



BLUESPAPER

BLUESMORE 2006 will feature Blues of Roomful of Blues, Nora Jean Bruso, The Ellis Kell Band, at Bruce more on August 5th

Roomful of Blues "Standing Room Only" Alligator Records

After more than 35 years of jumpin' and swingin' through nearly 50 band members, this Rhode Island collective is more like a Houseful of Blues than a Roomful. With eight originals and six classic covers, "Standing Room Only" is a pulsating joy that captures the energy of the band's live performances.

The material optimizes the vocal power of singer Mark DuFresne and the guitar work and songwriting of leader Chris Vachon, whose four compositions are highlights. The band's trademark horns remain a driving force, the signature of Roomful's Blues. There's no way you can stay in your seat with grooves like this. *The Boston Herald*



female sellers in Pocono's 13 year history along with Shemika Copeland and KoKo Taylor. The second highest seller of any artist to appear at the 2003 Chicago Blues Festival.

"After one song, you'll realize this is the real deal Blues. Bruso is a vocalist who has the drama inside of her

and allows it to come out in each word she sings." —Art Tipaldi, *Blues Revue Magazine*

The Ellis Kell Band "Ellis Kell Band & Friends - 2000"

Celebrating 15 years together in 2005, the band continues to perform at shows, festivals and concerts. They have opened shows and shared the stage with...B.B. King, Jimmy

Rogers, Robert Cray, Delbert McClinton, Jimmie Vaughan, Etta James, Johnny Winter, Junior Wells, Bo Diddley, Saffire, Charlie Musselwhite, Albert Collins, Lonnie Mack to name a few. From the Quad Cities, the band has appeared at Mississippi Valley Blues Festivals.

Stay tuned...Great Blues is coming!



Nora Jean Bruso "Going Back to Mississippi" Severn Records

Recently named one of the ten great women in Chicago Blues by Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, Nora Jean's first release was one of the top three





Iowa Blues Challenge winner Juke Joint Sinners of Quad Cities

Press Release from Iowa Blues Challenge

Congratulations to **Juke Joint Sinners**, winners of the 2006 Iowa Blues Challenge held Friday, May 19th at the Hilton Garden Inn. This Quad Cities band received \$500 cash plus \$1,200 travel expenses to Memphis as our local representative at the International Blues Challenge.

Des Moines band **Big Mike and Holdin' on Tight** placed second, earning them \$400 cash.

Both of these bands also receive 8 hours of studio time as well as several paid gigs including the Mississippi Valley Blues Fest and Nitefall On The River in Des Moines.

Rounding out the competition were **The Soul Searchers**, earning \$300 cash.

The Iowa Blues Challenge features one of the finest prize packages, for a contest of this kind, in the country. Over \$5,000 in prizes have been awarded to the top bands,

Included was cash, travel expenses, recording time, as well as spots in the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival in Davenport, IA; the Nightfall on the River in Des Moines, IA; 2007 Simply the Blues Fest in Fort Madison, IA; Blues Under the Trees in Fort Dodge, IA and the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, TN.

The 2006 Iowa Blues Challenge has been proudly sponsored by Central Iowa Blues Society, Mississippi Valley Blues Society, Lizard Creek Blues Society, Budweiser, Citadel Broadcasting/94.9KGGG & 98.3WOW, Junior's Motel, SR Audio, Cityview, Artscene and Rieman Music.

Check out www.cibs.org for more information.

Two Alligator artists receive Blues Music awards

On May 11th, The Blues Foundation announced the recipients of the 2006 Blues Music Awards (formerly the W.C. Handy Awards). Two Alligator recording artists received honors:

- Marcia Ball was named the Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the Year and
- Mavis Staples won for Soul/Blues-Female Artist of the Year.

The Blues Music Awards ceremony and concert were held May 11th in Memphis, TN at the Cook Convention Center.

Albert Cummings returning to Cocktails July 13

Angie Dahl of Cocktails & Company e-mails: "We are having Albert Cummings back on July 13th. He just came out with his new CD! It will be a GREAT Blues Show!!!"

The BLUESPAPER will feature Albert and his new CD in our July issue.



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.

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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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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.

Sugarcane Collins releases new CD "Way Down the River"

Sugarcane Collins has just released a brand new independently produced Blues/Roots album, "Way Down the River" in the USA. Here's what some reviewers are saying about the CD.

- "This album is a must have for acoustic Blues lovers who yearn for a trip through the Delta. These are all original compositions and they are classic. I enjoyed this album immensely and you will too." —Pat Kreeft, Atlanta Blues Society
- When cultures collided on the North American continent, the first truly "American" music was born, the Blues. From these shores this music and its story spread around the world influencing generations of musicians and fans. The most recent proof of the Blues' global impact comes

in the form of "Way Down the River", a masterpiece album from Australian Bluesman Sugarcane Collins. Everything about this album is remarkable. —From James Walker's upcoming (June 8th) review for *Blueswax*.

- "If you didn't know better, listening to his new disc, you'd swear that Sugarcane Collins was raised on Blues music in the Deep South of the USA. Blessed with a husky, soulful voice and a deft stroke on guitar, Collins pays tribute to the great acoustic Bluesmen of the 20's and 30's. Collins wrote all the tunes and they are a powerful commentary on the music of that time." —Frp, Graham Clarke's review for *Blues Bytes*.

For more information, www.sugarcollins.com



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There's Spring in the air...

New Orleans Bluesman Bryan Lee to perform at Mahoney's

By Ric Holmquest, LCBS Staff Writer

World renowned New Orleans Bluesman Bryan Lee will perform at Mahoney's Irish Pub, 1602 E Avenue NE, Sunday, June 25, from 6-10 PM. Dubbed the Blind Blues Daddy, Bryan Lee's recent Justin Time Records release is "Live and Dangerous."

Bryan Lee can tell you stories about New Orleans. A Bourbon Street Blues fixture for many years, Lee has been entertaining Blues music fans around the world from the stage of the French Quarters legendary Old Absinthe House Bar. His strong guitar style and husky voice set the tone for his powerful Blues music message, and often times his Fender Telecaster "do the talkin'."

Bryan Lee lost his sight at the young age of eight and has never let that get in his way. A cut off the new "Live and Dangerous" recording sums it up with "Don't take my Blindness for Weakness." Lee's early musical inspirations came from listening to the likes of Elmore James, Albert King and Albert Collins. This is some powerful Blues! Many compare his hard guitar chomps with Kenny Wayne Sheppard, unaware that Lee was a mentor to the young guitar slinger when Kenny Wayne was a teenager.

Born in Two Rivers, WI, Lee chose to make New Orleans his home in the early 80's and never lost sight of his Midwest upbringing nor his Chicago Blues influences. He has a reputation of always surrounding himself with a virtual Who's Who of New Orleans Blues musicians on his recordings and with his live performances. His current Blues Power Band lineup features John Perkins on the drums, Brent Johnson on rhythm and lead guitars and former Chris Duarte bass-ist Jason Rasberry handling the bottom line.

To learn more about Bryan Lee visit braillebluesdaddy.com. The Bryan Lee performance at Mahoney's Irish Pub gives music



fans a rare opportunity to experience the talents of a true Blues music icon. There is never a cover at Mahoney's Irish Pub.

Blues 'n BBQ in Swisher

Swisher American Legion

Saturday, June 10, 6:00 till Midnight

Featured bands:

6:00-8:00 PM: Gary Gibson Group

8:00-10:00 PM: The Tornadoes with

Jacqueline Krain

10:00-Midnight: Bryce Janey

Food • Beer • Soda on grounds

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\$8.00 admission

About the bands:

Bryce Janey began his career at age 13 in a Blues trio called "The Janey's"—his mother on drums and his father, Billy Lee on guitar. The Janey's played regionally and nationally from Chicago to Los Angeles. Between 1991 and 1993 they performed with over 50 national acts including Buddy Guy, Delbert McClinton, Blues Traveler, KoKo Taylor, and Elvin Bishop to name just a few.

After the Janey's achieved some regional success, Bryce began a solo career and released his first CD in 1995.

He has released three more since 1996, his latest being entitled "Bare Wire." His earlier CDs have gained national attention and reviews including "Five Stars" from *Blues Access* (July 1998) and great reviews from *Blues Revue* and *Living Blues*.

The Tornadoes bring classic electric Blues, swing, jump and contemporary rockin' Blues through guitar, harmonica, bass and drums, plus the searing vocals of Jacqueline Krain. Their repertoire includes songs by such artists as Muddy Waters, Willie Dixon, Little Walter, Otis Rush, Freddie King, Louis Jordan, B.B. King, Little Charlie & the Nightcats, and the Fabulous Thunderbirds, coupled with tunes by Bonnie Raitt, Kelley Hunt, and Susan Tedeschi.

Band members have been playing together since 1997, although their musical experience goes back much further. They bring experiences from playing the Blues on the West Coast, in the Midwest, and all around. Gifted vocalist Krain joined the guys in 2005 bringing a new sound and driving Energy.

Gary Gibson is considered by many to be one of the premier Electric Blues Guitarists in the Midwest today. Gibson got his first guitar and played his first gig when he was 13 and hasn't put it down for 42 years. Gary has played with Riff Raff, Floyd Jones, Essence, Fat Chance, Lustere King, The Runaways, Jim Schwall, Harmonica Slim and the Works, Coleman Harris, Hawkeye Herman, and Sarah Greene. He has also shared the stage with Bob Dorr's Blue Band, The Buzz, Magic Dick and J. Geils, Tab Benoit, and E.C. Scott and Smoke to name a few.

He and his bands have opened for Dickey Betts, Chris Smither, Anthony Gomes, The Kinsey Report, Lonnie Brooks, Larry
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& the Blues are rollin' in!

Blues 'n BBQ in Swisher

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McCray, Savoy Brown with Kim Simmons, and at Chicago's House of Blues for the Radiators.

Gary has performed the regional festival circuit playing the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival, Mid Mississippi Muddy Waters Blues Festival, Snake River Blues Festival, Court Avenue Blues Festival, Hero Street Festival, the Dix Beiderbecke Memorial Street Festival, headlined at the Sigourney Blues Festival in 1999, Rock Island Fest, Bar-B-Q Roundup, and the Stevens Point Festival.

Gary's first album titled "Gary Gibson Group," released in 1997, features 11 original songs covering a wide range of modern Blues. He produced his first live album in 2004, and has contributed to six other albums for various artists.

Gary competed twice in the Iowa Blues Challenge winning in two different regions of the competition, and supported Blues education by performing in Quad City area schools for the Mississippi Valley Blues Society's Blues in the Schools program.

Gary Gibson can be heard on Iowa Public Radio at KUNI's "Down Around the Corner," on National Public Radio's "Beale Street Caravan," KCCK's Da Blues and, of course, in area and regional clubs. He is also the Entertainment Chair with the Linn County Blues Society and has spearheaded the Backporch Blues Jam for kids at the BLUESMORE Festival in 2005.

Join the Linn County Blues Society in keeping the Blues alive in Eastern Iowa! Renew your membership and ask a friend to join!

Mississippi Valley Blues Fest June 30th- July 2nd LeClaire Park Davenport

• Friday, June 30th Bandshell

- 5:00 Iowa Blues Challenge Winner
- 7:00 Popa Chubby
- 8:30 Doris Pierre Memorial Outstanding Volunteer Awards
- 9:00 Ronnie Baker Brooks
- 11:00 Mavis Staples

• Saturday, July 1st Bandshell

- 2:00 The Rockin' Jake Band
- 4:00 James "Super Chikan" Johnson
- 6:00 Walter "Wolfman" Washington
- 8:00 Sonny Landreth
- 10:00 Dirty Dozen Brass Band



• Sunday BlueSKool

- 2:30 - Dave Moore
- 3:45 - Kevin "BF" Burt
- 5:00 - David Bertson (free harmonicas and lessons for all the kids.)

• Sunday, July 2nd Bandshell

- 2:00 Westside Andy/Mel Ford Band
- 4:00 The Eric Steckel Band
- 6:00 Kelley Hunt
- 7:30 Presentation of RiverRoad Lifetime Achievement Award to James Cotton
- 8:00 Guitar Shorty
- 10:00 Delbert McClinton

Single day passes: \$15/3-day \$35
For information call Blues Society office at 563-322-05837 or e-mail to mvbs@mvbs.org

Clifford Antone of Antone's nightclub fame dies May 24th

Club owner, promoter and Blues historian Clifford Antone died May 24th of an apparent heart attack in Austin, TX, the town he helped transform into "The Live Music Capitol of the World" since opening the first Antone's nightclub on the now famous 6th Street.

In the late 1970's, when many of the world's greatest Blues musicians were barely hanging on, Clifford gave Muddy Waters, Albert King, Eddie Taylor, Hubert Sumlin and many more a musical home, an audience to play to, and treated them like the royalty that they were.

Some of them, such as James Cotton and Pinetop Perkins, subsequently moved to the Texas capitol. 30 years and two locations later Antone's had spawned and/or furthered the careers of a vast array of musical talent including Marcia Ball, Angela Strehli, Lou Ann Barton, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, WC Clark, Doug Sahm, Jimmie Vaughan, Stevie Ray Vaughan and a host of others.

I can think of few people in the world who have done more for Blues Music in the last 30 years than Clifford Antone, and on top of all that he was one of the sweetest guys I've ever met. It is a sad day in American history to be sure. God bless you Clifford, go on and join your friends at that last late night jam session. He may have had to sell the club a few years back, but Clifford Antone was one guy who never sold out.

Who's Playing Where & When

CALENDAR

Every Sunday: Checker's Tavern: BLUE SUNDAY, 8 PM (no cover)
Every Sunday: Mahoney's Irish Pub: Various artists (no cover)
Every Tuesday: Rumour'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

MAY

Mon. 29 Waubeek Bob Dorr & The Blue Band at FB & Co.
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JUNE

Fri. 2 & 3	Coralville	Gary Gibson Group at Confusions Cafe
Sat. 3	Doozey's	The Tornadoes
	Chappy's Safari	Sky Pilot
Sun. 4	Mahoney's Pub	Public Property
Wed. 7	Chappy's Safari	Merrill Millere, Troy Harper, Eric Douglas
	The Firehouse	The Hosers
Fri. 9	Kalona	The Tornadoes at Tuscan Moon
9	Chrome Horse	All That
9	Confusions Cafe	Big Mo w/John Reasoner/Paul Cunliffe
Sat. 10	Swisher	Blues 'n BBQ (see story on page 4)
	Confusions Cafe	Craig Erickson
	Chappy's Safari	McMurrin & Johnson
	Chrome Horse	Grass Roots & The Buckingham, 5 PM
Sun. 11	Checkers Tavern	Studebaker John & the Hawks
	Mahoney's Pub	Stratospheerius
Wed. 14	Chappy's Safari	TripleShot
	The Firehouse	The Firehouse 3 w/Gary Gibson
Fri. 16	Confusions Cafe	Easy Does It w/John Shultz/Bob Dunn
16	Chrome Horse	Bruner Brothers
Sat. 17	Confusions Cafe	Kevin "B.F." Burt
	Blend, CR	John Shultz Organization w/Steve Grismore & Paul Cunliffe
	Chappy's Safari	4 Box O'Rocks
Sun. 18	Mahoney's Pub	Starrunner
	Checkers Tavern	Rev. Raven & Chain Smoking Altarboys
Wed. 21	Chappy's Safari	Dr. Z's Experiment
	The Firehouse	The Hosers
Fri. 23	Cedar Basin	Saints Dixieland Band at Basin Jazz Fest
23	Chrome Horse	Sonic Holiday
Sat. 24	Confusions Cafe	Gary Gibson
	Chappy's Safari	Jeff Bruner
	Williamsburg	Sundown Lounge
Sun. 25	Mahoney's Pub	Bryan Lee
	Checkers Tavern	Scarlett Runner
Wed. 28	Chappy's Safari	Berry (from St. Louis)
	The Firehouse	The Firehouse 3 w/Gary Gibson
Fri. 30	Confusions Cafe	Big & Easy w/John Shultz/John Heim
30	Chrome Horse	Black Velvet Elvis

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

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LCBS meeting ~~1st~~ Monday of month!

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6:30 PM, for the **LCBS July Meeting**. Guests are welcome!

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

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- ★Cedar Brewing Co.
- ★Chrome Horse
- ★Mahoney's
- ★KCCK 88.3
- ★Checker's Tavern
- ★Ron Schantz Construction
- ★Home Town Restyling
- ★Dublin City Pub
- ★Stars Guitars