

# THE DAY TIMES

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## HEART MONTH 2026: PROTECT THE BEAT THAT POWERS YOU



February is American Heart Month — a time to focus on heart health and the steps we can take to protect one of our body’s most vital organs. Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, but many risk factors are preventable through healthy lifestyle choices. Maintaining a heart-healthy diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins can significantly reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

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Managing stress, getting adequate sleep (7–9 hours per night), and staying hydrated also play important roles in overall heart wellness. It’s equally important to monitor blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and blood sugar, as these numbers can provide early warning signs. Avoiding tobacco products and limiting sodium and added sugars can further support long-term heart health. Small, consistent habits can lead to meaningful improvements over time.

This Heart Month, let’s commit to taking proactive steps toward healthier living — because when we care for our hearts, we strengthen our ability to care for others.

# CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This year marks the 100th celebration of Black History Month — a century-long tradition rooted in recognition, education, and resilience. The observance began in 1926 as Negro History Week, founded by historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Often called the “Father of Black History,” Dr. Woodson created the week to ensure that the achievements and contributions of Black Americans were acknowledged and studied as an essential part of American history. The second week of February was chosen to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

In 1976, the observance expanded nationally to become Black History Month, growing into a global celebration of Black excellence, culture, leadership, and progress. What began as a week of recognition has evolved into a powerful movement embraced by schools, organizations, and communities across the country.

Black History Month is both a reflection on the past and a call to action for the future. It reminds us that history is living and ongoing — shaped by voices that have too often been overlooked but have profoundly influenced every aspect of society.

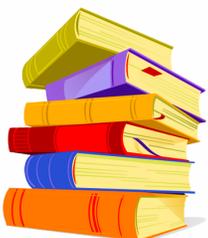
In that spirit, members of the Administration joined Clerk Day at the 106th Freedom Fund Banquet hosted by the NAACP, where Congresswoman Maxine Waters served as keynote speaker. The evening highlighted the importance of civic engagement, advocacy, and continued progress as we commemorate 100 years of honoring Black history.



# Charlotte Fleming Sworn In as Special Master for Third Circuit Court

On Wednesday, February 11th, Clerk Day administered the oath of office to Charlotte Fleming as the new Special Master for the Third Circuit Court. She will serve alongside Judge Bethany Glandorff, supporting the Court with her extensive legal experience.

Ms. Fleming has practiced family law since 1987 and brings decades of service to this role. Her background includes a thriving mediation practice, as well as service as Assistant Juvenile Judge and Assistant to the City Judge in Robertson County and Springfield, Tennessee. We are proud to welcome her and look forward to the leadership and expertise she brings to the Court.



## Clerk Day Reads at Madison Library Storytime

Clerk Day recently served as the Read Aloud Guest for Storytime with Friends at the Madison Branch Library, marking his fourth visit to the branch. He shared the beloved children's classic *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats with a wonderful group of young readers and families.

Moments like these reflect our continued commitment to community engagement — demonstrating that service extends beyond the courtroom and into the heart of our community.

# Circuit Court Clerk's Office Hosts Community Blood Drive



On Wednesday, February 18th, the Circuit Court Clerk's Office proudly partnered with Blood Assurance to host a lifesaving blood drive in the Jury Assembly Room at the Historic Courthouse. This meaningful initiative reflects our continued commitment to serving not only through our work in the justice system, but also through acts of compassion that directly impact our broader community.

Founded in 1945, Blood Assurance is a nonprofit, full-service regional blood center that provides blood products to hospitals and healthcare facilities across Tennessee and several neighboring states. As one of the nation's oldest independent blood centers, Blood Assurance supplies thousands of units of blood each week to patients facing surgery, trauma, cancer treatments, chronic illness, and other critical medical needs. Because blood cannot be manufactured, volunteer donors are essential to maintaining a safe and stable blood supply.



Donating blood is a simple yet powerful way to save lives. A single donation can help multiple patients, and the need is constant — regardless of season or circumstance. Beyond the immediate impact for recipients, donating blood also offers health benefits for donors, including mini health screenings and the knowledge that they have made a tangible difference in someone's life.



We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the team members who graciously rolled up their sleeves to give during this drive: Aronda, Janet, Brian, Jessi, Mieachelle, Shelby, Rena`, Rod, Gigi, Matthew, and Bill Riggs. We would also like to offer a special thank you to members of the Sheriff's Office and the State Trial Courts who took time out of their day to stop by and donate. Your generosity and willingness to serve exemplify the spirit of community partnership and public service that strengthens our courthouse family. Because of you, lives will be touched in ways we may never fully see — but can always be proud of.



# Trial Verdicts

## Jury Trials

| WEEK OF JANUARY 26 , 2026 NO TRIALS WENT FORWARD THIS WEEK |              |    |       |                  |         |             |    |
|--|--------------|----|-------|------------------|---------|-------------|----|
| CASE NUMBER  | TYPE OF CASE | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT | % FAULT | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
|  |              |    |       |                  |         |             |    |

| SPECIALLY SET TRIAL WEEK OF JANUARY 5, 2026 |              |    |       |  |         |             |    |
|---|--------------|----|-------|--|---------|-------------|----|
| CASE NUMBER                                 | TYPE OF CASE | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT   | % FAULT | GS JUDGMENT | BY |
| 21C2296                                     | Negligence   | 2  |       | Continued on the second day of trial. A date to be determined. |         |             |    |

## Non-Jury Trials

| JANUARY, 2026 NON-JURY TRIALS: |              |    |       |                              |               |   |    |
|--------------------------------|--------------|----|-------|------------------------------|---------------|---|----|
| SPECIALLY SET TRIALS:          |              |    |       |                              |               |   |    |
| CASE NUMBER                    | TYPE OF CASE | CT | π / Δ | CIRCUIT JUDGMENT             | DATE OF TRIAL | GS JUDGMENT                             | BY |
| 25C1352                        | GSA- Misc.   | 1  | Δ     | In favor of Δ for \$1,248.50 | 1/14/2026     | In favor of π for \$25,000.00 A/G<br>Δ1 | Δ1 |

# Department



# Numbers

| <b><u>Circuit Court</u></b>        | <b><u>Jan.</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| New Civil Cases                    | 348                | 348               |
| Jury Demand                        | 180                | 180               |
| Non-Jury                           | 107                | 107               |
| New Divorce Cases Filed            | 114                | 114               |
| Domestic Petitions Filed           | 8                  | 8                 |
| Orders of Protection Filed         | 76                 | 76                |
| Orders of Protection Granted       | 7                  | 7                 |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed     | 82                 | 82                |
| Judicial Committals Filed          | 9                  | 9                 |
| New Adoption Petitions             | 7                  | 7                 |
| Civil Cases Concluded              | 304                | 304               |
| Jury Demand                        | 183                | 183               |
| Non-Jury                           | 68                 | 68                |
| Divorce Cases Concluded            | 195                | 195               |
| Domestic Petitions Concluded       | 9                  | 9                 |
| <br>                               |                    |                   |
| <b><u>Probate</u></b>              | <b><u>Jan.</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
| Total New Cases Filed              | 168                | 168               |
| Total Closed Cases                 | 211                | 211               |
| Petitions to Probate Will          | 53                 | 53                |
| Probate Will for Muniment of Title | 5                  | 5                 |
| Letters of Administration          | 29                 | 29                |
| Small Estate Affidavits            | 23                 | 2                 |
| Conservatorship                    | 46                 | 46                |
| Guardianship of Minor              | 2                  | 2                 |
| Name Change                        | 7                  | 7                 |
| Trust Matters                      | 3                  | 3                 |
| Other Miscellaneous                | 0                  | 0                 |

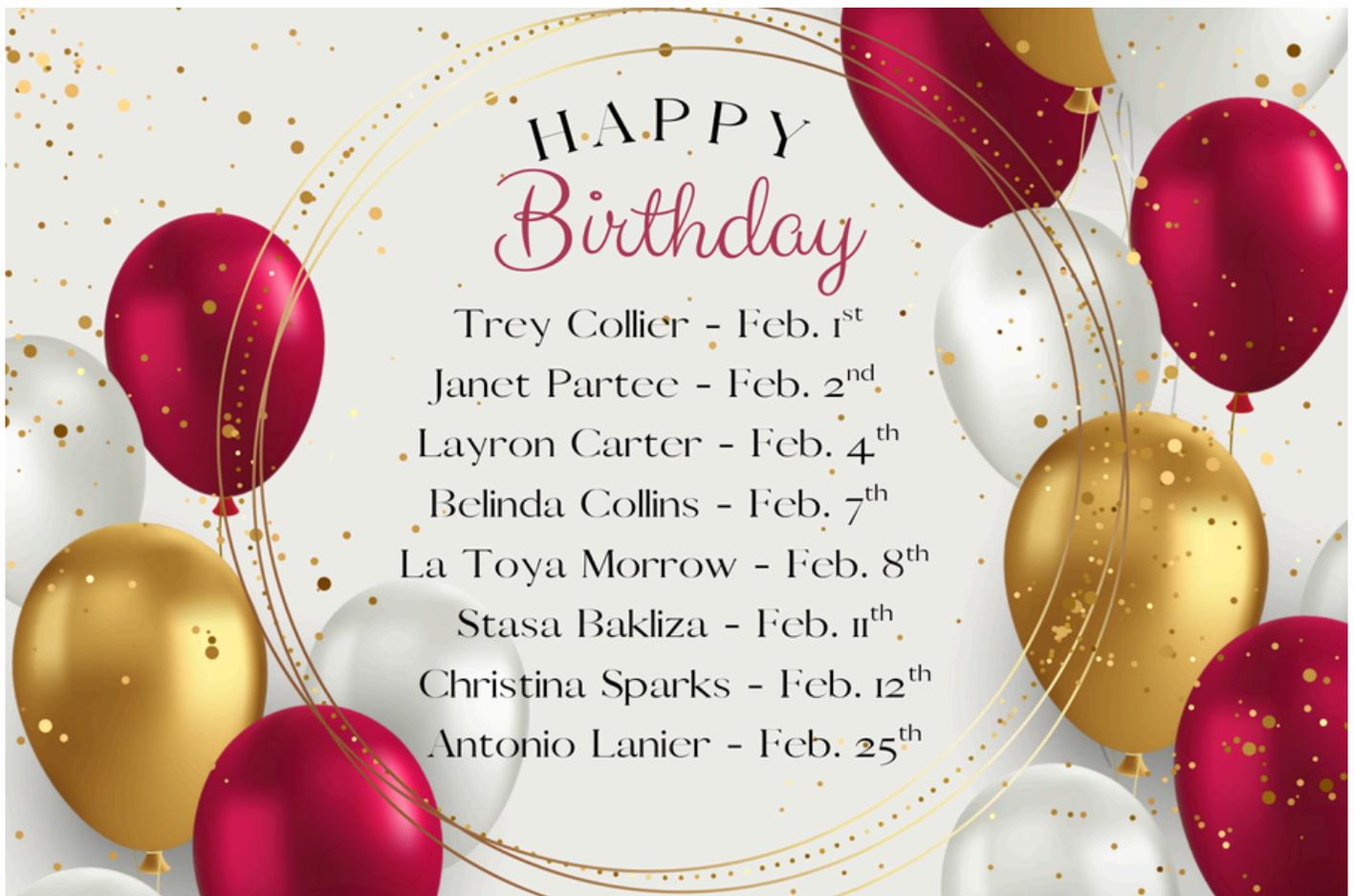
| <b><u>General Sessions</u></b>          | <b><u>Jan.</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total New Cases Filed                   | 5,169              | 5,169             |
| Civil Warrants                          | 2,908              | 2,908             |
| Detainer Warrants                       | 1,307              | 1,307             |
| Recovery Warrants                       | 7                  | 7                 |
| Orders of Protection Petitions          | 302                | 302               |
| Orders of Protection Granted            | 59                 | 59                |
| Orders of Protection Dismissed          | 174                | 174               |
| Emergency Committals                    | 476                | 476               |
| Immediate Possession                    | 0                  | 0                 |
| Sue & Attach                            | 0                  | 0                 |
| Petitions to Interplead                 | 1                  | 1                 |
| Counter-Claims                          | 11                 | 11                |
| Distress Warrants                       | 470                | 470               |
| Executions Issued                       | 3,606              | 3,606             |
| Garnishment Payments                    | 3,242              | 3,242             |
| Judgments Collected                     | \$1,184,910.40     | \$1,184,910.40    |
| <br>                                    |                    |                   |
| <b><u>Traffic Violations Bureau</u></b> | <b><u>Jan.</u></b> | <b><u>YTD</u></b> |
| Total Traffic Violations                | 7,781              | 7,781             |
| Moving Citations                        | 2,265              | 2,265             |
| Parking Citations                       | 5,516              | 5,516             |
| Environmental Citations                 | 521                | 521               |
| Civil Misdemeanor Citations             | 0                  | 0                 |
| Total Fines Collected                   | \$233,818.01       | \$233,818.01      |
| Nullifications                          | 187                | 187               |
| Nullification Fees Collected            | \$2,246            | \$2,246           |

# Congratulations

Congratulations to the following team members on reaching milestone years of service this month!

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Glenn Balletto</b>  |  |
| <b>Belinda Collins</b> |  |
| <b>Romayne Scalf</b>   |  |

Your dedication, hard work, and commitment have played a vital role in our organization's success. Thank you for being an invaluable part of our team!



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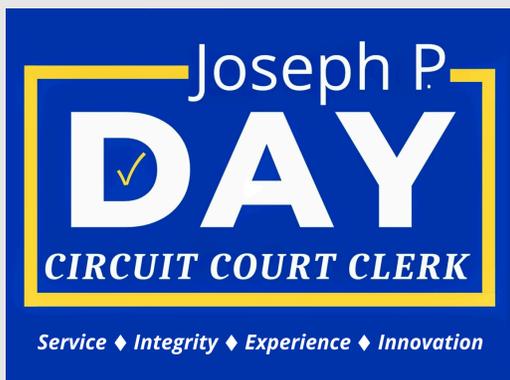
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