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## Local and Area News

### ◆ IT'S SOAPBOX DERBY WEEK ONCE AGAIN!

The 79th running of the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby will be held this week through Saturday, July 16th. It takes place at the world famous Derby Downs Track in Akron, Ohio. The City of Athens will be represented by Super Stock Champion Ashleigh Turner, Stock Champion Jaxon Long, and Super Kids Champion Haylee Rodgers. Athens Parks and Recreation Director Austin Fesmire will be reporting live from Akron all this week on WYXI RADIO AM-1390 and on our internet stream at: [www.wyxi.com](http://www.wyxi.com) In the photo is Ashleigh Turner enroute to Akron on Sunday. (Photo courtesy of the Athens Parks & Recreation Department)



### ◆ GOOD NEWS FOR MOTORISTS--SORT OF

A spokesman at the Tennessee Department of Transportation tells the MORNING FAX that Ingleside Avenue will be resurfaced, sometime. Once a contract has been awarded, the successful bidder has the option of performing the work within the current paving season or they could wait until next spring. Meanwhile, resurfacing Highway 305 between Congress Parkway and I-75 won't fix the problems there. TDOT says the subgrade will have to be repaired which will require a major construction project.

## NATIONAL & WORLD NEWS

◆ Thousands of demonstrators flooded the streets of major U.S. cities over the weekend, protesting the recent killings by police of black men in suburban St. Paul, Minnesota and in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A demonstration in St. Paul took a very violent turn, with participants hurling Molotov cocktails, fireworks, rocks, glass bottles, concrete slabs, and bricks at riot gear-wearing police officers. Over 200 arrests were made in both cities.

◆ Meanwhile, in Dallas, Texas, police officials say that the sniper that shot 12 of their police officers, and killing five of them, was killed after barricading himself inside a building. The shooter told hostage negotiators he was angry about recent shootings of black men by police and that he wanted to kill white people, especially police officers. After the hours-long standoff with law enforcement, the shooter was killed by officers who detonated a bomb delivered by a robot, which appears to be the first time this tactic was used by civilian police in the U.S.

◆ Russia has expelled two American diplomats after the United States kicked out two Russian embassy staff to protest an incident in which a Russian police guard apparently tackled a U.S. diplomat outside its embassy in Moscow.

◆ The Democratic Party is on track to ratify what is arguably its most liberal/progressive policy agenda in modern history, after the committee tasked with writing the platform document finished its final round of amendments and votes over the weekend.

◆ A Delta Airlines flight from Atlanta to Denver was diverted to Tulsa after multiple passengers reported feeling ill simultaneously.

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 \*Dinner includes barbecue, baked beans, slaw, dessert & a drink.

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## Recent Reader Submitted Photos

Many thanks to our readers that have sent us photos recently. We appreciate you reading our publication and for sending us interesting photos. We're not able to publish them all, but we will consider any that you send us. You can email your photos to: [wyxi@bellsouth.net](mailto:wyxi@bellsouth.net)



Richard and Elaine Newman of Athens attended a very touching tribute and funeral at Arlington National Cemetery for a comrade of Richard's. Navy Captain Loyal Blackwood was a former JAG Officer.

Jennifer Hardison of Athens snapped this photo of a Hummingbird feeding on a Zinnia in her backyard.



Julie Frew-Massey, formerly of Athens, took this photo of country music group Confederate Railroad when they performed in Decatur on July 4th.

## Obituaries

- **Johnny (Johnathan) Ivan Hyler**, age 47, died last Friday. He had lived in Vermont for the last six years and worked for more than 20 years as an Information Technology Security expert. A graveside service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Riceville Cemetery with visitation from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. prior to the graveside service at Smith Funeral Home.
- **Benny Mack Ricker**, age 61, of Athens, died last Friday at Spring City Care and Rehabilitation Center. He was a native of Meigs County and was a lifelong resident of Meigs and McMinn Counties. Funeral services will be Monday at 7 p.m. at Ziegler Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. at Ziegler.
- **Frances Roderick**, age 97, of Athens, died Sunday at Life Care of Athens. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ziegler Funeral Home.
- **Donna "Granny" Jean Rhoden**, age 70, of Ten Mile, died last Friday at her residence. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Bowers Funeral Home with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. prior to the service at Bowers.

### ◆ I-75 CLOSED FOR ALMOST 5 HOURS

A 2 vehicle collision between a Nissan Pathfinder and a Ford F-350 on Friday afternoon at Sweetwater exit 62, closed both sides of I-75 for almost 5 hours. Two adult males were transported to area hospitals. Traffic on U.S. 11 was reported as a "snail's pace."

**Early Voting July 15th thru July 30th**

*I would deeply appreciate your complimentary vote on August 4th.*

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