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New Legislation by Senator Lowe

As Tennessee ushers in the new fiscal year on July 1, a slew of new laws passed by the General Assembly will go into effect. State Senator Adam Lowe, who represents McMinn County, was instrumental in passing many of these new laws to bolster security at schools, enhance public safety and support children and teachers. Lowe championed comprehensive measures to enhance school safety this year, including legislation that strengthens safety standards at public and private schools. The new law includes requirements such as classroom door locks, security vestibules for visitor entry and bullet-resistant film on exterior entry-level windows. The law also requires schools to develop annual safety plans that must include a newly required incident command drill for school leaders and law enforcement to prepare for various emergencies. "Nothing is more important than the safety of our schools," said Lowe. "These measures will go a long way toward bolstering security at our schools and help prevent future tragedies like the shooting at Covenant School in Nashville."

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Lots of sunshine. High 90.

Thurs. Night - Possible t'storm in PM which could bring damaging winds, flash flooding and hail. Humid. Low 69.

Friday - Possible afternoon t'storms. High 90.

Weather at: wyxi.com

Decatur Plant to Close

✓ Shaw Group Industries, Inc., one of the world's largest carpet manufacturers, has announced plans to close their plant in Meigs County. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development said they were notified of the permanent closure of Plant 10 in Decatur after the Dalton-based company filed an official Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification on Tuesday, June 27th. The closure of the Decatur plant affects 336 jobs, and the facility is expected to officially close its doors on August 29, 2023. The Decatur plant's production efforts will shift to other facilities in Northwest Georgia, and those employed at Plant 10 will be able to apply to other surrounding plants. Workers impacted by the closure should contact the Dislocated Worker Unit at (615) 253-6355. More info is available [HERE](#)

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Obituaries

- ♦ **Amy Deanne Colbaugh Sledge**, age 41, of Decatur, passed away on Tuesday, June 27th. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, July 1st at 2 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Shiloh cemetery. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
- ♦ **Tonya Moore**, age 57, of Niota, died Wednesday, June 28th at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.

TODAY IS:

- National Handshake Day
- National Almond Buttercrunch Day
- National Waffle Iron Day
- National Bomb Pop Day
- National Camera Day

Wednesday's Market Report

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 74.08 to 33,852.66. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 1.55 to 4,376.86 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 36.08 to 13,591.75.

Today In History

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

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE

Weekly Summary: 06/18/23 - 06/24/2023

There were 164 cases (per day) and 1 deaths (per day) last week

Tennessee: 2,550,372 Total Cases 29,632 Total Deaths

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
McMinn	20,190	292
Meigs	4,252	63
Monroe	18,618	2779
Polk	5,718	89
Bradley	39,653	468
Rhea	11,946	173

Covid-19 update information from the Tennessee Department of Health is updated on Saturday and posted to their website each Wednesday.

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Mamie Sliger Celebrates Birthday #107



Mrs. Mamie Sliger

How many people do you know or meet that are 107 years young? I had the honor, privilege & joy to get to meet & interview Mrs. Mamie Kyker Sliger & her daughter, Shelia Sliger Quillen recently where she resides at Athens Place Assisted Living. Mrs. Sliger was born on June 23, 1916, to the late William Garrett & Myrtle Anderson Kyker of McMinn County. Mrs. Sliger is the oldest of seven siblings. She grew up &



worked on a dairy farm in McMinn County & attended grammar school at Union Grove Elementary School & also attended McMinn County High School. She met the love of her life, Mr. Charles Sliger of Athens & their first date was on horseback because



this was, of course, before cars were common! Their second date was in horse & buggy & they eventually married on November 27, 1934. The happy couple went on to have 4 children, Edwin Sliger, Daniel (Dan) Sliger, Gerry Sliger & Shelia Sliger Quillen, which are all still living today (see photo below). Ms. Sliger has eight grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren. During her lifetime, she



(L-R) Senator Adam Lowe, Mrs. Mamie, County Manager John Gentry and standing State Representative Mark Cochran reviewing the Centenarian Award signed by Governor Bill Lee.

said she worked at Woolworth's at the food counter & Rules Department Stores, then went on to retire at North City School as the Food Service Manager after 20 years of service. Mrs. Sliger does not look her age at all & has a very sharp mind! I asked her "What do you do to stay so young & vibrant?" She smiled beautifully & said "well, I do therapy here & walk daily with the use of a rollater." She said, "I give thanks to God for all the good years he has given me & blessed me with."

Contributed by Staff Member Stephanie Devine
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 (Sarah Sneed Photography)



(L-R) Shelia Quillen, Gerry Sliger, Edwin Sliger, Dan Sliger, and Mrs. Mamie Sliger, seated.