

ramblings...

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I can't decide if I would rather be known as Ma Anderkin or Pistol-Packin' Perlina after my oldest daughter, Jamie, posted a picture of me practicing with my .38 on Facebook recently.

I have a problem with everybody knowing my business and I talked ugly to Jamie when I realized what she had done. I am getting ready, along with granddaughter Kayla, to take a concealed carry class and Jamie decided that I needed some practice with my trusty .38 to get ready for it. I have no particular affinity or talent for shooting but I do feel the need, living alone and with the seemingly current climate of thieves targeting older people, of being able to defend myself.

I thought for a while I could depend on my two dogs but I'm not sure that Penny, my, at least 80 lb., dog pound "sooner" and my ill-tempered mini-Jack Russell, would sufficiently deter someone hell bent on getting into my home to see if I have anything worth stealing -- fyi, I don't.

But, honestly, I am thinking of buying an assault

weapon. I have never felt the need for one but my back immediately comes up to my ears when I hear the government talk about how I don't need one. I agree, I don't need one but I also don't need the government telling me I don't need one -- do you see what poor Jim had to put up with for 48 years?

I also don't need children posting my picture on Facebook looking like an aged gun moll without my permission but I will somehow take care of that personally.

I can't fuss at Jamie too much, though, she actually takes pretty good care of her aged mother -- except for that darn tendency to tell everyone what I am doing.

My apologies. With all my extra-curricular activities -- you know, like brushing up on my gun skills, I completely forgot to get together the last six months of The Year in Review so will have to put that off for a week.

It seems that my memory skills are not much better than my gun skills -- so if I accidentally shoot you while you're breaking in my home, I will forget it shortly and have little remorse.

Ford Brothers Residential Division franchised recently as Weichert, Realtors® - Ford Brothers

The new sign, "Weichert, Realtors® - Ford Brothers," side by side with "Ford Brothers, Inc. Auctioneers" signals the three-office company's residential service expansion as the newest franchise with Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, Inc. (WREA). Owners Sam Ford, Matt Ford, Danny Ford and Devin Ford were joined in the announcement by WREA President Martin J. Rueter. "We are extremely proud and pleased that the company known for more than 40 years of outstanding service to clients throughout south central Kentucky is now a member of the Weichert family," Rueter said.

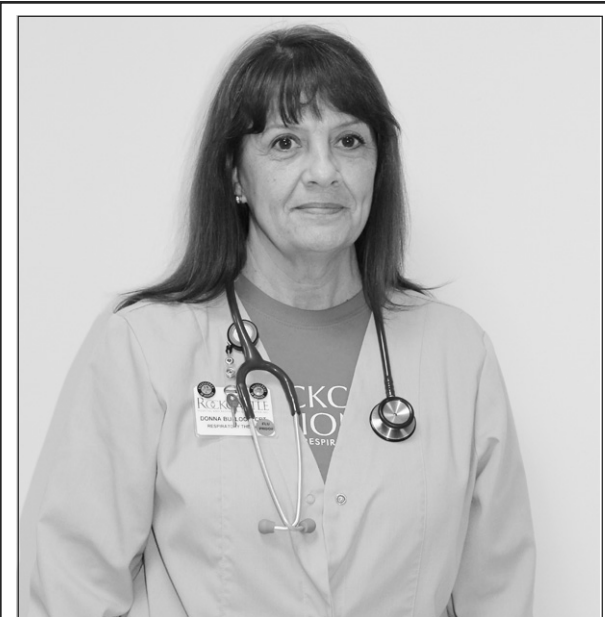
Managing Broker Matt Ford reported that the decision to become an independently owned and operated Weichert® franchise was based "not only on brand I.D. but what comes with the Weichert brand." Citing the franchise's superior Internet presence, agent training and support, he said, "It was Weichert's systems that really sold us."

Ford said the group wants to better train their agents "so that they can be more successful and provide the best possible service to our residential clients." In so doing, the residential part of the family business "will stand alone,"

separate from, but as well known and respected as, the Ford name has become with its award-winning auctioneering.

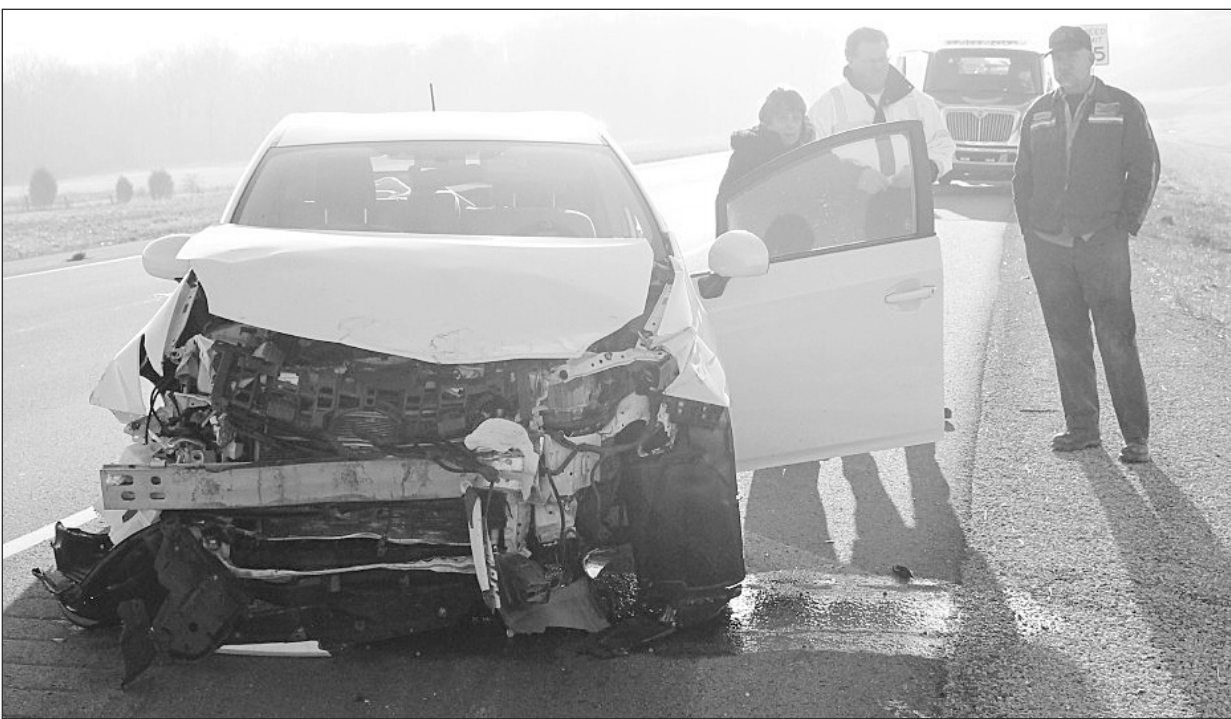
Matt Ford, with the support of his father, Broker Danny Ford, manages the office located at 1406 South Highway 27 in Somerset. Managing Broker Devin Ford directs business at 64 Keavy Road in London. Sam Ford, the three-office firm's Principal Broker, manages the business at 136 US Highway 25 C in Mt. Vernon. He was a founder of the company in 1965 and is a past president of the National Auctioneers Association (NAA). The company holds membership in the NAA, as well as the Kentucky Auctioneers Association (KAA) and the National Association of Realtors® (NAR).

Weichert, Realtors® - Ford Brothers in Somerset will host an open house event under the new banner on January 12th with the help of the Somerset Chamber of Commerce. Other grand re-openings in London and Mt. Vernon will be announced. Meanwhile, a new "Weichert-style" recruiting campaign will be rolled out in early January. For more information, Matt Ford, spokesman for the management team, can be reached at 606-679-2212.



What I do to keep patients safe...

Donna Bullock, RT, has worked at Rockcastle Regional Hospital & Respiratory Care Center for 22 years and the safety of her patients is a top priority. One important aspect of patient safety is to always identify patients with two forms of identification before performing therapy. Donna also says, "I perform an "Allen's test" when drawing arterial blood gases to insure adequate blood circulation. I also monitor oxygen saturation and respiratory status and I am directly involved with performing CPR when respiratory and or cardiac failure occurs...and that's what I do to keep patients safe!"



Brodhead Volunteer Fire Department members responded to a two vehicle accident Monday morning at the intersection of Gum Sulphur Road and Hwy 150. Authorities say Roberta Pentecost, 51, of Stanford, driver of the car in the top photo, was traveling east on Hwy 150 when Samantha Dillingham, 43, of Crab Orchard pulled out in front of her. Officials say Dillingham's brakes went out and that she also had a passenger Bobby Northern, 39, of Brodhead. No one was injured in the accident.



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