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Athens, Tennessee

More New Tennessee Laws

Effective July 1st:

- SB 0136: Establishes the CROWN Act, which prevents employers from discriminating against people with certain hairstyles, including braids, locs, and twists or other styles that are part of the cultural identification of an employee's ethnic group. It was amended to allow public safety employees to regulate hairstyles if the style would prevent the employee from performing essential functions, as well as allow regulations that comply with federal and state health and safety laws.
- SB 0882: Requires DUI offenders to install ignition interlock devices on their vehicles, which require drivers to provide clean breath samples to start their vehicle, as a condition of bail if the court determines it to be in the best interest of justice and public safety.

TUESDAY'S MARKET REPORT: U.S. stocks closed sharply lower, falling for a second straight day, as consumer confidence slumped more than expected. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped around 490 points, while the S&P 500 dropped about 2% and the Nasdaq dropped around 3%. Energy was the sole sector of the S&P 500 to post gains, climbing sharply as oil prices rose amid supply fears. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 491.27 to 30,946.99. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 78.56 to 3,821.55, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 343.01 to 11,181.54.

State and Area News

- ✓ The Hiwassee & Ocoee Scenic River State Park invites all military veterans to raft down the Ocoee free of charge Monday, July 4 and their family members will get 50 percent off regular rafting fees. Tennessee State Parks are partnering with all 23 Ocoee outfitters for the Rafting 4 Freedom adventure. Veterans interested may contact any outfitter they wish and schedule a trip. Outfitters may also be found at timetoraft.com. Rafters can enjoy the scenic views of the Cherokee National Forest and create lifelong memories with the family. The internationally recognized park is well known for its beauty and other recreational opportunities. The offer applies to any veteran or active-duty soldier. Trips may be scheduled through July 1.
- ✓ Tennesseans who want to cast a ballot in the Aug. 4th State and Federal Primary & State and County General Election must register or update their voter registration before the voter registration deadline on Tuesday, July 5. Registering to vote, updating your address or checking your registration status is fast, easy and secure with the Secretary of State's online voter registration system. Any U.S. citizen with a driver's license or a photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security can register online in minutes from any computer or mobile device at GoVoteTN.gov. Voters can also download a paper voter registration application at GoVoteTN.gov. Completed paper voter registration applications must be mailed to your local county election commission office or submitted in person. Mailed voter registrations must be postmarked by July 5. Election Day registration is not available in Tennessee. Early voting for the Aug. 4th election starts Friday, July 15, and runs Monday to Saturday until Saturday, July 30. The deadline to request an absentee by-mail ballot is Thursday, July 28. However, eligible voters who will be voting absentee by-mail should request the ballot now.

WEATHER FORECAST
Wednesday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Possible t'storms. High 85.
Wednesday night - Mainly clear & humid. Low 69.
Thursday - Humid with periods of clouds & sunshine. High 87.
Thursday night - Mostly clear & humid. Low 70.
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Obituaries

♦ **Kimberly "Shawn" Sanson**, age 58, of Etowah passed away Monday, June 27th. A funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Friday, July 1st at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday prior to the service.

♦ **Ollie Dannel Fain**, age 87, of Athens, passed away Sunday, June 26th at Morning Pointe of Athens. She was a native of Roane County and a resident of Athens since 1952. She was retired from Athens Products. A funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 29th at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Interment will be at Fain Family Cemetery following the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **Billy Carroll Martin**, age 82, of Cleveland, passed away Thursday, June 23rd at his home. He was born in Niota. No services will be held at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

♦ **Roger Alan Walsh**, age 65, of Athens, passed away Saturday, June 25th at Parkwest Hospital in Knoxville after a lengthy illness. He was a native of Johnson City and had been employed by Collins-Aikman for over 30 years. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 30th at Hillcrest Church with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

MEDIC Teams with Bruster's Ice Cream

MEDIC and Bruster's Ice Cream are teaming up to help donors cool off with a pint of ice cream this June. Donors will receive a coupon for a pint of ice cream on June 29th and 30th. Additionally, donors will receive a ticket to Anakeesta on July 1st. Blood product usage is HIGH. Hospital demand and usage for O Negative and O Positive are higher than in the previous six weeks. Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Appointments can be made online at medicblood.org or by calling 865-524-3074. MEDIC is the primary blood product provider for 24 hospitals in 22 counties including Starr Regional of Athens and Etowah. As a reminder, the blood, platelets, and plasma products on the shelves now are what would be used in a trauma event, and it takes at least three days for donated blood to be processed and ready for distribution. MEDIC is an independent, nonprofit organization. Products donated through MEDIC truly help community members in East Tennessee and Southeastern Kentucky. Products donated through any other collection activity or organization do not stay in East Tennessee or Southeastern Kentucky. Those products are shipped out of the area and nation-wide.

◆ The guest on the Women at the Well radio show, "Hope From the Well," this week will be Connie McIntosh. "Hope From the Well" is heard at 8:15 a.m. Thursday on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

TODAY IN HISTORY - JUNE 29th

1853 - The U.S. Senate ratified the \$10-million Gadsden Purchase from Mexico, which added more than 29,000 square miles to the territories of Arizona and New Mexico.

1861 - William Mayo, founder of the world-famous Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, was born.

1932 - The second daytime serial to be heard on network radio was "*Vic and Sade*" which debuted on the NBC Blue radio network this day.

1955 - Bill Haley and The Comets reached the top of the pop music charts with "Rock Around the Clock". The smash hit stayed there for eight straight weeks. The song was featured in the film "Blackboard Jungle". Most consider the hit song the first rock 'n' roll single.

1957 - Betsy Rawls won the U.S. Golf Association women's tourney after Jacqueline Pung was disqualified for turning in an incorrect scorecard. Oooops!

1972 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty could constitute cruel and unusual punishment. The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws. Four years later, the Supreme Court reinstated the death penalty for murder cases.

2006 - Women in Kuwait voted in parliamentary elections for the first time. The Kuwaiti women became the first in any Gulf Arab state to be allowed to vote in national elections.

2007 - The Apple iPhone went on sale for \$499 for the 4 GB model and \$599 for the 8 GB model. Both required a 2 year contract.