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Woman of Achievement

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## WOMAN *of Achievement*

These 14 outstanding professional women will be honored at a luncheon set for noon, Oct. 24, in the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center's Myre River Room.

Employees, families and friends are encouraged to attend.

Tickets are \$12 each or \$80 for a table of eight. Call Kendra Mitchell at 270-575-8625 or

email [kmitchell@paducahsun.com](mailto:kmitchell@paducahsun.com).

Please take this chance to learn more about these successful, noteworthy Woman of Achievement nominees for 2013. The Woman of Achievement program is the product of a partnership between the Four Rivers Business Journal and Paducah-River City Business and Professional Women.

## Lanita Flanary

Veterinarian, *Flanary Veterinary Clinic in Paducah*



### Education:

Earned a doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Auburn University after completing pre-vet requirements at Murray State University. The requirements allowed her to be accepted early to vet school. Before that, she graduated from Reidland High School, where she was the valedictorian.

### Career:

Flanary began her veterinary career at the Coffee Memorial Animal Clinic as an associate veterinarian in 1995. She then became an associate veterinarian at the Reidland Veterinary Clinic in 1996 and worked there until 1997 when she opened her own business.

She serves as the owner and veterinarian at Flanary Veterinary Clinic, which she built in 1997.

### Civic Involvement:

- Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce member.

- Hosted and sponsored Critter K fundraiser in 2007 and 2008 and raised \$5,000 each time for local pet rescue groups.

- Hosted and sponsored Purring Party and Barking Bash in 2005 to educate owners on pet care and raised \$150 for Project Hope.

- Hosted and sponsored several other fundraisers that helped pet rescue groups and humane societies.

### General information:

- Participate in local shelter career days.

- Mentor for senior veterinary students serving internships through Auburn University and Murray State University and for local middle and high school students seeking a career in veterinary medicine.

- Created the Bitsy Angel Fund in which pet owners can donate money in memory of their pets,

money is used to spay and neuter or treat pets in need.

- Author of articles for Purchase Area Family Magazine and Community Health magazine on pet care.

### What do you see as a woman's place in the business world?

The sky's the limit! I truly believe that in today's business world, women have the advantage if they will use all of their natural abilities. If a woman can find her career choice that she is truly passionate about, then this passion will fuel her desire to educate herself in that area. It will then fuel her drive to succeed in her career choice and it will also give her a more "delicate" side of passion to become compassionate to help others along the way and give back in whatever she does. Women are very passionate creatures by nature and it is that passion that can drive them to succeed in any career.