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Bob Dorr & The Blue Band "Last Goodbye Tour"



*Wrapping it up
at Riverside Casino!*



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Dennis 'Daddy-O' McMurrin ★
nominated for the Lifetime Achievement
Award in the Iowa Rock&Roll Hall of Fame!

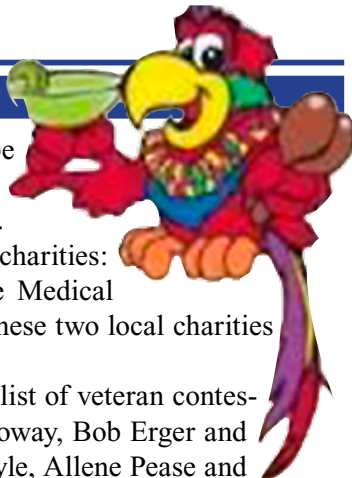


Czech Village Blues
August 11, 2018

18th Annual Blues Chili Challenge!

February 11, 2018

Steve Springer



The 18th Annual Chili Challenge will be held on Sunday, February 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Collins Road Marriot.

So far this event has raised over \$104,000 for two charities: The Henry Davison Youth Center and the Free Medical Clinic. Each year, the revenue divided between these two local charities has grown and this year looks to be no exception.

The LCBS is again well represented by a long list of veteran contestants. They are Ruby Andrews and Kimmy Galloway, Bob Erger and Deb Neyens, Matt Heck and Dave Antin, Rich Lyle, Allene Pease and Robin Level, Ben Sanders and a group of youth from the Henry Davison Youth Center lead by Ishmael Tureaud. These participants have represented the LCBS proudly in the past and are looking to take all honors again this year.

In addition, Dan 'DJ' Johnson, 2007 Iowa Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and 2016 Iowa Blues Hall of fame recipient will be a judge for the 4th year. He will be joined on the judging platform by Iowa Blues Challenge winner, Kevin B.F. Burt. Rumor has it that DJ and Kevin may be doing some acoustic blues after the judging is complete and the votes are being counted.

On top of that, there is another huge silent auction with a great variety of all kinds of stuff. Of special interest to Blues Fans, the silent auction will include Johnny Lang tickets for the March 7th concert at the Paramount. There will be 1 set of two seats and 2 sets of 4 seats. Below are the packages / seats that will be offered:

- 2 Orch/ctr Row DD seat 101 & 102
- 4 Ball/Lft Row L seat 1, 3, 5, 7
- 4 Ball/ctr Row M seat 101,102,103,104

Get your tickets early, you don't want to miss this one! Tickets are \$10 at the door, \$8 in advance with seniors (over 65) at \$5 and under 6 Free. You can order tickets on line at blues-buffett.com or stop in one of the following businesses: Checkers, CRL, Dick's Tap & Shake House, The Famous Mockingbird, O'Malley's, Parlor City Pub, Q-Dogs BBQ, and the Village Meat Market and White Lion Treasures in Czech Village.

A promotional poster for a concert by Jonny Lang. The name 'JONNY LANG' is written in large, bold, black letters on a white background. Below it, in orange text on a black background, it says 'MARCH 7 PARAMOUNT THEATRE CEDAR RAPIDS, IA'. On the right side, there is a photograph of Jonny Lang playing an acoustic guitar. At the bottom right of the photo, it says 'NEW ALBUM "SIGNS" AVAILABLE NOW' with social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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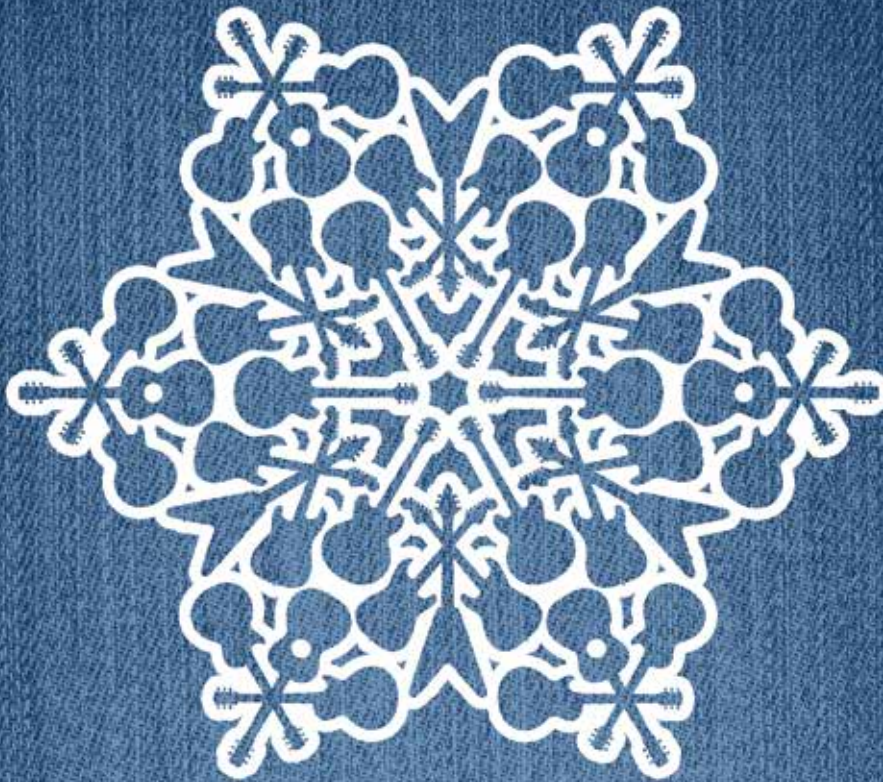
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Pick of the Month

Tinsley Ellis

Alligator Records 2018

Winning Hand

Tinsley Ellis returns to Alligator Records with a new album, *Winning Hand*. The Chicago Tribune said in a recent review, "Ellis torches with molten fretwork...combining with his melodic riffs and rousing, intense solos." These skills have defined his playing for the 30 years he has been playing, but he keeps refining these and adding new elements to his songs.

He discovered the blues through the back door of British Invasion bands like The Yardbirds, The Animals, Cream and The Rolling Stones as well as Southern rockers like The Allman Brothers. Elements of British blues and southern rock are still very present in his playing.

He is joined on this recording by many members of his long time band. Kevin McKendree on keyboards, Steve Mackey bass and Lynn Williams on drums. McKendree also produced the recording with Ellis. The addition of McKendree's keyboards, that have been prominently displayed on the last few discs, have offered a much richer sound to the band.

He is one of the hardest working and most well travelled of the modern bluesmen, he is proud of being on the road all of the time. "A musician never got famous staying home," he says. He was featured at the LCBS's 2015 blues show and has been at CSPS several times, catch him live.

Recorded in Nashville and produced by Ellis and Kevin McKendree, the ten songs include nine originals, ranging from southern blues, fiery blues/rock solos to soulful ballads. He is a great vocalist, which is easy to forget with his outstanding guitar playing. On his only cover song, Ellis pays tribute to one of his greatest guitar playing and songwriting influences, with a Freddie King-inspired version of Leon Russell's "Dixie Lullaby."

This is a great record from an artist that seems to get better with every recording.

— by Bill Graham

CIBS Announces IBHOF Class 2018

Induction April 8, 2018

CIBS Press Release

For Immediate Release
January 12, 2018

The Central Iowa Blues Society announces the IOWA BLUES HALL of FAME CLASS of 2018 including Ardie Dean Strutzenberg, Jay Sieleman, Scot Sutherland, Jeff Taylor and Vicki Price.

Save the date! The induction ceremony will be held on Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 5:00 pm at Noce' 1326 Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 am through Midwestix. Last year this was a sold out event. More information coming soon at www.cibs.org.

Election of LCBS Officers:

The following slate of Officers were nominated and elected by Acclamation:

President – David Antin
Vice President – Ric Holmquest
Secretary – Jeff Craft
Membership – John Lane
Entertainment – Greg West
Director of Development – Mark Rowell



(The Blue Trio) Bob Dorr, Jeff Petersen & Doug Norton, from The Blue Band, begin a residence at the new Bryan's On 4th restaurant, for Blues Night, EVERY Thursday 7-10:00pm. Bryan's is located at 320 E. 4th St. in Waterloo.

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Now the words that I have written are ringing in my head. Oh, and I think I believe them.

The “Last Goodbye Tour”

The Blue Band wrapping it up at Riverside Casino

article & photos by Phillip Smith

Saturday, January 13th, Bob Dorr and the Blue Band performed their “Last Goodbye” show at Riverside Casino. Following a couple of terrific sets from the wonderful Duke Tumatoo, who captivated the crowd with “Give Me Back My Wig”, “You Don’t Drink Enough” and “Tie You Up”, Bob Dorr and the Blue Band tore through three exhilarating sets of music to the largest audience I have ever seen at the Show Lounge.

Bob Dorr kicked the first set off with the swinging “Don’t Sting, Bite or Bug Me” which was followed by slough of sweet tunes of which included “3 AM Backdoor Baby” and “Bottle in the Kitchen”. To commemorate Bob’s sixty-sixth birthday which fell on January 12, the band played “Happy Birthday Blues” before working their way down the set list to hammer out splendid covers of Sam and Dave’s, “Soul Man”, and Van Morrison’s, “Domino”.

The second set broke open with a fabulous jam on “Not Fade Away”. Cathy Henry gave a captivating performance singing Etta James’s, “Blues is My Business”. One of the biggest highlights for

me was hearing “Elvis in Paraguay”. It was fabulous. Ralph Stephens joined in on washboard and Bob broke out the zydeco tie for a rousing jamboree on “They All Asked For You”, which melted quite nicely into a medley of “Iko Iko” and “Jambalya”. The set closed out with a riveting delivery of “Mustang Sally”. It was an instant crowd pleaser.



Jeff Petersen



Duke Tumatoo



Bob Dorr

Set number three included fun songs like “Drugs Drugs Drugs” and the high energy horn-heavy ska tune “Arc Welded”. It was absolutely wonderful. Also included in this final set was “Nadine”, which was immediately followed by “The Last Goodbye”. The performance was outstanding.

Bob Dorr and the Blue Band kept the electricity going through the night, winding down with “Bobby’s Blues”, and landing on “Mojo and the Say So” for a grand ending. For the encore, they returned to play “Any Ordinary Man”, which brought the show to its final close. It was a magical evening indeed.

Use of unnecessary violence in the apprehension of the Blues Brothers HAS been approved.

Local Music 2018

February 2018 Blues Calendar

Thur. 1	J.M. O'Malley's Limestone Room Parlor City Pub QDogs BBQ	Blue Henry, 8-12 B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM BillyLee Janey, 6-9Pm Marion
Fri. 2	Famous Mockingbird QDogs BBQ Sanctuary Pub Jameson's Pub House	35th & Taylor, 8PM Marion Rob Lumbard, 6-9Pm Marion McMurrin & Johnson, 8-10PM. Iowa City Tim & The Trutones, 8- midnight, Waterloo
Sat. 3 ★	Village Market Famous Mockingbird	Skeeter Louis & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Tim & The Trutones, 8-12 Marion
Sun. 4	Cooter's	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM
Tue. 6	Parlor City Pub	Brook Hoover hosts jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 7	QDogs BBQ	Skeeter Louis Trio, 6-9PM Marion
Thur. 8	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub Limestone Room QDogs BBQ	Kevin Burt w/ Dan Johnson, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM Robert 'One Man' Johnson, 6-9Pm Marion
Sat. 10	Village Market Famous Mockingbird	Nate Hines & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Eddie Piccard Valentines Gala, MUD 8PM
Sun. 11	Cooter's Youth Coalition-Gala	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM Mike Maas, C. Faurot, J.O'Connell, Monticello 7-9
Tue. 13	Parlor City Pub	Tom Bruner hosts jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 14	QDogs BBQ Red Lion	Bryce Janey, 6-9PM Marion McMurrin & Johnson & The Gov. 7-10PM
Thur. 15	Limestone Room Parlor City Pub J.M. O'Malley's QDogs BBQ Whipple Auditorium	B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Matt Panek, 8-12 BillyLee Janey, 6-9PM Marion D. McPartland Quart. Jazz w/C. Erickson 6-8PM
Fri. 16	Lincoln Wine Bar	Mike Maas, C. Faurot, J.O'Connell, Mt. Vernon 7-9
Sat. 17	Village Market QDogs BBQ	Kevin Burt & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Laid Back Band, 6-9PM Marion
Sun. 18	Cooter's	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM
Tue. 20	Parlor City Pub	Ryan Phelan hosts jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 21	QDogs BBQ	Skeeter Louis Trio, 6-9PM Marion
Thur. 22	J.M. O'Malley's Limestone Room Parlor City Pub QDogs BBQ Jackson Elementary	Craig Erickson, 8-12 B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Robert 'One Man' Johnson, 6-9Pm Marion BITS, 10AM Schoolhouse Jazz, 2PM
Fri. 23	Famous Mockingbird Wright Elementary Grantwood Element The Blue Room	Dogfish Head Release party, 6Pm Marion Blues in the Schools (BITS), 10AM Schoolhouse Jazz, 2PM Tim & The Trutones, Cedar Falls
Sat. 24	Village Market Famous Mockingbird QDogs BBQ 7 Hills Brewing Co. Breezer's Pub The Blue Room	Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Taylor Scott Band, 8Pm Marion Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson, 6-9Pm Marion Mike Maas, C. Faurot, J. O'Connell, 8:30-11:30 Dubuque Johnny Kilowatt, Blu Room 8-12.600 Central Av Dubuque Tim & The Trutones, Cedar Falls
Sun. 25	Cooter's Village Market	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM Skeeter Louis & Dan Johnson, Noon-2PM
Tue. 27	Parlor City Pub	Bob Dorr & Jeff Petersen host jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 28	QDogs BBQ	Bryce Janey. 6-9PM Marion

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EVERY

- Sat. - The Village Market w/ Dan Johnson 11-2PM
- Sun. - The Rumors Jam, 4-7PM
- Sun. - Cooter's. Jam w/ Slide Williams. 4-7:30PM
- Tues. - The Famous Parlor City Jam. 7-10PM
- Wed. - 5th Wednesday B. Dorr, Skeeter & DJ @ QDogs BBQ
- Thur. - Bryan's On 4th. Bob, Jeff & Doug, 7-10:00PM
- Thur. - J.M.O'Malley's, Tom T-Bone Giblin Jams, 8-midnight
- Thur. - CR VFW, Wild Bill & Pony Express, 5-9PM **NEW!**
- Thur. - Dennis "Daddy-0" McMurrin at Parlor City 7-10PM
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Rev Rants

Farewell

The "Reverend" Frank Wilson



It has been my pleasure to serve as President of the Linn County Blues Society since 2010, a period of over 7 years. I never would have guessed I would hang on this long.

My objectives when I first became president were to:

1. Keep the club on an even keel, fulfill our commitments, and keep the club going.
2. Keep the meetings moving to respect every one's time.
3. Make the meetings at least a little bit fun.

I think my results have been mixed, but on the whole were good enough to keep us going.

There have been some challenging times for the club. There was a time when I feared my legacy as President would be the liquidation of the club.

Fortunately that will not be the case. In no small measure because of the volunteer efforts of all of the LCBS officers and volunteers. I shall

be forever thankful for the time and energy and encouragement all of you, and your predecessors, have invested in the Linn County Blues Society.

Also, the last few years have held some changes in my life. Frankly, the LCBS helped me get through some of those changes, and I'm grateful for that and the friendships I've made with many of you.

Over the last year we have been fortunate to receive an infusion of new people and new energy into the club, which is the club's life blood. This renewal allowed us to successfully establish a new tradition, the Czech Village Blues. The LCBS volunteers and The Friends of Czech Village put on a great event, and I'm certain there will be many more in the future.

One of those who has stepped forward is our Vice President David Antin. David has expressed a willingness to become President of the Linn County Blues Society. So with that interest, and the start of planning for the 2018 Czech Village Blues, I think now is an opportune time for a change in leadership in LCBS.

We held election of new officers at the January LCBS meeting. In addition to the election of David Antin as president, other new officers include Vice President, Ric Holmquest, Secretary, Jeff Craft, Membership Chair, John Lane and Director of Development, Mark Rowell. Greg West was re-elected Entertainment Chair. At Large Directors, Bob DeForest and

Steve Miller, Treasurer, Bill Graham and Education Chair, John Heim each have a year remaining on their current terms.

I'd also like to recognize Kevin Cutsforth and Evan Vulich. Kevin is stepping down as membership chairman after at least 10 years. Evan continues to edit and produce the LCBS Bluespaper, as he has done since 2005. These two men have been stalwarts since before I became active in LCBS, and we all owe them a big thanks for all their efforts.

I'm still going to come to the meetings and assist where I can. I've committed to a few of you personally that I am not leaving Linn County Blues Society, merely taking a new role. I might continue to write an occasional Rev's Rants for the Bluespaper. David and I will continue to work out what my role will be, and I'm quite confident David has the energy and skills to lead LCBS now.

Thank you for your support, and good luck to the Linn County Blues Society in 2018.

The Rev



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Kevin Burt wins BIG!

The 34th International Blues Challenge

press release



Iowa City blues musician Kevin B.F. Burt was the winner of the Solo/Duo competition at the 34th International Blues Challenge (IBC), presented by the Blues Foundation, on Saturday evening. In addition, he won the Lee Oskar Best Harmonica award and the Cigar Box Guitar award for Most Promising Acoustic Act. Kevin was among 235 bands & solo/duo acts from around the world entered into the 5 day event on Beale Street, which in addition to the IBC competition, also features an International Showcase, a Youth Showcase and the annual Keeping the Blues Alive awards.

Kevin got the opportunity to participate in the IBC by virtue of winning the Iowa Blues Challenge (IABC) Solo/Duo competition in September, presented by the Central Iowa Blues Society in Des Moines and co-sponsored by the Mississippi Valley Blues Society in Davenport, the South Skunk Blues Society in Newton and the Southeast Iowa Blues Society in Fairfield. (In 2018 the Linn County Blues Society in Cedar Rapids will also be an IABC co-sponsor).

This was Kevin's 2nd opportunity to participate in the IBC. In 1995, he and his band the Blues Instigators represented the Central Iowa Blues Society at what was known then as the International Blues Talent Competition.

Videos of Kevin's preliminary round performances on Wednesday & Thursday nights at Lew's Blue Note Bar & Grill, his semi-finals performance on Friday at Peoples on Beale and his finals performance on Saturday at the Orpheum Theatre can be seen on the Central Iowa Blues Society's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/centrاليowabluesociety.

The Iowa entry in the Band category, the Avey Grouws Band, with Jeni Grouws from Decorah & Chris Avey, Bryan West, Randy Leasman & Andrew Durham from the Quad Cities, advanced to the semi-finals before being eliminated. The Redwoods, a youth act from Omaha/Council Bluffs was sponsored by CIBS in the Youth Showcase.

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Jeff Duskin, CIBS Administrator & IABC co-chair ; (515) 494-6033, jeff@cibs.org.

(Photo was submitted by Kevin and rights granted for promotional use associated with the Iowa Blues Challenge/ International Blues Challenge)

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