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'I stand with the teachers'

Maynard touts his support for greatly altered Senate education bill

By SEÁN O'DONOGHUE
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CHARLESTON - In extensive comments to The Lincoln Journal, last Thursday afternoon, Lincoln County Delegate Zack Maynard (R-Lincoln) restated his commitment to teacher pay raises, while also touting various legislative work he has headed up in Charleston, this session.



Delegate Maynard

The delegate spoke to the newspaper within hours of the full House of Delegates approving a significantly amended version of the Senate's omnibus education bill, SB451. Lincoln County's five delegates voted along party lines. The four Republicans, including Maynard, supported passage. Delegate Sean Hornbuckle (D-Cabell) opposed the bill, which now heads back to the Senate.

In describing a busy legislative session, Maynard mentioned his VFD audit bill (see separate story, page 3a) and his recent committee votes on the omnibus education bill, in particular. The delegate said that the House version of the Senate education reform legislation was greatly improved, with many of the most contentious elements removed or changed. Maynard restated his pledge to support pay raises for teachers and school system employees. He also told The Lincoln Journal that the bill will result in more statutory funding for Lincoln County. With regard to charter schools, one of the most controversial proposals in the original Senate bill, Maynard

noted that the House amendments would limit charter schools to a small number of pilots, and that counties would have the final say regardless. "The county would be in control of the process for charter school applications. If the county doesn't want a charter, then a charter would not be allowed in the county," said Maynard.

On teacher pay, Maynard restated his commitment. "I stand with the teachers. I pledged to support pay increases for teachers and school employees. This bill gets us there. Just like last year, this increase will help our employees, help with retention, and help make sure that Lincoln County has teachers who not only want to work here but want to live here and raise their families. That's why I'm supporting this legislation," concluded Maynard.

Strangulation accused appears, pleads not guilty



Corbett Shawn Plumley (right) in court on February 5.

By SEÁN O'DONOGHUE
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HAMLIN - A Lincoln County man was transported from jail, recently, to make his first circuit court appearance since being indicted by a Lincoln County grand jury for a number of alleged violent felony crimes. Corbett Shawn Plumley appeared before Chief Circuit Court Judge Jay Hoke, Tuesday afternoon, February 5, 2019. The case was called at 2:38 p.m. and lasted around five minutes.

Plumley was led into court by Deputy Greg Hensley, having been transported earlier from the Southwestern Regional Jail in Holden in Logan County. Plumley, 41, has been held there since December 12, 2018 on separate charges originating in Logan County. Cash only bond in that case was set at \$40,000. Plumley's charges are listed as prohibited drug purchase (felony), shoplifting (misdemeanor), and simple possession (misdemeanor). That case remains before the courts in Logan County.

In Lincoln County on February 5, Plumley was joined in court by his counsel, Robby Long. As reported previously in The Lincoln Journal, Plumley was indicted for felony strangulation, misdemeanor brandishing, and misdemeanor domestic battery, all for criminality alleged to have been committed on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. He is alleged to have strangled a named female victim, brandished a knife at her, and caused her physical harm. The indictment was based on the information of State Trooper Wingo.

Long confirmed to the court that Plumley would waive a reading of the indictment and would waive the reading of his constitutional rights. He pleaded not guilty to the three counts of the indictment. Long noted in court that Plumley is currently in jail for charges from the adjoining jurisdiction in Logan County.

Judge Hoke continued the case to Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Plumley was returned to jail later in the afternoon.

Ramming case bound over to grand jury

Preliminary hearing told of mistaken identity claim

By SEÁN O'DONOGHUE
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HAMLIN - The case involving a man accused of ramming a car full of high schoolers has been bound over to a sitting of the Lincoln County grand jury. The decision came at the end of the delayed preliminary hearing for Joshua Thomas Chaney, last week. Chaney has been out on \$200,000 bond after being initially held at the Western Regional Jail. Property with that value was posted, enabling his release from jail last month.

As reported previously in The Lincoln Journal, the incident unfolded Tuesday night, January 8, 2019. Chaney, 33, was named in a criminal complaint from West Virginia State Police. He

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VICTIM: Hannah Lovejoy, one of the youths in the rammed vehicle, was in Lincoln County Magistrate Court for last week's hearing. She is continuing to recover from her serious injuries.

Photo by Seán O'Donoghue

WEATHER
Wednesday
53/44 • Heavy Rain
Thursday
55/36 • Cloudy
Friday
52/44 • Rain

TODAY IN 1986
The Soviet Union launches its Mir spacecraft. Remaining in orbit for 15 years, it is occupied for ten of those years.

TRY THESE THREE

1. With whom does Eddie Murphy trade places in the 1983 movie "Trading Places"?
2. Which play is believed to be Shakespeare's first tragedy?
3. What is another term for the sternum?

1. Dan Aykroyd
2. Titus Andronicus
3. Breastbone

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