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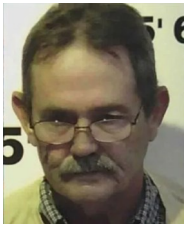


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Athens, Tennessee

Kentucky Man Pleads Guilty in Fatal Boating Collision



Norman Sturgill of Grayson, Kentucky, pleaded guilty to charges related to a fatal boating collision on Norris Lake, resulting in the death of a child. On April 30, 2024, he was sentenced to eight years in jail and ordered to pay \$5,000 to the Victim's Assessment Fund. Sturgill is also banned from operating any motorized

vehicle for eight years after his release, and the boat he was operating was forfeited to the state. The incident occurred on July 22, 2023, when Sturgill's blood alcohol level was found to be 0.198%. Attorney Don Bosch, representing the victim's family, expressed some closure for the family and emphasized the importance of responsible boating. Alcohol remains a leading cause of boating deaths in Tennessee, with 23 fatalities and 129 Boating Under the Influence arrests in 2023. TWRA continues efforts to detect and apprehend impaired operators in 2024. *Photo Credit: Claiborne Co. Sheriff's Office*

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be **Connie McIntosh** discussing "He Was A Patriot". "Hope From the Well" is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County FFA is hosting a Mother's Day Flower Sale with flower pots, hanging baskets, and ferns available for purchase. The sale will take place on Thursday, May 9th and Friday, May 10th from 11 am - 5 pm. The sale will be located at the McMinn County High School Greenhouse at 2103 S. Congress Pkwy in Athens.
- The Athens Lions Club's 15th Annual Red, White, and Moo Run will occur on Saturday, June 1, 2024 with the race starting at 7:30 am. Moo Run 2024 is a 5K run/1 mile walk taking place at Eureka Trail in Athens. Register by May 16th to get a t-shirt and reduced entry fee. Best Red, White, & Blue/ Cow apparel wins a prize!. You must be a registered participant to win. For more info, visit www.AthensTNLions.org
- The Etowah Friendly Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale is on Saturday, May 11 at the L&N Depot in Etowah from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. They will offer a diverse selection of plants, flowers, and seeds at discounted prices, with proceeds supporting community projects like scholarships, Christmas initiatives, and events for local students. Check their Facebook page for the latest information, or call the club President Gene Keller at 423-263-1506.

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Obituaries

- **Lavonne Cox Johns**, age 96, of Decatur, passed away on Monday, May 6. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 9 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 10, in the Beta Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 p.m., prior to the service on Thursday. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Hospice of Chattanooga for their wonderful care. Arrangements entrusted to Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. 423-334-3661.

TODAY IS:

- **National Student Nurse Day**
- **National Third Shift Workers Day**
(Second Wednesday in May)
- **National Have A Coke Day**
- **National Coconut Cream Pie Day**
- **National School Nurse Day**
- **National Receptionists Day**

Boy Scouts Changes Name

In a historic move, the Boy Scouts of America, after 114 years, will change its name to Scouting America. This decision marks a significant transformation as the organization emerges from bankruptcy amid sexual abuse allegations and aims to prioritize inclusivity. Amidst decades of upheaval, including the allowance of gay youth and the acceptance of girls into its ranks, the organization seeks to revitalize its membership numbers.

The announcement, made at the annual meeting in Florida, reflects a broader shift towards diversity and growth. The move to include girls in scouting has been met with enthusiasm, with an increasing number joining troops and earning prestigious accolades like the Eagle Scout rank. Despite initial concerns, many troop leaders have embraced the change, recognizing the benefits of a more inclusive organization. Membership in the Boy Scouts has declined over the years, exacerbated by challenges during the pandemic. However, the organization remains resilient, offering a wide range of activities and opportunities for youth, from traditional camping to modern pursuits like robotics. The reorganization plan following bankruptcy, amounting to \$2.4 billion, allows the Boy Scouts to continue operations while compensating victims of sexual abuse.

The transition to Scouting America will officially take place on February 8, 2025, coinciding with the organization's 115th anniversary, symbolizing a new chapter in its storied history.

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Wed. - 70% Chance of Storms. High 80.

Wed. Night - 80% Chance of Storms. Low 67.

Thurs. - 90% Chance of Storms. High 80.

Thursday night - Partly cloudy. 40% Chance of Storms. Low 61.

More Weather at: wyxi.com

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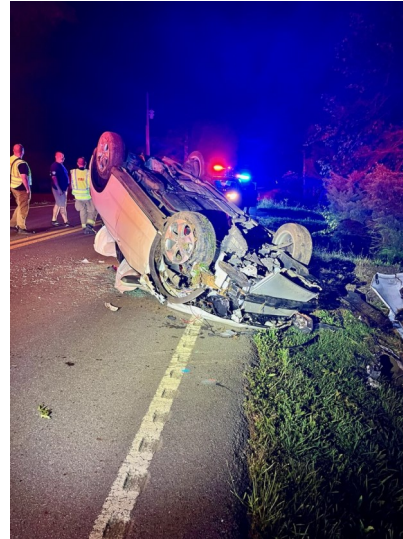
Food City Breaking Ground in Dayton



Company officials broke ground on a new Food City on Able Drive in Dayton. The 55,000 square foot retail supermarket is set to open early next year, replacing the current location on Market Street. The new store's advanced features include an in-store bakery, deli, hot food bar, café seating area, fresh food bar, hickory wood smoker, pizza oven, sushi bar, and full-service meat and seafood departments. The store will also offer expanded grocery, frozen food, and produce sections, a floral boutique, rapid checkout options, curbside pickup, a pharmacy with a drive-thru, a gas station, and a Starbucks café. Additionally, the new location will incorporate various energy-saving measures such as energy-efficient glass cooler doors, LED lighting, and motion sensors. *Photo Credit: Tammy Baumgardner, K-VAT Food Stores, Inc.*



MVA NEAR Riceville



On Tuesday, May 7, at approximately 4:30 am, the driver of this 2018 Honda HRV flipped their vehicle upside down after losing control hitting a culvert on Highway 163 at County Road 750 near Riceville. The driver was transported by American Medical Response

ambulance to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer Becca Nye investigated the accident. *Photo by Etowah Rural Fire Department*

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Today In History - May 8

1541 - The Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto discovered the Mississippi River.

1884 - Our 33rd President, Harry S Truman, was born in Lamar, Missouri.

1886 - Coca Cola was first created. The ingredients were mixed up by John Pemberton at Jacob's Pharmacy in Atlanta.

1945 - President Truman declared V-E Day, the end of World War II in Europe.

1970 - The album "Let It Be" by the Beatles was released.

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