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McGinnis announces run for Jefferson County Commission

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Kit McGinnis (Credit: Submitted photo /)

CHARLES TOWN, W.Va. - Kit McGinnis believes that protection of Jefferson County's history and environment can work hand in hand with economic growth.

McGinnis, a Democratic candidate for the Jefferson County Commission, believes the county's history and ecological resources are underappreciated.

McGinnis said the two areas can go a long way to sparking growth in heritage tourism and ecological tourism.

That mind-set not only preserves the county's history and environment, but puts them to work to create a healthier economy, she said.

"You get two benefits," said McGinnis, 43, of 99 Quarterhorse Place, Charles Town.

McGinnis will face Democrat Patsy Noland in the May 13 Democratic primary race for the Kabletown district seat on the commission.

Frank Kubic is running as a Republican for the job that has a term of six years and pays \$30,800 annually.

McGinnis said the county already has a number of operations and attractions that center around its environmental and historical resources, like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's National Conservation Training Center north of Shepherdstown, W.Va., the Kearneysville Tree Fruit Research and Education Center, and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy in Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

McGinnis said she believes sound arguments can be made to convince other similar operations to move to the county, especially if they are in nearby metropolitan areas where costs of doing business are higher.

Another advantage to having such operations in the county is that workers at the facilities can stay closer to home and be involved in the community and not tied up in long daily commutes, McGinnis said.

McGinnis said she supports alternatives to automobile transportation and protecting open space.

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