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DENSO Employee Tests Positive

Plant 701 at DENSO's Athens facility is back open after being closed temporarily after an employee tested positive for COVID-19. The building was closed over the weekend so a professional third-party cleaning service could thoroughly disinfect the building. A statement from DENSO says the employee last reported to work on April 10th and became symptomatic on April 16th. Because he was not working for six days prior to onset of symptoms, CDC guidelines do not require additional employees to self-quarantine. DENSO is asking its employees to self-monitor for fever or other symptoms and to stay home if they become ill.

CORONAVIRUS INFECTION UPDATE

As of Monday afternoon, there have been 6 cases of the coronavirus in McMinn County. Four patients have recovered. At this point, results from 571 tests in McMinn County show 565 of the tests were negative. Monroe County has 11 cases, with one death and 7 recoveries. Meigs County reports 3 cases, with 2 recovered. Polk County has 5 cases, with 4 recovered. Bradley County has had 37 cases, one death, and 33 recoveries. Statewide, there are now 7,238 cases with 152 deaths, up four from Sunday.

MORE VIRUS-RELATED NEWS

Governor Lee has announced his order for Tennesseans to remain at home will expire April 30th. The vast majority of businesses in 89 counties will be allowed to re-open on May 1st. The other six counties include Shelby, Madison, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, and Sullivan. Health departments in those counties will plan their own re-open strategies. Meanwhile most of Tennessee's 56 state parks will re-open on Friday, April 24th, for day-use only. Visitors will still have to practice social distancing while in the various parks.

Getting Tested for the Virus

A total of 334 people were tested for the coronavirus Sunday afternoon at Athens Regional Park. Free drive-thru tests were given to anyone desiring to be tested. Meantime, free testing continues each day this week from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the McMinn County Health Department off Highway 30 behind the National Guard Armory.

(Photo from McMinn County Mayor John Gentry)



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Obituaries

♦ **Neta Louise Dingess Phillips**, age 62, of McMinn County, died April 14th. She worked in the hospitality industry her entire life. At her request, no formal visitation will be held. The private will hold a private memorial at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **William Perry "Jake" Sanders**, age 64, of Johnson City (and originally from the Parkstown community, died April 15th at a hospital in Johnson City. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and was employed at the VA Hospital in Johnson City. The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Wednesday at M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Athens Public Works Department announces that Tellico Avenue will be closed today (Tuesday) from Railroad Avenue to Astrid Street. The closure will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Detours will be posted. The purpose of the closing is for the Tellico Avenue/Railroad Avenue signalization project.

✓ Clean Up Week continues in the City of Athens and in McMinn County. In Athens, Public Works Department trucks will haul away your unwanted trash if you put it at curbside. County residents can haul trash to the Landfill off County Road 750 at no charge this week.

Truck Hits Power Pole in Englewood

Early Monday morning, the driver of this 2000 Ford F-150 lost control and hit a power pole on W. Athens St. in Englewood. The driver escaped with only minor injuries. The Englewood Rural Fire, AMR, Englewood police, and THP Officer



Ben Harrison investigated. (Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department)

ATHENS CITY COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

The Athens City Council holds its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Citizens are welcome to attend. The CDC and White House guidelines will be followed. Two Council members will be streamed into the meeting. The City of Athens also livestreams Council meetings so citizens can watch the Council conduct the city's business in real time.

TODAY IN HISTORY - APRIL 21st

1509 - England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.

1789 - John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

1836 - An army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

1910 - Author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Connecticut, at age 74.

1918 - Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the "Red Baron" who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was himself shot down and killed while in action over France.

1926 - Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London; she was the first child of The Duke and Duchess of York, who later became King George VI and the Queen Mother.

1930 - Fire broke out inside the overcrowded Ohio Penitentiary in Columbus, killing 332 inmates.

1942 - The first edition of "The Stranger" (L'Etranger), Albert Camus' (al-BEHR' kah-MOOZ') highly influential absurdist novel, was published in Nazi-occupied Paris by Gallimard.

1975 - With Communist forces closing in, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after nearly 10 years in office and fled the country.

1976 - Clinical trials of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C.

1977 - The musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,377 performances.

2016 - Prince, one of the most inventive and influential musicians of modern times, was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis; he was 57.