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7th Season of Blues Caravan opens

A Note from Gary...

Well, another season of Blues Caravans is once again about to grace the Cedar Rapids live music scene. The first show will be Tuesday, November 21, from 7 until 11 PM at The Fifth Gear, 4617 J Street SW, Cedar Rapids. Phone number is 319-366-2177.

Scott and Billy Joe have a great venue and they also serve up a great meal if you want to come in and get supper with the show.

The fun begins at 7 o'clock with KCCK's Bobby D spinnin' some great tunes and by 7:30 TONY BROWN will hit the stage.

Tony is a 47-year-old journeyman guitarist, vocalist, songwriter and entertainer. His credits are extensive and his passion for music is evident when he hits the stage.

You're in for a special treat that will keep your mind and feet happy for a long time. And let's not forget the door prizes. Bobby will be handing out tickets and drawing for prizes.

The Blues Caravans are a monthly traveling show featuring some of Iowa's finest local and regional talent. Put on your wig hat baby 'cause we're goin' out tonight! **Keepin' the Blues Alive!**
Gary Gibson, Entertainment Chair



Alligator Records artist TONY BROWN will kick off the 2006-2007 season at The Fifth Gear on Tuesday, November 21.

About Artist Tony Brown

Tony Brown's musical career spans 40 years. His style of music has diversified while maintaining his musical integrity and has evolved into a high quality professional hybrid of all the cultural, musical experiences of his life.

His R&B and Blues (mixed with gospel and country Blues) background influenced his funk concept which created his own style of "Yank Skank embellished Reggae."

After years of being road musician, production manager, road manager, and developer at musical events, Tony has now organized his music into a professional business based on the inspirations of his works and experiences.

Tony Brown and his company, Living Nations Productions, was retained as entertainment management for The Angelic Brewing Company in Madison, WI and orchestrated all "Live" music for the venue.

Living Nations Production and Tony Brown represent 28 recording artists from the United States, Belize, Cyprus and Canada. He coordinated and actualized the first week long celebration of the musical works of Bob Marley which was presented in six different venues.

Gary says, "See ya there and take care to kick off the 1st Caravan!"

LCBS Board of Directors Election Update



By Bill Meeks, LCBS Board Member

It's November and the election results are coming in...for your Linn County Blues Society Board of Directors, that is!

For the term of November 2006 through October 2008:

- **Andy Dergo** was elected our new President. He will be leading the charge for the next two years.
- **Evan Vulich** was elected our new Vice President, filling an important position that had been vacant.
- **Sue Dergo** was reelected Treasurer continuing to maintain the financial books for the LCBS.
- Andy, Evan and Sue join...
- **Michelle Points**, current Secretary, to round out the LCBS officers.

Two of our **Standing Committee** chair positions were up for nomination/ election this year but remain vacant since we have yet to find an eligible interested candidate for either position. The open positions are: **Education Committee Chair and Merchandise Committee Chair.**

Please contact Bill Meeks or anyone on the LCBS Board if you are interested in filling one of these important positions.

The other two Standing Committee chair positions are currently filled by **Entertainment Committee Chair, Gary Gibson, and Membership Committee Chair Kevin Cutsforth.** Gary and Kevin both have one year remaining in their term of office and this fills out the Standing Committee chair positions.

Last, but not least, two **Director-at-Large Board** positions were up for

election. **Bob DeForest and Bob Dorr** were re-elected to fill these two Director-at-Large LCBS Board positions. They join **Bill Meeks**, who has one year remaining in his term, and this rounds out your **Board of Directors.**

Sincere congratulations and many thanks to these generous individuals for dedicating their time and talents to organize and manage your Blues Society! Please take a moment to congratulate them and thank them for their efforts the next time you see them at a local Blues event.

These folks all dedicate countless hours of their personal time, without compensation, to help us keep the Blues Alive in Linn County! It's called "livin' the Blues", and they do it for the love of the music!

We still need volunteers to fill other positions ranging from Public Relations to newsletter distribution to Bluespaper staff writers and photographers to event volunteers.

Please contact any board member directly or leave us a message expressing your interests on the Bluesline (319-399-5105) or on the website www.LCBS.org. WE NEED YOU!



"Keeping the Blues Alive in Eastern Iowa!"

The Linn County Blues Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation, promotion and perpetuation 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 LCBS. Website: www.lcbs.org Bluesline: 319/399-5105.

The Leaders—Officers:

President.....Andy Dergo
Vice President.....Evan Vulich
Secretary.....Michelle Points
Treasurer.....Susan Dergo

Directors at Large:

Bob DeForest, Bill Meeks, Bob Dorr

Chairs:

Education.....Vacant
Entertainment.....Gary Gibson
Membership.....Kevin Cutsforth
Merchandise.....Vacant
Parliamentarian.....Bill Meeks
Program.....Bob DeForest
Public Relations.....Interested?
Webmaster.....Evan Vulich

The BLUESPAPER folks:

Editor.....Chris Weinbrenner
Photographers.....See bylines each issue
Staff Writers.....See bylines each issue
Distribution.....Andy Dergo & Bill Meeks

Membership:

To learn more about The Linn County Blues Society or to join, see the membership form on the LCBS website. Your membership includes:

- Discount admissions to many local Blues activities
- Monthly LCBS BLUESPAPER
- Voting rights in the LCBS

Contact Information:

Deadline for news, band or club live entertainment listing, or advertising: 2nd Monday of month. Send to Chris Weinbrenner, PO Box 407, Williamsburg IA 52361, phone/fax: 319/668-8113; chriswein@iowatelecom.net or web: www.lcbs.org

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

Dave Gross is #10 on Living Blues charts

"Take the Gamble", Dave's new Swingnation Records CD was produced by Duke Robillard. The new CD by talented young Blues and swing guitarist/singer/songwriter Dave Gross has the distinct honor of making its debut in the #10 position on Living Blues Magazine's international radio airplay charts.

A position on these charts is coveted by all Blues recording artists. To attain this position almost immediately following his CD's release, and at the age of 21, is a distinct honor.

Despite his young age, Dave has already shared stages with such national Blues artists and legends as Hubert Sumlin, Duke Robillard, Popa Chubby, Debbie Davies, Bettye LaVette, Arthur Neilson, Sax Gordon, Doug "Mr. Low" James, Nick Moss, Willie Kent, Dennis Gruenling & Jumptime, Big Ed Sullivan, Joe Taino, Christine Santelli,

Stephane Wrembel, Dona Oxford, among many other notable artists.

"Take the Gamble" has been critically acclaimed by Blues Matters!, BluesWax, Blues in Britain, Rootstime and others.

"There is one guitar player out of New Jersey. His name is Dave Gross. He can play, man! I mean that boy can smoke! I sure like to bring him out with me on the road one day!"

Hubert Sumlin

*"Outstanding...one of the year's best releases." BluesWax
"This guy is so damned talented, it makes me sick!"*

Blues Matters!

"Take the Gamble" as well as Dave's exciting first release, "You Don't Love Me", can be purchased online at: DaveGrossBand.com, iTunes.com, Amazon.com or CDBaby.com.

Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials
Rattlesnake

"Full of fire...high-octane Chicago slide guitar and raucous vocals. A balls-to-the-wall celebration" -Living Blues

Rattlesnake. The new release on Alligator CDs available now at finer record stores everywhere, by phone at 1.800.344.5509 or online at www.alligator.com

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Blues CARAVAN
a roving juke joint
Exploring
the roots of
American Music
The Blues

featuring KCCK'S **DA BLUES** radio host **Bob DeForest**

Join the Caravan November 21
7 PM at The Fifth Gear
4617 J Street SW • 7-11 PM **FREE EVENT**

• Musical Host: Tony Brown
• Emceed by KCCK's "Da Blues" Bob DeForest

Sponsored by: KCCK Radio 88.3 FM, Music Loft, The Guide, 16th Avenue Productions, Linn County Blues Society



Alligator Records News Briefs



Koko Taylor issues wake up call for Chicago-area McDonald's Restaurants

Queen of the Blues Koko Taylor, who is currently finishing up work on a new CD scheduled for 2007 release, recently recorded a "Wake Up Call" for a McDonald's promotion in the Chicago area. In the promotion, customers can call a special number and choose to have a recorded message from Koko call their phone at a pre-designated time.

Lil' Ed celebrates new CD in Grinnell!

Alligator recording artists Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials will celebrate their new release, *Rattleshake*, with a live performance at 9:00 PM in the Gardner Lounge, Grinnell College, on Saturday, November 11. Free admission. For information: web. grinnell.edu/groups/concerts/

Lil' Ed song to appear on NBC's hit television show, *My Name Is Earl*

Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials' *Spend Some Time With Me* (from *Rattleshake*) will be used as background music in an upcoming episode of NBC television's hit show, *My Name Is Earl*. The episode is set to air on November 2.



Blues sensation Shemekia Copeland named "Blues Artist of the Year" in *Living Blues* magazine's Reader's Poll

Readers of *Living Blues* magazine's annual Reader's Poll voted singing sensation Shemekia Copeland as Blues Artist Of The Year (Female). Copeland's latest CD, *The Soul Truth*, produced by legendary guitarist Steve Cropper, was widely hailed as the strongest of her career.



Eric Lindell song included in nationwide Chrysler promotion

Give It Time, the first single from Eric Lindell's critically acclaimed Alligator debut CD, *Change In The Weather*, will be included in a special enhanced CD promotion spearheaded by automaker Daimler/Chrysler.

An initial run of 150,000 CDs will be given away at dealerships, special events and concerts from October through December 2006. Other artists on the CD includes Gomez, Edwin McCain, Brand New Heavies, Allison Moorer, Marah, Janita, and Jake Brennan.

2006 Iowa Blues Challenge... Congratulations to Bad Luck City, featuring Matt Woods and Michael Swanger, winner of the 2006 Iowa Blues Solo/Duo Challenge held in September in conjunction with the Court Avenue Blues Fest. They will travel to Memphis as our representative at the International Blues Challenge. They were one of three acts to advance from a preliminary round held earlier. A total of six Iowa acts participated in the Challenge.

KUNI Blues Blowout featuring Lil' Ed & Blues Imperials Saturday, November 4

There'll be a whole lotta rattleshakin' goin' on at the legendary Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake on Saturday, November 4 when Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials roll into town.

Alligator Recording artist Lil' Ed Williams, although small in stature, is a true giant of the Blues, and among the very last authentic West Side Chicago Bluesmen. From smoking slide guitar boogies to raw-boned Chicago shuffles to the deepest slow Blues, Lil' Ed Williams is a master Bluesman.

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 almost 25 years.

Not since the heyday of Hound Dog Taylor and The HouseRockers has a Chicago Blues band made such a consistently joyous, rollicking noise.

Between the band's wonderfully untamed music and Ed's flying leaps, his back-bending, his toe-walking through the audience and his sliding across the stage on his knees, it's no wonder The Boston Globe called Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials "the world's #1 houserocking band."

Cedar Rapids' Kevin B.F. Burt & the Instigators open the show. For the past twelve years they have electrified audiences throughout the Midwest. The impressive vocal abilities and pas-



Above, Lil' Ed & The Blues Imperials

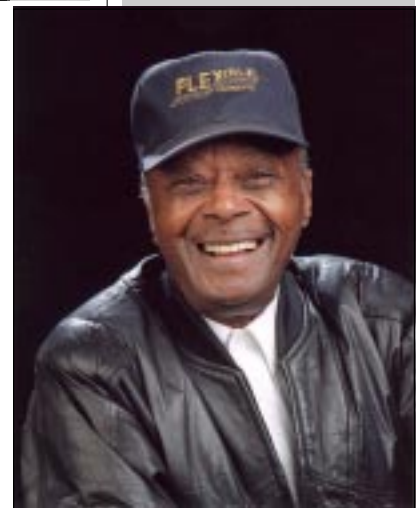
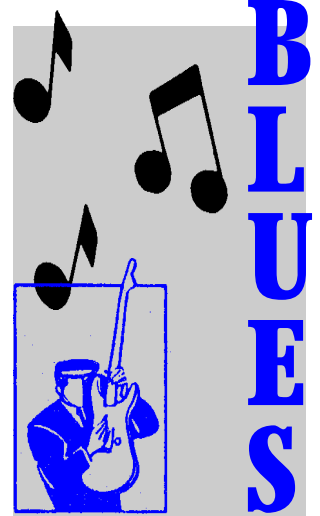


Above, Kevin B.F. Burt

sion of Kevin Burt substantiate the band's powerful musical presentation.

The KUNI Blues Blowout is presented by the Friends of KUNI. Showtime is 8:00 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM). Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. Advance tickets can be ordered online in the KUNI Store section at www.kuniradio.org, or by calling KUNI weekdays at 319-273-6400 or 800-772-2440, ext. 0.

All proceeds benefit public radio at the University of Northern Iowa.



Happy 80th Birthday on Friday, November 3 to Henry Davison, "Father of the LCBS"

Who's Playing Where & When

CALENDAR

Every Saturday: Emie's Jam: Dan Johnson & guests, 4-7
Every Sunday: Checker's Tavem: BLUE SUNDAY, 8 PM (no cover)
Every Sunday: Mahoney's Irish Pub: Various artists (no cover)
Every Sunday: Shack: Blues Jam w/Bryce and DJ, 6-10
Every Sunday: Charlie's, Coralville: Blues Jam, Outta da Blooz, 9-1
Every Tuesday: Rumor'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

NOVEMBER

Wed. 1	Next Door	McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10
Fri. 3	Freeway	Bruner-Johnson Trio, 9-1
	Chrome Horse	Large Midgets
Sat. 4	Surf, Clear Lake	KUNI Blues Blowout w/Lil' Ed & Imperials
	Safari Lounge	Beeker Street
	Shack Tavem	4 Box O'Rocks, 9-1
	Chrome Horse	3 Musicians & a Drummer
Sun. 5	Mahoney's	Stratospheerius
	Checker's	Rich Berry (Solo Acoustic)
Thu. 9	JM O'Malley's	4 Box O'Rocks, 9-1
Fri. 10	Emie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9
	Chrome Horse	Sonic Holiday
	Shack Tavem	McMurrin & Johnson, 9-1
Sat. 11	Safari Lounge	Hyperfuzz
	Mahoney's	Aerosol Halo
	Chrome Horse	Solace
Sun. 12	Mahoney's	Kris Lager Band
Thu. 16	JM O'Malley's	Billy Janey w/DJ Johnson, 9-1
Fri. 17	Checker's	The Formerly Unknown Band, 9-1
	Next Door	4 Box O'Rocks, 9-1
	Chrome Horse	Scarlet Runner
Sat. 18	Safari Lounge	Bryce Janey Trio
	Chrome Horse	Flying Carp
Sun. 19	Mahoney's	Spare Parts
	Checker's	Lady Bianca & Her Band
Tue. 21	The Fifth Gear	Blues Caravan opener w/Tony Brown, 7-11
Wed. 22	Safari Lounge	D Dog & The B Bits
	Emie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9
	Chrome Horse	Jeff Bruner
Fri. 24	Sundown	The Blue Band (in Williamsburg 8-12)
	Emie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9
	Chrome Horse	4 Box O'Rocks, 9-1
Sat. 25	Safari Lounge	DJ Dad/Mc Mom
	Riverside, IA	The Blue Band at Riverside Casino, 9-1
	Fajita Factory	Daddy-O's Birthday, 9-12
	Chrome Horse	Well Lit
Sun. 26	Mahoney's	Euforquestra
	Checker's	DNA Blues Reunion Show & it's P.J.'s 46th Birthday Party

"Keeping the Blues Alive in Eastern Iowa"

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

The following merchants have graciously offered discounts to members of the Linn County Blues Society that flash their membership cards and the coupon below.

** LCBS COUPON **

- **Save at...Tic Toc Restaurant**
Buy one, get one 1/2 price, on any regular breakfast entree or sandwich
 - **Save at...Genghis Grill**
10% off entire ticket anytime2
 - **Save at...Papa Juan's**
10% discount on meals only
 - **Save at...Hamilton Mortgage**
\$250 off closing costs (ask for Jessica)
- Keep your card & coupon in your wallet or purse & use it.**

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LCBS meeting 1st Monday of month. See you at The Longbranch on the 6th, 6:30 PM, for the LCBS Board & Member meeting. Guests are welcome!

A very special THANK YOU to these businesses who have signed up to help us Keep the Blues Alive:

- ★Cocktails & Co.
- ★Dublin City Pub
- ★The Fifth Gear
- ★Chappy's Safari Lounge
- ★16th Avenue Productions
- ★Chrome Horse
- ★J.M. O'Malleys
- ★Mahoney's
- ★KCKK 88.3
- ★Longbranch
- ★Checker's Tavem
- ★Dudley Bros. Company
- ★Ron Schantz Construction
- ★C.R. Bank & Trust
- ★Home Town Restyling
- ★Watson's Auto Body, Inc.
- ★Stars Guitars

A look back at Blues Caravan Shows

2005-2006 Shows:

- November '05:
Tom "T-Bone" Giblin & Dan "DJ" Johnson Jam Band at Chrome Horse
- December '05:
Ernie Peniston Band at Mahoney's
- January '06:
Bruce Kaiser Band at Dublin City Pub
- February '06:
Bryce Janey Band at Chappy's Safari Lounge
- March '06"
Craig Erickson Band at Cocktails & Company
- April '06: The Tomadoes with Jacqueline Krain at The Longbranch



Bryce Janey at Chappy's Safari Lounge

2004-2005 Shows:

- November '04:
John Resch & Detroit Blues at Chrome Horse



- December '04:
Bob Dorr & The Blue Band at Chappy's Safari Lounge
- January '05:
Ron Dewitte Band at Mahoney's
- February '05:
Cobalt Blue (w/Jason Stewart) at J M O'Malley's
- March '05"
Johnny Kilowatt Band at Dublin City Pub (JK was sick; Merrill Miller filled in)
- April '05: Gary Gibson Group at The Longbranch
- May '05:
Pauline York Band at Checker's Tavem



Center top:
Tom Giblin &
Gary Gibson;

below:
Johnny
Kilowatt
Band;

Left: Bob
Dorr of The
Blue Band

Linn County Blues Society Application for Membership

Name _____ Phone _____ / _____ - _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

eMail address _____

Annual Membership Dues: \$20

Blues Booster/Corporate Sponsor: \$100

Check below if you would like to share your talent with LCBS from one of these areas:

Membership Newsletter Advertising Entertainment Concerts Merchandise Public Relations

Please mail application and check to: Linn County Blues Society, PO Box 2672, Cedar Rapids IA 52406-2672.

Contact us at www.lcbs.org or 319-399-5105, the Blues Hotline. Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!

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YOU!**



Join Linn County Blues Society & Keep the Blues Alive!

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'Da Blues on KCCK:

Friday:

- 6-10 PM: da Friday Blues with John Heim
- 10-11 PM: Backstage Blues
- 11 PM to Midnight: Beale Street Caravan
- Midnight Blues CD

Saturday:

- 6-10 PM: da Blues with Bobby D
- 10-11 PM: The Crawfish Circuit
- 11 PM-Midnight: The Melting Pot
- Midnight Blues CD

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