



# TNWB Clerk's Office Newsletter

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## Court's IT Department recently underwent an IT Security Assessment: Strengthening Our Infrastructure and Data Security Posture

In today's rapidly evolving digital landscape, securing sensitive information is critical to maintaining the trust of clients, partners, and employees. Recently, our IT department underwent a comprehensive IT Security Assessment to evaluate and strengthen our organization's cybersecurity defenses. This assessment plays a key role in identifying vulnerabilities and ensuring our systems are safeguarded against the growing threats of cyberattacks.

The assessment involved a thorough review of our network infrastructure, software applications, and data handling processes. Key areas of focus included:

1. **Vulnerability Assessment:** Identifying weak points within our systems that could be exploited by external or internal threats.
2. **Penetration Testing:** Simulating real-world cyberattacks to evaluate how our systems respond under pressure.
3. **Compliance Review:** Ensuring that our IT practices align with regulatory requirements and industry standards.
4. **Employee Awareness:** Assessing the effectiveness of our staff's knowledge and training on security protocols.

By conducting this IT Security Assessment, the IT department is not only working to protect the organization from immediate risks but is also laying the groundwork for ongoing improvements to security strategies. TNWB remains committed to safeguarding our digital assets and will continue to invest in security measures to stay ahead of evolving cyber threats.

## Retirement Announcement

Lisa Haney, Clerk of Court, is retiring December 31, 2024.

The Court is now accepting applications for the Clerk of Court position. The closing date is October 31, 2024.

The position announcement is posted on the Court's website: <https://www.tnwb.uscourts.gov/TNW/Jobs.aspx>.

## Community Outreach

In July, members of the Court's Community Outreach Committee delivered donated pantry items to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge. The Hope Lodge provides snacks to patients before and/or after their treatment. The Hope Lodge opened in 2010 and provides a home-away-from-home for cancer patients and their caregivers. The Center offers a supportive home-like environment where guests can share meals, join in activities, and unwind in their own private room. The American Cancer Society's mission is to save lives, celebrate lives and lead a fight for a world without cancer.

In September, the Court donated new or gently worn coats for women and children to the Dream Center in Jackson. The Dream Center provides shelter as a faith-based educational ministry for women and mothers with children that rebuilds lives, restores hope and renews dreams. The Dream Center assists with job readiness, resume building, finding employment and other services to prepare women to achieve success.

## Reminder: Familiarize Yourself with Event Codes

It is always good to keep yourself up to date on court event codes. Over the past few years some codes have been removed or combined while other new codes have been added. We at the Clerk's Office strive to keep everyone informed of these changes. In this edition we wanted to refresh everyone on what is covered under the Code "Motion to Pay."

Motion to Pay...

- Off Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case
- Clerk Filing Fees
- Total Loss Claim
- Off Mortgage
- Debtor Exemptions
- Taxes
- Tax Lien
- Refund to Debtor

## Upcoming Holidays

Columbus Day – October 14<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving – November 28<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup>

Christmas – December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 25<sup>th</sup>

New Year's – December 31<sup>st</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>

The Clerk's Office will be closed on these holidays. For additional closures please refer to our website

[www.tnwb.uscourts.gov](http://www.tnwb.uscourts.gov)

## Filing Statistics - Numbers are Trending Up

Jul 1, 2023 - Jun 30, 2024			
	Memphis	Jackson	Totals
Chapter 7	1,380	518	1,898
Chapter 11	24	6	30
Chapter 12	0	0	0
Chapter 13	4,807	1,160	5,967
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>6,211</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>7,895</b>
Jul 1, 2022 - Jun 30, 2023			
	Memphis	Jackson	Totals
Chapter 7	1,337	468	1,805
Chapter 11	16	6	22
Chapter 12	0	0	0
Chapter 13	4,922	1,194	6,116
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>6,275</b>	<b>1,668</b>	<b>7,943</b>
Jul 1, 2021 - Jun 30, 2022			
	Memphis	Jackson	Totals
Chapter 7	1,140	388	1,528
Chapter 11	10	5	15
Chapter 12	0	0	0
Chapter 13	3,645	888	4,533
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,795</b>	<b>1,281</b>	<b>6,076</b>
Jul 1, 2020 - Jun 30, 2021			
	Memphis	Jackson	Totals
Chapter 7	1,492	513	2,005
Chapter 11	10	6	16
Chapter 12	0	0	0
Chapter 13	3,148	698	3,846
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>4,650</b>	<b>1,217</b>	<b>5,867</b>

## Quick Holiday Fun Facts

### Thanksgiving

1. On October 3, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday.
2. Each year it is estimated at 46 million turkeys are prepared to provide the traditional feast.

### Christmas

1. Rockin' around the Christmas Tree was recorded by Brenda Lee in 1958 when she was only 13 years old.
2. Electric Christmas lights were invented by Thomas Edison in 1880.

### New Years

1. The first New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square was held in 1904. The ball drop was started in 1907 as an alternative to fireworks.
2. It is estimated that one million people celebrate New Year's Eve at Times Square each year.
3. About one fourth of Americans fall asleep before midnight on New Year's Eve.