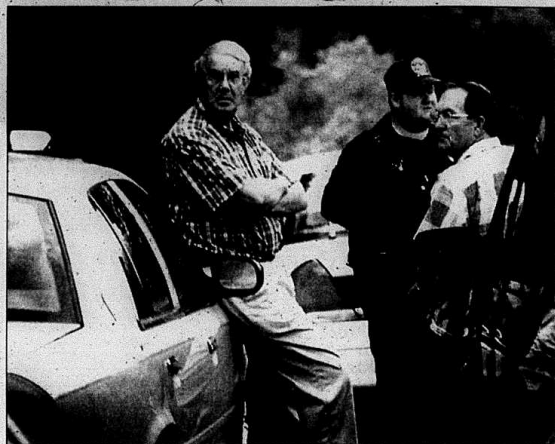


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The body of Patty Clark was found in a wooded area off Cove Branch Road Thursday morning by police, after Sally Hoskins of Crooked Creek led police to where Clark died. Shown above, from left: Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell, Lt. Tim Cameron of the Mt. Vernon fire department and Jim Clark, father of Patty Clark. Police say they will seek a murder indictment against Davy Stewart, 32.



Missing woman found dead at Cove Branch

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By: Richard Anderkin

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Hoskins would later tell police that she was scared for her own life and that is why she didn't tell police sooner about the murder. Hoskins had been shot one time, but the bullet hit her in the wrist, went through her left leg and lodged in her right leg. According to Doan, doctors at the University of Kentucky Medical Center did not remove the bullet from Hoskins' leg because they thought it would do more harm than good.



Clark's body was found in a wooded area, off a logging road in the Cove Branch area, near McNew Cemetery, where police had found an abandoned Jeep the day after Clark was reported missing.

Rockcastle County Coroner Bill Dowell said that he did not know how many times Clark had been shot because final autopsy reports have not been received. However, Rockcastle County Deputy Sheriff Darrell Doan said it was his understanding that Clark had been shot twice, both times in the head.

Last Tuesday night Kentucky State Police in Madison County shot Davy Stewart, after he apparently tried to steal a van from a rural residence.

Police said that Stewart was apparently high on drugs when he broke into a mobile home three miles east of Richmond and demanded the keys to a vehicle.

Police said that Stewart was apparently armed with an assault rifle and handgun at the time.

Police said that a woman at the residence told Stewart she couldn't find the keys to the vehicle, but that she would drive him where he wanted to go.

Police say that Stewart left the (Cont. to A10)



Brent Kirby found guilty of reckless homicide in '93 case

A Rockcastle County man was found guilty Tuesday of reckless homicide in connection with a 1993 shooting death of a Chestnut Ridge man. Earl Brent Kirby, 44, of Rt. 3, Mt. Vernon had been indicted for the March 28, 1993, shooting death of his uncle, Lester Frankie Griffin, 49, on two different occasions.

"He (Griffin) had already shot and killed his wife (in 1969) and then he shot a local man (in 1980), so my client had every reason to think his life was in danger," Cox said. "Prosecutors were trying to convict him of murder and the jury found him guilty of a much lesser charge, but if a jury of his peers had heard the case, instead of people in another county, he would have been found not guilty," Cox said.

The Lincoln County jury set Kirby's sentence at four years. Kirby is presently serving a five year prison term for a December 1999 incident in Madison County, in which a Berca woman was critically injured. Kirby was charged with several crimes following an auto accident he caused, including fourth offense driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and third and second degree assault.

The first indictment came shortly after the shooting incident, in which Kirby apparently shot Griffin above the left eye. The case was dismissed in 1998, but a few weeks later another Rockcastle County Grand Jury indicted Kirby again charging him with murder.

State says new road in study phase only

Annual Livingston Homecoming set

Plans have been finalized for Livingston Homecoming 2000 which will be held this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The homecoming week end gets kicked off with a Gospel Singing beginning Friday night at 7 p.m. On Saturday morning, the day will begin with a pancake and sausage breakfast from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The Lake Cumberland Cloggers will perform at 9 a.m. and line-up for the parade will begin at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m., the parade begins and at 12:30, there will be a recognition ceremony for Vietnam Veterans. At 2 p.m., the Pretty Man Contest will be held, followed by the Talent Contest at 2:30. Betty Lou York, of Renfro Valley Fame, will entertain beginning at 4:30 and at 5 p.m., the Pretty Baby Contest will be held.

A large crowd turned out at Brodhead Elementary School on Tuesday night for a public hearing, considering a possible new route from Hwy. 150 to Interstate 75 in Rockcastle County.

State officials did not unveil any routes and told the crowd that the project was only in the very earliest study stages. However, the state has said previously that if such a road were built it would most likely tie in with the interstate at a new interchange at U.S. 25 in Conway.

Schools closed Labor Day

The Rockcastle County School System will shut down for its first break of the new school year on Monday, September 4, when schools will observe Labor Day. The next break for students will be on October 6 when meetings for (Cont. to A10)

The Kentucky General Assembly requested the study after several Lincoln County residents including Judge-Executive Ronnie "Buckwhet" Gilbert requested it. Lincoln residents apparently want quicker access to the interstate and the new road would also make it easier to travel to the new Cedar Creek Lake, which is under construction between Grab Orchard and Stanford.

Rockcastle County Judge-Executive Buzz Carlolitis said Wednesday that a new road through Copper Creek with a connector to I-75 would be of great benefit to the county. "A new interchange in that part of the county would certainly help our county's future development," Carlolitis said. The Judge pointed out that Rockcastle County has only two interchanges along I-75, development, jobs and growth occur, the Judge said. "A new road would also give citizens in the Copper Creek area quicker access to I-75, (approximately (Cont. to A10)



An official groundbreaking ceremony was held Friday on the grounds of the Brodhead Elementary School, for the new school building which is slated to be completed by next school year. Several people along with staff members and the student body watched as dirt was officially moved. The new building will be built on the current playground at the school and will cost an estimated \$6.6 million. Some of those taking part in the ceremonies are shown above, from left: Rockcastle School Board Chairman Dr. G.W. Griffith, board member Martin Vanzant, vice-chairman of the board, Terry Burton, Brodhead Principal Caroline Graves, Job Site Superintendent Blaine McHargue and Rockcastle School Superintendent Larry Hammond. Below, BES students Kenton Adams, Richard Slate, Camen Alexander, Brett Noble, Josh Shepherd and Shawna Milburn watch the ceremonies. (Front page photos by Richard Anderkin)

