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Athens, Tennessee

FRIENDLY CITY FESTIVALS PRESENTS AUTHENTIC UNLIMITED BAND SATURDAY

Friendly City Festivals announces the fourth concert in the 13th Annual Sounds of Summer series will feature fan favorite Authentic Unlimited.



The concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 S. Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a toe tapping, hand clapping night of entertainment. Food truck will include 2 Dudes BBQ and Kona Ice.

Authentic Unlimited is a dynamic bluegrass band that blends rich harmonies with skillful instrumentation to create a sound that is both timeless and innovative. Comprised of seasoned musicians, the band brings a deep rooted passion for traditional bluegrass, infused with fresh energy. Having earned recognition with the International

Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) awards and Dove Awards nominations, the band's talent and dedication to their craft is widely celebrated in the bluegrass community. Their heartfelt lyrics and soulful melodies resonate with audiences, offering an authentic musical experience that speaks to both old and new generations of bluegrass fans. With the release of their latest album So Much for Forever, Authentic Unlimited continues to leave a lasting impact on the bluegrass music scene.

The remaining lineup in the 2025 Sounds of Summer series is:

Saturday, August 9th-Kinslee Melhorn

Saturday, August 16th-Nate Viele and Mendingwall

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens Tourism Fund, McMinn County Tourism Board, Madison Avenue Pharmacy, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farm, DENSO, Tonya Phenix/Senior Advisor Insurance, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Simmons Bank, Pendletons Playground, Simmons Wealth Management Group, WarrenJackson CPAs, Athens Kiwanis Club, Athens Insurance and The Retirement Guys.

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Soap Box Derby News FROM Akron

Thursday afternoon, the champs headed back to Derby Downs for the Pinewood Derby races and Topside Show where members of the racing community, families, volunteers, and staff all are able to view each competitors' cars and vote for their favorites. The All-American staff hosted 20 different races with the mini cars that the champs each built, and our Athens Race Team had an exciting outcome as Silas Millsaps won his race! (See Photo at left) Silas defeated the seven other champs in his bracket and received a championship trophy crafted from the

floorboard of a recycled Soap Box Derby car. Below photos are at Pinewood Racing
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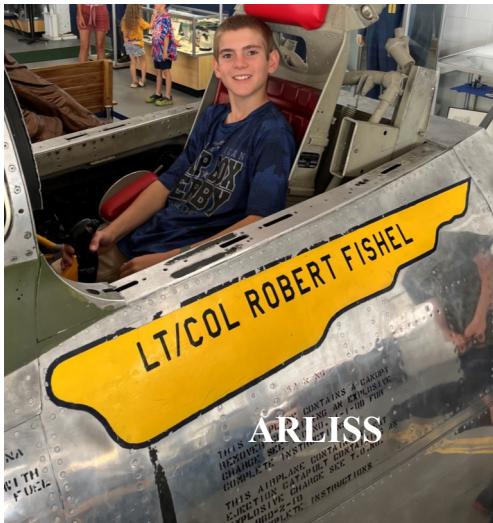
Athens, Tennessee

Soap Box Derby Champs Visit Military Aviation Museum

Today, Super Stock Champ Arliss Douglas will head to Topside for his car re-alignment, official wheel selection, and weigh-in and Stock Champ Silas Millsaps is checking in at Noon. Both champs will have an hour to work on their cars due to their VIP status they achieved, and we will have reports throughout the day on how their final inspections are progressing. Listen to WYXI RADIO FM 94.5 AND AM 1390 on Saturday for the Stock and Super Stock races at the All American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio, sponsored by A&J Body Shop & Wrecker Service, Athens Barn Center, Athens Utilities Board, Domino's Pizza, Dooley Tractor Company, and Starr Cardiology Associates,

Below are photos of the kids taking in the sights and sounds of Akron as they spent the morning at the Military Aviation Preservation Society Museum. See Photos below.

Source: Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator for the City of Athens.



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