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Monday, July 24, 2017

Athens, Tennessee

Local & State News

◆ HAYLEE RODGERS WINS NATIONAL TROPHY

The City of Athens now has a national winner from the All American Soap Box Derby. Haylee Rodgers, age 17, won the championship race in the Super Kids Division at Akron, Ohio on Saturday. Haylee is shown in the photo receiving the trophy. Congratulations, Haylee! In the Super Stock Division, Haley Webb, (bottom, left) age 13, of Englewood, was able to compete in two heats at the All American Soap Box Derby and Zachary Newman, age 8, (below, right) of Englewood, made it through the first round in the Stock Division. (Athens Parks Department Photos)



National & World News

◆ A semi-tractor trailer truck with 38 people inside, including 2 school-age children, were discovered Sunday morning at a Walmart parking lot in San Antonio, Texas. Eight people were already dead and 17 of the other 30 were taken to area hospitals in critical condition. Police say it was one of the worst cases of human trafficking that they had ever seen. The truck driver was arrested.

◆ President Trump presided Saturday at the commissioning of the Navy's first new aircraft carrier in 40 years, the U.S.S. Gerald R Ford. Trump declared that the massive ship ensures that "if a fight does come... we will win."

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The Cherokee Beekeepers Association and the Ocoee Beekeepers Association will have a joint meeting at the McMinn Senior Center in Athens tomorrow, July 25th, at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Clarence Collison, retired professor of entomology.

✓ The guests on Tuesday's "Chamber Chat" radio show will be Mark and Tiffany Plaster of 2 Dudes BBQ. You can hear "Chamber Chat" at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio, AM-1390, FM 94.5 and on the web: [LISTEN LIVE](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

Major Fire Damages Shopping Center

A large fire erupted about 12:50 a.m. Saturday at the Spring Creek Shopping Center which is located north of Niota on U.S. Highway 11 near the McMinn-Monroe County line. Units from the Niota, Athens, Englewood Rural, North McMinn, and Christianburg Fire Department from Monroe County all responded. The fire took about four hours to extinguish and involved two of the stores in the center, while the rest suffered heavy smoke damage. Niota Fire Training Officer Chad Gates was in charge of the scene.



The above photo was submitted by Lynn Ingram with the Englewood Rural F.D. and the photo on the left submitted was sent by John Case with the Niota Rural F.D.

Obituaries

♦ **Kirby Leonard Sweatt, Sr.**, age 86, of Athens died Thursday at Hospice of Chattanooga. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1948 -1952 aboard the U.S.C.P. Cecil. He was an electrical engineer and was involved in the Apollo 11 moon project. He had worked at Beaunit Fibers in Etowah and was the owner and operator of Sweatt Electronics in Athens until his retirement in 2008. Funeral services were held Saturday at Fairview Baptist Church with interment in the McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Larry Lee Key**, age 69, a lifelong resident of East Tennessee, died last Thursday. He was a veteran who served in the U.S. Army. A Celebration of Life Service will be Monday at 6 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland with visitation to begin at 4 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home in Cleveland.

ANOTHER PIGFOOT STORY

One of our MORNING FAX readers, who wants to remain anonymous, said he was doing some yard work on Saturday and noticed a big "mud hole" in his yard. (He lives next to the Athens City Middle School) He said that there's no doubt that Pigfoot has been sleeping or wallowing in his yard. You be the judge!



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