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## Local & Area News

◆ **FORMER CALHOUN OFFICERS CHARGED**  
Special agents from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation have obtained indictments against two former members of the Calhoun Police Department. At the request of 10th District Attorney General Stephen Crump, TBI agents began investigating former chief, Julie Tanksley, and former officer, Charles Godsey, on April 8th, 2015. During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that Tanksley and Godsey extorted two people they had arrested by seizing personal property until the arrestees contributed money to the police department's drug fund. The McMinn County Grand Jury returned indictments, charging Tanksley and Godsey with two counts of Extortion. They were arrested, and then released on \$4,000 bond. They are pictured below, with Tanksley on the left and Godsey on the right. Tanksley is currently the police chief of Graysville, TN.



## National & World News

◆ President Trump called for unity in the fight to "stomp out Islamic extremism" in a speech to the leaders of 50 Muslim countries in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Sunday. Trump described extremism as a "battle between good and evil." He called on the leaders to "drive out the terrorists from your places of worship."

◆ North Korea fired a medium-range missile over the weekend. The missile traveled about 310 miles and landed in the Sea of Japan.

◆ The City of New Orleans has removed a statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee, the last of four Confederate monuments in the city.

◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:**

- ✓ The parking spaces on the left side of Jackson Street from Bank Street to Madison Avenue will be blocked off from today, May 22, through Thursday, June 22nd, for construction work on the former Cherokee Hardware building at the corner of Madison and Jackson.
- ✓ Ingleside Pool will open on Wednesday, May 24th, at 12:15 p.m. for the annual Pools-In/Schools-Out day with free admission to everyone. Pool hours will be 12:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Wednesday's hours are 12:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.
- ✓ The monthly meeting of the Cherokee Beekeepers will be tomorrow, May 23rd, at 7 p.m. at AgCentral Co-Op. The program will be on processing honey.

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## DAY OF CARING

Approximately 150 volunteers took part in the United Way's annual Day of Caring last Thursday. They spent the day performing such jobs as painting, lawn care, and washing vehicles at United Way's partner agencies. The photos below show some of the volunteers at work.

(Photos provided by United Way of McMinn & Meigs)



## Obituaries

•**Ida Mae Moses**, age 95, of Tellico Plains, died Saturday. Funeral services were held Sunday night at Bordwine Funeral Home. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Mars Hill Cemetery.

•**Charles "Charlie" Edward Farmer**, age 65, of Decatur, died last Thursday. He retired from Whirlpool Corp. Funeral services were held this past Saturday night at Bowers Funeral Home.

•**Watty Noble Smith**, age 80, of Etowah, died Friday at Erlanger. He was an Army Major, who served two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, he worked for the L&N Railroad. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 4 to 7 p.m.

•**Hazel Snyder Shugart**, age 81, of Etowah, died Friday from an unexpected brief illness. Funeral services were held Sunday at Bordwine Funeral Home.

•**James "Jimmy" Welch**, age 71, of Decatur, died Saturday. He was a former County Commissioner and retired from Volunteer Energy. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.

### STORMS & FIRES KEEP FIREMEN BUSY

Athens firefighters were called to the H.P. Pelzer plant Sunday morning due to an electrical fire. One employee was taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation. Earlier, firemen responded to a tree that fell on a house on Circle Drive during the storms that moved across the area Saturday night. Those storms caused power outages in parts of McMinn and Meigs Counties.



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