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Ron DeWitte
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Ron DeWitte Remembered

To friends, fans and fellow musicians



Tom Giblin



To friends, fans,
and fellow musicians;
I thought it would be nice
to gather together for a day of
music and remembrance of

Ron DeWitte
on Sunday, March 11
at Parlor City from 3-7PM.

Everybody is invited to come
in and jam and share memories.

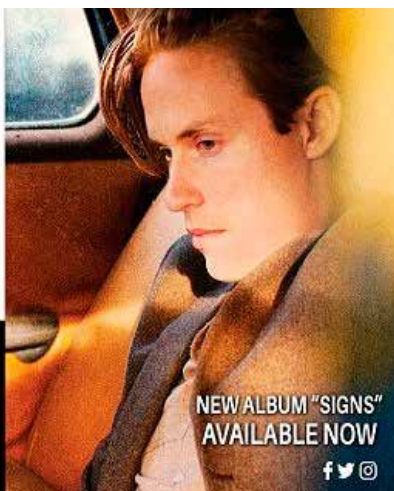
There will be a backline set on
stage, so just bring your axe.
Thanks, Gibby

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 cibs.org.

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Eric Gales. Craig Erickson Band.

Live at The Redstone Room, Davenport

Photos and article _ Phil Smith

The Redstone Room in Davenport, Iowa was the place to be for guitar aficionados Friday, January 26. The Craig Erickson Band, with John Hall on bass and Rob Haskell on drums, delivered a powerful six-song set before The Eric Gales Band took the stage. The Eric Gales Band consists of Eric on guitar, Byron Carter on bass, his wife LaDonna, on drums, and percussion and Nick Hayes, on drums.

For a perfect start, Erickson kicked the evening off with the wonderfully funky "Space Rooster" from the Cosmic Farm album. He delivered one my favorites, "Mojo in Memphis" in powerhouse fashion and broke out a groovy new track, "Love Land" which rolled right into a fantastic cover of Jimi Hendrix's, "Hey Baby". Singer, Alicia Strong, joined The Craig Erickson Band for the final two songs, "Mercy" from Sky Train Galaxy, and "Overtime" off the Roadhouse Stomp album, ending the set with a room full of smiles and cheers.

Eric Gales was in top form as he greeted a near-capacity crowd to a couple of killer tracks, "Change in Me (the Rebirth)" and a sweet cover of Freddy King's, "Boogie Man" both off his brand new record, Middle of the Road". I loved his searing instrumental take on "Don't Fear the Reaper". I immensely enjoyed being swept away by the rolling blues on "Swamp". That's such a terrific song. Gales brought the evening to a close, dishing out an incredible performance with a "Voodoo Chile / Back in Black" medley. It was wonderful.



Eric Gales



Alicia Strong, John Hall and Craig Erickson



61 Ghosts

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...to the Edge

... to the Edge, the all-original six-track EP from 61 Ghosts is a pure, raw joy to listen to. 61 Ghosts is comprised of singer/songwriter/guitarist, Joe Mazzari (Johnny Thunders), drummer, Dixie Deadwood, (Leo "Bud" Welch), and bassist, J.D. Sipe, who is also known for his outstanding artwork featuring portraits of rock and blues musicians. Recorded at the Clarksdale Soundstage in Clarksdale, Mississippi, To the Edge embraces the rich history of the Mississippi Hill Country Blues, while spinning Mazzari's sharp, hard-edged lyrics.

I love the opening track "Heartbeat". The rolling beat and scorching guitar riffs pour freely like that of a Springsteen barn-burner. Mazzari's gravelly vocals definitely sing from a place of experience. The song wonderfully rolls right into "No One at Your Door", a caffeinated breakup song which keeps the heart pounding with a relentless racing rhythm and punkabilly flair. Mazzari's poetic prowess portrays a world of hurt in World Gone Crazy". His guitar mastery brightly shines as he takes the listener another gloomy step deeper into the abyss of desolation in the heart-felt lament "If Tears Were Dirt". Acoustically performed, "Show Me Your Scars" is an absolutely beautiful song about opening up. It's a true gem.

The songs of 61 Ghosts are quite exceptional. Mazzari has such a wonderful way with words, and the proof is abundant on this release. I am already looking forward to the release of their first full-length album.

— by Phil Smith

*She said "I want you daddy,
I want you by my side"
"And if you don't want me,
gonna walk until I die"*

Blues World loses 2 More

Eddie Shaw and Sonny Payne



The Blues Foundation mourns the passing of Eddie Shaw, who was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2014. A Chicago blues saxophonist/bandleader and multiple Blues Music Awards winner, Shaw blew his industrial-strength sax with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, and Magic Sam. We join the rest of the blues world in sending condolences to his family. May his spirit live on through his wonderful music.



The Blues Foundation mourns the passing of Sonny Payne, who was a two-time Keeping the Blues Alive Award recipient and was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame in 2010. He was the host of the legendary "King Biscuit Time" program on KFFA radio in Helena, Arkansas for over five decades. We join the rest of the blues world in sending condolences to his family.

(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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Tim & The Trutones debut in Marion

The Famous Mockingbird still stands after show!

The editor



Tim Wagoner

A storm swept through Marion on Saturday, February 3 at precisely 8PM and lasted until midnight. The aftermath focused on only one location; Dennis Mahoney's, The Famous Mockingbird. This group's performance

was more like a screaming locomotive. Tim & The Trutones was that storm that kept laying the music down to the end to a relatively small but very reverend blues crowd.

Tim and The Trutones (TNT) as I like to call them, a blues/rock power trio, came roaring down from Waterloo that lit up The Famous Mockingbird with the relentless and driving guitar of Tim Wagoner and bandmates, Paul Ferguson on bass and Corey Clark on drums. Three of them is enough in this group. Anyone else on stage would have been simply run over by the sheer force of these players.

Along with their fine originals, the band masterfully covered anything from Dylan, Clapton's Pretending, SRV's Tin Pan Alley, ZZ Top to Delbert McClinton, J.J. Cale. They gave us enough of the signature of the song, of course, and then added thier own spice and off it went! Joe Cocker's, When The Night Comes, was simply amazing the way the Tru-

tones handled this killer song. Don Henley's, Dirty Laundry, was an unexpected curveball the band threw at us. Way cool!

They gained more energy as the night rolled on. Though the crowd began to thin as the midnight hour approached, the band's energy never wained. Regretfully, I had to leave before the end of the night so I could get the guy I came with back to the halfway house.

Speaking of halfway houses, It was good to see P.J. Harrington from Checker's Tavern and Asian Massage, who was there in the crowd that night. Maybe he was out on work-release.



Paul Ferguson



Corey Clark

If you haven't heard Tim & The Trutones yet, I'd encourage you to go out of your way to get a front row seat as soon as you can just to hear the musical prowess of this powerhouse trio out of Waterloo.

You'll be hooked by TNT's wide range of great classic blues and rock. TNT is the real deal and a band that will be making their mark in the Cedar Rapids/ Marion area.

Check out the photos taken that night and a blurb from an email I received from The Trutones after their debut at The Famous Mockingbird expressing their heart-felt appreciation for the night they had and for the crowd that came to hear them;

I just can't begin tell you how much it meant to us to be so well received by you, David and Dennis and all the rest of the folks that were there. We're looking forward to a long and strong relationship with the LCBS.

"We, Tim, Paul and Corey, had no idea what to expect when we headed to Marion last Saturday afternoon for our first performance in the area. We had heard all good things about The Famous Mockingbird, but the weather was not great, we were new to the local market and, you just never know.

The overwhelming positive feedback and support that we got from the owner Dennis Mahoney, from LCBS Bluespaper editor, Evan (Vulich) and LCBS President, David (Antin) and from the great blues fans that showed up to see us, went beyond anything we could have imagined. Our sincere appreciation and all who were in attendance for making us feel right at home...kinda like we were among old friends....that we just met!

Thanks again to each and every one of you. We're very much looking forward to coming to see you again soon."



Foto Bomber

From L to R; The Antins, Paul Ferguson, Corey Clark, Tim Wagoner and Dennis Mahoney

Local Music 2018

March 2018 Blues Calendar

Thur. 1	J.M. O'Malley's Limestone Room Parlor City Pub Famous Mockingbird	Kevin Burt w/ Dan Johnson, 8-12 B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Jon Stickley Trio, 8PM Marion
Fri. 2	QDogs BBQ Hy-Vee Market	Rob Lumbard, 6-9Pm Marion Summit Jazz Trio, 5:30-8:30PM Mt. Vernon Rd.
Sat. 3	Village Market QDogs BBQ	Skeeter Louis & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9PM Marion
Sun. 4	Cooter's	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM
Tue. 6	Parlor City Pub	Kevin Burt hosts jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 7	Paramount Theatre QDogs BBQ	Jonny Lang Skeeter Louis Trio, 6-9PM Marion 
Thur. 8	J.M. O'Malley's Parlor City Pub Limestone Room QDogs BBQ	Charlie Morgan, 8-12 McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM Robert 1Man Johnson, 6-9Pm Marion
Fri. 9	Riverside Casino Lincoln Wine Bar	The Robert Cray Band, 8PM Tickets online McMurrin & Johnson, 7-9PM Mt. Vernon 
Sat. 10	Village Market QDogs BBQ Riverside Casino Famous Mockingbird Wild Hogs	Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM Craig Erickson, 6-9PM Marion Trombone Shorty, 8PM Tickets online Aaron Kamm & The One Drops, 9PM Marion  The Agency Band, 3-7PM. Walford
Mon. 12	George's Buffet	Kilowatt & The Monday Night All-Stars 8-11PM
Tue. 13	Parlor City Pub	Tom Bruner hosts jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 14	QDogs BBQ	Bryce Janey, 6-9PM Marion
Thur. 15	Limestone Room Parlor City Pub J.M. O'Malley's	B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Matt Panek, 8-12
Fri. 16	The Sanctuary Pub	McMurrin & Johnson, 8-10PM Iowa City
Sat. 17	Village Market-St.Pat	Skeeter Louis & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM
Sun. 18	Lefty's Live Music  Cooter's Unity Center, CR	Tinsley Ellis, 6Pm Des Moines TIX @ Lefty's web Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM Mike Maas, Carlis Faurot. 10-11AM
Tue. 20	Parlor City Pub	Brook Hoover 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	Bryce Janey w/ Dan Johnson, 8-12 B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM Robert 1 Man Johnson, 6-9Pm Marion
Fri. 23	QDogs BBQ Famous Mockingbird	Craig Erickson, 6-9PM Marion Treesreach, 7PM Marion
Sat. 24	Village Market Waubek QDogs BBQ	Nate Hines & Dan Johnson, 11-2PM 1 Man Johnson w/ McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM Mike Maas & Carlis Faurot, 6-9PM Marion
Sun. 25	Cooter's Village Market Indian Creek Jazz	Slide Williams hosts jam, 4-7:30PM Skeeter Louis & Dan Johnson Duo, Noon-2PM M. Maas, C.Faurot, D. Redmond, J. O'Connell 8-10AM
Tue. 27	Parlor City Pub	Bob Dorr & Jeff Petersen host jam, 7-10PM
Wed. 28	QDogs BBQ	Bryce Janey. 6-9PM Marion
Thur. 29	J.M. O'Malley's Limestone Room Parlor City Pub	Craig Erickson, 8-12 B. Dorr & IA Blues All-Stars, Waterloo 7-10:00PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM
Fri. 30	Famous Mockingbird The Sanctuary, I.C.	Jordan Bruce & The Derelectrics, 9PM Marion Mike Maas, Carlis Faurot, John O'Connell, 8-10PM
Sat. 31	Village Market Famous Mockingbird QDogs BBQ Parlor City Pub	Jason Christiansen, 11-2PM Harp Twins, 8PM Marion Doug Ducey & Dan Johnson Duo, 6-9PM Marion Soul Sacrifice, 8-11PM

Be sure to CHECK this out!

EVERY

Sat. - The Village Market w/ Dan Johnson 11-2PM
Sun. - The Rumors Jam, 4-7PM
Sun. - Jeff Craft & Bryce Janey, Shack Tavern 3-6PM **NEW!**
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-O" McMurrin at Parlor City 7-10PM
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2018 18th Annual Chili Challenge recap

Again, breaks its own record!



**Overall Club Winner:
Linn County Blues Society!**

Steve Springer

Yet another very successful Chili Challenge with the LCBS taking the Overall Club Winner and earning the highest percent of the net for the Henry Davison Youth Center. This year the total proceeds were over \$12,000 with \$6,000 going to the Youth Center and \$5,800 going to the Community Free Health Clinic. A huge thanks to the LCBS veteran contestants. Bob Dorr did his usual outstanding job as MC. Dan ‘DJ’ Johnson was back as a judge and a BIG welcome to the judging group’s newest member, Kevin Burt. DJ, Bob and Kevin entertained the crowd with an acoustic set after the judging was complete which all enjoyed. All in all, the LCBS was well represented and a good time was had by all.

A special thanks from the Henry Davison Youth Center for the continued support from the LCBS.

Following is the list of winners, but understand, everyone in this event is a winner—there are no losers..

Best Beef Chili: Stacy Wellington, “Lunch Lady’s Special Chili for Wimps”. 2nd: Keith Wright & Lou Ann Anderson’s “Lego My Chili”.

Best Non-Beef Chili: HD Youth Center’s “Grecian Gyro Chili”, 2nd: Rich Lyle’s “Pulled My Best Pork Outta My Butt Chili”.

Best Vegetarian Chili: Amy Anderson’s “Hippie Chili”, 2nd: Halane Cummings “Vegan Virgin Sacrifice”.

Most Spicy Chili: Ramsey’s Wine Bistro, 2nd: Allene Pease & Robin Level’s- “Chili Nelson”.

Most Unusual/Creative Chili: Ruby Andrews & Kim Galloway’s “Smoky Masa Chili”. 2nd: LCBS president, David Antin & Matt Heck “Garden and Gobbler”.

Best Presentation: Keith Wright & Lou Ann Anderson’s “Lego My Chili”, 2nd: Sandy & Steve Robe “Da Lime in de Coconut Chili”.

Professional: Judges Best Overall Chili: Ramsey’s Wine Bistro. 2nd: QDogs BBQ Company.

Professional: People’s Choice & Most Popular Chili: QDogs, 2nd: Ramsey’s.

Overall People’s Choice: HD Youth Center’s “Grecian Gyro Chili”.

LCBS: Most Popular Chili: HD Youth Center’s “Grecian Gyro Chili”, 2nd: Rich Lyle’s “Pulled My Best Pork Outta My Butt Chili”.

IIPHC Most Popular Chili: Sandy & Steve Robe’s “Da Lime in de Coconut Chili”.

2nd: Community Health Free Clinic “Community Chili”.



Photo by Phil Smith

2018 International Blues Competition winner, Kevin BF Burt on Dobro, jams at the 18th Annual Chili Challenge held at the Marriott with Iowa Blues Hall of Famers, Dan DJ Johnson and Bob Dorr of the Blue Band.

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