

Sports & Entertainment

Memphis Grizzlies host first-ever '901 Day Grizz Bash' from outside the FedExForum on Sept. 1

-- 901 Day Concert to Feature Performances by 8Ball & MJG, Big Boogie, Duke Deuce and more --
 -- 901 Sneaker Expo and Sneakfest Return to FedExForum --
 -- Street Fair Features Inflatables, Face Painters, Dunk Tank and more --

MEMPHIS, TN – The Memphis Grizzlies will celebrate 901 Day and the start of the 2022-23 season with the 901 Day Grizz Bash on Thursday, Sept. 1, from 5-8 p.m. on the plaza outside FedExForum. Grizz Nation is invited to FedExForum for an afternoon and evening filled with Memphis music, local food trucks, SneakFest, Tone Maker Market and more. This event is free to the public and parking will be available for guests in the Gossett

Motors Parking Garage at no charge to attendees.

Festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with a maker market featuring local Black artists and creatives, curated by Tone Memphis, local food trucks including Dynamic Duo, El Mero, AD's and Stick 'Em, as well as local brews and more. The celebration continues into the evening with a 901 Day Concert featuring hip hop duo 8Ball & MJG, Memphis based rappers Big Boogie and Duke Deuce and the Royal Studios House Band.

Throughout the afternoon fans will be able to celebrate what makes the 901 special with several local acts including music from DJ Mic Tee, a Wrestling Throwdown featuring Mads

Kruger, The GunShow, Dustin Starr and more, and a Jookin' Battle Championship. Jookers hoping to compete for the championship – and a \$500 prize – on 901 Day must pre-qualify on Sunday, Aug. 28, at Tasche Social Gallery (1730 Lamar Avenue). Click here for more information.

901 Day Grizz Bash will have something for all ages, including inflatables, face painters and a dunk tank, as well as free sneaker cleaning provided by Snkr Bar. In addition, SneakFest is back at FedExForum with the 901 Sneaker Expo. SneakFest brings vendors from across the country to one place to provide fans with an opportunity to buy, sell or trade for an exclusive pair of sneakers. SneakFest will fea-

ture sneakers, clothing, accessories and more.

Attendees can make their way to the Grizzlies Den, A Fanatics Experience, to check out all the Grizzlies gear to get ready for the 22-23 season.

Starting at just \$15, single game tickets for all Grizzlies regular season games are on sale now and available for purchase at Ticketmaster.com, grizzlies.com/tickets or by calling 1-800-4NBA-TIX. Season Tickets are the best way to guarantee seats to the top matchups at the lowest prices all season long. For more information on the Grizzlies, visit grizzlies.com, 'like' Memphis Grizzlies on Facebook or follow on Twitter (@memgrizz).

Wolfchase Galleria hosts Dress for Success Memphis Walk-a-thon; Partners with UTHSC Resource Center

MEMPHIS, TN – Wolfchase Galleria will host Dress for Success Memphis Walk-a-thon. In collaboration with Dress for Success Memphis, Wolfchase Galleria invites the community to join them for a walk-a-thon in support of the local non-profit which provides professional clothing to underserved women throughout the Mid-South. Community members are encouraged to donate and join the walk in solidarity and community fun. The event is scheduled for Sunday, August 28, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Wolfchase is partnering with the UTHSC Women's Resource Group. Prizes will also be awarded to individuals and teams for the best costumes, best

photo, furthest distance, and top fundraiser.

Every dollar raised will support the mission of Dress for Success: to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help them thrive in work and in life, according to the event's press release.

For more information contact Anna Cardona at anna.cardona@simon.com or call 901-277-7829

Register online at : <https://fundraisers.hakuapp.com/teams/dress-for-success-memphis?partner=c6a570d072b44e1685e3>

Stephanie VanBrakle Prothro ... from sports page 2

season. Her first team posted a .364 team batting average and 1.19 ERA. Prothro's 2010 team then finished with a record of 25-9 overall and 12-4 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Prior to becoming head coach at Birmingham-Southern, Prothro spent the 2008 season as an assistant coach on the BSC staff. That season, the Panthers earned a 32-28 record for the first 30-win season in program history. She also helped coach four All-Big South Conference players and two COSIDA Academic All-District honorees.

Prothro played professionally in National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) for the Philadelphia Force prior to being hired at Birmingham-Southern. She also served as a 2007 student assistant coach at her alma mater, with the Tide going 55-10 during that season.

During her stellar career at Alabama from 2003-06, Prothro helped the Crimson Tide win its first Southeastern Conference regular season title in 2006 plus SEC Tournament championships in 2003 and 2005. She earned SEC Tournament MVP honors in 2005 and was named SEC Pitcher of the Year in 2006.

Prothro helped her team make NCAA Regional all four years and Super Regionals twice after

they were instituted in 2005, as well as three NCAA College World Series appearances (2003, 2005, 2006).

A native of Chambersburg, Pa., Prothro was named an NFCA second team All-American in 2005 and 2006. She was also SEC Pitcher of the Year and was one of 10 finalists for the Collegiate Player of the Year as a senior in 2006. She also was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll four of her years at Alabama.

Prothro's other playing honors included 2003 Region VIII Tournament MVP, NFCA All-South Region in 2003, 2005 and 2006. She also earned all-conference honors each of her four years at Alabama and was named the 2003 SEC Freshman of the Year.

Prothro earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Alabama in 2007 and her Master of Arts from Alabama in 2020. She and her husband, Quintin Prothro, have a son, Julian, and a step-daughter, Skylar.

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

What They Are Saying...

"We are so excited and happy for Steph, Quintin and Julian. Steph has been an integral part of our program for over 17 years, first as a student-athlete and then as a pitching coach. Her hard work and dedication to our team was evident as she coached an All-American pitcher every year but one at Alabama. Her track record of developing great pitchers is outstanding. We will miss her in Ttown but realize our loss is Memphis' gain."
 - Alabama head softball coach Patrick Murphy

"Memphis made a great hire in Stephanie VanBrakle Prothro. Stephanie is one of the top pitching coaches in college softball, but also has the ability to coach every other phase of the game. She is a tireless recruiter. She is passionate, driven and competitive and I have no doubt her team will reflect those qualities. Stephanie worked hard to put herself in this position and is very deserving of the opportunity to lead the Memphis program."
 - Tennessee head softball coach Karen Weekly

"What an exciting opportunity for head coach Stephanie VanBrakle Prothro and the Memphis Softball program. Stephanie is one of the fiercest competitors I have ever seen on a softball diamond... The University of Mem-

phis got a good one!" - Florida head softball coach Tim Walton

"Steph is one of the greatest pitching minds in the game. Her ability to find and develop talent is off the charts. She is an incredible role model for young women of how to be an elite competitor, an innovative coach and a devoted mother - she has truly done it all! Her players will grow on the field but are sure to learn skills that will help them be successful in everything they do!"
 - LSU head softball coach Beth Torina

"Stephanie VanBrakle Prothro has positively impacted the softball world as a player, as an assistant and she will without a doubt make her mark in her new role as the leader of the Memphis Softball program. Stephanie is a fierce competitor who knows how to win. She is a person of character, and she will instill a competitive attitude into the Tiger Softball culture."
 - Illinois head softball coach Tyra Perry

Shoot Like A Girl announces new partnership with MTN OPS ... from sports page 2



Vortex Optics, Dead Down Wind, Moultrie Mobile, Hornady, Matthews, Hoyt, Bear Archery, MTN OPS, S & S Outdoors, The WON, Archery 360, and Bowhunting 360.

As a leader in the industry, Shoot Like A Girl is an events marketing company committed to growing the number of women and families who participate in the shooting sports by empowering them with confidence.

The Shoot Like A Girl semi-trailer travels to cities all across the United States that gives attendees an opportunity to shoot pistols, rifles and bows in a fun, safe and comfortable atmosphere. These events utilize InVeris Training Solutions' state-of-the-art military grade firearm simulator and Shoot Like A Girl diligently promotes firearms safety and ethical hunting to women and their families.

Ammunition, InVeris Training Solutions, Ruger, Colt, Magpul, Savage Arms, Springfield Armory, Walther, FN America, Heckler & Koch, Smith & Wesson, Mossberg, UMAREX, GTM Original, CrossBreed Holsters, Birchwood Casey, GPS Bags, TekMat, TruGlo, NAP, Apex Gear, Stealth Cam, Muddy, Wildgame Innovations, Hunter Specialties, ZeroTrace, Avian X, Flextone, HME, Hawk, Skull Hooker, Cold Steel, Thermacell, SABRE, LaCrosse Footwear, SOG, Upper Canyon Outfitters, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Primos, Gold Tip Arrows,

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Magic Springs to host Hispanic Heritage Day on September 4

HOT SPRINGS, Ark. -Aug. 22, 2022 – Magic Springs Theme and Water Park will host its annual Hispanic Heritage Day on Sunday, Sept. 4. Arkansans are encouraged to celebrate Hispanic culture with a special performance by Grammy-nominated band La Original Banda El Limon.

In the Mexican Regional music genre, La Original Banda El Limon is known for their Banda style of play, focusing on brass and percussion instruments. Some of their most well-known songs include Me Sigue Doliendo, Algo Oficial, and Mayor de Edad. Their album Derecho de Antiguedad was nominated for Best Banda Album at the 52nd Grammy Awards.

"Our annual Hispanic Heritage Day has always been a great way for family and friends to gather for summer fun and celebrate Hispanic culture," said Jessyka Hanna, general manager at the park. "As we gear up for the end of summer and the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, we want to invite everyone to come out for an incredible show."

The concert venue opens at 6 p.m., and the show will start at 7 p.m. with a performance by Mex-



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ican singer-songwriter Galito de la Salsa. Concerts are included with daily admission or season pass tickets, and guests can bring their blankets and chairs to enjoy the show with open seating.

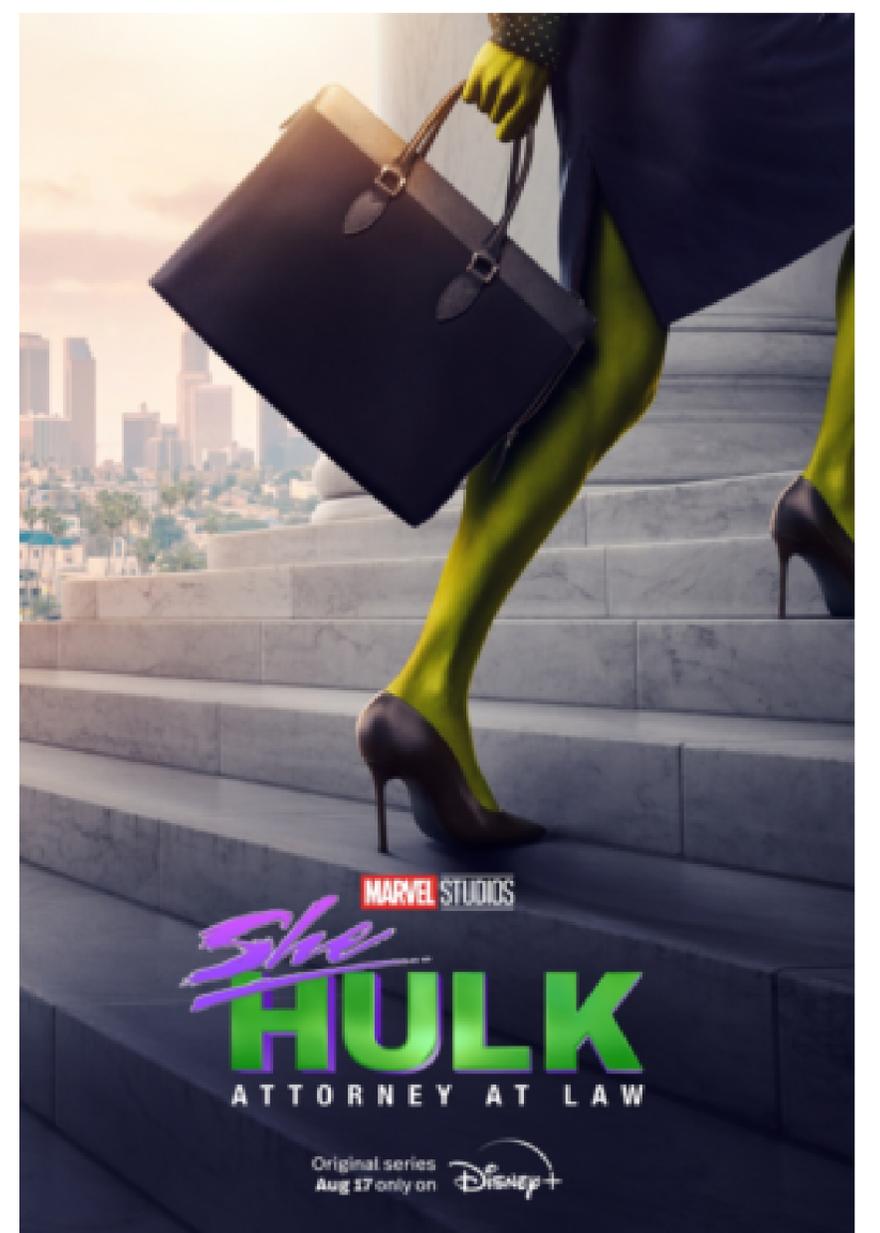
Sept. 4 is also the park's last Cooler Sunday for the 2022 sea-

son. Guests can bring a cooler packed with all of their favorite food and drinks into the park. During Cooler Sundays, there's no limit on how much food or drink guests can bring for free as long as they can pack it in their cooler. Alcoholic beverages and glass are not allowed in the park.

Concerts and special events are always free with the purchase of a season pass or a daily admission ticket. On Sunday, Sept. 4, admission will be \$39.99 plus tax for anyone 4 years of age and older. Learn more about Magic Springs ticket prices by visiting <http://bit.ly/MAGNewsR>.

About Magic Springs Theme and Water Park

Located on the fun side of Hot Springs, about 50 miles west of Little Rock, Magic Springs is Arkansas's only theme and water park. A single-price admission includes all-day use of the rides, water slides, concerts, attractions and special events. Magic Springs is operated by Premier Parks LLC. Visit MagicSprings.com for more information or to purchase season passes or discounted tickets.



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