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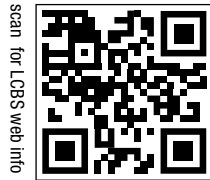


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That ain't workin'

Get down in the Irish District!

2nd Annual Irish District Music & Arts Festival

Tom Erger

Ready for some early summer fun? Get on down to Cedar Rapids' historic Irish District on June 11, 2011 for an afternoon and evening of live music, dance performances, art, food, games, and fun for the whole family at the Second Annual Irish District Music and Arts Festival. This annual outdoor festival is designed to celebrate a great Cedar Rapids neighborhood, and to offer support as it becomes a stronger and better community in which



Perry Welsch

to live, work, and play.

The Festival kicks off at 1 pm at the historic Shores Central Park Building at 700 Sixteenth Avenue NE in Cedar Rapids and rocks on until 9 pm, with some fabulous neighborhood after parties to follow at Mahoney's CR and J.M. O'Malley's. Proceeds from the Festival will benefit the music program at Polk Elementary School and go toward purchasing new choir uniforms.

Come on outside and breathe in the sweet summer air while you groove to the soulful Chicago sounds of Bumpus, dig the fusion jazz of Dr. Z's Experiment, marvel at the campfire mystique of Useful Jenkins and, of course, take a big juicy bite of the Blues in the form of the Cedar Rapids' All-Star Rhythm and Blues Revue, featuring Dennis McMurrin and Bryce Janey on guitars and vocals, Tom "T-Bone" Giblin on keyboards, and the world class rhythm section of Dan Johnson and Eric Douglas. You'll be up and shaking your booty in no time at all.

In between main stage acts, you'll enjoy marching bands, dance troupes, and other live performances. Local (and not so local) vendors will be creating, showing, and selling their arts and crafts right on the Festival grounds. Food from neighborhood eateries will be available for purchase on the site.

This is a family friendly event - bring your lawn chair, bring your cooler (no glass please), bring the kids — our low ticket price (\$5 per person — and kids 12 and under accompanied

by an adult get in free) means you can spend an hour or spend the day — whatever suits your schedule. There will be games and activities for kids and adults alike. The event goes on rain or shine under our big circus tent.

Get on down to this magnificent get-down in the Irish District! And check us out at irishdistrictfest.com or on Facebook at Irish District Music & Arts Festival.



Stewart Prince
1948-2010

This past holiday season, a longtime friend to the Cedar Rapids music scene passed away in his home with his wife and friends around him. Stew would often show up at gigs with his camera around his neck and a couple of harps in his pocket and always a big smile on his face. He was one of those selfless kind hearted persons who would do anything to help a friend or for that matter anyone who needed a hand. When Stew became ill and didn't have medical insurance he became "our cause" at last year's first annual Irish District Music & Arts Fest even though he hated the idea of taking something he didn't earn. We are truly proud to have been able to call him our friend.



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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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

new lcbs site coming!

The Reverend Frank Wilson



The very Irreverent Frank Wilson

Linn County Blues Society has retained a new webmaster, Mr. John Shultz. He'll be taking over the design and administration of the LCBS web site, www.lcbs.org. Many of you will recognize John as one of our local musicians. He plays keyboards with The Beaker Brothers, The John Shultz Organization, The John Shultz Trio, Big and Easy, and The Saints Dixieland Band. In his non-musical life, John is immersed in web applications.

One of the first things John will be working on is improving the LCBS calendar of events. The LCBS calendar is available in 3 forms; (1) printed in the monthly BluesPaper, which is mailed to our members, distributed free through local outlets, and available free from the web as a download at www.lcbs.org, (2) sent in our weekly BluesBlast e-mail to our members, and (3) viewable on our web page at www.lcbs.org.

Space limitations in the BluesPaper require our newsletter editor, the esteemed Evan Vulich, to trim the events to fit one column. This requires us to sometimes omit some events. Our first priority is to include local blues events in the BluesPaper. It is hard line to draw sometimes. However, we wish to support ALL the LIVE music venues and the great bands they hire.

As we improve our calendar, we hope to include a wider variety of genres, bands, and venues, in the non-BluesPaper

formats. We also hope to make our calendar more current, keeping up with late breaking events. We often are notified of changes and additions to our weekly BluesBlast e-mail after it comes out, to say nothing of additions to our monthly BluesPaper calendar during the month.

We'd like to know what you want to see in the LCBS calendar. We can't promise to do everything everybody wants (that's for politicians), but we'll try to make the calendar work for you. Wider geographic area, like Iowa City or Waterloo? Maybe occasional events in "the big city"? Want to know when Polka Night is? (I threw that in for Evan's benefit; don't even ask.) Want to know when national blues act tours get near Eastern Iowa? Have comments on how you get the calendar?

If you have any comments or suggestions or ideas for improving the LCBS calendar, please send them to me at president@lcbs.org. If you would rather talk than type, send along your contact information and when you are available, and I'll return your call.

We're excited to have John Shultz with us now, and are looking forward to improvements to the LCBS calendar of events.

Remember to say hi to the Rev when you see him.

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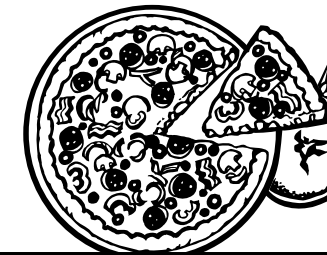


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Contact us on the web at lcbs.org. Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!

Local Music 2011


May Blues Calendar

Sun. 1 ★	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Riverside Casino Mahoney's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends OSG, 9 piece Soul, Funk, R&B 6-10PM Not A Clue, 2-5PM Jet Edison, 6-10PM
Tue. 3	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 5	J.M. O'Malley's	Gibby Jams with friends, 9-1
Fri. 6	Checkers Tavern The Blue Note RIBCO, Rock Is. Parlor City Pub Tailgators, CR	Kevin Burt Trio, 9PM Craig Erickson & Electric Trio, Marshalltown, 9-1 John Resch & Detroit Blues, 9-1 The Janey's Band, 9PM Electric Mule, 9-1
Sat. 7	The Fire House Sub City, CR Shakespear's Bar Bluebird Diner, IC	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Bob Dorr & Jeff duo. Feed the Poor, 6-9PM The Beaker Brothers, 9-1. Iowa City Blue Midnight Trio, 8-11PM
Sun. 8	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub City Beat Mahoney's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Brainchildren, Jazz/Funk 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 Dr. Z's Experiment, 6-10PM
Tues. 10	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 11	Parlor City Pub	McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Thur. 12	J.M. O'Malley's	Jason Christianson & Dan Johnson, 9-1
Fri. 13	Leo's Gen. Lounge Checkers Tavern Chrome Horse Campbell-Steele Scooter's	Doug Rees, Acoustic 9PM Triple Shot, 9PM Funk Daddies w/ Craig Erickson, 6-10PM Bryce Janey Group & Dan Johnson 7PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12, Anamosa
Sat. 14	The Fire House Prime Time Ernie's, Houby Sammy's Rumors Duma's, Marion	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Craig Erickson's Electric Trio, 9-1 McMurrin & Johnson Band/ Skeeter 3-6PM Bryce Janey Group w/ Dan Johnson 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 4-7PM Mike & Rob Show, 9-1
Sun. 15	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Cooter's, CR Mahoney's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Meerkats, rock 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM Clean Livin', 6-10PM
Mon. 16	George's Buffet	CannonSaul, Kilowatt & White Tornado, 8PM
Tues. 17	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 19	J.M. O'Malley's Daniel Arthurs	DDog & The BBits, 9-1 Craig Erickson solo, 8-10PM
Fri. 20	Lincoln Wine Bar Johnson School Rumors Cedar Ridge Winery	Craig Erickson solo, 7-10PM McMurrin & Johnson Band, 5-7PM Not A Clue Band, 9PM Bryce Janey solo, Swisher, 6-9PM
Sat. 21	The Fire House Pitchers Big Daddies, CR Parlor City Pub Speakeasy	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Bryce Janey hosts open mic, 8:30PM Mike & Rob Show, 4-7PM EMC, 8:30-12:30 Sumpin' Doo, blues, 8-12 Newton, IA
Sun. 22	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Moose Lodge	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Heath Allan Band, Jam, roots & blues 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 5-8PM
Mon. 23	Polk School	McMurrin & Johnson Band w/ Skeeter, 1-3P
Tue. 24	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's lab jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 26	J.M. O'Malley's	Jeremy Jacobs w/ Dan Johnson, 9-1

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

Fri. 27	Leo's Lounge Jumers Eagles The Hub City Beat	Brad Myers, Acoustic 9PM Funk Daddies w/ Craig Erickson, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM Beaker Brothers, 6-9PM Cedar Falls Mike & Rob Show, 8-12
Sat. 28	The Fire House Jumers Parlor City Pub So. Main Events	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Funk Daddies w/ Craig Erickson, 8-12 The Beaker Brothers, 8-12 Bryce Janey solo, Monticello, 8PM
Sun. 29 ★	N. Liberty Blues Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Cooter's, CR	Blue Band, 7:30-9:30P. Blues & BBQ Skeeter Lewis jams with friends Flock of Funk w/ Billy D 6-10PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM



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The LCBS now meets on the 1st Monday of each month. See you at the Longbranch on May 2, 6:30PM for the LCBS general meeting.

Guests are welcome!
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• J.M. O'Malley's, 9-1	• Mahoney's Irish Pub

*Caldonia, Caldonia! What makes your big head so hard?
— BB King, Lowell Fulson*

Lacy Gibson 1936-2011

Alligator Records

Famed Chicago bluesman Lacy Gibson died on April 11, 2011 as a result of a heart attack. Known for his sophisticated, jazz-influenced guitar style and robust vocals, Gibson was a musician's musician. His rich, flashy guitar style was featured in dozens of bands, including those of Son Seals, Otis Rush, Willie Dixon, Jimmy Reed, Billy "The Kid" Emerson, Billy Boy Arnold, Sun Ra and many others.



Born on May 1, 1936 in Salisbury, North Carolina, Gibson headed to Chicago with his family in 1949. He gravitated to the city's blues scene, where he met Willie Dixon, Matt "Guitar" Murphy, Sunnyland Slim and Muddy Waters, learning directly from the masters. By the mid-1960s, Gibson was an in-demand session player for local labels, including Chess, where he worked with Buddy Guy and sang My Love Is Real with Buddy on guitar. He cut two 45s for the tiny Repetto label in 1968, one of which also features Guy on guitar. His first LP, Wishing Ring, was released on his brother-in-law Sun Ra's El Saturn label in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Ann Gibson, son Erte Lacy Shaffer, daughters Coronto Shaffer, Synphia Shaffer, Verdonna Shaffer, B.B. Gibson, Tamika Gibson, 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

LCBS donates KCCK fund drive

Andy Dergo models his Douglas Jackson T-Shirt while fielding calls during the Smooth Brunch.



Linn County Blues Society contributed \$100 each for the 'Da Friday Blues with John Heim and 'Da Blues with Bob DeForest, during KCCK's Spring Membership Drive April 15 and 16, 2011. Former President Andy Dergo helped on-air with the fund drive with Big Mo's Friday night show and the Smooth Brunch with Doug Jackson on Saturday. Current LCBS President Frank Wilson sat in with Bob DeForest and Gordon Paulsen on Saturday night. LCBS members stepped up the plate to help KCCK achieve their goals for both Friday and Saturday blues shows.

The First Annual Masonic Scholarship Concert

Clear Creek Amana Middle School
311 W Marengo Rd, Tiffin, IA.
Saturday, **May 7th** - Doors open at 2:30pm - Music starts at 3:00pm
Tickets are **\$10.00** in advance
\$12.00 at the door.
For tickets, contact Justin Matthews at (319-430-2045) or Bruce Dolder (319-530-3537).
Tickets are also available at Clear Creek Amana High School and CCA Middle School in Tiffin, Iowa.

★ **Performing artists:**
Ethan Huebner & Gabe Green,
Chloe Chabal, Mike Ryan,
Armor of God Youth Ministries Band,
Nikki Lunden and Gary Gibson.



Pick of the Month

Marcia Ball Roadside Attractions Alligator Records

Release date March 29, 2011

We've been listening to Marcia Ball for a long time and have developed expectations. 'Roadside Attractions' scratches all those itches with a twist or two. The biggest change is that she's either written or co-written all twelve tunes. It's her best hook-hangin', sadder but wiser, rockin' the boogie, sweet and soulful, funky barbeque recording yet. It's all stirred up and served with that rollin' piano and a voice that's still strong with the depth of years, humor, and experience shining through. This CD sounds like Marcia Ball's musical cross-section of Americana and a joyous journey by bus through the small places on the road that will always exist and should be celebrated. It's a wonderful album and I'll bet you'll think so, too. Guaranteed.

— John Heim a.k.a. "Big Mo"



Campbell-Steele Gallery hosts the Blue Band

Parents, do you know where your children are?

Photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



*No adult supervision was present.

Bob Dorr of the Blue Band, takes his life in his hands and goes wireless in to the crowd at the Campbell Steele Gallery for the Marion in The Uptown District (MUD) on April 15.



Bob Dorr leads the Blue Band at Campbell Steele Gallery for the Marion in The Uptown District (MUD). Left to Right; Heath Allan Pattschull on sax, Al Naylor on trumpet, Mark Linda on bass, Stev Hayes on drums, Ralph Stevens on washboard and Jeff Petersen on lead guitar.

The Blue Band, one of Eastern Iowa's oldest continuously performing (!) bands performed at Campbell Steele Gallery in Marion Iowa, for a night of Music in the MUD (Marion Uptown District) on Friday April 15th. The Blue Band is rapidly approaching their 30th Anniversary June 10, 2011. During the evening, front man Bob Dorr announced that he is the second youngest in the current lineup, and that the band formed shortly after Iowa became a state!

The Campbell Steele Gallery is a unique venue for an evening listening to The Blue Band's original and cover blues, soul, rockabilly, and rhythm and blues grooves. The gallery often hosts live music in their Music in the MUD series, with several more events scheduled this spring and fall. You can find their calendar of events at campbellsteele.com. The evening in the gallery was enhanced by their art as well as a selection of wines, beers, and cheese plates. Very uptown for a blues gig.

Al Naylor performed a solo on the duck call, and demonstrated some original choreography for the band. Heath Alan Pattschull drove over from Des Moines to treat us with his tasty saxophone licks. One of the evening's highlights was Bob Dorr performing an extended harp solo with his wireless pickup while walking and dancing with the crowd in the entire gallery. Bob was seen dancing with several of the local shop owners that evening. The members of the Blue Band this evening were, Heath Alan Pattschull: Sax, Al Naylor: Trumpet (and duck call), Steve Hayes: Drums, Bob Dorr: vocals and harp, Mark Linda: Bass, and Jeff Petersen: Guitar-Also, Ralph Stephens sat in Washboard.

"To Larry Fine; Hey, Porcupine, come here!" — Moe Howard

South Skunk SOS answered!

Photos by Elaine Mattingly



From L to R; Johnny "Juke" Mattingly on keyboard, Gary Gibson from Cedar Rapids on lead guitar and Bob Mays from Cedar Rapids on bass guitar. In the back is Jim "Sticks" Robinson on drums. raising funds for the South Skunk Blues Society at the First Avenue Speakeasy in Newton, IA.

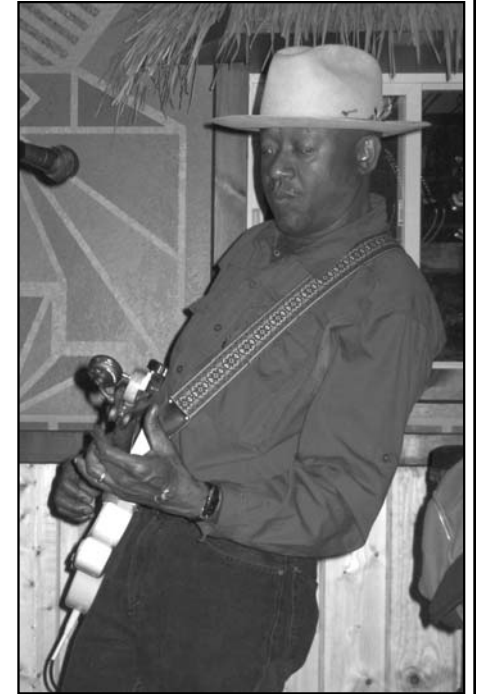
A great meeting of Linn County & South Skunk Blues Society musicians at First Avenue Speakeasy in downtown Newton Saturday, April 9th. Gary Gibson brought his ever-present, enthusiastic, hard-driving blues chops. Bob Mays brought his blue funk (as well as his cool tasseled wingtips); Newton Skunk's John Mattingly (keys) and Jim "Sticks" Robinson rounded out the quartet to turn up the heat—all to a very appreciative and large crowd who laid their bucks down to buy memberships and raffle tickets to help the South Skunk Blues Society fund another Bowl Full of Blues.

The term "the blues" refers to the "blue devils", meaning melancholy and sadness; an early use of the term in this sense is found in George Colman's one-act farce Blue Devils (1798). Though the use of the phrase in African-American music may be older, it has been attested to since 1912, when Hart Wand's "Dallas Blues" became the first copyrighted blues composition. In lyrics the phrase is often used to describe a depressed mood.

Rolling Stone member, Brian Jones, is rumoured to have fathered six illegitimate children. Say it isn't so!

Charlie Morgan Winter Bash

Photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



Charlie Morgan on lead guitar

Charlie Morgan and "The Best Blues Guys Around" appeared at Chappy's Safari on Saturday, April 2, 2011. This event was billed as "Claytonian Winter Bash". Also, the band has been known by another name, which Charlie said "Some of the wives don't like." So we'll leave it at that.

The band includes Dave Bader on bass, Butch O'Connell on drums, Tom Giblin on keys, and Scott Larson on guitar, and is led by Charlie Morgan also on guitar. In Dave Bader's words, "We are a pretty casual, traditional blues band". The band was really on that night, and kept the dance floor full until the last set.

I remember them playing "Goin' Down" and "Let it Roll" by Cedar Rapids own Stephen Miller. I must have not been paying very close attention to not remember more of the songs played.

About the "Claytonian Winter Bash" name, also from Dave Bader, "this group of guys plays every August up in Clayton, Iowa for the Claytonian Golf and Poker Seminar, an intellectual retreat that has been going on for over 20 years now. Usually we get the leading Claytonian intellectuals together in mid winter for a little bash – we were a little late getting the winter bash together this year." So, intellectual blues in late winter.

Check the LCBS schedule for their upcoming gigs. If you are interested in casual, traditional, intellectual blues, you really want to catch Charlie and The Best Blues Guys Around.

Legion Arts X
legionarts.org

LCBS Education Chair, Gary Gibson will be performing a Blues In The Schools program at the 4 Oaks Bridge School on Friday, May 13.

Considered by many to be one of the top electric Blues guitarist in the Midwest. Gibson got his first guitar and played his first gig when he was just 13 and hasn't put it down for 47 years. Gibson has been active with the Linn County Blues Society for the last 8 years. He now teaches Guitar/Music at Kirkwood Community College and still has some time to perform.

Gibson has been nominated for both the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame and the Iowa Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. He is also recognized by the Memphis Blues Foundation as a BITS educator in residence.

"Love Jordyn, Love Life Benefit" Sunday, May 15

featuring Kevin Burt at 11am, Nikki Landon at 12:30pm and Nassor Cooper at 1:30pm in New Bo Park-free admission. The concert that follows is at Chrome Horse Saloon 4pm, features; Milk & Eggs, Dave Moore and William Elliot Whitmore-Tickets:\$10.

All proceeds go to the Jordyn Gourley family.