



JOHNSTOWN-MONROE SUPERINTENDENT'S SPOTLIGHT

Philip H. Wagner, Ph.D., Superintendent
March 23, 2023

JES/JIS SPRING CARNIVAL FILLS HIGH SCHOOL WITH FAMILIES



The two school's "Spring Carnival" kick-offed at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, at Johnstown High School, and continued until 2:30 p.m. The event included inflatables, a cakewalk, games, prizes and more. See video highlights [HERE](#).



Andrea Beverly Is Coughlin 'You Made a Difference' 2023 honoree

Andrea Beverly received the 2023 Coughlin "You Made A Difference Award" during an official ceremony held March 16, 2023, at C-TEC. Beverly was nominated by student Adalynn Triplett. See the video [HERE](#).



BUILDING OUR TEAM!

A number of recent social media posts have helped to expand our District's applicant pool for open positions within Johnstown-Monroe Schools. On Monday, March 20, several of our team members were at Watkins Memorial High School for a several-hours-long, "Education Job Fair." More than a dozen Licking County School Districts and schools also participated.

—ARTS SPOTLIGHT—

Students treated to special “Mary Poppins” performance

Johnstown Middle School students were treated to a special preview performance of “Mary Poppins” on March 21. The musical will be presented March 24, 25 & 26. Tickets are available [HERE](#). Video of a special preview for students may be seen [HERE](#).



Students explore ‘Commedia dell’arte’

Ms. Reagan Saj’s 5th-period Music Theater class recently offered two improv-style performances for Johnstown Middle School staff and others based on Commedia dell’arte, one of the first forms of theater, that started in the 1500’s, in Venice, Italy. The form is also notable for its minimalist sets and, occasionally, masks.





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—ALUMNUS SPOTLIGHT—

Vietnam War-era Veteran to at last receive JHS Diploma

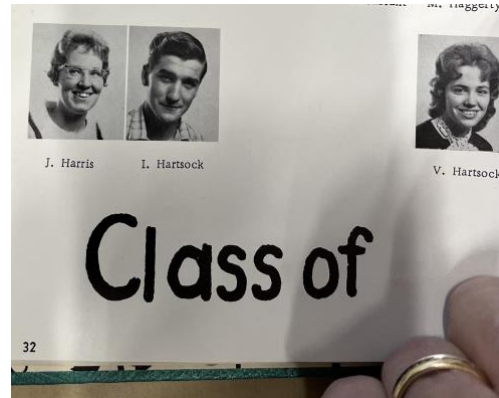
Urvin Hartsock Sr. never graduated high school, but education was very important to him. After leaving school for work, he hoped all seven of his children would graduate high school.

But his son, also named Urvin, left Johnstown High School in the early 1960s for an employment opportunity. The job soon fell through, and rather than returning to school, he instead enlisted in the U.S. Army. Urvin should have graduated with the Class of 1962.

When he returned from service in Korea to Johnstown in the middle-1960s—now a married man and a father—Urvin didn't follow through on applying for the necessary documents to at last receive his degree. He has a 1962 Class Ring, but has not worn it, feeling he wasn't deserving.

During a recent American Legion Post 254 donuts and coffee session, Superintendent Philip H. Wagner learned of Urvin's never-awarded degree and the anguish Urvin still feels for having disappointed his father.

On March 22, papers were signed to start the process of formally issuing Urvin his high school diploma. Mr. Hartsock will also participate in 2023's Johnstown-Monroe graduation ceremony.



10TV Interviews Urvin Hartsock, Class of '62



(See WBNS 10TV's video [HERE](#))

—COMMUNITY OUTREACH—

American Legion Post 254 'Ultimate Family Breakfast' sets record

In our continuing campaign to foster community unity, we used our social media presence to help the Legion Post further publicize its March 18, 2023, "Ultimate Family Breakfast." According to Legion Member Bruce Tolle, who was click-counting adult participants at the door—as well as an after-breakfast Facebook post to the Legion's page thanking attendees—the breakfast had a much larger attendance than any previously offered. A brief video from Saturday's breakfast can be seen [HERE](#).





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—LOOKING AHEAD!—



Mary Poppins performances offered this weekend

As previously mentioned, Johnstown High School's musical performance of "Mary Poppins" will be presented March 24, 25 & 26. Tickets are available for purchase [HERE](#). An earlier video of a rehearsal may be seen [HERE](#).



"Grand Day at JES"; Sounds of Spring 3rd Grade Music performance also planned at Elementary

On March 30, the "Sounds of Spring" Third-Grade Musical Performance will be offered at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Additionally, on April 21, the Elementary is planning a special event for grandparents/grand-friends. More on that to come....



American Legion 'Easter Egg Hunt' is April 1

Our friends at the American Legion & Auxiliary Post 254's annual Easter Egg Hunt opens registration at 10 a.m. on April 1, at 180 W. Maple St. This free community event will include a visit with the Easter Bunny.



2023 Daddy Daughter Dance coming to JHS

A "Daddy Daughter Dance" is planned from 4-6 p.m. at Johnstown High School on April 23. The special event will include dancing, photos, jewelry-making, nail-painting and face-painting.



JES Family STEAM Night planned for April 27

Johnstown Elementary is in the process of planning a Family STEAM Night from 6-7:30 p.m. on April 27. Details are still being shaped, but the event is expected to feature several stations for families to visit, similar to those offered at other recent family event nights focused on reading and math skills.