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It's the All American Soap Box Derby Week



Since the final whistle was blown closing out the 29th annual Athens Soap Box Derby, winners Titus Millsaps, AnnieMaye Johnson and Breylin Hagerty have been preparing for the International Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. The 86th annual FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby World Championships are being held this week with check-in having taken place on Sunday, July 14 and races concluding on Saturday, July 20. The Soap Box Derby is a youth-oriented gravity car racing program which has been running in the United States since 1934. This year, the first Athens champion to be crowned was Breylin Hagerty in the Super Kids Division. Super Kids are special needs children who race in two seat cars driven by experienced Derby drivers. Titus Millsaps won the Stock Division Championship winning 8 of 9 races, including 5 sudden death matchups on the way to the title. AnnieMaye Johnson won the Super Stock division racing drivers twice her size and age as an 8-year-old, the youngest and smallest in her division. Both Millsaps and Johnson are making return trips to Akron. Millsaps won in a repeat of last year's race and Super Kids are allowed to return to race in the same division. Johnson moved up to Super Stocks after winning the Stock Division title in 2023. We wish our local winners good luck with their races this week and 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.



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Trump Survives Assassination Attempt

Former President and presumptive Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump was only minutes into a rally speech in Pennsylvania when he was grazed by a gunshot that took him to the ground. The bullet came from a nearby rooftop and killed one spectator and left two others critically injured. A Secret Service sniper promptly shot and killed the assassin, since identified as 20-year-old Thomas Matthew Crooks, of Bethel Park, Pennsylvania. FBI officials have said that Crooks used an "AR-style rifle" that was legally purchased by the gunman's father. The FBI released a statement in which they believe the gunman acted alone. Before shots rang out, rally goers noticed the man climbing to the roof with a gun and warned local law enforcement. An officer climbed to the roof and confronted Crooks who pointed his rifle at the officer. The officer then retreated down the ladder and Crooks proceeded to quickly take a shot at the former President when he was then shot by Secret Service. As of the publishing of this article, no particular motive has been announced by officials. However, Crooks was confirmed to be a registered Republican voter in the Pennsylvania voter registration logs. The FBI says that the shooter's family is fully cooperating with their investigation. President Joe Biden on Sunday called for Americans to "unite as one nation" and vowed a "thorough and swift" investigation into the gunman's motives and an "independent review" of Secret Service security measures ahead of the Republican National Convention this week.

What Day is It?

Today in History - July 15

1606 - The Dutch painter Rembrandt was born. His best-known painting is called "The Night Watch."

1779 - Clement Moore was born in New York City. He wrote the popular Christmas poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas," also known as "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

1799 - French soldiers in Egypt discovered the Rosetta Stone, which proved instrumental in deciphering ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs.

1912 - The U.S. team led by Jim Thorpe won more medals than any other nation at the Olympic Games in Stockholm, Sweden.

1965 - Mariner 4, an uncrewed space probe launched by NASA in 1964, flew by Mars and returned close-up pictures of its surface on this day in 1965, the pictures proving that the planet's rumored canals were actually illusions.

2006 - Cofounders Jack Dorsey, Evan Williams, and Biz Stone publicly launched their online microblogging service Twitter, and within the following decade it had more than 300 million users.



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Obituaries

Dorothy Fay Dawson Frisbie, 98 of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, July 12. She was the oldest living member of Union McMinn Baptist Church. Dorothy loved to cook, was a great cake decorator, and loved to crochet. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 12:00-2:00 PM at Union McMinn Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the church. Interment will follow funeral services at Niota Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Dorothy Fay Dawson Frisbie.

Barry Dale Greene, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 8th. He was a former dirt track racer, and never turned down the opportunity to help others while asking for little in return. A visitation was held July 14th from 2-4pm at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens. A celebration of life will occur at a later date to be announced in the days to come. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Alesia Annette (Tally) Butler McNelley, 62 of Ten Mile, passed away on July 10. She was employed at K-25 Oak Ridge Facility for 11 years and VEC as an executive assistant, for 24 years, retiring in 2021. She was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School, Bible School, and wrote and directed many church Christmas plays. Funeral Services were held on Sunday, July 14 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Ten Mile. Interment followed at Butler-Reed Cemetery. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens was in charge of the arrangements.

Paul Richard Tilley, 82 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, July 9, at his residence. He retired from Tilley's Insurance Agency. Funeral services were on Saturday, July 13 in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment was at McMinn Memory Gardens. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens was in charge of arrangements.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on Main Street Moments: Diane Hutsell, Executive Director of the McMinn Senior Activity Center will join host Sandra Kinney. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Peoples Bank Announces New President and CEO



Chris White, Chairman of Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, has announced the promotion of Jeremy Callais to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Chairman White said "This leadership change will ensure that the bank continues to serve the area as the premier locally-owned community bank. It will also provide long-term continuity of the commitment the bank has had to its customers, employees, and shareholders in each of these communities. Jeremy Callais brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of community banking to this role. His tenure at Peoples Bank over the past three years has been marked by exemplary service and a strong dedication to fostering customer relationships and driving the bank's vision forward.

Under Callais' leadership, Peoples Bank will continue to prioritize exceptional customer service and maintain an atmosphere of family within the bank's entire staff. Callais stated "I have a strong desire to lead the bank into its next chapter and beyond. With our incredible management team, along with all of the bank's wonderful employees, we will continue to provide our customers with the best 'local community bank' experience and unparalleled community involvement".

Chris White, who has served as CEO and Chairman, will continue as Chairman and will be working closely with Mr. Callais and the management team on a daily basis. White expressed his gratitude for the support he has received over the past 24 years and asked everyone to extend the same support and dedication to Jeremy. "Our strong management team is a great strength for the bank, and I am excited about the future success we will achieve under Jeremy's leadership as President and CEO. He has had extensive experience as a community banker and has served as the President of a community bank for several years, notably the last three years as President of Peoples Bank. We are very fortunate to have him here at Peoples Bank" said White. Jeremy and his wife Casie reside in Maryville and have three daughters, Sinclair, Charlotte, and Evangeline.

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Sugar Lime Blue for Sounds of Summer



Friendly City Festivals announces the sixth concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer will feature Nashville based husband-wife duo Sugar Lime Blue.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 South White Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. this Friday, July 19th. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets family and friends for a toe tapping night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will include Kona Ice, Magnolia Cookies and Roots Puerto Rican Food.

Sugar Lime Blue has a strong presence in the Americana / Jam Band scene having played national and regional festivals for years. With four studio albums, nearly 1,000 performances and over a decade of experience, Sugar Lime Blue is redefining Americana, drawing from jazz, blues and country to create a purely unique sound. Fans of classic rock, blues and traditional country will find all three with SLB.

The remaining Sounds of Summer line up is:

- July 26th Second Wind Band
- August 2nd Will Carter
- August 9th Tim Hughes Quartet
- August 16th Trailer Hippies
- August 23rd Mending Wall
- August 30th The Dexter Thomas Band

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