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Athens, Tennessee

Kroger To Build Distribution Operations In Cleveland

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter and The Kroger Company officials announced yesterday that the company will construct a new Central Fill facility with Cleveland, Tennessee, as its fifth U.S. location. Kroger will create 140 new jobs in Bradley County as a result of the project. The Central Fill facility will increase pharmacy efficiencies and accuracy by utilizing automated technology to fulfill prescriptions. Once complete, the 50,000square-foot plant will support Kroger's pharmacies in the southeastern U.S. Founded in 1883, and headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, The Kroger Company is an American retailer that operates supermarkets and multidepartment stores across the U.S. Kroger's newest Central Fill facility will be its fifth in the country since 2000. Gov. Bill Lee stated, "Tennessee is leading the nation as the best state for companies to expand and succeed, thanks to our unmatched business climate, thriving economy and highly skilled workforce. Kroger is a national brand that shares our state's strong family values, and their decision to establish this facility and create new jobs will ensure greater opportunity for Tennesseans across Bradley County."



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√The City of Athens Recycle Center hours of operation have changed. Starting this week the new hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Unit located at the Recycle Center will be closed until further notice. For more information, contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

✓The McMinn County Commission will convene and meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse in Regular Session on August 28th at 7:30 pm to review and approve Contracts; approve budget Amendments; Update from McMinn County Health Department; and hear comments from the audience. Reeports from Committees, county officials, comments from commissioners; comments from the county mayor; approval of notary applications; and will transact such other business as may legally come before the Commissioners.

ONDAY'S MARKET REPORT: Stocks finished mostly higher. Technology led the gains. The 10year Treasury yield rose to 4.33%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 36.97 to 34,463.69. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 30.06 to 4,399.77, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 206.81 to 13,497.59.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

- •Timothy Ray Hull, age 55 of Etowah, formerly of Wayne County, TN passed away at his home after a brief illness on August 20th. Tim loved running an excavator and he loved doing projects to give honor to God by the work of his hands. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and restoring historic houses. Tim was as man of high integrity who loved his friends and family. He was a man after God's own heart. He was also the number one supporter of Mello Yello and honeybuns. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 22nd in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.
- •Charles Lynn Williams, age 74, of Athens, passed away on August 17th. He was born and grew up in Kingsport, TN. After high school he became a mechanical engineer with Nuclear Power and traveled all over. Charlie held many titles in his lifetime but his favorite role was being a husband, daddy and poppy. Charlie's family will host a Memorial Service on Friday, August 25th at 7:00 pm with visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at Companion Funeral Service & Crematory, 400 White St., Athens, TN. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- •Bernadine Bottoms, age 62, a resident of Athens, passed away on Saturday, August 19th at her home. She was born in Athens. She enjoyed fishing, cheering on her UT Vols and above all spending time with her family. **Obituaries continued at right.**

Obituaries Continued

- •Bernadine Bottoms, continued: The family will receive friends on Thursday, August 24th from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at the Companion Funeral Home located at 400 S White Street in Athens. A service celebrating her life will follow the visitation time on Thursday at 2:00 PM. The interment and committal service will follow in Hammonds Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.
- •Joey Lynn Goins, age 51, of Athens, passed away on Friday, August 11th. There will be no formal services planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - August 22nd

1741 - German composer George Frederick Handel began working on his oratorio, "Messiah." The oratorio focuses on major events in the life of Jesus Christ, including His birth, death, and resurrection.

1846 - The United States annexed New Mexico.

 $1902\,$ - President Theodore Roosevelt became the first U.S. chief executive to ride in an automobile, in Hartford, Conn.

1911 - Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, the "Mona Lisa," was stolen from the world's largest national gallery, the Louvre in Paris. It was taken by an Italian worker who smuggled it to Italy, but was not able to sell it. It was later recovered.

2003 – Alabama's chief justice, Roy Moore, was suspended for his refusal to obey a federal court order to remove his Ten Commandments monument from the rotunda of his courthouse.



