

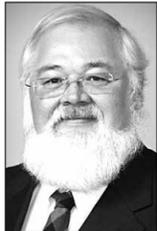
## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### FRANKFORT

#### FRMC hands out humanitarian awards

Frankfort Regional Medical Center recently named winners of the 2011 Frist Humanitarian Awards, which recognize one employee, one physician and one volunteer who have demonstrated extraordinary concern for the welfare and happiness of patients and their community.

Employee of the Year Frank Manns has worked at FRMC for more than 31 years. Currently, he serves as project coordinator in the engineering department. He was nominated for consistently going out of his way to serve the hospital's patients and visitors.



Frank Manns

Doctor of the Year Jaime Montalvo works in the emergency department, where he has for the past 13 years. He was nominated for taking several mission trips each year to improve the lives of others.



Dr. Jaime Montalvo

Volunteer of the Year Priscilla Gershman has volunteered at the hospital since August 2008. She assists in the main lobby next to the registration and information desk, helping patients and visitors.



Priscilla Gershman

This honor places Manns, Montalvo and Gershman in nomination for the nationwide Frist Humanitarian Award, the highest honor an employee or volunteer can receive within Hospital Corporation of America, the parent company of FRMC.

"I am very proud to present these awards," CEO Chip Peal said. "Frank Manns, Dr. Montalvo and Priscilla Gershman are an inspiration to all our employees, physicians and volunteers. Their generosity and dedication serve as a living example of both Frankfort Regional's and HCA's commitment to the care and improvement of human life."

### LOUISVILLE

#### Humana reports 21% drop in profit

(AP) - Humana Inc. said today that its first-quarter profit fell 21 percent as the health insurer paid out more in claims and bolstered spending in anticipation of growth in its lucrative Medicare Advantage membership.

The Louisville-based company nudged up its earnings expectations for the full year to a range of \$7.55 to \$7.75 per share, up from its prior forecast of \$7.50 to \$7.70 per share.

But the first-quarter results and the increased forecast were short of Wall Street expectations. Its shares fell more than 2 percent in pre-market trading.

Humana cited favorable claims trends from prior periods in raising its forecast

# Two Sisters off to a good start

## News about their breakfast, lunch menu spreads by word-of-mouth

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A chance call brought Susan Tracy - who owned West Main's Marshall's Café from 1998 to 2004 - back into the restaurant business.

The Market Café owners in Jettown Plaza asked Tracy one day if she wanted to take over the eatery.

She talked it over with her sister, retired state worker Cynthia Newton, who had helped during Marshall's busy weekends.

"We discussed it and said, 'Why not?'" Newton said. "And here we are."

The siblings opened Two Sisters in January, bringing a menu that should be familiar to regulars at Marshall's during Tracy's time there.

Two Sisters is open for breakfast and lunch Monday through Saturday. It also serves daily lunch specials, but those aren't set in stone outside of meatloaf on Mondays and catfish on Fridays. All specials offer a choice of two vegetables and either fried cornbread or a yeast roll.

"Everyone says we have the best fried cornbread in town," Newton says.

Though it's only been open for about four months, Two Sisters has seen its share of tried-and-true regulars. Some remember Tracy from her days at Marshall's, but others simply ask.

Newton says a few coffee-club types - it can be up to 20 customers - come in on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays.

These regulars spread the word and that builds business, Newton says. The sisters hope a recently completed facelift at Jett Town Plaza will attract customers.

"We don't have any money to advertise yet, so everything has just been word of mouth," she said.

While some siblings may cringe at the thought of working together, Tracy and Newton have developed a system that keeps both happy - Tracy mans the kitchen, Newton covers the dining room.

"We're sisters, so you know how that is," said Tracy with a laugh. She cooks every meal at Two Sisters and cooked at King's Daughters Apartments before opening the restaurant.

"We have our days, but it's not that bad," added Newton, who has been a caterer off and on for about 15 years.

Some of the dishes in-



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Sisters Cynthia Newton and Susan Tracy are the owners of Two Sisters at 1410 Versailles Road.

#### TWO SISTERS

**LOCATION:** 1410 Versailles Road  
**PHONE:** 695-4871  
**HOURS:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday  
Closed Sunday

clude The Special (two eggs, hash browns, toast or biscuits, and a side of bacon, sausage or city ham, \$4.75), The Eye Opener (an egg, hash browns, toast or biscuits and a side of bacon, sausage or ham, \$4.50) and the Country Ham Breakfast (two eggs, hash browns, country ham and toast or biscuits, \$6.95).

There are morning fixings for early risers and afternoon staples like burgers (\$3.95, 30 cents extra for cheese), chicken salad sandwiches (\$3.95), soup (\$2.95 for a cup, \$3.50 for a bowl), pork tenderloin sandwiches (\$3.95) and a chef salad (\$6.25) plus sides for the lunch crowd.

Two Sisters will also offer a Derby Breakfast special this Saturday, which will include two eggs, country ham, home fries or hash browns, fried apples, grits, biscuits or toast, a side of gravy and a drink for \$10.95.

The sisters don't run the restaurant alone, however. They have two part-time employees. One, Teri Wake-



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Susan Tracy sits down to talk with customers Betty Hamilton, Louise Armstrong and Joyce Marshall as they enjoy their lunch at the restaurant on Versailles Road.

land, worked at the Market Café for 24 years and is a familiar face to regulars who stayed during the transition.

Two Sisters won't serve dinner any time soon, though. Tracy and Newton work night jobs, and a third meal isn't in the cards for now.

"We'd be running on empty," Newton says.

Four months in, there have been few complaints with Two Sisters.

"It's all been good," Tracy said of the response. "As far as we know, we haven't heard anything negative."



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A cheeseburger and fries is a popular lunch item at Two Sisters, and regulars say they have the best fried cornbread in town.

# Barnes & Noble, Microsoft team up on Nook

## Deal would give bookseller ammunition to fend off agitated shareholders

NEW YORK (AP) - Barnes & Noble Inc. and Microsoft Corp. are teaming up to create a new Barnes & Noble subsidiary that will house the digital and college businesses of the bookseller and include a Nook application for Windows 8.

The companies said today that they are exploring separating those businesses entirely. That could mean a stock offering, sale, or other deal could happen.

The deal gives Barnes & Noble ammunition to fend off shareholders who have agitated for a sale of the Nook business or the whole company. For Microsoft, it represents a move into the e-book business, which has been targeted by Amazon.

com, Apple Inc. and Google Inc.

"Our complementary assets will accelerate e-reading innovation across a broad range of Windows devices, enabling people to not just read stories, but to be part of them. We're on the cusp of a revolution in reading," Andy Lees, president at Microsoft, said in a statement.

Shares of Barnes & Noble jumped \$10.82, or 79.1 percent, to \$24.50 in premarket trading. Microsoft's stock shed 12 cents to \$31.86.

The partnership with Microsoft will see the Redmond, Wash. company make a \$300 million investment in the subsidiary for an approximately 17.6 percent stake. Barnes & Noble

will own about 82.4 percent of the subsidiary, which has yet to be officially named.

The companies said that the subsidiary will have an ongoing relationship with Barnes & Noble's retail stores, but what that relationship will be is unclear.

Barnes & Noble, based in New York, currently runs 691 bookstores in 50 states. A representative could not be immediately reached.

The possibility of a separation of Barnes & Noble's digital and college businesses has been brewing recently. In March private investment firm G Asset Management, a Barnes & Noble shareholder, offered \$460 million for a 51 percent stake in the company's col-

lege bookstore unit, Barnes & Noble College Booksellers LLC.

Under that plan, the college bookstore unit was proposed to begin as a private business but become public within a "reasonable" amount of time. G Asset's offer was contingent upon Barnes & Noble keeping current management in place and separating its Nook e-business from the rest of the company. At the time the offer was made, Barnes & Noble declined to comment.

In 2009, Barnes & Noble Inc. bought the college bookstore unit from Chairman Leonard Rigg in a deal worth \$596 million. The deal ended up costing Barnes & Noble \$460 mil-

lion after accounting for the unit's cash on hand at the closing date.

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