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Monday, August 21, 2023

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Tennessee's Unemployment Rate Sets New Record Low in July

Tennessee made history in July when the state recorded its lowest unemployment rate since the federal government began tracking the statistic in 1976. According to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD), the seasonally adjusted rate of 3.1% was 0.1 of a percentage point lower than the previous all-time low of 3.2%, a figure the state once again reached in June. Employers across the state continued to bolster Tennessee's economy by adding new jobs. Between June and July, total non-farm employment increased by 7,300 jobs. The professional and business services sector saw the biggest month-to-month gains. The trade, transportation, and utilities sector added the next largest number of jobs, followed by the leisure and hospitality sector. Over the last 12 months, nonfarm employment in Tennessee jumped by 72,400 new positions. The education and health services sector experienced the most growth in employment during the year. The leisure and hospitality sector saw the next largest increase in jobs, followed by the government sector. TDLWD produces an in-depth analysis of the state's unemployment data, which includes the latest labor force estimates. The report for July 2023 is [available here](#). The state of Tennessee will release county-specific unemployment data at 1:30 p.m. CDT on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

Community News You Can Use

✓ The Mobile American Job Center is coming to Etowah Carnegie Library on Friday, August 25th from 10am-2pm. Job Center staff will be assisting individuals with job searches, resume writing, and interview skills. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit them online at www.etowahlibrary.com.

✓ The Good Faith Clinic at 18 Congress Parkway South, will be open August 22nd at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The GFC is for residents of McMinn and Meigs Counties that are under the age of 65 and have no health insurance.

✓ The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will re-open Tuesday, September 5, 2023 during regular business hours. The residential garbage route for Monday, September 4, 2023 is the only route that will be affected by this holiday closing. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. All other residential garbage routes will be on regular schedule. Please have garbage totes to the road the night before your scheduled pick up. Commercial/Industrial garbage routes will be picked up on a limited basis. All emergency services will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis. Contact McMinn E911 communications in the event of an emergency. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. See their website at: www.cityofathenstn.com/publicworks/

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Peyton Buckner, Owner of Cox Pressure Washing. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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Obituaries

♦ **Dona Mae Wilcox**, age 76, of Athens, passed away peacefully on August 13th in her home surrounded by her loved ones. Dona was born in Athens. She married her husband, Robert Wilcox Jr., retired Senior Chief in the U.S. Navy, on July 18, 1964. She was a devoted military wife for 30 years. Dona went on to receive her nursing degree in 1980 and worked in the home health and hospice community for 35 years. She had a heart for people and touched the lives of many patients and their families all throughout her career. The family will be having a private ceremony to celebrate Dona's life. Donna will be interred in the Chattanooga National Cemetery on August 30, 2023 at 10:00 am. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Phyllis Hutsell Jarvis**, age 84, a resident of Chattanooga and a native of Meigs County, passed away on August 8th at her home surrounded by her family. She was a member of the Brainerd Baptist Church for 62 years, she retired from Huffaker and Associates with 20 years of service and was a member of the Insurance Women of Chattanooga, but her greatest joy was in making applesauce and strawberry preserves for her beloved great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be conducted at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 23rd at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Visitation will be at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services on Wednesday, August 23rd from 3:00 – 5:00 PM prior to the memorial service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Tropical Storm Hilary

On Sunday, Tropical Storm Hilary made landfall along Mexico's Baja California coast as concerns mounted over the storm causing what could be deadly flash flooding in the border city of Tijuana, Southern California and places as far north as Idaho that rarely get such heavy rain.

TODAY IS:

- National Senior Citizens Day
- National Spumoni Day
- International Day of Remembrance And Tribute To The Victims of Terrorism
- National Brazilian Blowout Day (put your best self forward, starting with your beautiful locks).

FRIDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Equities were little changed. Worries about China and higher interest rates led the S&P 500 lower. Bond yields declined. The 10-year Treasury remains near an 11-year high. International markets were lower. At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Average was up 25.83 to 34,500.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down .65 to 4,369.71, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 26.16 to 13,290.78.

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