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This white Nissan Altima suffered heavy rear-end damage after a bumper-to-bumper collision at the intersection of Manchester Highway and Old Well Road on Thursday afternoon. The driver, John Jordon, 57, was traveling inbound, came to a stop at the light and was struck by a silver Nissan driven by Sean Briggs, 24. Briggs was cited for following too close. Being a state route, the wreck was worked by Tennessee Highway Patrol with assistance from the Sheriff's Department. Serious injury was avoided.

Saylors sentenced for car theft, DUI

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A man who got drunk, stole a car, led officers on a high-speed chase, and caused a wreck will serve 180 days in jail.

Timothy Dustin Saylors, 22, was given the jail time for six charges, including his third DUI.

Saylors pled in Circuit Court to DUI, driving on a revoked license third offense, theft over \$10,000, reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon – vehicle, evading arrest with risk to others, and evading arrest.

According to Highway Patrol officer Joseph VanBommel, the incident began when Saylors stole a 2013 Nissan Altima from Scot's Market. An all-points bulletin was issued for the vehicle with

its description.

VanBommel saw the stolen car at Walmart and tried to pull it over. "He ran three stop signs and one traffic light, causing a crash at the intersection of the bypass and Sunset Drive," the trooper said, noting Saylors slammed the stolen car into another vehicle.

The lawman said Saylors was not ready to go to jail peacefully even after the crash. "He attempted to exit the vehicle out of the passenger door," VanBommel said. "I ordered him to get on the ground but he refused."

The trooper said he was able to latch onto the suspect but he fought him all the way to the patrol car.

In addition to his jail time, Saylors was given 72 hours public service work and fined \$650.



SAYLORS

A story of survival



Lisa Hobbs photo

Warren County Relay for Life is Saturday, June 2. The event brings individuals together to fight back against cancer. Tammy Williams, left, a breast cancer patient, and LPN Jessica Higgins created their own united front against cancer in December.

Williams bravely battles cancer

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Survivor stories are personal reflections that cancer patients share as a way to comfort others who are facing a similar journey.

Tammy Williams never thought she'd have an inspiring story of survival to tell, but all that changed five months ago.

"In December 2017, I found a knot in my left breast. It came up quickly," said Williams. "It was the size of a golf ball. I couldn't believe this was happening to me. I walked every evening. I had a pretty healthy diet. I thought I was healthy. I hadn't been to the doctor in six years, because I never get sick."

Relay for Life

Warren County's annual Relay for Life celebration will be this Saturday, June 2, from 5 to 10 p.m. at its new location in downtown McMinnville.

She contacted the office of Dr. Richard Burke, officially called St. Thomas Medical Partners Women's Wellness of Warren County. The office scheduled a mammogram at TriStar StoneCrest Medical Center in Smyrna the following week.

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Tammy Williams is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments at Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Lights, camera, court



Judge Bill Locke looks at his video monitor to talk to a jail inmate while a larger video screen displays her image to the courtroom. The new system allows inmates to be arraigned while remaining in jail, preventing a trip to the courthouse.

New system allows for video arraignments

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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The inmate on the monitor was pleading for his freedom from a video room at Warren County Jail.

The person on the other end of the screen was Judge Bill Locke, sitting on the bench at Warren County Courthouse.

"I need to get out to handle my responsibilities," the inmate said. "I can't earn any money if I'm flattening out my sentence sitting here in jail."

Judge Locke responded, "I guess I could do a backflip, but I don't know what else I could do for you. You've violated your probation three times and flunked out of drug court."

Locke denied the inmate early release, one of 23 cases he heard that day via

video. The new video system is in place primarily for arraignment only, a procedure where the defendant is formally charged and assigned an attorney. Cases of early release can be heard by video too.

If a defendant wants to enter a plea, that must be done in person in court. But the video system is a quick and easy way to handle an often heavy arraignment docket.

"It's efficient and it eliminates the safety concerns of having to get all those prisoners out of jail and bring them here," said Locke. "There are transportation costs to bring them here and it also takes officers' time. I'm pleased with the way this is going. The more we use it, the smoother it runs and it's really going to be helpful when we use it in Circuit Court."

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