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Meigs Co. Judge Faces Federal Lawsuit



A Meigs County judge is at the center of a federal lawsuit. Meigs County General Sessions Judge Casey Stokes is accused of illegally ordering the arrest of a woman inside of the Meigs County Courthouse back in February.

The lawsuit claims Judge Stokes yelled at the plaintiff to, "shut up", while watching her son be placed in handcuffs, and when the woman questioned why her

son was being arrested, he ordered her arrested as well. She spent the next night in jail.

This is the second lawsuit that is currently pending against Judge Stokes, and he had been [previously reprimanded](#) by the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct after being accused of insulting someone in his courtroom. Both cases are still pending. **Source: [WDEF](#)**

Community News You Can Use

- The Hiwassee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution & Alexander Keith Daughters of the American Revolution will conduct the Ringing of the Bells at The Grand Finale of Constitution Week. It will take place at the EG Fisher Library in Athens at 4:30 pm Monday Sept. 23rd. Copies of the Constitutions will be given to all 8th Graders and flags to 1st Grade through 7th Graders.
- The Athens Utilities Board will meet Tuesday, September 24th at 5 p.m.
- The McMinn County Veterans service office will be closed on September 30-October 2 for their annual training. They will reopen on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 8:30 am
- The McMinn County Library Board will meet on Monday evening, September 23 at 6:00pm. The meeting will be held at the E.G. Fisher Public Library.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Peggy Jean Wade, age 80, passed away on Friday, September 20, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Peggy Jean Wade.

Helen Leonard Crockett, 92 of Etowah, passed away peacefully and surrounded by loved ones on Thursday, September 19, 2024. She retired from the Department of Agriculture after over 50 years of service. She was the CFO of Crockett & Son Construction Company for over 25 years. She was an active and longtime member of Goodsprings Baptist Church. Graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Monday, September 23 in Goodsprings Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Lee Crowder, 79 of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, September 19 at a local nursing facility. She was a long-time member of Pisgah Baptist Church where she served as the church pianist. She was retired from La-Z-Boy, Inc. with 37 years of service. Per Virginia's wishes, a private memorial service will be held later. There will be no formal visitation. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Crowder Family.

Reverend Ambrose S. (Stewart) Havey, IV, 73, of Athens, Tennessee, died on September 18, 2024. Ambrose was a retired ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. In accordance with his wishes, there will be no funeral or memorial service. Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Ambrose S. (Stewart) Havey IV.

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Athens, Tennessee

Sex Offender WANTED



Jonathan Lee Whitaker (D.O.B. 10/13/1982) is a convicted sex offender that is wanted by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for violating the sex offender registry. His last known location was in Riceville. He is 6'2" tall and weighs approximately 200 lbs. If you know of his whereabouts or can help locate him, please contact the McMinn County Sheriff's Office at (423) 745-5620.

Person Killed After Train Crash in Monroe Co.

A tragic accident occurred in Vonore when a train collided with a vehicle at the Evans Street and Old Slag Road crossing, leaving one person dead. The incident took place at 7:56 a.m. on Friday, September 20, according to a statement from CSX. The train struck a vehicle, killing the driver, though no injuries were reported among the train crew.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) and Vonore Police Department responded to the scene. On Saturday, THP released a preliminary report identifying the victim as 44-year-old Bridgett Pearson. According to the report, Pearson failed to stop at the railroad crossbars and drove through the crossing, striking the train. Her vehicle slid down a gravel embankment as the train came to a stop on the tracks.

"CSX appreciates the swift response of Monroe County. CSX extends its deepest sympathies to everyone impacted by this tragic incident, and we will work to support local law enforcement as they investigate," wrote a spokesperson for CSX. *Source: [WVLT](#)*

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Athens, Tennessee

Vols Defeat Sooners On the Road



In a 25-15 victory, No. 6 Tennessee spoiled No. 15 Oklahoma's SEC debut with a strong defensive performance, overshadowing its typically high-powered offense. The Volunteers, who entered Week 4 as the nation's top-scoring team, managed only six points in the second half through a pair of field goals. However, their defense dominated, forcing three first-half turnovers

and holding the Sooners to -4 yards between the second and third quarters.

Oklahoma's offense found life in the second half after switching quarterbacks from Jackson Arnold to Michael Hawkins Jr. The change sparked a late rally, capped by a touchdown that brought the Sooners within striking distance. However, Tennessee's defense stepped up again, stopping Hawkins on a critical 2-point conversion attempt. Linebacker Arion Carter tackled the quarterback behind the line, effectively sealing the win for the Vols.

Tennessee then recovered the onside kick and ran out the clock, thanks to a crucial 16-yard rush from quarterback Nico Iamaleava on third-and-2. The victory marked Tennessee's first road win against a top-15 opponent since 2006.

Photo Courtesy of Tennessee Athletics/ The Daily Beacon

Football Round-Up

Last Week's Scoreboard

Ooltewah @ Walker Valley 0-35
 Sequoyah @ Howard 4-18
 McMinn Co. @ Oak Ridge 6-31
 Stone Memorial @ Meigs Co. 35-19
 Sweetwater @ McMinn Central 6-56
 Polk Co. @ Oneida : 21-14

This Week's Match-Ups

Friday

Sequoyah (0-5) @ Loudon (5-0) 7pm
 Chattanooga Central (2-3) @ Meigs Co. (3-1) 7pm
 McMinn Co. (1-4) @ Ooltewah (0-5) 7pm
 Walker Valley (4-1) @ Rhea Co. (2-2) 7pm
 Tyner Academy (2-3) @ Sweetwater (1-4) 7:30pm
 McMinn Central (OFF)
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