Grades 6-12 returning to full time

By Kenny Howell  
Managing Editor

Grades 6-12 are heading back to the classroom over the next few weeks.

Wilson County Schools announced that grades 6-12 will begin a phase in approach to full time traditional learning later this month.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, students in grade 6-8 will return to full time. Grades 9-12 will return on Feb. 22.

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Teacher of the Year

By Kenny Howell  
Managing Editor

Brooke Holloway is Teacher of the Year for Mt. Juliet High School.

It is Holloway’s fifth year as the librarian for MJHS. She was previously a librarian at Tennessee Tech University.

“We have the best teacher family,” said Holloway of MJHS.

Holloway also praised the standard that has been created at MJHS. She said the

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

TAKING THEIR GAMES TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Athletes from the Mt. Juliet area signed to play their sport of choice in college recently. Clockwise: Kerolos Shenouda, Wilson Central Football, signed with Tennessee State; Ezra Widelock, Wilson Central Football, signed with Tennessee Tech; Cross Barnes, Mt. Juliet Football, signed with Lake Forrest; Ashlyn Riggs, Green Hill Softball, signed with Bryan College; Sam Zapton, Green Hill softball signed with Volunteer State; Matthew Corley, Tennessee Heat football, signed with Carson-Newman; Alex Cain, Wilson Central Football, signed with Furman.

MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners approve Windtree Pines

By Kenny Howell  
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners approved Windtree Pines on first reading Monday.

The project, which sits on the land where the Windtree Golf Course used to be, is 193 acres. It is planned to have 423 lots, 373 single family homes and 50 townhomes.

“Overall, I do like this development,” said Commissioner Jennifer Milele.

Milele had some issues like what the plan is to control flooding, Nonaville Road improvements and lighting in certain areas. The

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CITY GOVERNMENT

Martin talks new business, city

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin hopped on the Police Department Facebook page with Captain Tyler Chandler Friday to talk about some of the things going on in the city.

Martin mentioned many of the businesses coming into Mt. Juliet soon like M.L. Rose, Oscar’s Taco Shop, Bubbakoo’s Burritos, The Candied Rib, Avid Hotel, Sephora and Thai Samurai.

Martin said that businesses like Newk’s Eatery and a Cadillac Dealership are close, but still haven’t either found a spot or finalized the deal. He teased a business that could be going on the corner of N. Mt. Juliet Road and Lebanon where the old Capital City Market was. He can’t say what is proposed but if it goes there, it will be a business that many have wanted to move to Mt. Juliet.

“You will love what is proposed for there,” said Martin.

Martin went over the many park lands that are in development throughout the city. Martin said the city has 58 acres on Beckwith Road to be called Tomlinson Farms Park. The developer of that land will get things started by building the infrastructure.

There is also 20 acres near Grace United Methodist Church, the land on Tate Lane, and some changes to Mundy Park may be coming. A multipurpose field on the site could be turned into tennis and pickleball courts and an updated playground.

Captain Chandler said the Mt. Juliet Police Department is currently going over an expansion of their facilities to house some departments like their dispatchers.

“Justice agreed to defer it for 30 days after developers Mark Lineberry and Bill Robinson spoke up and said that there is other ways to help the problem besides just eliminating all auto dealerships from the area. Justice said there will be a work session in the next 30 days to modify what he is trying to do. He said Lineberry and Robinson will be invited for their input as well.

The commission also approved an ordinance to allow grocery stores and convenience stores to sell alcohol under eight percent at 10 a.m., instead of the previous time of noon. State law allows it, but the Mt. Juliet law had not been updated. Restaurants and liquor stores could already sell at the 10 a.m. time.

A budget amendment to provide lighting on Lebanon Road from Green Hill High School to Park Glen was approved. The project will cost $100,000 for LED lights that will be placed on existing poles along the newly constructed sidewalks.

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development has plans to widen Nonaville Road three lanes, including turn lanes into the project.

“This has tons of amenities, which I love,” said Commissioner Scott Hefner.

The development will include playgrounds, sports courts, putting greens, a clubhouse and pool, dog park, frisbee golf, fishing pier and a kayak launch. They will use the existing cart paths for greenway trails and have included a trail head with associated parking and restroom facilities.

Mayor James Maness was concerned about how the development would affect the local schools, partially because the ones that the development would be zoned for are taking on extra students because of the two schools destroyed by the tornado.

“We’ve got a load on Green Hill right now,” said Maness.

Construction on the project would begin sometime between Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. Phases 1 and 2 would start in Fall of 2022 and Spring 2023. Reopening of the damaged schools would most likely be in the 2022-2023 or 2023-24 school years. The total Windtree Pines project is planned to take six years. Developer Danny Hale said that since the project is single family homes, the burden on the schools would not be immediate, it would slowly build over the life of the project. The project will also send $5,000 per lot for school improvements.

A zoning ordinance amendment to bring a bigger variety of businesses to the north side of town was deferred for 30 days.

The amendment was brought forth by Ray Justice who pointed out there are 23 automotive related businesses in a roughly one mile stretch of Lebanon Road.

“It looks like Dickerson Road, it looks horrible,” said Commissioner Ray Justice. “The problem has got to go away.”
Eyes up. Hands open.

And so it is in life. Whatever gets our attention gets our affection and devotion. Almost a year ago, a tornado got our attention. Many of our neighbors were devastated and all of us were impacted. Within minutes and for weeks to come, despite a pandemic, social turmoil, and political chaos, thousands of us opened our hands to serve one another.

No one was asked to take a political poll or religious test. No one had to qualify for your love. Instead, you looked up, saw that your neighbors were surrounded by ruins, and took action to help. Everyone isn’t quite whole, and there is still evidence of loss around us, but we all came together to give our nearest neighbors another chance at a fresh start.

Whoever they are, they deserve at least that. Not because they live like us, believe like us, or even like us enough to share a vacation rental with us, but simply because they are humans. Thankfully, tornadoes don’t come through every day, but just imagine what’s possible in our community when the common humanity and inherent dignity of everyone one of our neighbors captures our attention.

For starters, we’ll lift up our eyes with the Good Samaritan, see the wounds of our neighbors, and orient our lives to give ourselves to their care. As our brother’s keeper, we will use our God-given skill and influence to do whatever it takes to move them toward health. And ultimately, we will help them discover wholeness in Jesus Himself.

When our eyes are up, our hands extend outward, and the peace of our community that we long for is within our grasp.

Daryl Crouch
Pastor
Green Hill Church

Are you a distracted driver? Confession. I am. Driving is a sightseeing adventure for me. My wife, on the other hand, is a different story. If Godzilla and the Staypuff Marshmallow Man were walking and the Staypuff was a different story. If Godzilla on the other hand, is a sightseeing adventure for me. My wife, Ivana, and the Staypuff Marshmallow Man were walking and she would never see them. It’s eyes-on-the-road for her. And she is wiser for it because we all know that our hands steer wherever our eyes look.
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - Child Safety Measures

Kenny Martin
City Manager

I would like to take a moment to remind all parents of the importance of using good child and teen safety measures and making children and teens aware of stranger danger and predators. As many of us have seen many times from news shows, predators are constantly on the prowl. They use everything from toys to the internet to lure innocent and trusting children and teens. To think that any parent would harm or attempt to harm a child absolutely outrages me. As human beings and parents we have enough to worry about without having to worry about some sick individual hurting our children. Mt. Juliet is a wonderful place to live, shop and raise a family, but unfortunately, predators know no boundaries when it comes to committing their evil acts.

With that in mind, did you know that everyday, 2,300 children are reported missing in the United States? While the hard work of dedicated people and technology resources can bring back as many as 90 percent of these children, the question is, what happens to the other 10 percent?

A missing child is a parent’s worst nightmare. Statistics show that in 1990 there were over 650,000 missing persons reported to the FBI’s National Crime Information Center. In 1994, there were 954,896 reports, an increase of over 43 percent. The FBI estimates that out of all the entries, 85 to 90 percent were children. Applying to the 85 percent estimate there were at least 812,000 missing child reports filed or 2,225 children reported missing in the United States every day in 1994. That is why it is so very important to take all preventive measures available to assure that this parent’s worst nightmare never happens.

Helpful tips for protecting your child are as follows: Don’t let your child wear clothing with his or her name on it except for sporting events where parents and guardians are present. Allowing your child to wear his or her team’s jersey with their name on it while out playing, could give a predator an opportunity at gaining your child’s trust. A child will tend to pay attention or acknowledge someone calling out their first name and assume that the person knows them. Using last names on jerseys is a much safer practice than first names. Videotape and take pictures of your child two or three times per year, including profile shots, do not leave children unattended while shopping, visiting with friends or unattended in automobiles. You also want to watch your teen’s use of the internet and other teen computer sites. Predators are known for luring children and teens with all measures, including cell phone and texting.

We should always also know the whereabouts of our children. Children should know the importance of advising their parents and guardians where they will be and where they are going, contact phone numbers and addresses. Children should always also have emergency contact information on them with as much information about them as possible, including address, phone numbers and parent’s names. We must always be aware of our surroundings and use extreme caution in all areas. We must be on guard even in very public places. The days of predators only attacking and abducting in dark alleys and in the dark of night are long over. Today’s evil and sick predators are bold criminals who act upon impulse knowing no time frames, no boundaries, and no mercy for their victims. That’s why we must use all preventive measures when preparing and protecting our children.

A missing child is a parent’s worst nightmare. No time spent on this most paramount of issues is a waste of time or troubling when it comes to our children.

We must also do all we can to alert our teens as well. Although they may not feel like children any longer, they will always be our children and they still lack the necessary tools and experience to know what to look for in a predator.

My heart cries out for the many parents suffering the unknown whereabouts of their child. We all know children are God’s greatest gift, a treasure sent from Heaven above, and we must do all we can to protect them.

Request for Comments

TVA Seeks Public Input on New Combustion Turbine Units

The Tennessee Valley Authority is asking for public input on a draft Environmental Assessment that proposes the construction of new combustion turbine (CT) units in Tuscumbia, Alabama, and Drakesboro, Kentucky. In total, TVA proposes to build 1,500 megawatts of electricity generation capacity to replace the capacity lost due to the retirement of CT units at Allen and Johnsonville (as analyzed in TVA’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan). Details of the review are available in a draft Environmental Assessment at https://www.tva.com/nepa.

TVA’s proposed action would result in upgrades to the existing natural gas supply and various transmission system upgrades. TVA’s 2019 Integrated Resource Plan (https://www.tva.com/environment/environmental-stewardship/integrated-resource-plan) analyzed the impacts associated with the retirement and decommissioning of Allen and Johnsonville CTs and are incorporated into this EA by reference.

Submit comments by March 3, 2021, to nepa@tva.gov or mail to Tennessee Valley Authority, ATTN: Ashley Plakowski, NEPA Specialist, TVA, 400 W. Summit Hill Drive, WT 11B, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Please note that all comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and available for public inspection.

For more information about TVA and its 87-year mission of service to the Tennessee Valley, visit www.tva.com.
W.A. Wright’s STEM teacher Leesa Hubbard received a TVA grant of $3,500 for iPod Touches and chargers that students can use to program Sphero robots that the class received in a previous grant. Pictured are Geneva Allen, Khloe Green and Melek Demirbuga.

W.A. Wright Elementary and Green Hill recently received 2020-21 TVA Stem Classroom Grant Awards. W.A. Wright’s STEM teacher Leesa Hubbard said that the grants are very important to her class. “I was very excited to get the TVA grant this year,” said Hubbard. “Over 90 percent of the funds I have for my class are a result of grant writing.”

The grant was for $3,500 and Hubbard is going to use it for iPod Touches and chargers to go with the Sphero robots that she bought with a Lowes grant she had received previously. The iPod Touches will be used to program the devices for augmented and virtual reality activities. “It is my goal that this project will help students to see that technology does not just mean computers, and help them to begin to see the role that technology will play in their future careers,” wrote Hubbard in her grant application.

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3rd grader Caroline Freeman presents School Librarian Ruth Franklin with a $50 gift card to Books-A-Million to buy books for the library. Freeman made handcrafted earrings and sold them over winter break to earn money to give back.

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9-12 will return the following Monday, Feb. 22.

The return will be the first time in nearly a year that middle and high school students will be in class full time. That will also make the schools more populated, ending Monday, Feb. 22.

Students will not report for all grades Pre-K through 12. Students will not report to school those days, but teachers will be in contact with students on what the learning expectations are.

“In addition to the return to class, Wilson County Schools announced that the first Monday of each month for the rest of the school year will be district wide asynchronous learning days for all grades Pre-K through 12. Students will not report to school those days, but teachers will be in contact with students on what the learning expectations are. The days will be March 1, April 5 and May 3. The days do not effect the Virtual Learning Program schedule.”
BEALOR, Wanda Muriel


Wanda was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Holder and Effie (Herman) Temple, and brothers Danny Holder and Bill Holder. She is survived by: her son, Christopher Eric Gunter; grandson, Christopher Eric Gunter, Jr., and a great-grandson; brother, Roger Holder; sister, Lisa Moore (Mitch Dusenberry); many nieces and nephews, extended family, friends, and beloved dog Shorty.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, James E. Ward Agricultural Center, West Lebanon, 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN 37087.

CADENA, Gladys Mariela

Gladys Mariela Cadena, 79, Mt. Juliet, passed away Feb. 7, where she passed peacefully in her sleep surrounded by her family. She is preceded in death by granddaughter, Isabella Ashley Cadena, father and mother, Eliseo de la Torre Camacho and Maria Antonia Garcia.

She is survived by: children, Fernando Cadena, Eduardo Cadena, and Alberto Cadena; grandchildren, Vicente Guillermo Cadena, Adrianna Marcela Cadena, Cinjen Lei Cadena, Sasha Mariela Cadena, and Nicolas Eduardo Cadena; siblings, Eliseo de la Torre Garcia, Hector Hernan de la Torre Garcia and Blanca Cecilia de la Torre Garcia.

The funeral mass is Saturday, Feb. 13 from 9:30 a.m. until the funeral mass. The mass will be immediately live streamed at: http://www.facebook.com/استشفافكاثوليكوسميتي

As an expression of sympathy, the family requests that donations be made to the Alzheimer’s Association/azl.org or to the Lung Association/lung.org in memory of Gladys Mariela Cadena.


HARRIS, James Nathan

James Harris passed away Feb. 3 at age 81.

The Memorial Service, conducted by Brother Rodney Haskan, was Saturday, Feb. 6 in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family received friends at the funeral home Saturday until the service.

James Nathan Harris was born in Lebanon to Lena M. Harris and Guy Thomas Harris. Harris is survived by: his wife of 62 years, Alice Harris; sons Jimmy (Pam) Harris, Danny (Karen) Harris, and Tony (Stacie) Harris; grandchildren Nathan (Lyndsey) Harris, Zach (Teresa) Harris, Daniel (Nikki) Harris, Jacob Harris, Samantha Harris, Shelby Dupler, and Mason Harris; great-grandchildren Emmaline Harris, Greyson Harris, Xander Harris, Grace Harris, and Kade Harris; brothers Bobby (Kathleen) Harris, Larry (Judy) Harris, Kenneth (Terri) Harris, and Guy (Libby) Harris Jr., and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by parents Lena and Guy Harris, three sisters, and three brothers.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, (615)444-9393.

KOSKA-MORRIS, Iccela Lynnae

Iccela Lynnae Kossa-Morris, 26, Mt. Juliet, passed away Feb. 5.

Iccela was preceded in death by grandfather, Larry Kossa; brother, Drake Kossa; and uncle, Steven G. Koss.

Iccela was survived by: husband, Justin Morris; mother, Stacy Lyn Kos- sa-Vincent; children, LynnaeLeigh Borowiak and Jay- stin Morris; siblings, Wendie Manning, Kaurick Kossa, Kasandrah Kohl, Jonathan Paul James Kossa, Chaz James Kossa, and Ans- ley Jamison Kossa; grand- mothers, Sondra Wood and Sandra Kossa; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 4 p.m. until time of service.


WALLER, Christopher David

Christopher David Waller, 35, Nashville, died Feb. 4.

Christopher was preceded in death by his grandfather, Edward Allman; uncles, Christopher Waller and David Waller and step-brother, Brandon Kirkus.

He is survived by: mother, Lisa (Eddie) Kirkus; father, Renso (Cynthia) Waller; step-father, Zachary Waller and Kyler Slade Waller; step-son, Chandler Carey; sisters, Samantha Waller, January (Jim) Beel- er and Tasha Haynes (Joey) Scarazzo; brother, Charlie Haynes; grandparents, Joan Allman, William R. (Joan) Waller and Angel M. Waller; great-grandmother, Do- ris Hintz; nephews, Dylan Ranckhorn and Dominic Tor- rence Per his wishes, Chris- topher will be cremated. A gathering of family and friends will take place Saturday, Feb. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at Agape Church at 3431 Beck- with Rd. Mount Juliet, TN 37122.


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SPORTS

Central finishes state runner up

Staff Reports

The Wilson Central wrestling team finished State Runner Up at Dual State Tournament Saturday, falling in the finals to Cleveland 39-28.

The undefeated Central team started the tournament Saturday with a 37-33 win over Bradley Central. Riley Fort, Steven Fisak and Brady Jarvis all got pins for the Wildcats. Connor Warnock won by major decision, 13-5. Avery Warnock, Samuel Griggs and Matthew Hills also got wins by decisions.

Central won again in the semifinals, besting Science Hill, 39-36. Connor Warnock, Avery Warnock and Alan Fort all won by pins. Fort, Fisak and Hills won by decision.

In the finals, Fort, Jesse Richardson and Connor Warnock won by pin. Samuel Griggs won by major decision, 14-5. Brady Jarvis and Thomas Borders won by decision.

Lyons hits game-winning layup

Staff Reports

Bethany Lyons hit a game winning layup with one second to go to give Mt. Juliet Christian Academy a 43-41 victory over St. Cecilia Thursday. Amelia Lyons led the way for the Lady Saints with a double-double, 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The boys team got a win over the Knowledge Academies, 58-39 Thursday, then finished the season 69-46 loss to University School of Nashville Monday night, 69-46.

In the game against Knowledge Academies, Montrell Walker led the way with 12 points. Justin Matthews had 10 points.

In the first round of the District 4 Tournament loss to USN, Luke Nave finished with 13 points. Adam Miller led USN with 18 points.

PET OF THE WEEK

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mt Juliet Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt Juliet, to hear the following requests: Conditional Use Permit – 1635 N. Bass Drive, Map 73D, Parcel 025.00

Sealed bids for “Belinda City Lateral Lining” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt Juliet, TN on or before 10:00am on March 15, 2021. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

The public is invited to attend/comment. For more information please call the Planning & Zoning Department at 773-6283.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mt Juliet Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 11, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt Juliet, to hear the following requests: Conditional Use Permit – Wash N’Roll Car Wash, Providence Trail, Map 96, Parcel 001.51

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Williams receives GVSA nomination

Sarah Williams was nominated for a Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award. Pictured left to right: Wes Taylor, Wilson Bank & Trust; Sarah Williams, nominee; Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.

Calabria Brick-Oven Pizzeria supports National Pizza Day

Staff Reports

Valon Arifi joined pizzerias in every state for a simultaneous pizza delivery to support those in need in honor of National Pizza Day Tuesday, as part of the Pizza Across America campaign.

“We want to encourage pizzarias to make and deliver at least ten large pizzas to local food banks, shelters, or care centers of their choice,” said Mike Bausch, Vice President of World Pizza Champions.

“Our members are the most award-winning pizzarias in the country and we’re all heavily involved in our communities, so this is our way of leading by example.”

Valon Arifi of Calabria Brick-Oven Pizzeria is excited to participate in such a large scale campaign, particularly at such a critical time for both small businesses and the growing hunger problem.

“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving” says Arifi.

Pizza Across America co-founder Carmine Testa thinks this program is an important way for pizzarias, who depend on local customers, to give back and support their communities at the local level even at a time when restaurants are hurting.

The process of delivering pizza donations in every state of the U.S. was managed by Slice, a pizzeria marketing and delivery app, and the pizza-focused nonprofit Slice Out Hunger.

Pizzarias looking to participate can find more information at sliceouthunger.org.

About Calabria Brick-Oven Pizzeria

Pizzas at Calabria are 100 percent handmade to order and baked in their brick wood fire oven at a temperature of 750°F to 850°F degrees. This intense blast of heat locks in all the natural flavors, creating a soft and chewy middle with a charred crust on the outside.

We believe that beauty, excellence and love are meant to be shared, and there is no better way to convey love than through a good pizza. So here at Calabria Brick-Oven Pizzeria we create something truly special that would allow the world to try authentic pizza,” said owner Valon Arifi.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SWEET CECE’S

Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January 2019, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats. Come try our new Cyclone! Choose your favorite flavor of yogurt and all toppings desired and we mix them for you in our Cyclone mixer.

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I worried that I was raising a toothless insomniac whose only sign language was chewing on his fist. I could not wait for the next step, tooth, and smile.

Around the age of three the next set of worries began. Preschool meant letters, numbers, manners, new friends and lest we forget...parents of new friends. I couldn’t wait for the big boy bed, big boy room, first night sleeping in that big boy bed.

Grade school means bigger backpacks, cursive handwriting, checking out library books, sleepovers, paying for overdue library books, more new friends. I couldn’t wait for the next perfectly planned birthday party, perfect hit in baseball, photo with Santa.

Middle school brings with it harder math, trying out for sports, baby teeth replaced by those awkward big teeth, cliques, independence struggles, disappointment over not making a team. I couldn’t wait until he started cleaning his room, flushing the toilet without being threatened, wearing deodorant, caring about his appearance or for him to lose that last baby tooth so he could finally get braces.

The cliques in Junior high can be brutal making this one of the most trying times in a person’s life, especially mine! I couldn’t wait until he stopped wanting a girlfriend.

By high school most are in a good routine. They have friends, extracurricular activities, and THANK GOD, he cares what he looks and smells like. Everything seems to be working like a well-oiled machine. Good friends, good grades, good extracurricular activities, They have friends, good grades, good activities. It’s like they’re in a good routine.

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DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

I couldn’t look at one of his baby pictures without wanting to grow up and I CAN’T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. The oldest is getting ready to graduate from college in a few months and in a few short months, the youngest will begin his last year of high school. I won’t bore you with my current worries. However, I will tell you, when it comes to our children, the worry never stops. It may change, but it never really goes away. And something else. It’s not helpful.

Since becoming a mom more than 21 years ago, I rarely venture out into the unknown when it comes to anything that involves kids’ activities without doing a risk assessment. Unfortunately, there is no way to avoid the risk and all the emotions that are part of growing up. So, I’ll do what I should have done years ago when anxiously waiting for his next big milestone…I’ll shut up for a minute and watch these boys grow up.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com

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