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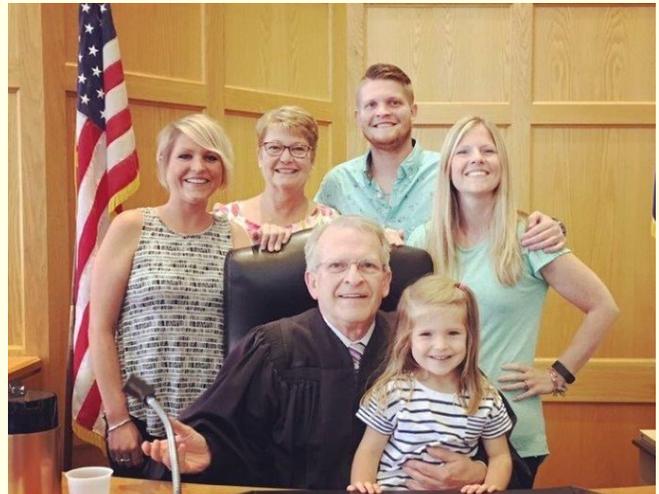


## Congratulations Judge Damrath

HORNELL — After 27 years of service to the Hornell Community, Hon. Joseph E. Damrath retired from the bench in Hornell City court on August 30, 2016. With his immediate family in attendance, Judge Damrath addressed 29 criminal cases, 25 traffic cases and convened a drug court session. For 27 years, people entering his court knew what to expect; a comforting demeanor, an ear for understanding people’s problems, and a fair judgement for all parties involved.

The judge’s retirement came as a surprise to those who know his strong passion for the court. “I just think it’s time for the younger people to get a chance. It’s time for new ideas and a new way of doing things,” he said.

His final court session was gaveled closed and formal “thank you’s” were made on behalf of the Steuben County Bar Association and the Steuben County District Attorney’s Office. Judge Damrath was first elected to the bench in 1989, and despite hearing some heavy cases, hasn’t lost his faith in humanity. In fact, one of his proudest achievements was helping to initiate the drug court, giving non-violent drug offenders a second chance. “I’ve learned that most people are good people, but sometimes they do bad things,” he said. In his departure, Judge Damrath was confident that the court was headed in a positive direction.



L to R: Colleen Damrath; wife Patty Damrath; Judge Damrath; son John Damrath; daughter Caitlin DiPetta and granddaughter Grace DiPetta.

His commitment to the court was so strong that some family and co-workers doubted he could walk away, but the judge says the retirement is for real. What’s next for the retiring judge? Judge Damrath will continue teaching at Alfred State College for at least another year. Time with his grandchildren topped the retirement list, and their mere mention brought an expression of joy to his face. He said he will travel to visit his children in Elmira and West Virginia, as well as spending some vacation time in Florida were also high priorities.

“He’s led by example both in the community and at home. He makes our family stronger and the community a better place, and he’s instilled values in me and my siblings,” said his son John Damrath. “It’s hard to replicate.” A celebration attended by attorneys who have appeared in front of the judge, city employees and family was held after court had adjourned, and featured memories shared over a cake expressing, “Happy Retirement! We Love You Dad!”

The Evening Tribune, Jason Jordan, August 31, 2016 (edited)



**ENJOY YOUR DAY  
OFF ON MONDAY  
OCTOBER 10TH!**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**OCTOBER 13TH**  
7th JUDICIAL WELLNESS COMMITTEE  
“MINDFULNESS”



## OBITUARIES

Eric P. Giambrone, *father of Erica Giambrone, Monroe Supreme & County Court*, passed away unexpectedly at age 65. Predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Anne, and son, Eric. Survived by his brother, Anthony Giambrone (Lydia Meyer); daughter, Erica Giambrone, daughter-in-law, Melissa Giambrone. Cards and thoughts of condolence may be sent to Erica c/o Monroe Supreme & County Courts, 545 Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY.

**Donald J. Maranda** passed away on September 9, 2016 at the age of 97. Mr. Maranda proudly served as a City of Rochester Marshall for 58 years. Predeceased by his beloved daughter, Shirley Ann Maranda, and several brothers and sisters. He is survived by the love of his life and best friend – his wife of 73 years, Shirley; his dear nephew Peter (Allison) Pratt; his long-time friend Robert McElroy; nieces and nephews. Please join the family to share memories on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM at Crawford Funeral Home (495 N. Winton Rd., between Browncroft & Humboldt) where Don's memorial service will follow calling hours at 7 PM. Please consider honoring Don with a donation to St. Frances Xavier Church at 124 Evergreen St., 14605. Online condolences are welcomed at: [www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com](http://www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com).

Evan James Williamson, 17, of Walworth, passed away suddenly on September 21, 2016 at Strong Memorial Hospital surrounded by family. He was a junior at Wayne High School. *Evan is the grandson of Sue Williamson, Cayuga Family Court.* He is survived by his parents, Craig Williamson and Mary Stoughtenger; siblings Makenna, Dominic, Angie and Bailey; grandparents Rodney and Shanon Malbone and Ron and Sue Williamson; Charles and Lisa Stoughtenger; aunts, uncles, cousins and close friend Timmy McDonald. He was an avid fan of the Steelers, enjoyed playing guitar and playing football with his brothers. Contributions may be made to the Kessler Burn & Trauma Center, 601 Elmwood Ave., Box Surg., Rochester, NY 14624. Cards of condolences may be sent to Sue and her family, c/o Cayuga Family Court, Historic Old Post Office Building, 157 Genesee Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Auburn, NY 13021.

## WEPL El Poder Latino Radio

On April 15, 2016 Jose Cruzado, Livingston County Supreme & County Clerk, and Chuck Perreaud, Monroe County Commissioner of Jurors, visited with the staff at El Poder 97.1 radio station. Yessenia Ramos-Torres and Stephanie Paredes hosted La Vista Latina Program and Julio Saenz produced. The program included a dialogue about Jury Service in Monroe County. Chuck explained the process, importance of participation and barriers and opportunities that jury service provides for Latinos in the community. Jose spoke about the CourtHelp program, Access to Justice and the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District's Help Desk. Poder 97.1 WEPL Radio hit the airwaves in November 2015. Launched



L to R: Stephanie Paredes, Jose Cruzado, Yessenia Ramos-Torres and Chuck Perreaud

by the Ibero American Action League, WEPL is the first 24 hour Spanish radio station in Rochester. The dual-language station offers music and educational capsules designed to empower the Latino community. This objective is the reason for the acronym WEPL: El Poder Latino (Latino Power). WEPL Radio is a unique opportunity for organizations and businesses that want to increase their exposure in the Latino community. For those interested in their programming you can tune in online as well. There are approximately 41,000 Latinos that live in Monroe County about 8% of the population.

Congratulations to **Michael J. Devito** for his appointment to the position of Manager of Court Support Services in the 7th Judicial District. Mr. DeVito will be overseeing Court Reporter operations for



the 7th JD, as well as performing other statewide functions.

Congratulations to **Lisa Metzler**. Lisa was promoted to Senior Court Reporter within Monroe Supreme and County Court.

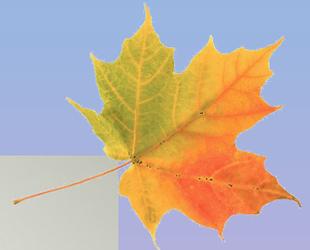


Congratulations to **Mike D. Devito**. Mike was promoted to Senior Court Reporter within Monroe Supreme and County Court. He was previously in Ontario County.



Flu Shot Clinics for this fall will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 12:00. The clinic will be held in Room 165. Please remember to wear short sleeves if you plan on getting the shot. Also, if this is your very first flu shot, please allow 15-20 minutes for the process.

## Welcome to the 7th Judicial District:



**Left to Right:** **Gabrielle C. Cardarelli**—Court Reporter Monroe County; **Sherry L. Gallatin**— Court Office Assistant in Canandaigua City Court; **Diana M. Smith**—Court Reporter Monroe County; **Pamela A. Stirpe**— Court Assistant in Monroe Family Court; **Allison L. Taylor**—Senior Court Office Assistant Livingston County Family and Surrogate’s Court; **Ebony C. Riley** —Senior Court Office Assistant in Monroe Surrogate’s Court and **Karen M. Sampone** —Law Library Assistant Rochester Law Library



## Congratulations on your retirement!

Congratulations to **Arlene Sahmel, Senior Court Office Assistant**. Arlene has 18 years of service in various positions throughout the Court System.



L to R: Ronald Pawelczak, District Executive; Arlene; Eugene Crimi, Chief Clerk of RCC; Kim Bostley, Deputy Chief Clerk of RCC Criminal Division.; Hon. Teresa Johnson, Supervising Judge of Rochester City Court.

Written by Kathy McHugh, RCC Criminal Division: On August 30, 2016, Rochester City Court said good-bye and farewell to our dear friend and hardworking colleague, Arlene Sahmel. For 18 years, Arlene has put her heart and soul into any task given to her; whether it be in the court's Finance Office in the Civil Division or with the Record's Unit in the Criminal Branch. She performed her duties with grace and integrity each and every day. I never once saw Arlene complain about anything. She was a true professional at all times.

Both past and current City Court employees gathered in Room 123 for a warm and festive sendoff for Arlene. After dining on BBQ chicken and ribs, mac and cheese, salad, cornbread, cake and homemade cookies, Arlene was presented with a certificate from Hon. Teresa Johnson, Ron Pawelczak, District Executive and Rochester City Court management. The staff at City Court also gave Arlene a special gift.

We will truly miss Arlene. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.



Pictured here is the 9.11 display in the Monroe County Hall of Justice. Thank you to all the participants who helped set it up. The helpers were:

Stacy McCullough, Peg Drexler, Sandra Glogowski, Ron Pawelczak, Amy Fields, Stacy Astudillo, Jane Scudder, Melissa Pendleton and Kimberlee McDonald.



**Congratulations to Corinne Sergeant on her promotion to the position of Wayne County Family Court Chief Clerk effective September 8, 2016.**



**Corinne has been employed by the Unified Court System since 1994 and most recently served as a Court Assistant in Wayne County Family Court.**



# BABY NEWS



Matthew Renslow, Court Assistant in Steuben Family Court is proud to introduce his first child, Elena Alexandra Zyuban-Renslow. She was born August 11, 2016.

Left to right: Liz Lombardo, Derek Christensen, Tammy James, Janelle Orr, Carol Winslow, Maryann Townsend, Matthew Renslow holding baby Elena, Vanessa Smith, Charlene DeMarco, Alice Shoemaker and Evelyn Watkins.

## SENECA FAMILY COURT GETS PRESENTS!

Seneca County employee Cindy Campbell, who works for the evening cleaning crew at the Waterloo Courthouse, donated a cart full of toys, puzzles, coloring books and crayons as well as a 5'x7' rug for the Family Court's waiting room play area. Cindy is president of District 8 of the VFW Auxiliary which covers Wayne, Finger Lakes and Monroe Counties. As a special project, auxiliary members donated baby dolls, puzzles, trucks, airplanes, stuffed animals and the new floor rug. All of these gifts are such a beneficial way to help out litigants who need to bring along their children to Family Court. The children are happily distracted while their caregivers take time waiting for court appearances or filling out papers. We send our gratitude to Cindy and all of her members who participated!



L to R: Chetta Brown, Cindy Campbell, Lori Breese, Dawn MacPherson and Penny Spinner.

## A BRIDGE TO BE PROUD OF!!

George Heltz, son of Amy Lidestri, Senior Court Office Assistant in Monroe Family Court, is a Life Scout in Troop 61 in Victor, New York. He has been involved in scouting since the first grade. For George's Eagle Scout project, he chose to build a bridge on a Victor hiking trail that he has used since childhood and will be enjoyed by many people in the community. He was assisted by his fellow scouts and their parents of Troop 61 in Victor, volunteers from the Victor Hiking Trails, his four siblings, his father and his 89 year-old grandad. The project took six days to complete but a year to prepare for. Permits needed to be issued and permission granted from land owners. There are several engineers who volunteer with the trails and park organizations that assisted with bridge design. They have a stock of designs to pick from. This was the longest bridge built on the Victor trails. The fundraising took 9 months to complete and was chronicled by a local photographer from Marwood Studios. Victor Hiking Trails,

Victor Parks and Rec and Victor Hills Golf Course were very pleased to have this project completed as it paved the way for the trail to be improved on in that section of the Auburn Trail. George raised \$5,000 for the project by using GoFundMe, and donations from local community organizations. The bridge spans 40 feet with two 20-foot ramps on either end. The bridge is located on the Victor Hiking Trails, specifically the section that runs on the Victor Hills Golf Course. Congratulations to everyone involved!!

Submitted by Amy Lidestri



### Over the Garden Fence



**Freezing herbs:** It's the end of summer and you have watered and babied your herbs. Now is a good time to freeze them so you will have some for the cold winter months ahead.

To harvest herbs – using scissors, cut and harvest the herbs down the stem. Dunk the freshly cut herbs in cold water. Swish them around to clean them thoroughly. Shake the herb out to dry them as much as possible. You can also use a salad spinner to dry them. Remove the leaves from the main stem, leaving only herbs on smaller stems. Using a knife, chop the herbs. You can also use a food processor, but do not over-process the herbs. You want bigger pieces, not a paste. Put your chopped herbs into freezer bags. Press the bags flat before sealing and be sure to label them. Store your herbs in the freezer. They should last a good 6 months.

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2016 BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The annual Ice Cream Social, September 20, 2016, was held in Monroe County and sponsored by The Wellness Committee. Hon. James Vazzana (L) and Hon. James Walsh, (R) both from Monroe Family Court, helped to scoop ice cream at the event.



## STEUBEN COUNTY NEWS

Congratulations to the graduates in the Steuben County Drug Court held in June 2016.



## WEDDINGS

Breana Roides, daughter of *Cindy Roides (Monroe Family Court)* married her best friend Eric on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rhode Island. The ceremony was held at the Glen Manor House in Portsmouth, Rhode Island. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, Breana and Eric came back to Rochester and did a repeat ceremony at the Webster Golf Club with more family and friends, where a huge Greek celebration was held with some Jewish traditional dances celebrated as well. Bre and Eric will be honeymooning in Asia where they will visit Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand in December right after Christmas.



Eric, Cindy, and her daughter Breana



**Jonathan Mapley, Senior Court Office Assistant in Auburn City Court**, married Erica Cohen on July 23, 2016. The wedding took place at Skaneateles Country Club on a beautiful and perfect summer day. The couple honeymooned in Boston, MA where they enjoyed the sights and took in a few Red Sox games. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Mapley!



## Sue Bozzelli's son in the PGA Tour in October



Dominic Bozzelli, Jr., *the son of Susan Bozzelli, Monroe Supreme & County Senior Court Reporter*, is on a journey to the PGA Tour. At just 25 years old, and a graduate of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Pittsford and the University of Auburn, Bozzelli turned pro in 2013 and won four times enroute to becoming the 2014 NGA Hooters Tour player of the year. In June he was victorious at the Web.com Tour's Corales Puntacana Resort and Club Championship in the Dominican Republic where his parents, Susan and Dominic, Sr., and sister Bianca cheered him on and made for a memorable family vacation. Dom, Jr. grew up playing first in the front yard of his grandfather's home with plastic clubs, then at Victor Hills, and at Webster, and finally at Locust Hill Golf Club and has played golf at the very highest level. One of Dom's greatest assets, according to Nick Clinard, the head golf coach at Auburn who is now Bozzelli's primary teacher and swing coach, says that Dom's thirst for information is a favorite attribute of his student. "He's always seeking knowledge, wants to know what's going on, what's going wrong, and he understands what he's doing," said Clinard, who has worked with Dom, Jr., since he arrived at Auburn in the fall of 2009.

Good luck to Dominic Bozzelli in his quest for the win in the PGA Tour starting in the middle of October in Napa, California. We will be rooting for you!

Information from The Democrat & Chronicle, Sal Maiorana, July 7, 2016. Edited for this publication.



### Agenda

**Welcome:**

Hon. Craig J. Doran, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Administrative Judge

**Guest Speaker:**

The Hon. Shirley Troutman, Associate Justice, NYS Appellate Division

**Dance Performances by:**

University of Rochester Step Team  
Todd Gillenwater and Liza Pabon

## NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2016 "A CULTURAL CELEBRATION"

The Workforce Diversity Committee invites you join us on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for a celebration of all cultures. Room TBD of the Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Boulevard, Rochester, New York.

**Join Us For A Cultural Celebration!**

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**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
12:30pm - 2:00pm  
Room TBD**

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**Presented by the 7<sup>th</sup>  
JD Workforce  
Diversity Committee**

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**Snacks and Drinks will be provided, Dance Performances!**

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**Guest Speaker the Hon. Shirley Troutman, Associate Justice, Appellate Division**



**Hon. Shirley Troutman  
Supreme Court of the  
State of New York  
Appellate Division  
4th Judicial Department  
Associate Justice**



Hon. Shirley Troutman will be the guest speaker at the November 3<sup>rd</sup> "A Cultural Celebration" sponsored by the WorkForce Diversity Committee of the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. Hon. Troutman was a County Court judge where she handled felony criminal cases, appeals and civil matters. She has served as an Adjunct Professor at SUNY Buffalo Law School and a faculty member for the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence. Come hear Hon. Troutman speak on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Monroe County Hall of Justice..