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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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IN MEMORY OF
DON ROSSO, 1958-2006

CHEERS...

Rebecca (Self) Harborth, a former deputy clerk in the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, gave birth to a son on December 14. Hubby **Bruce Harborth** said the new arrival, **Boston Ben Harborth**, weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces and stretched the tape to 19.5 inches upon his debut at Southern Hills Hospital. The couple has one other son, **Adam Harborth**.

Congratulations to Deputy Circuit Court Clerk **Christenah Haefner** upon earning an associate's degree in paralegal services from Volunteer State University. The degree culminates four years of studies with strong support from her husband **Chris** and 11-year-old son **Logan**.

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., son of former State Supreme Court Justice **Robert E. Cooper**, was recently sworn in as the new Tennessee State Attorney General. He will serve an eight-year term. In another ceremony, the oath of office was administered to **Dea Kelly Thomas**, who was appointed by Gov. **Phil Bredesen** to replace **Gary R. Wade** on the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals after Wade's appointment to the State Supreme Court. The governor still must appoint one other justice to fill a vacancy on the high court.

...TEARS

WILLIAM (JEFF) HUNNICUTT, JR., 75, lost his fight with cancer on November 15. He was a former court officer with the General Sessions Court.

TOM ALEXANDER, 62, who served four terms on the Metro Council from 1983-1999, died on November 16. The cause of death was listed as emphysema.

Traffic Supervisor Don Rosso Loses Fight With Cancer

Donald Rosso, Jr., who devoted more than two decades to serving the public as a member of the Traffic Violations Bureau, lost his struggle with cancer on November 22.

He was only 48 years old.

For the past five-plus years, Mr. Rosso had served as business manager of the high-volume traffic department where he began his public service career on November 1, 1984. After honing his skills on the various fundamentals of the office, he was elevated to the position of cashier, working one-on-one with customers and helping them through the payment process.

Later, when the position of business manager became available, he was the obvious choice for the position. His overall knowledge of the office operations, combined with a calm approach toward resolving issues enhanced his popularity with staff members and the general public alike.

His strong work ethic and dependability traits were applauded by the bureau's chief clerk, Bill Cartwright, and by Circuit Court Clerk Richard Rooker, who called Mr. Rosso "an ideal employee whose dedication and loyalty will stand as examples for others to follow."

A loving family man, Mr. Rosso leaves behind his wife Ellen and daughter Jessica.



A VIEW OF NEW PUBLIC SQUARE



Public Information Director Margaret Larobardiere captured these opposite Second Avenue views of the new Metro Courthouse Public Square Plaza. The scene at left provides an overview of the courthouse park looking north, while photo at right depicts view



of Second Avenue from courthouse entrance. A portion of the renovated courthouse is currently being occupied and work continues on upper floors that will house state civil courts and affiliated offices sometime next Spring.

NOVEMBER JURY TRIALS

Week of November 13

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT
04C-2007	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	6		DEFENDANT	
05C-424	NEGLIGENCE	2		DEFENDANT	

APPEALS

GENERAL SESSIONS

JUDGMENT APPELLANT

NON-JURY TRIAL RESULTS

Week of November 6

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT
06C-211	GSA/PROPERTY DAMAGE	5	DEFENDANT	
03C-2997	WORKERS COMPENSATION	1	PENDING	

APPEALS

GENERAL SESSIONS

JUDGMENT APPELLANT

Week of November 27

CIRCUIT COURT

CASE	TYPE	COURT	PRAYER	VERDICT	PCT. FAULT	JUDGMENT	APPELLANT
06C-564	DEBT	5		\$28,376			
06C-934	GSA/DEBT	2		UNDER ADVISEMENT			
06C-1737	GSA/CONTRACT	1		\$945		P-\$945	DEFENDANT
06C-1456	GSA/DOG POSSESSION	2		UNDER ADVISEMENT		P-POSSESSION	DEFENDANT
06C-2094	GSA/CONTRACT	1		\$2,900		P-\$2,900	PLAINTIFF
04C-1962	CONTRACT	5		\$13,000			
03C-1647	WORKERS COMPENSATION	2		PENDING			
06C-2315	GSA/CONTRACT	1		\$300		P-\$750	DEFENDANT
05C-3515	DAMAGES	2		\$37,660			
06C-1888	GSA/DEBT	1		\$13,681+INTEREST		P-\$16,342	DEFENDANT
*06C-1412	DEBT	5		\$34,138			
*05C-424	NEGLIGENCE	2		DEFENDANT			

GENERAL SESSIONS

JUDGMENT APPELLANT

*--WAIVED JURY TRIAL

P	PLAINTIFF	GSA	GENERAL SESSIONS APPEAL	TPD	TOTAL PARTIAL DISABILITY
D	DEFENDANT	TTD	TOTAL TEMPORARY DISABILITY	ST	SOFT TISSUE

In January...

They survived the call to serve their country and now are finding themselves dodging socio-economic ammunition of the homeland society they defended.

But many of our homeless veterans are finding allies from within the court system to help them deal with legal issues on the homefront.

While they are not receiving legal advice, the burdened veterans are being shown proper guidance in seeking resolution to their problems.

Read how the courts and other arms of the legal community are strengthening their participation in "Operation Stand Down."

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

BIRTHSTONE: **GARNET**

Circuit Court Clerk
 13 Randy Bryant
 15 Brittany Travis
 19 Brian Kahrs
 27 Christy Allen
 29 Deborah Hennessee

Traffic Violations
 2 Bessie Fox
 15 Peggy Griffin

Traffic Warrants
 None

General Sessions Civil
 1 Veronica Edmondson
 16 Cindy Milligan
 30 Connie Colley

Probate Clerk
 None

CASE ANALYSES

GENRE	NOVEMBER	YTD
AUTO ACCIDENTS	0	40
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	23
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	12
•NONE	0	5
CONTRACTS	4	33
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	4	26
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	3
•NONE	0	4
TOTAL AWARDS	\$17,248	\$195,648
MEDICAL MALPRACTICE	1	2
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	0
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	1	2
MISCELLANEOUS	11	70
•PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	4	42
•DEFENDANT VERDICTS	3	14
•NONE	4	14

Auto Accident Cases

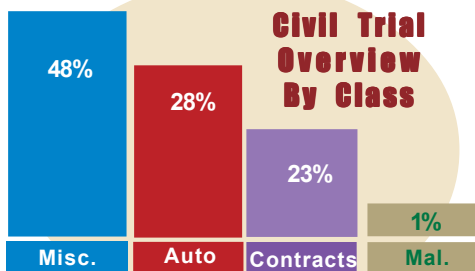
	NOVEMBER	YTD
JURY TRIALS	0	27
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	13
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	24
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	11
NONE	0	5
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

Soft Tissue Auto Cases

	NOVEMBER	YTD
JURY TRIALS	0	12
NON-JURY TRIALS	0	1
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	10
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	2
PENDING	0	2
HIGHEST JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A
AVERAGE JUDGMENT	N/A	N/A

General Sessions Auto Appeals

	NOVEMBER	YTD
PLAINTIFF VERDICTS	0	5
DEFENDANT VERDICTS	0	3
NONE	0	2



DATA BANK

Statistics compiled for the month of November

CASE INFORMATION

Circuit Court

NEW CIVIL CASES FILED	245
JURY	84
NON-JURY	161
CIVIL CASES CONCLUDED	206
JURY	117
NON-JURY	89
NEW DIVORCE CASES FILED	69
DIVORCE CASES CONCLUDED	123
DOMESTIC PETITIONS FILED	319
DOMESTIC PETITIONS CONCLUDED	303

General Sessions Civil

NEW CASES FILED	4,276
EXECUTIONS ISSUED	3,215
GARNISHMENT PAYMENTS	3,568
JUDGMENTS COLLECTED	\$668,627
ORDER OF PROTECTION PETITIONS	169

Probate Court

NEW CASES FILED	185
CASES CLOSED	168

Traffic Violations

MOVING CITATIONS	13,050
TOTAL VIOLATIONS	22,585
PARKING VIOLATIONS	4,698
TOTAL FINES COLLECTED	\$636,537
NULLIFICATIONS	4,088
NULLIFICATION FEES COLLECTED	\$49,054

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