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# The Tomadoes, rollin' down the road to The Longbranch, for April 18 Blues Caravan



The Tomadoes have been ripping it up around Eastern Iowa for years, and always get the fans up and dancing wherever they go. The diversity of their musical repertoire is well-known and they'll satisfy the most demanding Blues aficionado Iowa can muster! Their CD, "Blowin' into Town," is a testament to this statement!

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# Walk & Dorr in Class of 2005 for Iowa Blues Hall of Fame



The Class of 2005 Iowa Blues Hall of Fame inductees have finally been announced! Both Fred Walk and Bob Dorr, nominees very familiar to the Linn County Blues scene, have been selected.

Fred Walk, of course, is the original guitarist for the famed Linn County band. Bob Dorr is the leader of The Blue Band as well as the long time DJ's voice of KUNI radio.

Also in this year's class are Steve George, singer with the Bob Pace Band, and Blues vocalist Joanne Jackson.

The induction ceremonies for the Class of 2005 will be Sunday, April 30, 2006 at Blues On Grand in Des Moines, the home of IBHOF. The doors will open at 3 PM and the festivities will kick off at 4 PM with live music by Chicago Rick's Iowa Blues Hall of Fame Revue, featuring IBHOF members George Davis, Gilbert Davis, and Harlan "Soul Man" Thomas.

The four inductees will be honored and will also perform with the band, followed by an All-Star Jam until 10 PM. The cover for this fantastic event will be \$10, which will include a full dinner provided by Jesse James of JJ Catering. A portion of the door proceeds will go to the new inductees.



Iowa Blues Hall of Fame Bob Dorr at the mike

To be eligible for the IBHOF, the person must have been performing music professionally 30 years or more prior to the induction date. They must be, or have been, rooted in a Blues genre. They must also have been born in Iowa or have held residence in the state at one time. Each nominating committee must provide proof or documentation of eligibility, along with bios, photographs and music samples of the Blues Hall of Fame nominees.

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# LCBS and KCCCK host daBlues-Apolooza 2006



By Jamie Gorecki, LCBS Staff Writer & Photographer

It was another hot time for Blues on a blustery winter day for this year's music-filled fund raiser daBlues-Apolooza on March 19.

Co-hosted by the Linn County Blues Society and Kirkwood Community College's Jazz/Blues radio station 88.3 KCCCK FM, this great event featured many local acts. The event was held at The Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center's ballroom.

Opening the show was the Tomadoes, the band that will be the feature act at the LCBS April Blues Caravan to be held at The Longbranch. Following them was a diverse variety of solo acts, acoustic and electric Blues, and a lot of good ol' jammin'! Local all-stars like Craig Erickson, BillyLee Janey, Dan "DJ" Johnson, Dave Bader, Bruce "the Gov" Chadima, Tommy "T-Bone" Giblin, and event organizer Gary Gibson were among the "jammers."

But one of the pleasant surprises was a set from the marching Dixieland Jazz band, Krewe Osgood, featuring KCCCK's DJ John "Big Mo" Heim on tuba!

KCCCK's Blues DJ Bobby DeForest was once again the elegant emcee. A silent auction was another treat that contributed to another successful money raising event. Many thanks to all who attended and participated.

*About the photos: Above left—Tom "T-Bone" Giblin & Gary Gibson; top right—Craig Erickson & BillyLee Janey; bottom right—Krewe Osgood featuring "Big Mo" on tuba.*



## Blues Power at Work for JDRF

By Jamie Gorecki, LCBS Staff Writer

The Linn County Blues Society proudly donated close to \$2,000 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's "Walk to Cure Diabetes" this February 25 at Westdale Mall in Cedar Rapids.

As of March 18, 2006, members of the LCBS, their friends and families, have raised a total of \$1,988 in our first year for this great cause. This total is well over our "estimated" goal of \$1,550. As a whole, the walk raised \$470,000.

As team leader and organizer, I dearly need to thank big time Chris Shroyer and Stephanie Giblin for all their help and support to get this "off the ground" this year. We hope to make this an annual event

that just keeps growing and growing every year. Special thanks go out to all the LCBS friends and family that took time out of their Saturday morning to walk and support the LCBS and JDRF.

This is just another reason why it's great to be part of an organization that believes in supporting great causes. Thanks to all those involved. I'm proud to be part of a club like the LCBS!

*Join the Linn County Blues Society  
in keeping the Blues alive in  
Eastern Iowa!  
Renew your membership and ask a friend to join!*



# Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge raises \$5,159!!!

By Jamie Gorecki, Staff Writer

We did it!!! The Linn County Blues Society (LCBS) and the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club (IIPHC) raised \$5,159 at their Sixth Annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge held on Sunday, February 26, at the Best Western Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center. That's almost \$1,100 more than last year!

The Chili Challenge is a friendly competition between the two clubs to raise money for charity. All proceeds were presented to the H.D. Youth Center and The Boys and Girls Club of Cedar Rapids.

As first time winners of the People's Choice voting, LCBS presented a check for \$2,631.09 to Henry Davison of the H.D. Youth Center. Amy Tucker of the Boys and Girls Club accepted a check of \$2,527.91 from the Parrot Heads.

Twenty-eight members of the two clubs prepared their favorite chili recipes to share with the public. In addition to raising money for charity, the challengers competed for numerous prizes awarded to the clubs and to individuals.

A panel of celebrity judges and people attending the event voted the following as winners:

## Celebrity Judges' Votes:

- Most Spicy Chili—Harlan Yoder of LCBS for "Capital Punishment Chili"
- Best Vegetarian or Non-Beef Chili—Pat Albrecht of IIPHC for "Who's the Blonde Stranger Chili"
- Most Unusual Chili—Dave Antin of LCBS for "Dave's Smokin' Soul Chili"
- Best Presentation—Jeff Hulsebus and Lee Ann Williams of IIPHC for "Hillbilly Chili"
- Club with the Best Chilies—Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club
- Single Best Overall Chili—Sandy Kramer of IIPHC for "Sandy's Simple Chili with a Flair"

## People's Choice Votes

- Best Chili from the Isle of Iowa Club—



Left, checks totaling \$5,159 are presented to representatives of community charities by LCBS and IIPHC. LtoR, Sue Gorecki; Jamie Gorecki; Dave Points, LCBS Prez; Henry Davison, HD Youth Leader; Amy Tucker, Boys & Girls Club; and Deanna Jackman-Steggall, IIPHC Prez.

Below, LCBS won the People's Choice for the best chili. LtoR, winner Ken Stoner for "It's Hard to Beat This Meat Chili," with committee member Steve Springer.

Linda McCallum for "White Chili Can't Jump Chili"

- Best Chili from the Linn County Blues Society—Ken Stoner for "It's Hard to Beat This Meat Chili"
- People's Choice for the Club with the best Chili—Linn County Blues Society

An assortment of prize baskets and trophies were presented to the winners.

The two clubs would like to thank the following for participating on the Celebrity Judge Panel:

- Bob Stewart, KCCK-FM Music Director
- Jaymz Larson, Mediacom
- Dick Hogan, Gazette Communications
- Mark Schnackenberg and Tara Thomas, KWWL TV Channel 7
- Kevin Corizo, KGAN TV Channel 2
- Tommy Lang, KCJJ 1630 AM Radio News Director
- Justin Roberts, MIX 96.5 FM Radio
- Janet Wilhelm, Executive Director of the Freedom Festival
- Karol Kelly, Z102.9 FM Radio
- Joe Brian, 104.5 KDAT FM as Master of Ceremonies

This story could not be complete without a HUGE THANK YOU to: the public that not only opened up their wallets for a great cause, but enjoyed a fun day doing so.



To all the LCBS and IIPHC volunteers who worked hard behind the scenes, literally up to the last minute, to help pull off our biggest and best BBCC to date.

And especially to this year's "Killer Committee" consisting of Jeff Krabacher, Steve Petersen, Keith Wright, Steve Springer, Deanna Jackman-Steggall, Dave Points, myself, Jamie Gorecki, and my wife Sue!

**It was a night of  
"hot" chili,  
"wild" Blues &  
great people!**



## Alligator Records New Releases

### Alligator Records celebrates 35th Anniversary with double release



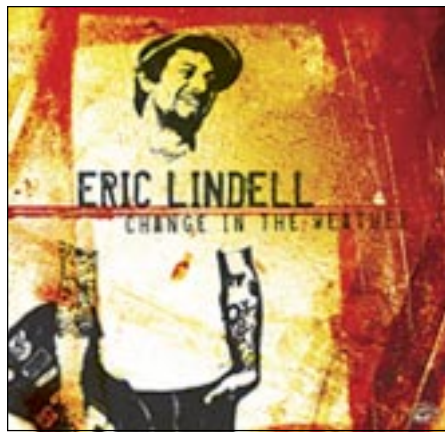
Alligator Records, the country's largest contemporary Blues label, is celebrating its 35th anniversary with two releases hitting the street on April 4. The first is a one-of-a-kind 2-CD set: "Alligator Records 35 X 35 —35 songs, 35 years of Genuine House-rockin' Music," in which Alligator president Bruce Iglauer and staff look back, in chronological order, at highlights from artists' debut releases for the label.

"35 X 35" is not just another best-of compilation. It spotlights songs from the Alligator debut release from each featured artist on the very first Alligator album, (1971's Hound Dog Taylor and the House-rockers) to the legendary Mavis Staples' chilling "A Dying Man's Plea."

From the searing hard Blues of Hound Dog Taylor, Son Seals, Albert Collins, Luther Allison, Koko Taylor and Buddy Guy, to harmonica-driven workouts from Big Walter Horton, Carey Bell, James Cotton, Charlie Musselwhite and William Clarke to the Gulf Coast piano Blues of Professor Longhair, Katie Webster and Marcia Ball

to the acoustic music of Saffire—The Uppity Blues Women and Corey Harris.

With personal notes on each track from Iglauer in the accompanying 40-page booklet, "35 X 35" is proof of the staunchly independent label's single-minded vision for all these years: to record nothing but deeply rooted "Genuine Houserockin' Music."



California-bred, New Orleans-schooled singer/songwriter/vocalist Eric Lindell is a roots rocker with dozens of original songs that combine soul-shaking rhythm & Blues, reggae grooves and Louisiana swamp pop.

He has been featured on the cover of *Offbeat* magazine and performed on the main stage at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival in 2003, and will be playing the main stage again this year.

The winner of the 1999 John Lennon Songwriting Competition, Lindell is now ready to bring his rough-hewn voice and memorable original songs to the rest of the

music-loving world with the release of his Alligator Records debut.

Eric Lindell's "Change In the Weather," looks forward—an album whose completely original, rootsy, funky music and hook-filled, cliché-free songs will launch Lindell into the musical mainstream.

### There's Blues all around us...

#### • Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials to perform Live in Des Moines on Friday, March 31

Alligator recording artist Lil' Ed will perform live at Blues on Grand, 1501 Grand Avenue, 9:30 PM, on March 31. A gifted guitarist and a remarkably gritty and soulful vocalist, Williams, along with his blistering, road-tested band, The Blues Imperials, has been tearing up clubs and festival stages all over the world for years (including our BLUESMORE several years ago). Recent release: "Heads Up!"

#### • 2006 Rural Heritage Festival, Saturday, June 17, Lisle, Illinois

The Lisle Station Museum sponsored the premier acoustic music event of the Chicago suburbs returns with a stellar lineup! Leo Kottke, Guy Davis, Richard Buckner, Ana Egge, John Hasbrouck, Paul Cureri, Kevin Gordon, and Kelly Joe Phelps will all be performing. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Contact: [www.ruralfest.com](http://www.ruralfest.com)

#### • Malaco Records has their 24 hour Webcast of Souther Soul and Blues up and running in Jackson, MS!

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# Who's Playing Where & When

## CALENDAR

**Every Sunday: Checker's Tavem:** BLUE SUNDAY, 8 PM (no cover)  
**Every Sunday: Mahoney's Irish Pub:** Various artists (no cover)  
**Every Tuesday: Rumour's Jam:** T-Bone Giblin/Dan Johnson, 8-11  
**Every Wednesday: Fajita Factory CR:** McMurrin & Johnson, 5-8  
**Every Wednesday: Checker's Tavem:** Kevin B.F. Burt Solo, 6-9  
**Every Wednesday: Mahoney's CR:** D-Licious Vinyl w/Bob DeForest, 8-12  
**Every Thursday: J.M. O'Malley's:** T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest

## MARCH

Mon. 27	George's, IC	Kilowatt & Count w/Saul Lubaroff & Friends
Thu. 30	Doozey's	DJ Johnson 50s/60s night, 9-12
Fri. 31	Zuber's, Amana Doozey's Chrome Horse Des Moines	The Tomadoes Dan DJ Johnson w/Doozey's Band, 10-1 Sonic Holiday *Lil' Ed & Blues Imperials, Blues on Grand

## APRIL

Sat. 1	Chappy's Safari Let's Dance	Flat Cat w/Craig Erickson, 9-1 Vet's Benefit - Solo Acoustic, 6 PM
Sun. 2	Mahoney's Pub	Tomadoes with Jacqueline Krain, 6-10
Tue. 4	Fajita Factory	McMurrin & Johnson, 5:30-7:30
Wed. 5	Chappy's Safari	Shawn Ster of "All That", 9-12
Thursdays	Des Moines	Iowa Blues Challenge performances on April 6, 13, 20 & 27
Thu. 6	Doozey's	Dan Johnson w/Gary King, 8:30-11:30
Fri. 7	Ernie's	Dan Johnson w/Doozey Band, 9:30-1
Sat. 8	Chappy's Safari Gus', Coralville Martini's, IC	Santiy Cheque, 9-1 Johnny Kilowatt, 9-1 McMurrin & Johnson, 9:30-1
Sun. 9	Checkers Tavem Mahoney's Pub	Magic Red & the Voodoo Tribe, 8 PM Public Property, 6-10
Thu. 13	JM O'Malley's	Bryce Janey Group w/Dan Johnson, 9-1
Fri. 14	Doozey's	Dan Johnson w/Doozey's Band, 9:30-1
Sat. 15	Mahoney's Pub Chappy's Safari Mt. Vernon	Stable Daze, 9-1 Public Property, 9-1 Tom Bruner/Dan Johnson Duo, 9-1
Sun. 16	Mahoney's Pub	Dr. Z's Experiment, 6-10
Tue. 18	Longbranch	*Blues Caravan w/Tomadoes, J. Krain, 7-11
Tue. 18	Fajita Factory	McMurrin & Johnson, 5:30-7:30
Thu. 20	JM O'Malley's	Box o' Rocks, 9-1
Fri. 21	Checkers Tavem Ernie's Ernie's Quad Cities	*Kevin BF Burt & Instigators CD release event McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9 Dan Johnson w/Doozey Band, 9:30-1 Iowa Blues Challenge performance
Sat. 22	Chappy's Safari Doozey's	Scarlett Runner, 9-1 Dan Johnson/Gary King, 8:30-11:30
Sun. 23	Checkers Tavem Mahoney's Pub	Joe & Vicki Price Tiffany Christopher, 6-10
Fri. 28	Checkers Tavem	Terry Lawless of U2 returns to Checkers
Fri. 28	Altoona, IA	The Blue Band at Prairie Meadows Casino
Sat. 29	Chappy's Safari	Mike Bader, 9-1
Sun. 30	Mahoney's Pub	Orooni, 6-10 <i>* See article elsewhere in this issue</i>

## Membership Discounts Save You \$\$\$!

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# Janey's *Heal the Night* brings it back home



## CD Review by Jamie Gorecki, Staff Writer & Photographer

Bryce Janey's latest CD release, *Heal the Night*, is clearly heavily influenced by his writing, performing, and living "back home" in Linn County. Songs like "1973" and "Chance with Me" could well be Janey reflecting back to his roots.

The set kicks off with a good ol' time rocker, "Sweet Lovin' You," setting the pace for ten originals from Janey. Next up, highlighted by the steady back beat of DJ Johnson on bass and Steve Hayes on drums, come "Love in New York City." The title track, "Heal the Night," is one of two acoustic Blues tunes showcasing the down home "Delta Blues" influence of Janey. The other, "Need Your Love," closes out the disc.

Mixing things up by spotlighting the band members, "Come Sit By the Fire" features Hayes on drums, Gary King on sax and Sam Salomone on Hammond B-3. This "feel good" tune happens to be my personal favorite.

This is to date my favorite Bryce Janey CD. *Heal the Night* has a taste of everything from Blues ballads to butt-rockers and a bit of

what's in between. This CD is now available at local Barnes & Noble, CD Warehouse, Music Go Round, The Music Loft, and on Bryce's website at [www.thejaney.com](http://www.thejaney.com)



*Bryce Janey CD release party was at Chappy's*  
Check the website for upcoming gigs!

Janey's official release party happened at the LCBS Blues Caravan last February at Chappy's Safari Lounge. Joined by Johnson on bass, Hayes on drums, and King on sax, these guys tore the joint up!

## Are you a member?

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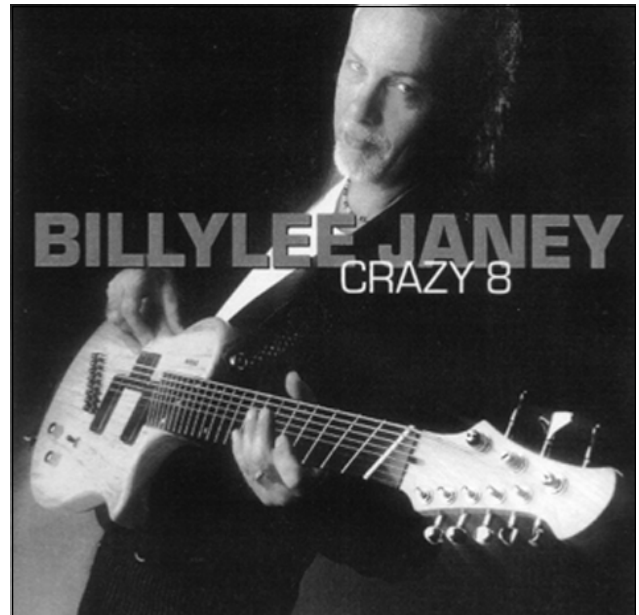
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