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Grizzlies announce continued partnership with Pinnacle Financial

MEMPHIS, Tenn., November 6, 2026 – The Memphis Grizzlies today announced that Pinnacle Financial Partners has committed to continuing its longstanding partnership with the franchise, 10 years after the firm first signed on as a key supporter of Grizz Nation.

"One of the first things Pinnacle did when it came to Memphis 10 years ago was sign on to be the Official Bank of the Grizzlies, and it's one of the best decisions we've made." said Phillip May, Pinnacle's regional president in Memphis. "There is no one more committed to Memphis and its people than the Grizzlies, and the impact we can make when we partner with a likeminded organization is incredible. There's so much more we want to do for our clients, Grizzlies fans and the community, so we're thrilled to keep working with them for another decade."

The Official Bank of the Memphis Grizzlies and FedExForum is the presenting partner for the Grizzlies HBCU Night this Friday, Nov. 6, as the Grizzlies host the Oklahoma City Thunder. Each year, HBCU Night highlights and brings awareness to the rich diversity of HBCU's as they continue to redesign the educational landscape, ensuring African Americans receive a solid and sound education. The

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Memphis Grizzlies announce OneCourt tablets available free at FedExForum for fans

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – The Memphis Grizzlies announced that in partnership with Ticketmaster, OneCourt tablets are now available at FedExForum for Grizzlies home games.

OneCourt haptic tablets use tactile broadcast technology to turn real-time game data into vibrations for fans who are blind or have low vision. The vibrations, paired with a surface featuring the court's outline, become a low-latency play-by-play experience for fans. OneCourt tablets foster a community of inclusivity by using haptic technology and generative audio to provide real-time feedback on live sports gameplay. Five OneCourt tablets will be available free of charge for fans who are blind or have low vision at the Guest Relations desk outside section 102 at FedExForum. Tablets are available on a first-come, first-served basis during each game.

"Bringing OneCourt to FedExForum means blind and low-vision Grizzlies fans can now feel every play at their fingertips, right alongside everyone else in the building," said Jerred Mace, CEO and Founder of OneCourt. "We're grateful to the Memphis Grizzlies and Ticketmaster for making accessibility part of the game-day experience in Memphis."

Fans who want to support the Memphis Grizzlies and purchase 2026-27 season tickets, single game tickets or partial plans can do so now by going online to grizzlies.com/tickets. For single game tickets and more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow @memgrizz on Twitter/X and Instagram.

Scott announces executive changes to enhance alignment between Memphis Athletics and University

MEMPHIS, Tenn., November 4, 2026 – University of Memphis Senior Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Dr. Ed Scott announced today the reclassification of several members of the Tigers' executive leadership team, enhancing alignment between Memphis Athletics and the University while further supporting the department's strategic priorities.

As part of the changes, Tim Duncan, Cooper Jones, Katherine Sulentic and Ted White have received updated titles that reflect their expanding leadership responsibilities and strengthen collaboration across campus.

"These leadership updates strengthen the connection between Memphis Athletics and the University, allowing our team to collaborate more effectively across campus and advance shared institutional priorities," said Ed Scott. "They also position our department to be more strategic, proactive and impactful in supporting the University's broader mission. I'm proud of this team and appreciative of the work each of them has done to advance our department and earn these expanded leadership roles."

Duncan has added Chief Operating Officer to his Senior Deputy Athletics Director title. Since joining Memphis Athletics in August 2024, Duncan has overseen several transformative facility projects, including the $226.5 million renovation of Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium, the Liza Wellford Fletcher Stadium project and the Rhodes-Hanson Academic Center. As Chief Operating Officer, Duncan will continue providing leadership for the department's operational strategy, facilities and capital initiatives.

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Jones, who currently serves as Deputy Athletics Director and Chief Revenue Officer, has been named Associate Vice President for Athletics Advancement. Jones joined Memphis Athletics in December 2024 and has played a significant role in advancing the department's fundraising and revenue-generation efforts. During his tenure, Memphis has recorded back-to-back fundraising records, while he has also served as Executive Director of the Memphis Athletic Foundation. In his expanded role, Jones will continue to lead the department's development operations and revenue initiatives while strengthening collaboration with institutional advancement efforts across the university.

Sulentic currently serves as the Deputy Athletics Director for Regulatory Affairs and has added the title of Associate General Counsel. Sulentic joined Memphis Athletics in December 2024 and has provided leadership in the areas of compliance, governance and legal affairs. Licensed to practice law in both Tennessee and Massachusetts, Sulentic recently authored Memphis Athletics' revenue share policy and has been instrumental in navigating the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics. Her updated role further formalizes the important connection between athletics and university legal operations.

White has been elevated to Deputy Athletics Director for Academic Services & Student-Athlete Welfare. White joined Memphis Athletics in June 2025 and oversees academic services, student-athlete development, sports performance, sports medicine and the Athletics Mental Performance (AMP) program. His leadership has enhanced the holistic support structure for Memphis student-athletes, ensuring success both academically and personally while preparing them for life beyond competition.

The title updates reflect Memphis Athletics' continued commitment to aligning its leadership structure with the University's strategic vision while positioning the department for sustained growth and success in an ever-changing collegiate athletics environment.

For complete information on Memphis Tigers Athletics, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the department's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Gov. Sarah Sanders Celebrates Floyd Brantley Who Served in World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War

"He cut the deferment notice off the letter, showed the rest to his mother, and told her, "Mother, I have to go to war." His family had already paid a tremendous price fighting for the nation. Floyd still remembers the day the Casualty Notification Officer came to his home to notify the family that his brother, C.L., had been killed in the Navy on the USS Atlanta at Guadalcanal, and he immediately knew he owed his brother and his nation his service."

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In Memory of William M. Larsha, Jr.



William M. Larsha, Jr.

We are sad to report the passing of The Mid-South Tribune's Senior Sports Correspondent, Mr. William M. "Bill" Larsha, Jr.

Bill Larsha had been with The Mid-South Tribune for 30 years and had covered sports events from The University of Memphis, Grizzlies, Southern Heritage Classic, FedEx St. Jude Championship, The PGA, UFL, various tennis matches, Memphis Arena Football, and so many others, going back to the former Houston Oilers when they came to Tennessee as the Tennessee Oilers.

We extend our sincerest condolences to his family.

May you rest in peace, Bill.

We shall miss you greatly and that enthusiasm you exhibited when covering sports and in life.

Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell,
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief
and
The Mid-South Tribune Staff

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Nancy Jones Presents $100,000 + to MTSU from George Jones 95th Birthday... *see sports-Ent. 5*

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MoonPie and "Jimmy" Movie Honoring WWII and Jimmy Stewart... *see sports-Military 3*

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