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The 11th Annual Chili Challenge was more than a long, strange trip- it was a HUGE SUCCESS!



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LCBS-Parrothead Chili Challenge

Another major success!

submitted by Steve Springer

LCBS and the IIPH's held their 11th annual Chili Challenge on February 27th at the Mariott in Cedar Rapids. Again, for the 11th straight year, the event was a raving success. LCBS donated their proceeds to H.D. Youth Center and the IIPH donated to the Community Health Free Clinic. Final calculations are being made at this writing, but both charities will receive a check for over \$4300. These donations have increased for the last 10 years with this year again breaking all records.

The event again included 24 chili recipies from club members with 6 additional professional entries.

Following are the results of the competition:

People's Choice Overall	Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club
People's Choice Isle of Iowa	Keith Wright/ Lou Ann Anderson
People's Choice Linn County Blue's Society	Marcy Pease
People's Choice Pro Division	Kirkwood
Judge's Choice Best Chili	Freddie Maneely's Voodoo Chili
Judge's Choice Best Chili Pro Division	Marriott
Most Spicy Chili	Chris Heck (LCBS)
Most Unusual Chili	Heather Sexton (IoIPHC)
Best Non Beef Chili	Terry Barger (IoIPHC)
Best Presentation	Karen Randklev (IoIPHC)

Special Award from the Secret Judge

Most Creative Karen Mahannah & Kaye Moyer with Breakfast Chili.

Following are the Challengers from LCBS and the number of years they have supported this effort. LCBS was represented with a solid base of 13 "veteran" contestants who have represented LCBS for many years. Without these and the IIPH challengers supporting the event, it could never be the success it has become.

Rich Lyle	10 years
Bob Erger and Deb Neyens	10 years
Allene Pease	9 years
Dave Antin	7 years
Robin Level	7 years
Harlan Yoder	6 years
Ethel Turner	5 years
Thomas Jones	5 years
Mike Williams	4 years
Ruby Andrews	3 years
Marcy Pease	2 year
Chris Heck	2 year
Mark Suchy	2 year



The contestants and volunteers are a wonderful group of people who are terrific ambassadors for both clubs. By donating their time, expenses and efforts they truly share more than chili with their community.

If any of you are interested in becoming a part of this fun, family event, please consider joining us next year— we'd love to have you!

The Linn County Blues Society is a way cool, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of Blues music in Eastern Iowa as well as to provide charitable contributions to other community organizations. LCBS is an Affiliated Organization in the Blues Foundation's international network. The BLUESPAPER is a monthly publication of the LCBS. Website: lcbs.org

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To learn more about the Linn County Blues Society or to join, see the membership form in this Bluespaper or the LCBS website. Your membership includes;

- Discount admissions to many local Blues activities.
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Submission Requirements- All ads, photos or scanned images, either color or black/white, need to be 300ppi. Native Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, JPG, TIFF, EPS, PDF, BMP accepted. Ads created in Word may cause dementia, severe cramping and diarrhea. **Deadline for submissions is the 19th of the month.**

Moving? Send your new address to; LCBS, PO Box 2672, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2672 so you won't miss a single issue of your Bluespaper.

Rev rants

Get involved with the LCBS!

The Reverend Frank Wilson

Did you ever wonder who selects what color t-shirts the LCBS sells at Bluesmore? Or who decides what designs we put on those shirts and other merchandise? Ever wonder why we run out of your size? Who picks out the other novelties we offer? Or what style of hats and caps we have on hand?

That person is our Merchandise Maven, David Andrews. David Andrews, is one of our elected officers on the Linn County Board of Directors.

Sadly, David has announced his current term as Merchandise Chair will be his last. So we are looking for someone to carry on. OK, actually we need someone to be the Merchandise Chairman. David will continue to "carry on" for a long time.

So if you would like to see how this works, and possibly be involved in making these decisions, think about coming to one of our upcoming monthly LCBS meetings. We meet at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center the first Monday of every month. (Occasionally we move the meeting one week when the regular date falls on a holiday.) Check the Bluespaper for our next meeting date, or find it on the LCBS.org web site.

Dave will be around through this year's Bluesmore so this is a golden opportunity to learn from the master and get your feet wet. David would be glad to have an assistant or two this year. Come on out and see what he does.

And remember to say hi to the Rev when you see me out at one of our local live music events.



11th Annual Blues'n'Buffett Chili Challenge

WAS AN EXCELLENT SUCCESS!

TWO CLUBS Hosted one event to help TWO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

\$8,500



The Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club & Linn County Blues Society Managed to raise & 8,500 which was split and given to both the Community Free Medical Clinic and the H.D. Youth Center!

Thank You

Henry Davison
President and CEO

To learn more about the HD Youth Center and the programs it provides to the Community, please join us at our next board meeting.

Next meeting is 5:30 pm March 21st, 2011. We will be meeting in the club room at the Hy-Vee located at 20 Wilson Ave. S.W. Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 23rd. For more info: www.hdyouthcenter.com

Please call Henry for additional information:
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H.D. Youth Center
NO CASH FUNDS WERE USED FOR THIS AD PLACEMENT

Linn County Blues Society Membership Application

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Please mail application and check to: Linn County Blues Society, PO Box 2672, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2672. Contact us on the web at lcbs.org. Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!

April Blues Calendar

Fri. 1 ★	Campell Steel Gal Checkers Tavern The Hub Band Bar & Grill	Billy Janey Band w/ Dan Johnson, 7PM Flaming Camaros, 9PM The Blue Band, Cedar Falls, 6-9:30PM Johnny Kilowatt, Dubuque, 9-1
Sat. 2	The Fire House Brandon, Iowa Odie's, Ely Phat Albert's Chappy's Safari Bank Bar & Grill Chrome Horse	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Bryce Janey Group w/DJ Fools Ride 3PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 Bryce Janey Band, 203 East St., Brandon, IA Charlie Morgan & Clayton Playboys The Tornados, 9-1 Funk Daddies
Sun. 3	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Mahoney's Cooter's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Jumbies, 6-10PM 5 In A Hand Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM
Tue. 5	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Wed. 6	Parlor City Pub	McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Thur. 7	J.M. O'Malley's	Charlie Morgan w/ DJ, 9-1
Fri. 8	Big Daddy's Checkers Tavern Winn's Alley	McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Twist & Shout, 9PM Bryce Janey acoustic, Walker, IA 8PM
Sat. 9 ★	The Fire House Leo's Gen. Lounge Shuey's 1st Ave. Speakeasy	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Tony Brown, 9PM, Oelwein 4BoxORocks, 8-12 Gary Gibson/John Mattingly, Newton 8-12
Sun. 10	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Mahoney's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Clean Livin', 6-10PM Natty Nation
Tues. 12	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur. 14	J.M. O'Malley's	Gibby jams with friends, 9-1
Fri. 15 ★	Checkers Tavern Campell Steel Gal	Two-Bit Maniac, 9PM The Blue Band, Marion Uptown, 7-10PM
Sat. 16	The Fire House Rumors City Beat Pitchers	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Not A Clue, 4-8PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 Bryce Janey hosts open mic 8:30PM
Sun. 17 ★	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Cooter's Chrome Horse	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Diplomats of Solid Sound, 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM Flock of Funk
Tues. 19	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur. 21	J.M. O'Malley's Shuey's	Gibby jams with friends, 9-1 Mike & Rob Show, 7-11PM
Fri. 22	Checkers Tavern Leo's Gen. Lounge Cooter's Lincoln Wine Bar	4BoxORocks, 9PM Bruce Bearinger, Acoustic 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM The Blue Midnight Trio, 7-10PM
Sat. 23	The Fire House Monticello Iowa Falls Jersey's Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM McMurrin & Johnson, Events on Main 9-12 The Blue Band, 503 Estes St. 9-12 Bryce Janey Band, 9PM
Sun. 24	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Big Funk Guarantee, 6-10PM
Tue. 26	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur 28 ★	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern	Gibby jams with friends, 9-1 Rev. Raven & Chain Smokin' Altar Boys 8PM
Fri. 29 ★	Leo's Gen. Lounge Checkers Tavern Java House The Cornerstone Chrome Horse	Music by Patsy, 9PM, Oelwein New Trick Band, 9PM Janiva Magness, 2PM (Java Blend) Johnny Kilowatt, 8-12 O'Connell Brothers Band
Sat. 30	The Fire House	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM

EVERY

Sat. -The Firehouse- Jam with various players 4-8PM
Sun. - Mahoney's - Various artists- Never a Cover, 6pm
Sun. - Parlor City Rocks New Bohemia District!
Sun. - Beaver Creek - Skeeter Lewis Jams
Tue. - Gibby's Lab Jam, Parlor City, 8-11PM
Thur. -J.M.O'Malley's, T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest, 9PM



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The LCBS now meets on the 1st Monday of each month. See you at the Longbranch on April 4, 6:30PM for the LCBS general meeting.
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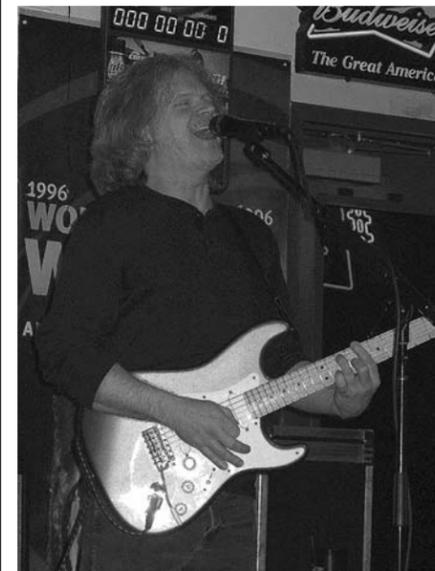
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Triple Shot at Checkers March 11

by Frank Wilson



Tom Bruner on lead guitar



The band, Triple Shot



Troy Harper on bass guitar and this night was Stan Hersom on the drums

Triple shot played at Checkers Tavern & Eatery on Friday March 11. Triple Shot is Tom Bruner on guitar, Troy Harper on bass, and various drummers. The drummer this evening was Stan Hersom. Otherwise it may be JR O'Connel, Butche O'Connel, or Eric Douglas.

According to Tom Bruner, "This is not a very serious endeavor." However, the everyone on the dance floor appeared to be having a seriously good time.

One set included Mustang Sally (no bribe needed), songs by Aerosmith, ZZ Top, Talking Heads, The Rolling Stones, Steve Miller Band, and Brown-eyed Girl by Van Morrison.



CD

Pick of the Month

Bryce Janey

"Down Home Blues" 2011 3rd Avenue Music

The newest release from Bryce Janey is called Down Home Blues. It is all acoustic, rootsy, and it's terrific. Playing a Gibson LG-1 acoustic guitar and a Kay stand-up bass, Janey is the sole performer on this album, and he shines. The album is exactly what the title implies, down home blues.

The first song that really knocked my socks off is, "Dust Off the Bottle". What a great song. It's very well written, very relatable, and catchy. When certain events happen in our lives, the ones that bring us down and make us sad, there is something or someone we turn to in order to start the healing process. In the case of this song, the healing begins with the bottle.

"Down Home Blues", the title track, is another impressive favorite. Immensely raw and gritty, this one was written in the style of the early blue masters Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Janey plays the slide like nobody's business.

A couple of previously recorded Janey songs pop up on this collection, albeit this time recorded acoustically. They are "Gamblin' Mans Blues", from Practice What You Preach and the ballad, "Heal the Night", from Heal the Night. Down Home Blues is comprised of mostly original compositions, but there are some 'cover' treats for us as well. I always enjoy slide guitar when it's well done, and the slide playing on Willie Dixon's "Little Red Rooster" is fabulous. If you been looking for a new acoustic blues album to listen to, Down Home Blues is strongly recommended.

— Phil Smith

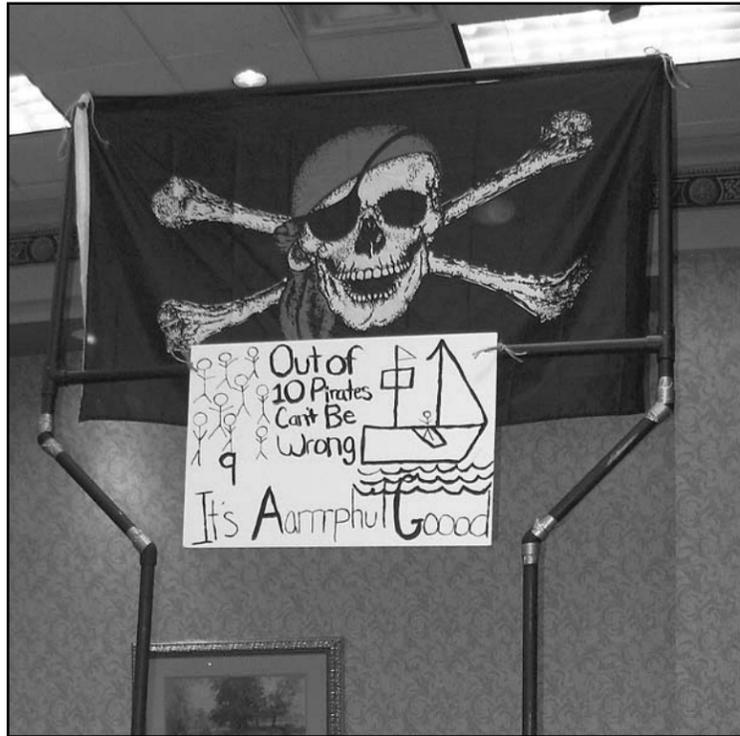
Cooking your food, doing your dirt, buddy, what you trying to do?

11th Annual Chili Challenge

Another great success!



Photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



Some of the entries were down right intimidating.



Gary Gibson serenades the attendees on his dobro while he stirs his really great chili.



The H.D. Youth Center table is "manned" by two good looking volunteers. The Youth Center is the LCBS charity.

And you can send me dead flowers every morning
 Send me dead flowers by the mail
 Send me dead flowers to my wedding,
 and I won't forget to put roses on your grave

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That's my number!



The 11th Annual Chili Challenge silent auction tables were full of some really great items this year. These items are bid on throughout the day and the money collected goes to one of the charities for either group. Most of the auctioned items are donated from members of both groups and really serve to increase donations to the selected charities.



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