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The Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair 2026 Agricultural Commodity: “Year of the Forestry”

Lebanon, Tenn. — The Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair recognizes the “Year of Forestry” as its 2026 agricultural commodity, highlighting one of Tennessee's most valuable natural resources and the people who work to protect and sustain it. Forestry plays a vital role in Tennessee's economy, environment, and way of life. With over half of the state's land covered by forests, Tennessee's woodlands provide wildlife habitat, clean water, recreational opportunities, forest products and economic benefits for communities across the state. As part of the Fair, fairgoers will have the opportunity to explore Tennessee forestry through many interactive educational areas located throughout the fairgrounds. These hands-on exhibits will cover a variety of forestry-related topics, including fun forestry education, wildfire suppression, the lifecycle of a forest, tree identification, large forestry equipment, sawmill operations, urban and community forestry and woodworking along with wood products. Designed to be both engaging and informative, the areas will highlight the vital role forestry plays in Tennessee's economy, environment and everyday life while providing educational experiences for visitors of all ages. Adding excitement to this year's Fair, the popular Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show will feature



A pair of lumberjack athletes compete in a fast-paced log rolling competition during the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, coming to the Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair as part of the 2026 Year of Forestry promotion. (Photo/Courtesy: Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair)

skilled lumberjack athletes demonstrating traditional forestry skills through thrilling competitions, including log rolling, axe throwing and wood chopping demonstrations. The high-energy performances are sure to entertain visitors of all ages while highlighting the rich heritage of

the forestry industry. Forestry will also be showcased by the Junior Fair Board in the Patch featuring a Log Sawing Competition, where participants can test their teamwork and skills using traditional forestry equipment, and a Birdhouse Building Competition, where teams will

battle it out, racing to see who can correctly assemble a birdhouse the quickest. Fairgoers will also have the opportunity to compete to see who can deliver the loudest, most convincing "TIMBERRR!" in this year's Timber Callin' Contest. Contestants of all ages are en-

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couraged to participate in this lighthearted celebration of forestry traditions. Visitors can also enjoy a unique forestry-themed treat from Shop Springs Creamery, serving Little Debbie Christmas Tree Cake Ice Cream during the Fair. The specialty flavor is a nod to the Fair's commodity of the year and the beloved Tennessee-based snack company, offering a sweet way to celebrate the Year of Forestry. The 2026 Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair will be held August 13-22, 2026, at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon, Tennessee. The fair's theme, "Tennessee Voices and Volunteers Celebrating America 250!" and the Agriculture Commodity Year of Forestry will showcase Tennessee's rich natural resources, history and heritage. *We'll see YOU at the Fair!*

Titans sign DB Nazeeh Johnson

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NASHVILLE, July 27, 2026 – The Titans have signed defensive back Nazeeh Johnson. The team has waived cornerback Latrell McCutchin. Johnson, a seventh-round pick of the Chiefs in the 2022 NFL Draft, spent the last four seasons in Kansas City. Johnson played in 29 career games, with six starts, from 2022-2025, and he was credited with 66 tackles, three passes defensed and three tackles for a loss while playing primarily on special teams. The 5-10 199-pound Johnson was a part of two Super Bowl championship teams with the Chiefs. Johnson played in college at Marshall, where he was a four-year starter

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ducts they can depend on. We're honored to partner with Bassmaster and the Pro Football Hall of Fame on this unique event, giving us the opportunity to showcase LEWMAR™ Shallow Water Anchors while supporting one of the most passionate communities in outdoor recreation. It's an exciting opportunity to support the sport, connect with anglers and fans, and showcase the innovation behind the Lippert family of brands that help people make the most of every adventure outdoors."

The Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am presented by Lippert will be held following the Lowrance Bassmaster Elite at the St. Lawrence River. Hall of Fame members will be paired with Bassmaster Elite Series pros for a day of fishing on one of the nation's premier smallmouth bass fisheries before returning to Clayton for a fan expo and ceremonial weigh-in celebrating the crossover between professional football and professional fishing. The event is part of a broader collaboration between B.A.S.S.



and the Pro Football Hall of Fame that aims to bring together two iconic American sports while highlighting the values of competition, conservation and community. "Events like this showcase the power of bringing together world-class brands and organizations that share a passion for creating memorable experiences," Johnson said. "We're excited to welcome Lippert to this landmark event. Their commitment to enhancing outdoor lifestyles aligns perfectly with our mission to inspire more people to get outside and experience the excitement

"This is an incredible opportunity to connect with fans who share a passion for outdoor recreation and unforgettable experiences," said Phillip Johnson, B.A.S.S. Chief Operating Officer. "Lippert has built a reputation for helping people enjoy life outdoors, making them a natural fit for this exciting event. Their support of the Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am presented by Lippert and their presence alongside Bassmaster during Enshrinement Week will help us introduce competitive bass fishing to thousands of new fans while creating an unforgettable experience for anglers, Hall of Famers and football enthusiasts alike."

ment of bass fishing. Whether fans meet us in Canton during Enshrinement Week or in Clayton during the Pro-Am, they'll see firsthand why Bassmaster continues to be the premier brand in competitive fishing." During Enshrinement Weekend in Canton, Bassmaster and Lippert will engage fans through interactive displays showcasing professional bass fishing, conservation initiatives and the Bassmaster tournament trail. Lippert will also highlight its LEWMAR™ Shallow Water Anchors, giving fans an opportunity to learn more about the innovative technology while exploring the company's growing portfolio of products designed for boating and outdoor recreation. The activation will provide attendees with opportunities to meet Bassmaster representatives, learn about Elite

Series competition and discover ways to become involved in recreational fishing. The collaboration continues later in the month when Bassmaster Elite anglers and Pro Football Hall of Fame members gather in Clayton, where the St. Lawrence River has earned a reputation as one of the world's finest smallmouth bass fisheries. The river has hosted numerous Bassmaster events and routinely produces record-setting catches, making it an ideal backdrop for the inaugural Pro-Am. The Bassmaster Randy Moss Pro Football Hall of Fame Pro-Am presented by Lippert will complement a full slate of fan activities surrounding the Lowrance Bassmaster Elite at the St. Lawrence River, including an outdoor expo, angler meet-and-greets and daily weigh-ins. Fans will have the opportunity to in-

teract with Elite Series anglers, Hall of Fame members and industry partners throughout the event.

The Pro-Am is one of several initiatives connecting B.A.S.S. with the Pro Football Hall of Fame during the month of August. Bassmaster's presence at Enshrinement Weekend Fan Fest will introduce thousands of football fans to the excitement of competitive bass fishing while highlighting the similarities between two sports built on preparation, performance and passion. The Aug. 31 Pro-Am will then bring those worlds together on the water, offering fans a rare opportunity to see Hall of Fame legends and Bassmaster Elite anglers compete side by side. Additional details, including participating Pro Football Hall of Fame members, Bassmaster Elite Series anglers and the complete schedule of fan activities, will be announced at a later date on Bassmaster.com.

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From over 140 manufacturing and distribution facilities located throughout North America, Africa and Europe, Lippert™ supplies a broad array of highly engineered components for the leading manufacturers of recreational vehicles, automobiles, watercraft and prefab homes. It

also operates in adjacent markets, including hospitality, transportation, construction and agriculture. Lippert™ serves a wide range of aftermarket segments, providing high-quality products for the recreational vehicle / caravanning, automotive and marine industries. With over 12,500 team members and a diverse portfolio of best-in-class brands, Lippert™ adopts a team-based business philosophy and has proven that, by putting people first, the possibilities for growth and development are truly endless.

About B.A.S.S.
B.A.S.S., which encompasses the Bassmaster tournament leagues, events and media platforms, is the worldwide authority on bass fishing and keeper of the culture of the sport, providing cutting-edge content on bass fishing whenever, wherever and however bass fishing fans want to use it. Headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., the organization's fully integrated media platforms include the industry's leading magazines (Bassmaster and B.A.S.S. Times), website (Bassmaster.com), TV show, radio show, social media programs and events. For more than 50 years, B.A.S.S. has been dedicated to access, conservation and youth fishing.

Tennessee Titans get ready to bring it on! Training camps set workout for scrimmage in new Nissan Stadium from sports page 1

combined practices against three different teams. After reporting for camp, the Titans have two weeks to prepare for a joint practice with the San Francisco 49ers at SAP Performance Facility (Santa Clara, Calif.) on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Two days later, the Titans and 49ers square off in a preseason contest

at Levi's Stadium (8 p.m. CT on Aug. 13). The Titans return home for their final two preseason outings. The reigning Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks arrive at Vanderbilt Health Football Center for a joint practice on Friday, Aug. 21. On Sunday, Aug. 23, the Titans

Complimentary military tickets are available for FedEx St. Jude Championship, August 12-16. For more information, visit FedExChampionship.com/military.

A composite image featuring a golfer in mid-swing on the left and the FedEx St. Jude Championship logo on the right. The logo includes the text "FedEx St. Jude CHAMPIONSHIP" and "AUGUST 12-16, 2026 TPC SOUTHWIND | MEMPHIS, TN".

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