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## Judge Reprimanded

✓ A Meigs County Judge has been reprimanded by the Tennessee Board of Judicial Conduct for outbursts aimed at a litigant last October. According to a press release, Judge Casey Stokes, referred to Ronald Satterfield as a “tough guy” and stated that he hoped he (Satterfield) would run into someone like yourself one day. Judge Stokes also told Satterfield that “if somebody called your grandfather a SOB we would be in more than a cuss fight, we would be in a fist fight and probably to the death. Satterfield claimed that Judge Stokes mocked his wife’s physical disability by impersonating her movements and that the judge told his daughters to “shut up” as one daughter was trying to explain her mother’s neurological disability and thus the reason for her uncontrolled hand and arm movements in court. Judge Stokes also admitted calling Satterfield a tough guy and said you hoped he would meet someone just like yourself one day. Judge Stokes admitted most of the details to The State Board of conduct which opted for a public reprimand instead of a formal punishment for his actions.

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce first Business Before Hours of 2023 will be this Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Lite House (3 West College Street) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
- ✓ The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in regular and in a planning session, Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The commission will conduct any election business to legally come before the board.

## Lowe Now Represents District 1

Incoming State Senator Adam Lowe (R-Calhoun) took the oath of office last Tuesday in Nashville as the 113th General Assembly was gavelled into session. The oath was administered by the Honorable William C. Koch, Jr. during the first day of the legislature’s organizational session. “It’s an honor to represent the citizens in District 1,” said Lowe. “I will work very hard to remain accessible and open to the citizens I represent. I also look forward to working with Governor Lee and my colleagues to improve opportunities for all Tennesseans.” Lowe represents Bradley, Meigs, McMinn and Rhea counties. Lowe was also appointed by Lt. Governor Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair of the Energy, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and as a member of the State and Local Government Committee as well as the Government Operations Committee. The General Assembly will finish most of their organizational details Friday at the State Capitol. The organizational session will conclude on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> with the inauguration of Governor Bill Lee to his second term on Legislative Plaza. Tennessee law declares that the governor shall take the oath of office on the first Saturday following January 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tuesday:** Cloudy & mild. Possible rain & t’s storm. High 59.

**Tue Night:** Mostly cloudy. Low 51.

**Wednesday:** Cloudy. Possible showers in p.m. High 63.

**Thursday:** Warm. Possible rain & t’s storm. High 67.

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## Obituaries

◆ **Nannie Lucinda Faulkner Cassada**, age 85, of Riceville passed away Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at her residence. She was born in Whitley County, KY. She was a hard worker her entire life. She owned her own businesses from painting and cleaning homes to picture framing. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at Ziegler Funeral Home. She will then be transported to Shirley & Stout Funeral Home in Kokomo, IN. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday in Kokomo. Funeral services will follow at 1:30 p.m. Burial will follow at Kokomo Memorial Park. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

◆ **Margaret Bright**, age 93, of Etowah, passed away Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at Bordwine Funeral Home with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Wyatt David "Nani" Vasquez**, age 5 of Athens, passed away January 14<sup>th</sup>. A Celebration of Life service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at New Life Church of Athens with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. A graveside service will be at noon at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Companion Funeral Home of Athens 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, send it to: [wycliradio@gmail.com](mailto:wycliradio@gmail.com)

## Today In History



Andrew Smith Hallidie of San Francisco, California received a patent for a cable car system on this day in **1871**. The public transportation system was put into operation in the city by the bay in 1873, providing a fast, safe way to travel up and down San Francisco's steep hills.

**1706** - Benjamin Franklin, American statesman, inventor, and scientist, was born. He was the only man who signed all four of the key documents in American history: the Declaration of Independence, the Treaty of Alliance with France, the Treaty of Peace with Great Britain, and the U.S. Constitution. He also published "Poor Richard's Almanac" which contained many wise and witty sayings, such as "Early to bed and early to rise, make a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

**1899** - Gangster Al Capone was born in Italy. During the 1920's, his gang of mobsters dominated bootlegging, gambling, and other illegal activities in Chicago.

**1917** - The U.S. bought 50 of the Virgin Islands from Denmark for \$25-million. Formal transfer of the islands occurred on March 31st. Britain bought the rest of them.

**1927** - Singer Ertha Kitt was born. Her biggest hit record was "Santa Baby." She appeared as "Catwoman" on TV's "Batman" in the 1960's.

### MONDAY'S MARKET REPORT

There is no market report for Monday as the stock market was closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. It will re-open today at 9:30 a.m.



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