



ARMS UP AT DERBY DOWNS

The FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby champions (from left): Tyler Peterson of Bowling Green, Ky., in Rally Super Stock; Kelsey Settles of Owensboro, Ky., in Rally Masters; Lucas A. Ramey of Hanson, Ky., in Rally Stock; Kristi Murphy of Concord Township in Ultimate Speed; Ally Neumann of Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, in Super Kids; Annabelle Herron, of Roanoke, Va., in Local Stock; Karlye Murphy of Rochester, N.Y., in Local Super Stock; and Bailey Martin of Arlington, Mass. | KAREN SCHIELY/Akron Beacon Journal photos



Karlye Murphy, 10, of Hilton, N.Y., and racing for the Rochester West team, hugs her mother, Amy Sawyer, after winning the title in the Local Super Stock division on Saturday at Derby Downs.

Newest crop of champions crowned at 78th All-American competition; three winners hail from Kentucky

By Rick Armon and Jimmy Miller

Beacon Journal staff writers

In 77 years of the FirstEnergy All-American Soap Box Derby, Kentucky had not produced a world champion.

Oh boy, did that change Saturday.

The Bluegrass State swept the rally division, winning three of the six first-place trophies at a sweltering Derby Downs in Akron.

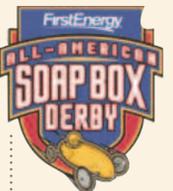
Kelsey Settles, 18, of Owensboro, who won the rally masters division, attributed the feat to teamwork.

"We all really work together to get better," she said just before accepting her winner's jacket. "We all give each other advice and help each other, and it has produced three world champions."

Her father, Chris Settles, who co-directs the Owensboro race, credited the wins to his community constructing a hill a few years ago where kids can practice.

"When we built it, we told them that we'd bring a champion back to Owensboro," he

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Derby honors 87-year-old Army veteran, Stow resident Rowland, who was in attendance at first races 80 years ago in Tallmadge, as a special guest at the 2015 competition. **Page A4**

Agents detail hardships of Akron buffet workers

Poorly paid employees at Chapel Hill restaurant lived 14 to house with some in basement, garage

Beacon Journal staff report

In a small two-story home near Akron's Chapel Hill Mall, as many as 14 people would arise daily and prepare for a long day of waiting tables, cooking food and washing dishes.

Some worked 11 hours, six days a week, and for that would receive less than \$6 dollars an hour.

Sometimes, there was a ride in a maroon Dodge Caravan from their Annapolis Avenue home to the restaurant less than a mile away.

Other times, they walked.

They were distinctive: mostly Asians

and a few Hispanics.

In the house, the Asians lived upstairs; the Hispanics lived either in the basement or the one-car garage.

Neighbors say they all appeared to be men.

One neighbor surmised it was several individuals trying to save money, but residents of the street confess that they knew little about the comings and goings of these mostly young people for the 10 years they made the trek back and forth to the restaurant.

That is, until rumors circulated that agents had visited the house on an un-

seasonably warm and rainy February day in 2013.

Details are sketchy as to what was found and the scope of the investigation, except that a federal grand jury has indicted four people on charges of illegally employing undocumented workers who might have been acquired through a national network involved in the trade of young, cheap labor.

The search occurred more than two years ago, and it wasn't until May of this year that the indictments were handed

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Obama mixes key messages with heritage in Kenya visit

In first trip to father's homeland since taking office, U.S. president introduced to some new relatives

By Julie Pace
Associated Press

NAIROBI, KENYA: President Barack Obama mixed blunt messages to Kenya's leaders on gay rights, corruption and counterterrorism Saturday with warm reflections on his family ties to a nation that considers him a local son. He foreshadowed a focus on Kenya in his post-White House life, saying, "I'll be back."

Obama's comments during a news conference with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta reflected the unusual nature of his long-awaited visit to this East African nation. His official agenda has been sprinkled with opportunities to reconnect with his late father's sprawling Kenyan family, including



President Barack Obama (left) puts his arm on the shoulder of Kenya President Uhuru Kenyatta as the two leave after speaking to the media. | BEN CURTIS/Associated Press.

some meeting the American president for the first time.

"There are cousins and uncles and aunts that show up that you didn't know existed, but you're always happy to meet," Obama said. "There were lengthy explanations in some cases of the connections."

Obama did little to paper over policy differences with Kenya's govern-

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High Low
85 64
Storms in spots

Monday
High Low
87 66
Partly sunny

Tuesday
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90 67
Humid, sunny

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