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Halloween October 2015

Thanks everyone for sending in their Halloween pictures! Fun, fun, fun!!



Save The Date

Benefits Fair

December 10, 2015

11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Rochester

SAVE THE DATE

Wellness Event

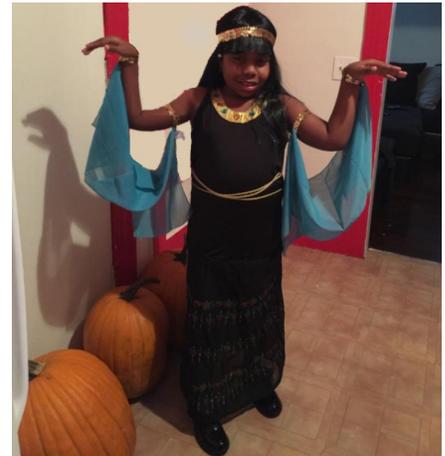
December 17, 2015

Make an ornament

Details to follow



Gracie, 10, daughter of Lisa Preston from Monroe S & C is a cute witch!



Arianna, a gorgeous Egyptian queen, is the granddaughter of Janice Ivery from Monroe Family Court,



Pat Harris, Wayne Family Court (getting ready to go to work?) and her daughters, Caitlyn, 4, (the baby fox) and Bailey, 8, (the nurse) are ready to go out and enjoy trick or treating. Even after an hour and a half they were ready for more!



Brielle, 3, and Myla 4 1/2, both flower princesses, are the grandchildren of Lorraine Fodera, Wayne Family Court. Their dad is Jesse Kidder, Corrections Officer for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office, and mom is Adriane Kidder in Livingston Family Court.



April Termine from Rochester City Court shows off her children, Benjamin, 4, Brooklyn, 4 and James 7.



From Steuben S & C, Regina Dgien sent in her niece Jessen, 7, (L), son Kaiden, 9, and daughter Meadow, 5, on the right.



Abigail, 8, daughter of Karen Provo, Livingston Family Court



Bill Deninger, Monroe S & C with his son, William, 7, as Mario. Bill just told him he had to fix the sink when they got home!



Kelly VanSkiver from Steuben S & C sent in a pic of her granddaughter Delilah (4 1/2 months) and her daughter Emily. Delilah is the apple of Kelly's eye (and Kelly made the costumes too!)



Princess Lexi is the daughter of Wendy Trippi, Monroe S & C,

Amy Saeva from Livingston Drug Treatment Court, shows her daughter Gia, 7 as Snow White and Reid, age 3, as Wolverine. →

← Aaleen, as a Halloween witch, 4, is the granddaughter of Mike Clancy, Monroe Family Court





Katherine Peterson-Lyle, Steuben Surrogate's, her daughter, Sarah, 9 as "Disgust" from Inside Out.



Jennifer Baer, Monroe Family Court sent in her grandson, Grady as a bat (7 months old) and left picture is a picture of her grandson, Jayden, 2 1/2 years old as Thor, with his baby cousin, Kylie



Sami, 10, as a Halloween clown is the daughter of Kim Keskin, Monroe S & C.



Gena Alessi Coe, from Rochester City Court sent in a picture of her daughter, Willa June, 16 months old, as Dumbo! They participated in a street parade in their neighborhood.



Emma, 6 yrs old, Nicki, 3 and Audrey, 8, are Sheryl Ward's (she's from Monroe Jury Office) grand-daughters.



Janet Lasalle, Secretary to Judge in Cayuga Surrogate's Court, sent in a picture of her daughter, Amelia, 5, as an adorable doctor!



Hon. Dennis Kehoe from Wayne County Multi-bench with his grandson Winston, 1, as a black sheep.



Griffin, 5, as The Flash; Winston and Sloane, 9, as Little Bo Peep are the children of Katherine Peters, Wayne S & C.



Heather Vandermark from Monroe Family Court and her daughter, Caitlyn, 10, as a zombie prom queen.



Who guessed the witch on the left is Roberta Wagner, Monroe S & C? And her daughter LeeAnn on the right with a scary zombie. What a transformation!



Barb McDonald from Monroe Surrogate Court sent in her 4 grandchildren and a friend. Colin, 9, is the ghoul; Jenna, 11, the princess; Gabby, 7, is Alice in Wonderland and Amelia, 2, almost 3, is Curious George. Jenna's friend, Megan is with them.

Marti Cotter, from Rochester City Court submitted her grandson Emmett, 4 months old and residing in Oklahoma City. →





From Pat Patterson in Monroe Family Court, is Molly, 4, and Magnolia, 1. Mindy (holding Magnolia) is Pat's daughter. Mindy's husband's name is Mack—the four M's!

From Vicki Titton, Rochester City Court, her daughter, Sabrina, 11, as Cat Woman.



Laila, 4, aka Elsa, Adriyana, 8, a princess and Camden, 6, a zombie hunter are the grandchildren of Corinne Sergeant in Wayne Family Court.



From Scott Kockler in Monroe Family Court is his son, Elliott, 3 1/2, as Marshall from Paw Patrol.

Nick Sprague, Rochester City Court, submitted Lincoln, 1, as a clown and Cora, 3, as Cinderella.



From Paul Riordan, Monroe S & C, is a picture of his 6 month old granddaughter, Samantha, with his daughter Tess.



Steve Zinone, Court Reporter from Ontario County, as Elvis, and Janet Chalker, Ontario Family Court.



Shane, 6, as Shredder and Alyssa, almost 3, as a little lion are the grandchildren of Peg Drexler, 7th District Office.

Will, 4, as Marshall from the show 'Paw Patrol' and Abby, 2 as a dinosaur are the children of Stephanie Bush, Monroe Family Court.




A Note from Human Resources: For those of you wishing to Opt Out of NYSHIP Health Insurance for 2016, we have received the necessary forms to do so. Please contact our office **by emailing 7thhumanresources@nycourts.gov** to request the forms.

Please note: This is an extremely busy time of year. Please send general HR inquiries to this email address, instead of to a particular person. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
7th HR Team



Obituary

Brian J. Baron, **younger son of Gail Matyi, Monroe County Surrogate's Court**, passed away suddenly on October 22, 2015. Brian is survived by his father, Darryl A. Baron (Sandi Hillebrant); mother, Gail E. Matyi; grandparents, Ernest and Eleanor Matyi; brothers, Christopher (Lauren) Baron and Michael Baron; sister, Erika Baron (Tyson McDowell); and beloved dogs, Boomer and Jack; aunt; uncle, Brian was an Army National Guard combat medic. He just received his NYS EMT certification and was applying to West Point. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to: Seneca Park Zoo 2222 St. Paul Street Rochester, New York 14621 or Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675. Cards of condolence may be sent to Gail and her family c/o Monroe Surrogate's Court, 541 Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614.



Peggy Ennis, Senior Court Office Assistant Keyboarding, Ontario County, has moved to Seneca County Jury Office and started there on November 5, 2015.

Adriane Kidder, Senior Court Office Assistant in Chemung County Family Court has moved to Livingston County Family/Surrogate Court and started working there November 5, 2015.



WELCOME TO:

- (L to R) **Shalonda M. Reaves**, Senior Court Office Assistant Rochester City Court
- Nancy A. Cooper**, Senior Court Office Assistant Rochester City Court
- Jessica Feliciano**, Court Assistant, Ontario County Family Court



WELCOME TO:

Matilde C. Saturno, Senior Court Office Assistant Monroe County Family Court **and Stephen Palumbo**, Senior Court Office Assistant Monroe County Family Court



THANK YOU.....

I would like to start by apologizing for the delay in getting this message out to everyone. It has been a bit challenging since the unexpected passing of my dear brother Stephen from a massive stroke on 9/11. As one can imagine, my family was a bit shocked by the circumstances and have been working to recover and going through the stages of grief that comes with such an event.

I did not want to delay any longer in getting this message out to all those that reached out to me and my family with all of your kind words, prayers, thoughts, cards, flowers, condolences and just a much needed hug every now and again. My family and I cannot thank you enough.

Although my brother had struggled with renal disease and dialysis for the last 7 years, his passing was totally unexpected for my family and created a very large shock wave and has left a very big hole for all of us to fill. With everyone's support and kindness this has been a much easier task to take on and we cannot, as a family, thank you enough.

May you all be blessed each and every day. **Marci MacLaren Monroe Family Court**

Congratulations to Gayle Bleier on her retirement

After 38 years of service to the NYS Unified Court System, Gayle Bleier, a Senior PC Analyst in the 7th Judicial District Office, said goodbye to all of her friends and co-workers in the 7th Judicial District. Gayle started her career as an Office Typist, Principal Office Assistant, and Principal Office Typist, all in Monroe Family Court. Then she was promoted to a PC Analyst and then a Senior PC Analyst in the District Office. Gayle played a critical role in converting our old programs in Surrogate’s Court, Family Court and City Court Criminal to UCMS.



Gayle’s retirement party was held on November 10th at Bathtub Billy’s Sports Bar. 70 people attended the event. The picture on the left shows Gayle with her son Brendan. The picture on the right shows Ron Pawelczak, District Executive giving Gayle a Retirement Certificate.

The Automation Unit gave a farewell luncheon for Gayle on her last work day, October 28th. For the future Gayle plans on taking it easy, doing a little travelling and seeing more of her son! Congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement!



Cayuga County Service Pins

Congratulations to the following employees who received service pins:

- Marlene Quill, Snr Court Office Asst Key, 15 years
- Kathleen Cunningham, Court Assistant, 15 years
- Donna Hoey, Snr Court Office Asst Key, 20 years
- Deborah Robillard, Chief Clerk Auburn City Court, 30 years
- Laura Serafino, Chief Clerk Family Court, 30 years

Seneca County Service Pins

Congratulations to the following employees who received service pins:

- Jo Ann Ryrko, Secretary to Judge, 15 years
- Susan M. Maleski, Chief Clerk Multi-bench, 15 years
- Jane A. Lawson, Chief Clerk Surrogate’s, 15 years
- Conchetta M. Brown, Chief Clerk Family Court, 20 years

NOVEMBER WELLNESS EVENT



The 7th Judicial District Wellness Committee, along with the WorkForce Diversity Committee held their annual food drive. Over **500 pounds** of food was collected from the Monroe County employees. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone that contributed. The food was delivered to two area food pantries (one on the east side of Rochester and one on the west side of Rochester.) Happy Thanksgiving!!

We received a thank you note from the east side *****Emergency Food Shelf: Dear Employees of the Seventh Judicial District: Thank you so very much for your recent donation of food items given to the *****Food Shelf. The items helped fill our shelves and much of it will go into the Thanksgiving Baskets for the food insecure families in *****. The need for help exceeded our estimates this year so your generosity will certainly help those in need have a Happy Thanksgiving.

It has been said that, "You may be sitting next to someone who is benefiting from the very generosity you as an organization, are offering," and it is this basic sense of community and compassion for the families in need.

Sincerely, Tina Zebulske, Director

*names have been redacted for ethical reasons

Canandaigua City Court UCMS Criminal

The 7th JD is pleased to announce that **Canandaigua City Court** is the first court in the District to successfully implement the UCMS Criminal System.

In 2013, the NYS Unified Court System began statewide implementation of the UCMS-Criminal project. This extensive undertaking, of transferring Supreme & County court case files out of the current ADBM system and into UCMS greatly impacts court operations. The advantages are numerous, the dynamic application will increase staff efficiency both in and out of court, is a valuable data resource, expands reporting options and promotes consistency of practice both District and statewide.

Canandaigua City Court's UCMS conversion to reach operational readiness for implementation was a tedious process. After months of data conversion and cleanup, staff training and practice time, court operational prep and production setup Canandaigua City Court successfully went live October 19, 2015.

Since the go live date Canandaigua City Court Judges and staff have effectively transitioned from the ADBM system to the new UCMS Criminal System. The lessons and experience gained will assist the next District City Courts preparing to make the change to UCMS Criminal.

The project was a collective effort by many individuals from the UCS Department of Technology, 7th District automation team, Canandaigua City Court staff, 7th JD City Court staff and District Office. Congratulations and thank you all for your determination and efforts for a successful outcome.

Mentor Leadership Program



Back row: Melissa Barrett, Amy Brignall, Mark Howell, Nick Sprague, Kim Wentworth, Kelly Wejko, Cheri Beschler, Sally Frey, Charlene DeMarco, Jose Cruzado, Lesley Taylor, Linda DiStefano, Donna Hoey, Gene Crimi, Chuck Perreaud. Front row: Marci Morrisey, Robin Russell, Jennifer Baer, Betty Gerych, Kim VanCamp, Huijie Li, Jennifer Roth, April Termine, Debbie Robillard, Lisa Preston, Donna Truelson, Loreen Nash, Mary Aufleger and Lorraine Fodera. Unavailable: Stephanie Bush and Charlene DeMarco.

The Seventh Judicial District, under the auspices of the Administrative Judge's Task Force, is pleased to report that the Mentor Leadership program has begun its third year of pairing employees (mentees) with a mentor. This year, thirteen pairs were identified. They include participants from all eight counties, and from fifteen courts and departments. Additionally, seven of the mentors have been involved in the program in some capacity in prior years. Each year the Program Coordinators strive to improve the program by incorporating ideas from former mentors and mentees into the program.

As in previous years, FallFest was the initial meeting between the pairs. Each employee was paired with a mentor from a different court or department. The relaxed atmosphere allowed the pairs time to get to know each other and to connect with other friends around the district.

On November 6th, the first of two workshops was held. In this initial workshop separate sessions were held in the morning for mentors and mentees. All were given a review and overview of the Achieve Global Principles and Qualities of Genuine Leadership. Mentors were given support materials and information to use throughout the program. The afternoon session brought everyone together for several activities. The program goals and expectations were reviewed. Mentees had an opportunity to share their background with the group in a short public speaking practice session. Several mentor/mentee pairs worked together on a variety of brainstorming questions related to the program and then shared their insights with the full group. Now that the first workshop has been held, the mentor pairs will meet regularly through the winter and spring to work on the mentee's career goals and professional development.

The second workshop, scheduled for April 2016, will focus on Resume review, Public Speaking, and Interviewing skills. Mentees' resumes will be reviewed by members of the Leadership Team, each mentee will speak before the group on a pre-selected topic and each mentee will participate in a mock panel interview for a Chief Clerk position. After her mock interview the panel will give the candidate feedback on her performance from the interviewer's perspective.

Although the formal part of the program ends with the spring workshop, the relationships that are built will provide support to the participants throughout their careers with the Seventh Judicial District.

Is your Doctor ready for ICD10?

As of October 1, 2015, physicians are required to include much more diagnostic information and detail when submitting their bill to your insurance company for payment. The old diagnostic coding system was called ICD9 or International Classification of Diseases version 9. The latest version is ICD10. The number of diagnostic codes jumps from 14,000 under the old system to 69,000-plus under the new. Understandably, there will be some confusion, delays and honest mistakes made as physicians and insurers get used to the incredible amount of extra data required in claims processing. Consequently, you will need to be patient with both your doctor and insurance company as they become acclimated to ICD10. According to Forbes magazine, it is estimated that 25% of physicians are not prepared for the transition.

- In Good Health, November 2015



PLEASE JOIN US AS WE HONOR Meg DiMartino

Friday, December 18th, 2015
5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
Elks Club
19 Niagara Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

\$15 per person includes snack foods + gift

Checks made payable to : Vanessa Smith
Mail to : 415 Liberty Street, Penn Yan, NY 14527

RSVP by December 11, 2015 to
Carol Winslow at 315-536-5127

or

Vanessa Smith at 315-536-5130
or just send the check for your RSVP !
Hope to see you there !

THE 7TH JD WELCOMES NEW CHIEF CLERK



April L. Din has been appointed to the position of Chief Clerk of Steuben Family Court. April has been employed by the Unified Court System since 1999 having started her career as a Senior Court Office Assistant and progressing to Deputy and Chief Clerk positions in Allegany Family Court. She joined the Navy after high school and has spent the last 20 years in the Navy Reserves as a Chief Petty Officer.

April has been married for 21 years to Ben, whom she met while on active duty. They have three children and a 2 1/2 year old granddaughter. Her family loves camping, and travelling and April reads, knits, crochets, scrapbooks and just recently took up golf. She is excited about her new position and being part of the 7th District team! Welcome April!