

Always focus on the road when driving

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“Keep your eyes on the road.”

It seems like a simple instruction, and is likely the first thing our parents or driving instructors instilled in us as teenager getting behind the wheel for the first time.

But perhaps now more than ever, many accidents are caused each year by distracted driving.

Every day, at least nine Americans die and 100 are injured in distracted driving crashes, according to the National Safety Council.

That’s why April’s

focus on Distracted Driving Awareness is important.

Distracted Driving Awareness Month is as good a time as any to be reminded of the need to stay focused while driving.

That focus can save lives.

“Cell phones, dashboard touchscreens, voice commands and other in-vehicle technologies pose a threat to our safety,” according to NSC.

Other distractions can include listening to music too loudly or performing other tasks while behind the wheel (think applying makeup, fumbling

around trying to find something or even eating). Even putting too much focus on conversations or interactions with passengers can be distracting and is something of which we should all be cognizant.

NSC says about 94 percent of crashes are caused by driver error, meaning nearly all accidents that occur on our roadways are preventable. One way to prevent accidents is to remain focused on the road.

Currently, one of the most common distractions while driving are cell phones, including texting, voice-to-text and talking on the

phone.

NSC reports 7 percent of all drivers at any given time are using their phones while driving, and a NHTSA survey finds 660,000 drivers using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving at any given daylight moment

“Drivers talking on phones, hand-held or hands-free, miss seeing up to 50 percent of what is around them like other drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists,” according to NSC.

Remember, to just drive. No other distraction is worth the potentially fatal consequences.

For the record

Greensburg Police Department

Rhueben J. Combs, 35, 3636 Blowing Springs Road, Greensburg, was arrested April 17 by Officer Matt Matney at Hillview Terrace on a Taylor County Circuit Court Warrant for Failure to Appear for Burglary 3rd Degree, an Assault 4th Degree Minor Injury; also on a Taylor County District Court Warrant for 8 counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card After Reported Lost or Stolen, Probation Violation, Operating on Suspended Operators

License, and Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance 2nd.

Green County Sheriff’s Department

John T. Wilson, 51, 2073 Summersville Road, Greensburg, was arrested April 16 on Gabe Road on a Green County District Court Warrant and a Taylor County District Court Warrant.

Christopher R. Bolton, 32, Bucknersville Road, Greensburg, was arrested April 18 at his residence by Deputy David Judd on a Taylor County Circuit Court Warrant.

Sen. McConnell announces bill to raise age to purchase tobacco to 21

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) announced plans at a press conference to introduce legislation in the U.S. Senate to raise the nationwide minimum age to buy tobacco products from 18 to 21. The McConnell bill, which will be introduced in May, will cover all tobacco products, including vaping devices.

Senator McConnell was joined at the press conference by President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky Ben Chandler, State Senator Julie Raque Adams, and State Representative Kim Moser. “I was proud to join my former colleague Ben Chandler who has been a leader on this issue in Kentucky. Senator Adams and Representative Moser championed the initiative to make all schools in Kentucky tobacco free, and my legislation will build on their progress to protect the health of our teens nationwide,” said Senator McConnell.

“For some time, I’ve been hearing from the parents who are seeing an unprecedented spike in vaping among their teenage children. In addition, we all know people who started smoking at a young age and who struggled to quit as adults. Unfortunately it’s reaching epidemic levels around the country,” said Senator McConnell. “My legislation will be similar to the current system, where retailers have the responsibility to verify the age of anyone buying tobacco products—we’ll just raise the age from 18 to 21. Eleven states have enacted laws to raise the purchasing age of tobacco products to 21. These bills will serve as helpful guidance as I craft my federal legislation. For example, my bill will include an exemption for men and women who serve in uniform, similar to state T21 laws.”

“There’s no time to waste in addressing the surge in youth vaping that’s inundating schools throughout Kentucky and the nation with a nicotine-packed product that threatens to damage our children’s brains and addict them to tobacco for the rest of their lives. Raising the legal age for sales of all tobacco products from 18 to 21 is key to stem-

ming the youth vaping epidemic,” said Ben Chandler, President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. “The Foundation thanks Senator McConnell for his leadership on this issue and stands ready to help in every way we can to ensure its passage. This is for the health of our kids.”

Regretfully, Kentucky has some of the highest cancer rates in the country. The Commonwealth unfortunately leads the nation with 34% of cancers tied directly to smoking. When teens vape, they could be taking the first steps toward serious health problems throughout their lives. Alarming 45% of Kentucky high school students report having tried vaping. About 95% of adult smokers began using tobacco products before they turned 21. Studies have shown that the brain is still developing throughout teenage years, and nicotine use on a young brain can stunt growth and make it harder to focus, learn, or control impulses. Nicotine use also can increase the risk of addiction to other drugs.

A recent survey showed about two thirds of high school seniors—an overwhelming majority—did not know their vaping product contained nicotine. These young people may not know what chemicals they are putting into their bodies the moment they inhale, let alone know the long-term health risks that could negatively impact them as adults.

“To me, the most serious threat involves the use of vaping devices for teens under 18 years old. Far too often, 18 year olds who are still in high school and

can legally buy vaping devices are sharing them with their younger classmates,” said Senator McConnell. “And the problem isn’t only high schoolers. In 2018, there was a nearly 50% increase of middle school students vaping throughout the country. Raising the age limit to 21 presents fewer opportunities for children to get their hands on vaping devices. I hope my legislation will earn strong, bipartisan support in the Senate. I’m confident many of my colleagues will agree that protecting our young people from starting tobacco use at an early age can have remarkable, long-term health benefits for Kentucky and the country.”

“As Senate Majority Leader, Senator McConnell continues to use his leadership position in Washington to help Kentucky,” said Sen. Adams. “Too often, families in our Commonwealth face the tragedy of cancer and substance abuse, but Senator McConnell’s legislation will promote healthy lifestyles among our kids. Without the harmful chemicals from vaping devices, our children can develop into successful and healthy adults who make us all proud.”

“As a nurse and mother, I’ve seen firsthand the widespread use of vaping devices in Kentucky schools and the harm they cause to our teenagers,” said Rep. Moser. “My legislation to ban tobacco products from all Kentucky schools was an important accomplishment, and I am so thankful that Senator McConnell is taking the next step to protect young people in Kentucky and across

the country. His plan to raise the minimum age to purchase these products nationwide will help our children learn and grow without the long-term damage of nicotine.”

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AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • 10 AM CDT

OWNERS: Dwight London and Carolyn London Estate
LOCATION: 25 Bill Jones Road, Greensburg
Listing auctioneers: Anthony Curry (270-932-0213), Heizer Durrett (270-405-3329)

OPEN HOUSE APRIL 26, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. CT
Sale will begin at 10 a.m. CT Sharp. The land will sale first, followed by vehicles, then personal property

REAL ESTATE: 12 M/L acres offered in tracts with rights reserved to combine. NEW survey underway. Property features a 14x56 mobile home, 30x40 pole barn, 10x24 metal outbuilding, and two ponds.

Vehicles

- 2002 Toyota Tacoma, 2x4, 5 speed, single cab, approx. 82,000 miles (rebuilt title).
- 2013 Honda CR-V, AWD, leather interior, approx. 57,000 miles (rebuilt title).
- Chevy 4 door Impala LS (not running)
- Gravely Hd, 60 in., zeroturn lawn mower. approx. 7 hours.

Guns

- Revelation model 350, 410 single shot
- Sovereign .22 LR single shot
- Marlin .22, model 60, automatic tube fed

Appliances

- Whirlpool washer and dryer,
- GE fridge,
- Frigidaire stove

Personal Property

- Husqvarna model 365 chain saw,
- Husqvarna model 51 chain saw,
- Husqvarna 326 ls weedeater,
- Dewalt sawz-all,
- Rear Tine tiller
- Miscellaneous hand tools.
- Floor jack,
- 30 mile fence box,
- pony cart frame,
- Wooden desk,
- Cast iron skillets,
- Oil lamps,
- large metal wood stove smoker,
- wood chief wood stove,
- 2 full size beds,
- wooden shelf.

Many items to numerous to mention!
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TERMS: Property to be sold in tracts with rights reserved to combine at the end. 10% of purchase price due day of auction (cash or good check), along with signing a real estate sales and purchase contract. Balance due with delivery of a general warranty deed on or before 30 days from auction. 2019 Property taxes are to be paid by the sellers. Personal Property- Complete settlement day of sale.

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