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Sales Tax Holidays Begin Soon

Two different sales tax holidays will help give Tennesseans a break in their bank accounts in the coming months. The first is the annual back-to-school sales tax holiday, held on the last weekend of July. This sales tax holiday sees clothing and school supplies, including some electronics like personal computers have no sales tax added to the total at the register, saving Tennesseans around 10% of their total costs for these necessary items. The holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 28, and ends at 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 30.

After that sales tax holiday, Tennesseans will then be able to save money on food items when a three-month-long sales tax holiday kicks in. The new sales tax holiday was passed as part of the Tennessee Works Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Bill Lee earlier this year. The bill funded \$273 million for the one-time, three-month suspension of the sales tax on food and food ingredients. According to the Tennessee Department of Revenue, food and food ingredients are defined as "liquid, concentrated, solid, frozen, dried, or dehydrated substances that are sold to be ingested or chewed by humans and are consumed for their taste or nutritional value." Those items will have their sales tax waived from 12:01 a.m. Aug. 1 through 11:59 p.m. Oct. 31. Food and food ingredients do not include alcoholic beverages, tobacco, candy, or dietary supplements, according to the state.

The All-American International Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio will commence actual competition today with the "Super Kids" races. These are specially designed cars that allow youngsters with certain types of disabilities to participate and compete in the Derby. The Athens Super Kids Champion is Kyia Hagerty. Kyia finished second in the Athens race and is subbing for her brother Bereylin who won the Athens Title but was unable to race. The International competition will be held on Saturday. Tune to WYXI AM-1390 & FM 94.5 for reports from Akron today and on Saturday with Austin Fesmire. Our radio coverage this week is brought to you by Ag-Pro, A&J Body Shop, Athens Utilities Board, Domino's Pizza, and Dooley Tractor Company.



Church News and Events

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- The Carter's will be singing on July 30th at 11:am at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, in Etowah. Everyone is invited.
- The bluegrass gospel group Journey Home will be leading in worship on Sunday evening, July 30, at 6 PM at North Etowah Baptist Church (231 Pennsylvania Avenue, Etowah). Everyone is welcome and admission is free. A love offering will be received
- The Etowah Christian Ministerial Association is hosting a Backpack event on July 29th.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stock markets were mixed, as the Dow Jones was higher, while the technology-heavy Nasdaq was sharply lower by over 2.0%. Treasury yields moved higher as well. The 2-year Treasury yield was higher by up to 4.85. At the closing bell: The Dow Jones was up 163.97 to 35,225.18. The S&P 500 was down 30.85 to 4,534.87, and the NASDAQ dropped 294.71 to 14,063.31.

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Obituaries

♦ **Barry D. Derrick**, age 77, of Riceville, passed away on Wednesday, July 19th. He was a member of Short Creek Baptist Church and was retired from Mayfield Dairy Plant after 42 years as Quality Control Manager. Barry was an avid hunter and skillful outdoorsman. He loved his family, the outdoors, his church, his loving wife, Janice and most importantly his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 23rd at Short Creek Baptist Church. Funeral services will follow at 4:00 PM. Interment will follow directly after services at Short Creek Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Acton (Red) Ratledge**, age 95, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, July 19th at The Waters of Sweetwater. He would have been 96 on July 23rd. He was a retired employee of Athens Furniture. There will be no formal visitation or funeral services at this time. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

If you take a newsworthy photograph, e-mail it to: vyxiradio@gmail.com

Monday Night Social To Head Sounds of Summer

Friendly City Festivals announces the seventh concert in the 2023 Sounds of Summer concert series will feature Chattanooga band Monday Night Social. The concert will be held at Market Park Pavilion in Downtown Athens on Friday, July 21st starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, family, and friends. An Americana band that blends rock, blues and folk genres, Monday Night Social's performances are anchored by soaring three-part harmonies. Formed in early 2015, Monday Night Social won the 2017 Road to Nightfall competition and has performed at Songbirds in Nashville, festivals in Chattanooga, Baton Rouge as well as venues in South Carolina and Georgia. Blending elements of country, bluegrass and rock into their own brand, Monday Night Social has been hard at work producing their third album due out this year. You can follow Monday Night Social on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram to stay up to date on shows and new releases. **Sounds of Summer has moved to Friday nights and the remaining line up is:**

August 4th-The Tim Hughes Quartet

August 11th-Mendingwall

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at 106 S. Jackson Street. Sound provided for all concerts by Integrity Sound Solutions. This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Athens Kiwanis Club, Mayfield Dairy Farms, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Valley Oil, WarrenJackson CPAs, Simmons National Bank, Simmons Private Wealth Group, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, VEC Customer Shares, DENSO, Humana, Starr Regional Medical Center, Dynasty Spas, Oneheart Dojo and EXIT Milestone Realty. Media support comes from The Daily Post-Athenian and The Morning Fax and thanks to The Arts Center and Athens Main Street for social media support.



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