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Come on down!

PRCC student wins big bucks on 'The Price is Right' show

Lyssa Prine from Columbia, Mississippi - Come on down!

Those were the words that Prine, a student at PRCC's Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg, had hoped to hear when she ordered tickets to "The Price is Right" before her four-day vacation to the City of Angels.

Not only did she hear those words, Prine won the show's \$43,000 showcase and hugged and kissed host Bob Barker on the cheek.

"I didn't think any of it was real," Prine said. "It was like a dream. I was like 'pinch me, pinch me, Bob'."

Prine, 24, was a 2002 graduate from the Surgical Technology program at PRCC and has her sights set on a nursing degree.

She traveled to Los Angeles on Nov. 2 to visit her friend, Alison Dunn, a nurse originally from Columbia. During her stay, Prine said she had a checklist of places to see. "The Price is Right" show was one of them.

"After getting my ticket, I went to the studio by myself at 6 a.m. one morning," Prine said. "There were about 500 people in line. I was number 100."

Two hours after her wait, Prine

stood in another line for priority seating and waited another six hours for an interview with a producer.

"They asked everyone questions like our occupation and hometown," said Prine, a surgical nurse. "I just tried to be myself, but I was very excited and even wore a shirt that I made that had a checklist on it of all the things I wanted to see in Hollywood."

After their interview, the audience was instructed to take a seat in the retro 1970s-style studio, decorated in the all too familiar colors of "The Price is Right" with bright orange, red, brown, blue and yellow carpet and fluorescent lighting.

Prine continued her quest in meeting Bob Barker, who is in his 33rd year as "The Price is Right" host.

"I remember them playing really loud modern pop music to get everyone pumped up," Prine said. "I was chosen, along with some others, to come up and dance for the audience."

The show then suddenly began with "The Price is Right" orchestral music.

As Prine sat down, Rich Field, the show's announcer, said "some-

thing" over the loud music and cheering audience. Prine knew exactly what it was when producers held up a cue card.

"A cue card went up with my name on it," Prine said. "I was in shock."

After the rest of the contestants came down to their podiums, Prine said the game began.

"I relied on the audience to get through each round," Prine said. "At one point, they brought out a fireplace and someone told me \$999, which was the closest bid to the cost. I got to hug and kiss Bob."

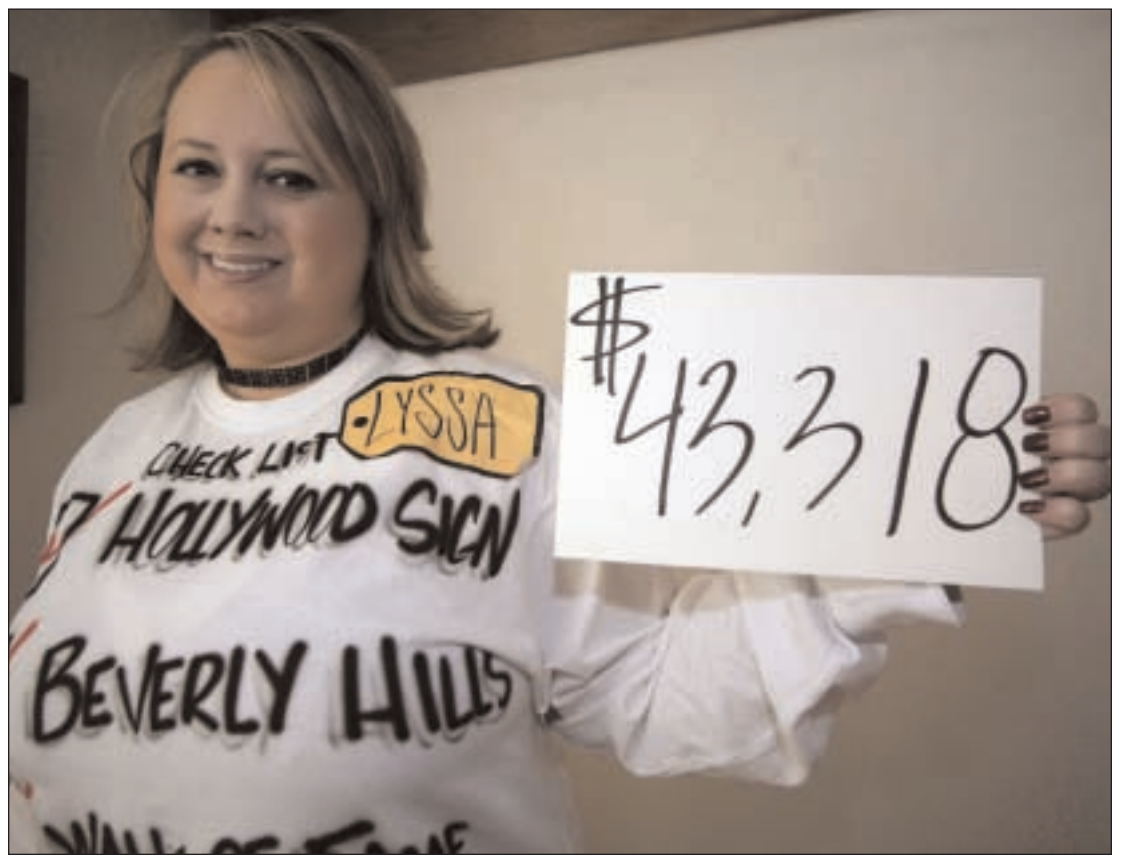
When I got the chance to spin the wheel, my first spin was 50 cents and my second was 45 cents. The other lady went over a dollar and lost."

As the show came to its final round, where contestants get a chance to meet Barker. Instead, Prine almost lost it all.

"I turned down the first showcase that included a trip to Austria and a dining room set," Prine said. "I wanted the one with cars and appliances."

Prine said her bid was \$24,000, about \$1,500 lower than the showcase's value.

Her win would now all depend on the other contestant.



Lyssa Prine won more than \$43,000 worth of prizes on "The Price is Right."

"I don't remember the other bid, but she ended up going over the value," Prine said.

On cloud nine

She came alone, hoping for a chance to meet Barker. Instead, Prine left victorious - winner of the \$43,000 showcase. But Prine said the show's executives won't allow her to tell what prizes she's won until after the show airs Jan. 2.

"During the rest of my stay in California, I was on cloud nine," Prine said.

After filling out paperwork to claim her prizes, Prine had another challenge to face.

"I got in my rental car and called everyone, but nobody believed me," Prine said.

Prine's mother, Kay Prine, said that because her daughter was a fan of pranks, she didn't know what to think.

"She said, 'Mom, I'm not kidding,'" Kay Prine said. "I had to get her to e-mail me a picture from someone's camera phone so I could see her on the show for myself. I was tickled to death because I knew she had so much enthusiasm when she went to California."

Prine said some things she noticed on the show were Barker's

blue eyes, his sense of humor, the stage's '70s vibe and the props, which include the wheel contestants spin in hopes of getting close but not exceeding \$1.

"Bob has beautiful eyes, but he does wear the pancake makeup," Prine said. "During one commercial break, I asked him how old he was and how he stayed so young looking. He said he was 82 and that he drinks a lot of booze. Then he said he was joking and said he's a vegetarian and exercises."

■ Story and photograph appeared in the Nov. 23 edition of the Hattiesburg American.



While shopping at Turtle Creek Mall in Hattiesburg this holiday season, stop by the PRCC cart near the Food Court. The PRCC cart is on display year round. It is decorated by Frances Rawls, Bookstore Manager, and members of her bookstore staff.

Teacher Profile

NAME: Kimberly Roberts

FAMILY: Married to Jimmy Roberts with one son, Jarod, 12.

RESIDENCE: Petal

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated West Jones High School, AA from JCJC, BS in Biology from USM, Masters of Science from USM with emphasis in Microbiology. Currently finishing ND - Doctor of Naturopathy from Clayton College of Holistic Healing and Medicine.

PRESENTLY TEACHING: I am Science Coordinator for all science classes at the Hattiesburg Campus of PRCC. I teach Microbiology, and Anatomy & Physiology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: 12 years

FAVORITE BOOK: Bible

FAVORITE FOOD: shrimp

FAVORITE HOBBY: Hybridize spider daylilies; see them at www.spiderdaylily.com.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: It's never dull, and you can always learn things from the students, too.

ADVICE FOR STUDENTS: You can never, ever learn too much. Keep learning all your life!!



Workforce Education involved in many projects

Bellew, Sellers retire this month

By SCOTT ALSOBROOKS
Director, Workforce Education

Workforce Education would like to send out congratulations to Dr. Sharon Bellew and Mrs. Peggy Sellers on their upcoming retirement.

Dr. Bellew has been with Pearl River Community College for 11 years guiding the Adult Basic Education program. Her expertise and devotion will be missed not only by PRCC but especially by the many learners that she has helped advance in their education endeavors.

Mrs. Sellers has served as the Administrative Assistant in Workforce Education for 11 years as well. Peggy's dedication and professional attitude will be sincerely missed by the Workforce Education staff.

Workforce Education provided aid and assistance to the emergency operations taking place at the Hancock County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) immediately following Hurricane Katrina.

The Hancock EOC had a Geographical Information System (GIS) set up to provide navigation and guidance to those providing emergency services such as search and rescue teams.

The EOC provided printed maps for the teams as they went out in the field on missions, overwhelming their plotter supplies. Plotter paper and other printing supplies from The Woodall Advanced

Technology Center were donated to help meet the demand.

Also, in response to hurricane recovery, the Federal Emergency Management Agency is conducting several training sessions for city and county government, education entities, police and fire departments and others to assist with disaster grant funds. These training and information sessions have included local mayors and other local government officials.

Together with the WIN Job Centers, computer training, especially geared toward those seeking employment or displaced by Hurricane Katrina, is being offered by PRCC. For more information or to register for the program, call Rebecca Brown at 601-288-7333.

■ Three Emergency Medical Technician Basic classes kicked off this fall semester in Hancock County at Bay High, at the Poplarville campus of PRCC and at the Woodall Advanced Technology Center at Hattiesburg.

All three classes were interrupted briefly due to the storm; the Hancock county class had the lengthiest delay and was able to restart again on Nov. 28 at the Hancock Vo-Tech Center, thanks to the help of Dr. Gaynell Roberts and others in the Hancock County area.

■ Kohler Engines in Hattiesburg has expanded their operations to include a twin engine line.

This expansion will double the

workforce at their plant in the Hattiesburg Industrial Park. The Woodall Center is being used on a weekly basis by Kohler to train their new employees.

Pioneer Aerospace in Columbia continues efforts in process improvement training and was once again recognized for their efforts. They were awarded the Quality Commitment Award from the Mississippi Quality Awards program. This is a program based on the Baldrige criteria.

■ The Leadership Training Program continues to provide customized, flexible coaching sessions on general management skills and leadership behaviors. Rutter-Rex, located in Columbia, completed their program and graduated in September.

HubSouth staff personnel will complete their program and graduate in December. Programs continue with Family Practice Clinic, Hattiesburg American, and Avon Engineered Fabrications, Pica-yune, MS. A new program was started with International Filing System, Hattiesburg.

The Woodall Center continues to host professional development opportunities for the community by various organizations including the Real Estate Institute of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Jackson Hewitt Tax School, and the Mississippi Department of Education.

The Lean Enterprise Center from the University of Southern Mississippi, with PRCC staff, continues to offer Lean Manufac-



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The Lowery Woodall Advanced Technology Center in Hattiesburg.

uring training to the manufacturing sector in the local area.

Computer classes have been held in Columbia, Hattiesburg, Poplarville, and Pica-yune providing learners basic, intermediate and advanced classes in Microsoft Windows, Keyboarding and

Microsoft Office Suite.

Certified Cisco Network Administrator (CCNA) Course 1, was completed in late October.

This is the first class in a sequence of four, offered throughout the year, geared toward preparing participants for the CCNA exam.

The Workforce Staff is preparing schedules for classes for the first half of 2006, including courses in Computer-Aided Design, Geographical Information Systems, industrial maintenance and many of the above-mentioned topics.

To learn more call 601-554-4646.