Mock crash shows danger of distracted driving

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

A reality-based portrayal of a car crash and the subsequent response by first responders, emergency medical staff, and law enforcement was held Friday at Mt. Juliet High School. A joint effort with the school’s health science classes and Mt. Juliet Police Department brought the dangers of distracted driving to reality, just a day before the school’s prom on Saturday. Students from an EMS class participated in the exercise, portraying the victims of the simulated deadly crash.

The purpose of this exercise was to impress upon students the severe consequences of driving while distracted. The students received firsthand experience of exactly what they could be responsible for, including killing someone, possibly one of their friends, as well as being arrested for crimes as serious as vehicular homicide.

The mock crash was also a reminder for parents and guardians to talk to their teens about the consequences of bad driving behavior.

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Police seek credit card fraud suspect

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Detectives are hoping someone will recognize a woman who fraudulently used someone’s identity to obtain a credit card.

On March 6, 2019, a female suspect went to Best Buy, at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, and opened a fraudulent credit card account to purchase a $2,100 Apple MacBook Pro.

If anyone has a feeling that they possibly know the suspect responsible for this crime, they are encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550.

Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/

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MJHS ranks 25 on Best High Schools

Mt. Juliet High School was ranked the 25th best high school in Tennessee by U.S. News and World Report.

With a total enrollment of more than 2,100 and a student to teacher ratio of 18:1, MJHS received an overall score of 86.23 out of 100.

The report ranks schools on a variety of factors, such as college readiness, state-required tests and graduation rate. MJHS has a graduation rate of 98%, which is above the state median, according to U.S. News.

Based on student performance on state-required tests and AP exams, the school was given a college readiness index score of 30.1 out of 100, which gauges proficiency in mathematics and reading. Based on data gathered by U.S. News, MJHS test scores were better than the district and state average.

Central Magnet School in Murfreesboro was

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Granville to host many events over weekend

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Granville will be busy this weekend as it hosts multiple events May 3-4, including Mayberry plays, the Cornbread and Moonshine festivals, and the Sutton Ole Time Bluegrass.

It begins Friday night, May 3, with the spring outdoor Mayberry Dinner Play entitled “Mayberry Darlings: Happening on the Mountain” at Sutton Homestead Pioneer Village. A country dinner will be served starting at 5 p.m. with the play in front of pioneer cabin at 6:30 p.m.

The play will feature all the Mayberry characters as well as the Darlings, performed by One Way Out Bluegrass Band of Lebanon.

The play is full of great humor as Briscoe Darling takes Aunt Bee to the Mountain to be his bride. The play will also be performed on Saturday night, May 4, at the same time. Saturday will be full of events as the cornbread competition entries will be taken from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Pioneer Village. Categories include traditional, non-traditional, cornbread/moonshine dish, and Aunt Bee’s Hoe Cakes.

Each participant will receive a cornbread and moonshine T-shirt and a bag of fresh ground meal from Granville Eller’s Mill. Awards will be at 11 a.m. with cash prizes in each category.

The Cornbread Festival will feature Cornbread Lane, where visitors can sample all the entries and eat a southern lunch of pinto beans, turnip greens, apples and cobbler.

Eller’s Mill will be operating and having a tasting of hoe cakes, and Larry and Brenda Edmondson will be doing outdoor cooking with samples. The Pioneer Village will have craftsmen demonstrating basket making, broom making, blacksmiths, whittling, loom operating, spinning wheel, wood works, and more.

The Sutton Homestead will offer tours of the historic home, featuring “Memories of the 1960s: They Never Go Away,” 1960s antique automobiles at the Car Museum, Clemons Car Museum featuring cars of the 1950s, food and shopping.

The fourth annual Moonshine Festival will also occur May 4 noon to 4 p.m. with 15 participating distilleries of the Tennessee Whiskey Trail. This is the largest Moonshine Festival in Granville History and tickets for tastings will be available for visitors age 21 or older.

The festival will also occur in the Pioneer Village and will have music and live music every weekend.

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Smith elected to executive committee

Tammy Smith, assistant Wilson County administrator of elections, was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Elections Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC). Smith will join 13 other Executive Committee members, five of whom are elected by their peers to represent national local election officials.

The EI-ISAC is operated by the Center for Internet Security to improve the cybersecurity posture of the nation’s state, local, territorial and tribal election offices. EI-ISAC works in partnership with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal partners.

EI-ISAC provides a central resource for gathering information on cyber threats to the nation’s election infrastructure and a two-way sharing of that information between the public and private sectors to identify, protect, respond and recover from attacks on the public and private election infrastructure.

The EI-ISAC also works closely with organizations such as the National Council of ISACS, the National Association of Secretaries of State, the National Association of State Election Directors, the Election Center, and the International Association of Government Officials to build trusted relationships to enhance the national cybersecurity posture.

“I am honored to have been elected to serve on the first executive committee of EI-ISAC,” said Smith. “Being a part of this organization that partners with election officials nationwide to share information on cyber threats to improve the cyber security posture of the nation’s election offices and officials is a privilege.”

Mayberry Outdoor Dinner Theatre – May 3rd & 4th
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 1
Everyone’s Wilson
Everyone’s Wilson is hosting an event to celebration the National Day of Prayer on Wednesday, May 1, at Charlie Daniels Park from 6-8 p.m. There will be food trucks, music, friendship and prayer. For more information, visit www.everyoneswilson.org.

MAY 2
JECD
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the JECD office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

MAY 2
WCRTA
The Wilson County Retired Teachers’ Association will hold its last meeting of the year at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

MAY 2
BOE Meeting
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a regular scheduled board meeting on May 6, 2019, at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr. in Lebanon. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the Board.

MAY 5
Ride Mt. Juliet
The 5th Annual Ride Mt. Juliet is set for Sunday, May 5, from 2-4 p.m. at the Music City Star parking lot.

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MAY 7
Lions Club
Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4006 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact President Ken Thomas 615-470-5252.

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Village Veterinary Hospital had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce April 25. | Photo submitted

The Lebanon Road branch of Wilson Bank and Trust recently celebrated its 15th year of serving Mt. Juliet. | Photo submitted

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The Exchange Club of West Wilson County is joining with American Legion Post 281 to host their seventh annual Field of Honor display in Mt. Juliet. The display will feature 400 U.S. flags honoring veterans and all Americans who love Old Glory.

Each flag may be sponsored in memory or in honor of a loved one. Flags are available for $30, which can be retrieved in person after the closing ceremony, or $35 to have the flag shipped to a specific address. Sponsorships are available, and donations are accepted.

Anyone interested can visit www.HealingField.org/mtjuliet/19/ before May 20 to order a flag, or contact Nancy Britt at 615-289-7623 for more information.

This anticipated local tradition draws area residents together to walk among flags posted in ordered rows and columns that reminds the community that our freedoms have been purchased by the service and sacrifice of those who have and do wear the uniform of our nation.

The Mt. Juliet Flag Display is a gift to the community made possible through donations, sponsorships and the efforts of many dedicated volunteers. Those interested can show support and gratitude by sponsoring a flag or making a donation.

Benefiting Charities include programs and charities supported by the Exchange Club of West Wilson County (www.NationalExchangeClub.org), as well as programs and charities supported by American Legion Post 281.

From SCHOOL PAGE 1 ranked No. 1 in Tennessee as well as No. 5 nationwide. With an overall score of 99.97, Central Magnet has a 100% graduation rate and a college readiness score of 96.5.
ANTEE, Donna Claire Gleaves

Donna Claire Gleaves, age 80 of Hermitage, died April 25, 2019. She was the daughter of the late Kelly Leroy and Demoprye Lane Gleaves. Mrs. Antee was also preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Bobby Lee Antee, and her sister, Louise Frey.

She is survived by: Son – Barry L. (Connie) Antee; Adopted Sister – Tillie Baker; Grandchildren – Claire E. Antee and Andrew L. Antee.

A funeral service was held April 28 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and a graveside service was held April 29 at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Shiloh Baptist Church, PO Box 65, Hermitage, TN 37076.


LESSARY, Angelo

Angelo Lessary, age 52 of Mt. Juliet, passed away April 27, 2019. A funeral service was held April 30 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Preceded in death by brother, Troy Lesary; mother, Louise Gleaves Frey. He is survived by: Wife of 34 years, Pam Lessary; children, Matthew Angelo Lessary, Alivia Grace Lessary, Alexa Leigh Rose Lessary, and Jaxxon John Lessary; grandchildren, Amyx Joe Loa Dean (Albert) Sloan; and numerous nieces and nephews.


CHRISMAN, Ronnie

Ronnie Chrisman, age 69 of Goodlettsville, passed away April 25, 2019. A graveside service was held April 29 at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Preceded in death by wife, Terri Lynn Duncan; parents, Donald Eugene and Ada Beatrice Chrisman; and brother-in-law, E. T. Short. Survived by son, Ronnie Wayne (Katie) Chrisman; siblings, Donna Short, Norman (Peggy L.) Chrisman, Jayne (Dale) Cole, Sheila Ann (Tony) McClanahan and Rhonda Lynn (Kenny) Weldon; grandchildren, Ace Duncan Chrisman and Ryder Bryce Chrisman; and numerous nieces and nephews.


SPRINGER, Philip Delona III

Philip Delona “Trey” Springer, III, age 50 of Hermitage, died April 27, 2019. Trey was preceded in death by his parents, Philip Delona Springer, II, and Glynda Hardwick. He is survived by: Wife of 6 years – Monique Springer; Sons – Hayden Springer and Mason Springer; Brother – Nyk Springer.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Friday, May 3, 2019, at Bond Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the funeral expenses.


GOODWIN, Jeremy Brandon

Jeremy Brandon Goodwin, age 35 of Mt. Juliet, died April 24, 2019. Jeremy was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Taft and Hazel Hauskin, and his paternal grandmother, Susie Marie Hill. He is survived by: Wife of 10 years – Joy Goodwin; Sons – Jack Goodwin and Jacob Goodwin; Parents – Billy and Carolyn Goodwin.

A funeral service was held April 28 at Providence United Methodist Church, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 S. Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com

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SONNIER, Patricia Ann

Patricia Ann Sonnier, age 81 of Mt Juliet, passed away Friday, April 26, 2019. She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was the daughter of Norris Henry Rommelfanger and Clara Margaret White. Patricia was survived by her loving husband, John Sonnier; daughters, Sally (Thomas Keith) Slayden-Berry and Sandra Kay Slayden; sisters, Carol Jones and Elizabeth Johnson; three grandchildren, Sarah Ashley Berry and Rylee Neff, Garrett Phillip Ketchledge and Rachael Ann Ketchledge; and host of other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held April 30 at Hermitage Funeral Home.

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The other day I got in my car to go pick up some coffee and saw where a band I like released a new song. I hit play. I had one of those moments with a song, you’ve had it too, where from the first note and then as the words come in you don’t listen to the song, you experience it. It speaks to your soul. It was like the words began to pour over me and spill out of my soul at the same time.

The song spoke to where I feel like I am in life right now. It gave words for my soul to sing in this season. My wife and I are expecting our first child, a little girl, due July 1. We have lived in an apartment for the six years of marriage and are getting ready to move into our first home. We just had a car break down. We are walking through family dynamics that are strenuous. Our life is full ... just like yours, I’m sure. It’s full of the blessings of this life and the hardships.

I’m a Jesus guy. I believe Jesus is our savior and a savior for all people. What I love about Jesus is that from the beginning of the story in the Old Testament to the end of the book in Revelations, to where our story is today ... Jesus is with us in it.

Whether you grew up in church or not, you’ve probably heard of this guy named Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea. We find the story in the book of Exodus starting in chapter 13 verse 17. Being here for Moses and the people was a place full of blessings and hardships.

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Wilson Central Chamber Choir traveled to New York City to perform with other choirs at Carnegie Hall. | Photo submitted

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

God Doesn’t Make Any Junk

"Eric Whitacre was an energetic and inspiring force throughout rehearsals and performance," said Morin. "I loved that my students were working with the composer of the pieces, Mr. Whitacre gave personal insight relating to why and how he wrote each piece."

Morin, who has been at Wilson Central for four years, said the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall is a once in a lifetime experience for her students. For the months leading up to the trip, the students put in extra practice and worked hard to memorize and prepare for the performance.

Morin said her students were bubbling with excitement after the first rehearsal, taking in how meaningful the experience will be to perform at Carnegie Hall.

Carley Durham, senior and president of the chamber choir, said that though it was a lot of hard work to prepare, the performance would be worth it. who we are and that is what makes each of us so special. If we all looked alike, acted alike, dressed alike and sounded alike, life would be dull and boring.

For example, there may be times in our lives when we feel as if we are complete failures. Please don’t fret, this feeling is natural and it happens to almost everyone.

We all go through what are called peaks and valleys in our lifetime. Think about it, one of our natural human tendencies is to be hard on ourselves. We are not built to go around bragging about what we do and how great and wonderful we are. We don’t normally go around saying look how tall, handsome, smart and fast I am. As a matter of fact, if we did that most people would either laugh at us or refuse to have anything to do with us.

As a result of being hard on ourselves, we can sometimes be guilty of hurting our very own self esteem which can then make us feel down right miserable at times. We have all felt at some point that we weren’t tall enough, thin enough, smart enough or pretty enough. Which begs the question: Who are the so-called experts when it comes to what is smart, tall, thin and pretty and how do you become an expert in these fields? Is there a college or school you attend for this? I know that it’s certainly not the media, magazines and television shows that we should be learning this from.

So here’s the deal. Life isn’t easy and we all know that? However, we can not make life any harder for ourselves than it already is. Please remember that God doesn’t make any junk and no one is perfect. We need to have more pride in ourselves all while lifting others up. There is absolutely nothing wrong with saying I’m a great dad, husband, father, worker, Christian and so on. There is also nothing wrong with bragging on those around you and giving credit where credit is due. We all love to be bragged on and lifting others up is something we should all do.

In closing, please remember that we are all human beings. We all have worries, trials, tribulations, highs and lows. That is just part of life and that will never change. So please keep your chin up, take more pride in who you are, lift others up and never forget that God doesn’t make any junk.

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Pet Wants Lebanon had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on April 16. | Photo submitted

Just Box It had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on April 23. | Photo submitted

Cameron named CASA Volunteer of the Year

For the past 31 years, Wilson County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has been recruiting and training volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children.

Annually, an award is given to one exceptional volunteer advocate. One who goes above and beyond. One who challenges and pushes the envelope.

Chris Cameron of Mt. Juliet was named the CASA Advocate of the Year for his dedication to the program and to the children who come to the attention of CASA through the court system.

Cameron has been a volunteer advocate for six years and during this time has been an advocate for 12 children and has donated many hours of his time, and countless miles, to the organization.

“Wilson County CASA depends on volunteers, like Chris, to fulfill the role of a court advocate for children who are navigating the court system as a result of being abused or neglected,” said Cathey Sweeney, executive director for Wilson County CASA.

Children come to the attention of the Department of Children’s Services as a result of reported abuse or neglect then are routed through the court system where a CASA volunteer may then be assigned to advocate for the child. Volunteer advocates remain on the child’s case for the duration that they are before the Court.

Other award recipients include: The Community Champion Award was given to Public Defender, Shelley Thompson Gardner; the Spirit Award was given to Lee Roy Campbell; the Heart of CASA Award was given to David Chamberlain; the Extraordinary Service Award was presented to Jenni Bond; Lee Campbell received the Pinnacle Award; Brittany Ash was awarded Rookie of the Year; Staff Program Director Diana Haines was presented with a 10 year service award.

Wilson County CASA currently has 85 volunteers, but more are always needed. Visit www.wilsoncountycasa.org to find out how to get involved or to make a financial contribution so that someone else can be trained. The next training session is scheduled to begin in June.

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Red Cross urges blood donations

Staff Reports

There’s no way to predict when or where an accident will happen. That’s why the American Red Cross needs donors to give blood and platelets during Trauma Awareness Month this May and throughout the year to help ensure that trauma centers are prepared the moment an injured patient arrives.

In December 2017, Jeff Gosliga was rushed to the hospital following a car accident. To treat his serious injuries, he needed 11 units of blood — about the amount of blood in an average adult’s body.

“I never had reason to think a lot about blood, where it came from or how it arrived at hospitals; my accident changed all of that,” said Gosliga.

“It was touch-and-go for a while, and because the blood that I needed was available, I’m here today. I am so grateful to all of the volunteer blood donors who give of themselves so generously. I will never forget them or take blood donation for granted again.”

Donors of all blood types, especially type O negative red blood cells and type AB plasma because they can be transfused to patients of any blood type. Less than 7% of the population has type O negative blood, and only about 4% of the population has type AB blood.

Platelets may also be needed to help with clotting in cases of massive bleeding. Because platelets must be transfused within five days of donation, they are in constant need. To learn more about how it arrived at hospital’s blood supply. By giving blood, platelets or plasma regularly, donors can help ensure that enough blood is on the shelves for patients when every second matters.

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To make an appointment to donate blood or to see nearby blood drives, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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County unemployment rates continue to stay low

**Eighth of Tennessee’s 95 counties recorded an unemployment rate in March 2019 that is lower compared to the same time last year according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD). Also, in the year-to-year comparison, the rates in nine counties held steady, while six counties saw increases.**

Comparing March 2019 statistics to the previous month, 69 counties experienced a slight uptick in unemployment, while rates decreased in 17 counties and remained the same in nine Tennessee counties.

“Even though many counties did see a small increase in their unemployment rates, Tennessee continues a pattern of low unemployment,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “Unemployment in many areas of the state mirrors or is even lower than it was the same month last year.”

Williamson County has the state’s lowest unemployment rate at 2.4 percent, which is a 0.3 of a percentage point increase from February but is still 0.1 of a percentage point lower than this time last year.

Davidson and Rutherford counties follow with a March rate of 2.5 percent. The latest statistics represent a 0.2 of a percentage point increase for both counties, but the current rates still best their March 2018 numbers. Wilson County ranked No. 6 with a rate of 2.7 percent.

Clay County has the state’s highest unemployment rate in March at 6.0 percent, up 0.7 of a percentage point from the previous month. The latest rate is also up 0.8 percent from March 2018.

Hancock County follows Clay with the second highest unemployment rate in the state. The county’s latest rate mirrors its number from February, but it is up 1.0 percentage point from this month last year.

Statewide, unemployment remains at a historic low in Tennessee. The March 2019 seasonally adjusted rate of 3.2 percent is unchanged from February when unemployment reached an all-time low in the state.

Across the nation, unemployment in March also remained the same as the previous month at 3.8 percent.

County unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted, while the state and national rates use the seasonal adjustment to eliminate outside influences on the statistics.

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Compartment’s Office studies teacher salaries in Tennessee

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Comptroller’s Office has released a report examining how much money intended to boost teacher salaries has been used by local school districts. More than $300 million in new, recurring state dollars was appropriated by the General Assembly through the state’s Basic Education Program (BEP) between fiscal years 2016 and 2018. The legislatively intent for the increased state funding was to increase teacher salaries across Tennessee.

The Comptroller’s Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) surveyed Tennessee’s school districts, and the majority of respondents reported awarding salary increases to teachers for three consecutive years (fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018). Those pay raises resulted in an increase of Tennessee’s average classroom teacher salary of 6.2 percent (just under $3,000), making it the third fastest-growing state in the Southeast for teacher salaries during fiscal years 2015 through 2018. In addition to providing raises, districts also used increased state BEP instructional salaries funds to hire more instructional staff.

OREA found that while total local revenue budgeted for school districts increased at about the same rate as BEP state revenue, salary expenditures (whether for new hires or raises) could not be covered solely from local revenues. Therefore, the increased state funding was used to cover the costs of the raises.

Pay raises resulted in an average salary increase of 6.2% across Tennessee’s school districts.

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Kenny Martin, City Manager
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VEHICLES
The following vehicles will be sold at Mobiletech Automotive Repair 108 West Division, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 at 10 a.m. on May 16th, 2019 for towing and storage fees accumulated on vehicles if not paid in full by the time of the sale. Paperwork will be provided at the point of sale to apply for a title. 2012 Dodge Journey VIN 3C4PDCB-GOCT360326 Agatha F. Lupe
It started out like any other Monday. After show-ering, I noticed a new pimple, one that made me look like I was sprouting a unicorn horn. Next I pulled a muscle in my back while trying to put on a pair of skinny jeans. “Must have put them in the dryer,” I thought. However, I don’t remember washing them OR putting them in the dryer. Let’s face it, a woman my age has no business wearing skinny jeans. This was not good. Since I’m a little dimwitted when it comes to noticing “signs of what’s to come,” I used some concealer and threw on a pair of yoga pants.

After the kids were up and ready for school, I listened to them argue because my youngest spoiled Sunday night’s episode of “The Walking Dead”? Nope! I went grocery shopping. It’s not bad enough that there’s a new reality show dedicated to couponing but now these couponers (is that a word?) are taking over my favorite grocery store and buying all the buy one get one free cere-als.

On the point of this embarrassing little trip. I was in a hurry so instead of carrying around my purse I decided to bring in just my wallet. My wallet that I keep cash in. My wallet that doesn’t hold my driver’s license or debit card or credit card. I intended on picking up just a few necessities and a six pack of an adult beverage … for my husband.

As the cashier started ringing up my items, my son’s junior high ball coach and all-around nice guy started unloading his grocery haul behind mine. We were making small talk when it hit me that I only had cash. The total was creeping up. Suddenly we heard a beep and the cashier stopped and asked for my ID. I told her story about not having my ID and how it was out in the car and I always carry it in a different little pouch and who are you to judge me anyway, lady!?

After she takes the charge off because I didn’t have my ID, then comes the next awkward mo-ment. The total. I pull out my cash and realize that there’s a lot of ones; most-ly ones. And nowhere near enough to cover this tab.

So, I began to count. And the ball coach continued shooting the breeze. As I sat there counting out my 58 one dollar bills, I can imagine how this all must have looked. I didn’t have my ID and that pre-vented me from buying something.

Then I’m paying for my groceries with ones. A lot of ones, but nowhere near the amount I needed. Pan-ic was setting in. He was probably thinking I was some lowlife buying adult beverages on a Monday afternoon, counting out one dollar bills, which I got from being a stripper at a bad gentlemen’s club where patrons only give one dollar tips, in a town that doesn’t have cable ac-cess.

I was $30 short and didn’t want to run out to my car and grab my oth-er wallet. But wait! There in my wallet, my spare debit card. I paid my bill with 58 one dollar bills and the remaining balance went on my debit card. I couldn’t get out of there fast enough.

When I drove off I decid-ed to stay home next Mon-day … even if my skinny jeans fit.

Comments? Send them to becky@wilsonlivingmag-azine.com

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The Mt. Juliet High School Track Team had strong finishes in the last two meets.

On Saturday, April 20, the Mt. Juliet High School track team competed at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in the Vol Classic. Seventy-eight teams participated overall in the events, and MJHS came away with medals in multiple events.

The Boys 4x100 Relay Team won silver with a time of 43:58. The team includes Colby Martin, Michael Rutten, Christian Donatelli and Jamari Sowell.

Henry Griffin won silver in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:59.78. Jordan Stromquist won the bronze in the Girls 100 meter dash with a time of 12:51.

Notable mention, the Girls 4x800 Relay finished in fourth place with a time of 10:27:03. The team includes Alex Houston, Jalyn Jenkins, Sydney Jaynes and Elyse Dutch.

Eight teams competed at the District 9AAA Championships April 15-18 at Hendersonville High School.

Mt. Juliet Girls won the championship, with a score of 151 pts. This is the fourth consecutive District Championship for the Mt. Juliet Girls. The team includes Lindsey Armstrong, Sydney Jaymes, Ali Johnson, Jordan Stromquist, Alex Houston, Elyse Dutch, Julia Karsten and Jalyn Jenkins.

Jordan Stromquist was named Most Valuable Girls athlete. She finished first in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter, Long Jump and second in Triple Jump.

**WB&T accepting food donations**

From now through May 7, Wilson Bank and Trust will be collecting specific food items at two offices to benefit backpack programs offered through Wilson County Schools and Lebanon Special School District.

At WBT’s Main Office (623 West Main in Lebanon) and Mt. Juliet Office (1476 N. Mt. Juliet Road), the following items may be donated: pop-top ravioli and spaghetti; breakfast bars and Pop-Tarts; individual easy mac bowls; individual cookie packets; Slim Jim beef jerky sticks; fruit snacks; cheese and crackers; juice boxes; and individual snack-size chip bags. These items are also being accepted at Cedar-Stone Bank.

All food supplies collected will be delivered to Don Fox Park on May 8 to help fill a bus for the backpack programs, which provide meals for students in need during summer break.

“Stuff the Bus” is part of Leadership Wilson’s Sparks of Kindness initiative.

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Stephen Vastola is pictured with his wife, Erika, and their son. | Photo submitted

Nurse acts fast, saves man’s life

Ascension Saint Thomas nurse Stephen Vastola did not wake up on a Monday morning earlier this spring expecting to save a life on his day off work. Stephen was on his way to a relaxing lunch date with his wife and toddler when the family stopped at a Hermitage-area waste management facility to pitch some half-empty paint cans. Stephen spoke casually with an employee before turning to leave when the employee fell three feet from the trailer ledge where he sat. No one else was around. Stephen’s 11 years of nursing experience instinctively kicked in. He checked the stranger’s pulse—nothing. Stephen began hurriedly performing CPR. He counted 30 seconds before the unconscious man was breathing again. Stephen turned the man on his side, asked him his name, and performed basic memory tests as an ambulance arrived. The man survived, thanks to the courage and quick thinking of a member of the Ascension Saint Thomas family.

“I don’t know what would have happened if we weren’t there then,” said Stephen. “It was a matter of perfect timing.”

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