

A Message of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who showed care and concern for me regarding the unfortunate and terrifying experience of my carjacking. It is difficult to fully understand the fear and anxiety one feels when going through such an event, until it becomes your reality. I am a strong person, but I will admit that this impacted me more than I thought it would. My sense of security has diminished. I am still affected every day while I am driving, whenever someone comes close to me in public. I also worry about my safety in my home because they have/had all my personal information, and I do not sleep well.

It is not only those things that affect me. I understand that people want to help, share their opinion and thoughts and I know they mean well, but at times what is said can be frustrating and hurtful. I have been told that I should have done this or that or shouldn't have done what I did or that I was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I don't prescribe to that notion, for this is a form of victim blaming and I was doing what I should be able to do, what we all do, fueling a car. The police stated that what I did was right, otherwise my outcome may have been much more tragic. Since this experience, I've been asked if I still believe in expungements and helping others who have a record and my answer is a resounding YES! I know that people have made mistakes in the past and most people who are eligible for expungements don't have an offense that includes a victim. I still believe that just because you have a past doesn't mean you can't have a future. If I can't be a part of the solution of getting someone onto a better path, how are we ever going to change the community for the better? I want to be a part of something bigger. I want to assist others with getting a job, procuring a loan, going back to school or buying their first house. I cannot allow what happened to me in a moment, define me or others' futures. I can only hope that we as a community can work together to combat crime, assist those who need and ask for help and keep the faith that despite all odds, we will prevail. I am a believer in second chances and I ask you to join me, as well.

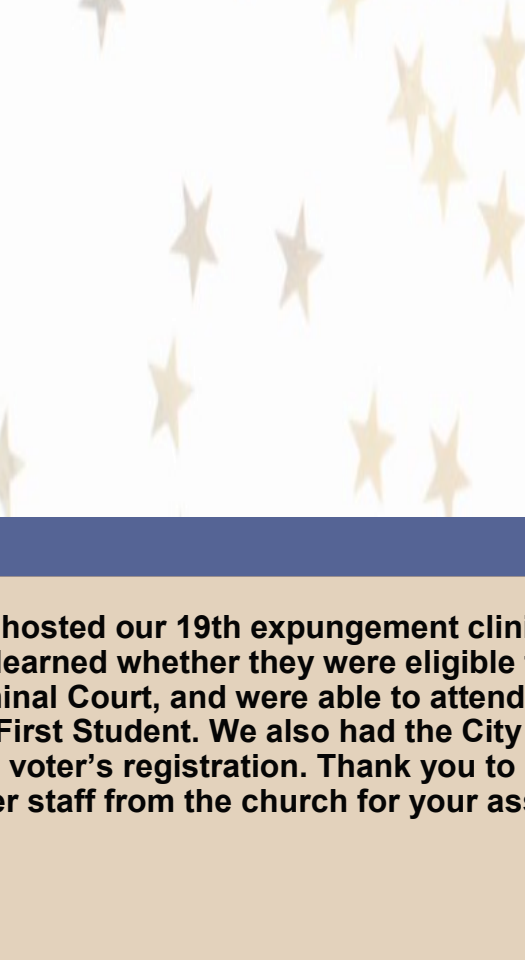
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Employee of The Quarter



Congratulations to Mrs. Kimberly Tanzy for being awarded the Employee of the Quarter!
Mrs. Tanzy is well deserving of this award as she is dedicated, dependable, a team player, and always has a great attitude. Kudos!

EMPLOYEE of the quarter

Expungement Clinic

The Criminal Court Clerk's Office hosted our 19th expungement clinic at Oak Grove M.B. Church. Over 250 people attended, where they learned whether they were eligible for an expungement with Criminal Court and General Sessions Criminal Court, and were able to attend the job fair with job opportunities with FedEx Ground, MATA, and First Student. We also had the City of Memphis Drive While You Pay program and NAACP providing voter's registration. Thank you to Pastor Donald Johnson and the volunteer staff from the church for your assistance.



Collection for Covington

Shelby County Cares! The Criminal Court Clerk's Office team and community donated to our Collection for Covington drive to get needed supplies to the Covington, TN community after they were hit by devastating tornadoes last week. We are so proud to see people come together to help communities in need. Thank you to Kroger and Absolute Moving Services for your partnership.



April 4th Foundation Gala

Clerk Kuhn invited staff members to attend the April 4th Foundation Gala with her to commemorate Dr. King's vision and legacy. The April 4th Foundation's mission is to provide an organized platform for the encouragement, creation, and support of commemorative historical and educational programs on the anniversary of the tragic assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee. The Foundation provides recognition and awards during the event to individuals who continue to strive to keep Dr. King's "Dream" alive.



Employee Spotlight

Mr. Gerald Bates began his career with the Criminal Court Clerk's Office on July 1, 2022, as a Deputy Court Clerk where he is assigned to the file room and was recently promoted to Principal Court Clerk.

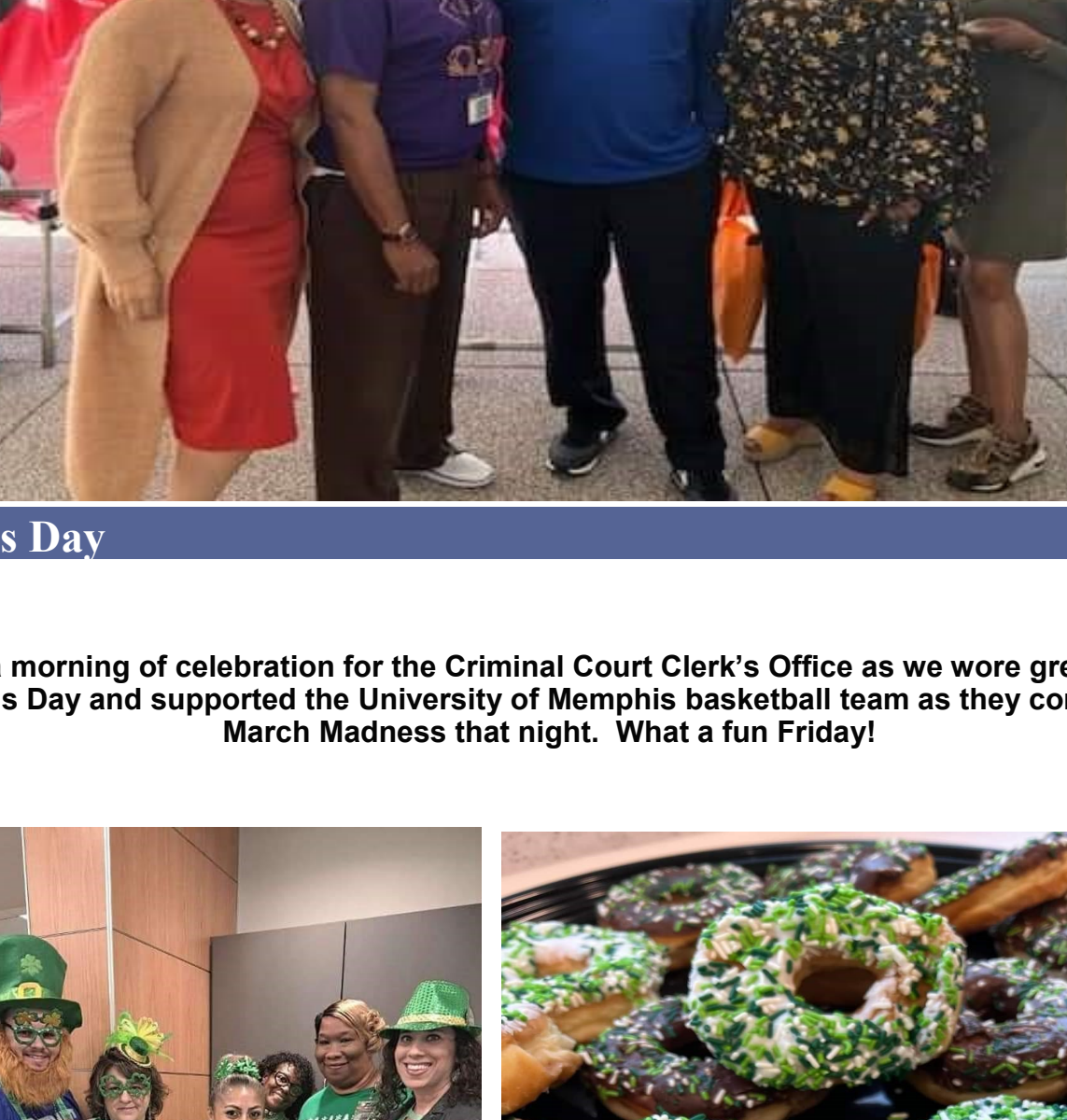
Gerald's main hobby is coaching football. He fell in love with coaching after his football career ended after many years of playing. He was a valued member of the Whitehaven High School football team where he helped win the school's first state championship in the 2012-13 school year. He is currently on the John P. Freeman coaching staff and hopes his team will win a championship too.

Gerald enjoys his time at the Criminal Court Clerk's Office and is looking forward to moving up within the department.



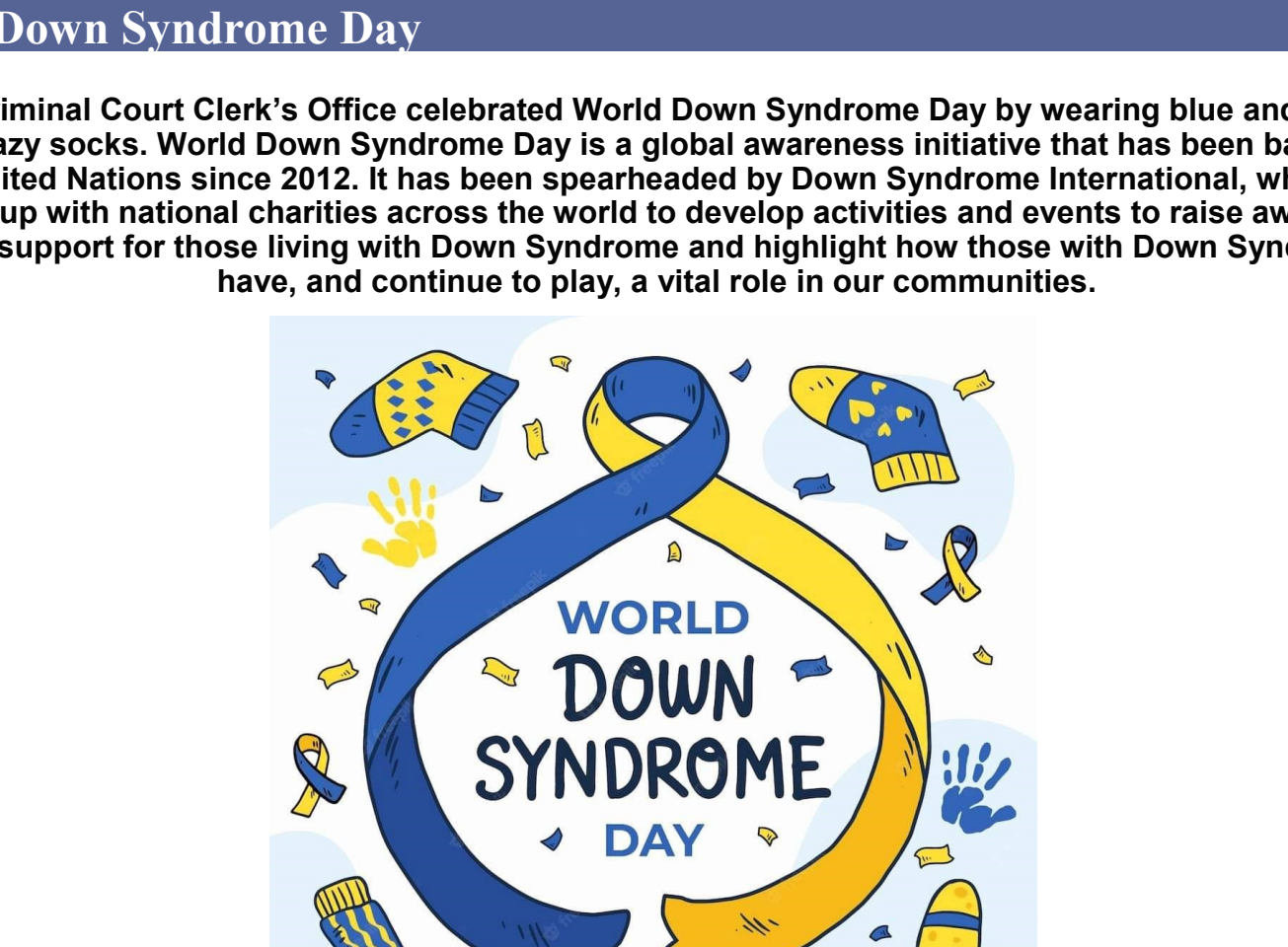
Judicial Conference Training

Because Clerk Heidi Kuhn believes in training and developing staff members, the Criminal Court Clerk's Office hosted a day of training for the full staff where each department gave an overview of their duties and how they interact with the rest of the office and outside agencies. Valuable information was shared and everyone walked away with new knowledge.



MIFA Volunteering

The Criminal Court Clerk's Office administrative staff served food to the seniors! Thank you to Mrs. Arnetta Stanton Macklin and MIFA for allowing us to participate in such a wonderful event.



March Madness Employee Hoop-A-Thon

Shelby County employees competed against City of Memphis employees in the inaugural March Madness Hoop-A-Thon. Mr. Lawrence Denton and Mr. Kevin Phipps, both of the Criminal Court Clerk's Office, competed in the pop-a-shot shooting competition to take home the championship title and bragging rights. Mr. Denton won the entire championship!!! Mr. Denton even beat former Memphis Grizzlies Kevin Knight! Congratulations Mr. Denton and good job to all who participated!



St. Patrick's Day

It was a morning of celebration for the Criminal Court Clerk's Office as we wore green for St. Patrick's Day and supported the University of Memphis basketball team as they competed in March Madness that night. What a fun Friday!

World Down Syndrome Day

The Criminal Court Clerk's Office celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing blue and yellow, and crazy socks. World Down Syndrome Day is a global awareness initiative that has been backed by the United Nations since 2012. It has been spearheaded by Down Syndrome International, which has linked up with national charities across the world to develop activities and events to raise awareness and support for those living with Down Syndrome and highlight how those with Down Syndrome have, and continue to play, a vital role in our communities.

