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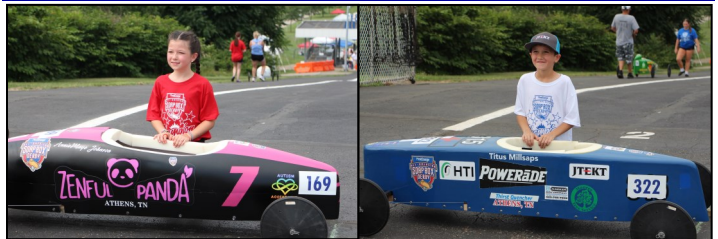
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Derby Week: Day 2 in Akron



The 86th annual *Free Energy All-American Soap Box Derby Race Week* activities continued on Monday in Akron beginning downtown with the Parade of Champions that started at noon. Opening ceremonies took place at 1 p.m. at Cascade Plaza with every champion individually introduced and at 6 p.m., the Champs Event began with "Rock the Rec" taking over The University of Akron and the participants engaging in badge trading. On Sunday, the champions took time to meticulously re-attach the shells of their soap box cars and make any last minute repairs. They participated in a photo shoot and conducted a trial run on the track at Derby Downs. We here at The Morning Fax and WYXI RADIO will be updating you daily on the events happening in Akron. Radio coverage of this week's All American Soap Box Derby can be heard on FM 94.5 and AM 1390 with the help and support of the following sponsors: A&J Body Shop and Wrecker Service, Dooley Tractor Company, Athens Barn Center, Athens Utilities Board, Starr Convenient Care of Charleston and Domino's Pizza.

Pictured are AnnieMaye Johnson (left) and Titus Millsaps (right).
 Pictures courtesy of Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator for the City of Athens.

Community News You Can Use

- The monthly meeting of the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings are held at the AgCentral Farmer's Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., in Athens. The public is always welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend.
- The Athens Utilities Board will convene a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee on Thursday, July 18 at 11:30 a.m.
- The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session TODAY, Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

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Athens, Tennessee

Amazon Hub Joins Athens Area Chamber



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Amazon Hub, located in Athens and the surrounding area. Amazon Hub partners with businesses and helps them earn extra income by assisting with local deliveries of Amazon orders.

Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here left to right are: Karen Sullivan (Athens Chamber), Paul Semenoff (Chamber Diplomat), Lisa Rhea (Chamber Diplomat), Stacey Hester (Chamber Diplomat), McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Karen Soyza (Amazon Hub), Noah (Amazon Hub), Rhonda Wilson, State Representative Mark Cochran, Chuck Becker. Back: Robin Manis, Daniel Atkinson, John Rodriguez (Chamber Board), Hunter Starr (Chamber Diplomat), Stephanie Devine, Doug Bailey (Chamber Diplomat), McMinn County Assessor of Property Keith Price, Kayleigh Heaton (Chuck Fleischmann Field Representative), Larae Graves (Chamber Diplomat), Lisa Becker. (Athens Chamber Photo)

Obituaries

Charles Boggess "Charlie" King, 91 of Decatur, passed away on Sunday, July 14. He was a member of Pisgah Baptist Church, retired from TVA and Me-sa Associates, a local farmer, and an avid NASCAR fan. He served in the United States Air Force for 4 years. The family will receive friends from 10 – 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 17 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Decatur Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the King Family.

Bobbie Jo Wilson Farner, 94 of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, July 12. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 18 at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bobbie Jo Wilson Farner.

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Athens, Tennessee

THP Hits the Field at Neyland



For the American Association of State Troopers (AAST) 11th Annual America's Best Looking Trooper Cruisers Contest, the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) took photos inside the iconic Neyland Stadium, home of the Tennessee Volunteer Football Program. The photo features a 2023 THP Dodge Charger and Lieutenant Eric Miller, who serves in the Knoxville District. Miller is recognizable from his time on the sidelines escorting University of Tennessee Football Head Coach, Josh Heupel.

Voting for the 11th Annual AAST, America's Best Looking Trooper Cruiser Contest, began Monday, July 15, at 10 a.m. EDT and goes through Monday, July 29, 2024, at noon EDT. To cast your vote for the THP, visit bit.ly/votethp. Once on the AAST voting site, scroll down the page to select Tennessee.

Each year, highway patrols and state police organizations across the country compete for the honor of being named America's Best Looking Trooper Cruiser. The 13 states with the highest vote totals will be featured in the 2025 wall calendar with the top state adorning the cover.

The America's Best Looking Trooper Cruisers 2025 Wall Calendar will be available for purchase at statetroopers.org later this year. Calendar sales will fund student scholarships through the American Association of State Troopers Foundation.

For contest updates follow the Tennessee Highway Patrol on social media, Twitter: [@TNHighwayPatrol](https://twitter.com/TNHighwayPatrol), Facebook: [Tennessee Highway Patrol](https://www.facebook.com/TennesseeHighwayPatrol), and Instagram: [@tnhighwaypatrol](https://www.instagram.com/tnhighwaypatrol).

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Team Tennessee at 2024 DYB World Series

Sweetwater's 10u and 12u baseball teams will represent Team Tennessee at the 2024 Diamond Youth Baseball (DYB) World Series, aiming to defend their 2023 titles. This year, the event holds extra significance due to the passing of teammate Ace Mason, who died in January 2024 at the age of eight. In honor of Ace, his name and number were prominently displayed on uniforms and memorabilia throughout the season and state tournament.

"Literally everywhere I turned I felt my creator and Ace," said Lacey Thompson, Ace's mother. "Ace on helmets, in pockets and photos in the dugout. Huddle breaks hearing 'Ace on three!' or '23 on 3!' I was a spectator to a team that gave every ounce of talent and heart they've been gifted."

"We are so excited to watch these young men participate in a once in a lifetime opportunity that they earned. The success of our team would not be possible without the support of our sponsors, community, and the sacrifices made by the families of the players," said Nicki Nile, President, Sweetwater Dixie Youth.

This year's DYB World Series tournament (formerly Dixie Youth Baseball) will be held in Bossier City, Louisiana beginning on July 24. Both teams will be defending their unprecedented 2023 world series titles.

What Day is It?

Today In History - July 16

- 1790** - Congress designated the District of Columbia as the permanent seat of the U.S. government.
- 1872** - Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was born. He discovered the South Pole in 1911.
- 1935** - The first parking meters in the U.S. were installed in Oklahoma City.
- 1945** - The first test of the atomic bomb was conducted at a super-secret base near Alamogordo, New Mexico. The bomb was nicknamed "Fat Boy." A short time later, World War II was hastened to an end when U.S. planes dropped atomic bombs on two Japanese cities.
- 1969** - Apollo 11, the first moon-landing mission, was launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Aboard were astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Michael Collins.
- 1999** - John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife, Carolyn, and her sister died when the single-engine plane Kennedy was piloting plunged into the Atlantic Ocean near Martha's Vineyard, Mass.

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