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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Lea sworn in as county judge

He will finish out longtime judge's unexpired term

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Friends, family members and colleagues packed the courtroom at the Wilson County General Sessions Court on Wednesday, not for a case, but to watch

Deputy District Attorney General Jimmy Lea be sworn in as the county's newest division judge.

Lea was selected by the Wilson County Commission on Oct. 18 to fulfill the unexpired term of long-time judge, Haywood Barry, who officially retired on New Year's Eve.

"Our county commission got it right in this instance for sure," said Judge Brody Kane



Jimmy Lea

as he spoke of Lea's qualifications Wednesday. "Most people don't have experience with the judicial system. They take what little they know about it, go to their family and friends and extrapolate their experience to the whole system in its entirety.

"When Jimmy (Lea) has had cases here, (defendants) may leave through the back door or

the jail door. They may not be happy with what he does. They may be thrilled by it, but I am sure they will know why he did what he did and why he said what he said."

After being sworn in, Lea expressed appreciation to the county commissioners for thinking that he is up to the task.

"I will do my best to live up to their confidence," Lea said. "I have to thank (Barry) for how well and kind he has been coun-

seling me these last few weeks."

Lea is a native of Wilson County, where he lives with his wife, Maggie, and son, Spencer. He attended Lebanon High School and played baseball at the University of Georgia before completing his studies at Middle Tennessee State University, where he graduated with a degree in biology and psychology.

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Coming down the aisle

Rehabilitation facility transforms into Chumbler family's unique wedding venue

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Christine Chumbler didn't anticipate her wedding day taking place in the venue that it unfolded.

However, the recent bride was thrilled that it did.

"We didn't have any intention of decorating or messing up the facility," Christine Chumbler said. "Once they heard about it, they just jumped right on it. They did the whole thing. We just had to arrive in our wedding outfits.

"At this age, we didn't feel like the hoopla was necessary. They took the wheel and did everything for us."

While Lebanon Center for Rehabilitation and Healing was doing "everything" for the couple, Christine and her husband — Steve Chumbler — were determined to have the wedding there for others.

"We had discussed getting married prior to getting engaged," Christine Chumbler said. "We had always said that prior to doing that we would do it at his parents' assisted living facility."

Steve Chumbler's parents



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Lebanon Center for Rehabilitation and Healing hosted a private wedding ceremony on Dec. 1 that included (from left) groom Steve Chumbler, bride Christine Chumbler, best man Jim Chumbler, maid of honor Ashley Slate, mother of the groom Jan Chumbler and minister Barry Butler.

— Jim and Jan Chumbler — began living in an apartment at the Pavilion Long-Term Care facility four years ago, but

88-year-old Jim Chumbler was recently moved to Lebanon Center for Rehabilitation and Healing.

"Lebanon Center is proud to provide an interdisciplinary

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Lebanon woman faces federal charges after flight incident

Henry reportedly became disruptive, assaulted crew

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Traveling for the holidays can be a hassle. For passengers onboard a Thanksgiving weekend flight from Florida, things went south quickly after a Lebanon woman allegedly attacked the flight crew.



Amanda Henry

According to the U.S. Attorney Mark H. Wildasin for the Middle District of Tennessee, Amanda Renee Henry, 43, surrendered to FBI agents in Nashville on Tuesday due to federal charges of interfering with a flight crew related to the incident.

According to the criminal complaint, Henry was returning to Nashville on Nov. 27 from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on a Spirit Airlines flight, when she became disruptive and appeared to be intoxicated.

Nearby passengers reportedly requested to be moved to other seats due to Henry's behavior. It became a larger security concern for the flight crew that Henry was seated next to an emergency exit.

The report states that when Henry was asked to move to another seat, "she refused, grabbed her carry-on bag and ran toward the front of the aircraft screaming, 'I'm getting off this plane.'"

A second flight attendant moved to block Henry from getting to the main cabin door and began to restrain her, at which time Henry is said to have begun kicking and hitting the

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Mt. Juliet 911 call confirmed to be hoax

Identity of caller now being sought

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A 911 call that prompted a large response from local law enforcement proved to be a hoax, according to the Mt. Juliet Police Department.

Capt. Tyler Chandler, the department's public information officer, confirmed on Thursday that around 11:20 a.m. a call was received from an individual claiming to be a child.

The caller reported a shooting to have occurred in the 200 block of Paul Drive in Mt. Juliet. Chandler said that the department had "15-20 personnel," that responded to the scene.

"When someone calls, and alleges a shooting has occurred, we send as many

resources as we can," Chandler said.

The department was able to make contact with the homeowner, who informed them that no shooting had occurred at the residence.

Chandler said that an investigation will now look into identifying the caller.

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