

Legislative Update

State Representative Patrick Flannery



Graduation season:

Advice for the next steps

May is the month of change. The weather shakes off the final chills of winter, flowers begin to bloom, and the sun seemingly shines brighter than ever before. However, during this time of year there is an additional change which is celebrated by thousands across our commonwealth and our nation: graduation.

Whether it be a high school, vocational school, or college graduation, these ceremonies are the celebration of a student's hard work, persistence, and strength. They pushed through everything life threw their way, and were able to finish what they started. Regardless if they thrived or barely survived, each of them still walk across the same stage. Beneath the pomp and circumstance though, graduation is

also a double-edged sword. Graduation means the closing of one chapter, and the beginning of another. What follows is a plethora of tough decisions. For many, they will decide to leave home in order to seek a higher education or an employment opportunity. For others, they must now enter the "real world" and figure out how to put the skills they have learned to use.

However, I would like to give this year's graduates a piece of advice for their next steps which has served me well for many years: just focus on what you can control.

It is going to be a stressful and overwhelming transition, just as it has been for everyone who has come before you. There will be challenges, as hardship is simply a fact of life. What sets people apart though, is

how they respond to the bumps in the road. Not being accepted into your top school or being passed over for a job can be an incredibly demoralizing experience. Setbacks are difficult, but it is up to you whether you allow it to devastate you. So many people throw in the towel, and those moments they turn their setbacks into failures.

What you must accept is that you will be knocked down, sometimes by things you cannot control, but that should not be an excuse to stay knocked down. Instead, dust off your knees and take charge of what you can control.

In fact, one of the greatest stories of perseverance in our nation's history was made possible by those who decided to push forward despite the odds.

Throughout much of the early Revolutionary War,

George Washington and the colonial army suffered many defeats. During the winter of 1777, his men were pushed to their limits by a lack of food, clothing, and shelter amidst the frigid cold of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. On top of this, diseases such as smallpox, typhus, influenza, pneumonia, and dysentery rampantly spread throughout the encampment, causing hundreds of deaths. With both the largest army in the world and seemingly nature itself fighting against the colonists, it would have been understandable for them all to simply give up and go home to their families.

Instead, they pushed forward.

Despite the brutal conditions, soldiers maintained a strict training regimen. As such, when winter was over and they left Valley Forge,

Washington's army was transformed into a fighting force that could rival the armies of Europe. As would be proven at the Battle of Monmouth later that summer, they did. For the first time in over a year, Washington and his men held their own in the field of battle, enduring nearly 100 degree heat in order to fight back against the British.

The perseverance of General Washington and his men at Valley Forge are an extreme but effective example of the importance of overcoming hardship. While this year's graduates might not face outbreaks of smallpox, they still should remember Valley Forge the next time they face an obstacle. When faced with

factors they could not control such as the strength of British army and harshness of the winter weather, the colonial soldiers did not give up. Instead, they focused on what they could control, and trained until it was time to return to the battlefield.

In sum, what separates a setback from a failure is how you decide to move forward.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Patrick.Flannery@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

Vanceburg Lions Club

By Bill Tom Stone



The Vanceburg Lions Club held its meeting on May 15, at the Vanceburg Methodist Church fellowship hall. President Lion Roger Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with Lion Kenny Ruckel leading in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and Lion Mike Edington giving the prayer. The president then invited the members to enjoy a time of dining and fellowship.

President Brown then asked if anyone had an update on the Softball Tournament for Diabetes Relief. Lion Bill Tom Stone said that he had talked to Chairman David Lucas and finalized the letter to the business sponsors for the

event. He asked the club if they would mail the letter so the sponsors could return the information by June 12. As for the teams that have committed to the event, the 10U has four teams committed, and the 8U is still working on teams. Some general discussion about members working in various areas of the event was discussed, and everyone is excited for another great day again this year.

Lions Bret Wampler and Sam Holder reported that the scholarship committee had received a ton of applicants and that the decision was a tough one, but they reported they had chosen four recipients for the scholarships. Lion Wyatt Yates moved that we accept the

recommendation, seconded by Bryan Wright, and the motion passed.

Lion Sam Holder gave an update on the EV Holder Jr. Golf Scramble and said that we would be starting to pass the word soon, so people can schedule the event. He also talked a little about having a list of rules and guidelines on each cart this year to help with any questions about the scramble.

Lion Brown then recognized Lion Kenny Ruckel, who discussed the options for a raffle for the upcoming July timeframe. We would sell tickets for three to four weeks and draw a winner at the 4th of July festival. The

club agreed for Lion Ruckel to pick out the item and make up the tickets to have for our first meeting in June.

There being no more business to come before the club, we adjourned.

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Farrell R. Mustard, whose address was 3960 W KY 8, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Kelley Armstrong, whose address is 1723 KY 559, Wallingford, KY 41093, was appointed Executrix on May 20, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Kelley Armstrong, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Kelley Armstrong.

**Teresa Callahan, Clerk
Lewis Circuit & District
Courts**

Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of George Edgar Shumate, Jr., whose address was 37 Daisy Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, and Martha Sue McCann, whose address is PO Box 125, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Administratrix on May 20, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Martha Sue McCann, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Martha Sue McCann.

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Notice Of Appointment

Administration has been granted by the Lewis District Court upon the Estate of Robert A. Lykins, whose address was 2103 W KY 10, Tollesboro, KY 41189, and Carla J. Lykins, whose address is 2103 W KY 10, Tollesboro, KY 41189, was appointed Executrix on May 13, 2025.

All creditors having claims against said estate are notified to present them to said Carla J. Lykins, at the address shown verified according to law, not later than six months after the last publication of this notice. Any person owing said estate should make payment to said Carla J. Lykins.

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Notice of the Filing of a Final Settlement

Pursuant to KRS 395.625, notice is hereby given that on the 19th day of May 2025, a final settlement was filed by Diane K. Polley, Administratrix of the Estate of John Michael Barbour, deceased.

A hearing will be held on said final settlement at 9:00 a.m. on June 24, 2025. Exceptions to said final settlement must be filed before said hearing.

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Poetry from our readers

Wintertime

By Emma Rosetta Liles (Rickman)

Transcribed by Robert Liles

Old man winter came our way
He arrived on a cold Monday
When he came we weren't ready
We didn't need the snow coming down so steady.
Hey give us more time
A week or even a day
Old man winter didn't listen
He came anyway.
The temperature is zero and well below
The winds are gusting through the snow
The sun doesn't shine through the flurries
The snow and the cold
Has only added to our worries.
Next year we won't be caught unaware
We'll fill our shelves and be prepared
But we say the same thing year after year
We always forget in December
That January is near.
It slips our minds again and again
We should know by now in wintertime
We can't win
The deep freeze is here like it or not
I can hardly wait for summer when it's hot.

County Coordinator Assistant

Licking Valley Community Action Program, Inc. is seeking a positive team-player to add to our agency. We are looking for a candidate who is detail oriented, can multi-task, communicate well with other staff and clients, and can relate to persons of various socio-economic backgrounds. The qualified candidate will assist with the daily operations of our Lewis County Senior Center. Operations include but are not limited to completing applications for various program services, scheduling activities for the center, working with Empower staff for Lewis County, referring clients to other LVCAP programs. A high school diploma is required.

Please email resumes to ebrown@lvcap.com by June 6, 2025.

LVCAP is an equal opportunity employer

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FLAG RETIREMENT

Join us for a respectful and honorable
Flag Retirement Ceremony.

If you have old and tattered flags, please drop them off
at the Lewis County Library by 6/10/25

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 - 6 PM

**VANCEBURG FIRE DEPARTMENT
STATION 1 AND COMMUNITY CENTER**

Light refreshments served after

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00206

MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERS, LP PLAINTIFF
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF
TRACY ANN OLIVER et al. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on May 6, 2025, to raise the sum of \$9,517.91, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 11201 KY 57, Tollesboro, KY 41189 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 020-20-01-014.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

CLAYTON G. LYKINS, JR., MASTER COMMISSIONER
21 SECOND STREET, VANCEBURG, KY 41179
TELEPHONE: 606-796-2531

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Commonwealth of Kentucky
Court of Justice
Lewis CIRCUIT COURT
Civil Action No. 24-CI-00182

BUFFALO TRACE AREA DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAINTIFF
v.
UNKNOWN HEIRS, LEGATEES AND DEVISEES OF
ZALA ELLIOTT et al. DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER'S SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Lewis Circuit Court on May 2, 2025, to raise the sum of \$6,880.85, plus interest, fees and costs, I will expose for sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Lewis County Courthouse, 112 Second Street, Vanceburg, Kentucky, 41179, on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., the following property:

A tract of land located at 228 Chestnut Street, Vanceburg, KY 41179 and identified as Lewis Co. P.V.A. Parcel No.: 080-70-00-026.00. The land is more particularly described in the record of this action located in the office of the Lewis Circuit Court Clerk, where it can be reviewed upon request.

Terms of the sale are as follows: (A) At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. In the event the successful bidder elects to credit the balance, said bidder shall post bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner and pre-approved by the Master Commissioner at least by noon, two (2) business days before the sale date, as security for the unpaid purchase price, bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale. The surety must be present at the sale and must own real estate in Kentucky, but may not be the successful bidder's spouse. A lien shall be retained by the Commissioner as security for the purchase price; (B) The purchaser shall assume and pay all taxes and assessments for the current fiscal year. (C) All other delinquent taxes and assessments for previous years shall be paid from the sale proceeds if properly claimed in writing and filed of record by the purchaser within ten (10) days from the date of sale; (D) If a successful bid is less than two-thirds of the appraised value, the defendant shall retain a right of redemption for six months from the date of sale; the purchaser shall receive an immediate writ of possession and a deed containing a lien in favor of the defendant reflecting the defendant's right of redemption. KRS 426.530; (E) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title and interest of all parties to the action and of their liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Lewis County Clerk's Office, and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America or the Defendant(s); (F) For more particulars, reference is made to the records of the Lewis Circuit Clerk; (G) Bidders are advised to obtain a title examination; (H) Exceptions must be filed not later than ten (10) days following the filing of the Commissioner's Report of Sale; (I) Risk of loss for the subject property shall pass to the purchaser on the date of sale, and possession of the premises shall pass to the purchaser upon payment of the purchase price and delivery of deed.

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Lewis County Schools Advertisement for Contracted Speech-Language Therapy Services

On behalf of the Lewis County Schools Board of Education, speech-language pathologists or entities that have available speech-language pathologists are invited to submit a proposal for speech-language therapy services within the district for the 2025 – 2026 school year. Our school district consists of 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school, and 1 high school:

- Garrison Elementary
- Laurel Elementary
- Lewis County Central Elementary
- Tollesboro Elementary
- Lewis County Middle School
- Lewis County High School

Interested parties shall deliver a proposal on or before Thursday, June 19, 2025 by 4:00 PM EST to:

Lewis County Schools
RFP: Speech-Language Therapy
Attn: Dr. Mike Melton, Superintendent / Douglas Mobley, DoSE
251 Lions Lane
Vanceburg, KY 41179
Phone: (606) 796-2811

Proposals received after the above-noted date and time will not be accepted. A representative or group of representatives will be selected to undertake the work at the discretion of the local board. The final selection of Speech-Language Therapist(s) will be made by the Lewis County Schools Board of Education.

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