club in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. (Live) (3h)

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

6:00 pm GOLF Golf U.S. Girls' Junior Semifinals. From the Old Chatham Golf Club in Durham, N.C. (2h)

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

8:00 pm WFXB MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC. From GEODIS Park in Nashville, Tenn. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Texas Volts at Portland Cascade. From Hillsboro Ballpark in Hillsboro, Ore. (Live) (3h)

9:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

10:30 pm WFXB MLS Soccer LAFC at LA Galaxy. From Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif. (Live) (2h)

11:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

5:00 am USA 2026 Open Championship Third Round. From Royal Birkdale Golf Club in Southport, Lancashire, England. (Live) (2h)

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TBA vs. TBA. From Kansas City Stadium in Kansas City, MO. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 USL Cup Soccer Chattanooga Red Wolves SC at San Antonio FC. From Toyota Field in San Antonio. (Live) (2h)

10:00 pm WWMB PBR Bull Riding Bulls and Beats. From Canvas Stadium in Fort Collins, Colo. (Live) (2h30)

ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

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

4:00 am GOLF 2026 The Amundi Evian Championship Final Round. From Evian Resort Golf Club in Évian-les-Bains, Haute-Savoie, France. (Live) (6h)

SUNDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am ESPN 2026 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (Live) (2h)

GOLF 2026 Kaulig Companies Championship Final Round. From Firestone Country Club South Course in Akron, Ohio. (Live) (4h)

1:00 pm WTVD WPDE X Games Chiba 2026 (2h)

ESPN2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Athletes Unlimited Softball League. Chicago Bandits at Portland Cascade. From Hillsboro Ballpark in Hillsboro, Ore. (Live) (2h)

1:30 pm FDSO MLB Baseball (3h)

2:30 pm WRAL WMBF Golf American Century Championship, Final Round. From Edgewood Tahoe Resort in Stateline, Nev. (Live) (3h30)

3:00 pm WTVD WPDE 2026 Wimbledon Championships Gentlemen's Final. From the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in Wimbledon, England. (3h)

WFXB Major League Pickleball Midseason Tournament: Finals. From Belknap Park in Grand Rapids, Mich. (Live) (2h)

ESPN2 X Games Chiba 2026 (2h)

TNT TRUTV NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400. From EchoPark Speedway in Hampton, Ga. (Live) (3h30)

9:00 pm WRAL WMBF WNBA Indiana Fever at Las Vegas Aces. From Michelob ULTRA Arena in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

MONDAY, JULY 13

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

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

4:30 pm ESPN2 NBA Summer League Basketball Toronto Raptors vs. Indiana Pacers. From Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas. (Live) (2h)

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

7:00 pm ESPN NBA Summer League (Live) (2h)

Saturday Best Bets

WNBA Basketball

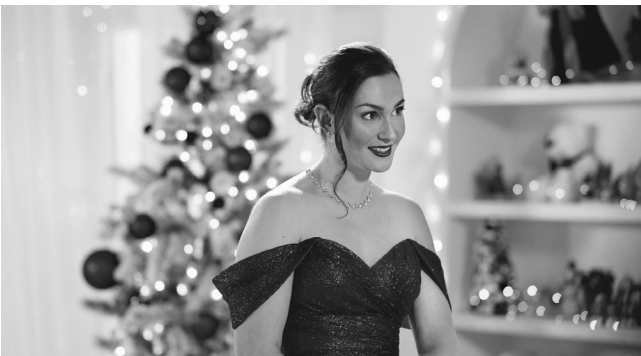
WTVD WPDE 1:00 pm

The New York Liberty visit the Target Center in Minneapolis to face the Minnesota Lynx in a clash of WNBA heavyweights. Two title-contending rosters square off in what should be a fast, physical and closely fought matchup with seeding on the line.

O Little Christmas Market

HALL 8:00 pm

Architect Grayson (Stephen Huszar) has a job: clear the way for his firm’s development. The trouble is the cherished Christmas market in the way and its fierce defender Olivia (Katherine Barrell), a miniature artist who is impossible not to fall for.



Katherine Barrell stars in “O Little Christmas Market”

The Treasure of the Sierra Madre

TCM 8:00 pm

A pair of wanderers (Humphrey Bogart, Tim Holt) and an old prospector (Walter Huston) travel to Mexico and the Sierra Madre mountains in search of gold. When they discover a rich vein, they must face ruthless bandits and their own greed and insecurities.

Storage Wars

A&E 9:00 pm

Lisa hosts Kenny at her “AirCnB” and points him toward Riverside, cornering him with a surprisingly healthy breakfast spread. Ivy pushes his luck and reaps the reward. And, Brandi lets her sense of humor take the wheel, but it backfires badly.

SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 11, 2026

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9	WMBF	9	2:30 Golf American Century Championship, Third Round	News	NBC News	Wild King	Earth Ody.	The Wall					Dateline NBC (CC)				News at 11	SNL
11	WTVD	11	3:00 2026 Wimbledon Ladies' Final (N)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	9-1-1: Nashville					911: Nash "Pipe Dreams"	911: Nash "Saboteurs"	News (N)		News Extra	
13	WBTW	13	Basketball Portland Fire at Atlanta Dream (L) (N)	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Protect	Celebrate 250					Route 66	48 Hours (CC)	News (N)		Jeopardy!	
15	WPDE	10	3:00 2026 Wimbledon Ladies' Final (N)	News (N)	World News	Ent. Tonight (N) (CC)		9-1-1: Nashville					911: Nash "Pipe Dreams"	911: Nash "Saboteurs"	News 15 (N)		Hurricane	
21	WWMB	3	Family Feud	AVP Beach Volleyball League, Week 5 (L) (N) (CC)	NASCAR (N)	NASCAR O'Reilly Auto Parts Series Focused Health 250 (L) (N) (CC)								PBR Bull Riding Bulls and Beats (L) (N) (CC)				
31	WUNU	12	Old House	Old House	Outdoor	N.C. Wknd	TURN "Men of Blood"	Father Brown					Midsomer Murders	Midsomer Murders	Death in Paradise		Shaped by	Southern
40	WUVC	4	El chal con Pao Sasso (N)	Lo tomas o lo dejas (N)	Contigo en	Noticiero (N)	Piensa rápido VIP	Película									Contigo en	Noticiero (N)
43	WFXB	2	FIFA World (L) (N)	FIFA World	FIFA Soccer Quarterfinal: TBA vs. TBA (N)		FIFA World Cup Today (L) (N) (CC)						FIFA World	FIFA Soccer Quarterfinal: TBA vs. TBA (N)			Postgame	Fear Factor
62	WFPX	8	3:00 ☛ Death at a Funeral	☛☛☛ Money Talks ('97) Chris Tucker. (CC)			☛☛☛ Shaft (2019, Action) Jessie T. Usher, Samuel L. Jackson. (CC)	☛☛☛ 2 Guns ('13, Act) Mark Wahlberg, Denzel Washington. (CC)										
	A&E	21	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars					:05 Storage Wars	
	AMC	41	Movie	☛☛☛ The Beekeeper ('24) Emmy Raver-Lampman, Jason Statham.	☛☛☛ The Day After Tomorrow ('04) Dennis Quaid. (CC)		☛☛☛☛ War of the Worlds ('05) Dakota Fanning, Tom Cruise. (CC)											
	ANPL	64	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff "Kino's Mystery"	Dr. Jeff "Nine Lives"	Dr. Jeff "Beware of Cat"	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet	Dr. Dee: Alaska Vet							
	BET	37	2:00 ☛☛☛ Takers	Equalizer "Shattered"	The Equalizer		The Equalizer	The Equalizer "Just Fans"	The Equalizer "Sacrifice"	☛☛☛☛ Coming to America ('88) Eddie Murphy. (CC)								
	CMT	48	☛☛ Joe Dirt ('01) Dennis Miller, David Spade. (CC)	☛☛☛ Ace Ventura: Pet Detective ('94) Jim Carrey.	☛☛☛ Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls Jim Carrey.	☛☛☛ Joe Dirt ('01) Dennis Miller, David Spade. (CC)												
	CNBC	53	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed		American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed	American Greed						
	CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program	CNN Special Program						
	COMC	34	The Office	The Office	The Office	☛☛☛ Daddy's Home ('15) Will Ferrell. (CC)	☛☛☛ Vacation ('15) Ed Helms. (CC)			☛☛☛☛ Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story	Movie							
	CSPAN	56	3:00 Washington	Washington This Week (CC)			Washington This Week (CC)			Public Affairs Events	Public Affairs Events							
	DISC	42	Contraband: Seized	Contraband "#NoFilter"	120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars	120 Hours Behind Bars						
	DISN	57	1:00 ☛☛☛ UglyDolls ('19) Kelly Clarkson. (CC)	Big City	Movie	☛☛☛☛ Monsters University	:50 Dragon	:20 Dragon	:50 Zombies	:55 Phineas	:25 Zombies	Ladybug	Ladybug					
	E!	39	3:30 ☛☛☛☛ Catch Me if You Can ('02) Tom Hanks, Leonardo DiCaprio.	☛☛☛☛ Cast Away (2000, Drama) Helen Hunt, Tom Hanks. (CC)			☛☛☛☛ Forrest Gump ('94) Tom Hanks.											
	ESPN	31	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	NBA Summer League (CC)			NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)			NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)								
	ESPN2	32	3:30 E60	E60	Sports Shorts	X Games Chiba 2026 (N) (CC)				USL Cup Soccer								Return of the Clowns
	FDSO	38	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games	Warehouse Games		Warehouse Games	The Icons	FIBA World	United Fight Alliance	United Fight Alliance (N)	United Fight Alliance						AU Pro Softball
	FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)	Weekend (L) (N)	Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)	Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)	My View With (L) (N) (CC)	Saturday Night (L) (N)	Gutfeld!							
	FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners						
	FREE	18	☛☛☛☛ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07, Adv) Orlando Bloom, Johnny Depp. (CC)	☛☛☛☛ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. (CC)														
	FX	67	2:30 ☛☛☛☛ Zootopia	☛☛☛☛ Tangled ('10) Mandy Moore. (CC)	☛☛☛☛ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)		☛☛☛☛ Moana ('16) Auli'i Cravalho. (CC)											
	GOLF	45	PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, Third Round (L) (N) (CC)	Golf Central (N) (CC)	PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Third Round From The Renaissance Club in the United Kingdom.													
	HALL	62	☛ A Christmas Carousel ('20) Rachel Boston. (CC)	☛ Miracle in Bethlehem, PA Laura Vandervoort.	☛ O Little Christmas Market Katherine Barrell. (P)		☛ Holiday Hotline ('23) Emily Tennant. (CC)											
	HGTV	65	Crashers	Crashers	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters						
	HIST	51	World War II	World War II	World War II		World War "Stalingrad"	World War II "Italy" (CC)	World War II	:05 World War "Overlord"	:05 World War II							
	LIFE	25	☛ Pushed Off a Plane and Survived Eva Marcille.	☛ I'll Never Let You Go ('25) Meagan Good.	☛ He Couldn't Let Go ('24) Christina Milian. (P) (CC)		☛ Killing for Extra Credit ('24) Matreya Scarrvener.	☛ Her Study of a Killer ('23) Natasha Wilson. (CC)										
	LMN	46	☛ Killing All My Sisters ('24) Isabella Carlsen. (CC)	☛ A Gift of Murder ('22) Bailey Bass. (CC)														
	MSNBC	43	The Beat: Weekend (N)	PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)													
	MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	☛☛☛ Bring It On ('00) Kirsten Dunst. (CC)	☛☛☛ Blended (2014, Romance) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler. (CC)	Movie								
	NEWSN	16	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)	NewsNation Live (L) (N)		Batya (N) (CC)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)	NewsNation Prime (L) (N)						
	NGEO	70	Shark Island (CC)	Shark vs. Giant Croc (CC)	Attack of the Samura		World's Biggest Mako	World's Big. (CC)	Sharks "Bite Spike" (N)	Shark "Surf and Turf" (N)	Perfect Predator (CC)							
	NICK	29	SpongeBob ☛☛☛ Sing 2 ('21) Matthew McConaughey. (CC)	☛☛☛ Sonic the Hedgehog ('20) Jim Carrey, James Marsden. (CC)	☛☛☛ Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang						
	NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol "Best Racing Rescues" (CC)		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	Real Murders	Real Murders	Real Murders		Murders "In Cold Blood"	Real Murders (N)	Unforgettable "The Death of Dr. Schwartz" (CC)	Murders "Officer Down"								
	PARMT	27	3:30 ☛☛☛☛ Top Gun ('86) Tom Cruise. (CC)	☛☛☛☛ Top Gun: Maverick (2022, Action) Miles Teller, Tom Cruise.	☛☛☛☛ Top Gun (1986, Action) Kelly McGillis, Tom Cruise. (CC)		☛☛☛☛ Top Gun (1986, Action) Kelly McGillis, Tom Cruise. (CC)											
	SYFY	55	Movie	☛☛☛ Journey 2: The Mysterious Island	☛☛☛ Fast X (2023, Action) Michelle Rodriguez, Vin Diesel. (CC)		☛☛☛ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Chris Pratt.											
	TBN	68	Turning Point (CC)	Graham	Graham	Elmer Hein	Ancient	Vinia	Your Move	Gaither Gospel Hour (N)	The Story	One Israel	Rosenberg	Michael (N)	Gaither Gospel Hour			
	TBS	24	☛ The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers							☛ The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King								
	TCM	54	3:30 ☛ Robin and the Seven Hoods	:45 ☛☛☛☛ Bullitt ('68, Cri) Robert Vaughn, Steve McQueen.	☛☛☛☛ The Treasure of the Sierra Madre		:15 ☛☛☛☛ The Killing ('56) Sterling Hayden.											
	TLC	23	90 Day: The Last Resort	90 Day: The Last Resort	Little "Mirage a Trois"		Little Singles	Little Singles										
	TNT	28	3:15 ☛☛☛ Just Go With It	:45 ☛☛☛ Uncle Buck ('89, Com) Amy Madigan, John Candy. (CC)	All Elite Wrestling: Collision Roanoke (N) (CC)		☛☛☛☛ San Andreas ('15) Dwayne Johnson.											
	TOON	69	3:30 ☛ LEGO Scooby Doo:...	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
	TRUTV	40	Movie	NASCAR Quaker State 400, Qualifying	☛☛☛ Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire ('24) Rebecca Hall. (P) (N)	☛☛☛☛ The Legend of Tarzan ('16) Alexander Skarsgård. (CC)	☛☛☛☛ Kong: Skull Island											
	TVLAND	47	Roseanne	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld
	USA	30	Chicago P.D.	Chicago "Due Process"	Chicago "Trouble Dolls"	Chicago P.D. "Safe" (CC)	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago "The Other Side"	Chicago P.D. "Closure"	Chicago P.D. "Rage" (CC)							
	WE	61	NCIS "Forced Entry" (CC)	NCIS "Chained" (CC)	NCIS "Blackwater" (CC)	NCIS "Doppelganger"	NCIS "The Meat Puzzle"	NCIS "Witness" (CC)	NCIS "Caught on Tape"	NCIS "Pop Life" (CC)								

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Back in the swing: Ferrell, Shannon star in golf comedy 'The Hawk'

By Dana Simpson
TV Media

The Professional Golfers' Association (or PGA, as it is more commonly known) has made the news several times this year for changes to the PGA Tour's eligibility criteria and game rules. According to Golf.com, these changes come on the heels of "new investment, new leadership, new schedules" and changes to field sizes. But one change golf fans likely never saw coming was the PGA Tour's involvement in a new series on Netflix.

Yes, in addition to implementing "five new model local rules" and one protocol modification (per Golf.com) as of the Sony Open in Hawaii this past January, the PGA Tour is a partner in "The Hawk," a new 10-episode comedy series from writer, producer and star Will Ferrell ("Anchorman: The Legend of Ron

Burgundy," 2004). "The Hawk" premieres Thursday, July 16, on Netflix.

The series follows fictional professional golfer Lonnie "The Hawk" Hawkins (Ferrell), who is struggling to maintain relevance in a game he once mastered. Back in 2004, Lonnie was a golf legend, but a lot has changed in the world of professional sports — and in his personal life — since his time at the top of the leaderboard.

"Lonnie Hawkins ... struggles on the back nine of his career to recapture his magic," reads the series description per Netflix's Tudum press site. "His body says retire, but his heart says he's not done yet. His ex-wife and his son Lance, golf's new golden boy, know he's through. But with one more major to win to complete golf's Grand Slam, Lonnie refuses to believe he's anything other than one stroke away from the greatest comeback in golf history."

"The Hawk" marks Ferrell's first-ever television comedy while providing viewers with another iconic on-screen persona in Hawkins. Having presented audiences with the crass 1970s TV news anchor Ron Burgundy in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" in 2004 — the same year Hawkins supposedly rose to the top of his golf game — Ferrell returned two years later to portray another iconic comedy character: the cocky, America-loving racecar driver Ricky Bobby in "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006).

In recent years, Ferrell has been expanding his repertoire behind the scenes, too, producing movies such as "Quiz Lady" (2023), "The Menu" (2022) and "Am I OK?" (2022), in addition to television projects including "Succession," "Dead to Me," "Motherland: Fort Salem" and "No Good Deed," the latter starring Lisa Kudrow ("Friends") and Ray



Fortune Feimster and Will Ferrell in "The Hawk"

Romano ("Everybody Loves Raymond").

Joining Ferrell in "The Hawk" is his "Saturday Night Live" co-star Molly Shannon, a well-established and popular comedian who is no doubt familiar to fans of Ferrell's other work. Having previously starred in "Wet Hot American Summer" (2001), "Kath & Kim," HBO's "White Lotus" and the Hulu sensation "Only Murders in the Building," Shannon has starred alongside Ferrell in 11 known projects to date, including "A Night at the Roxbury" (1998), "Superstar" (1999), "The Spoils of Babylon," the aforementioned 2006 film "Talladega Nights," and a 2024 documentary titled "Will & Harper," which chronicles Ferrell's friendship with former "SNL" writer Harper Steele, showing the two on a meaningful road trip together shortly after Steele came out as trans.

In "The Hawk," Shannon portrays Hawkins' foul-mouthed estranged wife, Stacy, who happens to be one

of many trying to be supportive while ultimately urging Hawkins to retire and enjoy the downtime he has earned. Stacy is also a proud mother to her and Hawkins' adult son, Lance (Jimmy Tatro, "Home Economics"), who is a burgeoning professional golfer in his own right.

Katelyn Tarver ("Ballers") stars in the series as Natalie, a social media influencer and Lance's fiancée, while "The Mindy Project" and "Chelsea Lately" comedian Fortune Feimster stars as Hawkins' new caddy, Sam.

"Of course," reads the Tudum article, "there are still old rivals left to vanquish: Golden Fisk [Luke Wilson, 'Legally Blonde,' 2001], the pro golfer who's beaten Lonnie twice; PGA Tour board member Anton [Chris Parnell, 'Rick and Morty']; even Stacy's new beau, Radford [David Hornsby, 'Mythic Quest']. No one ever said this would be easy."

Also not easy was the road to getting "The Hawk" out of the rough.

First announced in April 2023, the

series was given the title "Golf" in May 2024 when Deadline released first details about the first stages of production. At that time, American stand-up comedian and actor Ramy Youssef ("Mo") was attached to the project with producer and fellow comedian Josh Rabinowitz ("Rel"). By late summer of 2025, both Youssef and Rabinowitz had left the project, citing "creative differences" as the reason for their joint exit.

"The Hawk" is created by Ferrell, who executive produces with Jessica Elbaum ("Booksmart," 2019) and Alix Taylor ("P2," 2007) for Gloria Sanchez Productions; Rian Johnson ("Knives Out," 2019), Ram Bergman ("Glass Onion," 2022) and Nena Rodrigue ("Poker Face") for T-Street; as well as Steele, Chris Henchy ("Land of the Lost," 2009), David Gordon Green ("Halloween," 2018) and Andrew Guest ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine").

Don't miss a new era of Lonnie Hawkins when "The Hawk" tees off Thursday, July 16, on Netflix.

Sunday Best Bets

2026 Wimbledon Championships

WTVD WPDE 3:00 pm

Center court at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club hosts tennis's most storied showdown. Grass-court glory comes down to one single afternoon in London, where last year, Jannik Sinner de-throned Carlos Alcaraz for his first Wimbledon crown.

Someone's Always Watching

LIFE 8:00 pm

Recorded audio from a murder suddenly bleeds through a woman's speakers, piped in by some device she simply can't trace. Is it a cruel prank or has a killer already slipped inside her circle of guests and neighbors, quietly hunting his next victim?



Rear Window

TCM 8:00 pm

James Stewart stars as Jeff, a newspaper photographer with a broken leg who spends his days spying on his neighbors. But when Jeff believes he's witnessed a murder, he sends his girlfriend Lisa (Grace Kelly) to the apartment to see what's happened.

Grantchester on Masterpiece

WUNU 9:00 pm

When a murder occurs near Bishop Grey's (Stuart Bowman) home, it exposes corruption within the church's inner circle. Alphy (Rishi Nair) struggles with his faith, Georgie (Robson Green) is promoted and Leonard (Al Weaver) returns to his calling.

SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 12, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30			
5	WRAL	5	2:30 Golf American Century Championship, Final Round				WRAL News	NBC News	Ninja Western Regional Finals Cutdown				WNBA (N)	WNBA Indiana Fever at Las Vegas Aces (L) (N) (CC)			WRAL News	GameTime			
9	WMBF	9	2:30 Golf American Century Championship, Final Round				News	NBC News	Ninja Western Regional Finals Cutdown				WNBA (N)	WNBA Indiana Fever at Las Vegas Aces (L) (N) (CC)			News at 11	Invest. (N)			
11	WTVD	11	3:00 2026 Wimbledon Gentlemen's Final (N) (CC)				News (N)	World News	Videos (N)				:35 🌟🌟🌟🌟 What About Bob? ('91) Bill Murray. (CC)	News (N)			News Extra				
13	WBTV	13	BIG3 BIG3 Basketball Week 4: Los Angeles (L) (N)				CBS-News	News (N)	60 Minutes (N) (CC)				Big Brother (N) (CC)	Georgie Marshals		News (N)		Paid Prog.			
15	WPDE	10	3:00 2026 Wimbledon Gentlemen's Final (N) (CC)				News (N)	World News	Videos (N)				Videos	:35 🌟🌟🌟🌟 What About Bob? ('91) Bill Murray. (CC)	News 15 (N)			:35 In Touch			
21	WWMB	3	PBR Bull Riding Bulls and Beats (L) (N) (CC)				Judge Judy		🌟🌟🌟 Transformers (2007, Action) Tyrese Gibson, Shia LaBeouf. (P) (CC)				The		The Right Side Forum		Attkisson				
31	WUNU	12	Issues	State Lines		Week	Hoover (N)	Midsummer Murders (CC)		Patience "The Runes" (N)		Grantchester (N) (CC)		Downton Abbey (CC)		Father Brown (CC)					
40	WUVC	4	Película				Contigo	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe		Garra vs. Veneno: Guerreros mundiales (L) (N)		Cómplices (N)		Contigo		SaborDe				
43	WFXB	2	3:00 MLP Pickleball		To Be Announced		The 1% Club				Simpsons	Animal	Universal	Grimsburg	News (N)	Lately	Son of God	1st Church			
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Immunity" (CC)		S.W.A.T. "The LBC" (CC)		🌟🌟 Big Momma's House ('00) Nia Long, Martin Lawrence. (CC)				🌟🌟 Big Momma's House 2 ('06) Nia Long, Martin Lawrence. (CC)				🌟 Welcome Home Rosco...						
A&E	21	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE's	WWE LFG (N)	:05 WWE's	:35 WWE's				
AMC	41	🌟🌟🌟 Back to the Future Part II ('89) Michael J. Fox. (CC)				🌟🌟🌟 Back to the Future ('85) Michael J. Fox. (CC)				Lestat "Montreal" (N)				:15 The Vampire Lestat "Montreal" "Movie							
ANPL	64	Wardens of the North		Wardens of the North		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		Yellowstone Wardens		"Memories to Last a Lifetime"		Yellowstone Wardens		"Hunters in Hot Water"					
BET	37	🌟🌟🌟 Coming to America (1988, Comedy) Arsenio Hall, Eddie Murphy. (CC)				Celebrity Family Feud				Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud					
CMT	48	1:45 TBA	:45 To Be Announced				:15 🌟🌟 Grumpy Old Men ('93) Jack Lemmon. (CC)				:45 🌟🌟 Grumpier Old Men ('95) Jack Lemmon. (CC)										
CNBC	53	Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)					
CNN	26	CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)		The Salisbury Poisonings: A Spy Next Door (N) (CC)		The Salisbury Poisonings: A Spy Next Door (CC)									
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	South Park			
CSPAN	56	:20 Washington This Week (CC)				America's Book Club				Washington This Week		Q & A (CC)		America's Book Club		Prime Min. :40 Public	Q & A (CC)				
DISC	42	Naked and Afr. "Lock In or Storm Out" (CC)				Naked and Afr. "Sharp Spears, Broken Spirits" (N)				Naked and Afr. "Smoking the Competition" (N) (CC)		In the Eye (N)		In the Eye of "Spin City"							
DISN	57	11:30 🌟🌟🌟🌟 Luca ('21) Jacob Tremblay. (CC)				Big City				BigCity		🌟🌟🌟 Ratatouille ('07) Patton Oswalt. (CC)		Dragon	Dragon Striker	"Fifth Banner, The"		Ladybug	Ladybug		
E!	39	3:00 🌟🌟🌟🌟 Ocean's Thirteen				🌟🌟🌟 Ocean's Eleven ('01) Matt Damon, George Clooney. (CC)				🌟🌟🌟 Ocean's Twelve (2004, Comedy Drama) Brad Pitt, George Clooney. (CC)		🌟🌟🌟 Ocean's Thirteen		🌟🌟🌟 Ocean's Thirteen							
ESPN	31	NWSL Portland Thorns FC at Seattle Reign FC (L) (N)				ESPN Doc.		Countdown		WNBA Basketball Chicago Sky at Dallas Wings (L) (N)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)							
ESPN2	32	3:00 NBA Basketball		Basketball Charlotte Hornets vs. Boston Celtics (L) (N)		X Games Chiba 2026 (N) (CC)				Sportsman Road Trip		Warehouse Games (N)		Warehouse Games (N)		Warehouse Games (N)		Monster Energy's Rip			
FDSO	38	1:30 Baseball Braves Live! Postgame (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)				Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)		Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)		One Nation With (L) (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)			
FNC	44	Fox Report (L) (N) (CC)		Weekend (L) (N)		Weekend (L) (N)				Weekend (L) (N)		Life, Liberty (L) (N) (CC)		Sunday Night (L) (N) (CC)		One Nation With (L) (N)		Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)			
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Beat Bobby				Beat Bobby		100 Cooks		100 Cooks (N)		Food "Noodles"		Food "Sweets"			
FREE	18	Movie	:45 🌟🌟🌟🌟 Up ('09) Voices of Christopher Plummer, Ed Asner. (CC)				:55 🌟🌟🌟🌟 Finding Nemo ('03) Albert Brooks. (CC)				:25 🌟🌟🌟🌟 Finding Dory ('16) Ellen DeGeneres. (CC)				Movie						
FX	67	2:30 🌟 Guardians of the ...		🌟🌟🌟 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt. (CC)				🌟🌟🌟 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2023, Sci-Fi) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt. (CC)				🌟🌟🌟 Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3 (2023, Sci-Fi) Zoe Saldana, Chris Pratt. (CC)				🌟 Bad Boys					
GOLF	45	PGA Tour Golf ISCO Championship, Final Round (L) (N) (CC)				Golf Central (L) (N) (CC)				PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Final Round				Evian Champ. Final Round (CC)							
HALL	62	🌟 Write Before Christmas ('19) Torrey DeVitto. (CC)				🌟 O Little Christmas Market ('26) Katherine Barrell.				🌟 Following Yonder Star ('24) Brooke D'Orsay.				🌟 Once Upon a Christmas Miracle							
HGTV	65	Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Aloha		Renovation Island (N)		Love It "Moms at Odds"		Hunters (N)		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters			
HIST	51	Hazardous "Killer Crazes"		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History		Hazardous History (N)		:05 Built America (N)		:05 Built America					
LIFE	25	🌟 Murder at the Hotel ('25) Samora Smallwood.				🌟 The Wife Who Knew Too Much Nicole Unger.				🌟 Someone's Always Watching ('26) Ella Frazee. (P)				:05 🌟 Terror Comes Knocking: Marcela Borges Story							
LMN	46	🌟 Don't Breathe a Word ('26) Jenny Heaton. (CC)				🌟 The Lies We Bury ('25) Kyla Nova. (CC)				🌟 The Past Is Never Buried ('26) Bonnie Jean Tyler.				🌟 Where Pretty Girls Die ('25) Kim Sandwich. (CC)							
MSNBC	43	Deadline (L) (N) (CC)		PoliticsNation (L) (N) (CC)		The Weekend: Primetime (L) (N) (CC)				The Briefing (N) (CC)				Crooked on MS NOW		Weekend: Primetime					
MTV	36	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	Big Bang	Big Bang		
NEWSN	16	The Hill Sunday With NewsNation Live (L) (N)				NewsNation Live (L) (N)				NewsNation Live (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)		NewsNation Prime (L) (N)					
NGEO	70	Hammerhead Sharks		Jaws vs. Boats		Counting Jaws				The Croc (CC)		Jaws Invasion		Jaws @ 50: The Definitive Inside Story				Sharks Gone Viral (CC)			
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	"Best Underwater Rescues" (CC)				PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol		
OXY	171	Snapped: Killer Couples				Snapped: Killer Couples				Snapped: Killer (N)		The Killer Among Us (N)		Murders "Officer Down"		Snapped: Killer Couples		The Killer Among Us			
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue				Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue			
SYFY	55	3:00 🌟 Ministry of Ungentlemanly War...		🌟🌟 Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom ('18) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt. (CC)				🌟🌟 Red (2010, Action) Morgan Freeman, Bruce Willis.				🌟🌟 Red 2 Bruce Willis.									
TBN	68	Turning	Prince	Michael (N)	Tim (N)	Jackson (N)	Joyce M. (N)	Greenberg: PowerPoint	Joel Osteen	Turning	Vinia	Healing	Jack Hibbs	Amazing	Empty Out	Elmer Hein					
TBS	24	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	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	🌟🌟🌟 June Bride ('48) Bette Davis.				🌟🌟🌟 In Which We Serve ('42) Noel Coward.				🌟🌟🌟 Rear Window ('54) James Stewart.				🌟🌟🌟 High Society ('56) Grace Kelly, Bing Crosby.							
TLC	23	90 Day Diaries		90 Day Diaries		90 Day Fiancé (N)				90 Day Fiancé (N)		90 Day Fiancé "I'm Questioning Everything" (N)		90 Day Diaries (N)				Jay & Pamela			
TNT	28	3:30 🌟🌟 San Andreas ('15) Dwayne Johnson.				NASCAR Nation (N) (CC)				NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400 (L) (N)				NASCAR Nat				Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TOON	69	Ben 10 (CC)	Ben 10 (CC)	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty		
TRUTV	40	10:30 FIAWo..		FIA World		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		NASCAR Nation (L) (N)				NASCAR Cup Series Quaker State 400 (L) (N)				NASCAR Nat		Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TVLAND	47	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	:35 Raymond	:10 Raymond	:45 Raymond	:20 Everybody Raymond	:55 Raymond		Raymond	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Motherly Love"		Law & Order: SVU				Law-SVU "Jumped In"		Law-SVU "Soldier Up"		Law-SVU "Blood Out"		Law-SVU "Cornered"		Law-SVU "Shock Collar"			
WE	61	Criminal "The Lesson"		Criminal "Perennials"		Criminal "Zugzwang"				Criminal "Magnum Opus"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Broken"		Criminal "Carbon Copy"		Criminal "The Gathering"			

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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	Investiga-tetV+	NBC News Daily		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		Eyewitness News Noon	ABC11 Eyewitness	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	10	7:00 Good Morning America		Live with Kelly and Mark		The 700 Club		The View		Family Feud	Flip Side	GMA3		General Hospital		The Kelly Clarkson Show		
21	WWMB	3	The National News Desk		National Weat	25 Words or Less	Maury		iCRIME - Vargas	iCRIME - Vargas	Hot Bench	NoMore/ Hot Bench/ Paid..	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Cutlers Court	Cutlers Court	The People's Court		
31	WUNU	12	Lyla in the Loop	Carl the Collector	Daniel Tiger	Phoebe & Jay	Sesame Street	Work It Out Wombats!	Donkey Hodie	Rosie's Rules	Elinor	Alma's Way	Molly/Th Wowsabout	Xavier Riddle	Various	Various	Various	Sara's/ Old House/ Fit S..	
40	WUVC	4	7:00 ¡Despierta América!						Como dice el dicho		Noticiero N+	Vecinos	¡Siéntese quien pueda!		¡Siéntese quien pueda!		Desiguales		
43	WFXB	2	7:00 Fox Morning News		Carolina AM		Sherri		Live PD Presents	Live PD Presents	Scrambled Up	News	America/ FIFA World/..	M Th F Judge Lake	M Th F Judge	M Th F Judge	M Judy/Tu W FIFA World	M Judy Justice	
62	WFPX	8	Karamo		Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Couples Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	Paternity Court	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		
A&E	21	Various	M Storage	Storage	M Storage	Various		M Storage	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Squatters	Various	Neighbor.	
AMC	41	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Th The Fifth	Element			Die Hard 2/ :15 Back to ...	W :45 Die Hard With a Vengeance	Th White House Down	The Shawshan...	F Fury / M :45 Future	Back to the		W :45 The Beekeeper	Th Die Hard		
ANPL	64	Various			Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		
BET	37	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Prince	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Matters	Browns	Browns	
CMT	48	CMT Music		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba	King	King	King	King	King	
CNBC	53	6:00 Squawk Box		Squawk on the Street						Halftime Report			The Exchange		Power Lunch		Closing Bell		
CNN	26	CNN News Central		CNN News Central		The Situation Room		The Situation Room		Ins. Politics			CNN News/W CNN News		CNN News Central		CNN News/Tu CNN News		
COMC	34	South Park	South Park	South Park	SouthPark/ :35 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :10 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :45 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :15 South Pa..	SouthPark/ :50 South Pa..	M Th South Park	:25 SouthPark/ ..	South Park	South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ South Park	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..	Seinfeld/ Family Guy/..		
CSPAN	56	Washington	Washington	Th U.S. House		Live From/ U.S. House		Th U.S. House		U.S. House/ Live From			Th U.S. House		U.S. House/ Live From		Th Live From The Nation		
DISC	42	Various	Tu How It's Made	Various	Tu How It's Made	Various		M Louisiana/Tu Expedition/Th 120 Hours		Various		M Contraband/Tu Filthy/W Expedition/Th 120 Hours			Various		M Contraband/Tu Filthy/W Expedition/Th 120 Hours		
DISN	57	Iron Man	Bluey	Various	Various	Various	M :40 Spidey	Various	Bluey/ Bluey	Stitch	Movie/Stitch	Ladybug	Ladybug	ZOMBIES	Movie	Phineas	Phineas		
E!	39	Movie/ 9-1-1	Movie	Movie	Movie	Tu 9-1-1	W How I Met	Various	Various	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	Various	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	TwoMen	
ESPN	31	Get Up				First Take				The Pat McAfee Show				SportsCenter		NBA Today			
ESPN2	32	SportsCenter			SportCtr/ ESPN FC			Get Up				First Take				Football	Football	SportCtr/ Sources/ Schrag..	
FDSO	38	Softball/ Life/ Warehouse	Tu FIBA World	Carolina/ TBA/ Redfern	Pulse/Pack/ Great	Warehouse/ OT Select/ ..	Th Road Trip Angler	Spotlight/ Sportsman	Focused/ Outdoor	Various	FIBAWorld/ Carolina/ G..	Foul Territory				Various		M F Pulse of the Pack	
FNC	44	FOX and Friends		America's Newsroom		America's Newsroom		The Faulkner Focus			Outnumbered		America Reports		America Reports		The Story		
FOOD	66	Various	M Pioneer	Various		M Pioneer		Various		Various		Various		F Diners	Various	F Diners	Various	F Diners	
FREE	18	Million	M Boy/World	The 700 Club		Newswatch		Various	Movie	Tu F Jim	Movie/F Jim	Movie	Beauty & the Beast		Movie	Movie	M :55 Luca/F The Lion King		
FX	67	Keeping Up With the Jon...		Movie	The Internship	Movie		Th The Devil	Wears Prada	Movie	Tu Armageddon	Movie		M Bad Boys	Movie				
GOLF	45	Various	Th Golf Acad.	Various	Th Golf Acad.	Golf Acad.	Golf Acad.	Open	Golf Acad.	M Open/Th F PGA Golf	Highlights	W The Open	M PGA Golf/Tu The Open		Th F Ask Rory	Th F Open			
HALL	62	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls		Movies		Movies		Movies				Movies					
HGTV	65	Various		Various		Various		Various	Th World's	Various	Th World's	Various	World's	Various	F Caribbean	Various	Hunters		
HIST	51	Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	
LIFE	25	Movies		Movies		Movies		Movies		The Rookie / F NCIS			The Rookie / F NCIS		The Rookie / F NCIS		Castle / F NCIS		
LMN	46	Movies				Movies				Movies				Movies					
MSNBC	43	6:00 Morning Joe			Money, Power, Politics With Stephanie Ruhle				MS NOW Reports			On the Line With Alicia Menendez				The Moment With Katy Tur			
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	BigBang	
NEWSN	16	Morning in America		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation		NewsNation	
NGEO	70	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Various	Tu Shark	Various	Tu Shark	Various	Tu Shark	Various	Tu Shark	Various		Various		Various			
NICK	29	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PeppaPig	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	
NICKJ	71	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Bubble	Gabby's	Gabby's	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Rubble	Rubble	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol		
OXY	171	Various		Various		Various		Murders/ Killer/ Barbara		Various		Snapped/ Killer/ Snapped		Various		Snapped/ Murders/ Snapp..			
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue	
SYFY	55	Movies				Sharknado 2: The Secon...		M Cocaine Bear / Tu Parker / W Sharknado / F The Da Vinci Code		Sharknado 3: Oh Hell No!		Imaginary/ Sharknado...	Tu Violent Night	Men in Black: Inter...	Th The Shallows	The Exorcist: Believer	M Red	Tu The Green Hornet	
TBN	68	Jeffress	Joyce M.	Creflo	Hagee	Joel Osteen	Jackson	S. Furtick	Kingdom	Jeffress	Winning	Joyce M.	Better Together		A.Wommack		The 700 Club		
TBS	24	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Sheldon	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
TCM	54	7:30 Primrose Path/ Chase a Crooked Shadow		Movies		W Shadow in the Sky	:15 Looking for Love	:45 Top Hat/ :45 Bundle ...	Singin' in the Rain	Tu :45 A Hard Day's Night	Cast a Dark Shadow		M The Band Wagon / Tu That's Entertainment!		House of Dark Shad...	Carefree/ Bachelor ...	M Bells Are Ringing	That's Entertainm...	
TLC	23	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Various		Various		Various		Various		90 Day/ Dr. Pimple/ Little		90 Day/ Little/ Bad Foot C		Little/ Bad Foot C/ 90 Day			
TNT	28	M Charmed / Th F FBI		M Charmed / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		M Cold Case / Th F FBI		ColdCase/The Lord of the..		Various	
TOON	69	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	:05 Tom-Jerry	Tom-Jerry	Looney	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Scooby	Scooby	Movie	Teen/ Teen	Teen/ Teen	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	
TRUTV	40	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke	
USA	30	Law-SVU/ NCIS: LA/ Chica..		M Tu Law-SVU/W Chicago		M Tu Law-SVU/W Chicago		M Tu Law-SVU/W Chicago		M Tu Law-SVU/W Chicago		M Tu Law-SVU/W 9-1-1		M Tu Law-SVU/W 9-1-1		Law-SVU		Everything	
WE	61	Paid Prog.		Paid Prog.		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various		Various	

Stars on screen

Epicurean exploration: Tucci to showcase British food culture

By Michelle Rose
TV Media

Epicurean exploration: After delighting viewers with his relatable appreciation for Italian food in "Tucci in Italy," Stanley Tucci ("The Devil Wears Prada," 2006) has now set his sights on a regional cuisine that's closer to home — his adopted homeland, to be precise.

Tucci is spinning off his National Geographic series with the new five-part docuseries "Tucci in Great Britain," which, as you can guess, promises to showcase British fare and give it the celebrity travelogue treatment. "From the rugged Highlands to the storied coastlines, Tucci unlocks the distinct — and often surprising — flavors that define each region" of Great Britain, according to the official description.

"I am very excited to explore the history, culture and people of Great Britain through the prism of food," London-based Tucci said in a statement. "Having made it my home for almost 15 years, I want to share the culinary diversity, richness and depth of its food culture."

British food culture is rarely treated with the same reverence as French or Italian, but don't expect the show to dwell exclusively on pub fare, hearty breakfasts and Sunday roasts with Yorkshire pudding. British fare is a lot more varied than that, and you can expect

Tucci — with camera crew in tow to capture cinematic shots everywhere he goes — to challenge perceptions with wit and effortless charm.

"Stanley Tucci is one of a kind — smart, funny, authentic, passionate about food and culture and deeply interested in the stories of the people who make the very best food," Tom McDonald, executive vice president of content for National Geographic, added. "That's why I'm so excited that his next journey will be around Great Britain — the place he has called home for over a decade. The stories that Stanley and his team have unearthed will be sure to delight and surprise — a reminder of just how varied and delicious food in the U.K. truly is."

As he did with "Tucci in Italy" and his Emmy-winning CNN series "Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy" before that, Tucci will be pulling double duty as host and executive producer. "Tucci in Great Britain" is being produced by Salt Productions and OBB, and it will be exclusively available for viewing on Disney+, Hulu and National Geographic.

Expanding 'Shrinking': Popular Apple TV dramedy "Shrinking" has added former "Doctor Who" actress Karen Gillan (aka Nebula from the "Guardians of the Galaxy" films) to its cast for Season 4, which was announced earlier this year ahead of its third season (now streaming).

As first reported by Variety, details on her character are being kept under wraps at this time, but she will reportedly appear in a recurring role alongside series regulars Jason Segel ("Forgetting Sarah Marshall," 2008) as Jimmy, Harrison Ford ("Star Wars: Episode IV - A New Hope," 1977) as Paul, Christa Miller ("Scrubs") as Liz, Jessica Williams ("Love Life") as Gaby, Luke Tennie ("Abbott Elementary") as Sean, Michael Urie ("Ugly Betty") as Brian, Lukita Maxwell ("Backrooms," 2026) as Alice and Ted McGinley ("Revenge of the Nerds," 1984) as Derek.

In addition to Gillan's character, Season 4 will introduce a time jump and a completely new storyline that moves away from the grief/forgiveness-driven arc of



Stanley Tucci to host "Tucci in Great Britain"

previous seasons, marking a creative reset.

In an earlier social media post, creator Bill Lawrence ("Ted Lasso") described the storytelling pivot as "scary/risky/fun." He followed it up with an explanation that the arc was always intended to be limited to three seasons, that "we wanted to stay true to that and end the way we planned," and then reassured fans that it was "a new story with the same cast" and neighborhood setting.

In an interview with Variety, Lawrence confirmed a time jump and explained: "I think people will feel when they come back to this show that it's a completely different story. We feel that the characters of this show have enough stuff going on in their life that we were interested in seeing what a new story for these characters looks like. ... We're already deep into the writers room, in the fourth season, so I'm lucky enough to know what happens. And I think people will dig it."

Superfan Stiller: A fixture in celebrity row throughout the team's championship run, long-

time New York Knicks superfan Ben Stiller ("Meet the Fockers," 2004) has partnered with A24, HBO and the NBA to make a multi-part documentary series about the team, tracing the franchise's story from the '90s to its 2026 championship win.

Stiller, who was frequently seen recording courtside footage on his iPhone, confirmed the project during an appearance on the "Roommates" podcast hosted by Knicks players Josh Hart and Finals MVP Jalen Brunson. As he explained to Brunson and Hart: "Obviously I've been shooting some stuff on my phone. But it's going to be about all eras of the Knicks, and this team, obviously there's a culmination here of something that's been going on for a long time. It's super exciting. It's great to have had all this access to your team. We're going to probably be shooting a little bit more during next season, and I'm going to hit you guys up for some interviews. It's going to be over the next year that we'll be working on it. A lot of people have wanted to make it happen for a long time."

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▶ STREAMING THIS WEEK



Tom Brittney and Sarah Bolger star in "The Westies"

By Kimberly Tremblay
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WHAT'S NEW ON NETFLIX

"The East Palace" – Season 1

Whispers from beyond the grave echo through the halls of "The East Palace," with the first season premiering Friday, July 17, on Netflix. In a kingdom where the boundary between the living and the dead is perilously thin, strange and terrifying events begin to plague the East Palace. Desperate for answers, the king (Cho Seung-woo, "Inside Men," 2015) summons two of his most trusted allies: Gu-cheon (Nam Joo-hyuk, "Vigilante"), a fearless ghost-

slayer who can cross into the spirit realm and battle supernatural forces with his sword, and Saeng-gang (Roh Yoon-seo, "Love Next Door"), a court lady burdened with the ability to hear the voices of the dead. Together, they investigate the origins of the hauntings and uncover secrets hidden within the royal walls of the East Palace. As their investigation unfolds, restless spirits reveal fragments of a dark history tied to the royal family itself. With unseen forces closing in from both worlds, Gu-cheon and Saeng-gang must uncover the truth before the darkness consuming the palace spreads throughout the kingdom. Jung Kyu Choi ("The Flower in Prison") directs.

WHAT'S NEW ON PRIME VIDEO

"The Westies" – Season 1

Hell's Kitchen has always run on blood and loyalty, and for one notorious Irish-American gang, both are about to be tested in "The Westies," premiering its first season Sunday, July 12, on Prime Video via MGM+. Set in 1980s New York, the series drops into a neighborhood on the edge of transformation — where the promise of a financial windfall tied to the construction of the Jacob Javits Convention Center has put every criminal crew in the city on alert. Outnumbered by a 50-1 ratio by the Five Families of the Italian Mafia, the gang's patriarch, Eamon Sweeney

(J.K. Simmons, "Juno," 2007), has forged a fragile truce built not on trust, but fear. However, the rising ambitions of young lieutenant Jimmy Roarke (Tom Brittney, "Grantchester") are straining that detente from within, while NYPD officer Glenn Keenan (Titus Welliver, "Argo," 2012) — a Hell's Kitchen native with past connections to the gang — walks a dangerous line between his badge and the streets he never truly left. As the FBI closes in on the families, the gang finds itself caught in the crossfire — and the fuse is already burning. Showrunner Chris Brancato ("Godfather of Harlem") serves as executive producer, alongside Michael Panes ("We Bought a Zoo," 2011) and Nick Ian-nelli ("Wednesday").

WHAT'S NEW ON HULU

"A Real Pain" (2024)

Family inheritances rarely come with road maps, but for two estranged cousins, a grandmother's last gift sends them straight into the heart of their own history. Written and directed by Jesse Eisenberg ("The Social Network," 2010), "A Real Pain" begins streaming Thursday, July 16, on Hulu. The film stars Eisenberg as David and Kieran Culkin ("Succession") as Benji, mismatched cousins who use money left behind by their late grandmother to fund a Jewish heritage tour through Poland. As they retrace her path through Warsaw, Lublin and the grounds of a former concentration camp, old wounds resurface as the cousins confront their grief and what it means to truly show up for someone you love. The film also stars Will Sharpe ("Flowers"), Jennifer Grey

("Red Dawn," 1984), Ellora Torchia ("In the Earth," 2021), Kurt Egy-iawan ("Beasts of No Nation," 2015), Liza Sadovy ("A Small Light"), Daniel Oreskes ("Law & Order: Organized Crime"), Piotr Czarniecki ("Lesson Plan," 2022) and Jakub Pruski ("Hold Tight").

WHAT'S NEW ON DISNEY+

"Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends" – Season 5

Team Spidey returns to swing in and save the day during brand-new episodes from Season 5 of "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends," available to stream on Disney+ Tuesday, July 14. Whether it's underwater, the ice cold Arctic, an erupting volcano or even outer space, "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends" continues to provide positive examples of what it means to be a Super Hero. This new season intro-

duces "Rescue-Webs," with Team Spidey now able to "tackle even more daring rescues with their new Spidey-themed firetruck and rescue gear. Along the way, they will team up with Super Hero friends Rocket [Trevor Devall, 'Abominable,' 2019], Groot [Kevin Michael Richardson, 'Lilo & Stitch,' 2002], Mr. Fantastic [Mario Lopez, 'Saved by the Bell'] and Silk [Avelyn Choi, 'Searching for Yoo,' 2023]," according to Disney+'s description. "Marvel's Spidey and his Amazing Friends" voice stars Al-kaio Thiele ("The Wingfeather Saga") as Peter Parker, Audrey Ben-nett ("Not Quite Narwhal") as Gwen Stacy, Jakari Fraser ("Trolls Band Together," 2023) as Miles Morales, Nicolas Roye ("Dragon Heart: Adventures Beyond This World," 2025) as WEB-STER and JP Karliak ("The Boss Baby: Back in Business") as Green Goblin, among many others.

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Video

Lee Cronin's The Mummy

Charlie (Reynor) and Larissa Cannon (Costa) are a married couple living in Egypt with their children when their young daughter, Katie (Mitchell), disappears into the desert without a trace. Despite searching, no explanation is ever found, leaving the family devastated and struggling to move on. Eight years later, Katie (Grace) suddenly returns. Although she appears to be alive, something about her is deeply unsettling. What should be a joyous reunion quickly becomes a nightmare as Katie begins exhibiting strange behavior and disturbing physical changes. As her parents try to understand what happened during the years she was missing, they uncover connections to ancient Egyptian rituals, dark supernatural forces and a curse that may have followed their daughter home.
Director: Lee Cronin. Stars: Jack Reynor, Laia Costa, May Calamawy, Natalie Grace, Veronica Falcon, Hayat Kamil, Emily Mitchell. 2026. 133 min. Horror.

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Monday Best Bets

Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro

WTVD WPDE 8:00 pm

Twelve hungry up-and-comers move in together and grind through a punishing audition gauntlet, each chasing a single prized pro slot on Season 35 of “Dancing With the Stars.” Robert Irwin helps raise the stakes as the hopefuls battle to earn their place.

All American

WWMB 8:00 pm

Plucked from the streets of Compton to suit up for a glossy Beverly Hills powerhouse, a gifted young football player (Daniel Ezra) finds two opposing worlds colliding around him every day. The friction only sharpens as the saga charges into Season 8.



Tom Hanks stars in “The Green Mile”

Carnal Knowledge

TCM 8:00 pm

From Ivy League roommates to disillusioned middle age, smooth-talk-ing operator Jonathan (Jack Nicholson) and earnest Sandy (Art Gar-funkel) drag their tangled sexual hang-ups across the decades, scar-ring nearly every woman who drifts into their orbit.

The Green Mile

AMC 10:00 pm

Death row in 1935 takes a strange turn when weary head guard Paul Edgecomb (Tom Hanks) meets condemned giant John Coffey (Michael Clarke Duncan). Convicted of killing two young girls, the gentle in-mate seems to wield an inexplicable healing gift.

MONDAY EVENING, JULY 13, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30										
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)		WRAL News		News (N)		WRAL News		NBC News		WRAL News		Inside (N)		St. Denis		The Fall		Ninja Warrior Eastern Regional Finals (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)		St. Denis		The Fall		Ninja Warrior Eastern Regional Finals (N) (CC)		News at 11		:35 J. Fallon			
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)		ABC 11 News (N) (CC)		News (N)		World News		Jeopardy!		Wheel		Dancing With-Stars (N)		R.J. Decker "Pilot" (CC)		R.J. Decker		News (N)		:35 J. Kimmel					
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)		News (N)		WBTW News		News (N)		CBS-News		Wheel		Jeopardy!		Neighbor		Neighbor		FBI "Boy Scout" (CC)		CIA "Fatal Defect" (CC)		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)		Dancing With-Stars (N)		R.J. Decker "Pilot" (CC)		R.J. Decker		News 15 (N)		:35 J. Kimmel					
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal		Tribunal		Mauri		Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		All American (SP) (N) (CC)				National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Farmer	Christina	Horizons (N)		BBC World		PBS News Hour (N) (CC)		Our Time		Best		Antiques Roadshow		Antiques Roadshow		Independent Lens "Flood" (N) (CC)		Amanpour							
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)		Primer impacto (L) (N)		Noticias (N)		Noticiero (N)		La rosa de Guadalupe (N)		Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)		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		The 1% Club (N)		The Quiz With Balls (N)		Fox News		:35 Not,News		Mod Fam		Goldbergs	
62	WFPX	8	*** Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns ('08) Tyler Perry. (CC)				*** Love & Basketball (2000, Romance) Omar Epps, Sanaa Lathan. (CC)						*** Coach Carter ('05) Robert Ri'chard, Samuel L. Jackson. (CC)															
A&E	21	Live PD "Episode 37"		Live PD "Episode 39"		Live PD "Episode 40"		Live PD "Episode 49"		Live PD "Episode 8"		Live PD "Episode 26" (N)		Late Night Law (N)		:05 Live PD "Episode 25"												
AMC	41	:15 *** War of the Worlds (2005, Sci-Fi) Dakota Fanning, Tom Cruise. (CC)		*** The Shawshank Redemption ('94) Tim Robbins. (CC)		*** The Green Mile ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)																						
ANPL	64	Crikey! It's the Irwins		Crikey! It's the Irwins		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		Flying Wild Alaska		
BET	37	Browns		Browns		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		BIG3 Basketball		BIG3 Basketball		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		
CMT	48	King		King		Mama's		Mama's		Mama's		Mama's		Reba (CC)		:35 Reba		:10 Reba		:40 Reba		:15 Reba		:50 Reba (CC)		:25 Gold Girls		
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)		Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		
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		:35 Office		:10 Office		:45 Office		:20 The Office (CC)		:55 Office		The Office		The Daily Show (N)				
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)		U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)		U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)																				
DISC	42	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized (CC)		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		Contraband: Seized (N)		120 Hours Be. (N)		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		120 Hours Behind Bars		
DISN	57	Big City		Big City		Big City		:45 Hawaiian		:55 *** Descendants ('15) Dove Cameron. (CC)		*** Descendants 2 (2017, Children) Cameron Boyce, Dove Cameron. (CC)		Ladybug		Ladybug		Ladybug		Ladybug		Ladybug		Ladybug		Ladybug		
E!	39	Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		Two Men		
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		SportCtr (N)		Pardon (N)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		
ESPN2	32	Football (N)		Basketball		Toronto Raptors vs. Indiana Pacers (L) (N)		Baseball (N)		AUSL Softball		Carolina Blaze at Texas Volts (N)		NFL Live (CC)		Damonique Foxworth		NBA Basketball										
FDSO	38	United Fight Alliance		Overtime Select Basketball				Warehouse		MLB Baseball																		
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)		The Five (L) (N)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N)		Hannity (L) (N)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)												
FOOD	66	Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		
FREE	18	2:55 *** Luca		*** Tarzan ('99) Tony Goldwyn. (CC)		*** Toy Story ('95) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		:55 *** Toy Story 2 ('99) Tom Hanks. (CC)		
FX	67	Movie		*** Bad Boys II (2003, Action) Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. (CC)		*** Independence Day (1996, Sci-Fi) Bill Pullman, Will Smith. (CC)		*** Independence Day: Resurgence																				
GOLF	45	PGA Tour Golf Genesis Scottish Open, Final Round				Live From The Open Comprehensive news coverage surrounding The Open. (CC)																						
HALL	62	* A Cozy Christmas Inn ('22) Jodie Sweetin. (CC)		* Christmas Under the Stars ('19) Jesse Metcalfe.		* A Glenbrooke Christmas ('20) Autumn Reeser.		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		Gold. Girls		
HGTV	65	Home Town: Inn This		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters		Hunters		Battle on the Beach		Battle on "The Final Battle" (SF) (N)		Crashers (N)		H										
HIST	51	World War II "Italy" (CC)		World War II		World War II "Overlord"		World War II		World War II (N)		World War II (N)		:05 History's Greatest (N)		:05 World War II												
LIFE	25	Castle		Castle		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		:05 Dr. Pimple Popper		:05 Dr. Pimple Popper												
LMN	46	* My Wife's Hidden Lover ('23) Abigail Hawk. (CC)		* Wife Stalker ('25) Keshia Knight Pulliam. (CC)		* Abducted by My Teacher: Elizabeth Thomas Story		* Killer Fortune Teller ('24) Jonathan Stoddard. (CC)																				
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)		The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)		The Weeknight (L) (N)		All in With Chr. (L) (N)		The Rachel (L) (N) (CC)		Last Word (L) (N)		The 11th (L) (N)														
MTV	36	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		Ridiculous		
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	Orca vs. Great White		Dolphin vs. Sharks (CC)		Sharks vs. Dolphins (CC)		Attack of the Samura		Red Sea Sharks (CC)		Legend of Troy: The (N)		Legend of Troy: The (N)		Shark Beach (CC)												
NICK	29	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang				
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol				
OXY	171	Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples		Snapped: Killer Couples				
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		*** Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone ('01)		Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe. (P) (CC)		*** Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (P)																		
SYFY	55	3:00 *** Red ('10) Bruce Willis.		*** Red 2 (2013, Action) John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.		*** Violent Night (2022, Action) John Leguizamo, David Harbour.		*** The Green Hornet Seth Rogen.																				
TBN	68	Turning		S. Furtick (N)		Harvest (N)		Prince (N)		New Season		Kirk Today		Allen (N)		Stakelbeck		Praise (N)		Harvest (N)		Stakelbeck		Praise (N)				
TBS	24	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		The Office		The Office		
TCM	54	3:00 * Bells Are Ringing		:15 *** Auntie Mame (1958, Comedy) Forrest Tucker, Rosalind Russell.		*** Carnal Knowledge		:45 *** A Star Is Born ('76) Kris Kristofferson, Barbra Streisand.																				
TLC	23	Little Singles		Little Singles		90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day: The Last Resort		Last Resort (N)		Little Singles (N)		Last Resort (N)		90 Day Diaries												
TNT	28	*** Dune: Part Two (2024, Sci-Fi) Zendaya, Timothée Chalamet. (CC)				*** Man of Steel (2013, Action) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.		:15 *** Joker: Folie à Deux ('24) Joaquin Phoenix.																				
TOON	69	Regular		Regular		Grim		Grim		Burgers		Burgers		Burgers		Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy		Rick Morty		Rick Morty		
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		*** Semi-Pro ('08) Will Ferrell. (CC)		*** Semi-Pro ('08) Will Ferrell. (CC)												
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith		A. Griffith		A. Griffith		A. Griffith		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		Raymond		King		King		
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU "Imposter"		Law & Order: SVU		WNBA Basketball Los Angeles Sparks at Atlanta Dream (L) (N)		Everything		Law-SVU "Next Chapter"		Law-SVU "Chasing Theo"														
WE	61	9-1-1 "Pinned" (CC)		Criminal Minds "Lo-Fi"		Criminal "Mayhem"		Criminal Minds		Criminal "Minimal Loss"		Criminal "Paradise"		Criminal "Catching Out"		Criminal "The Instincts"												

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31	WUNU	12	Finding Your Roots		Best	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Side	N.C. Wknd	Roots "Out of the Past"	Once "America First" (N)				Deadlock	Movie		Amanpour
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)		Primer impacto (L) (N)		Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	Rosa "Un Búmeran" (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)				Corazón de oro (N)		Noticias 40	
43	WFXB	2	3:00 FIFA World		FIFA World Cup Postgame (L) (N) (CC)		MLB on FOX Pregame (L) (N) (CC)			All-Star Game American League All-Stars at National	League All-Stars (L) (N) (CC)				Mod Fam		Goldbergs	
62	WFPX	8	★★★ Bad Boys (1995, Action)	Will Smith, Martin Lawrence.			:45 ★★★ Bad Boys II '03, Act)	Will Smith, Martin Lawrence. (CC)		:15 ★★★ The Losers '10	Jeffrey Dean Morgan. (CC)				:15 ★★★ 2 Guns			
A&E	21	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Squatters	Squatters	:05 Squatters	:35 Squatters
AMC	41	★★★ Die Hard With a Vengeance '95, Act)	Jeremy Irons, Bruce Willis. (CC)				★★★ The Beekeeper '24	Emmy Raver-Lampman, Jason Statham.		★★★ Wrath					of Man '21, Act)	Holt McCallany, Jason Statham. (CC)		
ANPL	64	North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North-Law "On the Run"		North Woods Law		North-Law "Blindsided"		North Woods Law			North-Law "Cold Case"		North Woods Law	
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		Ms. Pat (N)	ComicView		Lot Patrol	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	Gold. Girls
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)		Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)			Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)		Cooper 360 (L) (N)		The Source With (L) (N)			CNN NewsNight (L) (N)		Laura Coates Live (L) (N)	
COMC	34	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)				U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)				C-SPAN Primetime (CC)					C-SPAN Primetime (CC)			
DISC	42	Homestead Rescue "Bus, Sweat and Tears" (CC)				Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue		Homestead Rescue "Alaska Winter-vention" (N) (CC)					Homestead Rescue "Misery on Miracle Mountain"			
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City Greens "Farmer Remy; Homeward Hound" (CC)						Descendants 3 (2019, Children)	Sofia Carson, Dove Cameron. (CC)						Ladybug	Ladybug
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
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ESPN2	32	Baseball Tonight (L) (N)		ESPN FC (L) (N) (CC)		Baseball Tonight (L) (N)		AUSL Softball Oklahoma City Spark at Texas Volts (N)		ESPN FC (CC)					NFL Live (CC)		30 for 30 The '85 Bears	
FDSO	38	Offroad	Redfern	FIBA World	Pulse/Pack	Carolina	To Be Announced			MLB Baseball								TBA
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)		The Five (L) (N)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N)		Hannity (L) (N)			Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)	
FOOD	66	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby
FREE	18	Movie	:25 ★★★ Inside Out '15	Amy Poehler. (CC														

Wednesday Best Bets

Real talk

Waltz to win: 'Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro' asks: Who will bring their boogie shoes to Season 35?

By Caroline Collacutt
TV Media

Waltz to win: The Dancing With the Stars franchise expands with "Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro," making its debut Monday, July 13, on ABC.

Hosted by Robert Irwin ("I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!") — the Australian conservationist, zoo-keeper, wildlife photographer and television presenter who recently won our hearts, and the Len Goodman Mirrorball Trophy, as the Season 34 winner of "Dancing With the Stars" — this addition to the DWTS franchise flips the show's usual format on its head.

Now, before cheering on celebrities as they foxtrot and tango alongside their professional counterparts, audiences will be offered the opportunity to cheer on their favorite pros, too, watching along as 12 talented, up-and-coming dancers take part in a grueling audition process, living side-by-side as they battle for a coveted, life-changing spot as a performer on "Dancing With the Stars."

"For the first time in 'Dancing With the Stars' history, the greatest dancers will compete for a spot as the next pro," Irwin explained, excitedly announcing his continued part-

nership with the DWTS franchise. Season 1's impressive contestants — hailing from series such as "The Next Step," "World of Dance" and BBC's "Strictly Come Dancing" — include Adele Zaikman, AJ Pritchard, Allen Genkin, Benjamin Castro, Briar Nolet, Jake Monreal, Natalie Jolley, Nina Mayster, Selena Hamilton, Stephani Sosa and Tristen Sanders. The dancers in question will be diligently judged by the "Queen of Latin" Shirley Ballas and her son, three-time "DWTS" winner Mark Ballas, along with a rotating slate of guest judges, such as "DWTS" alums Derek Hough and Britt Stewart.

The winner of "Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro" will join "Summer House" star Ciara Miller, "Love Island" and "Traitors" alum Maura Higgins and Savannah Bananas player Jackson Olson in competing in Season 35 of "Dancing With the Stars," set to premiere this fall.

"If you've watched ['Dancing With the Stars'], you know our creative team is brilliant," teases Ballas. "I always say there's not a lot that shocks me anymore after doing the show for 21 seasons. But somehow, they keep coming up with these amazing creative ideas. They keep finding ways to shock me."

Produced by BBC Studios — with

Hough, Ryan O'Dowd ("Weakest Link"), Alex Cross ("Got to Get Out"), Conrad Green ("Crime Scene Kitchen"), Jenny Groom ("Funny AF with Kevin Hart") and Krystal Whitney ("Life Below Zero: First Alaskans") acting as executive producers — "Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro" premieres Monday, July 13, on ABC.

Get schooled: Crowned as "the celebrity competition no one wants to win," this international reality format makes its U.S. debut. "Nation's Dumbest" premieres on Fox Wednesday, July 15, asking its contestants to relive the lows (and occasional highs) of going to school — from pop quizzes, report cards and teacher conferences, to recess games and clique dynamics.

"Nation's Dumbest," a proven format across multiple international territories, channels celebrities' inner school spirit as they head back to summer school, facing a mix of brain-teasing tasks, fast-paced physical challenges and long-buried classroom knowledge," Fox explains. "Each week, the 'smartest' celebrity graduates, narrowing the field until a high-stakes final exam determines who will be left standing with the distinction no one wants — the title of The Nation's Dumbest."

"From influencers to wrestlers, comedians to politicians, the contestants are put to the test in a series of physical and mental rounds about all the things you really should know," Deadline adds.

This debut season sees an impressive class of "students," including film and television stars such as Hilaria Baldwin ("The Baldwins"), Carmen Electra ("Baywatch"), An-

thony Michael Hall ("The Dead Zone"), Jon Heder ("Napoleon Dynamite," 2004), Ice-T ("Law & Order: Special Victims Unit"), Dr. Drew Pinsky ("Celebrity Rehab") and JoJo Siwa ("Dance Moms"), singer-songwriter Elle King ("Ex's & Oh's"), TikTok star Chase "Huddy" Hudson (@huddy), former presidential candidate Andrew Yang and "Jackass" stunt performer Steve-O.

"I can confidently say we have the absolute dumbest television format in the world — and for once, that's by design," says Ryan O'Dowd, president of unscripted, BBC Studios. "Nation's Dumbest" celebrates humor, humility and the universal experience of not always

getting it right. With Jack Whitehall ["Bad Education"] leading the chaos and a cast fully in on the joke, it's a bold, irreverent series packed with big laughs and real surprises."

Michael Thorn, president of Fox Television Network, adds: "'Nation's Dumbest' takes an instantly relatable format and flips it in a way that's 'smart,' unpredictable, and genuinely funny. It's a compe-

tition where the goal is to avoid winning, and that twist — combined with Jack Whitehall's sharp comedic voice and a great celebrity cast — makes it a bold, high-energy series built for big, co-viewing audiences."

Based on a format developed by Montreaux Films, "Nation's Dumbest" premieres Wednesday, July 15, on Fox.

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Robert Irwin hosts "Dancing With the Stars: The Next Pro"

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JULY 15, 2026

		TW	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)	WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Chicago Med	Chicago Fire	"Instinct"	Chicago P.D. "Faith" (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)	Chicago Med	Chicago Fire	"Instinct"	Chicago P.D. "Faith" (CC)	News at 11	35 J. Fallon			
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	The 2026 ESPYS (L) (N) (CC)					News (N)	35 J. Kimmel			
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Big Brother (N) (CC)	Georgie	Elsbeth "Poetic Justice"	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)	The 2026 ESPYS (L) (N) (CC)			News 15 (N)	35 J. Kimmel				
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Police 24/7 (CC)	Law & Order Toronto	National Desk (N)	National Desk (N)					
31	WUNU	12	Antiques Roadshow	Side	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	MotorWeek	Sci NC (CC)	Nature	NOVA	Bugs "Insect Apocalypse"	Amanpour (N)						
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)	Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)	Corazón de oro (N)	Noticias 40	35 Noticiero						
43	WFXB	2	3:00 FIFA World	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	MasterChef (N)	Nation's Dumbest (N)	Fox News	35 Not,News	FIFA World (N) (CC)				
62	WFPX	8	S.W.A.T. "Unraveling"	S.W.A.T. "Checkmate"	S.W.A.T. "Sequel" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Guacaine" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Pariah" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Witness" (CC)	S.W.A.T. "Atonement"	S.W.A.T. "Addicted" (CC)								
A&E	21	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest	Arrest (N)	Arrest (N)	Swamp (N)	Swamp (N)	05 Swamp	35 Swamp			
AMC	41	2:45 The Beekeeper	15 The Wrath of Man (2021, Action)	Holt McCallany, Jason Statham. (CC)	The Beverly Hills Cop	(84) Eddie Murphy. (CC)	15 The Beverly Hills Cop II	(87) Eddie Murphy.										
ANPL	64	My Cat "Fat Elvis"	My Cat From Hell	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid	"Opposites Don't Attract"	Naked and Afraid	"Battle of the Sexes"									
BET	37	Browns	Browns	Browns	Browns	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Tyler Perry's The Oval	Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)	American Gangster (N)	OG Stories	The Oval						
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)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)					
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)	E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)	The Source With (L) (N)	CNN NewsNight (L) (N)	Laura Coates Live (L) (N)									
COMC	34	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	Daily Show	FamilyGuy		
CSPAN	56	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	U.S. House of Representatives (L) (N) (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)	C-SPAN Primetime (CC)													
DISC	42	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown	Expedition Unknown (N)	Blind Frog Ran. (N)	Expedition Unknown									
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City "Pen Pals; Study Abroad"	45 Descendants/Zombies (CC)	The Descendants: The Rise of Red	(24, Fantasy) Malia Baker, Kylie Cantrall. (CC)	Ladybug	Ladybug									
E!	39	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met		
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)	SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)	SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	ESPN's Preview Show	NWSL Soccer Washington Spirit at Gotham FC (L) (N)	ESPN Films	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)	NFL Live (CC)	E60							
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)	ESPN FC (L) (N) (CC)	Pardon (N)	Football (N)	ACC Huddle	NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)											
FDSO	38	3:00 MLB Baseball	FIBA World	To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.													
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)	The Five (L) (N)	With Bret Baier (L) (N)	Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N)	Hannity (L) (N)	Gutfeld! (N)	Fox News at Night (L) (N)									
FOOD	66	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Grocery "All-Star Pizza"	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Kitchen (N)	Kitchen (N)	Guy's Grocery Games								
FREE	18	The Aladdin (2019, Children)	Mena Massoud, Will Smith. (CC)	The Cruella (2021, Comedy)	Emma Thompson, Emma Stone. (CC)	Million "Coup d'Jack" (N)	The 700 Club (CC)											
FX	67	Movie	The Day After Tomorrow	(04) Dennis Quaid. (CC)	The Thor: The Dark World	(13) Chris Hemsworth. (CC)	The Thor: Love and Thunder	(22) Chris Hemsworth. (CC)										
GOLF	45	1:30 Live From The Open (CC)	The Open 2017: The Open	Golf	Live From The Open	Comprehensive news coverage surrounding The Open. (CC)												
HALL	62	The Small Town Christmas	(18) Ashley Newbrough.	The Rocky Mountain Christmas	(17) Kristoffer Polaha.	The O Little Christmas Market	(26) Katherine Barrell.	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls							
HGTV	65	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Renovation Resort (N)	Worst (N)	Worst (N)	Hunters	Hunters				
HIST	51	3:00 Alone	Alone "Worlds Collide: Part 2"	Alone	Alone "Cold Omen"	Alone "Thin Margins" (N)	35 Forged in Fire (N)	35 Alone										
LIFE	25	Castle	Castle "The Late Shaft"	Rizzoli "Lost & Found"	Rizzoli & Isles	Rizzoli "Phoenix Rising"	Rizzoli & Isles	05 Rizzoli & Isles	05 Rizzoli & Isles									
LMN	46	The A Family Nightmare: Secrets on Maple Street	The Murder for Mortgage: Secrets on Maple Street	The Deadly Wives Club	(24) Erin Boyes. (CC)	The Neighbors Are Watching	(23) Kabby Borders.											
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)	The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)	The Weeknight (L) (N)	All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)	Last Word (L) (N)	The 11th (L) (N)										
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office			
NEWSN	16	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	NewsNation (L) (N) (CC)	The Hill with Blake (N)	Vargas Report (N) (CC)	Cuomo (N) (CC)	On Balance (N) (CC)	Katie Pavlich (N) (CC)	Jesse Weber Live (N) (CC)									
NGEO	70	Shark Queens (CC)	Baby Sharks (CC)	Shark Side Of (CC)	Bull Shark Bandits (CC)	Return (CC)	Sky Sharks: Clo (CC)	Shark Below Zero (CC)	Sharkcano: Hawaii (CC)									
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang			
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod			
OXY	171	Dateline: Secrets "Mystery on Lockhart Road" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Sound and Fury" (CC)	Dateline: Secrets "Down the Rabbit Hole" (N) (CC)	Murders "Officer Down"	Dateline: Secrets												
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue	Bar Rescue	The Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	(04) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)	The Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	(05) Daniel Radcliffe. (P)											
SYFY	55	2:30 The Exorcist: Believer	The Seven (1995, Thriller)	Morgan Freeman, Brad Pitt. (CC)	The Jonah Hex	(10) John Malkovich, Josh Brolin. (CC)	The Ark	The Ark										
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince (N)	Graham (N)	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Harvest (N)	Michael (N)	Turning	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)			
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (L) (N) (CC)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office			
TCM	54	The Night of Dark Shadows	(71) David Selby.	The Shadow of the Thin Man	(41) William Powell.	The Starting Over	(79) Burt Reynolds.	15 The Unmarried Woman	Jill Clayburgh.									
TLC	23	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	One Day in My Body	Most Extreme Humans	Most Extreme Humans	Most Ext. (N)	Save My Skin (N)	Save My Skin									
TNT	28	2:00 The Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of ...	45 The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers	The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King														
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Field of Dreams	(89) Kevin Costner. (CC)	15 The Angels in the Outfield	(94) Danny Glover. (CC)	Foul Play						
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	9-1-1 "Lab Rats" (CC)	9-1-1 "The Last Alarm"	9-1-1	9-1-1 "Seismic Shifts"	WNBA Basketball Golden State Valkyries at Indiana Fever (L) (N)	WWE: Made In America	Everything										
WE	61	NCIS "Hometown Hero"	NCIS "SWAK" (CC)	NCIS "Twilight" (CC)	NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)	NCIS "Kill Ari" (CC)	NCIS "Mind Games" (CC)	NCIS "Silver War" (CC)	NCIS "Switch" (CC)									

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5	WRAL	5	WRAL News at 4PM (N)		WRAL News	News (N)	WRAL News	NBC News	WRAL News	Inside (N)	Surviving Earth (N) (CC)	The Americas (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU (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)	Surviving Earth (N) (CC)	The Americas (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU (CC)		News at 11	:35 J. Fallon	
11	WTVD	11	11 Eewitness News (N)		ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Celebrity Family Feud (N)	Press Your Luck (N)		The Greatest		News (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
13	WBTV	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)		News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Big Brother (L) (N) (CC)	Georgie	Ghosts (CC)	Matlock "Collateral" (CC)		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 Family Feud (N)	Press Your Luck (N)		The Greatest		News 15 (N)	:35 J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Maury		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Trivial Pursuit (CC)	Scrabble (CC)		National Desk (N)		National Desk (N)		
31	WUNU	12	Sewing	Quilting	Compass (N)	BBC World		PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Key	My Home N.	Best	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	Reel South		Shaped by	Amanpour (N)	
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)		Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe (N)			Tan cerca "Celos" (N)		Guardián de mi vida (N)		Corazón de oro (N)	Noticias 40	:35 Noticiero	
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (CC)		Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	The 1% Club		Best Medicine		Fox News	:35 Not,News	Mod Fam	Goldbergs
62	WFPX	8	NCIS: LA "Burned"		NCIS: LA "Callen, G"		NCIS: LA "Human Traffic"		NCIS: LA "Black Widow"		NCIS: LA "Borderline"		NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: LA "Little Angels"		NCIS: LA "Standoff"	
A&E	21	First 48 "Buried Secrets"			The First 48			The First 48			The First 48 (N)		Scott Peterson: The New Evidence "Part 1" (P) (N)			:05 The First 48		
AMC	41	3:30 ***** Die Hard '88			Action) Alan Rickman, Bruce Willis. (CC)	***** Die Hard 2 (1990, Action) Bonnie Bedelia, Bruce Willis. (CC)					TNA iMPACT! (L) (N) (CC)					***** Die Hard		
ANPL	64	Pit Bulls and Parolees			Pit Bulls "Twist of Fate"			Pit Bulls and Parolees			Pit Bulls and Parolees	"Invisible Enemy" (CC)			Pit Bulls and Parolees	"Change on the Horizon" (CC)		
BET	37	Browns	Browns		Browns	Browns		Celebrity Family Feud			Celebrity Family Feud		***** Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family '11) Tyler Perry.					
CMT	48	King	King		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)		Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)		
CNN	26	The Arena (L) (N)			Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)			Jake Tapper (L) (N) (CC)		E. B. OutFront (L) (N) (CC)	Cooper 360 (L) (N)		The Source With (L) (N)		CNN NewsNight (L) (N)		Laura Coates Live (L) (N)	
COMC	34	Seinfeld	Seinfeld		The Office	The Office		The Office	The Office	:35 Office	:10 Office	:45 Office	:20 The Office (CC)		:55 Office	The Office	Daily Show	FamilyGuy
CSPAN	56	3:00 LiveFrom			Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)			Public Affairs Events			C-SPAN Primetime (CC)				C-SPAN Primetime (CC)			
DISC	42	Caught!			Caught!			Caught!	Caught!		Caught!	Caught!			Caught!	Caught!		
DISN	57	Movie			***** Descendants: The Rise of Red			:15 ***** Encanto '21) Stephanie Beatriz. (CC)			***** Descendants: Wicked Wonderland			:45 ***** Descendants: Wicked Wonderland (P)			Ladybug	
E!	39	Movie			***** Pretty Woman '90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)			***** 27 Dresses '08, Rom) James Marsden, Katherine Heigl. (CC)			***** Pretty Woman '90, Rom) Julia Roberts, Richard Gere. (CC)							
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)			SportCtr (N)	Pardon (N)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)			MLB Baseball New York Mets at Philadelphia Phillies (L) (N) (CC)				SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)	
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)			NFL Live (N) (CC)			Baseball Tonight (L) (N)			NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)				NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		30 for 30	
FDSO	38	3:00 To Be Announced						Golf Life	Pre-Game	:15 To Be Announced	Programming to be announced.							
FNC	44	Will Cain (L) (N)			The Five (L) (N)			With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)	Jesse Watters (L) (N)	Hannity (L) (N)		Gutfeld! (N)			Fox News at Night (L) (N)	
FOOD	66	Bobby's Triple Threat			Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Nightmares "Diwan"		Kitchen "Bella Luna"	
FREE	18	2:50 ***** Hercules			:55 ***** A Bug's Life '98) Dave Foley. (CC)			***** Ratatouille '07) Voices of Ian Holm, Patton Oswalt. (CC)			Runway "Ready, Set, Redemption!" (N)				The 700 Club (CC)			
FX	67	***** The Other Woman '14) Leslie Mann, Cameron Diaz. (CC)			***** The Proposal '09, Rom) Ryan Reynolds, Sandra Bullock. (CC)			The Bear (N)	***** Mrs. Doubtfire '93, Child) Sally Field, Robin Williams. (CC)									
GOLF	45	3:30 Live From The Open (L) (N)			Live From The Open			Comprehensive news coverage surrounding The Open.										
HALL	62	***** A Wish for Christmas '16) Lacey Chabert.			***** The Sweetest Christmas '17) Lacey Chabert.			***** A Royal Christmas '14) Lacey Chabert.							Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls
HGTV	65	Fixer to Fabulous			Fixer to Fabulous			Fixer to Fabulous			Worst	Worst	House	House	House (N)	House	House	House
HIST	51	Secrets Declassified			Secrets Declassified			Secrets "Deep Space"			Secrets "Cat & Mouse"	Secrets "Dark Deals" (N)		:05 Ancient Aliens (N)		:05 Aliens "Alien A.I."		
LIFE	25	Castle "Food to Die For"			Castle "Overkill" (CC)			NCIS "Once a Hero" (CC)			NCIS "Twisted Sister" (CC)	NCIS "Driven" (CC)		:05 NCIS "Suspicion" (CC)		:05 NCIS "Sharif Returns"		
LMN	46	***** Wrath: A Seven Deadly Sins Story			***** Envy: A Seven Deadly Sins Story			***** Sin Story Rose Rollins.			***** Fame: A Temptations Story '25) Keri Hilson. (CC)	***** Desire: A Temptations Story '25) Tasha Smith.						
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)			The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)			The Weeknight (L) (N)			All in With Chr. (L) (N)	The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)		Last Word (L) (N)		The 11th (L) (N)		
MTV	36	Ridiculous	Ridiculous		Ridiculous	Ridiculous		Ridiculous	Ridiculous		Jersey Shore (CC)	Jersey Shore (N)		Jersey Shore (CC)		***** Bring It On '00) Kirsten Dunst. (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	Camo Sharks			Shark Superpower (CC)			Shark Beach (CC)			Sharks Up Close with	Hammerhead Sharks		Lost Treasures (N)		Lost Treasures (N)	Legend of Troy: The	
NICK	29	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		SpongeBob	SpongeBob		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	***** Sing 2 '21) Matthew McConaughey. (CC)			Friends (CC)		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol		PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod		PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod
OXY	171	Dateline: Unforgettable "Sex, Lies & Murder" (CC)			Unforgettable "The Death of Dr. Schwartz" (CC)			Unforgettable "The Death of Dr. Schwartz" (CC)			Unforgettable "Secrets in the Ozarks" (N) (CC)			Dateline "Deadly Dance"		Dateline: Unforgettable		
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue			Bar Rescue			***** Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005, Fantasy) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.			***** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (P)							
SYFY	55	***** Jonah Hex '10) John Malkovich, Josh Brolin. (CC)			***** The Shallows '16) Blake Lively. (CC)			***** Men in Black: International '19) Chris Hemsworth.			***** The Da Vinci Code Tom Hanks.							
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)		Harvest (N)	Prince (N)		Vinia: Er	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	Rosenberg	Boots (N)	Ancient	Stakelbeck	Praise (N)	
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
TCM	54	***** The Barkleys of Broadway Fred Astaire.			***** Kitty Foyle '40) Ginger Rogers.			***** The Quatermass Xperiment			***** It! The Terror From Beyond Space			***** Them!				
TLC	23	Jay & Pamela			Jay & Pamela			90 Day: The Last Resort	90 Day: The Last Resort		Last Resort (N)		Little Singles (N)		Jay & Pamela (N)		Baylen Out Loud	
TNT	28	3:00 ***** Ransom '96) Mel Gibson.			***** The Accountant (2016, Thriller) Anna Kendrick, Ben Affleck.			***** Kingsman: The Secret Service '15) Colin Firth. (CC)			:45 ***** O Brother, Where Art Thou? (P)							
TOON	69	Regular	Regular		Grim			Burgers	Burgers		Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty
TRUTV	40	American	American		American	American		American	American	***** Rudy (1993, Drama)	Ned Beatty, Sean Astin. (CC)			***** Rudy (1993, Drama)	Ned Beatty, Sean Astin. (CC)			
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith		A. Griffith	A. Griffith		A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	30	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU			***** Twister (1996, Action) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt. (CC)			***** Twister '96) Helen Hunt. (CC)				
WE	61	NCIS "Probie" (CC)			NCIS "Model Behavior"			NCIS "Boxed In" (CC)			NCIS "Deception" (CC)		NCIS "Light Sleeper" (CC)	NCIS "Head Case" (CC)	NCIS "Family Secret" (CC)	NCIS "Ravenous" (CC)		

Friday Best Bets

Best Romcoms Ever!

WMMB 8:00 pm

Critics, comedians and the very people who write, direct and headline romantic comedies all square off to rank the genre's 20 finest. Meet-cutes, grand gestures and swoon-worthy finales each get their proper due in this affectionate countdown.

Zillow Gone Wild

HGTV 9:30 pm

Season 3 continues with Jack taking a tour through a home filled with stunning murals and another residence with a bee-friendly design. Later, Jack takes a trip to visit a maximalist Victorian mansion that has a breathtaking view.



Gabriel Pec of the LA Galaxy

In a Lonely Place

TCM 10:00 pm

Volatile Hollywood screenwriter Dixon Steele (Humphrey Bogart) leans on his neighbor (Gloria Grahame) for an alibi when a young woman (Martha Stewart) turns up dead. She believes in him at first, but his mounting rages plant a chilling doubt.

MLS Soccer

WFXB 10:30 pm

El Trafico ignites once more at Dignity Health Sports Park in Carson, Calif., where Los Angeles' two fiercest rivals renew hostilities. LAFC and the LA Galaxy never need extra motivation as bragging rights across the entire city ride on every touch.

FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 17, 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)	America's Got Talent (CC)				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)	America's Got Talent (CC)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News at 11			:35 J. Fallon	
11	WTVD	11	11 Eyewitness News (N)	ABC 11 News (N) (CC)	News (N)	World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel	Celebrity Jeopardy!	20/20 (N) (CC)				News (N)		:35 J. Kimmel				
13	WBTW	13	News 13 First (N) (CC)	News (N)	WBTW News	News (N)	CBS-News	Wheel	Jeopardy!	Sheriff "Exit Interview"		Fire "On the Carpet"		Boston Blue		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!		20/20 (N) (CC)				News 15 (N)			:35 J. Kimmel	
21	WWMB	3	Tribunal	Tribunal	Mauri		Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud				Best Romcoms Ever! (N) (CC)		The National News Desk		The National News Desk		
31	WUNU	12	Follow	Sci NC (CC)	N.C. Wknd	BBC World	PBS News Hour (N) (CC)	Issues	ncImpact	Week (N)	State Lines	JFK: American Experience (CC)				Amanpour (N)				
40	WUVC	4	El gordo y la flaca (L) (N)	Primer impacto (L) (N)	Noticias (N)	Noticiero (N)	La rosa de Guadalupe			Tan cerca de ti, nac (N)	Guardián de mi vida (N)		Corazón de oro (N)		Noticias 40			:35 Noticiero		
43	WFXB	2	JHud Show (CC)	Neighbor	Neighbor	Big Bang	Big Bang	Sheldon	Sheldon	MLS Soccer Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC (L) (N) (CC)				MLS Soccer LAFC at LA Galaxy (L) (N)						
62	WFPX	8	*** Death at a Funeral ('10) Keith David. (CC)				*** Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins				** Tyler Perry's A Madea Family Funeral ('19) Tyler Perry.				** Two Can Play That Game					
A&E	21	Hunting JonBenét's Killer: The Untold Story (CC)				Scott Peterson: The New Evidence "Part 1"				Scott Peterson: The New Evidence "Part 2" (N)				Scott Peterson: The New Evidence "Part 1"						
AMC	41	1:30 ** Fury	*** Troy (2004, Adventure) Eric Bana, Brad Pitt. (CC)								** Saving Private Ryan									
ANPL	64	Treehouse Masters		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 Madea's Big Happy Family ('11)				Tyler Perry.		*** Just Wright (2010, Romance) Common, Queen Latifah. (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	Gold. Girls		
CNBC	53	Closing Bell (L) (N) (CC)		Fast Money (L) (N) (CC)		Mad Money (N) (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		
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	The Office	South Park	South Park		
CSPAN	56	Live From The Nation's Capital (CC)			Capital (CC)		Public Affairs Events		Ceasefire (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)		Ceasefire (CC)		C-SPAN Primetime (CC)					
DISC	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		:10 In the Eye		:10 In the Eye		:10 In the Eye				
DISN	57	Big City	Big City	Big City Greens		:15 ** Descendants: The Rise of Red				** Descendants: Wicked Wonderland ('26) Malia Baker, Kylie Cantrall. (P) (CC)				Ladybug				Ladybug		
E!	39	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	*** Catch Me if You Can		Leonardo DiCaprio.			
ESPN	31	NFL Live (L) (N) (CC)		SportCtr (N)		Pardon (N)		SportsCenter (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Summer League (L) (N) (CC)		NBA Sum. (L) (N)				
ESPN2	32	NBA Today (N) (CC)		NFL Live (N) (CC)		Football (N)		Pardon (N)		NFL Live		AUSL Athletes Unlimited Softball League Texas Volts at Portland Cascade (L) (N)				Cornhole				
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)		With Bret Baier (L) (N)		Ingraham (L) (N)		Jesse Watters (L) (N)		Hannity (L) (N)		Gutfeld! (N)		Fox News at Night (L) (N)				
FOOD	66	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Kitchen	Kitchen	Kitchen	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners		
FREE	18	3:00 *** The Lion King			:40 *****		Raiders of the Lost Ark ('81) Harrison Ford. (P) (CC)				:20 ***** Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom ('84) Harrison Ford. (P)				The 700 Club (CC)					
FX	67	3:30 *** Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07) Johnny Depp. (CC)			*** Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides ('11) Johnny Depp. (CC)				** Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales											
GOLF	45	3:30 Live From The Open (L) (N) (CC)			Golf U.S. Girls' Junior Semifinals (N) (CC)		Live From The Open Comprehensive news coverage surrounding The Open. (CC)													
HALL	62	** A Not So Royal Christmas ('23) Brooke D'Orsay.			** A Royal Montana Christmas Fiona Gubelmann.		** One Royal Holiday ('20) Aaron Tveit, Laura Osnes.				** A Royal Queens Christmas ('21) Megan Park.									
HGTV	65	Zillow	Zillow	Zillow	Zillow	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	DreamHome	Zillow (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters	Hunters	Hunters		
HIST	51	The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained		The UnXplained (N)		:05 Mysteries (N)		:05 Mysteries				
LIFE	25	NCIS "Iceman" (CC)		NCIS "Grace Period" (CC)		NCIS "Cover Story" (CC)		NCIS "Brothers in Arms"		NCIS "In the Dark" (CC)		NCIS "Trojan Horse" (CC)		:05 NCIS "Angel of Death"		:05 NCIS				
LMN	46	** The Kept Mistress Killer ('23) Alicia Leigh Willis.				** Husband, Wife and Their Lover ('22) Nikki Leigh.				** My Daughter's Trapped in a Throuple (P)				** My Boyfriend's Wife Is Dead ('25) Brianna Cohen.						
MSNBC	43	Deadline: White House (L) (N) (CC)				The Beat With (L) (N) (CC)				The Weeknight (L) (N)		All in With Chr. (L) (N)		The Briefing (L) (N) (CC)		Last Word (L) (N)		The 11th (L) (N)		
MTV	36	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	** Dirty Grandpa (2016, Comedy) Zac Efron, Robert De Niro. (CC)		Comedy) Zac Efron, Robert De Niro. (CC)		De Niro. (CC)		** Ricky Stanicky (2024, Comedy) John Cena, Zac Efron. (P) (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	When Sharks Attack		Jaws Invasion		Jaws vs. Boats		Counting Jaws		The Croc (CC)		Jaws @ 50: The Definitive Inside Story				Shark Beach wi (CC)				
NICK	29	SpongeBob ** Movie						** Movie				Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)		
NICKJ	71	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mr. Crocod	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Peppa Pig	Mr. Crocod		
OXY	171	Snapped "Denise Gay"		Snapped "Amy Reese"		Dateline: Secrets "Secrets by the Bay" (CC)				Forensic		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
PARMT	27	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		*** Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix ('07) Daniel Radcliffe.				*** Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince ('09) Daniel Radcliffe. (P)										
SYFY	55	*** Men in Black ('97) Tommy Lee Jones. (CC)		*** The Da Vinci Code (2006, Mystery) Audrey Tautou, Tom Hanks. (CC)		*** Angels & Demons (2009, Action) Ewan McGregor, Tom Hanks. (CC)														
TBN	68	Turning	S. Furtick (N)	Harvest (N)	Prince	Empty Out	Kirk Today	Allen (N)	Stakelbeck	Southern Gospel (N) (CC)				Southern Gospel (N) (CC)						
TBS	24	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	*** Rush Hour 2 ('01) Jackie Chan.				:55 ** Rush Hour 3 (2007, Action) Chris Tucker, Jackie Chan. (CC)						
TCM	54	*** Doctor, You've Got to Be Kidding				*** Room for One More ('52) Cary Grant.				*** The Asphalt Jungle ('50) Sterling Hayden.				*** In a Lonely Place ('50) Humphrey Bogart.						
TLC	23	90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day: The Last Resort		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé (N)				90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé		
TNT	28	3:00 *** Mile 22		*** Kingsman: The Secret Service ('15) Colin Firth. (CC)				:45 *** O Brother, Where Art Thou? ('00) George Clooney.		*** Mile 22 ('18) Mark Wahlberg. (CC)										
TOON	69	Regular	Regular	Grim	Grim	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick Morty	Rick Morty	Rick Morty		
TRUTV	40	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	*** For Love of the Game (1999, Drama) Kelly Preston, Kevin Costner. (CC)				*** For Love of the Game ('99) Kevin Costner.						
TVLAND	47	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King		
USA	30	3:30 Law-SVU		Law-SVU "Genes"		Law-SVU "Net Worth"		Everything		Everything		Everything		WWE Friday Night SmackDown (L) (N) (CC)		Everything		Everything	Two Men	Two Men
WE	61	*** American Pie 2 ('01) Jason Biggs. (P) (CC)				*** American Pie ('99) Jason Biggs. (P) (CC)				Love After Lockup (N)				Poly "Love Bombs" (N)		Love After "Skating Around the Truth"				

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Q&A



Brett Goldstein, Jason Sudeikis and Brendan Hunt in "Ted Lasso"

By Adam Thomlison
TV Media

Q: How do shows like "Ted Lasso" film their scenes with such huge crowds?

A: There are numerous different ways to film a crowd scene, and Apple TV's "Ted Lasso" has used most of them.

It is, of course, a crowd-hungry show. Sports shows always are, but it's especially true for this one. Much of the story, and the drama, comes from seeing the show's soccer team play in front of larger and larger crowds as it succeeds under its unorthodox American coach.

The shortest answer to your question is that they aren't actually filming huge crowds. The crowds are, to varying degrees, computer-generated.

The key to making it realistic is usually using at least some human actors and finding ways to make them look like more.

There are a few ways to do that, according to Lawson Deming ("Thor: Love and Thunder," 2022), whose visual-effects company, Barnstorm VFX, does the crowd work for "Ted Lasso."

In an interview with Business Insider, he said they used three main

techniques: crowd tiling, plate extras and digital doubles.

In crowd tiling, a small group of actors is filmed together on set and that group is essentially cut-and-pasted around the scene to give the impression of a larger crowd. Plate extras uses individual actors filmed in front of a green screen, behaving as if they're in a crowd, and then digitally scattering them around the set.

In the case of digital doubles, the people in the crowd are fully computer-animated (they are digitally generated "doubles" of real people). But even here, sometimes the animations are based on digital scans of real actors.

It's a long way from the old days of filmmaking, when sometimes thousands of extras were hired to make up crowds. 1982's "Gandhi" holds the Guinness record here, having employed over 300,000 people to fill out the crowd for the funeral scene.

Q: Is Anthony LaPaglia still working? Is there any chance he'll revisit "Without a Trace"?

A: From cult-classic comedy films — such as "Empire Records" (1995) and "So I Married an Axe Murderer" (1993) — to hard-as-nails crime

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Unscramble the letters for each word to reveal five movies and TV shows. Then, rearrange the circled letters to discover the actor who has appeared in all five.

Solution on page 19

dramas — like "Lansky" (1999) and "The Salton Sea" (2002) — Anthony LaPaglia has been a screen fixture for four decades. And he still is.

He's appeared in a couple of Netflix miniseries recently — the one-season crime-comedy "Florida Man" in 2023 and the Australian crime-comedy "Boy Swallows Universe" in 2024.

More recently, he filmed a role in the dystopian sci-fi film "R.U.R.," which has been in post-production for a year. Hopefully, it'll secure a release soon.

As for returning to his lead role in "Without a Trace," the procedural cop show that ran from 2002 to

2009 and helped define the genre in its heyday, it's unlikely. But a small piece of news from a year ago suggested it's not impossible.

Series creator Hank Steinberg ("The Last Ship") said in an interview with TheWrap.com promoting his new show "Doc" that he has ideas for a reboot and suggested he's testing the waters now.

"If I had it my way, it might be a more character-driven, shorter-order, one-case-of-the-year kind of thing," he said.

Have a question? Email us at questions@tvtabloid.com. Please include your name and town.

Late laughs

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon

Last night [June 8], President Trump slept at Madison Square Garden for Game 3 of the NBA Finals and the [New York] Knicks are blaming him for the team's loss. Trump doesn't want to be blamed. So today [June 9], he called the NBA and demanded they "find" five more points for the Knicks.

Yes, Knicks fans are blaming Trump for the loss. On the bright side for Trump, his approval rating in San Antonio is now 100%, so it worked out for him there. Since taking office, Trump has attended over a dozen major sporting events, including the NBA Finals, the Super Bowl and the Daytona 500. Yeah. The only event he wouldn't attend was, weirdly, Don Jr.'s wedding.

Jimmy Kimmel Live!

Tonight [June 8] from Madison Square Garden, we had Game 3 of the NBA Finals between the New York Knicks and the San Antonio Spurs. This was the first NBA Finals game in New York in 27 years. The fans are so excited. There was a report [that] two people on the subway actually made eye contact with each other today.

Late Night With Seth Meyers

Former President Joe Biden suggested last week that his new memoir could be published as early as September. It's expected to be the next book that Joe Biden accidentally buys.

Authorities in Australia recently arrested a man and seized more than 100,000 live cockroaches that he was allegedly breeding illegally. He was breeding them? I feel like you can get the same results by leaving a pizza on the counter.

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Across

1. Stable color
5. "China Beach" setting
8. Box
12. Stamp of approval
13. Rope-a-dope boxer
14. Judd Hirsch series
15. Show with Mandy Moore
17. War god
18. Dystopian story that takes place in Gilead, with "The"
20. Soundless communication: Abbr.
21. Sanctioned

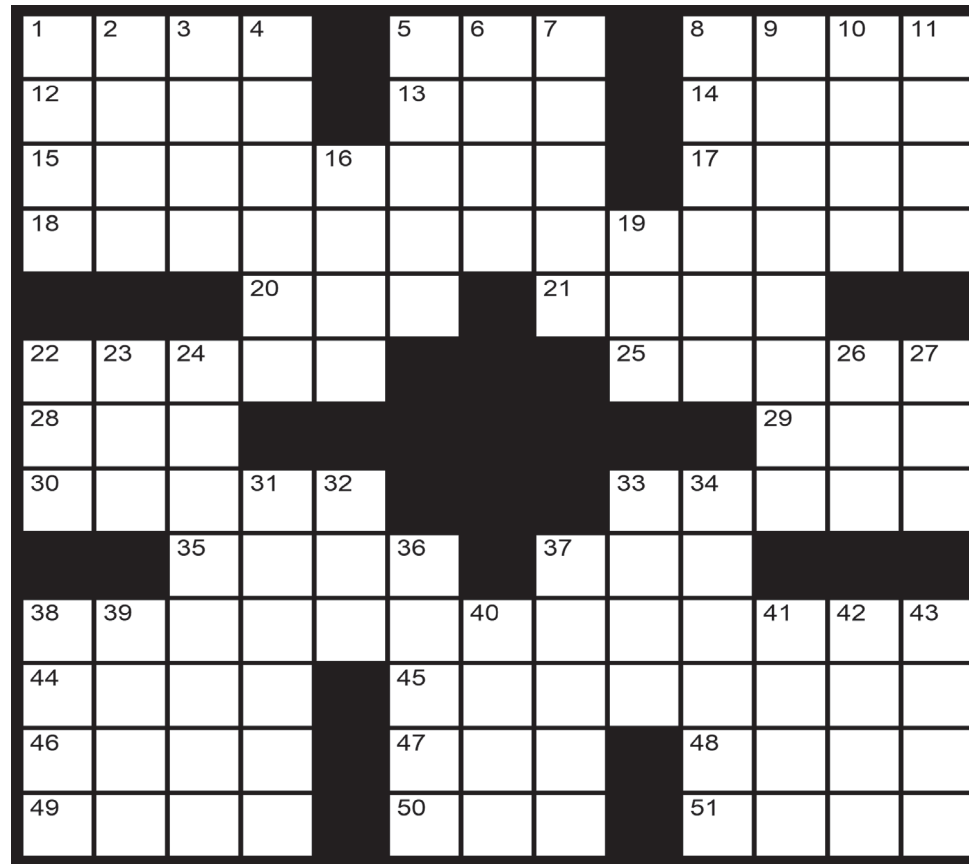
22. "Thong Song" rapper
25. F.D.R. and J.F.K., e.g.
28. Ruckus
29. Take a load off
30. Neighborhood
33. Take a nap, say
35. Many a homecoming attendee
37. "Well, lookie here!"
38. Thomas Middleditch series
44. Mice catchers
45. Fans of Conan O'Brien, colloquially
46. Losing proposition?
47. Olive byproduct
48. Declare
49. "No ifs, ____ ..."
50. "The Pitt" extras: Abbr.
51. Blab

Down

1. Buzzi of "Laugh-In"
2. Dept. of Labor division
3. Deuce follower
4. Big tech exchange
5. Twangy, as a voice
6. To him in Toulouse
7. Botch
8. New York's ____ Island
9. Sterling K. Brown series
10. Skating jump
11. Acclivity
16. "____ Excited" (Pointer Sisters hit)
19. Schuss, e.g.
22. Erie Canal mule
23. Wedding words
24. "My ____ Life"
26. Standoff
27. "The Racer's Edge"
31. Elite party invitees
32. Enterprise captain Jean-____ Picard
33. Deception
34. Feline gif
36. Drive
37. Tracks
38. Scotch's partner
39. Declaration of victory
40. Rhineland negative
41. Zero
42. Environmental sci.
43. Cry of pain

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television crossword



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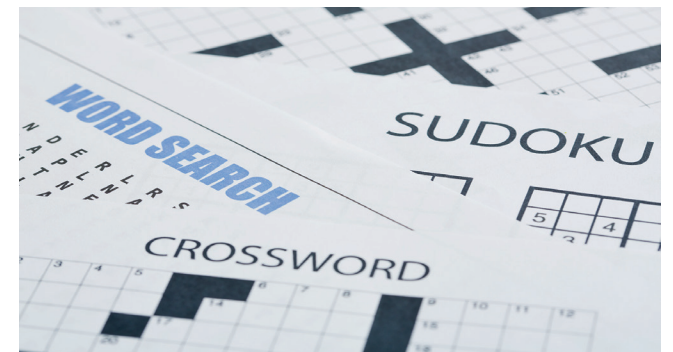
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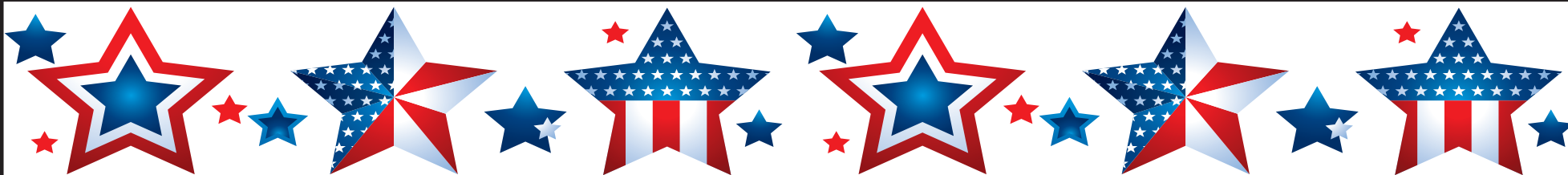
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