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Athens, Tennessee

### **Derby Week: Local Challenge Day**



The 86th annual FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby race week activities continued on Wednesday at Derby Downs in Akron with the AAA Local Challenge Day.

Anniemaye Johnson faced off in

three runs against Carmelina Parisio of Columbia, MO and Miranda Edwards of Alpine, CA. Johnson finished second place in all three, defeating Edwards, but finishing behind Parisio by only 0.067 of a second. Titus Millsaps shared similar results, besting Axel Brock of Tallahassee, FL but coming in behind Benson Tharp of Owensboro, KY by only 0.035 of a second.

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. Photo courtesy of Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator for the City of Athens.

### **Community News You Can Use**

- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: JACKSON STREET from Green Street to Washington Avenue and MADISON AVE-NUE from White Street to Green Street. These closures will be on Saturday, July 20 from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. The purpose of this closing is for the Athens Travelers Car Club Cruise-In event. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- This Friday's featured act for the Sounds of Summer Concert Series is Sugar Lime Blue. SLB is redefining Americana, drawing from the three main American stylings of Jazz, Blues and Country, to create a blend of Americana unique to them. Fans of Classic Rock, Blues, and Traditional Country can all find something to enjoy in Sugar Lime Blue. The band takes the stage at the Market Park Pavilion in Athens this Friday, July 19 at 7 pm. See their ad on page 2.
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Monday, September 2 on Highway 39 at County Road 432 at 11 pm. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon weather conditions.



#### WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Thunderstorms. High

Thurs. Night - 30% Chance of Storms. Low 67

Friday - Mostly Cloudy 50% Chance of Storms. High 86.

Friday Night - Mostly Cloudy. Low

More Weather at: wyxi.com



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**McMinn County Living Heritage Museum Upcoming Events** 

LIVE HISTORY SHOW PRESENTS: IN TIME: AN INTERACTIVE HISTORICAL QUEST

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 11 AM - 4PM TICKETS: \$10, CHILDREN UNDER 5 FREE

HISTORY FOR LUNCH STORIES OF A MCMINN COUNTY EDUCATOR WITH MS. ALMA BROYLES THURSDAY, JULY 25TH @ NOON

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hugh M. Willson Family Foundation, and City of Athens

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM 10 AM - 1 PM Saturday: Sunday - Monday:

Closed

Adults: Senior 60+ \$3.00 Students

**More Information** 

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#### Sales Tax Holiday Starting Next Weekend



Tennessee's traditional sales tax holiday begins on Friday, July 26 this year. From that Friday through Sunday, July 28 at midnight, things like clothing, school supplies and computers

may be purchased tax free. The hope is to help those struggling with inflation as we head into a new school year! General apparel that costs \$100 or less per item, such as shirts, pants, socks, shoes, dresses is exempt. School and art supplies with a purchase price of \$100 or less per item, such as binders, backpacks, crayons, paper, pens, pencils, and rulers, and art supplies such as glazes, clay, paints, drawing pads and artist paintbrushes are exempt. Computers for personal use with a purchase price of \$1,500 or less are exempt. Laptop computers, if priced at \$1,500 or less, also qualify as well as tablet computers.

## **Obituaries**

Glinda Faye Farmer Turner, age 75, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 1. She was a lifelong resident of Chattanooga. A memorial service will be held at 11.a.m on Friday, July 26 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services,. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Glinda Turner Family.

Cary Don Hardison, M.D., also called Don, or Doctor Don, or Doctor H, "the doc", or sometimes CD, died on July 15. Dr. Don was 84 years old. After graduating from the University of Tennessee in 1964, he went on to serve in the USAF for 22 years, retiring in 1992. He retired from clinical practice in 2015. In honor of his wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. If any of Don's friends, acquaintances, or colleagues wish to do something to remember Don, he has requested you take your family out to dinner as nothing is as important as quality time with your family. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.







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### TSA Finds 158 Firearms in TN Carry-On Luggage in First Half of 2024

Airport	2024 throughput	2024 firearms
BNA	5,383,055	99
MEM	1,459,752	38
TYS	808,414	10
CHA	304,876	9
TRI	130,428	2
MKL	1,104	0
Tennessee total	8,087,629	158
U.S. total:	443,144,868	3,269

In the first half of 2024, TSA officers at Tennessee airports discovered 158 firearms in travelers' carry-on luggage, a slight increase from 157 during the same period last year. This comes as TSA screened approximately 443.1 million passengers and crew nationwide between January 1 and June 30, marking a 7.3% increase from the 413.1 million screened in the first six months of 2023.

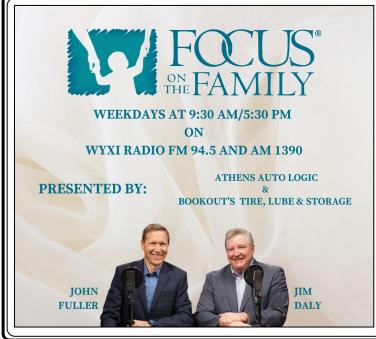
In Tennessee, more than eight million departing travelers were screened in 2024, a 6.9% increase from midyear 2023. Nationally, a firearm was found for every 135,560 passengers screened, while in Tennessee, the rate was one firearm for every 51,188 passengers—more than 2.5 times the national rate.

When a TSA officer detects a firearm on an X-ray screen, local airport law enforcement is immediately notified to respond at the security checkpoint. The officer removes the firearm from the X-ray tunnel and contacts the traveler. The fate of the firearm and traveler is determined by the airport law enforcement agency.

Travelers caught with firearms face potential criminal citations or arrests and civil penalties up to nearly \$15,000 per violation. Factors influencing the penalty include whether the firearm was loaded and if ammunition was accessible. Violators will also have their TSA PreCheck® eligibility revoked for up to five years and undergo enhanced screening in future travels.

Firearms are allowed on commercial aircraft only if unloaded, packed in a locked, hard-sided case, and placed in checked baggage. Replica firearms are prohibited in carry-on luggage and must also be checked. Passengers must declare firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts at the airline ticket counter during check-in.

TSA urges travelers to check gun laws at their destination to ensure compliance and recommends consulting with their airline for specific requirements before flying.



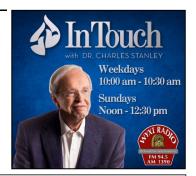




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### What Day Is It?

### **Today In History - July 18**

**1921 -** Astronaut John Glenn was born. He became the first American to orbit the earth in 1962. Ten years after retiring from the astronaut program, he became a U.S. Senator from Ohio and later went into space again in the Space Shuttle.

**1921 -** Babe Ruth achieves 139 home runs with a MLB record 575 feet hit to become the all-time home run leader in Major League Baseball, taking the title from Roger Connor

1938 - Douglas Corrigan earned the nickname "Wrong Way Corrigan" when he landed his plane in Ireland after a 28 hour flight instead of his intended destination of California. He made a wrong turn after taking off from New York.

**1953 -** Elvis Presley pays \$3.98 to make his first demo, at Sun Studio in Memphis, records "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartaches Begin". Reportedly gives the record to his mother as a belated birthday present.

**2013 -** Detroit submitted a claim for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection, the largest such filing for a U.S. city ever; the city officially emerged from bankruptcy the following year.

#### TODAY IS:

- World Listening Day
- National Sour Candy Day



### **Tuesday Morning Incident in Etowah**





On Tuesday, around 6 a.m., A 2005 GMC Yukon and a 2016 Scion iA collided at the intersection of Highway 411 S and County Road 890. The driver of the Scion sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by AMR, but refused medical transport. No injuries were reported from the Yukon.

Responding to the accident were Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Etowah City Fire Departments. The Etowah City Police Department assisted with traffic control. The incident was investigated by THP Officer Ethan Jones.

Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.



