

# Mountain horse ride helps fight breast cancer



Charles W. Johnson photo  
Madison Mayfield, perched atop Lady, owned by Neil Cox, was one of the 75 riders participating in the Horseback Ride for the Cure yesterday. The event raised money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which funds breast cancer research. Madison is the 10-year-old daughter of Hal and Patty Mayfield.

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The Horseback Ride for the Cure held yesterday was a success in its inaugural outing, drawing around 75 riders and a total of 120 attendees to the River Park Hospital-sponsored event to raise money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation, which funds breast cancer research.

The riders started at Moonshine Hill Farms off Viola Road around 9:30 a.m., making a circuit around scenic Ben Lomand Mountain then returning at 12:30 p.m. for a catered lunch provided by Prater's BBQ, and live music from local band Bruised Heel.

The fundraiser was attended by Eileen Stuber of DeKalb County, president of the Upper Cumberland affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, and her husband, Cookeville-based physician Dr. Harry Stuber.

According to Mrs. Stuber, the Komen Foundation has been around for more than a quarter of a century.

"The Komen Foundation was started 26 years ago by a woman named Nancy Brinker," said Mrs. Stuber.

"Because she made a promise to her sister Susie Komen, who was dying of breast cancer at the age of 36. And she kept her promise, because this is now the largest grassroots organization of activists for a cure in the world. They operate through affiliates in local communities. We're the newest Tennessee affiliate, and we cover the 14 Upper Cumberland counties."

Mrs. Stuber says the foundation has a very special goal.

"The mission of the Komen Foundation is a world without breast cancer," Mrs. Stuber said. "We know that's very ambitious,



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but that's what we want to see."

Mrs. Stuber says the Upper Cumberland region has a special interest for the foundation because of some disturbing statistics.

"Something that we've learned about the Upper Cumberland, in doing our research to create a

community profile, is that there's more incidence of breast cancer here than in the rest of the state or the nation," Mrs. Stuber said. "Higher mortality rates than the rest of the state or the nation, and more late-stage diagnosis than the rest of the state or the nation. That's a critical issue right there, because the stage of diagnosis has a lot to do with whether somebody survives or not.

"We also know that probably only about 40 percent of the women in the Upper Cumberland are getting regular mammo-

grams," Mrs. Stuber said, "and that explains why there's this large pool of women, about 50,000 women, not being screened who are over 40 and should be. So when they show up, they show up with the later stage. So our goal in the Upper Cumberland is to get more people screened and reduce those late stage diagnoses."

Mrs. Stuber says the Komen Foundation appreciates the local efforts, like the Horseback Ride for the Cure, because fundraising is a vital part of the fight against breast cancer.

"It's critical, because that's the only way it's going to be ended," Mrs. Stuber said. "And that's the only way more lives are going to be saved. That's what it's about, saving lives. Komen in the first 25 years of its existence put a billion dollars into cancer research. They're committed to another billion in the next 10 years."

## Obituaries

### Imogene Loy Moran, 69

Funeral services for Imogene Loy Moran, 69, of Manchester will be con-

### Betty Sue Cartwright, 66

McMinnville resident and Coffee County native Betty Sue Cartwright,