

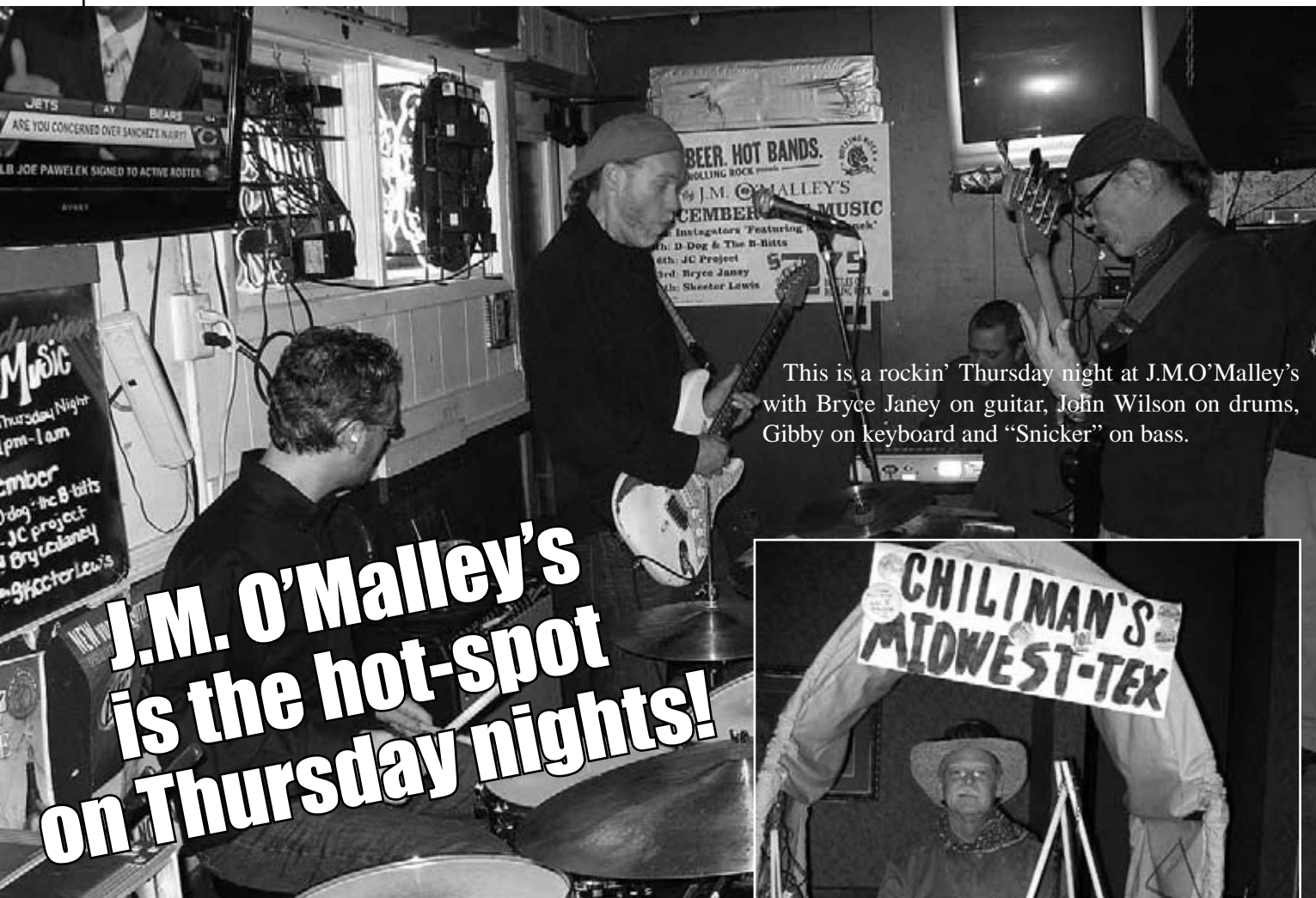


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This is a rockin' Thursday night at J.M.O'Malley's with Bryce Janey on guitar, John Wilson on drums, Gibby on keyboard and "Snickers" on bass.

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**11th Annual
Chili Challenge!**

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Rev Rants

2011 Chili Challenge

Frank Wilson

This month, on Sunday February 27th, The Linn County Blues Society and the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club will once again co-sponsor the annual Chili Challenge, at the Cedar Rapids Marriott. You'll find an article about it in this issue of the Bluespaper.



The two clubs put on this event to generate funds for local charities. The LCBS' share of the proceeds will be donated to the H.D. Youth Center. This is always a fun event, and a good way to warm up with hot chili on a cold winter day. We have a good-natured rivalry with that other club to see who makes the best chili.

This is one way for LCBS to fulfill part of our charter, "to provide charitable contributions to other community organizations." We volunteer our time and our chili recipes, to generate funds for well deserving charities. We also provide blues cd's and other memorabilia for the silent auction.

The H.D. Youth Center (hdyouth-center.com) was founded in 1997 to provide a safe and supervised center where area youth could go, promote a positive attitude, academic progress, and a drug-free environment.

Come on out the 27th and join in the fun. And remember to say hi to the Rev.

Blues Blowout

February 19

Saturday, February 19,
8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7PM)
Electric Park Ballroom Waterloo, Iowa

Join the Friends of KUNI/KHKE for an evening of blues and soul at the 2011 Blues Blowout, a benefit for Iowa Public Radio.

Headliner: Joe Louis Walker

Recently voted Most Outstanding Guitarist by Living Blues critics, Joe Louis Walker belongs in the very select club of original blues greats who revolutionized the art of the electric guitar. In addition to releasing more than 20 albums, Walker has recorded or performed with stars such as Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Bonnie Raitt, Taj Mahal, Huey Lewis, Branford Marsalis and Ike Turner.

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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.
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2011 B&B Chili Challenge!

Sunday, February 27

by Steve Springer

The Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club and the Linn County Blues Society will hold their Eleventh Annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge on February 27, 2-5 PM at the Cedar Rapids Marriott Hotel on Collins Road. The Chili Challenge is a friendly competition between the two clubs to raise money for charity. Proceeds from the event will go to H.D. Youth Center and the Community Free Medical Clinic of Cedar Rapids. The Parrot Heads chose the Free Medical Clinic to help support costs for those who need medical assistance that is not affordable. LCBS chose H.D. Youth Center which provides a safe place to go as well as food to under-privileged youth. Last year, the event raised over \$5,000



to taste the various chilies and vote for your favorite. Additional vote tickets for the People's Choice award will be available for 50 cents each. The club receiving the most votes will receive a plaque and their club's charity will receive 51% of the proceeds from the event; the runner-up club 49% of the proceeds for their charity. Chili Challenge contestants are members of the two clubs and each brings their own special chili and booth decorations to share. There will be up to 30 chilies for tasting. Advance tickets are available for \$6 through February 28 by calling; Steve Springer at 395-9516, or Keith Wright at 573-5153. Tickets at the door are \$7. Celebrity Judges will be on hand to taste and vote on the Best Chili. The club receiving a majority of judge's votes for the Best Chili will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for their club. A Silent Auction will again be featured at this year's event. All monies raised from the auction will be included in the donations to charities. Thanks in advance for your support



for these two fine organizations. Over \$35,000 has been raised and donated to local charities in the first 10 years of the event's existence. You're invited to attend



Miracles & Demons Eddie Turner

Northern Blues July 13, 2010

Miracles and Demons, the third solo release from Eddie (Devilboy) Turner is a pure unadulterated bluesy treat, but it's not what one would call a traditional blues album. Strong rhythmic beats, smoky vocals, heady and psychedelic lyrics, fantastic guitar playing and a great backup band are all attributes which make this CD quite pleasurable. Miracles and Demons starts off with "Booty Bumpin'", a high energy blues rock selection and escorts the listener through the remainder of the thirteen track labyrinth of sound and emotions.

'Say', kick-started with a slow countrified slide guitar, evolves into a funky jam about the pain that goes along with a sudden breakup. Turner sings, 'Why don't you say? Why don't you say? My tears are falling .. My tears are falling from the sky'. This is definitely a favorite.

Lightening up the mood a bit with "Monkey See, Monkey Do", Turner shows off his fun side. Then, just when one thinks they know the direction in which the musical vehicle they are riding is heading, Turner takes a hard left and pulls the listener into a jazzy nightclub for "In the Morning". This is the perfect companion piece to Van Morrison's "Moondance".

Title tracks "Miracles and Demons" and "Miracles and Demons (part 2)" are the closure points of each half of the album. The former, clocking in at just a bit over two minutes, is the thinner half and is a bit more raw. The later, more echoic, sports heavier guitar and more production effect.

I have got so much enjoyment from listening to Miracles and Demons, Eddie Turner has now been added to my list of favorite artists. eddiedevilboy.com.

— Phil Smith

Parlor City Pub

Jeff Taylor and the local all-stars lay it down!

Photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



Pictured here is Jeff Taylor on keyboard, Tim Razor on bass and the "Daddy-O" Dennis McMurrin on guitar, of course.



"Bebe Larue", pictured above with husband, Tim Razor on bass, sings with the band at Parlor City.



Pictured here Eric Douglas on drums, Tom "the Great One" Giblin on keyboards, Jeff Taylor on keyboard, Tim Razor on bass, The Daddy-O and Skeeter Lewis on sax. Notice Gibby doing the Parlor City Shuffle!



Jeff teaches music in a middle school in south Boston. He teaches guitar and keyboards. He and the band director have over half the kids in the entire school enrolled in music education, so it must be one of the rockinest schools around. He was back in Cedar Rapids over Christmas break, and might be back again next summer when school is out.

The Mike & Rob Show

Cold night-hot music at Gilligan's

photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



Pictured top left are Julie Thompson and Mike Williams. Top right, Julie Thompson. Bottom right; Rob Wallace. Bottom right; Mike & Rob.

The Mike and Rob show is usually Mike Williams and Rob Wallace. On this cold night at Gilligan's, Julie Thompson joined in as she does a couple times a month.

They played a few tunes totally unplugged, including a rendition of "Bad Angel" by Dierks Bentley, including a chorus of Julie's friends.

Mike and Rob have been playing together steadily in the area for about seven years, and have known each other for over twenty years. They frequently play in Coralville, Brandon, Shellsburg and other area towns in addition to Cedar Rapids.

Mike is originally from Riverside, moving to Cedar Rapids about twenty five years ago to attend Kirkwood. He has also played in the area in the Vanguard Jazz Collective and Electric Mule. By the time you read this, Mike will have already played his 50th Birthday gig at Parlor City on January 25.

Julie Thompson also plays in Bad Girl, No Biscuit.

You can find Mike and Rob's calendar in the LCBS Bluespaper and in the weekly LCBS BluesBlast e-mail.

For those over 50

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Don Kirshner

Don Kirshner — "the man with the golden ear," as Time magazine famously described him — died Monday, January 10, of heart failure at the age of 76.

Mr. Kirshner was best known for hosting the television show "Don Kirshner's Rock Concert" in the '70s and early '80s. He also managed the songwriting talent behind the hit television series "The Monkees" and "The Archie Show." His first major success came in the late 1950s, when he became co-owner of Aldon Music with Al Nevin; there he discovered the likes of Neil Sedaka, singer of "Breaking Up is Hard to Do."

"This was not just a song guy, this was a man who created the cornerstones of American pop music as we know it today," singer Tony Orlando told the Associated Press. "Without Donny Kirshner, the music we know of today would not be the same. He was a game-changer."

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Local Music 2011

February Calendar

Tue. 1	Parlor City	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 2	Parlor City	McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Thur. 3	J.M. O'Malley's Shuey's	DDog & BBits, 9-1 Mike & Rob Show, 7-10PM
Fri. 4	The Hub Checkers Tavern City Beat Muddy Waters Ernie's	The Blue Band, 6-9:30PM Sun Dogs, 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 John Resch & Detroit Blues, Bettendorf 9P McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9PM
Sat. 5	Fire House Odie's, Ely Rumors Yacht Club, IC Shuey's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 Not A Clue jam, 4-8PM Daddy-O McMurrin 10PM Crystal City w/ Unknown Component
Tue. 8	Parlor City	Daddy-O McMurrin, 8-11PM
Thur. 10	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern Cooter's, CR	Gibby Jams with friends, 9-1 Bryce Janey & Johnson, 7-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM
Fri. 11	Waterloo Center Checkers Tavern Leo's Gen. Loun Big Daddy's Chrome Horse	The Blue Band, fund raiser 7PM MARU, 9PM Bruce Bearinger, acoustic McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Funk Daddies
Sat.12	Fire House Cooter's Jerseys Chrome Horse	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Mike & Rob Show, 7-11PM Bryce Janey Group w/ Dan Johnson, 9PM Flock of Funk
Sun. 13	Mahoney's Parlor City Pub	John Wayne & The Pain, 6PM Henhouse Prowlers
Tue. 15	Parlor City	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 16	Sammy's, CR	Mike & Rob Show, 8-12
Thur. 17	J.M. O'Malley's Prime Time, CR Shuey's	Gibby Jams with friends, 9-1 Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM Lady Lowe
Fri. 18	Checkers Tavern Beaver Creek, CR	McMurrin & Johnson Band, 9P Mike & Rob Show, 7-11PM
Sat. 19	Fire House Moose Lodge, CR Screaming Eagle Shuey's Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Mike & Rob Show, 4:30-6:30PM Skeeter Lewis All Stars w/ Erickson 9:30PM JC Project EMC, 8:30-12:30
Sun. 20	Mahoney's Cooter's, CR	McMurrin & Johnson (Funky Posse) 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 5-8PM
Mon. 21	George's, IC	CannonSaul, Kilowatt & White Tornado 8PM
Tue. 22	Parlor City	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 24	J.M. O'Malley's Cooter's, CR	Billy Janey & Dan Johnson, 9-1 Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM
Fri. 25	Checkers Tavern Leo's Gen. Loun Eagles Club	Twist & Shout, 9PM Joe & Vicki Price, blues McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Sat. 26	Fire House The Red Frog Shuey's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Mike & Rob Show
Sun. 27	Mahoney's Parlor City Pub	Andy Frasco, 6PM Danika Holmes

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!
Tue. - Gibby's Lab Jam, Parlor City, 8-11PM
Thur. -J.M.O'Malley's-T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest



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Mississippi Delta

This refers to the northwest region of Mississippi that lies between the Mississippi River and the Yazoo River. This section of the South, heavily populated by black sharecroppers and tenant farmers in the early twentieth century, is commonly associated with the birth of the blues.

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TICKETS START AT \$30

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SUN, MARCH 27, 4PM
JOHN MAYALL WITH SHEMEKIA COPELAND

A pioneering English blues singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist, Mayall's musical career spans over fifty years. He was the founder of John Mayall & the Bluesbreakers and has been influential in the careers of many instrumentalists, including Eric Clapton, Jack Bruce, John McVie, Mick Fleetwood, Mick Taylor, Harvey Mandel, Larry Taylor and Andy Fraser.

Shemekia Copeland is already a force to be reckoned with in the blues. Heir to the rich tradition of soul-drenched divas like Ruth Brown and Etta James, Copeland's shot at the eventual title of Queen of the Blues is pretty clear. By some standards, she may already be there.



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