

# Perry County woman hopes to educate others after brain tumor diagnosis

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**PERRY COUNTY, Ky. (WYMT)** - May is Brain Tumor Awareness Month, a condition that has affected many people in our area, including MC Napier basketball star Kristie Combs.



It was a diagnosis that changed her life.

"I was actually calling a ball game and my hearing actually went completely out and I thought, something's not right here," said Combs.

Kristie Combs's world went silent the day she was diagnosed with a

brain tumor.

"Your body will tell you if something is wrong," said Combs. "You kind of need to listen to it."

The tumor was not cancerous, but nine months since surgery and 10 months since her diagnosis, it left her with no feeling on the right side of her face.

"I think I read a statistic that 688,000 people are diagnosed, a year, with brain tumors," said Kristie.

A statistic she said drives her to educate folks on the realities of brain tumors. She said the disease is affecting one of Combs's good friends, among others in the area.

"He was diagnosed with the same type tumor," said Combs "Same complications."

Combs said to be aware of hearing loss, vision issues, and dizziness.

If you experience similar symptoms, always check in with your doctor to be safe.

If you would like to learn more about brain tumors and how they can affect you, you can visit the American Brain Tumor Association's website at <http://www.abta.org/>.