

What's Happening

All times are Central

Today

GCPL programs

Virtual home programs will take place weekly on Wednesdays on the Green County Public Library Facebook Page. The library will hold its monthly adult program at the community center Monday Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. Registration is required for attendance. The Library's Christian Fiction book club will meet Jan. 14 at 3 p.m. at the community center. The library's book discussion group will meet Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at the community center. For more information, contact the library at 270-932-7081.

Happening Soon

GCPL by appointment

The Green County Public Library will be open by appointment only starting Jan. 11. The library will be closed Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For more information on library services or programs, visit their Facebook page or phone 270-932-7081.

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GCIS SBDM Council

The Green County Intermediate School SBDM Council will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at 4:30 p.m., in the school library.

GCPL Board meeting

The Green County Public Library's monthly board meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 3 p.m.

GCPL Flu Shot Clinic

The Library will be hosting a Free Flu Shot Clinic on Jan. 28. For more information, contact the library at 270-932-7081.

Events and reunions for What's Happening will run two consecutive times prior to the event/event deadline. Email items to news@record-herald.com. The deadline is Monday at 2 p.m., prior to the Wednesday paper, unless otherwise noted.

Letter

Let's not forget

Dear Editor:

I was saddened to find the omission of the name of the juvenile killed in a house fire at 208 Durham Street, behind The Old Depot in the Dec. 30 Year In Review. This was a tragic death on Sunday morning January 12, 2020. This young boy was less than two months away from turning 13 years old, a milestone to be a teenager.

I had watched this young boy grow up. He was my neighbor.

His name, Devon Alexander Anderson, should not be forgotten by residents of Greensburg. He lived in the blue house visible from the Greensburg City Parking Lot. From my kitchen window looking down on the parking lot, I often saw Devon riding his bike, followed by his little brother Quinton on his bike wanting to do everything his big brother was doing. Even when I couldn't see Devon I could hear the boys shouting and playing through the thick trees that lined the creek separating our houses.

In the spring of 2019 I was working on my steep hillside making a new rock garden and spreading bags of mulch.

When Devon got off the school bus at the corner of West Court and Second St. he walked towards me and asked, "Could I help you with those bags? I love to work and I won't charge ya nothin."

I welcomed his help and he promised he would be right back after he told his mother where he would be and he changed his clothes.

True to his word he was back in minutes and eager to carry the bags of mulch up the hill, opening them and asking for specific instructions on how I wanted it spread. The black mulch had been rained on and smelled nasty, but Devon never complained. In less than two hours he had completed the work that would have taken me two days.

Our time together had been brief, but Devon left a lasting impression on me as a unique young boy given the right opportunities would become a person of merit and character.

This spring, in Devon's memory, I attempted another rock garden, adding a bird bath and big rocks from our farm.

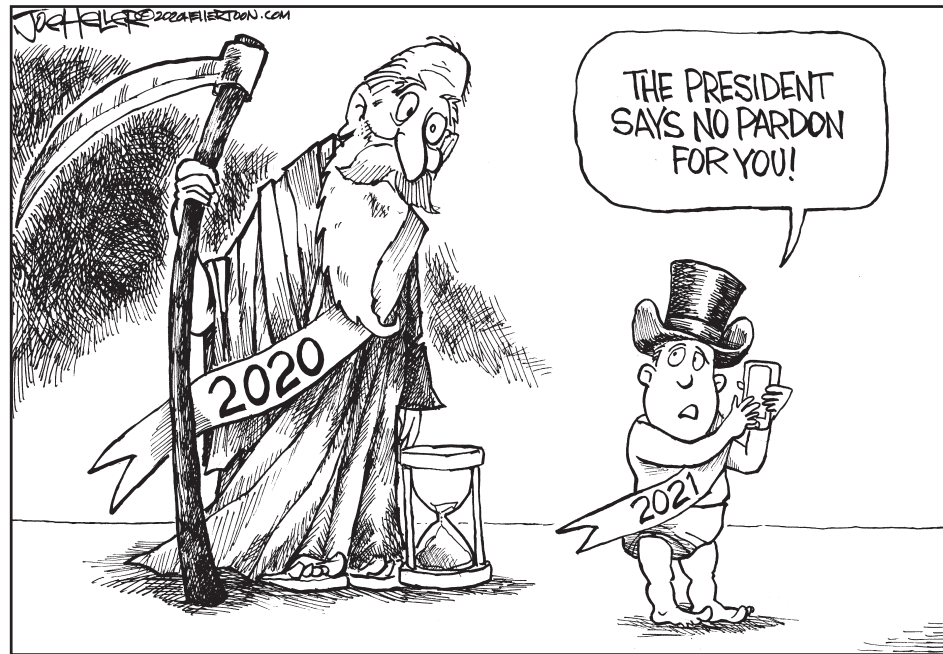
It is not enough. I don't want people to forget this boy or his sweet spirit and positive attitude.

When his name was not mentioned, I felt as upset as I did the day of Devon's funeral at the First Baptist Church, where Devon and his brother often attended. The church was overflowing with church and family members. A classmate of Devon's set behind me crying. There were not arrays of funeral flowers, no casket, no body. Only a framed picture of Devon smiling and a small vase of flowers was on the communion table.

Reflect on Lamentations 3:21-23, "But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Seeking Hope in Faith and Love. Love God and All People. Amen.

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What is a positive outlook you have for 2021?

By Angelina Alcott



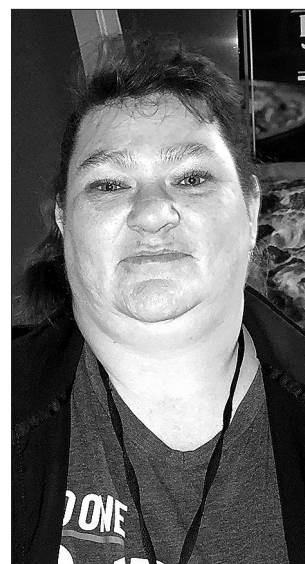
"Children regaining a sense of normalcy."
—Amanda Creason



"Seeing people become more understanding of one another."
—Chad Middleton



"The pandemic to end and friends and family to be healthy."
—Tara Yates



"I am looking forward to spending more time with my grand babies."
—Melinda Bishop



"A happy and healthy New Year."
—Robert Oliver



"Looking forward to GCHS Dragon Basketball! First game is on my birthday, Jan. 5, at Metcalfe."
—Tammy Willis

Hope for 2021



Dr. Angelia Bryant, Licensed Clinical Counselor

moment. I'm sure you can make your own list.

The study was followed by a discussion of Hopes for 2021. The most obvious hope is virus containment and we have that with a vaccine. We agreed we would take the vaccine as soon as it is available. We will quarantine and be tested if exposed to protect others. A Hope for 2021 is the to return to a "normal" life. Further, we agreed another Hope for 2021 is that we become one nation again and that congress would work together. The most important Hope for 2021 is that we turn our faces to God for guidance and live lives of gratitude.

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2020 is now a collective memory. A part of our history. Whenever we reflect on history, it is an exercise in extracting meaning. Adversity is an architect for human growth. How do we move forward from the worst year of our lives?

I did a small study on New Year's Eve (N=3), obviously a very small study. This study is qualitative, gathering and reporting opinions of three people. From this study, a list of lessons learned in the year 2020 were gathered and are as follows: 1) Toilet paper is important; 2) Cherish family time together; 3) Be grateful in all things – take nothing for granted; 4) Change is the only constant in life; 5) Hugs are irreplaceable; 6) Masks hide our smiles-wear them anyway to protect everyone; 7) Zoom became a verb; 8) Value people and your time with them; 9) Technology will never replace human contact; 10) life is precious, so live every

sad and unfinished.

While Devon's death preceded the thousands who would die in the 2020 pandemic, it should not go unmentioned and forgotten.

I would like to urged every church and every civic organization in Green County to come together and consider donating funds to purchase the property now owned by Mary Posey at the end of the Greensburg City Parking Lot. Tear down the blue house, and hire a landscape company to create a beautiful Memorial Garden and Park in memory of the thousands who died in 2020 not the least being Devon Alexander Anderson.

The courage to suggest establishing a memorial was partially given to me by Dr. Angela Bryant's advice on page 2 of Greensburg Record Herald, Dec. 30, 2020.

Discard the past year and seek active hope. She reviews the book, Active Hope, which describes the difference between passive hope (hopefulness without any commitment to take action) and active hope which is about intention and desire to make something happen.

"It is this kind of hope that starts our journey-knowing what we hope for and what we'd like or love to take place. It is what we do with this hope that really

makes the difference."

Green County residents have a proud history that shows their desire and grit to get things done. They came to the rescue of the Old Courthouse when the leaking roof and the rotting windows were replaced thanks to their generous donations.

Can we come together again as a proud people of Green County and Greensburg and work together on the intention and desire of a Memorial Garden and Park that will give pleasure and pride to our community by remembering 2020 with new beauty, action and intention.

I believe we can make this happen.

Sincerely,
Linda Puckett

Editor's Note:

As mentioned in the Year in Review, the headlines highlighted were printed by the date they were featured and the information as reported in the Record-Herald. Reports received by the Record-Herald did not release the juvenile's name.

More local editorial content can be found on pages 3A and 11A in this week's Record-Herald.

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