Kirkland staying with Volunteers

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee coach Jeremy Pruitt says linebacker Darrin Kirkland Jr. has changed his mind and

Volunteers. Kirkland shared on social media last week that he was leaving

will be staying with the

Tennessee after graduating with two years of eligibility remaining.

But Pruitt told report-Tuesday at the Southeastern Conference meetings in Destin, Florida, that he met Kirkland over the weekend with the linebacker

now excited to stay at Tennessee.

Kirkland made 10 starts and had 66 tackles as a freshman in 2015, but injuries limited him in 2016 and prevented him from playing at all last year. He made six starts and had 45 tackles

in 2016 but missed five games with a high ankle sprain. He sat out the entire 2017 season with a knee injury.

The Volunteers will begin thier season Saturday, Sept. 1 against nationally-ranked West Virginia in Charlotte.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TRAVEL SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the MTSC soccer travel team will be held at the following times at WCHS: Monday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. - 2010-11 boys and girls, Monday, June 4 at 6:15 p.m. - 2002-09 boys and girls, Saturday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m. - 2010-11 boys and girls and Saturday, June 9 at 10:15 a.m. - 2002-09 boys and girls.

For more information, call 273-5797.

PIONEER BASEBALL CAMP

WCHS baseball coach Trice Powers and his staff will hold the Pioneer baseball camp June 11from 9-11:30 a.m.

The camp will focus on drills to enhance and improve fundamentals and mechanics of all positions defensively and offensively. The camp is open to grades K-8 and the cost is \$65, which includes a T-shirt if registered by June 8. Limited space is available. To register, contact Powers at 615-691-1802.

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Schofield returning for senior year

KNOXVILLE (AP) Admiral Schofield is pulling his name out of the NBA draft and returning to Tennessee for his senior sea-

Schofield shared his decision on social media Tuesday, saying he is focused and championships with his teammates.

The forward tested his NBA draft status without hiring an agent, leaving him the option to return. He worked out last week for the Memphis Grizzlies but was

hungry to once again chase considered a second-round prospect at best.

Schofield wrote that he learned through the draft evaluation process where he needs to improve his game.

The 6-foot-5, 238-pound Schofield averaged 13.9 points and 6.4 rebounds this season while helping Tennessee go 26-9 and win a share of the Southeastern Conference regular-season

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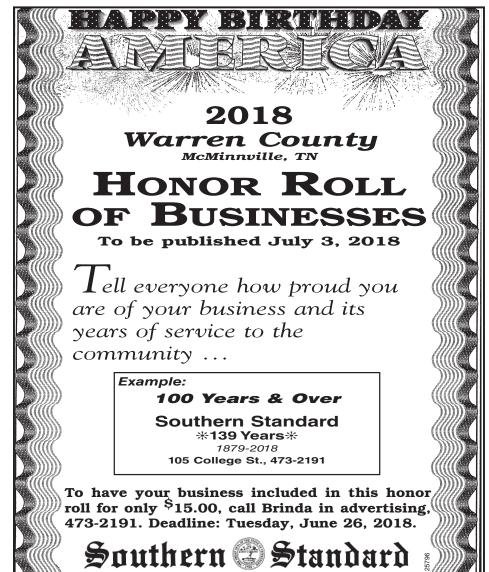
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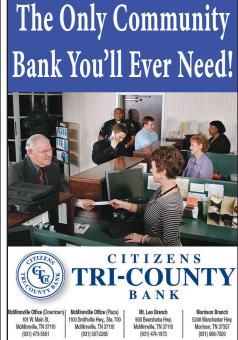




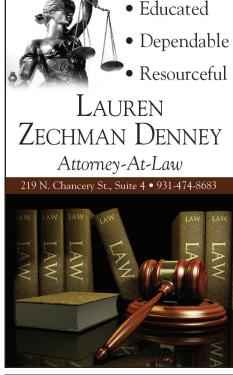
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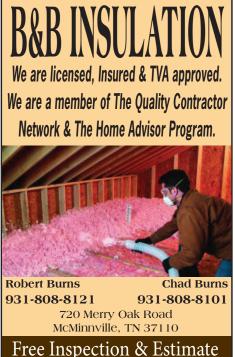
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