

State & Local News

◆ READY TO RACE IN AKRON!

All-American Soap Box Derby activities continue through the week in Akron, Ohio, leading up to Saturday's races. Athens is represented by Stock Champion Zachary Newman, Super Stock Champ Haley Webb, and Super Kids Champion Haylee Rodgers. Haylee will be racing on Friday. The photos below show Hayley Webb and her car being weighed, and Zachary Newman and his parents. You can hear reports daily from Akron and live coverage of the races on Saturday involving the Athens youngsters on WYXI Radio, AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

(Photos by Austin Fesmire)



National & World News

◆ Vice President Pence is demanding that Congress "step up" and "do its job" by taking action to repeal ObamaCare after the collapse of the Republicans' latest health care bill. Pence says he and President Trump fully support Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's plan to repeal ObamaCare now and replace it later.

◆ A robot that had been "hired" to patrol a Washington, DC, office building made quite a splash this week when it rolled into a fountain and took a dip. In doing so, the robot ended its life. The Knightscope K5 is used by the security industry to patrol locations such as malls and office parks. It stands about five feet tall and weighs 300 pounds. Its rocket-like shape makes it difficult for the robot to get up after it topples over.

◆ An American from California has gotten himself in hot water in Thailand by posting video on YouTube of flattening coins on railroad tracks. Police charged him with railway obstruction, trespassing, and damaging railway property.

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

✓ The McMinn/Meigs Ag Roundtable will meet Thursday, July 20th, at 7 a.m. at Shoney's. The guest speaker will be State Rep. John Forgety. The public is invited. Breakfast is Dutch treat.



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Mother Nature Ends Bike Ride

Johnny and Becky McGrew began a bike ride on the Eureka Rails to Trails Monday morning. However, their ride was cut short by Mother Nature when they discovered the trail was blocked by a tree. They sent us the photo below.



Obituaries

• Arnold Ray Vincent, age 74, of Athens, died Monday at Tennova North Hospital. He was a representative of Cosmetic Supplies. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Donald K. Rogers**, age 74, of Riceville, died Monday at Life Care Center of Athens. He was an Army Veteran and served in Korea and Vietnam. He retired from Thomas & Betts after 39 years. Funeral services will be at 8 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home in Decatur, with visitation from 6 to 8 p.m.

• **Randal Dale Carroll**, age 57, of Etowah, died Monday at his residence. He was an Army Veteran and worked at Mayfield Dairy Farms and Waupaca. Funeral services will be 7 p.m. Thursday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

• **Trudy Maier Miller**, age 88, died last Saturday in Crossville. She was born in Germany and moved to Etowah in 1963. She worked for Charles Barnes Construction, Beaunit, and Johnson Controls. A celebration of life will be held this Saturday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens. A gathering of family and friends will be held in the fellowship hall at 1 p.m., with funeral services at 2 p.m. Hood Funeral Home in Crossville is in charge.

• Judie Kaye Jack Goforth, age 63, of Athens, died July 5th. A celebration of life service will be 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge.

• John Martin Sheppard, 66, of Sweetwater, died Tuesday at Fort Sanders Medical Center. He was a truck driver. A celebration of life will be held Friday at 5:30 p.m. at Companion Funeral Home of Athens, with visitation from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

