

# Hot cars can be deadly for kids

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Summer is nearly here, bringing with it hot, sunny days. And nowhere do you feel those hot temps more than in the car. A hot car is more than just uncomfortable – it can be deadly to small children.

On average, a child dies from heatstroke every nine days. In more than half of these deaths, the caregiver forgot the child was in the car.

Parents, family members and babysitters all believe this could never happen to them. But in most cases, responsible caregivers simply forgot the child was in the car. A change in routine, stress or distraction can all

play a role.

Heatstroke happens faster than you think. Even on a mild day, the temperature inside a car can rise quickly, by as much as 19 degrees in just 10 minutes. Cracking the window, parking under a tree or placing a reflective shade in the windshield does very little to cool a car.

Young children are particularly susceptible to heatstroke; they have a smaller body surface area and a higher metabolic rate, which makes it easier for them to overheat.

A child's body heats up three to five times faster than an adult. When a child's body temperature rises above 104 degrees Fahrenheit,

organ damage, coma and death are possible.

Reduce the number of deaths from heatstroke by remembering to ACT:

- Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute.

- Create reminders. Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat.

- Take action. If you see a child alone in a car, get them out as quickly as possible and dial 911 immediately.

Heatstroke can be fatal. Never leave a child alone in a car, even if just a few minutes.

## SEN. WEBB

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tion," Webb said. "I felt like it was the transparent and ethical thing to do, to not do it at the last minute."

As mentioned, Webb's legislative history has often leaned conservative on issues related to gun, conservation and agricultural issues, which she said compounded onto a "disconnect and rural divide" within Kentucky's Democratic Party.

"Of course there are a few issues we separate on," Webb said of her former party. "They just have a different demographic and I felt like we weren't being acknowledged."

That division, Webb said, became more clear to her on energy, agricultural and social policies, although she said she still strived to remain "party-blind when it comes to work."

"Like I said, my votes are pretty consistent the past 25 years. Nothing much has really changed about me," Webb reasoned. "I landed where my votes and things have taken me."

The Senator's district — Boyd, Carter, Greenup and Lewis County — has continued to trend from historically Democrat to Republican in local and national races, but Webb told The Daily Independent her decision to change parties was not swayed by

future political races or aspirations.

"I felt like if my voting record was that far off, I would've probably had opposition," Webb said, adding running as a Democrat candidate has never lessened her popularity in her district.

"I represent a Republican district and I won one of the most Republican counties in the state," Webb said. "To nip that myth, I do not have my eye on any other office. I like where I am and will run for state senate again."

In response to statements of betrayal possibly felt by rural Democrats who officially have no representation in Frankfort, Webb said that shouldn't be the case as she will continue to legislate as she always has.

"They should feel like I'm being transparent and honest," Webb said. "I'm being true to myself and trying to be true to my people."

"I thank everybody who has put me where I am and all the party support I've received from both sides," Webb said.

According to Webb, her party affiliation was not swayed by national politics, either, as she said "nationally, I don't agree with anybody completely," as her national focus has been preserving Second Amendment

rights and preserving "the Constitution as a whole."

Webb's primary focus in the Senate, however, will continue to be on "rural issues and voters."

"I will continue to look at how to help my people and continue to look at their issues," Webb said, "(and) try to bring our share of tax dollars and try to grow our economy."

"I'm still who I am and I hope that they give me a chance to do it," Webb said to her voters — no matter their registration. "My people mean more to me than anything and that's not going to change."

## COUNCIL

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sonnel matters.

- Heard announcements regarding upcoming city-sponsored summer events, with encouragement for residents to attend and support local activities.

Council members in attendance were Nichole Cantu, Kathy McCann, Angie Patton, Richard Walje, John Grabill, and Joni Pugh.

The next regular meeting of Vanceburg City Council is planned for 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 7, at the Vanceburg Municipal Building. A special meeting is expected later this month for the second reading of the budget ordinance.



# Councilman's Corner

John Grabill

It is budget time here on City Council.

This past meeting, I received the new proposed city budget for 2025-2026, and there was a first reading of this budget.

As a city councilman, I believe there are two main purposes for our elected office. First, we participate in the creation and passing of city ordinances. Secondly — what I consider the backbone of the councilman's role — is the oversight of the spending of our taxpayers' money.

This is a big responsibility, and one I do not take lightly.

Budgeting the money in a responsible manner means the council should be sure to allocate all of the funds into the line items in the budget. To leave money in a contingency fund in the budget

negates the need for the council's elected role, completely gives up that responsibility, and turns the power of the purse over to the executive office (the mayor).

So money in a contingency fund, along with a mayor's discretionary spending, gives away the power of City Council. When we apply the money to line items, any money needed outside of a line item can then be addressed by the City Council through a budget amendment to accommodate the unanticipated need.

This keeps the responsibility for the purse in the hands of City Council.

One big component of making sound budget decisions is to analyze the spending of the monies from last year's budget. Council

members were not provided with actual numbers spent in relation to last year's budget at this past meeting.

Even though we were not given any actual spending information, I have asked for and received information in advance that I believe I can glean this information from, instead of being expected to make a completely uninformed decision.

I will try to get these numbers together before next month's meeting, where the second reading of the new budget — and a vote on it — is likely to take place.

Even if the rest of the council gives up the responsibility of sound appropriation of taxpayers' funds, I will be taking the job I have been entrusted with seriously and will vote accordingly.



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**THURSDAY, JUNE 19**

**Fleming-Mason Energy Headquarters**  
1449 Elizaville Road  
Flemingsburg, KY

**Drive-thru Registration: 7:30 a.m.–6 p.m.**  
**Business Meeting: 11 a.m.**

- At the Fleming-Mason Energy Pavilion
- Special prize drawing for those in attendance at the business meeting

Members will receive a bucket with LED bulbs and gifts. Members must be present (in vehicle) to receive registration gift. **Registered members will be entered to win prizes and need not be present to win. Drawings will be held at close of business meeting.**



### NOTIFICATION OF DESTRUCTION OF STUDENT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS

#### LEWIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

May 28, 2025

In accordance with the state and federal regulations implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), this is to inform you of our intent to destroy personally identifiable information related to special education services maintained in Lewis County School District special education records.

If you wish to maintain this information for your personal records, you need to notify us upon receipt of this notice; otherwise, the information will be destroyed on June 13, 2025.

Please be advised that the records may be needed by the student or the parent(s) for social security benefits or other purposes.

Records to be destroyed are as follows:  
Individual Education Plan (IEP)  
Evaluation Reports  
Test Protocols  
Notifications of Meetings  
Notices of Action  
Review of Existing Data Summaries  
All other personally identifiable information within the Special Education file\*

The reason for destruction of the above listed items is because they are no longer needed to provide educational services, as it has been more than three (3) years since this individual has received special education services from the Lewis County School District.

The district may maintain a permanent record, without time limitation, of a student's name, address and phone number, his/her grades, attendance record, classes attended, grade level completed, and year completed.

The school is required to maintain records for a minimum of three (3) years from the date the child no longer received special education and related services.

Copies of records in the future will be offered to graduating students and will be maintained for three (3) years.

You may contact Doug Mobley at the Lewis County Board of Education office at 606-796-2811 or at PO Box 159/251 Lions Lane, Vanceburg, KY 41179, for further information.

Sincerely,  
Doug Mobley  
Director of Special Education  
Lewis County Schools

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