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## SAVE THE DATE

September 10, 2015

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**A Note from  
Human  
Resources:**

To see the list of available  
Webinars offered to all  
employees, look on page 6



## SPRUCE UP THE ONTARIO COUNTY

### COURTHOUSE DAY

JUNE 5, 2015

On a cold December day six months ago, the one and only elevator at the Ontario County Courthouse decided that after 28 years of service it was time to retire. After many months we are pleased to announce that a replacement has been hired, trained and in keeping with OCA hiring standards began work on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

In order to commemorate this occasion on June 5<sup>th</sup> a “Spruce up the Courthouse Day” was held. Pike construction donated T-shirts for the occasion (Pike was the company who completed the work on the elevator.) We took a day away from the daily grind and took a little time to do some much needed cleaning and organizing, not only our personal work space, but, also the Courthouse. Brass was shined, dust was removed and just a whole lot of clearing out was done.



Front row: Shirley Westfall, Phyllis Ertel, Kerry McGrath, Sheryl Deys, Robin Russell

Back row: Peggi Ennis, Marianne Grambo, Susie Brusen, Loree Rouse, Hon. William Kocher, Cindy Gillette, Margaret Haining, Marci Morrisey, Alice Palmer and Betsy Simpson

Lunch was provided for all to enjoy showing our appreciation for all the hard work that was completed, not just on “Spruce up Day,” but, every day. Thank you to all that participated, and we couldn’t have done it without your help.

## Obituaries



Michael C. Oltmann, 19, son of Wendy Trippi Monroe Supreme & County Court, was taken away unexpectedly June 22, 2015. He was born November 3, 1995, and had a love for life and all that it involved. He loved hunting with his family and also enjoyed fishing, boating and riding motorcycles. Michael was loved by all who knew him. He is survived by his mother and



stepfather, Wendy and Matthew Trippi; father and stepmother, Robert and Tanya Decker III; paternal grandparents Robert and Bonnie Decker; maternal grandmother Jacalyn Williams; seven sisters, Brittany Oltmann, Lexi Brady, McKenzie and Montana Decker, Jordan, Taylor and Sydney Hajdasz; special aunts and uncles, Jamie and Karen Decker, Amy and Tim Sitts, Chad Oltmann and Jim and Beth Mascho; many cousins that he grew up with and his very best friend Shawn "Willie" Wylie. He was predeceased by his grandfather Charlie Williams and great-grandmother Lorraine Decker. Cards of condolence may be sent to Wendy and her family c/o Monroe Supreme & County Court, 545 Hall of Justice, 99 Exchange Blvd., Rochester, NY 14614.

## Thank You.....

I would just like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You", to everyone. The outpouring of kindness has been wonderful during this difficult time since the passing of my father-in-law. It never ceases to amaze me how much everyone is there for each other in times of sorrow.

Also, to my "Family Court" family for the thoughtfulness when I was out with my surgery. It is good to be back to work and being with such co-workers.

*Gail LiButti*

Sr. Court Office Assistant

Monroe County Family Court



**The Embrace Space** is a new feature column that will appear in *The Briefly*. The column is promoted by the 7<sup>th</sup> JD WorkForce Diversity Committee where employees can share on topics which promote a diverse judicial workforce, a spirit of inclusiveness, and public trust in justice. Please consider submitting an article for the column. There is no maximum or minimum length required. This is your chance to write about something that matters to you. Do you have a special talent, or do you volunteer for a cause? Write about your experiences and send in photos, too! Do you have something on your mind and want to get it off your chest? Here's your chance!



"Exclusion is never the way forward on our shared paths to freedom and justice." -Desmond Tutu

Send in your articles to [pdrexler@nycourts.gov](mailto:pdrexler@nycourts.gov). Looking forward to hearing from you!

### Congratulations on your retirement!



**Marlene Galbraith**, Court Assistant in Monroe Supreme & County Court re-tired on July 15, 2015 after 22 years of service in the Unified Court System. Congratulations!

See pictures of Marlene's retirement party on page 5.



## NEW HIRES AND PROMOTIONS



L to R: Nick Sprague, RCC Supervisor, Kim Bostley, RCC Deputy Chief Clerk, Gena Alessi-Coe and Jessie Parson RCC Civil Branch.



Kim Keskin promoted to Court Clerk in Monroe Supreme & County Court.



(L) Margaret Mahoney and (R) Kelly Monteleone Steuben County



Colby Ceratt, Court Assistant in Wayne County Multi-Bench



Monroe Supreme & County Court has a bunch of new employees: (L to R) Sandra Adams, Court Assistant; Bianca Guathier, Court Assistant; Denise Frainier, Court Assistant; Vicki Kushner, Court Assistant; Erica Giambrone, Court Assistant; and Leanne Frye, Court Assistant.

# 7th JD Wellness Event for July: THE VERDICT



## THE VERDICT

It was a beautiful summer day (75 degrees, sunny and no humidity) on the Civic Center Plaza as THE VERDICT played a number of New York songs. With *Scott Kockler*, *Monroe Family Court*, and fellow members of the band THE VERDICT, we had a great time listening to renditions of New York songs. The band sounded fantastic as they played Low Bridge (15 years on the Erie Canal), I've Got Rhythm, Come Out, Peoples Court Theme, Theme from Night Court, New York State of Mind, I love New York and Theme from New York, New York.

Band members are (L to R top picture): Kevin McLaud, Douglas Blackall, Scott Kockler, Richard Kockler and Debra Davis.

Thank you to everyone that came out and enjoyed THE VERDICT and thanks to the band for putting on two shows for us.



(L) Amy Geitner and (R) Joyce Lasch



← Silvia Kockler (Scott's mom) with Elliott Kockler (Scott's son). Looks like Elliott is having a fun time listening to the band!



Mary Aufleger, Hon. Craig J. Doran Administrative Judge, Amy Fields and Stacy Astudillo



Tim Hunt and Maryanne Townsend



Ron Pawelczak District Executive enjoying the music with employees of the Hall of Justice

**Marlene Galbraith, former Court Assistant in Monroe Supreme & County Court,** attended a retirement party held in her honor in the Monroe Hall of Justice on July 15th. Marlene plans on getting some projects done and just enjoy being on retirement! Congrats Marlene!!



Sign made by Dan Curran, Monroe S & C

Marlene is shown working at the Employee Benefits Fair held in Monroe County every year. We will miss her smiling face. She was very helpful in explaining the CSEA Benefits. Marlene was the 1st Vice President of the CSEA Local for twelve years.



Marlene's family

Hon. J. Scott Odorisi with Marlene



### Baby News!



Laurie Partridge, Steuben County Family Court and her husband Bill are pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Brody Michael Sullivan.

Brody was born May 21, 2015, weighing in at 8lbs., 8ozs. and 21.25 inches long. Brody and his parents, Trista (Laurie's daughter) and Chris are doing well.

*Congratulations to everyone!!*



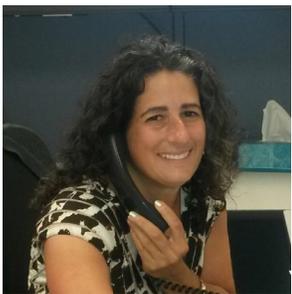
### Strawberry Blender Ice Cream

-3 Cups (about 24 oz.) Fresh or frozen strawberries (put fresh strawberries in the freezer until they harden)

- 1/2 cup sugar

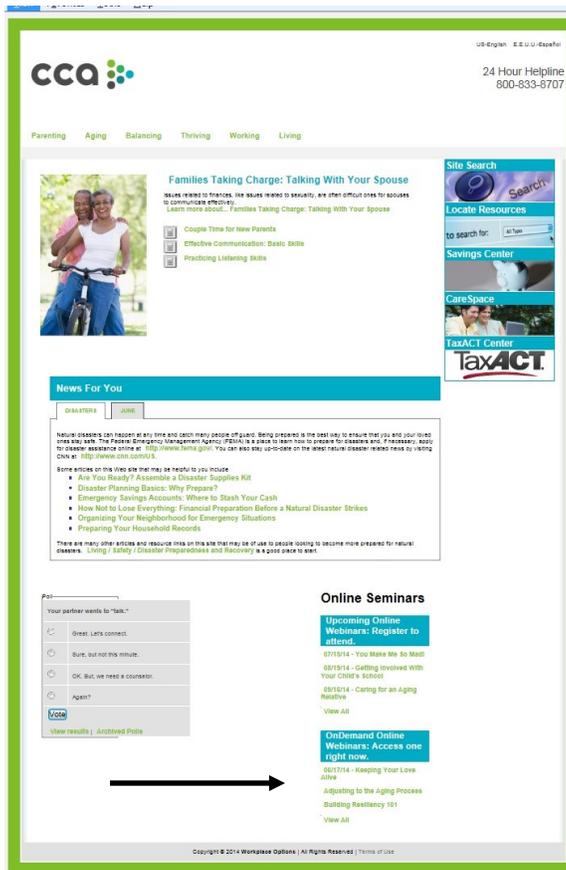
- 1 1/2 cups 2% milk (you could use heavy whipping cream for a richer taste)

Place strawberries in a blender. Blend until berries are choppy but not smooth. Pour in milk and pulse a few times and then add sugar. Blend until smooth, stopping to stir the mixture a few times. Store in an airtight container in the freezer. Enjoy!



**Welcome** to Amy Heltz— Senior Court Office Assistant in Monroe Family Court

# Webinars Available



Did you know that the Unified Court System’s Work/Life Assistance Program offers Webinars on a variety of topics? The two types of categories for the Webinars are “Upcoming” for which you would need to register through the Corporate Counseling Website, or “OnDemand” which means the original Webinar has already taken place and you can watch it when time permits. For the most up-to-date list, please go to the intranet and in the browser, type in: login.corporatecounseling.com. For the Company Code type in UCS and click SUBMIT. Here’s a quick list of some of the topics you can access with a click of your mouse:

### Online Seminars:

- 08/18/15—Strategies for Multigenerational Caregiving
- 09/15/15—Coping With Change
- 10/20/15—Know the 10 Signs
- 11/17/15—Stick With It
- 12/15/15—Creating a Personal Development Plan

To access the On Demand Webinars, scroll down to the bottom of the CCA page and click on “View All” to see all the topics. Choose your topic. If you want to view the slides and hear the speaker, put on your ear-phones and click on the Windows Media icon. Click “Play.” If you would prefer to read or print the webinar, click on the appropriate PDF icon.

If you have any questions or problems accessing the webinars, you can contact the Human Resources Unit at (585) 371-3266.

## Did you know???

If you need help from the IT Department (aka Automation Unit) you can call them directly? Their number is **371-3263** and they would be happy to hear from you! :)

