

BRIAN GAWTHROP

Personal Lines Underwriter

Brian came to Farmers Mutual in June 2011, one month after graduating from West Virginia University's College of Business & Economics with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management - Human Resources. Three months after starting with FMIC, he acquired his property and casualty license.

Prior to Farmers Mutual, Gawthrop worked seven years as a sports writer and sports editor for multiple news organizations include The Daily Athenaeum (Morgantown), The Clarksburg Exponent-Telgram (Clarksburg), ESPN.com and the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. The positions allowed him to travel with and cover the West Virginia University football, men's basketball and women's basketball teams for three seasons, and for games including the 2009 Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, the Big East Conference Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and the 2010 Final Four in Indianapolis. In 2010, the Clarksburg native was named the West Virginia Press Association Sports Columnist of the Year.

A 2007 graduate of South Harrison High School, Gawthrop continues to follow the Mountaineers in his free time and has coached youth baseball for the past four years.

Gawthrop is engaged to his girlfriend of eight years, Kasha Beidler, a Business Analyst at Key-Logic Business Systems in Morgantown. The couple will be married in May 2013. They currently reside in Clarksburg.

