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Grizzlies forward GG Jackson II receives Oct. NBA Cares Bob Lanier Community Assist Award ... from sports page 1

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"I'm truly honored and grateful to receive the NBA Cares Community Assist Award," said Jackson II. "Memphis has shown me so much love since I arrived, and being able to give that love back means everything to me. For me, giving back has never been about recognition. It's about showing up, building genuine relationships, and making a difference. What makes it even more special is how much the people in this community have impacted me along the way. I want to thank the Grizzlies organization, my family, our community partners, and everyone who continues to support these efforts. Memphis has become home, and I'm committed to being someone this city can count on, both on and off the court. This is only the beginning."

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Jackson II and his family hosted a special two-day experience dedicated to honoring and celebrating breast cancer survivors throughout the Memphis community. The experience provided 10 breast cancer survivors with opportunities for relaxation, fellowship and recognition while highlighting the strength and resilience of those impacted by the disease.

Jackson II and the Grizzlies treated the survivors to a Spa Day on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Jasper Float Spa & Wellness Center, a minority-owned local business, alongside LaKeysha Alston and Emmaline Croom Alston, breast cancer survivors and mother and grandmother of Jackson II who shared their own journeys, spoke about overcoming adversity and offered words of encouragement to the attendees.

The celebration continued the following day when all 10 survivors and guests were invited to attend Memphis' preseason matchup against the Orlando Magic at FedExForum for Breast Cancer Awareness Night. As part of the event, the group received a VIP gameday experience and enjoyed the evening from a suite complete with food and refreshments. Before tip-off, survivors had the opportunity to meet Jackson II during pregame warmups as he spent time speaking with participants, posing for photos, signing autographs and expressing his gratitude for their courage and perseverance.

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Continuing his longstanding passion for voter education, Jackson II took part in the Grizzlies' "Get Rev'd Up" campaign to increase voter turnout for the mid-term elections. The Grizzlies hosted more than 300 eligible high school students from Memphis-Shelby County Schools and local charter schools at FedExForum for a voter registration event held at FedExForum designed to provide them with an opportunity to learn about the electoral process, understand the importance of civic engagement and register to vote in Shelby County.

Jackson II played an active role through the event, using his platform to speak directly to attendees and sharing messages about the importance of voting and why every voice matters. Jackson II assisted throughout the voter registration process by interacting with attendees and encouraging eligible students to take advantage of the opportunity to register to vote. Jackson II's commitment to voting continued as he cast his ballot during the first week of early voting, further proving that civic engagement is a priority for both him and his family.

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.

Community partners join Ducks Unlimited for Park Cleanup Day corporate partners as Ducks Unlimited Park moves to next development phase



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — November 23, 2026 — Ducks Unlimited (DU) was joined by community members and partners from Big River Park Conservancy, Google, Nucor Steel, Ford, BlueOval City, and affiliates of Keep America Beautiful for a day of good housekeeping at Ducks Unlimited Park. Volunteers cleared litter and debris from the park, helping keep this growing community asset clean and welcoming for visitors.

The cleanup follows Google's recent $750,000 investment in Ducks Unlimited Park, which will support key park amenities, including a pavilion, walking and biking trails, and outdoor classrooms, bringing learning and interactive program opportunities to children and park visitors across the Mid-South.

"Ducks Unlimited Park is a special place even in its unfinished form," said DU Chief Financial Officer Darin Blunck. "The paved trails already constructed in the park offer incredible views of the Memphis skyline. It's been discovered by runners, cyclists, and walkers; I've even made the trails part of my weekly routine. As the wetland restorations and tree planting get underway and additional miles of trails are added, the experience will become even more unique for our community."

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Located along the Mississippi River directly across from downtown Memphis, Ducks Unlimited Park was established in 2023 through the permanent protection of approximately 1,500 acres of former farmland. The park is already open to the public, and DU and its partners are working to expand its natural footprint and restore the riverfront, helping to transform the landscape into thriving bottomland hardwood forests, native prairie meadows, and wetlands.

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The park will include many additional amenities that connect people with the landscape, including a multi-purpose pavilion, elevated boardwalks, dog parks, and outdoor classrooms. Together with Big River Park Conservancy, DU envisions a destination where families, outdoor enthusiasts, and students can experience the Mississippi River's natural heritage while the park provides critical habitat for wildlife.

Once construction and restoration are complete, DU will transfer the property to the City of West Memphis and Big River Park Conservancy for long-term ownership and management, ensuring the park remains a community asset for years to come.

ABOUT BIG RIVER PARK CONSERVANCY

Big River Park Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) committed to ensuring a sustainable future for the Mississippi River wetlands and to serving the ever-growing recreational and outdoor needs of the region. Its collection of projects activates and celebrates the Mississippi River and its surrounding landscape, including the Big River Crossing, an active biking and pedestrian bridge over the Mississippi River connecting Tennessee and Arkansas, and the Big River Trail System, a mixed-use trail network spanning over 110 miles with 7 miles of established trails in Big River Park.

About Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing wetlands, grasslands, and other waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has restored or protected more than 20 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science, DU's projects benefit waterfowl, wildlife, and people in all 50 states. Learn more at www.ducks.org.

BET and Straight Shooter Media to bring HBCU basketball center stage ...from sports page 1

action on the court alongside the personalities, pageantry and cultural energy that make HBCU athletics unique.

The partnership reflects BET's continued commitment to celebrating Black excellence through its #HBweCU initiative, highlighting HBCUs as essential institutions of education, empowerment and cultural impact.

Through Straight Shooter Media's production, the series aims to deliver more than game coverage, telling the stories of the student-athletes, institutions and communities that make HBCU basketball special.

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•December 17, 2026: North Carolina A&T vs. Howard

•January 18, 2027: Morehouse vs. Howard

•January 21, 2027: Morgan State vs. Howard

•January 28, 2027: Norfolk State vs. Howard

The series gives HBCU basketball a national platform, celebrating competition, culture and enduring legacy of these institutions.

Old Crow Medicine Show continues celebration of America's 250th year with "Union Made Overtime"

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"Sometimes, after a long shift, you might feel like putting in a few extra hours just to say you did it," says bandleader Ketch Secor. "Old Crow medicine Show's Overtime project reflects a lifelong commitment to the work of performing American roots music. We hope that this batch of songs that were in heavy contention for our recent Union Made project will find a place in your heart – from me and all the Old Crows, still hard at it, even nearly three decades in."

7. City Of New Orleans feat. Mickey Raphael (August 23, 2015 @ Meadowbrook in Gilford, NH)
8. Orange Blossom Special feat. Trey Hensley (April 27, 2025 @ The Music Hall in Portsmouth, NH)
9. Cumberland Blues feat. Bob Weir (August 23, 2019 @ Lockn' Festival in Arrington, VA)

Old Crow Medicine Show Tour Dates:

November 28 – Vail, CO @ Dobson Arena *
December 7 – Ridgefield, CT @ Ridgefield Playhouse +
December 8 – Portland, ME @ State Theatre +
December 10 – Lebanon, NH @ Lebanon Opera House +
December 11 – Beverly, MA @ The Cabot +
December 12 – Glenside, PA @ Keswick Theatre +
December 13 – Williamsport, PA @ Journey Bank Community Arts Center +
December 30 – Nashville, TN @ Ryman Auditorium
December 31 – Nashville, TN @ Ryman Auditorium
January 26-30 – Key West, FL @ Mile 0 Fest
February 26-March 5 – Miami, FL @ Cayamo Cruise =
March 5 – Pompano Beach, FL @ Pompano Beach Amphitheater #
March 6 – St. Augustine, FL @ Saint Augustine Amphitheatre #
March 7 – Clearwater, FL @ The BayCare Sound #
April 18 – Georgetown, TX @ Two Step Inn Festival

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A Memphis Grizzlies medical update on Cameron Boozer

MEMPHIS, Tenn., November 23, 2026 – The Memphis Grizzlies provided the following medical update for forward Cameron Boozer:

Boozer, who sustained a right ankle injury during the third quarter of Thursday's game against the Golden State Warriors, underwent imaging that revealed a moderate-grade medial sprain. Additional testing confirmed structural stability of the ankle, and a full recovery is expected.

Boozer will be reevaluated in approximately four weeks, and further updates will be provided as appropriate