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## Four Arrested at Sweetwater Walmart in connection to Stolen Vehicle, Alabama Crimes



On Thursday, August 22, Sweetwater Police officers apprehended four individuals in connection with a stolen vehicle at the local Walmart. The vehicle, a black Chevrolet Camaro, was reported stolen out of Alabama.

Officers identified two male suspects who had left the Camaro in the parking lot and entered the store. The men later joined two female companions in a white Nissan Altima. All four individuals were detained for questioning.

Upon investigation, it was revealed that the two males, convicted felons from Alabama, were each in possession of a firearm. Further inquiries uncovered that one of the men was wanted for questioning regarding a serious home invasion in Eufaula, Alabama, during which a victim was shot multiple times.

The four suspects now face multiple charges, including weapon offenses, theft, driving violations, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Source/Photo Credit: [Sweetwater Police Dept. - Facebook](#)

## Community News You Can Use


- Old National Bank and the leadership of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church have met and have established an account for anyone that would like to make a monetary donation to assist the church going forward. The church suffered a total loss in a structural fire and is working to rebuild. Donations can be made at any Old National Bank office or mailed to Old National Bank, 106 West Washington Avenue, Athens, TN 37303. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is having their Annual Turkey Shoot beginning on Saturday, September 14, from 8am-12 Noon each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387.

◆ This week, *Hope From the Well* will feature **Robin Nation** with guest **Connie McIntosh** discussing "Children's Blessing." *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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## Fleischmann Tours Athens Hospital



Pictured L to R: David Alley, CFO SRMC, John McLain, CEO SRMC, U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann and Deborah Vaughn, CNO SRMC.

U.S. Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN) visited Starr Regional Medical Center (SRMC) in Athens, Tenn., Monday, August 26, 2024. During his visit, Fleischmann met with hospital leaders and toured the facility.

“I was honored to be invited to visit Starr Regional Medical Center and meet with the dedicated staff who are providing excellent health care services to Athens, Etowah, and McMinn County. Robust, high-quality rural health care is critical for countless East Tennesseans, and I am proud to use my senior position on the Health and Human Services subcommittee of Appropriations to strongly champion rural health care providers and ensure every Tennessean can access quality health care no matter where they live. I thank Starr Regional Medical Center for their great work caring for our community,” said U.S. Representative Chuck Fleischmann. *Source: Starr Regional Medical Center*

## Obituaries

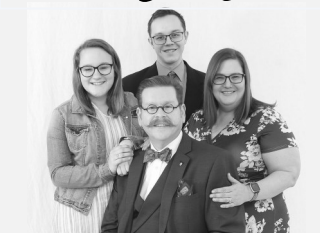
**Gary Dwayne Phillips**, 57, went home to his Lord and Savior on August 10, at his home in Atlanta, Ga. Gary joined the United States Marines and served his country in Operation Desert Storm. While in the Marines, Gary earned several medals and accolades. Funeral services will be held Sunday, September 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens. The family will receive before the service from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow the service at McMinn Memory Gardens with Marine honor guard. Services of loving memory entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home –Athens, TN.

**Derek Mizerak**, 25 passed away Thursday, August 22, at home. He recently moved to Etowah. He enjoyed online gaming with friends, loved nature and had a newfound interest in exploring the East Tennessee Mountains. A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2024, in the chapel of Good Samaritan Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Robert Waylon Cox**, age 47 of Etowah, passed away, Tuesday, August 27. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 29, in Sunrise Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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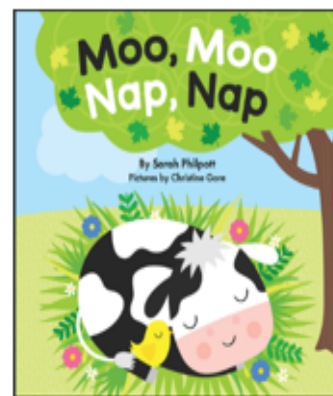
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**Vadra Jane Barnett Walden**, age 64, of Niota, went to be with the Lord on Monday, August 26. She was a long-time member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She enjoyed thrift shopping, cooking, and loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 30, in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m., prior to the service on Thursday. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Walden Family.

**William Max Riden**, age 80, native of Athens and longtime resident of Chattanooga, passed away on Monday, August 26. He was retired from Combustion Engineering and a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #43. William was of the Baptist faith. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 AM on Thursday August 29 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 11:00 A.M. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of William Max Riden.

**Sarah Levina Myers Pritchett**, age 70, of Maryville, TN, passed away on Tuesday, August 27, after a long battle with cancer. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 30, in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Rocky Springs Cemetery in Ten Mile, TN. The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Pritchett Family.

## Arrest Reports

**Robin Lamb**, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation and Aggravated Domestic assault. Total Bond: \$18,372.68

**James Smith**, 36 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Meth, Filing False Reports, Violation of Probation and Traffic Violations. Total Bond: \$14,750.90

**Douglas Sutton**, 58 of Athens, was arrested by the THP for DUI, Failure to maintain lane. Total Bond: \$2000.

**Michelle Miller**, 49 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,000.

**Matthew Hanley**, 29 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000

**Allen McLemore**, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation and Unpaid Child Support. Total Bond: \$5,652.95

**Kari Schirber**, 51 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,867.35

**Nicole Petrone**, 38 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Reckless Endangerment, Vandalism over \$1,000. Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.

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