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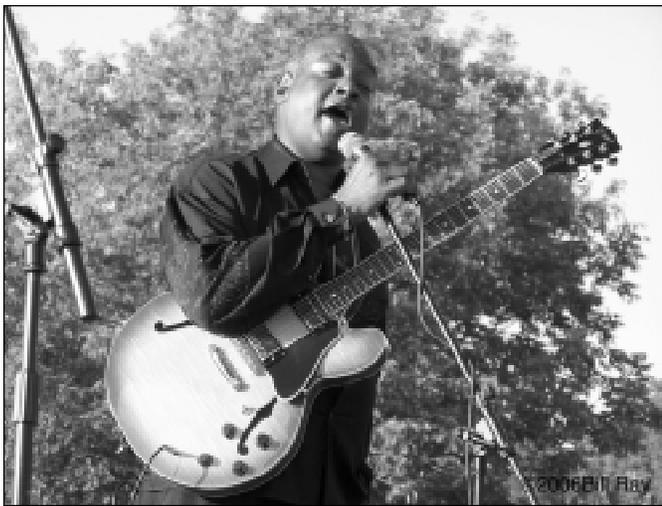
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Bluesmore Artists '06: Incredible!



From opening act, The Ellis Kell Band, to Nora Jean Bruso with surprise guest Carl Weathersby, climaxing with Roomful of Blues' 8-piece electrifying ensemble, fabulous describes the show!



CIBS Court Avenue Blues Fest Sunday, September 3



12 Bands—10 Stages, all in the Historic Downtown Des Moines Court Avenue District

Blues all day and all night...
Main Stage gates open at 3 PM

The Main Stage between 4th & 5th Street, south of Court Avenue, will feature John Primer, Joanna Connor and Lonnie Brooks, starting at 4 PM. Immediately following Lonnie Brooks, 9 bands will start in the Court Avenue District venues and play 'til closing time.

- Locations and times are:
4:00-5:30 - Main Stage
John Primer
6:00-7:30 - Between 4th & 5th:
Joanna Connor
8:00-9:30 PM - South of Court
Lonnie Brooks
- **Tickets:** \$13/advance, \$15 day of Fest Kids 12 & under free with a parent
Advance tickets are available at Blues on Grand. Sorry, no credit cards.
- Bring your lawn chairs for the outdoor locations. Food, beverages and beer will be provided by Hessen Haus. Full service will be available in all the venues as well, 4 PM to closing.
The **2nd Annual 2006 IA Blues Challenge Solo/Duo Finals** will be held inside Vaudeville Mews, 7-9 PM.
- **Venues** participating include:
Buzzard Billy's Patio, Java Joes, Royal Mile, Ct, Ave. Brewing Co., Johnny's Hall of Fame, Hessen Haus, The Lift, High Life Lounge, & Vaudeville Mews.

The Court Avenue Blues Fest is sponsored by the Central Iowa Blues Society and Des Moines businesses.

Guitar Shorty scores hit with new Alligator release "We The People"

The Chicago Tribune says: "Defiant electric Blues with piercing intensity and raw venom that will leave your ears singed."

Produced by Wyzard and Brian Brinkerhoff, "We The People" finds Guitar Shorty singing and playing with ferocious urgency and a fierce righteousness. It burns with heavy rock and roll fire from start to finish, putting Shorty's infectious energy and guitar pyrotechnics on full display.

And more than ever before, his songs tell the story of the harsh realities of everyday life in terms both stark ("We The People"), pointed (cost Of Livin') and poignant (Down That Road Again). *Living Blues* called Shorty a "Blues rock original {who plays} screaming, empowered guitar and sings with streetwise defiance."

This CD delivers a moving and soulful statement, featuring some of the most thought-provoking songs Shorty's ever recorded. He's playing with a passion and dedication almost unmatched in today's music scene.

There's a new "Bluesboy" in P.J.'s family!

"P.J. & Pam Harrington just wanted you all to know about the arrival of the newest bouncing baby Harrington—daughter Crysta gave birth August 2 to a 7 lb, 11 oz. boy, Zander Joseph Harrington."

Have you got him booked for his 2022 guitar debut at Checker's Tavern, P.J.?

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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

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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.

Sad Blues News...from here & there...

Pianist/vocalist Floyd Dixon (1929-2006)

A musical genius, impeccable piano technique." —*Living Blues*
West Coast jump Blues and R&B pianist/vocalist/songwriter Floyd Dixon died Wednesday, July 26, in Los Angeles, CA, of kidney failure.

The critically acclaimed performer, best known for his 1954 song "Hey Bartender" (popularized by the Blues Brothers), stood alongside Charles Brown, Ray Charles and Louis Jordan as one of a few artists who helped transform swing music into Rhythm and Blues.

A self-taught pianist, Dixon began his career by singing cool, after-hours piano blues in the Charles Brown mode.

In 1996 a new album, "Wake Up And Live," was released on Alligator Records. The album won the 1997 Blues Music Award from the Blues Foundation for "Comeback Album of the Year."

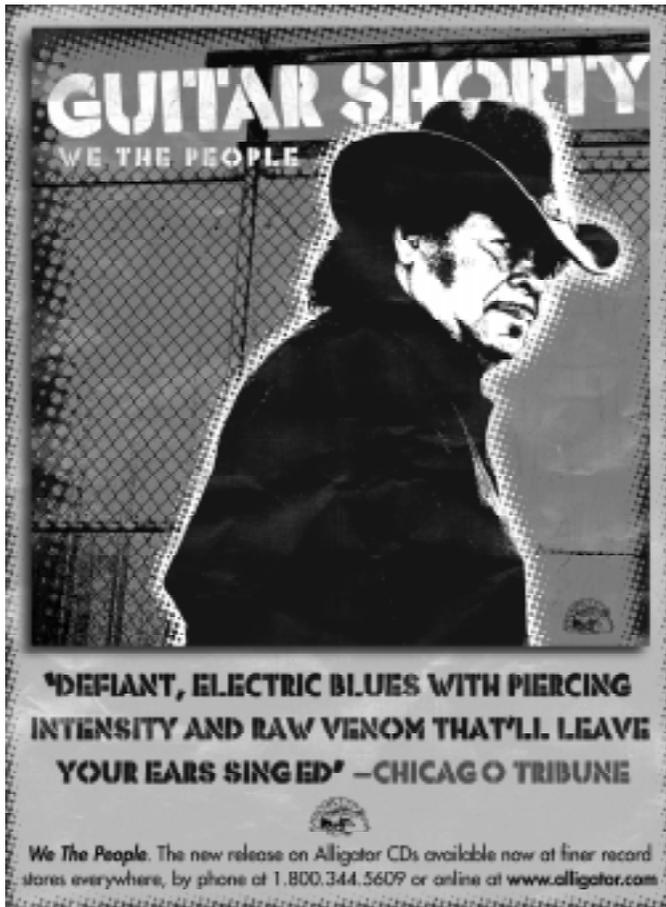
The CD reintroduced Dixon to old fans and brought him many new ones. Dixon never stopped performing, and he recorded another CD, "Fine, Fine Thing," for the HighJohn label in 2005.

In June 2006, Dixon recorded a live CD/DVD with fellow pianists Pinetop Perkins and Henry Gray, scheduled for a fall re-release on HighJohn label.

Jimmy "Midnite Cowboy" passes

The Central Iowa Blues Society writes: "It saddens us to inform you that Iowa Blues Legend, Jimmy 'Midnite Cowboy' Pryor, passed away on Tuesday, August 15."

A New Orleans-style funeral parade, complete with brass band, wound from the funeral home to the Historical Center. A reception preceded a music jam celebrating the life of this Des Moines treasure. "We want to jam the streets for the parade!!!"



Huge Thanks to All for Their Support of BLUESMORE '06



Blues from start to finish... Saturday, August 5, on the lawn at Bruce more

By Bill Meeks, LCBS Board Member

The LCBS Board of Directors are very pleased to, once again, express our gratitude to everyone who participated in producing another fantastic success—BLUESMORE '06!

For all those who were fortunate enough to attend our annual "Party at the Big House" this year, you know what a beautiful day it was and what a great audience turned out for an incredible event.

But looking at the threatening sky we faced at about 10 AM that same morning, we were a very nervous crew as we set about preparing for our all important, annual fund-raising show. When the clouds parted and the sun peeked through mid-afternoon, we were a relieved bunch of Blues music lovers!

We were well rewarded for our efforts with a fantastic show provided by our hard working entertainers. Many thanks to our tireless entertainment committee for the super selection of talented, diverse musicians.

Thanks to the Bruce more staff!

- First and foremost, we must thank the Bruce more staff for the countless hours and effort they put into the production of this fine family event that they host on the front lawn of this National Historic Trust property which is truly a local treasure, from the "Big House" itself down to the classic atmosphere it provides.

Peggy, Jim, Jenny and the rest of the staff are fantastic to work with and leave no detail undone.



- **Headliner: Roomful of Blues**
- **Headliner: Nora Jean Bruso**
- **Opening: Ellis Kell Band**
- **Hometown Restyling Back Porch Blues Band with Kevin "B.F." Burt", Tony Brown**
- **Sponsored by the Linn County Blues Society and Bruce more**



Sponsors: Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, Homestyle Restyling, The Gazette, KCRG.

BLUESMORE 2006...Saturday, August 5

Thanks, Media Sponsors!

• We could not do it without our magic media sponsors: The Gazette and KCRG-TV9 who did an incredible job of advertising and promoting our show—many, many thanks to them!

Thanks to our Stage Sponsors!

• We also owe a huge thank you to our Main Stage sponsor Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust, and our Back Porch Stage sponsor Homestyle Restyling for stepping up in a big way to help us continue to provide such great musical entertainment.

• We thank our passionate Public Radio partners, KUNI for live broadcasting our show across Iowa and taping it for future use, and KCCK for their fine promotional assistance.

Thanks to Special Contributors!

• We thank Nate and the super sounds of 16th Avenue Music for the sweet sound production work they do. We always receive wonderful compliments from the bands on the fine quality of their efforts.

• We thank Tom Carfrae, owner of Tomaso's, and Nick and his staff at the Center Point shop for generously feeding the performing artists and volunteers with great pizza and BBQ all night long!

There are many others we thank as well.

• Fleck Sales for providing refreshing beverages for sale and backstage; the C.R. Jaycees for serving the fine cold refreshments; the Optimists for their work as ticket takers and greeters; Wilbert Vault for providing tents for cover from the sun; Craig Thomas and his crew for donating their quality security services, our many delicious food vendors for keeping the fans fed and refreshed; our ticket outlets for helping us promote our show, and any others I may be forgetting in my post show delirium.

And to our own LCBS'ers...

• Finally, before we run out of ink, we cannot forget to thank our many fine board members and volunteers for the countless hours of dedicated work they donated to make our show possible: • Dave Points, our President & fearless leader; • Gary Gibson, our Entertainment Chair & Blues School organizer; • Bob DeForest, our emcee and stage host; • Bob Dorr, our stage manager and coordinator; • Evan Vulich, our webmaster and super professional staff artist/designer; • Andy Dergo, our Merchandise chair and volunteer organizer; • Sue Dergo, our Treasurer and financial guru; • Michelle Points, our Secretary and backstage hostess; • Kevin Cutsforth, our Membership Chair and backstage organizer; • Jamie Gorecki, our staff photographer and writer; • and last, but not least, Chris Weinbrenner, our BLUESPAPER editor extraordinaire.

• Additionally, we had many wonderful volunteers who worked in various areas including: the merchandise tent, backstage on one or both stages, on-stage setup and teardown crews, etc. And we want all these folks to know their work is greatly appreciated and they are welcome back anytime!

If you see any of these folks out and about, be sure and thank them for putting on such a fabulous, fun-filled, family event. AND, DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!



The East Coast "Roomful of Blues" famous horn section, vocalist & guitarist on stage at Iowa's famous mansion!



Thanks again to our bands for bringing their Blues to Cedar Rapids to make BLUESMORE another success!

Who's Playing Where & When

CALENDAR

Every Saturday: **Ernie's Jam**: Dan Johnson & guests, 4-7
 Every Sunday: **Checker's Tavern**: 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 Tavern**: 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

SEPTEMBER

Fri. 1	Dubuque	Perry Welsh & the Pumpers @ Murph's
Sat. 2	Chappy's Hampton	Perry Welsh & the Pumpers The Blue Band @ Hampton Summerfest, 2-5
Sun. 3	Des Moines	CIBS Court Avenue Blues Fest, 4-9:30 @ various locations, times (see page 2)
Mon. 4	Mahoney's Waubeek	Bent Scepters The Meerkats, 2 PM; The Blue Band, 5 PM; @ End of Summer Blowout, FB & Co.
Thu. 7	O'Malley's Cedar Falls	Charlie Morgan Band The Blue Band @ CofC Wing Ding, Overman Park, 5-9
Fri. 8	Swamp Fox	Bryce Janey, 7 PM
Sat. 9	Iowa City	The Blue Band @ Children's Miracle Network fundraiser, Outside Memorial Union, 6-9:30
	Fajita Factory Safari	McMurrin & Johnson, 9-12 The Meerkats
Sun. 10	Mahoney's	Public Property
Tue. 12	Rumors	DNA Band Jam, 8-11
Thu. 14	JM O'Malley's	BillyLee Janey w/Dan Johnson, 9-1
Fri. 15	Ernie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9 Bruner Johnson Tri. 9:30-1
Sat. 16	Ernie's The Shack Safari	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9 Bryce Janey Group w/Dan Johnson, 9-1 Tripleshot
Sun. 17	Mahoney's	Daddy O's Funky Posse, 6-10
Tue. 19	Rumors	4BOXOROCKS, 8-11
Thu. 21	O'Malley's	Flying Carp
FRI. 22	Ernie's	BillyLee Janey & Dan Johnson, 6-9
Sat. 23	Safari	Swingin' Richard
Sun. 24	Mahoney's	Family Groove Company
Thu. 28	JM O'Malley's	4BOXOROCKS, 9-1
Fri. 29	Ernie's The Freeway	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9 McMurrin & Johnson, 9:30-1
Sat. 30	Safari	McMurrin & Johnson Trio, 9-1

"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 2nd Monday of month (September)!
See you at The Longbranch on the 11th, 6:30 PM, for the
LCBS September Meeting. Guests are welcome!

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

- ★Chappy's Safari Lounge
- ★Chrome Horse
- ★Mahoney's
- ★Longbranch
- ★Dudley Bros. Company
- ★C.R. Bank & Trust
- ★Watson's Auto Body, Inc.
- ★16th Avenue Productions
- ★J.M. O'Malleys
- ★KCCK 88.3
- ★Checker's Tavern
- ★Ron Schantz Construction
- ★Home Town Restyling
- ★Stars Guitars

LCBS Board of Directors Election at October Meeting

The 2006 election of the Linn County Blues Society Board of Directors will be held at the LCBS meeting on **Monday, October 2, at 6:30 PM**, at the Longbranch Hotel Restaurant, 90 Twixt Town Road NE, 319-377-6386.

All LCBS members, new and old, are invited to attend and participate in the election!

The following LCBS Board positions will be up for election for the term of November 2006 through October, 2008:

- **President**
- **Vice-President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Merchandise Chair**
- **Education Chair**
- **Director-at-Large positions (2)**

Nominations for office will be accepted from any LCBS member in good standing for one year. Nominations are being taken now and will continue to be accepted up to the election.

If you are interested in running for an LCBS office, please attend the meeting or contact Bill Meeks, Nomination Committee Chair, at 319-364-8035 prior to the meeting to express your interest and to request information on what is involved.

LCBS is always open to new ideas, and we encourage your active participation in YOUR Blues Society!

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THE BLUES ALIVE IN LINN COUNTY & BEYOND!!!



LCBS and Friends: Thank you so much for inviting our band to be a part of Bluesmore this year! It was one of the most enjoyable gigs we've done in a long time,

and we made many new friends and fans in your area. We sold out of all the CDs we brought along, and I've already had another order via the web—from a new fan who was in the audience yesterday! You have a first-rate event with Bluesmore, and we were honored to be a part of this year's fest.

The staging and production by 16th Avenue Music was great, the hospitality that was extended to us by your staff was top-shelf all the way, and the live recording by KUNI was fabulous! We heard excerpts from our set replayed on 90.9/94.5 FM on the way back home to the QC's. The whole experience made for a great day and a great gig!

Congrats and kudos to everyone involved in producing this excellent annual LCBS Blues music event!

Peace, love & blessings...
Ellis Kell, The Ellis Kell 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!



**One final photo
to remember
BLUESMORE '06...**

**it's the end of the
day & the LCBS
crew is celebrat-
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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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