

Legislative Update

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America lost a voice for faith, freedom, and the constitution

Just over two decades ago, the U.S. Congress created Constitution and Citizenship Day, a federal holiday to commemorate the ratification of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. This incredible document was the result of weeks of passionate debate and in-depth discussion by our founders – each with a different priority and world view. Once agreements were reached, men like Gouverneur Morris and James Madison came together to draft what would eventually become the foundation of our democratic republic. In 4,543 words, the original document laid out a vision for a government led by the people. With the ratification of 27 amendments, it has evolved to almost twice its original size, but retained its powerful significance.

Kentucky was not a state at

the time of ratification. However, 14 leaders from the region of Virginia that would one day become part of our Commonwealth cast their votes when Virginia's legislature took up ratification on June 25, 1788, ensuring that Kentuckians had a hand in shaping the nation from the very beginning.

As our nation marked Constitution Day this year, many of us found ourselves thinking about the tragic death of Charlie Kirk and reflecting on his legacy as a tireless advocate for the very principles found in the pages of our nation's guiding document.

Kirk, who was killed at a public event at a university in Utah, leaves behind an inspirational movement and a legacy rooted in conviction, faith, and an unshakable confidence in the promise of the American experiment.

Charlie Kirk was best known for challenging young

Americans to not just hold beliefs, but to thoughtfully consider the real-world consequences and responsibilities that come with them. As the founder and leader of Turning Point USA, a non-profit dedicated to promoting constitutional values on high school and college campuses across the country, he traveled across the country welcoming those who agreed and disagreed with him to come talk. In fact, he was well known for saying, "if you disagree with me, come to the front."

In a time when conversations are too often delivered by keyboard cowboys and reduced to soundbites or shouting matches, Kirk stood out for his ability to have something as simple as respect. His approach was not just to speak, but to listen. He was a man of faith, shaped by integrity and a strong moral compass. Like many of us, he had a sincere desire to leave

this world better than he found it. While he could be forceful in his defense of conservative values, those who knew him personally often remarked on his humility and his willingness to hear opposing views without judgment – an extraordinary thing in this day and age.

In addition to his incredible faith, Charlie was a patriot and a proud American. He believed that the Constitution is not just a historical document, reduced to gathering dust. Instead, he taught that it is a living covenant between the American people and their government. He spoke often of natural rights, religious liberty, the importance of the Second Amendment, and the limits of federal power. In short, he knew that it was the governed, not the government, that holds the power. However, he also made it clear that rights came with responsibilities – and consequences.

And his advocacy was always tied to his faith. For Kirk, faith and freedom were inseparable. He frequently reminded audiences that our rights are endowed by our Creator, not granted by the state.

Going forward, I hope that on Constitution Day we reflect not only on the wisdom and vision of the Framers but also on the modern-day citizens who carry their torch. Charlie Kirk was one of them, but there are many more. I believe that part of his legacy will be to inspire these men and women to raise their voices. I think we are seeing it today with a growing number of Turning Point chapters forming at colleges and high

schools across our state and nation.

Charlie Kirk reminded us that the Constitution is not self-sustaining. It requires citizens who care, who study, who speak, and who listen. As we celebrate the Constitution, may we honor not only the document itself but the life of a young man who believed in its promise and gave his all to defend it.

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 October 2, at the Vanceburg Methodist Church fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. President Lion David Lucas called the meeting to order with Lion Wyatt Yates leading in the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and Lion Brennan Lucas giving the prayer. The Lion Lucas then invited the members to enjoy a time of dining and fellowship.

President Lucas asked if someone from the EV Holder Jr. Golf Scramble committee could give us an update on the event held this past month on September 20, at the Laurel Oaks Golf Course. Lions Austin Rucker and Austin Evans informed the club that it was a great success. We had 11 teams in the event and beautiful weather. We raised money for the Kentucky Eye Foundation and local scholarships. The group also wanted to thank the Lions who helped cook, especially Lion Bryan Wright, who did a great job on the grill, and Lions David and Brennan Lucas for assisting.

Lion Lucas then recog-

nized Lion Kenny Ruckel, who reported on the raffle that the Lions will be running later in the year. Lion Ruckel said that it would be a precious metal raffle, with a Henry Golden Boy and a Henry Silver Boy being raffled. Tickets will be distributed during the second meeting in November, and the winner will be drawn during the Lions Club Basketball Tournament.

Lion Bret Wampler was not present to give an update on the Lions Club Basketball Tournament, but the group tentatively set the dates as January 10 and 12. Lion Wyatt Yates will work with Lion Wampler and Athletic Director Josh Hughes to finalize the details, and they hope to report back at the next meeting.

Lions Trevor Perry and

Austin Rucker reported that they will be going to the Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation again this year to play in their annual golf scramble to help raise money for the foundation. Last year our local team won the event, and we hope to play well again this year. But play well or not, the club voted for them to take a \$1,500 donation to the event in memory of our past District Governor and friend, Roger Brown. Lion Roger always had a special place in his heart for the work the foundation does, and this donation, we all agreed, would be a fitting tribute to our friend.

Lion Austin Rucker moved that we help purchase a set of glasses for a student who had come to his attention this past week.

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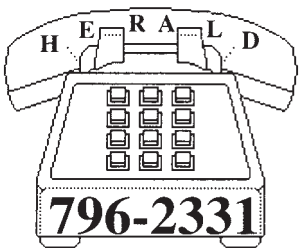
VFW Post 5438

Thursday Evening
Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
Clarksburg Road,
Vanceburg

Come early.
Space is limited.

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Real Estate Public Auction

AA Highway Properties

October 18th @ 10:00 am

97+/- acres of Lewis County Prime Real Estate

Offered in 5 tracts

Property address is 14791 W KY 9, Tollesboro, KY 41189
Auction will be held at the Tollesboro Lions Club Building
97 Lions Club Rd., Tollesboro, KY 41189

Multi-Par auction, live and on-line

go to www.chuckmarshall.com to register and bid on-line.

On-line bidding starts October 13th @ 5:00 pm

Located just east of Tollesboro, KY, fronts on the AA Hwy., utilities available. Would be perfect for residential development, commercial opportunity, farming or as an investment.

TRACT 1: 2.0+/- acres, fronts AA Highway.

TRACT 2: 2.26+/- acres fronts AA Highway.

TRACT 3: 31.1+/- acres backs up to Cabin Creek, has a pond and some wooded area.

TRACT 4: 25.7+/- acres backs up to Cabin Creek, has a pond and some wooded area.

TRACT 5: 35.2+/- acres backs up to Cabin Creek, has a pond and some wooded area.

NO BUYERS PREMIUM NEW SURVEY PROVIDED

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SAT. OCT. 25, 2025, 10:30 AM

8168 EAST KY 10,
GARRISON, LEWIS CO., KY
12 ACRES +/- WITH LAKE & 4 PONDS
OWNER: ED & DORIS L. STURGILL



This property offers potential for a variety of uses: Commercial (Religious or Youth Retreat, Campground, Development Potential), Residential (a beautiful small acreage tract with good homesite, a family compound, or develop into multiple homesites offering waterfront or views!), Agicultural (Aquaculture, Hydroponics), or just a GETAWAY (fishing/recreational). LOADS OF POTENTIAL!!! YOU CAN DECIDE! USE YOUR VISION TO PLAN THE FUTURE USE OF THE PROPERTY! A MIX-USE OF SOME OF THE ABOVE USES, OR ANOTHER USE ALTOGETHER! THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

The property is owned by a non-resident and would benefit from a bit of cleanup. The best analogy/comparison with which to describe the property: Much like a tarnished sterling spoon that needs a polishing, this is a beautiful property that begs for some love and attention. Make this property the beauty from the past that is still evident to present day!

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