

Greensburg Rotary installs Board of Directors, officers



Assistant District Governor John Bertram installed the Board of Directors and officers during the Greensburg Rotary Club induction ceremony and dinner Tuesday evening, June 23 at Longhunters Coffee and Tea Company on the Greensburg square. Pictured from left: Board member Gaye McCubbin (serving as past president), Board members Justine Landrum and Mike McCubbin, Board member/Secretary Martha Stepp, Board member/President Clevis Jeffries, and Assistant District Governor John Bertram. Also elected to serve: Board member/Treasurer Marla Durrett, and Board members Marilyn Havenner, Bobby Scott, and Randy Sprowles.



Area 5 Assistant District Governor John Bertram installed Clevis Jeffries as the new President of the Greensburg Rotary Club. His term will run from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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Representative Bivens America 250: A time for unity and pride



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Ryan Bivens

This upcoming July 4th is especially meaningful as our nation celebrates its 250th anniversary. For two and a half centuries, the United States of America has stood as a symbol of freedom, opportunity, and self-government. Across the country, families and friends will host barbecues in their backyards, cities will hold fireworks shows and parades, and our flag will fly high proudly from homes, businesses, and public institutions.

However, while many Americans will be celebrating, an alarming amount of our fellow

citizens will not be. They have grown discouraged by political division, economic uncertainty, and the constant negativity that dominates the news and social media. While these divisions and concerns are real, Independence Day provides us with an opportunity to reflect not only on our challenges, but also on the strengths that have carried our nation through every trial in its history.

Yet throughout our history, Americans have repeatedly demonstrated that our greatest strength lies not in our agreement on every issue, but rather our ability to work together despite our differences. The story of America has never been one with perfect unity. From our nation's founding to the present day, Ameri-

cans have debated, disagreed, and struggled with difficult issues. But what makes our country exceptional is not the absence of disagreement, but rather the willingness to engage with one another, find common ground, and move forward together.

Every freedom we have today was secured and preserved by citizens who came from different backgrounds, held different beliefs, and lived different experiences. Individuals who understood that while they may not always agree, they shared a common commitment to the principles of liberty, justice, and opportunity. These principles remain just as important today as they were 250 years ago. As we reflect on our nation's

history, remember that our future will not be determined solely by elected officials; it will be shaped by men and women who contribute to their communities, participate in their civic duties, and treat one another with dignity and respect.

Reflecting upon this Independence Day, I urge every one of you to look beyond the surface level differences. Take some time to get to know your fellow Americans. Listen to perspectives that differ from your own. Seek understanding before judgment. Rediscover the spirit of unity, mutual respect, and civic responsibility that has carried our nation through its greatest challenges. Genuine conversations and mutual respect are now more important than

ever. By doing this, we can all begin to turn a new tide in our country—one marked by greater understanding, stronger communities, and a renewed sense of pride.

Most importantly, remember to love thy neighbor, regardless of your differences. Every American has a unique story, and every individual deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. We may come from different walks of life, but we are all Americans at the end of the day, and that is a beautiful thing.

As we celebrate 250 years of American independence, let us honor our nation's past achievements, embrace our shared future, and celebrate one another. May this historic milestone serve as a reminder of the values

and ideals that unite us. And may it inspire us to build a stronger, more united country for generations to come.

God bless the United States of America and God bless every American! I wish you and your family a fun, safe, and meaningful Independence Day. Remember to have pride in our great nation, cherish the freedoms we have been blessed with, and exercise the rights and responsibilities that come with being a citizen of this remarkable country.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also e-mail Ryan.Bivens@lrc.ky.gov and keep track through legislature.ky.gov.

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