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## January 16 Blues Caravan features Dave Zollo at Next Door

Dave Zollo is coming to Cedar Rapids for a night of Blues at Next Door (1736 - 16th Avenue SW) at the January 16 Blues Caravan presented by the Linn County Blues Society and 88.3 KCKK Radio. Dave has received good recognition in 2006:

- In August the headline read: "Zollo on Brad Pitt Website featuring *Strawberry Wine* song as the featured musician. You can listen to his song on

[www.myspace.com/pittbradley](http://www.myspace.com/pittbradley)  
michael

- "Dave Zollo to appear on Tonight Show on August 9 with Todd Snider and Nervous Wrecks."

"Zollo keeping regional music alive: Thomas Ritchie of Siouxland.net interviews Dave on his music, Trailer Records, and



his efforts to keep roots music alive in the Midwest. The complete interview can be found at [siouxland.net](http://siouxland.net)"

- And he's been booked to appear at Riverside Casino in Riverside on February 8, 15 and 22.

So come on out to Next Door at 7 o'clock with KCKK's Bobby D spinnin' some great tunes and Dave rockin' the stage by 7:30. The show runs from 7 until 11 PM with music and prizes. Be there!

Linn County Blues Society & 88.3 KCKK present



Food & Drink Specials!



Dave Zollo  
and the Body Electric  
Show starts at 7PM

featuring KCKK's DaBlues radio host, Bob DeForest

Tuesday, January 16, 2007  
Next Door  
1736 16th Ave. SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
363-0367



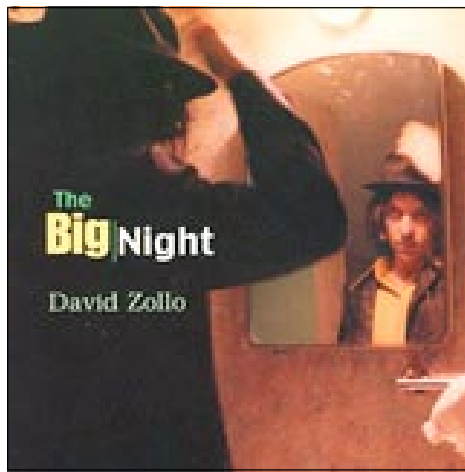
**FREE Event!**

Sponsored by KCKK Radio 88.3FM and 16th Avenue Productions



# The Blues CD Scene

## Check out Dave Zollo's "The Big Night" on Trailer Records



Equipped with a 'rode hard and put away wet' whiskey soaked rasp and deep bag of keyboard chops that echoes some of the greats of country, rhythm & blues and gut-bucket rock. David Zollo brings to "The Big Night" the kind of savvy, trans-genre-synthesis you might expect from a grizzled road warrior twenty or more years his senior.

Song lists, samples, liner notes and details on where to buy it can be found at [Trailer Records](#).

## Blind Pig January releases... Tommy Castro finishes new CD

Blind Pig recording artist Tommy Castro has just finished work on his latest studio album entitled "Painkiller". The album was produced by John Porter, whose impressive list of credits include Los Lonely Boys, Taj Mahal, Keb Mo, Santana, B.B. King, Elvis Costello, and Buddy Guy.

The album, which was recorded at Laughing Tiger Studio in San Rafael, CA, will be released in January, 2007.

It features another spirited dose of Castro's patented brand of infectious rock 'n' soul music. Tommy and his electrifying band tear it up again, and welcome special guests Coco Montoya who teams with Tommy on a smoking version of an Albert Collins tune, singer Angela Strehli, pianist David Maxwell, and singer/pianist Theresa James.

For more information, contact: [www.blindpigrecords.com](http://www.blindpigrecords.com)

## John Nemeth "Magic Touch"

John Nemeth is an outstanding new vocal talent who's creating quite a buzz with his amazing singing ability as well as his skills as a harmonica player.

John's uncanny blend of retro-modern blues and soul music will delight purists and young hipsters alike.

"Magic Touch," produced by Anson Funderburgh and featuring guest Junior Watson on guitar, introduces a virtuoso of rare depth and power and amply demonstrates that, whether he's tackling blues, deep soul, or rock, John Nemeth does indeed have the magic touch.



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](http://www.lcbs.org) Bluesline: 319/399-5105.

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### Membership:

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

### Contact Information:

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](mailto:chriswein@iowatelecom.net) or web: [www.lcbs.org](http://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.



## Alligator Records signs JJ Grey & Mofro!

"A glorious, soul-frenched delight...down-home funk, blues and Dixie rock, unmistakably Southern, undeniably soulful!"  
—*Billboard*

"Quietly intoxicating with a stunning melodic freshness... focused, deep songs." —*The Boston Globe*

Grey's Alligator debut, "Country Ghetto," will be released in February, 2007. The CD (produced by Dan Prothero) features 12 original JJ Grey compositions that come right out of the Southern musical and literary tradition.

While his songwriting inspirations range from Bill Withers, Van Morrison, and Dan Penn, Grey's songs are always his own, oftentimes relating to the loss of his natural surroundings and the marginalization of the Southern culture he grew up in.

Grey, with longtime musical partner, guitarist Daryl Hance, has released two previous albums under the band name MOFRO: 2001's "Blackwater" (named by Amazon.com as one of the best CDs of the decade) and 2004's "Lochloosa." From the beginning, Grey's songs have been connected to his ancestral Florida homestead 40 miles outside of Jacksonville, a landscape he writes about with passion and devotion.

If you're snow-birding in Florida in February, check out their play dates there.

## Seven Alligator artists receive 13 Blues Music Award nominations!

The Blues Foundation has announced the nominees for the 2007 Blues Music Awards. Seven Alligator recording artists received a total of 13 nominations.

Chicago Blues legend Lil' Ed Williams and his band The Blues Imperials received a total of three nominations (including nods for the coveted Entertainer of the Year and Band of the year awards). Guitar Shorty also picked up three nominations. Acoustic Blues duo Cephas & Wiggins and Austin-based pianist Marcia Ball each received two. Eric Lindell, Shemekia Copeland, and Siegel-Schwall Band drummer Sam Lay each received one nomination.

Their nominations are listed in the next column.

The Blues Music Awards ceremony and concert will be

held May 10, 2007 at the Cook Convention Center in downtown Memphis.

### The Alligator artists and their nominations are:

- **Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials** for:  
B.B. King Entertainer of the Year (Lil' Ed Williams)  
Band of the Year (Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials)  
Song of the year: *Icicles In My Meatloaf* from *Rattlesnake*
- **Guitar Shorty** for:  
Contemporary Blues Album of the Year: *We the People*  
Instrumentalist of the Year: Guitar
- **Marcia Ball** for:  
Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year  
Pinetop Perkins Piano Player of the year
- **Cephas & Wiggins** for:  
Acoustic Album of the Year: *Shoulder to Shoulder*  
Acoustic Artist of the Year
- **Shemekia Copeland** for:  
Contemporary Blues Female Artist of the Year
- **Eric Lindell** for:  
Best New Artist Debut: *Change in the Weather*
- **Sam Lay (The Siegel-Schwall Blues Band)** for:  
Instrumentalist of the Year - Drums

**all that jazz**

**'Da Blues on KCCK:**

Friday:

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[www.kcck.org](http://www.kcck.org)

# Who's Playing Where & When

## CALENDAR

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

## JANUARY

Wed. 3	Next Door	McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10
Thu. 4	JMO'Malley's	D-Dog & the B-Bits
Fri. 5	Chrome Horse	Jeff Bruner
	Emie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9
Sat. 6	Chrome Horse	Super Size Seven
Sun. 7	Checkers Tavem	Studebaker John & the Hawks, 6 PM
	Mahoney's Pub	Everwonder, 7-11
Tue. 9	Rumors	D-Dog & the B-Bits, 8-11
	JMOMalley's	Billy Janey Band w/DJ Johnson, 9-1
Fri. 12	Chrome Horse	Flying Carp
Sat. 13	Chrome Horse	Well Lit
	Mahoney;s Pub	Kris Lager Band, 7-11
Fri. 19	Chrome Horse	Sonic Holiday
	Emie's	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9
	The Freeway	McMurrin & Johnson, 9:15-1
	Des Moines	Bob's 28th Annual 28th Birthday Party
Sat. 20	Chrome Horse	Large Midgets
	The Shack	Dennis McMurrin Trio, 9-1
Sun. 21	Checkers Tavem	Jim Suhler & Monkey Beat, 6 PM
	Mahoney;s Pub	New Beat Society, 7-11
Wed. 23	Rumors	4 BoxORocks, 8-11
Fri. 26	Chrome Horse	Unknown Highway (formerly 8 Seconds)
Sat. 27	Chrome Horse	East 18
	The Shack	Billy Janey Band w/Dan Johnson, 9-1
Sun. 28	Mahoney;s Pub	Euforquestra, 7-11

## The 28th is coming January 19 at Hotel Fort Des Moines

Bob Dorr and The Blue Band are planning Bob's 28th Annual 28th Birthday Party & Charity Fundraiser at the Grand Ballroom, Hotel Fort Des Moines, D.M. It will be held Friday, January 19, at 8:00 PM.

More info: [www.theblueband.com](http://www.theblueband.com)



## 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.

### \*\* ICBS 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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 90 Twixt Town Road • Marion  
 377-6386

LCBS meeting 1st meeting of 2007: See you at The Longbranch on the 8th, 6:30 PM, for the LCBS Board & Member meeting. Guests are welcome!

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

- ★Cocktails & Co.
- ★Dublin City Pub
- ★The Fifth Gear
- ★Chappy's Safari Lounge
- ★16th Avenue Productions
- ★Chrome Horse
- ★J.M. O'Malleys
- ★Mahoney's
- ★KCKK 88.3
- ★Longbranch
- ★Checker's Tavem
- ★Dudley Bros. Company
- ★Ron Schantz Construction
- ★C.R. Bank & Trust
- ★Home Town Restyling
- ★Watson's Auto Body, Inc.
- ★Stars Guitars

# Blues 'N' Chili Challenge February 25

LCBS and the Isle of Iowa Parrot Head Club will hold their 6th Annual Blues 'n' Buffett Chili Challenge on Sunday, February 25, 2-5 PM at the Best Western Longbranch Hotel & Convention Center on Twixt Town Road NE.

The Chili Challenge is a friendly competition between the two clubs to raise money for charity. Proceeds from the event will go to H.D. Youth Center and the Boys and Girls Club of Cedar Rapids.

The Parrot Heads chose The Boys and Girls Club which is helping kids become responsible citizens. LCBS chose H.D. Youth Center which provides a safe place to go as well as food to under-privileged youth.

Last year, the event raised over \$5,000 for these two fine organizations. Over \$16,000 has been raised and donated to local charities in the first six years of the event's existence.

You're invited to attend to taste the various chilies and vote for your favorite. Admission is \$6 which includes five vote tickets and the tasting of the chilies. Children ages 6 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by an adult, and senior citizens ages 65 and older receive a \$1 discount on admission.

Additional vote tickets for the People's Choice award will be available for 50 cents each. The club receiving the most votes will receive a plaque and their club's charity will receive 51% of the proceeds from the event; the runner-up club 49% of the proceeds for their charity.

Chili Challenge contestants are members of the two clubs and each brings their own special chili to share. There will be up to 30 chilies for tasting.

Celebrity Judges will be on hand to taste and vote on the Best Chili. The club receiving a majority of judge's votes for the Best Chili will receive a traveling trophy and bragging rights for their club.

A Silent Auction will again be featured at this year's event. Many great items will be available for viewing and bidding; items will be in a variety of price ranges. Payment is expected at the time of final purchase. Credit cards cannot be accepted. All monies raised from the auction will be included in the donations to charities.

Advance tickets are available for \$5 through February 22 by calling Jamie Gorecki, 363-6299; Steve Springer at 395-9516, or Keith Wright at 377-4913.



## 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](http://www.lcbs.org) or 319-399-5105, the Blues Hotline. Thank you for helping to keep the Blues Alive!

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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