House fire reignites after crews put out flames

A house on Vanderbilt road was completely destroyed in a fire. Crews responded on Sunday, April 2, at 11:27 p.m. to a structure fire at 257 Vanderbilt Road. The house was occupied by a man and woman who rented the residence. The occupants stated that they smelled smoke and then saw flames in the lower floor bathroom. They tried to extinguish the fire, and opened the windows to air out the property. The flames returned, so they exited the residence and called 911.

According to Chief Joey Cooper, WEMA Director, when crews arrived, the structure was about 75 percent engulfed in flames, with heavy fire coming from the roof and out of the windows. Crews worked on the fire for an hour before getting it contained.

The cause and origin of the fire is still under investigation. No damages were reported to any surrounding structures or homes. On scene were WEMA, WCSO, and Rehab 23.

The next morning, fires rekindled at the house. When crews arrived, at 4:25 a.m., Monday, the house was fully involved in flames. Responders worked for about 30 minutes to extinguish the flames. Hidden debris that was not fully extinguished the night before caused the house to reignite.

No injuries have been reported, the occupants stated that they will stay with family.

Police Officers graduate earning top awards

Five Mt. Juliet police officers graduated from the twelve-week Basic Police School, at the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) in Nashville, last Friday. The department is very proud of their achievements. Two officers received two of the four available academy awards, and one served as the Class President.

Mt. Juliet’s newest police officers Justin Angle, Chad Cagle, Austyn Dyer, Joshua Lo, and Douglas Troutman, along with over 80 other law enforcement officers across the state of Tennessee, took part in a graduation ceremony for Basic Police School 1816 on Friday, April 31, 2017. Officer Troutman was elected as the Class President and received the Legal Award. Officer Dyer received the Top Gun Award.

Prior to becoming a police officer, Officer Angle served as a police dispatcher and is a Volunteer State Community College graduate. Officer Cagle continues to serve in the U.S. Army and is an American Military University graduate. Officer Dyer is a former Mt. Juliet Police student intern, and Officer
members learn valuable skills that will help them in future careers. Students learned about how a cooperative works, how to market goods, how to prepare and speak within minutes of drawing a topic, valuable math skills and concepts to help them manage not only farms but businesses. Students also learn public speaking skills and the importance of being able to answer questions and think on their feet. Four members competed in the Agriscience Fair, displaying their research projects and two students were among 30 members from across the state selected to sing and play the guitar for over 3000 FFA members and guests. Six students received their state FFA degrees, the highest degree a State FFA Member can receive. The Mt. Juliet FFA Chapter was also recognized for having a 10 percent increase in membership, being a superior chapter and they received a Two-Star National Chapter Award. The results are as follows: State Winner Cooperative Challenge-Eli Oliver, Logan Elmore, Mia Cortner, Jimmy Davison, Jacob Beavers, Cannon Taylor; Agri Business Management-Caitlin Davis; Sixth Farm Business Management-Caden Neville, Connor Ott, Jeremy Roberts, Casey Bohr, Parker Redmond; Top 15 Agriculture Issues Forum-Logan Hemontolor, Autumn Hemontolor, Aaron Simpson, Jacob Plemons, Gunnison Goodwin, Alison Elmore, Breygan Jenkins, Lily Steed, & Austin Duglass; Six State Degree Recipients- Bobbi Armstrong, Miya Gaines, Caitlin Davis, Jimmy Davison, Jacob Beadles, Cannon Taylor; Agriscience Fair -Branson Hood, Logan Elmore, Mia Cortner, Rachel Reeves; 10 percent increase in Membership, State Superior Chapter Award; National Chapter 2 Star Award.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 3

Donate Forward Week
From Monday April 3 through Sunday, April 9, Goodwill is asking supporters to visit www.givetogoodwill.org/donate-forward/. Read the success stories and take a pledge to donate during Donate Forward Week. Also on the website is an impact calculator that demonstrates how Goodwill’s Donate Forward movement is helping the community and the environment.

APRIL 6

The Wilson County Retired Teachers Association

The Wilson County Retired Teachers Association will hold its April meeting on Thursday, April 6, at 10 a.m. The meeting, sponsored by Wilson Bank and Trust, will be held at the remodeled Arcade located in the southeastern corner of the Lebanon Square. There is a free parking lot located on the southwestern corner of the Square. It is very important that you make reservations for this meeting.

The program will be presented by Sabrina Kenner from Be Still and Breathe. Our Community Project will be accepting donations to Wilson Books From Birth program. If you have questions please call 615-444-0071.

Spider Monkey Exhibit
Nashville Zoo will officially open its newest exhibit, Spider Monkey: Treetop Passage, with a ribbon cutting celebration. The event will include live music, animals and announcements from Nashville’s mayor and Zoo officials. Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, Nashville Zoo Board Chair Julie W. Walker and Nashville Zoo President Rick Schwartz Nashville Zoo, 3777 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211.

APRIL 8

Easter Egg Hunt
Hickory Hills Baptist Church is having an Easter Egg Hunt for children age 12 and under. Snacks will be served. The event is on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. The location is 2741 Nonaville Rd.

Austism Awareness Month Book Reading
April is Autism Awareness Month, and Mt. Juliet children’s author D. G. Driver has released a new book just in time for anyone looking to learn more about autism. She will be speaking about autism and reading from her book No One Needed to Know at the Linebaugh Library in Murfreesboro on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m.

APRIL 11

The Wilson County Election Commission
The Wilson County Election Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7 a.m. at the Election Commission Office at 203 East Main St, Lebanon, TN to conduct election business which comes before the commission pursuant to its duties listed in, but not limited to, TCA §2-12-116, and to conduct any other business that may come before the election commission at that time.

APRIL 13

HiSET Testing
The Wilson County Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HiSET formerly GED) on April 13, 2017, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon, TN. For information on taking the test, please call (615) 443-8731.

APRIL 15

Easter Egg Hunt - Crafts Fair - Car Wash
Cloyds Church, located at East Main St. and West Division St. is hosting a Community Crafts Fair (including baked items) car wash and Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 15, starting at 10 a.m. Craftpersons welcome! Call Morris at 615-336-5165 for booth information.

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Nominate Mt. Juliet to win $20k during “Meet Me At The Park”

This Earth Month, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is collaborating with The Walt Disney Company, including Disney Citizenship, Disney/ABC Television Group and ESPN, to revitalize parks across the U.S. for a third year. The city that receives the most nominations will receive a $20,000 grant to improve a local park.

Local parks make Mt. Juliet a better place to live and shape so many of our lives. Parks are essential to our city’s health and wellbeing. They provide safe places to be active and enjoy nature—and they help preserve the environment and bring people together. That’s why from April 1 to April 30 Mt. Juliet residents will have the opportunity to nominate our city to receive $20,000 in grant funding to make improvements at a local park.

By visiting NRPA.org/BeInspired, park supporters can nominate our city. At the end of April, the city with the most nominations will receive the grant funding. New this year, everyone who nominates a city will be entered into a drawing for a tablet outfitted for the outdoors.

Parks Director, Rocky Lee says, “We are always searching for new ways to provide access for citizens to PLAY in MJ. This grant could go a long way in helping us maintain that focus.”

“Supporting local parks is essential to the health and vitality of communities everywhere,” said Lori Robertson, NRPA Director of Conservation. “That’s why we are proud to collaborate with The Walt Disney Company to help fund critical park improvement projects in communities in need. We encourage everyone to join us in giving back to the places that shape so much of our lives by voting in this year’s Meet Me at the Park campaign.”

During April, a public service announcement (PSA) supporting the Meet Me at the Park campaign will be shared with audiences across Disney, including ABC Television Network, ABC-owned and affiliated stations, Freeform, Disney Channel, Disney XD, Disney Junior, the ABC app and other digital platforms. The PSA will also be available to view on the voting site at www.nrpa.org/BeInspired. Additionally, Radio Disney will support the campaign with an on-air radio spot.

This Earth Month, Mt. Juliet can show what parks mean to our community by nominating our great city. Encourage your friends to nominate our city by taking a selfie in your favorite park and using the hashtags #MeetMeAtThePark, #Parkies and #BeInspired.

For more information and to nominate your city, visit NRPA.org/BeInspired.
Brian Gill, MSW, MBA has been named Vice President Service Line Development, Behavioral Health for Saint Thomas Health, effective April 3, 2017. This is a new position for Saint Thomas Health. Gill has worked in healthcare in multiple clinical and executive positions specializing in the behavioral health of youth, adults and older adults during his career. Saint Thomas Health is part of Ascension, the nation’s largest Catholic and non-profit health system.

Gill recently served as a corporate regional operations director supporting 10 behavioral health programs across the U.S.; he also held executive positions at Sonora Behavioral Health in Tucson, AZ, and Montevista Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. He led an integrated community mental health center comprised of a three-agency consortium and oversaw daily operations of an urgent psychiatric center serving approximately 1500 adults monthly. Gill obtained a Master of Social Work from Walla Walla University and a Master in Business Administration from the University of Arizona.

“Brian brings a unique perspective and history of service to behavioral health patients,” said Dr. Greg James, Chief Clinical Officer, Saint Thomas Health. “He understands that behavioral health isn’t just about moving patients out of the Emergency Department to a more appropriate level of care, but it’s how we integrate behavioral health into caring for patients with chronic conditions. We believe establishing this new position and bringing Brian Gill in will go a long way to expand our care in this area.”

In addition, Gill has received extensive training on solution-focused therapy as a clinical and management model, and has experience working with Lean Management and high reliability models and principles. Gill was an adjunct faculty member at Phoenix College in Phoenix, Arizona.

Staff Reports

Brian Gill – Photo submitted

Noon Rotary Club presents two children with bicycles

Staff Reports

On Friday, March 24, the Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary Club presented a bicycle to Josh Wright, a fourth-grader at Elzie D. Patton Elementary School. Pictured above with Josh (from left to right) are Rotarians Kevin Pigg, Carolyn Christoffersen, and Ken Smith.

Also on Friday, March 24, they presented a bicycle to Brent Ford, a fourth-grader at West Elementary School. Pictured with Brent (from left to right) are Rotarians David Rhodes and Jim Brownfield.

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Through the sale of donated items in its stores, Goodwill provides free training and jobs for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment. By donating just a few bags of clothing or boxes of kitchen ware, electronics or home decor, or by shopping in Goodwill’s stores, middle and west Tennessee residents can help provide their neighbors with the income and dignity that come from paid work. They are also helping to preserve the environment, as Goodwill annually salvages and recycles millions of pounds of material that would otherwise go to landfills.

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She currently teaches advanced algebra and trigonometry, which is her favorite course. The trigonometry class is more flexible than some of the other math courses, because it has fewer state testing requirements. “With my advanced algebra trig we can do some really neat enrichment projects, where the kids see real-world applications of the content.” There are still state standards and a pacing guide, although without the state test at the end of the course, there is more flexibility to learn throughout the entire semester.

Bowman had always excelled at math and science and knew she wanted to work in one of those fields. She didn’t come to the decision to go into the teaching profession until she began college. “My grandparents were both teachers, my grandfather was an administrator and my grandmother was a math teacher, so maybe I just came by it honestly as well,” Bowman said.

Bowman said that the best thing about teaching, is her students. Some may think that working with teenagers can be challenging, but Bowman’s students are very respectful and easy to work with. “We can focus on the content, I get to know my students,” Bowman said, “that’s one of my favorite things, really getting to know them and the stuff that they’re going through, watching them grow and find an appreciation for the content.”

The only thing she would change about the teaching profession, is the amount of standardized tests that she is required to give. “I’ve seen more kids with testing anxiety from so many tests,” Bowman said, “and on the other side of it they start to become a little apathetic because there are so many tests, that the pressure is not there to succeed.”

Over the years, she has had some really great mentors that challenged her to try different teaching strategies. When molding her teaching style, Bowman uses not only the positive experiences during her time as a student, but the negative ones as well. “I remember how that made me feel, so I try to do things differently,” Bowman said.

At MJHS there are high expectations for staff and students but the administration empowers teachers to try new things and to become leaders. “They trust us to be professional, which is nice,” Bowman said.

Along with teaching her regular curriculum, she takes time during her class to guide the students in other important aspects of life. They participate in “Manners Monday,” where they learn about practicing good manners and practical skills such as how to have a successful job interview, by choosing the proper attire and being prepared for the questions that will be asked.

Bowman was very pleased about being named Teacher of the Year at Mt. Juliet High School. “It was really such an honor to be selected by peers, especially when working with such strong and experienced teachers,” Bowman said, “it’s nice to be recognized for doing a job that I enjoy so much.”

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I do not write or speak often from the Old Testament. Mainly from a lack of knowledge and sometimes misunderstood history on my part. Also, I was a Student Pastor for 17 years and I never felt like most teenagers grabbed the spiritual significance of what scripture teaches in what felt like “history lessons.” Well, those thoughts have been proven wrong. God has done some amazing things through people for centuries and centuries. God has worked through people He chose, He blessed, and He directed.

In Joshua 1:8, God chose to give the land to the Israelites. He gave them specific instructions to conquer the city of Jericho. Joshua followed orders and commanded the people to walk around the city seven times and do certain things every day they marched and not to utter a word from their mouths. On the seventh day they all marched seven times around the city and then at Joshua’s command, they shouted. The walls crumbled and the Israelites conquered the city. The story doesn’t end here. They planned next for a city named Ai. However, this battle didn’t go as planned. Maybe they were a little too excited about the victory in Jericho. Or maybe they began to think they could do this on their own plans. Or maybe both.

God told them to destroy everything in the city. Keep nothing. However, the Israelites were unsatisfied with the instructions. A man named Achan decided that he needed to keep some things like money for himself. Not thinking it would affect anything, he buried it in his tent for safe keeping. After Joshua found out about Achan stealing some things, he judged Achan and blamed Achan for losing God’s favor. Joshua dealt with Achan very harshly. The Israelites then went back to battle and won, capturing the City of Ai.

Warning and Challenge: Do you follow instructions very
Reflections from an Old Friend

A toolbox filled with life’s lessons

As human beings we’re all supposed to be good to one another.

As we all know, life is short and can seem even shorter when a large part of it is spent complaining about nothing. The hectic stresses of life can make some days seem somewhat miserable and unbearable, but when you put things into perspective, you suddenly realize your day and life could be so very, very different.

There are things we do in our lifetime because of personal gain, personal satisfaction or just because we have to. But the things we do for others because we yearn or want to do always seem to bring us as humans the most joy. In other words, there are sincere and genuine things we do in our lives that make us feel better and teach us lessons about life in a positive way, all while being blessed in the process and wanting and expecting nothing in return. We do it because it’s what we want to do and it’s the right thing to do.

There are teachable and learnable life lesson opportunities each and every day if we all just look and listen for what’s really important. And that’s the lessons of life. Spending time looking out for one another and being kinder to one another surely can’t or couldn’t hurt. I’ve always had a hard time being mean to someone I love or someone who was being nice to me. It’s a whole lot easier being nice and considerate when the process goes both ways. Plus it’s simply the right thing to do and makes you feel better when you do it.

In closing, please be on the lookout for those positive life lessons.

JOHNSON-BARTON Wedding

On December 31, 2016, Andy Barton and Danyelle Johnson were married in a private ceremony on the beach in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Chalisa Johnson of Eudora, Kansas. The groom is the son of Joe and Terri Barton of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. The bride and groom are both graduates of the University of Tennessee. The bride works as a Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher for Gene-see Intermediate School District and the groom is employed at General Motors as an Automotive Engineer. The newlyweds reside in Lake Orion, Michigan, with their rescue dogs, Max and Molly.

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No One Needed to Know is a story about an 11-year-old girl learning to deal with the pressures and responsibilities that come with having an older autistic brother. The book is targeted toward readers ages eight through thirteen, and is based loosely on Driver's personal experiences growing up with an autistic older brother. "I always enjoyed playing make-believe with my brother and hanging out with him at the park. When I turned 12, I stopped wanting to play that way anymore, and he, at 16, still did. That's when I began to understand how different my brother was from the other kids his age." Driver decided to write a book that other kids who are siblings of autism (or other challenges) might relate to.

In No One Needed to Know, Heidi sees her brother bullied by kids in the neighborhood. She worries that if her friends find out about him, she will get bullied, too. So, this book is also about how to handle bullying. Driver says that she was bullied in sixth grade but not about her brother, thankfully. Still, she used her memories of that hard time to create the tough scenes in this novel, and she also used some of her experience as a teacher in special education for scenes toward the end of the story.

Courtney Morgan, a literacy coordinator with United Way was an early reader of the novel and wrote, "Heidi is one of the more convincing 11-year-old characters that I have read in recent times. She is smart, passionate, caring, athletic, and yet still has the flaws that make her a convincing, well-rounded character. Throughout the story, Heidi has many struggles that readers can relate to as she is grappling to understand life, especially her brother, who isn't quite like every other 16 year old... Consequently, as you read through the scenes of this book, you can feel the love, confusion, and cringe-worthy moments that come along with self-discovery and a preteen's introduction to the encroaching awareness of other's opinions."

Driver is a multi-award winning author of young adult and middle grade novels. She likes to write about diverse characters dealing with social and environmental issues. She has written articles for Autism Society of East TN, Geek Club Books, and Multicultural Children's Book Day among others and is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She has been a Mt. Juliet resident for nine years. In addition to writing, she is the lead teacher of the infant classroom at a child development center in Nashville that helps special needs children alongside their typically developing peers. She is also a performer and will be in a production of To Kill a Mockingbird (alongside her husband) with the Center Stage Theater Company in Lebanon in May.
Historic Granville 1940 exhibit
Grand Opening Celebration

Staff Reports

Historic Granville will have the Grand Opening Celebration of “Remembering the 1940’s” on April 8. This special day will feature the World War II Musical performers Freedom Belles as they perform their show “I’ll Be Seeing You” at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The “I’ll Be Seeing You” at The War II Musical performances will be performed at noon and 1:30 p.m. The day will also feature up to 1950’s automobiles at Antique Car Museum and Remembering the 1940’s exhibit at Granville Museum. April 8 will also feature a Genealogy Festival and The second Annual Upper Cumberland Wine Festival. For more information call 931-653-4151 or granvilletn.com.

The Grand Opening Celebration of Historic Granville 1940 exhibit will have the Grand Opening Celebration of “Remembering the 1940’s” on April 8. This special day will feature the World War II Musical performers Freedom Belles as they perform their show “I’ll Be Seeing You” at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The War II Musical performances will be performed at noon and 1:30 p.m. The day will also feature up to 1950’s automobiles at Antique Car Museum and Remembering the 1940’s exhibit at Granville Museum. April 8 will also feature a Genealogy Festival and The second Annual Upper Cumberland Wine Festival. For more information call 931-653-4151 or granvilletn.com.

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SRO Thomas Ford takes time out for kids

Staff Reports

SRO Thomas Ford goes above and beyond for the students at Elzie Patton Elementary. He is “on and off the clock” as he takes time after the school day to teach a student military time. Student William Redmond gets an afterschool lesson on military time from SRO Thomas Ford.

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OBITUARIES

BOWLIN, Betty Marie “Elizabeth”

Betty Marie ’Elizabeth’ Bowlin, age 91, died March 29, 2017. Mrs. Bowlin was the daughter of the late George and Agnes Reich Turkinhton. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Paul Bowlin; son, Dennis Turkinhton and brothers, George, Bill and Jim Turkinhton. Mrs. Bowlin was a wonderful cook and loved BINGO and music. She was happy and kind and was always a friend to the friendless.

She is survived by: Son – Michael (Jennifer) Bowlin; Daughter – Susan Decareaux; Daughter-in-law – Sandy Turkinhton; Brothers – Kenny (Suzanne) Turkinhton and Kim (Holly) Turkinhton; Grandchildren – Dana (Nick Deford) Turkington; Daughter – Susan Decareaux; Great-grandchildren – Dana (Nick Deford) Turkington. Mrs. Bowlin was a beloved father, brother, and nephews Kayla Jenkins, Justin Jenkins, Jade Poe, and Randy Poe. He is preceded in death by first wife Mary Ladd and second wife Wilma Murphy Marks Ladd, and parents Roy S. and Virginia McVicker. They are survived by two grown children, Tommy, who is a chef, and Rhonda; Kathlene, a physician, and Greg; three grandchildren, Nicole, Thomas and Lauren; one great-grandson, Wyatt.

The last words Anne heard were, “Good morning, my sweetheart, I love you.” The family would like to thank High Point Hospice of Sumner Regional Medical Center for their compassionate care for two months. They are survived by two grown children, Tommy, who is a chef, and Rhonda; Kathlene, a physician, and Greg; three grandchildren, Nicole, Thomas and Lauren; one great-grandson, Wyatt.

Arrangements were made at St. Stephens catholic church, for Saturday, April 5. 14544 Lebanon Rd., Old Hickory 615-758-2924. Neville was requested cremation. In lieu of flowers, he requested memorial donations to St. Stephens Haiti mission. Rosary will be said from 9:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. Visitation is 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. with funeral mass at 11 a.m.
Gov. Bill Haslam and Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor, Flora Tydings joined Nissan officials to formally open the Tennessee College of Applied Technology at Murfreesboro’s Smyrna Campus and Nissan Training Center. The state-of-the-art campus offers high-quality programs to prepare Tennessee students and Nissan employees for careers in advanced manufacturing and other fields.

The 162,000-square-foot center is a public-private partnership of the Tennessee Board of Regents, the State of Tennessee and Nissan to create educational opportunities that are closely aligned to current workforce needs. It operates as an extension of TCAT-Murfreesboro and is jointly occupied by Nissan and the College of Applied Technology.

“This is a true partnership between the State of Tennessee and Nissan,” said Gov. Haslam. “Our College of Applied Technology at Murfreesboro needed more space and equipment to serve Tennesseans who want to learn skills for a new or improved career. Nissan needed a new center to train its own employees and those of its suppliers. The new Smyrna facility, which is both a public TCAT open to all and a Nissan Training Center was a perfect solution and an important milestone in our Drive to 55 – to equip at least 55 percent of Tennesseans with a college degree or certificate by 2025.”

The new education and training facility enrolls both public TCAT students and employees from the Nissan Smyrna plant. Through classes in fields such as automotive technology, industrial electrical maintenance, machine tool technology and welding technology, students learn valuable skills that can be directly applied in the workforce, including Nissan’s facilities or with other employers in the region.

“Nissan’s workforce in Smyrna and our other U.S. facilities is our greatest asset,” said John Martin, senior vice president, Manufacturing, Supply Chain Management and Purchasing, Nissan North America. “We are constantly looking for new ways to equip current and future employees with the skills and knowledge needed to operate a 21st century manufacturing plant. This collaboration with the State of Tennessee allows us to make an investment in our employees and our community, and secure the continued growth of our company.”

Chancellor Tydings thanked the Governor and Nissan for making the facility possible and said that it will stand as one of the Governor’s legacies. “But more important than the bricks and mortar and steel and glass and equipment of this facility is the impact that it will have on the thousands of Tennesseans – students of all ages and all backgrounds – who will enroll here and learn new skills. This facility will enhance the lives of Tennessee families for decades and decades,” she said.

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Haslam and Tydings open joint facility with Nissan

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I think I pulled a muscle in my back. It didn’t happen while doing anything that would normally be associated with a pulled muscle like, moving furniture, lifting boxes or the ever-popular CrossFit. In fact, there’s no way it could have been CrossFit. The closest I’ve come to participating is “liking” a Facebook friends “check in” at a local CrossFit gym. However, exercise could be the reason this happened. I work out on a regular basis. I just don’t do it for any other reasons besides using it as an excuse to eat more and the regular infusion of endorphins I get when doubling down on cardio. Any health expert will tell you that to lose weight; it’s imperative to use a simple checks and balances system. You must eat fewer calories to lose weight. Since I have been adding and subtracting my cardio to food intake ratios based on guessing, I’ve gained a couple of pounds. Ok, 11.

Back to the point of this story. Somehow, I’ve jacked up my back. It’s not a big deal. More of a dull pain. When you gain 11 pounds clothing starts to fit a little different. Pants get tighter; the muffin top gets fuller; the chin gets chinnier. It’s not pretty.

Last week I found a pair of jeans that I love. They were on sale (double bonus). I took my size to the dressing room. On a different note, I hate dressing rooms. I hate three-way mirrors. I could tell as soon as I tried to button up. I couldn’t even zip them. Could this be? I’ve worn the same size for seven years. Sure, I’ve gone up and down by a few pounds, but I’ve always worn my safety size. I’ve even worn the same size in the same brand of jeans I was trying on. Maybe they were using a European sizing chart. Maybe the jeans were returned by someone who had the pants taken up by a few inches. I find it odd that I’ve used this same line of thinking.

When I pull a muscle it will be from doing something like lifting weights or rock climbing; not trying on a pair of pants.*

A couple of weeks later, my pulled muscle felt healed enough to try working out again. I walked out of the gym feeling refreshed and motivated. Later that afternoon; I was getting ready to eat sliced cucumber and hummus when our office manager announced that there were homemade cupcakes for everyone in the conference room. That’s when I decided to go up a size isn’t the worst thing that could happen.

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Allison Jennings earns the Girl Scout Gold Award

By earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, Allison has become a community leader. Her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.

“Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is truly a remarkable achievement, and these young women exemplify leadership in all its forms,” said Shelia Majors, director of training, volunteer relations and outreach at Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee. “They saw a need in their communities and around the world and took action. Their extraordinary dedication, perseverance and leadership is making the world a better place.”

Allison will receive her award at the 2017 Salute to Outstanding Leadership Awards ceremony on Sunday, April 30 at Lipscomb University’s Allen Arena.
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