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Athens, Tennessee

Athens Firefighter Falls 12 Feet



At approximately 9:26 Tuesday morning, Athens Fire Department was dispatched to Adler Pelzer Company for a fire incident. Upon arrival, it was reported that a piece of machinery was on fire. AFD entered the area where the fire was reported. A 14-foot ladder was erected to investigate the cause of

the fire and to determine that the fire had been completely extinguished. Firefighter, Tommy Robinson, was at the top of the properly positioned and heeled ladder and stepping off on to the top of the machine when the ladder shifted. He fell approximately 12 feet, landing on his shoulder and hitting his head on a portable fire extinguisher station. Mr. Robinson was transported, by ambulance, to Starr Regional Medical Center where he was treated for his injuries and released to return to work.

Source: Brandon Ainsworth - Fire Chief, City of Athens

Community News You Can Use

- The 2024 McMinn County Job Fair is taking place today, August 14 at Athens Regional Park from 9 AM - 3 PM. Over 25 Employers are currently hiring and scheduled to attend. Job Seekers can register to attend at the link [HERE](#)
- The deadline to submit an application to Leadership McMinn's Class of 24-25 is on August 19. The program, sponsored by the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, is a great way to learn about our wonderful community and make personal and business contacts that will last a lifetime. Anyone interested in applying can pick up an application at the Chamber's office at 13 N Jackson St.
- The City of Athens is hosting a Meet & Greet TONIGHT with local city officials and candidates for city manager. It will take place at Athens City Hall (815 N. Jackson St.) from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers.

◆ *Hope From the Well* will be hosted this week by **Robin Nation** continuing last week's topic of "The Women at the Well." *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

Rev. Earl H. Graves, 69, of Decatur, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, August 13. Earl served the Lord as a Baptist Minister for many years and loved the many church members he got the privilege to pastor. A funeral service will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, August 15 at Clear Springs Baptist Church (County Road 100, Athens, TN). Interment will follow in the Clear Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 3-5p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Graves Family.

Marc Adams, 87, of Athens, died Sunday, August 11, 2024 at his residence. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force and retired from Athens Products. Marc was a member of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church where he served in various roles. He volunteered with various local organizations and was recognized in 2005 by the City of Athens for his work with the Good Faith Clinic. A Celebration of Life service will be at 2PM on Saturday, August 24 at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. The family will receive friends at a reception in the fellowship hall of the church following the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Marc Adams.

Larry Eugene Brusseau, 74, of Athens, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 8 at his home after a nearly two-year battle with cancer. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving until 1976. Larry spent the majority of his post-military career as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Largo, Fla., retiring in July 2002 after 16 years of service. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m. at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. prior to the service. The family will hold a private graveside service at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Ronnie Allen 'Pinto Bean' Looney passed away peacefully on August 11, 2024, at UT Hospital, surrounded by his loved ones. A lifelong resident of McMinn County, Ronnie was an ardent supporter of the Tennessee Volunteers. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Matthew "Matt" Keith Brown, 50, of Etowah, passed away Saturday, August 10. Matt was a devoted, loving husband, father and son. He was a member of Goodsprings Baptist Church. Funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, August 16 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Grandstaff Named New TWRA Colonel



Dale Grandstaff has been named Colonel of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. He will be responsible for the coordination of TWRA's statewide law enforcement programs. A 26-year veteran of the Agency, Grandstaff

assumed his new role Aug. 4. He will work jointly with the retiring Col. Darren Rider to ensure a smooth transition in leadership during the next month.

"I am excited to start this new role with the agency," Grandstaff said. "I started my career as a field officer and moved up the ranks over the past 26 years and never thought I would have this opportunity. I look forward to putting all of my experiences into helping the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency continue to provide the best outdoor recreation possible to the citizens of this state and all of those that visit."

Grandstaff has been serving as a Boating and Law Enforcement lieutenant colonel since November 2021. He began his TWRA career in 1998 as wildlife officer for Sullivan County. Following graduation from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in 1999, Grandstaff transferred to Montgomery County. He spent most of his career as the Montgomery County wildlife officer and was promoted to a sergeant for TWRA District 21 in 2012. Grandstaff was promoted to District 21 captain in 2015 where he spent the next six years managing one of the busiest districts in the state.

A well-respected leader in the Agency and industry, Grandstaff is active in professional organizations and in his community. He currently serves on the University of Tennessee at Martin Academic Advisory Board for the Natural Resources program. Grandstaff is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation, The Wildlife Society, American Fisheries Society, Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation, and the Tennessee Cattleman's Association.

Col. Rider is retiring at the end of August after a 38-year career with the Agency. He has served in his current role since March 2009.



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- 1862** - Abraham Lincoln receives the first group of African Americans to confer with a US president.
- 1893** - France introduces motor vehicle registration, which includes a driving test.
- 1929** - Jewish Agency for Palestine forms
- 1935** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law., establishing a permanent national old-age pension system through employer and employee contributions.
- 1945** - President Harry S. Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.
- 1997** - Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City bombing.
- 2016** - Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt won the 100-metres at the Rio de Janeiro Games, becoming the first person to win the event in three consecutive Olympics.

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