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- ***Foree Wells' passing is noted with multiple tributes and concerts***
- ***Debbie Wilson establishes KBS on the web***
- ***Garvin Gate Blues Festival moves to Theater Square***
- ***Brenda Major is elected President***
- ***Sylvester Weaver Award goes to Smoketown Red***

BLUES NEWS

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KYANA BLUES SOCIETY
AN AFFILIATE MEMBER OF THE BLUES FOUNDATION
"...PRESENTING, PRESERVING, AND PERPETUATING THE BLUES"

Louisville, Kentucky FEBRUARY/MARCH 1997 Incorporated 1989

The KYANA BLUES SOCIETY Mourns the Passing of

Mr. Foree H. Wells, Jr.

January 10, 1936 - January 8, 1997



Photo courtesy of Lorene Wells

IN THE FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE:

This issue is dedicated to the memory of Foree H. Wells, Jr.

*KBS Mourns the
passing
of Foree Wells
January 8, 1997*



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Walnut Street Blues Band, winners of the 1997 KBS IBC talent competition, shown here performing at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis



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Jesse Buntyn

*Stevie Ray's
May 1997*



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*Blues Harmonica
Showdown
Benefit for
Jim Rosen
October 4, 1997*



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THE THIRD ANNUAL LOUISVILLE BLUES HARMONICA SHOWDOWN

A large, stylized portrait of a man's face, composed of repeating text fragments related to the event. The text is in various sizes and orientations, creating a mosaic effect. The background is dark, and the text is in a light, golden-brown color.

PERFORMANCES BY SPECIAL OCTOBER 4TH AT A CONCERT
RODNEY HATFIELD APPEARANCE BY BUTCHERTOWN PUB BENEFITING
ROOUIE RAY DUKE ROBILLARD 7 PM JIM ROSEN
LAMONT GILLISPIE AND
JOE PINKERTON GREG MARTIN

**BUTCHERTOWN PUB
DAYS OF WINE & ROSEN**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4
JIM ROSEN BENEFIT CONCERT**

FEATURING...

DUKE ROBILLARD

**RODNEY HATFIELD & NICK STUMP
BIG AL & THE HEAVYWEIGHTS**

LAMONT GILLESPIE BLUES RESISTANCE

MR2 BLUE AND SPECIAL GUEST

GREG MARTIN & FRIENDS

**PROCEEDS WILL ASSIST IN COVERING HOSPITAL & MEDICAL EXPENSES
FOR JIM ROSEN, MEMBER OF THE MUDCAT BLUES BAND**

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*KBS at the
Crossroads
Clarksdale,
Mississippi
(King Biscuit
Festival trip)
October 1997*



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*KBS bunch
poses with a
bale of cotton
(King Biscuit
Festival trip)
October 1997*



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*Jim Rosen and
Tim Krekel*

*Thunderdome
November 1997*



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KBS Goes Online!

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Welcome visitor number 9999, to the Web Home of the Kentuckiana Blues Society, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate the Blues Tradition. We are an affiliate member of The Blues Foundation.

This WWWeb site has been established to assist in getting information out to Blues enthusiasts the world over. We will publish a monthly events calendar, membership information, band information, photographs and all of those things that the Web is used for. Bookmark this site so you can check back often for the latest information.

The KYANA Blues Society, founded in 1988 is dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and perpetuation of the Blues Tradition in all of its forms.

Preservation: Through extensive research and documentation, the KBS has made major inroads into the documentation of the Blues tradition in Louisville, Kentucky. This research has led to the discovery of many rare photos, interviews, and the location of many early Blues related sites. An archive has been established by the KBS to centrally locate all of these materials and make them available to members. We have also located the gravesites of Blues greats Sylvester Weaver and Bill Gaither and arranged for the placement of headstones to preserve their memory.

Promotion: From its inception the KBS has been actively involved on the local Blues scene. Many local and regional talents have been showcased in local venues under either direct sponsorship or contributed support of the KBS. Such artists as Albert Collins, Pinetop Perkins, and Henry Townsend were all able to appear in Louisville under the auspices of KBS.