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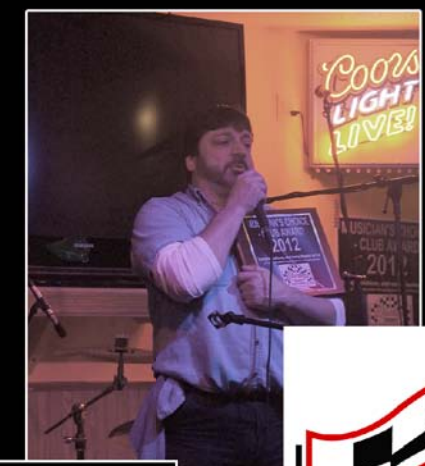
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**Bobby D celebrates 20 years at KCCK!**

**New Band Alert!**  
**Meet The Press w/ John Resch & Brass Transit Authority.**  
**Both bands at Parlor City Pub this month!**



Some great photos inside this issue!

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  - Midnight Blues CD

## 2 Blues shows coming to CSPS! Kelly Joe Phelps & Pieta Brown

Todd Kimm



January 13/7PM



January 18/8PM

**K**elly Joe Phelps, also known as the "The Phantom Monk of Folk-Blues," over the past 17 years of recording and touring, has been talked about as much for his passionate, spirit-driven, lone-wolf musical ways as for the inventiveness of his playing and singing. Using the blues as a palette and his songs as a canvas, each performance is an original improvisation. According to Popmatters, "Phelps speaks directly to your soul. If that isn't the stuff of legends, I don't know what is."

Since his debut album, *Lead Me On*, came out in 1994, the Pacific Northwest-based singer/songwriter has written and performed some of the most compelling slide guitar-based music ever recorded. Though he spent his early years playing free jazz, he has never strayed far from the roots music world that has become his passion.

"Kelly Joe Phelps plays, sings and writes the blues," says Steve Earle. "...I'm talking about a feeling, a smoky, lonesome, painful -- yet somehow comforting groove that lets you know that you are not alone -- even when you're blue. Play on brother."

Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$17 at the door. CSPS is located at 1103 Third St. SE, Cedar Rapids. More information and tickets are available at [legionarts.org](http://legionarts.org) or by calling 319-364-1580.

**T**he one and only Pieta Brown, not easily categorized, her music is a unique blend of alt-country, folk, blues and indie-rock.

Pieta's voice is one that demands attention without rattling the cage-- soft, seductive, bearing the flickering ghost of a Southern drawl.

The daughter of two preachers' kids, Brown spent her childhood in Iowa and Alabama amidst a broken but very musical family. During her bare-bones bohemian upbringing in Iowa there was no electricity or running water. Pieta was exposed to traditional and rural folk music through her father, two-time Grammy nominee Greg Brown. After leaving home, Pieta lived a rambling lifestyle that found her wandering from the sprawling American Southwest to the teeming Northeast. Each locale left its mark on her musically, accounting for an artist who brings together the unvarnished humility of Loretta Lynn, the frank rock punch of P.J. Harvey, the country sass and poetry of Neko Case, the urbane sophistication of Rickie Lee Jones, and the soulful Southern grit of Bobbie Gentry, while coloring it all with a deep, abiding saturation in folk and blues that's beyond her years.

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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. Website: [lcbs.org](http://lcbs.org)

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She took the midnight train goin' anywhere.

## Rev Rants New Year, New People!

"Reverend" Frank Wilson



New Year, New People

It's a new year, and time to reflect on some recent changes at LCBS.

First, some overdue recognition to my predecessor as President, Andy Dergo. I had the privilege at Bluesmore 2013 to present Andy with a plaque recognizing Andy's many years of service to the Linn County Blues Society. Andy served as president of LCBS for a number of years and after that, served as our Merchandise Chairman. Having been in office myself for two years now, I realize it is fun working for LCBS, but there are times it takes a little extra effort to attend to the responsibilities of office instead of merely enjoying an event. But Andy was not content to just sit back and let the rest of us carry the load at LCBS. About a year after leaving office as President, Andy stepped back in to serve as one of our Directors. It is helpful to me to have Andy's

experience, ideas and devotion to LCBS on our Board. One of Andy's contributions is the gift baskets LCBS donate to the annual Chili Challenge with the Isle of Iowa. We will have more to tell you about the 2013 Chili Challenge next month. Be aware that he is gathering some primo blues CD's and other items for the silent auction. Last year he started including festival tickets to Bluesmore and other Iowa Blues Festivals. Watch for this; it's a real bargain. And the proceeds go to the HD Youth Center.

More recently, Sue Dergo decided it was time to pass the torch as Treasurer of LCBS. Sue recently retired from her day job at Rockwell Collins, and decided it was time to step down from office in LCBS, too. When I asked her how long she had been in that office, she was just stumped. It has been so long that none of us could remember when Sue was not the Treasurer. Fortunately, we were able to railroad recruit a successor for Sue as Treasurer. Bill Graham has been coming to our Board meetings on and off for a couple years now. Bill has worked with some of the other organizations around town, including the New Bo Festival. When the call went out for a new Treasurer, Bill stepped up. And we really appreciate it. The Treasurer is one of those jobs that just HAS to be done every month. You don't see the BluesPaper unless the printing bill gets paid. People would notice that.

Nearby you will see a photo of the "passing of the checkbook" from Sue to Bill when we transferred the LCBS bank accounts to his name. Why do you suppose Sue has such a big grin, and Bill seems to have a somewhat smaller grin?

KCCK Trip to New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival April 24-29

KCCK is sponsoring a trip to the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival Jazz

Fest this year. You can find details about the tour elsewhere in this BluesPaper, or at [KCCK.org](http://KCCK.org). And they have invited LCBS members to come along. KCCK has offered that if LCBS members join KCCK with a minimum donation of \$10, you go for the "member price". Pay \$10 to save \$50. Sounds like a great deal to the Rev. "Bobby D" DeForest, host of KCCK's "Da Blues" on Saturday nights, and long time Director of LCBS, goes to The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest every year. That has to tell you something.

We have a brand new year, and brand new opportunities to see live blues music in our area. The Rev will be making a resolution to lose a couple of pounds. Why don't you make a resolution to see a live show or two, and remember to say hi to the Rev.

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Contact us on the web at [lcbs.org](http://lcbs.org). Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!

# Local Music 2013

## January Blues Calendar

Tue. 1	Parlor City Pub	Bryce Janey hosts Jam 8-11PM
Wed. 2	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 3	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12 Bryce Janey, 8-11PM Gibby's birthday!
Fri. 4	Parlor City Pub Cedar Riv Landing	Brass Transit Authority, 9-1. NEW BAND! Billy Janey Band w/ Dan Johnson 9PM
Sat. 5	Village Market Parlor City Pub Yacht Club, IC Leo's Gen. Lounge Shuey's	Kevin Burt w/ Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Silver Wings, 8-12 Johnny Kilowatt & Bermuda Report 9PM Drivel, acoustic rock, 8PM Jordan Bergren
Sun. 6	Beaver Creek Mr. B's Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM McMurrin & Johnson, 4-7PM Meet The Press, 6-10PM NEW BAND!
Wed. 9	Shuey's Checkers Tavern	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson, 7-10PM
Thur. 10	J.M. O'Malley's	Jason LeRoy Band, 8-12
Fri. 11	Leo's Gen. Lounge Parlor City Pub The Hub	Kevin Burt, acoustic blues, 8PM The Janey's, 9PM Blue Band, Bob's birthday! 6PM Cedar Falls
Sat. 12	Village Market Mr. B's	Craig Erickson/Dan Johnson 11-2PM Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson, 8-12
Sun. 13	CSPS Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub	Kelly Joe Phelps, blues, 7PM legionarts.org Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live music, 6PM
Wed. 16	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 17	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub Shuey's	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM Mike & Rob show
Fri. 18	CSPS	Pieta Brown, 8PM legionarts.org
Sat. 19	Village Market Java Creek Shuey's The 503 Cocktails	Gayla Drake & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Gayla Drake & Dan Johnson, 7-10PM Rockabilly Throwdown The Blue Band, Iowa Falls, 503 Estes St. 9PM Brass Transit Authority, 9-1
Sun. 20	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live music, 6PM
Tue. 22	Parlor City Pub	Craig Erickson hosts Jam 8-11PM
Wed. 23	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 24	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub	Billy Janey Trio, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Fri. 25	Leo's Gen. Lounge Cedar Ridge Wine Lincoln Wine Bar	Beau Timmerman, acoustic, 8PM Jason LeRoy & Dan Johnson, 6-9PM The Blue Midnight Trio, Mt. Vernon 7-10PM
Sat. 26	Village Market Rumors Shuey's	Jason LeRoy & Dan Johnson duo, 11-2PM The VibraCats, 4-8PM Magnetos
Sun. 27	Beaver Creek Parlor City Pub Mr. B's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends 4-8PM Live music, 6PM Jason LeRoy & Dan Johnson, 4-7PM
Wed. 30	Shuey's	BF Burt 6:30PM-8:30PM
Thur. 31	J.M. O'Malley's	Gibby jams with friends, 8-12

When the men on the chessboard get up and tell you where to go.  
And you've just had some kind of mushroom and your mind is moving low.  
Go ask Alice; I think she'll know.

**EVERY**

Sat. - Jason-Johnson Blues Duo, Village Meat Market  
Sun. - Parlor City Rocks New Bohemia District!  
Sun. - Beaver Creek - Skeeter Lewis Jams  
Wed. - Shuey's, beer tasting w/ Kevin Burt  
Thur. - J.M.O'Malley's, T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest, 9PM



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The LCBS meets on the 1st Monday of each month!  
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## Blues & Buffett Chili Challenge! Sunday, February 17, 2013

Steve Springer

Once again, it's Chili Contest time!! The weather is cooling off and the Chili is heating up. The 13th Annual Blues "N" Buffett Chili Challenge will be held on February 17 at the Marriott Hotel, 1200 Collins Road NE. Doors open at 1:00PM; live auction at 3:00, and door prizes at 3:45. Tickets are only \$8.00 advance and \$10.00 at the door. There will be over 24 chili recipes to test plus at least 6 in the professional division along with another great silent auction. Price is \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. All proceeds will again go to H.D. Youth Center and the Free Medical Clinic. There will be celebrity judges, including local television and radio personalities who will taste and vote on the Overall Best Chili as well as Best Chili in one of four categories.

The event is growing every year which equates to even more donations to our charities. All contestants representing the Linn County Blues Society must be active members. Past contestants have first chance to participate, but as of now we may have a couple of openings. The Committee also needs volunteers to help the day of the event. So, please consider this request a "Call to Arms" to LCBS. Let's all pitch in and help the event grow even larger. Please contact Steve Springer at 319-395-9516 or email at steves@mchsi.com if you would like to be a contestant or volunteer.

We are proud to announce that the 10 LCBS members signed up to represent the LCBS are ALL veterans from previous years, so brew up your Chili and JOIN THE TEAM. We have spots for 2 more. See you at the event!

Go to blues-buffett.com and there you can buy tickets on line. Or simply Google "Blues "n" Buffett Chili Challenge".



Marcy Pease, last year's LCBS Peoples' Choice



Longtime LCBS supporter and Quad Cities Blues man John Resch brings his new rock band, Meet the Press, to Parlor City Pub and Eatery, 1125 3rd St S.E. Cedar Rapids on Sunday January 6 from 6-10pm. John Resch gained fame initially as bass player and lead singer with Shane Johnson's Blue Train and later with John Resch and the Detroit Blues. Stop down to Parlor City Pub to see Resch and the boys tearing up their original songs, 80's, 90's and current rock!



### Craig Chaquico

Blind Pig Records  
Release Date: October 16, 2012

### Fire Red Moon

Craig Chaquico, whose name is now more synonymous with jazz guitar and new age music, has decided to veer off his current path and venture down the blues highway for a while on his latest album, Fire Red Moon. The album is very guitar-centric, and pleasing to listen to. Mixing elements of his earlier rocking days with Jefferson Starship, with his new age styling, he's producing some interesting music. The band is composed of lead singer Rolf Hartley, drummer Wade Olson, bass player, Jim Reitzel and keyboardist, Bill Slais.

Kenny Wayne Shephard fans may recognize the voice on the opening track, 'Lie to Me', featuring special guest singer, Noah Hunt. His voice, deep and smooth, fits the song very well. 'Bad Woman', another of the seven original songs, is outstanding. Rolf Hartley's vocals show a huge range on this one, and if a dude can channel Janis Joplin, he just may have done that for this song. Also enjoyed is title track 'Fire Red Moon', a blues instrumental to 'zone out' to and appreciate.

'Born Under a Bad Sign', a total re-imagining of the original, seems more like a 'Muzak' or 'Weather channel' version than a blues song. It's all instrumental, and sounds almost as if it was created specifically to be used for background music. That's not the case on every song though, thank goodness. Chaquico raises the roof on Muddy Waters' 'Rollin' and Tumblin'. It rocks as it should.

The album closes out with a bang, covering Robert Johnson's 'Crossroads'. Opening with a little taste of slide guitar on top of some rattlesnake and wind sound effects, it breaks out and runs like Willie Brown 'til the end. This one is definitely my favorite cut. Chaquico throws his new age approaches to the side and plays this one specifically for the blues fans. Hartley shines on vocals as well. I hope Chaquico follows the blues path for a little while longer. It seems to fit him well.

— Phil Smith

I had a blues man in back and a beautician at the wheel.

# Musicians' Choice Club Award

## Checkers Tavern & Eatery takes round #1!

photos by Phil Smith



Why are all you people here?  
Do I owe you money?



Musicians' Choice Club Award

# Bob DeForest celebrates two decades of da blues!

## Another musical milestone

by Ric Holmquest reprinted courtesy of City Revealed / photo by Levi Zinser

Saturday January 5th 2013 marks another musical milestone in the remarkable career of KCCK Radio 88.3 personality Bob DeForest, his twenty year anniversary with the station. DeForest popularized the Saturday evening Da Blues radio show, and also hosts the stations Crawfish Circuit and Melting Pot.

DeForest is a founding member of the Linn County Blues Society, serving on the Entertainment Committee and as Director at Large. Bob maintains his musical knowledge with annual pilgrimages to the New Orleans Jazz Festival, the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival and as many individual live music events as possible. In 2008 DeForest was inducted into the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame, in good company with his friends Dennis "Daddy O" McMurrin and Catfish Keith.

Bobby D is a rare breed among radio personalities, having carte blanche to build each weekly program from start to finish. In an entertainment medium increasingly scrutinized and micro-managed by station owners and program managers, DeForest has total freedom to share the music he chooses with his audience. With his own extensive library of recordings and KCCK's vast collection, coupled with his amazing musical knowledge he is well empowered.

The process begins early each week with a large crate of music carefully selected from his home collection systematically making its way into the studio each Saturday night. DeForest estimates his current collection to include four thousand recordings on vinyl and another two thousand on compact disc. Bob then mines musical nuggets from the enormous library of digital recordings at the newly remodeled studio. The end result is a fun, diverse musical roller coaster ride with DeForest at the wheel.

It's a very cool vibe with the team at KCCK, evidenced by DeForest sharing "Bob Stewart and Dennis Green both do such a great job with the station and have been so incredibly supportive. They supply me with music and provide me with total freedom. Dennis invigorates the DJ's and has upped the ante with our community events. The station has been on the forefront of real-time documentation of content played. Gordon Paulson has been a big advocate of Da Blues and live shows, "with George Dorman always there to back me up with any technical issues".

KCCK General Manager, Dennis Green, shares "Bob is so much more than a DJ. No



Bob DeForest at the mic at KCCK

one is more supportive or passionate about the Blues. Anywhere you can hear good blues, chances are Bob is there. If he's not hosting or Master of Ceremonies, he's in the front row dancing and digging the grooves. He brings that same energy to his radio show. It's a Blues party every week for the last twenty years, and I hope he goes another twenty and more".

DeForest is generous in sharing his musical knowledge of the Blues, starting by providing informative presentations at each of the LCBS monthly meetings. Those presentations were the inspiration for Bob's award winning Blues Caravan program, another vehicle for DeForest to promote local musicians, and pass along his knowledge and history of the Blues.

Bob explains "Blues Caravan reached a larger audience by taking it right to the people", adding "it's particularly gratifying when the audience responds to my presentations of the Blues legends". The monthly program featured the best regional Blues bands from the Eastern Iowa Corridor appearing at a different venue each month. Blues Caravan was on the road for nine years and was responsible for a day of main stage entertainment at the Cedar Rapids BBQ Roundup two consecutive years.

DeForest also had a successful run as host of Mahoney's Irish Pub's Delicious Vinyl. It was all vinyl every Tuesday evening with Bob man-

ning the pub's two turntables, bringing in hundreds of records from his personal collection to share with the pub's audience. In 2002 Cedar Rapids Mayor Paul Pate proclaimed Saturday, April 6 as Da Blues 10th Anniversary Day in recognition of Bob's achievements, the Blues as one of the few indigenous American musical art forms and the stations impact on thousands of listeners.

Congratulations to Bob DeForest. Bob sums it all up simply with "it's been fun the last twenty years, and I hope the support from my listeners continues".

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