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Thursday-July 21, 2011

Athens, Tennessee

State & Local News

◆ SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE FOUND AT ARMC

A suspicious package was found in the parking lot at Athens Regional Medical Center around noon Wednesday. The package looked like a ball of aluminum foil and it was beeping. Hospital officials called the Athens Police Department. Officers blocked off the parking lot and called in the bomb squad from Cleveland. The bomb squad used a water cannon to destroy the package. Officers say the aluminum foil had been wrapped around a security device that is used at department stores to keep customers from walking out without paying. They say shoplifters sometimes try to keep the alarm from going off by wrapping it with aluminum foil. They speculate that a shoplifter cut the security device off the item he stole and tossed it into the parking lot, still wrapped in foil.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE

- ✓ The Medic Regional Blood Center will have a blood drive inside the Fellowship Hall at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in downtown Athens on Friday, July 22nd, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- ✓ Riceville Youth Football will have football & cheerleader signups this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in front of the school gym. To play football, children must be ages 4 to 13 as of August first. Cheerleader signups are for ages up to 13.

NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ President Obama met with top Democratic lawmakers again Wednesday as negotiations continue to avert a government default. The White House also indicated Obama would be willing to sign a short-term debt limit increase-something he has opposed-if it's merely a stop-gap measure to allow time for a broader plan to be approved.

◆ In the face of an outcry over so-called "naked" body scans at airports, U.S. authorities have announced plans for a new scanning system that eliminates "passenger-specific images." The new software will use a generic outline of the passenger. The change follows protests and lawsuits over the use of scanners that take full-body X-ray images that show passenger's private parts.

◆ A man convicted of murdering Grand Ole Opry comedian Dave "Stringbean" Akeman and his wife in 1973 has been denied parole for a fourth time. The Tennessee Parole Board voted to deny John Brown early release from his 198-year prison sentence and said he will have to wait another six years to be considered for parole.

◆ Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida are the states with the most toxic air pollution from coal and oil power plants according to a new report by an environmental advocacy group. Tennessee ranks number 15.



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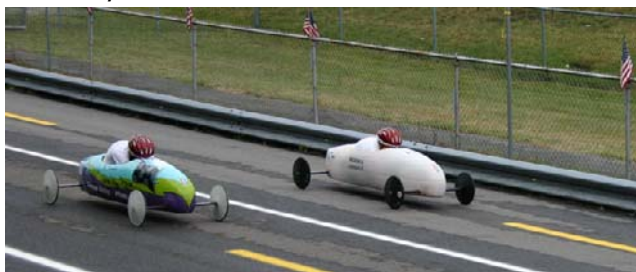
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More Derby Scenes From Akron

Athens Parks Director Austin Fesmire sent us these photos of the Athens racers at the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Below, left, Austin and Morgan Fesmire and Morgan's Super Stock car. Below right, Glenn and Jacob Whiting with Jacob's Stock car. The photos were taken at the top of the hill with the race track in the background.



The photo below shows Morgan Fesmire on the left on the track during her practice run. The actual Derby races will be on Saturday.



Obituaries

Raymond McKee, age 89, of Athens died Wednesday at NHC Healthcare of Athens. He served in the Army during World War II and was plant manager at Athens Mattress for many years. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY - JULY 21

1861 - The first major battle of the Civil War took place at Bull Run Creek in Manassas, Virginia.

1873 - The James-Younger gang, led by notorious outlaw Jesse James, robbed the Rock Island Express train at Adair, Iowa. They escaped with \$3,000. It was the first train robbery in the western U.S.

1899 - Novelist Ernest Hemingway was born. His best-selling books included "The Old Man and the Sea," "A Farewell to Arms," and "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

1922 - Singer Kay Starr was born. Her hit records included "Wheel Of Fortune," "Rock And Roll Waltz," and "My Heart Reminds Me."

1969 - Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin blasted off from the moon aboard the lunar module.

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