

Mayor optimistic about future

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Mayor John Shuffett says Greensburg can dwell in possibility.

The mayor was very confident about what is possible concerning the local community's future.

He presented to Greensburg Rotary members March 26 his goals and plans to make Greensburg a progressive, thriving community.

Mayor Shuffett talked about an entrepreneurial spirit and how it will transform our community.

"We make possible that which we make a priority. I believe in what's possible," he said.

The mayor viewed

his role as a facilitator, a broker, bringing people together to find ways to make improvements and solve problems for the city.

In reference to Hardin Scientific coming to Greensburg and questioned often about this matter, Mayor Shuffett said, "Progress is being made in spite of maybe not seeing the results as quickly as we want to see them."

The Greensburg mayor and County Judge-Executive John Frank have been working for weeks on the possibility of getting a hemp processing plant.

In getting the plant, Mayor Shuffett said, "I believe it is going to bear fruit."

He noted locally that things are hap-

pening; wheels are turning.

The mayor mentioned his having a good support system of local citizens, helping him work toward accomplishing his goals for the city of Greensburg.

"I campaigned on working with Jane Todd to find a way to build their facility," Shuffett said of a new hospital.

The mayor has an objective of providing an after-school program for Green County Middle and High School youth at the community center.

"It's a goal. It's a possibility. It's something we can prioritize."

Mayor Shuffett talked about increasing the city's revenue by enlarging the local

water plant's output as a way to fund future city operations and projects.

He commented that there are citizens' concerns regarding local commerce.

"The free market will always rule the day. The market will dictate what happens."

The mayor mentioned the developers who own the Fred's facility and a lot are interested in seeing the building occupied.

He also said city and county government officials, and community leaders as well, have reached out to grocers throughout the state of Kentucky and other states to bring a grocery establishment to the community.

"There are possibilities out there."



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Mayor John Michael Shuffett throws out a first pitch during the annual Wooden Bat Classic, a two-day fundraiser for the high school baseball team held at American Legion Park.

Jones

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"I was in the band room waiting to go to a performance. I opened my email and there it was. I just stared at it unopened and was so nervous. A friend had to open the email for me." Jones said. "All I had to see was the 'Congratulations!' written in big letters at the top. I was honestly in shock."

Jones said her band director, Mr. Nathan Willoughby, was one of the first to hear of the achievement, and to her, that was special.

"I hadn't told him I auditioned, so it was really cool when I told him I made it," she said. "He's been so supportive and encouraging to me since I started band, so it was really nice for him to be one of the first people I could tell."

Willoughby, while kept in the dark of the initial process, couldn't be more proud of his student.

"She approached me as I was addressing the full band as we prepared to load equipment for our performance at John Hardin High School and handed me her phone," Willoughby recalled. "Her email was pulled up congratulating her on being selected to the ensemble. It was a complete surprise and a great way to start our day."

Willoughby says he is shocked at the work she put into it.

"I didn't have any idea that she was even considering applying to the ensemble, much less that she put in the time and effort to send in all her audition materials and application," Willoughby said. "Apparently the entire band knew she was applying and no one told me anything about it. She worked up her audition music, came over on a Saturday to video her marching funda-

mental portion, and had her private piano teacher help her pick the right videos for her audition to submit, all without ever letting me in on any part of the process."

Her parents are also very proud of their daughter and her accomplishments.

"I was absolutely overwhelmed with joy for her when I found out she had been accepted," mom Amy said. "She is going to be able to live a dream she has had since she was a small child!"

"She Facetimed me at work to tell me the news and I have never seen her more excited or a bigger smile on her face!"

Bradley Jones, Sidney's dad, was not surprised at his daughter's determination.

"She's a dedicated music lover and when she decided to do this, she was determined," he said. "She worked hard and then impatiently waited for the results. I thought she was going to explode when she called to tell me."

Jones has many achievements under her belt already. Most recently, she has participated in flute ensembles at Campbellsville University and also in the Greensburg United Methodist Church Praise Band. Additionally, Jones made it to the second round of All-State Band Auditions, a large feat, and is one of two freshmen who achieved All-District Symphonic Band.

"As a band member, Sidney is a great leader and extremely dedicated student," Band Director Willoughby said. "It's very obvious that she loves music. She definitely pushes herself and those around her to be better every day. I'm very excited

for her to have this opportunity and it will be the first of many milestones she achieves throughout her career in music."

Support has been extra encouraging, Jones said.

"I'm really grateful for how supportive everyone has been and all the help I had for my audition," she said, and mentioned Campbellsville University professors. "Dr. Lisa McArthur and Ms. Jacquie helped me find my solo and Mr. Corey Bonds help me in selecting what Marching video was the best to send in."

"All of my family and friends were so supportive throughout the whole process of sending in my audiotapes and waiting, and now I really couldn't have done it without them."

Preparations are currently underway for Jones, as she has just

under eight months until the big event. The parade music will be sent to her sometime this month she said and she will also work to get in shape for the parade. Along with the music, recommended exercise routines will also be suggested as the long parade route requires stamina and endurance.

"I'm definitely a little nervous," she said. "I'm honestly more nervous that I'm not going to make it all the way through the parade route—it's over 3 miles long!"

The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will air Thursday, Nov. 28 on NBC from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET.

"I'm so excited and grateful that I've been given this opportunity to represent Green County Band and Greensburg in New York City this Thanksgiving," Jones said.

Contest

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If Virginia makes it to the final game and wins, Cheatham will win.

If Michigan State makes it to the finals and wins, Boog Powell will narrowly win the R-H contest just over Terry Larimore.

And, as odd as it sounds, the bracket of Brian Burriss, which

was completely done after Duke and North Carolina lost, could still win. If Texas Tech and Auburn were to be the final matchup, Burriss will win with his 375 points.

No other R-H bracket has Texas Tech or Auburn in the Final Four.

Tune in next week for the winner!



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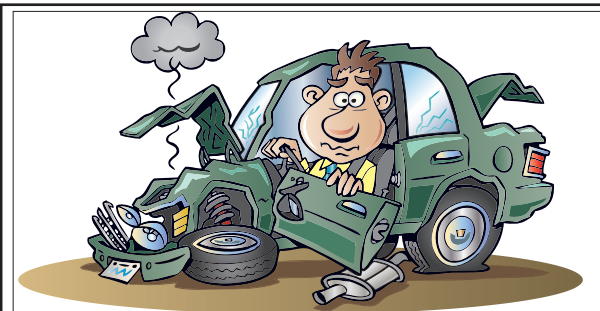
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