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Charleston native Sara Jane Moore, who tried to kill Gerald Ford, dead

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Data center momentum, frustration accelerate in Mingo

By MIKE TONY

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For nearly an hour before they invited questions from community members at their meeting in Mingo County to take input on controversial air quality permit applications for facilities aimed at powering data centers there, West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection officials led residents through a litany of reasons they couldn't provide the environmental protection the residents were looking for.

"I know it can be tough to follow, but this is just the way that it works," Joe Kessler, senior engineer for the DEP's Division of Air Quality, told a dissatisfied crowd at the Larry Joe Harless Community Center in Gilbert at the DEP's Sept. 18 meeting before breaking down the history of federal air quality regulations dating back to the Clean Air Act of 1970, the state's compliance with national outdoor air quality standards and how standards are determined at the federal level.

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Nearing 100, Judge John Copenhaver still wields his gavel

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Born in Charleston when Calvin Coolidge was president, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, graduated from the West Virginia University College of Law in 1950, was named a federal bankruptcy referee in 1958, and was appointed a U.S. District Court judge by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

On Monday, Judge John T. Copenhaver Jr., the

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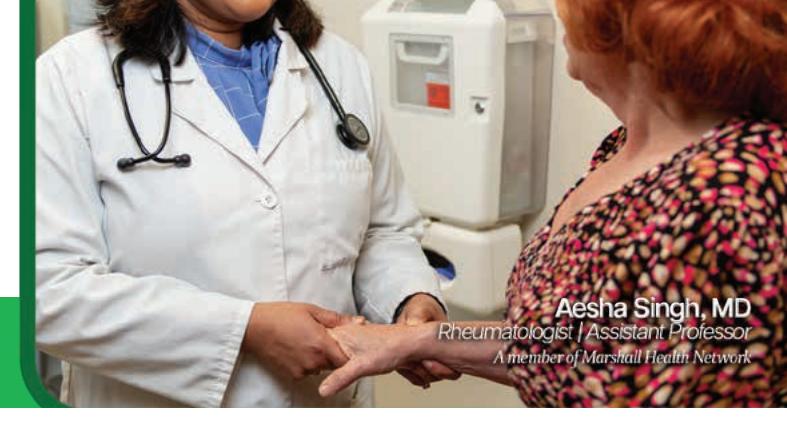
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