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## Early Voting Ends Today

Today is the final day to vote early in Tennessee for the November 3rd election. In McMinn County, you can vote today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Election Commission Office, ground floor of the McMinn County Courthouse, or at the Conference Center in Athens Regional Park. The ballot includes elections for President, U.S. Senator & Congressman, State Representative, two Athens City Council seats, and city commission races in Niota and Calhoun. In Decatur, four people are running for three Board of Aldermen seats.

### ◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE - WEDNESDAY PM

Tennessee: 254,220 cases, up 2,446. 3,241 deaths, up 34.

**COUNTY CASES RECOVERED ACTIVE DEATHS**

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,683 up 10	1,432	213	38 +1
Meigs	332 up 2	270	56	6
Monroe	1,507 up 21	1,265	213	29
Polk	533 up 6	464	56	13
Bradley	3,667 up 26	3,345	299	23
Rhea	1,132 up 2	994	119	19 +1

## Community News You Can Use

✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Center says that the tragic wreck in Meigs County on Tuesday has lowered their blood supply. MEDIC currently has less than a two day supply of O Positive blood and less than a one day supply of A Positive blood. It takes 3 to 4 days for blood to be tested, processed, labeled and made ready for distribution. MEDIC is accepting walk-in donors. Appointments can be made online at: [medicblood.org](http://medicblood.org) You can also make an appointment by calling 865-524-3074. The Athens office is located at 213 East Washington Avenue and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their number is 453-5846.



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✓ Because of the weather forecast, several schools will be closed or have modified schedules for today (Thursday). CLOSINGS: Athens City Schools and Kids Connection, McMinn County, Etowah City, Meigs County, Sweetwater, and Valley Christian. Christ Legacy Academy will have a delayed opening at 9 a.m. with classes starting at 9:30 a.m.

✓ The Etowah Carnegie Library will have a cow-themed Facebook Live Storytime and Craft at 4 p.m. today. Grab and Go craft packets may be picked up at the library.

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## Obituaries

- ♦ **Edythe A. Cooper**, age 94, of Etowah, died Tuesday. She worked many years at Copenhaver's Jewelry Store. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Conasauga Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Linda Sue Barnes**, age 69, of Athens, died Monday at her home. There will be no visitation or services at this time. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Willie Ruth Dyke Williams**, age 85, of Athens, died Wednesday at Life Care of Athens. She worked for Independent Life for 29 years and retired from Walmart in Madisonville after 16 years. Arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home
- ♦ **Anna Sue (Meadows) Tilley**, age 76, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Meigs County Memorial Gardens, with visitation 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Decatur Funeral Home.
- ♦ **James Fletcher Womack**, age 87, of Decatur, and formerly of Riceville, died at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Decatur Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service.
- ♦ **Correction for Debbie Haney**, age 67, of Athens: Funeral services will be Saturday, November 21st at 2 p.m. at Woodward Avenue Church of God. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

**THINGS NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE**  
An Athens woman went to the Better Living Center recently to drop some items off at the donation box. She saw what she believed was a cash register drawer filled with money. She did not touch it, but did call Athens police. Police Chief Cliff Couch says the drawer apparently came from a toy cash register, and the money in the drawer was actually play money.

## Meigs Bus Wreck Update

The Tennessee Highway Patrol says the female driver of a Meigs County school bus was killed along with a seven-year-old girl when the bus and a utility vehicle collided on Highway 58 north of Lamontville Road Tuesday afternoon. The THP says the driver of the truck lost control going northbound, then over-corrected, and the truck slid into the southbound lane and hit the bus carrying 22 children. Seven children were injured. Five were airlifted and two were taken by ambulance to Children's Hospital in Chattanooga. Several students were treated and released at area hospitals in Athens and Dayton. Those taken to Erlanger are reported to be in stable condition. United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties has set up a Meigs County Fund to help with needs for the children and families affected by the crash. To donate, go to [www.uwmcminn-meigs.com](http://www.uwmcminn-meigs.com) and click on the donate button and select the Meigs County Fund. You can also text the word MEIGS to 313131. 100% of the funds will go to the families. (THP Photos)



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