

Use your seatbelts



Several years ago when the Kentucky General Assembly passed the mandatory seat belt law, I, like many Kentuckians, resented the fact that the government was telling me I had to wear a seat belt or face a fine.

It was a simple matter of just not wanting to be told what to do in my own vehicle.

Of course after time, it became habit to put it on and really a very small inconvenience.

Because of the many horrible wrecks I have seen over the years I realize that seat belts are of the utmost importance - but still I did not like the fact that I was being told to do something by our elected officials in which I should be able to choose to do.

After Monday morning, I am very thankful that the law was passed, which ultimately led to us using seat belts without thinking about it or fussing about it.

My son, Aaron, had a wreck Monday morning on the Marebar road around 7:30.

He was sick and began throwing up and lost control of the car and veered off the right side of the road.

He sideswiped a telephone pole, took out a barbed wire fence and hit two trees.

The car caught on fire immediately, but the good news was that he had his seat belt on and, of course, the airbags deployed.

Basically, the only thing hurt was his ego, and the car (and who cares about the car).

However, had he not had his seat belt on the thoughts of what could happen are more than most parents want to ever think about.

I am thankful for the seat belt law because without it I am not sure that I would become so accustomed to wearing it and us requiring him to wear it.

I would like to personally thank Karen Powell, Rosemary Nee and James Blanton for their kindness at the scene.

We appreciate the quick response of the Mt. Vernon fire department and especially Josh Whicker, who was the first on the scene. The entire point of this is that we all should wear seatbelts and it would be our opinion that all of us parents should try every way in the world to make sure our children wear seat belts.

"Depot"

(Cont. from front)

worse case scenario could any gas be released or stolen.

"With the beefed up security at the depot I think it is unlikely that any of the gas in the concrete igloos, which are also underground will ever be released into the atmosphere," he said.

"Not to say that it couldn't happen, but I was a betting man. I'd bet against it," he said.

Williams said that even if an airplane crashed into one of the igloos and set off an explosion there would be, of course, a huge fire, which would in itself burn up most if not all of the gas before it could do any harm.

"Except for possibly trying to steal some of the gas, I don't think the depot is a high priority for terrorists," he said.

And if terrorists have that in mind they will find it much more difficult to steal the chemical weapons, now that the armed services has taken measures.

Tuesday 200 troops from Fort Campbell were deployed to guard the chemical weapons depot in Rich-

mond.

The deployments marked the first announced troop movements from Fort Campbell in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks.

One company-sized unit from the 101st Airborne Division will augment security around the depot, said Army spokesman George Heath.

The depot is about 30 miles north of Mt. Vernon.

A huge concrete barricade blocked direct access to the main gate Tuesday night, but there was no visible sign of the troop deployment.

Earl Chastain, who lives across the street from the depot, said he heard several helicopters land around noon. He said he was glad additional troops would be guarding the depot, but wasn't concerned about a terrorist strike there.

"I'm kind of hoping the terrorists don't know about this place and don't find out," he said. "It's kind of out of the way here."

Heath said the deployment was "indefinite" and was not in response to a specific threat.

"Message"

(Cont. from front)

designated reception center, where they will be advised by federal and state personnel on the condition of the emergency," he said.

"For decades, Rockcastle Countians (along with others) have been fairly unconcerned about the possible dangers of the chemical weapons stored at the Blue Grass Army Depot simply because we have been among the least affected by possible dangers. Citizens in eastern Madison and Estill counties are most possibly affected," he said.

"Unknown to most Rockcastle Countians, the emergency response and law enforcement personnel, school system, hospital, cities and county judge's office (among others) have been participants in local disaster emergency drills on an annual basis," he said.

"Again, it is highly unlikely that an emergency would involve Rockcastle County due to its southerly location in relation to the depot. Let me assure you that, although many of our citizens have been fairly unconcerned about the toxic weapon storage in Madison County, the federal and state government apparatus has kept the local governments informed of impending dangers and safety measures," he said.

The Judge said more detailed information about the evacuation plan would appear in next week's Signal.

Church News

Homecoming

Revival Sept. 27th, 28th and 29th at Sandhill Baptist Church with Bro. Eugene Gentry at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Singing

The Coontz Bro. will be singing at Mt. Vernon Nazarene Church Saturday, October 13th at 7 p.m. If you haven't heard them ask for them on WRVN and you'll come. If you have heard them you'll want to be there.

Revival

Revival in the Valley Oct. 6-10 with Evangelist Bro. Albert Griffin from Fairview Baptist Church. Special singing nightly. Sat., Oct. 6 will be children and youth night. Pastor Bro. David Sargent invites everyone.

Singing

Kevin Spencer and friends will be singing at Pine Hill Holiness Church Thursday, Sept. 27th at 7:30 p.m. Love offering will be taken.

Revival

Poplar Grove Baptist Church off Hwy. 70 will be in Revival September 30th-October 5th at 7:30 p.m. Evangelist Bro. David Aker, Director of Kentucky Baptist Convention Mountain Missions. Special singing nightly. Everyone welcome.

Homecoming

The Brush Creek Holiness Church will host Homecoming October 7th. Special singing. Special speaker George Poynter.

Church Services

Winding Blade Holiness Church Services are Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Pastor Bill Carpenter. Pastor and congregation welcome everyone. Church is located on Winding Blade Road just off Hwy. 490.

Bittersweet Festival October 5 & 6

The annual Bittersweet Festival will be October 5th and 6th with a variety of events scheduled:

Pageant: Be sure to have an application and wallet photo by September 28th to Lisa Smithern. Call 256-3343 for information.

5K Bittersweet Run: Saturday, October 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse. Entry fee is \$12. Pre-registration or \$14.00 day of race.

Race Day Schedule: 7:30-8:30 Registration, pick up number and t-shirt. 8:30 Kids Fun Run (1 mile). 9:00 Race Starts. 10:00 Refreshments and presentation of awards.

Parade: If you are participating in the parade please drop off at Mt. Vernon City Hall a short description about your entry. Let's all make this a fun parade by taking part and being involved. Remember the theme is about the family and would be appropriate to have something patriotic for your entry. For information call 878-8000 or 256-3620.

Any organization, groups or families are encouraged to submit a float or march in the Bittersweet parade.

Awards will be presented to the top three floats. If your family would like to enter a float and would like more information please contact Teresa Russell at (606)256-3284 or Carol Kirby at (606)256-3284 or (606)878-8000.

The parade will be Saturday, October 6th at 2:00 p.m. Be creative and join the celebration!

Talent Contest: Now is the time

Revival/Homecoming

Livingston Baptist Church will be in Revival Services September 27th-29th at 7:00 p.m. and September 30th at 11:00 a.m. Evangelist Bro. Wayne Hamilton of Marebar Baptist Bro. Charles Collins and church invites everyone to attend.

Fall Revival

Pleasant Run Baptist Church will be in Fall Revival October 12, 13 & 14th at 7:00 p.m. with Evangelist Bro. Tommy Miller, pastor of Sand Hill Baptist Church. Bro. Steve Weaver invites everyone to attend.

Gospel Singing

Gospel singing at Pleasant Run Baptist Church September 28th at 7:00 p.m. All singers welcome. Bro. Steve Weaver and church invites all to attend.

Homecoming

The First Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church invites everyone to attend the annual homecoming on Sunday, October 7th. Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and worship service at 11:00 a.m. and dinner following. Bro. Steve McKinney will be preaching the service. We hope all will come and worship with us.

Candlelight Vigil

Come one, come all, pray for our lost and this nation - Candlelight Vigil and prayer meeting. Everyone welcome. Come pastors, pray for your churches, while there's still time. Bring your candles. Friday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the little park in town by the newspaper office. For more information call Lamb of God Ministries (859)985-0035 or (859)925-2058.

to present your talent to the community. If you can sing, dance, or tap your toes we want you to be a part of the festival.

To enter, contact Sherry Hansel at (606)256-4428 after 4:30 p.m.

Entertainment: If you would like to participate in the festival as part of the entertainment contact Sherry Hansel at 256-4428 or Carol Kirby at 878-8000.

Booth: If you would like to rent a booth at the festival please contact Carol Kirby at 878-8000. Charitable organizations and public organizations fee, \$25.00. Commercial and private group fee, \$35.00. Health Dept. permit fee of \$20.00 charged to all booths selling food items (exception of pre-packaged food).

All forms can be picked up from Mt. Vernon City Hall.

Youth Football Results

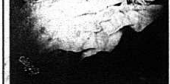
By Diamond Dave Tuesday, Sept. 18th Yellow Jackets 13, Wildcats 0
Yellow Jackets: Cody Mize, 2 TD; 1 pt. conversion.
Bengals 36 Redskins 0
Bengals: Dustin Bullock, 1 TD; John L. Saylor, 1 TD; Tanner Perkins, 2 TD; Jaden Brock, 1 TD; Brandon Burkhardt, 3 apt. FG.

"Wreck".....(Cont. from front)

Bill Dowell. Rockcastle Deputy Sheriff Trevor Hensley said that Brown apparently lost control of his truck near the junction of Hwy. 70 and Level Green road around 4 p.m.

Hensley said it appeared that Brown ran off the right side of the road, over corrected and crashed into a bank of the left side of the roadway.

Hensley said that Brown's truck flipped at least four times. Brown was ejected from the truck through the back window.



Sixteen years ago she looked like this, and now sixteen years later she looks like this.

A beautiful little girl turns into a beautiful young lady. Thank God for miracles!

Happy Sweet Sixteen Jessica September 25, 2001

We are all so proud of you and we all love you.

Mom, Dad, Michael & family

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Mt. Vernon Lions Club raffling off 2001 Arctic Cat Four Wheeler



The Mt. Vernon Lions Club is excited to announce that they are raffling off tickets to win a 2001 250 4x4 5 speed Arctic Cat Four Wheeler, red in color and comes along with camouflage package, gun case and mud flares. The four wheeler is provided by Carpenter's Farm Equipment in Berea and by Lions Club members. Shown in photo are president David DeBoard and Wayne Carpenter, owner and operator of Carpenter Farm Equipment. Tickets are \$5 each. Four wheeler will be displayed at Rockcastle Co. High School football game this Friday night. Tickets will be available to everyone. Please contact any Mt. Vernon Lions Club member for ticket information or go by Carpenter's Farm Equipment where four wheeler will be displayed.

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Bus Drills Early Dismissal

The Rockcastle County Schools will be conducting bus drills on Thursday, October 4, 2001. The Rockcastle County High School and Middle School will dismiss at 2:30 p.m. Buses will then proceed to the elementary schools where the drills will be conducted. Please adjust your schedule for this early dismissal.

THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5th.

County Taxpayer's Notice

The 2001 County tax bills are now due and payable. If you do not receive your bill in the next few days, please contact the County Sheriff's office. When mailing in your payment, please include a copy of the tax bill or put the bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The following are collection dates.

2% discount.....10-01-01 thru 11-01-01

face amount.....11-02-01 thru 12-31-01

5% penalty.....01-01-02 thru 01-31-02

10% penalty.....02-01-02 thru tax claim sale

Important Note: Payments made during the 10% penalty period but prior to the Sheriff's delinquent tax claim sale are subject to an additional 10% sheriff's fee. In addition to the 10% penalty, payments made after the Sheriff's delinquent tax claim sale are subject to a 20% county attorney's fee and a 10% clerk's fee.