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**Friday Blues**
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- Midnight Blues CD

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- Midnight Blues CD

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Bob Dorr and Ralph Stevens (right) along with the Blue Band at Gatherings in Cedar Rapids for a New Bo fundraiser.

PJ is 50! Rev. Raven CD release party Jan 30 - Checkers Tavern
2011 Chili Challenge, Sunday, February 27
Big Mo’s CD review: Reverend Raven & TCSAB

The Blue Band at Gatherings
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Rev. Wilson blasphemes
LCBS wants you!

I f YOU are one of our local blues musicians (or a reasonably close relative), LCBS wants YOUR gigs on our calendar. We publish our calendar every month in the world renowned LCBS Bluespaper; every week in our equally renowned Blues Blast e-mail, and it is always on our web site at lcbs.org. If you are not already getting a request for your upcoming schedules from our Bluespaper Editor and Chief Bottlewasher, Evan Vulich, send him a note at evulich@mchsi.com and he’ll hook you up.

If YOU book live music of the blues persuasion, we want YOUR events on our calendar. The local bars and clubs are the lifeblood of live music in our area. If we don’t have your events on our calendar, send them to Evan.

If YOU like live music, use our calendar to find a show and go support our local musicians and club owners. We are blessed in our area to have a number of gifted and talented musicians, and they all love to perform for interested listeners. And tell the club you knew about the event from the LCBS Bluespaper calendar.

If YOU see a live show that the rest of us should know about, we want YOUR write up in the Bluespaper. Or if you find a venue we should know about, write about that. You get to see your name in print and you can show it to your mom. You know she will be proud of you. Send your stories to us. Take a few photos and send those, too. Remember to get close enough and use enough light to make a good photo. (Editor’s note: Don’t be like the Rev, read the camera instructions. It is always helpful.) Remember to say hi to the Rev when you see him.

December 30, 2010
Shake Your Boogie
8-11PM
Mark your calendars for December 30 as Checkers Tavern & Eatery will be hosting Reverend Raven and The Chain Smokin’ Altar Boys for their CD release party! His new CD is Shake Your Boogie. You don’t want to miss this show! If you remember, Reverend Ric and the Altar Boys really did smoke at 2010 Bluesmore. Plan to attend PJ will be wearing his new, pink bunny slippers he got for Christmas! He’s so proud of them.

Tomaso’s Pizza
Official Pizza of Bluesmore!
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Linn County Blues Society Membership Application
Name ___________________________ Phone ______________________
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☐ Annual Membership Dues - $20 ☐ Blues Booster/Corporate Sponsor - $100

Check below if you would like to share your talents with the LCBS in one or more of these areas:
☐ Membership ☐ Bluepaper ☐ Bluesmore ☐ Merchandise ☐ Public Relations ☐ Other

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**Local Music 2011**

**January Calendar**

Sat.  1 Fire House  
Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM  

Sun.  2 Parlor City Pub  
Gibby’s Lab Jam, 8-11PM  

Wed.  5 Parlor City Pub  
McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM  

Thu.  6 The Firehouse  
Timothy Castillo & The Breaking Bones, 9PM  

Fri.  7 The Molly Waters  
Cherokee Jazz Fest  
City Beat  
Erlins  
John F. & The Detroit Blues, Bettendorf, IA  
The Blue Band, FVMH Hall, 8PM Cherokee, IA  
Mike & Rob Show, 9-12  
McMurrin & Johnson, 9-12  

Sat.  8 Fire House  
Costar  
Cherokee Jazz Fest Big Daddies, CR  
Gibby’s Lab Jam, 8-11PM  

Sun.  9 Parlor City Pub  
Mercury Brothers  

Sat. 11 Parlor City Pub  
Gibby’s Lab Jam, 8-11PM  

Sun. 12 Sammy’s  
Mike & Rob Show, 8-12  

Mon. 13 J.M. O’Malley’s  
Leo’s Italian Restaurant  

Tue. 14 Parlor City Pub  
Gibby’s Lab Jam, 8-11PM  

Wed. 15 Parlor City Pub  
Mike & Rob Show, 8-12  

Thu. 16 Parlor City Pub  
Mike Williams B-Day Jam, 8-11PM  

Fri. 18 Leo’s Gen. Lounge  
Kevin Burt, 8PM Oelwein  

Sat. 22 Fire House  
Leo’s Gen. Lounge  
Checkers Tavern  

Sun. 23 Fire House  
Parlor City Pub  
The 503 Nightclub  

Mon. 24 Fire House  
Parlor City Pub  
Bryce Janey & friends, 4-6PM  
EJC, 8-12  
The Blue Band, 9-1  Iowa Falls  

Tue. 25 Parlor City Pub  
Mike Williams-B & J, 8-11PM  

Thu. 27 J.M. O’Malley’s  
Leo’s Gen. Lounge  

Fri. 28 Leo’s Gen. Lounge  
Erie’s  

Sat. 29 Fire House  
Parlor City Pub  
Wise & Alley  

Sun. 30 Parlor City Pub  
Mike & Rob Show, 8-12  

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**LCBS Members SAVE 10% off meals at Leo’s Italian Restaurant!**  
29 South Frederick Avenue, Oelwein.  

SAVE at - Tic Toct Restaurant  
Buy one, get one ½ price on any regular breakfast entrée or sandwich!  

SAVE at - Genghis Grill  
10% off entire ticket ANYTIME!  

SAVE at Hamilton Mortgage  
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A very special THANK YOU to these businesses who have signed up to help us Keep the Blues Alive!  

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- The Longbranch  
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- Next Door  
- Tomaso’s Pizza  
- Mahoney’s Irish Pub  

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W.C. Handy sees a “ragged loose-jointed black” playing the guitar in a Tutwiler, Mississippi railroad station. The unknown guitarist used a knife as a slide to play the guitar. Handy remarked “The event was unforgettable. His song, too, struck me instantly. Goin’ where the Southern cross the Dog. March 1903

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**Every Saturday**  
Sat. - The Firehouse - Jam with various players 4-8PM  
Sun. - Mahoney’s - Various artists - Never a Cover, 6pm  
Parlor City Rocks New Bohemia District!  
Tue. - Gibby’s Lab Jam, Parlor City, 8-11PM  
Thur. - J.M.O’Malley’s - T-Bone Giblin Jam Fest

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**2011 Chili Challenge**  
Sunday, February 27 is getting closer!  

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**Reverend Raven**  
Shake Your Boogie  
Nevermore Records

**Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin’ Altar Boys**  
Shakin’ with the Rev  

Raverend Raven and the Chain Smokin’ Altar Boys (one of the coolest band names ever) rockin’ my world with their new release ‘Shake Your Boogie’. The CD jacket quotes Reverend Raven: “Recorded live on stage at The Minimar Theater, Milwaukee WI with a minimum of overdubs in two different sessions with two of my favorite line ups.” The biggest difference in the two line-ups (without typing 9 names) is Madison Slim/harmonica on four tracks and renowned Big Al Groth on the other nine both playing strong solos and foil to The Rev’s fabulous guitar. Both rhythm sections are tighter than the bark on a tree and the Rev keeps things stirred up with some smokin’ hot solos. It looks like seven treatments of blues classics like “She’s Murder” & “Bricks In My Pillow” along with new material from The Reverend, Gerry Hundt & the rest of the band. The production, recording, mix and package are first rate. Reverend Raven and the Chain Smokin’ Altar Boys “Shake Your Boogie” is $25.94 in a CD but the download is $8.99 on Amazon. They’ll put some shake in your butt!

— John Heim a.k.a. “Big Mo”
Bob Dorr and Ralph Stephens on washboard

Bob Dorr and The Blue Band (theblueband.com) performed at Gatherings Restaurant and Nightclub in Cedar Rapids on November 26, to help to raise money for the New Boa (New Bohemia arts organization (newbohemia.org).

The Blue Band also donated some Blue Band collectors items for the silent auction.

Ralph Stephens sat in on washboard for a few numbers, including a couple smokin’ hot duets with Bob. You can see a couple videos of the show on Bob Dorr’s Facebook Wall.

The Magnetos performed at J.M. O’Malley’s on November 24. The Magnetos are Joe Nelson on stand up bass, Todd Brown on stand up drums, and on guitar (also standing up.)

The Magnetos play a variety of roots rock and roll. They have a dedicated group of followers and are enthusiastic dancers. Check them out the next time you can and be forewarned, they are kind of, uh, LOUD!

Proprietors Mike and Julie O’Malley were on hand to keep the crowd’s thirst in check.

Remember to check out O’Malley’s. They are long time supporters of the blues and live music in general.

The Magnetos Singer Robin Rogers

Bob Dorr leading the charge, Ralph Stephens on washboard, Mark Linda on bass guitar and Jeff Petersen on lead guitar.

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Singer Robin Rogers

It is with great sadness that Blind Pig Records announces the passing of singer Robin Rogers at the age of 55. She died at her home December 17 in Gastonia, North Carolina, where she was being cared for by her husband and musical partner, Tony.

In August the talented singer and harmonica player was diagnosed with terminal liver cancer. Like most musicians Robin and Tony were without health insurance and depend-ed on touring for their income. For years Robin was always ready to donate her time and performances to a good cause, so it was not surprising that there was an immediate out-pouring of love and support from the blues community and her many fans. Benefits and fundraisers were held around the country to raise money for medical bills and living ex-penses.

Robin was deeply moved by the support, and was also buoyed by the success and critical acclaim for her new CD, Back In The Fire, which debuted at #3 on the Billboard Blues sales chart, where it remains in the top ten.

Blind Pig owner Jerry Del Giudice said, “Robin always struck me as someone who felt she didn’t have a moment to spare. She was constantly in motion. I became aware that her artistry and her integrity were two things she would not compromise and how genuinely she cared about others in need. She was diagnosed with terminal cancer shortly before the release of Back In The Fire. She told me that although she didn’t want to carry this burden, it was hers to carry and she would do the very best she could with every moment she had left.

As we cry we have to remember what a wonderful laugh that was and how sorely it will be missed.”

Rogers, winner of the 2009 “Best Female Artist” Blues Blast Award, was announced just this week as a nominee for a Blues Music Award for “Contemporary Blues Female Artist” by the Blues Foundation. And just last weekend Robin was featured on National Public Radio’s “Weekend Edition Saturday,” where she told host Scott Simon that despite battling cancer and the effects of chemotherapy, she felt “blessed.” Rest in peace, Robin.

“I have finally found a way to live just like I never could before. I know that I don’t have much to give, but I can open any door”

— Blind Faith

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