

Rotary hears report on new restaurant



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The Cynthiana Rotary Club welcomed Margaret Tapp and Missy Varney as guest speakers April 16. The pair updated the club on a new restaurant they are opening in Cynthiana, The Family Table, located on the bank of the Licking River. Varney shared about the restaurant ideas and the decision to open; Margaret shared about the offerings. From left: Mike Fisher, Rotary past president; Tapp, Varney and Jennifer Owen, Rotary president-elect.



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Two donated 2-step ladders will assist with cleaning at the Lexington VA Health Care System/Fisher House, making it easier to reach high spots. Here program support assistants Leigh Ann Lemay and Angela Mudd accept the ladders from Brian Kinney, Elks Lodge #438 veteran chair, VAVS Rep and volunteer.

Cynthiana Elks Lodge donates to Lexington VA Health Care

Once again, the Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 has been busy uplifting veterans. With the help of the Elks National Veterans Service Commission, the club donated two 2-step ladders to assist with cleaning at the Lexington VA Health Care System/Fisher House, making it easier to reach high spots and keep

things in great shape. The Elks Lodge also brightened veterans' Saint Patrick's Day and Easter with sweet treats. For Saint Patrick's Day, cookies and the ingredients to make Shamrock Shakes were donated for veterans in the Cottages/C.L.C. For Easter, 42 chocolate bunnies were handed out.

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It took about a month for the job to be posted, which felt like a lifetime for Thomas who was eager to jump at the opportunity to coach for the first time.

"I saw a quote, 'do the job without the title,' so once I knew he was leaving, I kept working and rolling with it. Two weeks after the season ended, we were still working and practicing to keep momentum going. I really started to act like the position was mine, just trying to prepare myself. I obviously didn't know how it'd go."

Thomas has instilled everything he learned from his time as an athlete and everything he learned from his own coaches in Harrison County's past. And in his short time as an assistant

coach, the team has grown from that knowledge.

"They've been putting in the work so I've been showing up for them," noted Thomas. "Until yesterday at 4 p.m., I didn't know I had the job. The girls went pretty crazy when they found out. I knew I had their support which means everything. I got close to the team really quick, it just clicked for me. I think they see that I care and am ready to teach them what I know. Old school coaching, yelling and all that, doesn't really work anymore. I think they appreciate that I've never once yelled."

That said, the tough attitude and drive to always do and be better is still ingrained in his sports DNA.

"I credit everything to Coach Whitaker," reflected Thomas. "You know when you step on the field that he expects your very best.

That's how I am on the court and it's because of him."

Though this will be his first run as a head coach, he's spent years coaching YMCA leagues where he's seen his skills and talents bring out the best in kids.

"We were the worst team in the beginning, but was the last team you wanted to face at the end," Thomas said referencing a particular season with a YMCA league. "It's encouraging. Seeing kids grow is so rewarding. Nothing compares to what it feels like seeing the kids show up early and wanting to work hard. Not to mention the support of the community, everybody on Facebook was firing me up. I'd die for these girls."

The crown does not lie heavy as Thomas has no fear going into his first season as head coach for the Fillies.

"Going into the next

season, because my faith is so strong, I never worry," assured Thomas. "Like, I don't even know what to say, I just don't worry. All I see is opportunity. If a kid who can't dribble and chew gum at the same time spends enough time in the gym with me, he can hit half court shots. I see opportunity."

One goal with the 2026-27 season will be to reset the Fillies Basketball culture, but Thomas feels that it can be done.

"It made me sick coming into games and seeing 12 people in the stands," admitted Thomas. "We need the fans, the band. We're working on the culture. Credit to Coach Whitaker, because why wouldn't a program want to be like that? You know the standard set by HC baseball — and we can get HC girls basketball there. And we're gonna be ready."

FILLIES

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Ross moving to third base. Ross would score on a wild pitch giving the Fillies their final margin of victory at 3-1.

The Fillies outit Boyd County 10 to three for the game. The Fillies were led by Shyanne Ross and Jenny White with two hits each. Emma Hamm, Bella Persinger, Aleigha Newby, Rhyllie Walls, Lexie Highlander and Karsyn Bennett had one hit each for the Fillies.

Shyanne Ross started in the circle and picked up the complete game victory. Ross went seven innings allowing three hits and one earned run while striking out 10.

2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Harrison County
10 North Oldham 0
(5 innings)

The Harrison County Fillies captured their second 2A State Championship in three years with a 10-0 victory over the North Oldham Lady

Mustangs in Owensboro Saturday evening.

The Fillies got the scoring started in the bottom of the first inning. Emma Hamm led off with a walk. Hamm was forced out on a fielders choice by Bella Persinger. Shyanne Ross singled moving Persinger to second base.

Aleigha Newby was safe on an error loading the bases with one out. Rhyllie Walls then singled on a line drive to right field scoring Persinger and Ross giving the Fillies a 2-0 lead after one inning.

The Fillies added to their lead in the second inning. Jenny White led off with a line drive single to left field. White stole second base and scored on Karsyn Bennett's line drive single to left field to put the Fillies ahead 3-0.

Hamm grounded out moving Bennett to third base. Bella Persinger lined a single to right field scoring Bennett and increasing the Fillies lead to 4-0.

Ross doubled, moving Persinger to third. Newby then doubled to left field scoring Persinger and Ross to put the Fillies ahead 6-0.

Walls grounded out moving Newby to third base. Kira Persinger then doubled to left field scoring Newby and the Fillies had a 7-0 lead after two innings.

The Fillies added a couple of runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. With two outs, Newby singled to left field. Walls was safe on an error putting runners first and second. Kira Persinger walked to load the bases. Lexie Highlander followed with a line drive single to right field scoring Newby and Walls and giving the Fillies a 9-0 lead after four innings.

The Fillies ended the game in the bottom of the fifth inning. Bennett was safe on an error to lead off the inning. Hamm grounded out, moving Bennett to second base. Bella Persinger then singled

to right field scoring Bennett to give the Fillies the 10-0 victory.

For the game the Fillies outit the Lady Mustangs 12 to two. The Fillies were led by Bella Persinger with three hits. Shyanne Ross and Aleigha Newby added two hits each. Rhyllie Walls, Kira Persinger, Lexie Highlander, Jenny White and Karsyn Bennett had one hit each.

Shyanne Ross picked up the victory in the circle for the Fillies. Ross went five innings, allowing two hits and no runs while striking out seven.

Congratulations to Bella Persinger, Aleigha Newby, Rhyllie Walls and Kira Persinger for being named to the Kentucky 2A State Tournament All-Tournament Team.

Congratulations to Shyanne Ross for being named as the Kentucky 2A State Tournament Most Valuable Player.

With the win the Fillies improve to 20-4 on the year.

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