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New Nashville-based management & media company Southern Drift launches with client Charlie Worsham and with first media partner God’s Country podcast

NASHVILLE, TN – April 23, 2026: **Michael Bryan**, former Global Head of Country Music for Apple Music, has announced the formation of his new entertainment venture, Southern Drift. Bryan brings a multi-faceted industry background across streaming, broadcasting, brand-building, and talent representation, including senior roles at CAA and iHeartMedia. The company’s initial ventures include management for Musician and Storyteller **Charlie Worsham**, a two-time ACM and CMA award winner, and the chart-topping podcast God’s Country, hosted by hit songwriters **The Brothers Hunt (Reid and Dan Isbell)**.

Joining Bryan on the company’s executive team will be **Taryn Anderson**, Chief Operating Officer / General Manager, and **Jordon Isbell**, Vice President, Marketing and Executive Producer of the God’s Country Podcast. Anderson’s experience includes serving as CFO / COO of Sandbox Entertainment and Account Executive at FBMM, Inc., overseeing the needs of multiple management companies. Isbell joins from her role as Senior Marketing Director at Virgin Music Group, where she oversaw the Nashville roster, following her time as founder of 270 Media & Co. Bryan adds: “I’ve spent my career watching how music moves, and it’s never been more fluid. Artists aren’t staying in one lane, and fans aren’t either. What pushed me to start Southern Drift was seeing the gap between how



Southern Drift will be guided by (L-R): Jordon Isbell, Michael Bryan, and Taryn Anderson. (Photo Credit: Lance Wilson / RUN CLUB)

artists are building today and how the industry is still structured. We built Southern Drift to move with it, not control it.” Looking ahead, Southern Drift will continue to build a diverse slate of artists and creators while expanding its podcast and content footprint, developing new creative partnerships, and developing brand and media opportunities to support its core mission of long-term audience growth and artist development. Expanding on his founding vision, Michael Bryan has launched a new blog, The Drift, kicking off with its first post, ‘The Music Industry Has a Revision Problem.’ For more information on South-



Southern Drift logo (Artwork Courtesy of Southern Drift)

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Garner earns American Conference Pitcher of the Week

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – University of Memphis pitcher Seth Garner and catcher Brady McAbee were named to the American Conference’s weekly awards list on Monday with Garner being named American Conference Pitcher of the Week and McAbee receiving an honorable mention for American Conference Player of the Week.

Memphis has now had seven different players earn weekly conference recognition this season, while Garner becomes the second Tiger to receive either Pitcher or Player of the Week honors, joining James Smith IV, who earned Player of the Week recognition on March 17.

Garner, a senior from Savannah, Tenn., played a major role in the Tigers’ series-clinching win over UTSA on Sunday. Starting the game and pitching five innings, Garner allowed just one unearned run and only three hits while striking out five, keeping Memphis in the game until the offense exploded for an eight-run sixth inning.

Sunday marked Garner’s third outing this season pitching at least five innings, and the lone unearned run he allowed was the fewest he has surrendered in any of those appearances. His five strikeouts also matched his second-highest total in a game this season.

McAbee, a junior from Tuscaloosa, Ala., came through in big spots for Memphis all week, contributing to the Tigers mid-week win over Central Arkansas and their series win over conference-leading UTSA. McAbee posted a .429 batting average on the week with two home runs and seven total RBI, while adding three runs scored and two walks. McAbee clobbered his fifth homer of the season in the win over Central Arkansas and tied game one of the UTSA series with a 380-foot bomb to bring his total to six.

Across the week, McAbee led the Tigers in home runs (2), RBIs (7), walks (2) and OPS (1.328). He now sits third on the team in home runs (6), while he improved his batting average to .313, his slugging percentage to .531 and his on-base percentage to .412.

HOW TO FOLLOW THE TIGERS: For complete information on Memphis Tiger Baseball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team’s social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

Fort Bragg hosts Austin Dillon for Mission 600 leading to NASCAR’s Coca Cola 600 on May 24

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military community.

"So appreciative for all of our military, the men and women out there who truly keep America what it is," Dillon said.

Mission 600 leads into the Coca Cola 600, NASCAR's Memorial Day weekend race that honors service members across the War Department. Charlotte Motor Speedway will host the 2026 race May 24.

Wilson County — Tennessee State Fair ready to kick off Annual ‘Farm to Fair Feast’ fundraiser event on June 30; Tickets are now available

LEBANON, TN – The Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair is excited to announce its annual Farm to Fair Feast and Fundraiser benefiting the Blue Ribbon Foundation for Youth Development, a 501(c)(3) dedicated to raising the next generation of agricultural leaders. Traditionally held during the 10 days of the Fair, this year’s event will take place to kick-off the Fair on June 30 at 6:00 PM at the Made in Tennessee Building at the James E. Ward Agriculture Center, also known as the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN. The Farm to Fair Feast and Fundraiser celebrates the connection between agriculture and the community, featuring a farm-fresh menu that also includes many Pick Tennessee products. Guests will also be served by 4-H, FFA and Junior Fair Board students, showcasing some of the youth the Foundation is dedicated to supporting. “This event is a meaningful way to highlight the impact of agriculture while investing in the future of our youth,” said Randall Clemons, President of the Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair. “We’re excited to bring the community together for an evening that truly reflects the heart of the Fair.” Attendees will have the opportunity



Local 4-H and FFA students speak at the Farm to Fair Feast, sharing their experiences and the impact of youth development programs supported by the Blue Ribbon Foundation. (Photo/Courtesy: The Wilson County—Tennessee State Fair)

nity to hear from some youth who will share some of their leadership experiences in agriculture as well as sharing about some multi-generational farms

and farmers. Tickets are on sale starting May 1, and attendees are encouraged to purchase early as space is limited.

The Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair will be held August 13-22, 2026, continuing its tradition of celebrating agriculture, education and community.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit wilson-countytnstatefair.com.

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