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Friends of NRA celebrates historic milestone of five million attendees from sports-military 3

cess of Friends of NRA has been driven by its volunteers. Local committees dedicate countless hours to organizing events, building partnerships, and creating memorable experiences that strengthen communities while raising funds for programs that make a lasting difference. Through Friends of NRA grants, proceeds from these events support youth shooting teams, hunter education, firearm safety programs, marksmanship training, conservation initiatives, and other projects that preserve and promote America's shooting sports heritage. While the milestone celebrates five million attendees, its true significance lies in the lives impacted along the way. Every dollar raised has helped to introduce new participants to the shooting sports, strengthen local communities, and create opportunities for future generations. Together, attendees, volunteers, sponsors, and donors have built a nationwide network united by a shared commitment to preserving America's traditions and investing in the future. To learn more about Friends of NRA, support your local committee, or find an event near you, visit FriendsOfNRA.org.

About the National Rifle Association: Established in 1871, the National Rifle Association is America's oldest civil rights and sportsmen's organization. With millions of members nationwide, the NRA continues its mission to uphold Second Amendment rights and remains the leader in firearm education and training for law abiding gun owners, law enforcement, and members of the military. Learn more at www.nra.org. About Friends of NRA: Friends of NRA is a grassroots fundraising program that brings together dedicated volunteers and firearms enthusiasts to host community driven events, with guidance and support from NRA field staff. All net proceeds from Friends of NRA events are reinvested through grant funding that supports equipment purchases, training materials, range improvements, and other essential needs. These grants benefit qualified local, state, and national programs that work to educate, engage, and inspire the next generation of competitive shooters. Learn more at www.friends-of-nra.org.

Memphis Grizzlies host Grizzlies Garage Sale at FedExForum to benefit education and mentoring



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— Proceeds to Benefit Local Education and Mentoring Programs —
— Grizzlies Den Open to Garage Sale Shoppers —

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Memphis Grizzlies announced the team will host the Grizzlies Garage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Grand Lobby of FedExForum. All proceeds will benefit local education and mentoring programs.

Garage sale items include Grizzlies clothing, sneakers, novelty items, pictures, posters, banners, furniture and various autographed items from numerous seasons. Grizzlies MVPs will receive early access to the sale, beginning at 10 a.m.

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Country music icon Randy Travis releases “I Don’t Care” co-penned with Michael Curtis for waiting fans

NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 7, 2026 – Country music icon **Randy Travis** continues his exciting return to releasing never-before-heard music with the release of "I Don't Care," out now. Showcasing the timeless vocals and classic country sound that made him a superstar, the heartfelt new song, written by Randy with **Michael Curtis**, is another treasured recording from the vault and offers fans a glimpse of his first album of new material in more than 18 years, arriving later this year.

*You ask me where I'm going
And if you'll ever see my face again
You want me to forgive you
And tell you that it doesn't have to end
I hear you say you're sorry
You compromised the love we used to share
Well, I don't know
I can't lie
I don't care*

With deeply emotional lyrics, Randy tells the story of a relationship that has fallen apart because of broken trust, leaving both love and hope behind. As he reflects on the pain of betrayal, he reaches a point where he no longer cares what happens, knowing that the trust and love they once shared can never be restored. It's a powerful and emotionally charged performance that is sure to become another unforgettable addition to his irreplaceable catalog of music.

Kyle Lehning, his longtime producer, uncovered the tracks after years of them being locked away in the vault. He assembled, remixed, and remastered the recording to give the world more original Randy Travis music, and this second single is another standout release that captures the heart, authenticity, and timeless sound that have defined his legendary career.

2026 marks 40 years since Randy's debut multi-platinum album, *Storms Of Life*. This Fall, he will wrap his *More Life* Tour, which has toured over 54 cities and 24 states; the tour has recon-



nected Randy with fans across the country. It has touched tens of thousands of music lovers in a deeply personal way, further cementing his legacy as a living legend in country music. Tickets are available at randytravis.com.

- More Life Tour Dates:**
- Aug. 21 – Hiawassee, GA – Georgia Mountain Fall Festival – Anderson Music Hall
 - Sept. 23 – Wilkes-Barre, PA – F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts
 - Sept. 24 – Lansdowne, PA – Lansdowne Theater
 - Sept. 25 – Westbury, NY – Flagstar at Westbury Music Fair
 - Sept. 26 – York, PA – Pullo Center
 - Sept. 27 – Albany, NY – The Egg Performing Arts Center
 - Oct. 1 – New London, CT – Garde Arts Center
 - Oct. 2 – Keene, NH – Colonial Theatre
 - Oct. 3 – Plymouth, MA – Plymouth Memorial Hall
 - Oct. 4 – Northampton, MA – Academy of Music Theatre
 - Oct. 14 – Austin, TX – The Long

Center for the Performing Arts
Oct. 15 – Dallas, TX – Longhorn Ballroom
Oct. 16 – Beaumont, TX – Jefferson Theatre
Oct. 22 – Lubbock, TX – Buddy Holly Hall
Oct. 23 – Albuquerque, NM – Popejoy Theatre
Oct. 24 – Pueblo, CO – Pueblo Memorial Hall
Nov. 6 – Oklahoma City, OK – Civic Center Music Hall
Nov. 7 – Topeka, KS – Topeka Performing Arts Center
Nov. 8 – Branson, MO – Clay Cooper Theatre

About Randy Travis
With his first No. 1, 1986's "On The Other Hand," Randy Travis helped usher in a new traditionalist movement in modern country music. With his resonant baritone and pure music sense, "On The Other Hand" and "Forever and Ever, Amen" won back-to-back Country Music Association Song of the Year Awards on the way to selling more than 25 million albums, seven Grammys, 23 No. 1 hits,

31 Top 10s and a 2016 induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Following a near-fatal stroke in 2013, the four-decade Grand Ole Opry member's recovery and enduring commitment to fans and the music has inspired millions. It has also earned him CMT: Country Music Television's Artist of a Lifetime in 2021 and Academy of Country Music's Milestone Award in 2025.

With ground-breaking AI assistance, "Where That Came From" was released by his longtime home, Warner Records Nashville in 2024. The record launched a new chapter of advocacy as Randy and his wife, Mary, used it as a platform to champion creators' rights and responsible AI protections for artists. His *More Life* Tour with his longtime band and guest vocalist James Dupré continues allowing Travis to bring his music to generations of true country fans. For tour dates and tickets, visit randytravis.com.

2026 Wilson County-Tennessee State Fair unveils newly refurbished rides

LEBANON, TN – Visitors to the 2026 Wilson County – Tennessee State Fair will experience the biggest and brightest midway ever presented, according to Richard Reithoffer, President of Reithoffer Shows, the Fair's longtime carnival ride provider. "This year, our team has gone all out refurbishing several of our classic rides through complete rebuilds and extensive renovations," says Reithoffer. "I believe the show will look better than it ever has in Lebanon. We strive to provide the finest carnival ride experience of any traveling mid-

way in America." Among the attractions receiving a dramatic transformation is the Century Wheel, a 65-foot-tall Ferris wheel that has undergone a complete makeover. The Century Wheel accommodates 60 to 80 riders and offers panoramic views of the fairgrounds, making it a favorite for guests of all ages. Young fairgoers will also enjoy the newly transformed Mystery Machine, formerly known as the Magic Bus. This colorful family ride seats 24 passengers and takes riders on a whimsical journey as the bus swings high into

the air before gently circling back down. Parents are welcome to ride alongside their children, making it a fun family attraction. Another Kiddieland favorite, Rocking Tug, has also received a fresh new look. The classic tugboat ride rocks young captains, sailors, and fishermen back and forth across imaginary waves while accommodating up to 24 riders. "We have one of the best ride refurbishment teams in the industry," Reithoffer said. "Our Maintenance Supervisor, Tom Popovich, has more than 30 years

of experience in the amusement business. When Tom finishes rebuilding a ride, it truly looks brand new." Each refurbishment involves a complete overhaul, including disassembly, sandblasting, painting, updated lighting, reassembly, and comprehensive safety inspections. Before opening to the public, every ride also undergoes inspection by the State of Tennessee. This year's midway will feature over 60 rides, including return-

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

