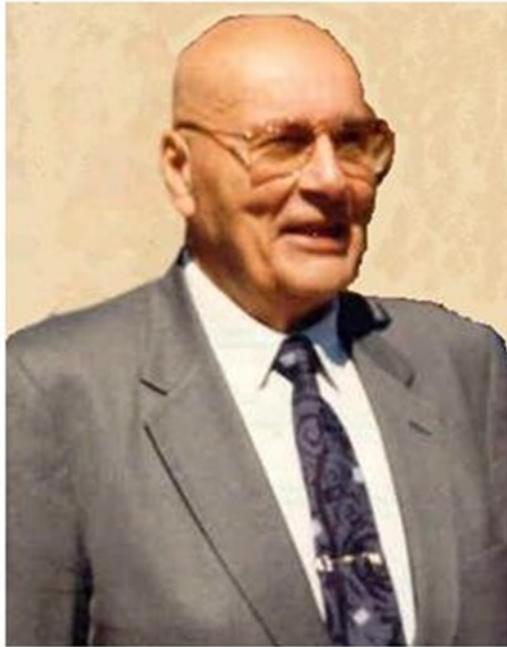




# the Shining Star

## The Heart of Community Action: Past and Present

It is not often that the past and the present meet on the same grounds but that is the case in this particular circumstance. It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to tell you about a past and present hero whose hearts are in the same place. Community Action was built on the idea that everyone should have the opportunity to be successful in life.



Mr. Ervin Queen

The founding father of PRIDE Community Services, Inc. Mr. Ervin Queen, was a leader and innovator who, without question, had a heart and love for the people of Logan County as well as the state of West Virginia. Mr. Queen was a leader on the forefront of the community action movement helping to establish PRIDE as one of the very first community action agencies in the state. His work spanned well beyond Logan County. He was a leader in local, regional, state and national initiatives and a true believer in the Community Action motto "To Help Others Help Themselves". Mr. Queen was well known and respected on the national stage as well, helping to craft legislation and progress the community action movement all across the country. With Mr. Queen's passing on February 20, 2006, Community Action lost one of the greatest builders of ideas and unifiers of people and causes. In his memory, the WV Community Action Partnership established the Ervin Queen Award. It is presented annually to an individual who, through long-term leadership and service, embodies the spirit of hope and improves the lives of low-income citizens.

At this year's WV CAP Conference, I had the pleasure of presenting the Ervin Queen Award to our very own Mrs. Brenda York. Brenda is an exemplary specimen of community action and the ideals that Mr. Queen had for PRIDE and community action. Brenda York started working for PRIDE in 1984. Since then, Brenda has worked in many capacities at PRIDE from Head Start, to Child Care, to Weatherization to Medicaid and Waiver, then finally moving into the Finance Department where she now handles program operations and purchasing. Brenda York has seen and done it all at PRIDE. Brenda worked with Mr. Queen on multiple projects throughout the years. Brenda was here when the staff was given notice that they may not receive another pay day, and even volunteered to work at PRIDE for free. When Brenda got married, she had her wedding in the senior dining hall at PRIDE. Brenda York is PRIDE and Community Action.

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# Aging Program

## Meals On Wheels

Here at PRIDE Community Services, we offer many programs to help individuals and families in our communities. One vital program that serves the elderly in Logan County is our home delivered meal program. This program provides nearly 25,000 meals per year to homebound seniors in need. Not only is a hot, nutritious meal provided to our clients but another very important service is given to these individuals – contact. Often, the friendly conversation with our meal delivery personnel is the only contact our clients have on a daily basis. This can also serve as a welfare check for frail or at-risk individuals.

Recently, the need for home delivered meals in Logan County has grown exponentially. Due to budget cuts at the federal and state levels, providing adequate staffing levels is a challenge. However, you can help us make sure no senior in need goes hungry. We gladly accept and greatly appreciate volunteers to help deliver meals to homes in our service area. Volunteering for our home-delivered meal program is a great way to make a huge impact in a short amount of time.

Delivery volunteers are needed Monday through Friday and delivery hours generally range from 9:30 am to 11:30am. PRIDE will provide a thorough orientation and training program at convenient times that include a 'ride along' with an experienced meal delivery driver prior to starting volunteer service. Not interested in delivering meals? Contact us to see if another volunteer opportunity is right for you! We have opportunities for activities, phone pals, or other various areas.

A meal, and  
so much more.



WE ARE  
**Meals On Wheels**  
So no senior goes hungry.™

# Child and Adult Care Food Program



## Free Online Claiming for Providers



Using only Internet Explorer, you can log into our secure WebKids web site and record everything the food program requires in seconds!

### You Can Easily:

- Record meals
- Enroll children
- Note school holidays, child sick days, etc.
- Pre-plan menus
- Print tax reports
- Find out how much you'll be paid
- Eliminate claim errors

You can record meals by choosing the foods you've served. Or, you can pre-plan your menus ahead of time, which Minute Menu WebKids will check to ensure they meet USDA guidelines!

### Submitting Your Claim



It's as easy as 1-2-3!

- 1) You use the step-by-step child enrollment wizard while logged in to WebKids.
- 2) When finished with the enrollment, you print the child's enrollment form and have the parent sign it.
- 3) Mail the enrollment form to your Sponsor's office.

You'll be able to start claiming these children immediately!

# Head Start Program

Head Start is the national commitment to give every child, regardless of circumstances at birth, an opportunity to succeed in school and in life. In the 50 years since its inception, Head Start has improved the lives of more than 32 million children and their families. Head



Start alumni or “Head Start babies”, as they often call themselves, are in all walks of the nation’s life. Educators, doctors, lawyers, military personnel, artists, engineers, religious and civic leaders and scientists from all across the country remember Head Start as the place where, at an early age, they acquired a life-long love of learning.



In addition to life and school preparedness, Head Start is also the nation’s laboratory for early learning innovation. Head Start offers a unique whole child/whole family program design coupled with a delivery

system that includes local programs, national standards, monitoring, professional development and family engagement.

The children in the PRIDE Head Start classrooms have enjoyed many learning activities recently, such as Dr. Seuss’ Birthday, St. Patrick’s Day, attending book fair and bowling with recycled bottles.

PRIDE Head Start Centers are located at Lorado, Dehue, Mill Creek and Chapmanville as well as classrooms in the Logan County Board of Education elementary schools. If you have a three (3) or four (4) year old child and would like to enroll in the program, please contact the Head Start Family Services’ office at (304) 752-6868 for more information.



# Human Resources Department

Amanda Leona Vance began working part-time at PRIDE in December 2014 as the Activities Coordinator for our senior programs. Her energetic personality and genuine concern for the clients, quickly became noticed by everyone. Soon another part-time position opened, and PRIDE's management team felt she was the perfect fit. Amanda has since been working as the Senior Activities Coordinator and Emergency Services Clerk. Prior to beginning employment with PRIDE, Amanda volunteered with the seniors teaching them how to make scarves.

Amanda resides at Riffe Branch with her husband, Joseph and their children, Xander and Elijah. She is the daughter of Melissa and Timothy Jarrell, of McConnell. Amanda attended Southern WV Community and Technical College, where she majored in Early Childhood Development. She was a member of the Honor Society. Amanda spends time volunteering with the Logan County Autism Association and currently serves on the Board of Directors.

Amanda says that she loves working at PRIDE because, "everyone treats each other with respect. Everyone here has been so friendly since day 1, and are open to new ideas. I've worked quite a few jobs since I was young, and this is the friendliest group of people I have ever worked with! I look forward to coming to work everyday!" Amanda says her greatest accomplishment in life so far, has been her babies. She hopes to raise them to be respectful young men with a sense of self.



Please help us welcome Amanda to our team!



Stephen Gilman, Director of Transportation, Facilities and Housing was honored on Wednesday, May 13, 2105 for his dedication and hard work to PRIDE Community Services and the community action initiative. Steve has been employed with PRIDE Community Services since September of 2010. He was hired as Weatherization Coordinator and has been promoted over the years to his current position.

Congratulations  
Steve!

# In-Home Services Program

In the past couple of months the In Home Services Program has had a growth in Personal Care Providers. Even though many of the programs are on a freeze, we are continuously trying to expand our programs. We are still working with members who have Medicaid and are in need of services. We are excited to report that the In Home Services Program is now partnering with another agency, similar to ours, ENACT Community Action. With this partnership, Personal Care Services will be expanded to cover Clay, Putnam and Kanawha Counties. With this change we are hoping to serve as many clients as possible and work with many new faces. At this time the In Home Services Program is able to provide services to the following counties: Logan, Mingo, Boone, Lincoln, Wyoming, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha.



Personal Care Providers in Training

## Thank You for a Job Well Done!

In the Spotlight is Homemaker Patricia Adkins. Patricia started working as a Personal Care Provider July 27, 2010 and does an exceptional job in caring for her client. She loves spending time with her family and attending church. Patricia is very passionate about taking care and providing for others. We would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your services provided.



## From the Executive Director's Desk cont.

Brenda is dedicated to PRIDE and its mission. Brenda often talks about how Mr. Queen's philosophy was no matter the issue, never turn anyone away; Brenda still follows that philosophy today. Brenda believes no one should ever be denied assistance, even if we do not have a program to meet that need or it is something small, there may be an opportunity for us to help those in need. There have been many instances in which Brenda has volunteered to pay for things out of her own pocket to make sure the clients received some assistance in their pursuit of self-sufficiency. This just isn't Brenda's philosophy at work, this is Brenda's attitude in her personal life as well. While shopping at a local grocery store, Brenda noticed the vehicle of an employee there with completely worn out tires. Brenda "investigated," as she refers to it, and discovered the woman was a single mother and simply could not afford to purchase new tires. Brenda called a local maintenance garage and purchased two new tires for this lady. When the owner of the garage heard the story and what Brenda had done, he offered to donate the other two tires. The lady was then able to travel safely to and from work, in order to support her children and take a step toward moving out of poverty. Another example, Brenda frequents a local Chinese restaurant in town. While eating there one afternoon, she discovered the owners had a little girl who would have been eligible for our Head Start program and in need of assistance. Because of the language barrier, the owners had been hesitant to enroll the child. Brenda worked with them, helping complete necessary paperwork, taking them around to the community resources and ultimately helping the parents enroll the child in Head Start so she could access the services she needed. In addition to the work she does at PRIDE, Brenda volunteers her time to work with the Logan County Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Brenda goes out searching for homeless and those less fortunate so that she can tell them about the dinner and other services available to them in Logan County. Most recently, the Thanksgiving dinner served over 2000 dinners. These are just a few examples of how Brenda lives her life every day and why she was chosen as the recipient of the Ervin Queen Award. Brenda encompasses the philosophy of community action and what Mr. Queen's vision was ultimately about.



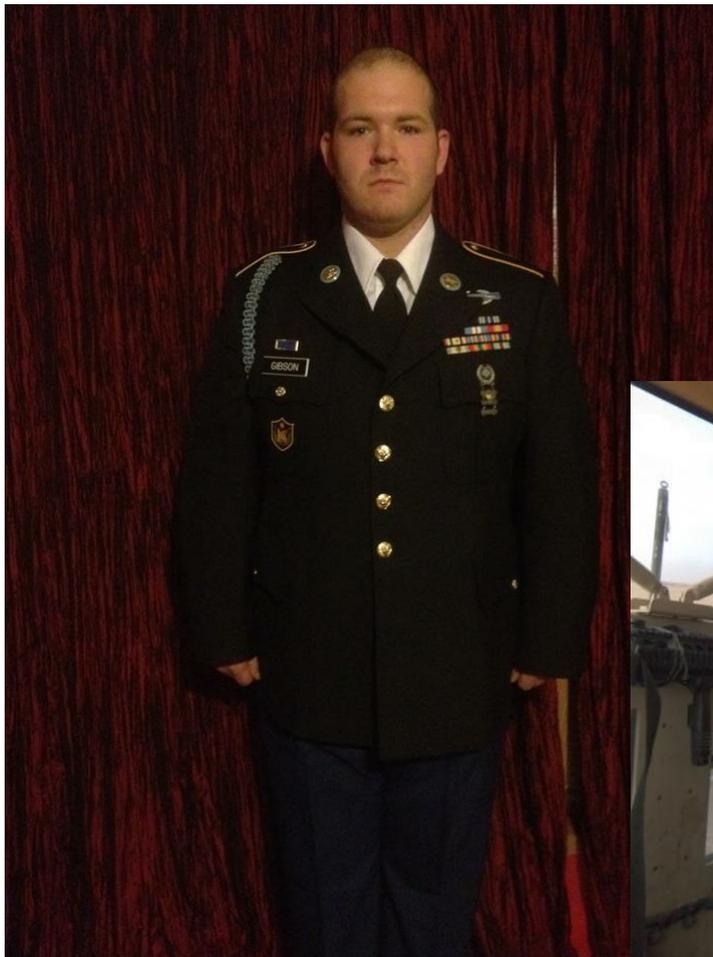
# Supportive Services for Veteran Families

## Thank You!

Supportive Services for Veterans Families has been such a blessing to me and my family. They have helped us in times of need. We found out about the program through the Huntington VA center. We were a homeless family of four. We have two kids, one is the age of five and one 18 months old who has special needs and needs a lot of medical attention. I am a disabled veteran who can no longer hold a job due to my injured back and my wife has to be a stay at home caregiver and mom to take care of me and our son who has special needs. If it wasn't for Supportive Services for Veterans Families helping us during these hard times we would still be homeless asking for help. Today we are no longer homeless and have a beautiful large home and are starting to become stable on our feet. Thanks to our dear friend Roni Kazee from pride community services.

*-Michael R Gibson*

Mr. Gibson, pictured below, served his country during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn



# Weatherization

## Spring is coming!

Here are some quick easy things to do in order keep more cash in your pocket!

- \*Open doors and windows for a cross breeze rather than using central air conditioning.
- \*Use ceiling fans on warm days. Ceiling fans can lower the temperature feeling by about 4 degrees in a room.
- \*Use a garden hose to spray your outdoor central air unit and clean the fins protecting it.
- \*Make sure gutters and downspouts are clean to avoid additional groundwater reaching the basement.
- \*Control your heat system by raising/lowering the thermostat during the day when not needed, and setting back 1-4 degrees at night.
- \*Take advantage of the longer daylight hours, and open blinds and curtains for light. Turn off lights in rooms not being used. Dust light bulbs, you may be surprised at the increased light they give off.
- \*Hang clothes outdoors to dry on a nice spring day.
- \*Check your outside hose hookups/ faucets for leaks.
- \*Check your furnace filter monthly. Check your registers to make sure they are not blocked by furniture and the vent covers are clean during spring cleaning.
- \*Get out ! Save electricity by getting outside during nice weather, and walking or biking rather than taking your car when possible.



## Important Dates to Remember

May 8	Mother's Day Tea Party, Senior Centers
May 8	May Employee Birthday Party
May 13	Financial Planning, Earl Jarvis Senior Enrichment Center
May 25	PRIDE Closed-Memorial Day
May 28	Amish Country Trip
May 28 & 29	Strategic Planning Retreat, Chief Logan Conference Center
June 4	Family Fun Day, Chief Logan Park
June 10-12	CAPLAW National Training Conference
June 11	Logan County Universal Pre-K Meeting, PRIDE Conference Room
June 12	Employee Appreciation Picnic (2-4pm)
June 19	PRIDE Closed-WV Day Observed
June 23	Father's Day Drive -In, Senior Centers
June 23	Last day for Head Start Students
June 25	Last day for Head Start Center Staff
June 25	June Employee Birthday Party
July 3	PRIDE Closed-Independence Day Observed
July 17	July Employee Birthday Party
July 24	Summer Time Ice Cream Social, Senior Centers
August 19-21	Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, TN Trip
August 25-28	Community Action Partnership Annual Convention
September 15-17	WV Housing Conference

## Did You Know?

West Virginia 2-1-1 can help you find the services you need. 211 is available 24 hours, 7 days a week. It is fast, easy and free. 211 can help you locate services for:

- \* Basic Human Needs Resources
- \* Physical and Mental Health Resources
- \* Employment Supports
- \* Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities
- \* Support for Children, Youth and Families
- \* Volunteer Opportunities & Donations

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Low-Income Sector

## Funding Sources

- United States Dept. of Agriculture (USDA)
- Administration for Children & Families (ACF), Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS)
- Dept. Of Health and Human Resources (DHHR)
- Dept. of Energy (DOE)
- WV Bureau of Senior Services (BOSS)
- West Virginia Metro Area Agency on Aging (Metro AAA)
- WV Dept. of Health & Human Resources (WVDHHR)
- WV Office of Economic Opportunity (WVOEO).
- WV Bureau of Medical Services
- WV Dept. of Education
- WV Housing Development Fund
- United Way of Central West Virginia

# Services Offered:

**Aging Program:** Offers services to persons with disabilities and the aging population of Logan County.

- Stephanie Mounts / Director

**Case Management:** The goal of this program is to assist the aged and disabled 18 years and up through the process of application for the Title XIX Waiver program.

- Bridgette Mounts, RN / Case Manager

**Child & Adult Food Care Program (CACFP):** Offers food reimbursement and training to in-home family daycare providers.

**CSBG (Community Service Block Grant):** To stimulate a better focusing of all available local, state, private and federal resources upon the goal of enabling low-income families and low-income individuals of all ages, in rural and urban areas, to attain the skills, knowledge and motivations and secure the opportunities needed for them to become self-sufficient.

- Caron Burgess / Director

**Family Stabilization Program:** Assists individuals and families who are experiencing crisis situations that inhibit their ability to be successful or work toward success in their personal lives.

**Head Start:** Provides comprehensive and quality services to all Head Start children and families in order to facilitate their development to the fullest potential.

- Linda Tweed / Director

**Housing Program:** Offers a continuum of programs that provide affordable, decent, safe, energy efficient and innovative housing for low-moderate income people and to improve the conditions of communities we serve. This program includes: Housing, Residential Energy Assistance Program (REAP), and Weatherization Program.

- Stephen Gilman / Director

**In-Home Services Program:** In-home care services are available by certified homemakers and certified nursing assistants.

- Kathy Ooten/ Director

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families:** Focuses on securing and maintaining housing for Veterans who are currently homeless, assists in obtaining VA and other public benefits.

- Roni Kazee / Coordinator

## Vision Statement

PRIDE Community Services will serve as a driving force in creating a community where people are empowered with resources and opportunities to reach their greatest potential.

## Mission Statement

PRIDE Community Services makes a positive impact on the lives of those in need by bringing together educational, financial and human resources that support self-sufficiency.



**Empowering Lives. Strengthening Communities.**

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### How Can I Help?

PRIDE is focused on bettering our community. We can only meet our goals with the assistance of community members like you. We hope that you will support our mission and help us continue to implement our programs and initiatives. If you would like to send a donation, please do so by mail to the address listed or via our website.

You are also welcome to volunteer your time to see our programs up close and personal. Contact the Human Resources Dept. for volunteer opportunities.