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Tuesday is Election Day

The day we pick the President of the United States for the next 4 years is just about here. Also, races at the state federal level as well as several city elections are taking place. According to the Tennessee Secretary of State, Tre Hargett, early voting records have been smashed with over 51% of all registered voters casting ballots early or by absentee. The official numbers are: Early Voting 2,070,339 in person; Absentee 210,428; Total 2,280,767. In McMinn and Meigs Counties, the polls open on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. while in Monroe County they open at 8:00 a.m. All polls in Tennessee must close at 8:00 p.m. Eastern or 7:00 p.m. Central time. Here in McMinn County the official number of ballots already cast were: EV 14,712 AB 1,250 TOTAL 15,962. In Meigs County: EV 3,614 AB 235 TOTAL 3,849. In Monroe County: EV 13,709 AB 1,532 TOTAL 15,241.

◆ COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE SUNDAY P.M.

Tennessee: 261,426 cases, up 754. 3,353 deaths. No Change.

COUNTY	CASES	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
McMinn	1,744	1,516	189	39
Meigs	339	288	45	6
Monroe	1546	1,336	178	29
Polk	542	478	51	13
Bradley	3,754	3,437	293	24
Rhea	1,168	1,041	106	21

Just In Case You Missed It

A unique celestial event occurred on Saturday. It was the first Blue Moon to be seen on October 31st since the year 1944. A Blue Moon refers to something that normally occurs about every 2 1/2 years. When there are two full moons in the same calendar month, the second is called a blue moon. Since it is rare, that's where the phrase "Once in a Blue Moon" comes from. In October, the first full moon is called the Harvest Moon and the second a Blue Moon. On top of that, the planet Mars was easily visible to the naked eye next to the moon. It's the small white dot seen in the upper right corner of the photo.



LISTENING REMINDER: The guest on Main Street Moments on Tuesday will be McMinn County SETHRA director Randy Kincannon. The interview will be heard at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio: AM-1390 FM-94.5 & [ONLINE](#)

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- Wednesday-Etowah-10:30 - 2:00
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- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30
- Friday P.M. MCHS Football Game 6 - 8ish



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Obituaries - continued

♦ **Lois Lorean Bledsoe Womac**, age 84, of Athens, died Friday at her home. She retired from Olin Chemical Corporation after 25+ years of service. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m., Monday at the funeral home.

♦ **Blana Sue Yarbrough Wilson**, age 81, of Athens, died Saturday at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She was a member and organist at the North Athens Baptist Church for over 50 years. A graveside service will be 3:00 p.m. Tuesday in McMinn Memory Gardens. No visitation will be held. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge.

♦ **William Moulton Buchanan**, age 79, of Decatur, died Saturday at a Chattanooga Healthcare Facility. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

♦ **Dale Woods**, age 64, of Riceville, died Sunday in Key West, Florida. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.

♦ **Sir Sean Connery**, age 90, died over the weekend. The announcement was made Saturday from his home in the Bahamas. Connery was the first actor to portray Secret Agent James Bond.

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♦ **Margaret Ann Vogus**, age 66, of Athens, died Friday at Sweetwater Hospital. She worked for Athens Table Company as a stainer. Due to Covid-19, a private graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Sunday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge.

♦ **Hugh Victor King**, age 87, of Athens, died Thursday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War and was retired from Athens Stove Works. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services with full military honors will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday at McMinn Memory Gardens.

♦ **J. W. "Jake" Norwood**, age 91, of Riceville, formerly of Niota and the Mt. Harmony Community, died Friday at his home. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean War in the 621st Engineer Aviation Company. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at Smith Funeral Home with visitation from 12 to 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

FOOTBALL SCORES: McMinn County 41 Bradley Central 25. The Cherokees will play Bearden in the first round of the Class 6A playoffs this Friday at 7 p.m. at MCHS. Meigs County 62 Wartburg 8. Meigs will play Cosby at home in the Class 2A playoffs Friday at 7 p.m. McMinn Central 26 Brainerd 22. Walker Valley 55 Soddy Daisy 0. Tyner Academy 28 Polk County 7. Signal Mountain 20 Sweetwater 7. Bledsoe County 49 Tellico Plains 8. Tennessee had a bye week and will play at Arkansas this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on the SEC Network.

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