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## Law Enforcement Executes Two Drug-Related Warrants in Monroe County



Monroe County law enforcement officials conducted two drug-related search warrants last week, resulting in multiple arrests and significant narcotics seizures.

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According to Monroe County Sheriff Tommy Jones, the 10th Judicial Drug Task Force and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office executed the first warrant on Gamble Road in Madisonville, where officers recovered fentanyl, methamphetamine, and other contraband. One suspect was taken into custody.

A second warrant was executed on Ballplay Road, also in Madisonville, leading to the seizure of a large quantity of methamphetamine, additional narcotics, and drug paraphernalia. Two suspects were arrested at the scene.

Authorities remind the public that all suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Source: [Sheriff Tommy Jones - Facebook](#)

## Celebrating Susan Peglow's Retirement



Susan Peglow, the Veterans Service Officer for McMinn County, is retiring today. She assumed the McMinn County VSO position in 2015.

Susan was named Veterans Service officer of the year in 2019.

Susan is a Veteran of the US Army and formerly was a nurse. Susan is married to Robert Peglow, they have 6 children. Robert is a retired veteran of the US Navy.

A reception to honor her service is being held today, Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post on North Congress Parkway, in Athens. The public is invited to attend.

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## McMinn County Leaders Advance Community Development Through ThreeStar Program



McMinn County officials and community stakeholders gathered on Thursday, March 27 to advance the goals of the ThreeStar program, a state initiative focused on economic and community development. Hosted by the [McMinn County Economic Development Authority](#) and the [Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development \(TNECD\)](#), the meeting brought together Athens Mayor Larry Eaton, Vice-Mayor Jordan Curtis, City Manager Randall Dowling, and other local leaders.

The ThreeStar program emphasizes asset-based planning to strengthen local economies. Discussions centered on infrastructure improvements, small business

support, tourism development, agriculture, and workforce education. Leaders will now refine regional goals to secure grant funding for future projects.

This collaboration highlights McMinn County's commitment to enhancing quality of life and fostering economic growth for residents and businesses alike.

Source: [City of Athens - Facebook](#)

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## VEC Offices to Close for Employee Meeting on April 17



On Thursday, April 17, all VEC offices will be CLOSED for an all-employee meeting. VEC employees will come together and focus on proactively improving the cooperative. This dedicated time allows them to collaborate, learn, and find ways to serve their customers better.

Though their offices will be closed, their call center and dispatch center will still be working to assist with **Morning Fax** urgent matters. Line crews will also be available for emergency work. VEC is working hard behind the scenes strengthening the service and reliability you depend on. They appreciate your patience and look forward to assisting you when they reopen the next business day on Friday, April 18. **Source:** [VEC - Facebook](#)

## MCHSA to Host Special Presentation on Revolutionary War Events



The McMinn County Historical Society invites the public to a special historical presentation on **Sunday, April 6, at 2 p.m.** in the Blue Room of the Courthouse. This event will commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere and the Shot Heard Round the World, two pivotal moments that ignited the American **Morning Fax** Revolution.  
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The presentation will be led by **Jordan Bell Carter, Vice President of MCHSA**, who will provide insights into these significant events and their lasting impact on American history.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact 423-744-3911 or email [mcminncohistory@gmail.com](mailto:mcminncohistory@gmail.com). You're invited to attend and enjoy an afternoon of historical exploration and learning.



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## Five Indicted on Drug and Firearm Charges in Madisonville



Following months of investigation, the Madisonville Police Department's Drug Investigations Division has secured indictments against five individuals on drug

and firearm-related charges.

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Authorities report that the operation led to the seizure of nearly a dozen firearms, along with fentanyl, methamphetamine, and marijuana. The indicted individuals face multiple charges, including conspiracy to distribute narcotics, possession of firearms during a dangerous felony, possession of a firearm by a felon, narcotics resale, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The Madisonville Police Department remains committed to combating illegal drug activity and ensuring the safety of the community. *Source:* [Madisonville PD - Facebook](#)

## Student Charged After Bringing Handgun to Lake Forest Middle School



A student at Lake Forest Middle School in South Cleveland has been charged after bringing a handgun to campus on Thursday, March 27. The Bradley County Sheriff's Office swiftly conducted an investigation, identifying the

student and filing charges. Due to the student's age, their identity will not be disclosed.

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Authorities assure the public that there is no ongoing threat to the school or students. Sheriff Steve Lawson and Bradley County Schools Director Dr. Linda Cash reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring school safety.

Parents are encouraged to discuss with their children the importance of reporting safety concerns to a School Resource Officer (SRO), teacher, or administrator. Officials emphasize that maintaining a secure learning environment is a shared responsibility between students, parents, schools, and law enforcement.

*Source:* [Chattanooga.com](#)

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## From Sweet to Elite: Lady Vols Exit in Sweet 16, Vols Make Historic Elite Eight



The **Lady Vols'** NCAA Tournament journey ended in the Sweet 16 after a hard-fought battle against Texas, falling 67-59. Tennessee started strong, with Talaysia Cooper leading an early run. Despite a third-quarter comeback and a late lead, the Lady Vols couldn't hold off the Longhorns' final surge. Ruby Whitehorn led Tennessee with 16 points, followed by Zee Spearman (13) and Samara Spencer (12). Head coach Kim Caldwell finishes her first season with a 24-10 record.



Meanwhile, the **Tennessee Vols** secured an impressive 78-65 win over Kentucky to advance to the Elite Eight for the second straight year. Zakai Zeigler led the way with a double-double (18 points, 10 assists), while Chaz Lanier (17 points) and Jordan Gainey (16 points) provided key contributions. Tennessee controlled the boards with Felix Okpara grabbing 11 rebounds.

However, Tennessee's Final Four hopes ended against Houston (69-50). The Vols struggled offensively, starting 1-of-12 from the field and trailing by 17-4 early. A second-half rally cut the deficit to 10 points with under six minutes to play, but Houston's hot shooting sealed the game. Lanier and Gainey each finished with 17 points in their final collegiate games. Despite the loss, Tennessee made history by reaching the Elite Eight and securing a 30-win season (30-8), marking one of the most successful campaigns in program history.

Source: [UTSports.com](https://utsports.com)

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## Obituaries

**James Curtis "Jimmy" Elliott**, 71 of Riceville, passed away on Friday, March 28 surrounded by his family. Jimmy served in the ministry for over 52. He served as pastor at Hilltop Baptist church for 11 years. Funeral services will be at 3:00 pm Tuesday, April 1 at Hilltop Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hilltop Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 1, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm prior to the funeral service at Hilltop Baptist Church. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Jimmy Elliott.

**Rebecca Moss Cullom**, 88 of Niota, passed away on Saturday, March 29. She was a lifelong resident of Knoxville and a member of Greater Warner Tabernacle AME Zion Church in Knoxville. She enjoyed cooking and baking cakes, and especially loved eating everything. Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, April 4 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral home. The graveside service will follow in Old Salem Cemetery in Delano. The family will receive family and friends from 12-1 PM in the chapel. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens in charge of arrangements.

**Richard Jay Parker**, 70 of Etowah, passed away on Thursday March 27. He retired from Omni Services and was a member of Allen Memorial United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. He was a member Etowah Masonic Lodge #653, Reliance Masonic Lodge #636, Chilhowee Alhambra Shrine, and Englewood Eastern Star. He was a member of The Gem Players and Athens Community Theater. Funeral services will be 7:00 P.M. Thursday, April 3 at Allen Memorial United Methodist Church. A Masonic service will be held prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospital. The family will receive friends from 5-7 Thursday at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens in charge of arrangements.

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