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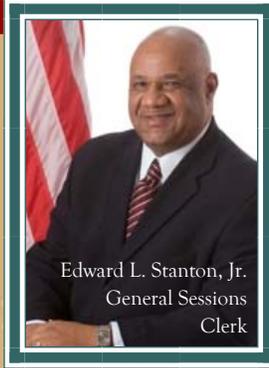
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The mission of the General Sessions Court Clerk's Office is to continuously provide public, governmental services in the most productive and cost-efficient manner to the citizens of Shelby County.



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Happy Holiday Season to each of you and your families. As this season of celebration begins lest we forget the marginal citizens of our community. As Clerk, I am appreciative to those employees who contribute each and every Friday to the "Casual Dress Day Employee Fund". It is with great delight that the employees have decided to make contributions to (3) different non-profit organizations throughout the year and especially this holiday season. The contributions by employees will continue to serve "United Way", "Feed the Need", and the "Salvation Army Angel Tree" during the Christmas holiday. All of these organizations provide assistance to the community and citizens of Shelby County. As Clerk, these acts of participation, reiterates one of the goals of this Administration and that is, "remembering that every person is important".

The first 60 days in office as the elected General Sessions Court Clerk has proven to be exciting. The promotion of Mrs. Evelyn Perkins to the Administrative Staff has been a plus for our team. Mrs. Evelyn Perkins not only has served over 28 years with General Sessions Courts but she brings her loyalty, dedication, knowledge and service to the operation of this Clerk's Office.

In other news, The Clerk's office has issued 422 checks to the citizens of Shelby County due to overpayments on civil cases. The largest check thus far was issued to Mr. Kenyatta Williamson in the amount of \$2,200.83. The Drive While You Pay Program continues to be viewed as a positive program in the community. So much as, other Municipalities are requesting information concerning this program.

In remembrance of our veterans, I give thanks to those who served their country in its hour of need and to our fallen comrades who have given their lives in that service. May we never forget them, their families, and their sacrifices for this United States of America.

As always, thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Sincerely,

Edward L. Stanton, Jr.



(In the picture from left to right, is Terri Wright and Theresa Harris of Collections, and Monica Braun, Community Outreach Specialist.)

Mid-South Heart Walk

Congratulations to General Sessions Criminal and Civil Divisions for participating in this year's Mid-South Heart Walk on October 6th. General Sessions raised **\$375** towards the American Heart Association. Adrienne Evans and family, Monica Braun, Terri Wright, and Theresa Harris participated in the 5K Walk to raise awareness for heart health.



“United Way Fundraising is here! For years, the United Way of the Mid- South has helped Memphians with valuable resources and services. The United Way proudly funds-non-profit organizations that help our children and youth succeed, strengthen families and neighborhoods, and improve of adults and seniors. United Way supports programs such as 2-1-1, Boys and Girls Club, YMCA, Porter Leath, and many more, here in Memphis!



Congratulations, Mr. Stanton!
You are one of the Tri-State Defender's
50 'new' Men of Excellence!
We are so proud of YOU!

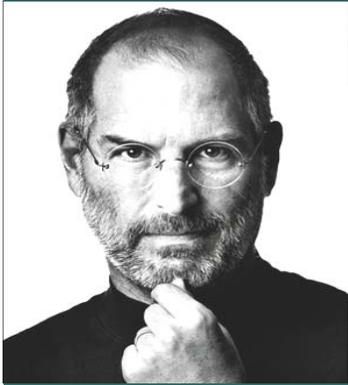
This award celebrates and honors 50 African-American men who motivate and inspire others through their vision and leadership, exceptional achievements, and participation in community service.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION PROJECT

“Share the bounty of your pantry with those in need.”

General Sessions Civil Division is competing this year against the Circuit Court to raise the most food donations for the Memphis Food Bank by the end of the year. As of October 26th, Circuit Court is leading with **845 items** and the Civil Division trailing behind with **185.25 items**. (This includes cash donations.)

Thanksgiving and Christmas are around the corner so let's share with those less fortunate! If you would like to contribute, you may place your can goods in the bins located at 140 Adams in the Basement or on the 1st Floor.



Here's a Thought...



“Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma – which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of other's opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become. Everything else is secondary.”

- Steve Jobs



Are You a Positive Thinker



Did you know that Positive Thinkers:

1. When faced with everyday setbacks and believing the solution is not obvious but facing it as a challenge, Positive Thinkers tend to draw their ideas from unusual sources and become more creative and successful.
2. Are mostly responsible for the inventions, discoveries, and innovations that we take for granted today. For example, take a look at Steve Jobs who invented the Apple Computer and more!
3. Are not quick to give up when challenged with problems. They tend to tackle them head on.
4. Are awarded a boost of confidence. They utilizing their skills and develop a belief in themselves and abilities.

By staying positive, you will be able to stay focused on situations until problems are resolved.



FREE WORKSHOP

How to fix your credit & keep it Fixed!

Presented by Garry Patterson, Regional Manager, Clearpoint
 FREE workshop teaches you to manage your finances better and improve
 your credit score. Limited seats.

Enjoy light refreshments with a chance to win a door prize.

RSVP: Nakisha Coffey at (901) 433-4313 or nakisha.coffey@uwmidsouth.org



WORKSHOP SCHEDULES:

November 2012

Wed., Nov. 14th
 Collierville Public Library
 501 Poplar View Pkwy.
 6:00–8:00 pm

Thurs., Nov. 15th
 Whitehaven Library
 4120 Millbranch Rd.
 4:00–6:00 pm

Mon., Nov. 19th
 Fayette County Library
 216 W. Market
 2:00–4:00 pm

Mon., Nov. 26th
 Lauderdale County Library
 120 Lafayette Ave.
 Ripley, TN
 2:00–4:00 pm

Tues., Nov. 27th
 M.R. Dye Public Library
 2885 Goodman Rd.
 Horn Lake, MS
 5:00–7:00 pm



December 2012

Mon., Dec. 3rd
 Poplar/White Station Library
 5094 Poplar Ave.
 Memphis, TN
 4:00–6:00 pm

Mon., Dec. 10th
 Senatobia Public Library
 222 Ward St.
 Senatobia, MS
 4:00–6:00 pm

Tues., Dec. 11th
 Tipton County Public
 Library
 300 W. Church St.
 Covington, TN
 2:00–4:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 12th
 North Library
 1192 Vollintine
 Memphis, TN
 2:00–4:00 pm

Tues., December 18th
 Millington Library
 4858 Navy Rd.
 Millington, TN
 6:00–8:00 pm



Meet the Mayor

Meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 20th and Tuesday, December 18th
 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Mayor Luttrell’s office on the 8th floor of the
 Vasco Smith Administration Building, 160 North Main.

To schedule a visit with Mayor Luttrell, call the
 Shelby County Mayor’s Office at 901.222.2000.

GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the TEAM!



Gerald Thornton
Chief Administrative Officer

TJ Matthews
Civil Manager

Lisa Arnold
Collections Manager



Congratulations to **Sceva Cummings** for going above and beyond her normal responsibilities to assist the 24 Hour Clerk's Office! You are appreciated!



Congratulations to the following individuals for your years of service with Shelby County Government:

Mike Triplett 35 years
Phyllis Sheppard 30 years

Congratulations to **Angela Tate!** She graduated from ITT Technical Institute, Major: Criminal Justice. She plans to further her career in Forensic Science.



Shara Wallace for an outstanding job as lead clerk for the weekend shift in the 24 Hour Clerk's Office! What a team player!



Thank you to 24 Hour Clerk's Office for a warm welcome. We will strive to enhance our area to create a positive work environment for employees and customers!
- JoAnn Mims

Congratulations to Kelton Moore, son of **Felicia Rounds**, for Perfect Attendance, Honor Roll, and the Rising Star Award for Overall First Graders in Music and Art.

Condolences

Below is a list of employees who have recently lost a loved one. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Mrs. Susie Payne **Shelandra Ford** Grandmother

On September 21, 2012, the General Sessions family lost one of our dedicated and hardworking employees, Larry Tauber. He had been battling cancer since 2010. He will be greatly missed!

Just Married....
Kevin & Michelle (Smith)
McElhaney
10/10/2012

GENERAL SESSIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Do you have something to share?

Next Deadline to Submit your entries to your administrator

Friday, December 21st.



Attention Readers:

The General Sessions Newsletter will be changing from a monthly publication to a quarterly publication effective January 1st, 2013. (Next edition will include Jan., Feb., Mar., 2013)



Happy Birthday



SEPTEMBER

Kanisha Perkins	9/4
Sharon Baker	9/10
Deborah Jasper	9/10
Shunja Daugherty	9/15
Paula Owens	9/15
Lynda Austin	9/22
Jeriha McNeal	9/24
Tyrany Perry	9/29



OCTOBER

Laurin Deramus	10/1
Janice Jones	10/3
Nikky King	10/4
Katina Isaac	10/9
Cathy Smith	10/14
Vera Patton	10/20
Norma McCracken	10/21
Felicia Rounds	10/31



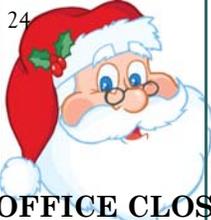
NOVEMBER

Rosheena Johnson	11/1
Judy Chadwick	11/7
Shara Wallace	11/23
Elaine Alhaddi	11/24
Ella Jenkins	11/26
Bridgett Love	11/27
Cynthia Chambers	11/28

NOVEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<p><u>November 2012 is observed as:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) American Diabetes Month 2) Lung Cancer Awareness Month 3) Native American Indian Heritage 4) National Healthy Skin Month 5) National Family Caregivers 			<p>IMPORTANT OPEN ENROLLMENT NOV. 7 TO 16</p>		1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>Time Changes</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Month-end Reports Due</p> 	6	<p>7</p>  <p>OPEN ENROLLMENT →</p>	8	9	10	
<p>11</p>  <p>Veteran's Day</p>	<p>OPEN ENROLLMENT →</p>			15	<p>16</p>  <p>Last Day to Adopt for Angel Tree</p>	17	
18	19	<p>20</p>  <p>Meet the Mayor 1:00—4:00 pm</p>	21	<p>22</p> 	<p>23</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30		

DECEMBER 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>December 2012 is observed as:</p> <p>1) AIDS Awareness Day 2) National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day 3) Hanukkah 4) Human Rights Day 5) First Day of Winter 6) Christmas Day 7) Kwanzaa 8) New Year's Eve</p> 						<p>1</p>  <p>AIDS Awareness</p>
2	3	4	<p>5 Health & Wellness Personal Safety Class 8:30 to 10:30 am</p>	<p>6 Month-end Reports Due</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>Pearl Harbor Remembrance</p>	8
<p>9</p>  <p>Hanukkah Begins</p>		11	12	13	14	15
16	17	 <p>Meet the Mayor 1:00—4:00 pm</p>	19	20	<p>21</p>  <p>Deadline</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>First Day of Winter</p>
23	 <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>		 <p>Kwanzaa Begins</p>	27	28	29
30	<p>31</p> 	<p>Happy New Year!</p> 				



N.O.V.A. Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse



About the Network for Overcoming Violence and Abuse:

NOVA is a network of public and private agency partners in Memphis and Shelby County connecting a community of trained adults to children and youth exposed to violence fro trauma counseling, parenting support and other family assistance. NOVA is a strategy of Operation: Safe Community 2012-2016 as a way to reduce youth violence by helping ensure young victims of exposure to violence are nurtured so that they do not become future perpetrators.

The program is currently focused within six zip codes in the Hickory Hill and Raleigh-Frayer areas where data has shown high incidences in which children experience violence at home or are the victims or witnesses of crime. Children living in these zip codes can get NOVA services immediately, by referral or through direct contact with a trained provider, or by calling (901) 222-3990: **38115, 38118, 38125, 38127, 38128, and 38141.**

NOVA Contact: Keisha Walker or Malrie Shelton, 901.222.3990



Are you “Breaking the Bank” or “Putting Money Into the Bank”?

Shelby County Vendor Discounts



www.att.com/wireless/shelbycounty

(901) 292-9313

(901) 278-2355



(901) 205-1475



(901) 222-1900



(901) 386-8356



(901) 360-7893



(901) 722-0208



(901) 202-2000



AAA Auto Club South
(901) 361-8624



(901) 454-0003



(901) 567-9662



(901) 507.4900



(901) 834-3155



(901) 522-6849



(901) 458-4000