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New Year's Blues Bash!

Crown Plaza Hotel • Friday, December 31

(A fund raiser for Camp Wapsi)

**Flat Cat Reunion, Charlie Morgan,
and Karl Berger & The All-Stars!**

Times, ticket and room package info on page 5

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December 31, 2010
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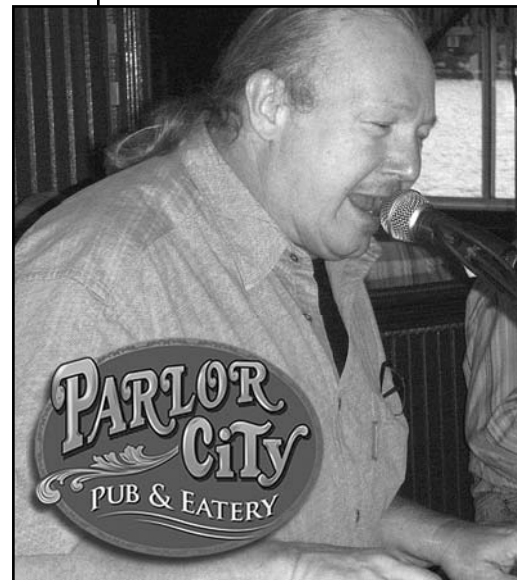
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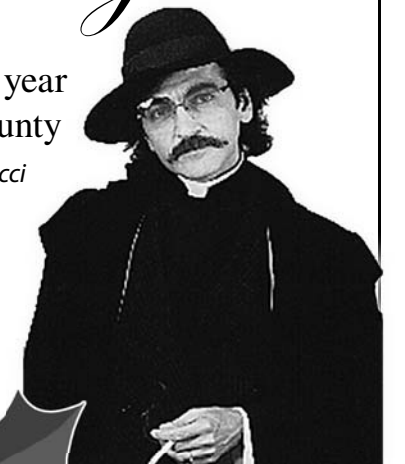
Saturday Blues -

- 6-10 PM - Da Blues with Bobby D
- 10-11 PM - The Crawfish Circuit
- 11 PM -midnight - The Melting Pot
- Midnight Blues CD



Happy Holidays!

Wishing you all a very blue new year
from all of us here at the Linn County
Blues Society! — *Father Guido Sarducci*



**Jeff Taylor reunites
with old band mates
on December 26 at
Parlor City Pub!**

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Be sure to tune in to **Bob Dorr's**
Blue Avenue blues show on Iowa Public
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(90.9FM in Linn and surrounding counties)

Blasphemy from the Rev

The LCBS's new prez opines



Frank Wilson

I'm Frank Wilson, the newly elected president of the Linn County Blues Society. That's me in the photo.



The very Irreverent Frank Wilson

Some of you reading this are not yet members of the Linn County Blues Society. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining the club.

When you join for your measly twenty bucks, you will get twelve issues of our world renowned BluesPaper, delivered to your door by a representative of the United States Federal Government (the mailman). You'll find the BluesPaper chocked full of information about local blues shows (other music styles, too), CD reviews by our staff of musical experts, a calendar of upcoming events for the next month, and occasionally a boring column by the Rev (that's me.) Some of our advertisers also offer discounts to Linn County Blues Society members.

By the way, I'm not really a man of the cloth. It's an honorary title bestowed upon me by our Chief Minister of Propaganda, Evan Vulich. Evan and I will both suffer eternal damnation for this blasphemy.

Your membership also gets you a full year of our weekly Blues Blast e-mail. The Blues Blast highlights live music shows in the area in the coming week. In the event that you DO already receive enough e-mail, you can opt out of the Blues Blast e-mail. We don't share your personal information with anyone, so you can subscribe to the Blues Blast worry-free.

And don't forget that members can get discounted tickets to Bluesmore, our premier Blues Festival, held on the beautiful grounds of the Brucemore Mansion right here in Cedar Rapids. We are already planning our next Bluesmore, which will be held Saturday August 6, 2011.

Say hi to the Rev when you see me at one of the local live music shows. And consider joining the Linn County Blues Society for \$20 for a year. Remember, that's less than three tenths of a cent per hour.

The Linn County Blues Society is a way cool, non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation 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 the LCBS. Website: lcbs.org

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- Don "T-Bone" Erickson
Founding Editor, *BluesWax*

Jeff Taylor

Boston Bluesman comes home to Cedar Rapids

Ric Holmquest



Boston Bluesman Jeff Taylor's homecoming to Cedar Rapids for the holidays includes a performance with the All-Stars Sunday, December 26 from 6-10 pm at Parlor City Pub and Eatery, 1125 3rd St. S.E. The All-Stars coming together for this special holiday show include; Tom T-Bone Giblin on the keyboards, Dennis "Daddy-O" McMurrin's lead guitar, Eric Douglas on the drums, Tim Razor's bass and Skeeter Lewis on the sax.

Jeff Taylor left his musical mark on Cedar Rapids with popular bands like Kayne and Dixie Flyer, prior to moving to the east coast. Jeff received his Masters degree in Music Education from Boston University and is a Berkley School of Music Jazz Composition graduate. Taylor's passion for music is expressed in his classroom at Dedham, Massachusetts Middle School, where he is music teacher and Choral Director.

Taylor has shared the stage with Eddy Shaw and the Wolfgang, Patty Larkin and James Montgomery. Jeff toured with Matt "Guitar" Murphy and Martha Reeves and the Vandellas prior to forming the Boston based Taylor Made Band, with Bird and Buck Taylor.

Longtime friends with Tom T-Bone Giblin and Dennis McMurrin, Taylor was in the Boston studio with the Dad-



dy-O and the Tower of Power horn section for the recording of McMurrin's iconic milestone "LA". McMurrin explains "first and foremost, I love him dearly and was so glad to have him on my record" adding

"Jeff is a musical genius...I like his choice of music and am proud to have him as my friend."

Taylor is a gifted guitar and bass player, but it will be dueling keyboards at Parlor City with his good friend Tom T-Bone Giblin. Of his former band-mate and fellow keyboardist, T-Bone informs "when we were in Dixie Flyer together, we both played the keyboard and hauled the Hammonds" adding "I had a B3 and Jeff played a C3." Giblin sums it up best with "the holidays are for reunions and I'm grateful to be spending mine playing with my old friends".

The Jeff Taylor and the All-Stars performance at Parlor City is part of the pub's ongoing Sunday music series. There will not be a cover charge.

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Local Music 2010

December Calendar

Wed. 1	Parlor City Pub Checkers Tavern	McMurrin & Johnson 8-11PM Dave Zollo, 7PM
Thur. 2	J.M. O'Malley's Shuey's	Gibby jams with friends, 9PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM
Fri. 3	Ernie's The Hub, Cedar Falls Checkers Tavern Chrome Horse City Beat	McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9PM The Blue Band, 6-9:45PM Twist & Shout, 9PM Gibbs Brothers Mike & Rob Show, 8-12
Sat. 4	Fire House Chrome Horse	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Funk Daddies
Sun. 5	Parlor City Pub	Sarah Cram- The Derelicts & Surf Zombies 6P
Mon. 6	George's, Iowa City	CannonSaul, Kilowatt & the White Tornado 8PM
Tue. 7	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 9	J.M. O'Malley's Cooters	DDog & The BBits, 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM
Fri. 10	Leo's Gen. Lounge Screaming Eagle Checkers Tavern The Hawk Lounge	Bryce Janey, 8PM Skeeter Lewis & The All-Stars, Waterloo 9:30 MARU, 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 Coralville
Sat. 11	Fire House Shuey's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-12
Sun. 12	Parlor City Pub Mahoney's Irish Pub	TBA Daddy-O's Funky Posse, 6-10PM
Tue. 14	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam, 8-11PM
Wed. 15	Sammy's, CR	Mike & Rob Show, 8-12
Thur. 16	J.M. O'Malley's Shuey's	Gibby jams with friends, 9PM Bruner & Johnson, 7-10PM
Fri. 17	Ernie's Rumors Checkers Tavern Chrome Horse Beaver Creek	Craig Erickson & Dan Johnson, 6-8:30PM Bruner, Johnson & Ducey, 9PM Regulators, 9PM The Instigators Mike & Rob Show, 7-11PM
Sat. 18	Fire House Ernie's X-Mas Party Pitchers, Marion Knucklehead's	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM McMurrin & Johnson Band, 8-12 Bryce Janey hosts open mic, 8:30PM Mike & Rob Show, 9-1
Sun. 19	Parlor City Pub	Useful Jenkins, 6-10PM
Tue. 21	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam w/ Daddy-O, 8-11PM
Thur. 23	J.M. O'Malley's Big Daddies, CR	Gibby jams with friends, 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 7-11PM
Fri. 24	Checkers Tavern	Open with regular wino hours!
Sat. 25	Fire House	Skeeter Lewis jams with friends, 4-8PM
Sun. 26	Parlor City Pub	Jeff Taylor & The All-Stars
Tue. 28	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam, 8-11PM
Thur. 30	J.M. O'Malley's	Skeeter Lewis All-Stars, 9PM
Fri. 31	Crown Plaza Leo's Gen. Lounge Eagles Club South Main Events Hilton Garden Inn Checkers Tavern Cooters	Blues Bash! See ad on page 5 Joshua Jordan Skeeter Lewis & Dan Johnson Band, 8-12 Bryce & BillyLee Janey, Monticello, 9PM The Blue Band, Marriott Place, Johnston Triple Shot, 9PM Mike Williams solo, 8-12

"Music is moonlight in the gloomy night of life." — Jean Paul Richter

EVERY

Sat. - The Firehouse- Jam with various players 4-8PM
Sun. - Mahoney's - Various artists-Never a Cover, 6pm
Sun. - 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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MVBS's annual Christmas party. December 10.
9pm to 1am. The Muddy Waters
1708 State Street, Bettendorf, IA.
563-344-2516.

2011 Chili Challenge

It's that time again!

by Steve Springer

Once again, it's time. Sunday, February 10, 2011. The weather is cooling off and the Chili is heating up. This year the event will return to the Marriott Hotel at 1200 Collins Road NE. There will be over 24 chili recipes to test and another great silent auction. Proceeds from this year's event will again go to H.D. Youth Center. There will be celebrity judges, including local television and radio personalities who will taste and vote on the Overall Best Chili as well as Best Chili in one of four categories.



The event is growing every year which equates to even more donations to our charities. However, the growth of the event points to the need for more contestants and especially more volunteers to help support the event. So, this is a "Call to Arms" from the committee to LCBS. Let's all pitch in and help the event grow even larger. Please contact Steve Springer at 319-395-9516 or email at steves@mchsi.com and we will put you on the list.

"...the waiting is the hardest part." — Tom Petty



Coco Montoya I Want It All Back

Ruf Records 2010

I Want It All Back, Coco Montoya's newest album is great to listen to on a rainy Sunday afternoon. It's so laid back. Keb Mo and Jeff Paris not only produced I Want It All Back, they also perform on every cut. Keb Mo takes care of rhythm guitar and occasional vocals, while Paris plays keyboards. Their influence on this album is an easily detected.

Coco kicks off the CD with a cover of the Penguins' "Hey Senorita", giving the doo-wop song a new life with a bluesy more polished sound. Following immediately after, is title track "I Want It All Back", a solid track, sung with a lot of heart.

"Don't Go Makin' Plans" fun and funky, replicates the sounds of the seventies with its disco beat and throwback bass lines. Coco breaks it up a bit by throwing down some really nice licks.

Going old-school, Coco takes Buster Brown's "Fannie Me", and makes it his own, while keeping the original soul of the tune intact. Rod Piazza breaks out his harmonica and joins in on this one, making it one of the most enjoyable tracks on the disc. Another cover although enjoyable, caught me way off guard though. "Somebody's Baby", originally by Jackson Brown, is very close to the original version we remember so well from the soundtrack to Fast Times At Ridgemont High.

Although, this is a solid disc, I Want It All Back doesn't necessarily have that one song that hits it out of the park. Maybe that's why its so nice to listen to on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

Rating = 4/5
cocomontoya.com
— Phil Smith



4BoxORocks rocks at Jerseys

Hippy rock & roll at its finest



Photos by Rev. Frank Wilson



Tom Bruner on lead guitar

4 BoxORocks played at Jersey's Saturday night November 6. Members include Tom Bruner on guitar, Dan "DJ" Johnson on bass, Tom T-Bone Giblin on keyboards, and Eric Douglas on drums. They played their usual mix of "hippy rock and roll". Saturday night they included oldies by Johnny Rivers, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and The Beatles.

Jerseys Pub & Grub is located at 5761 C Street SW in Cedar Rapids. Jersey's has a nice menu, and 20 HD TV's.

*"But they couldn't stop Jack, or the waters lapping
And they couldn't prevent Jack from feeling happy.
— The Who*



Dan Johnson on bass



Pictured here from left to right; Dan DJ Johnson, Eric Douglas and Tom "the Great One" Giblin

O'Connell Brothers

The Chrome Horse Saloon

photos by Rev. Frank Wilson

The O'Connell Brothers Band played at The Chrome Horse Saloon Friday, November 5, 2010. The band members are Troy Harper on bass, Butch O'Connell on drums, John O'Connell on drums, and Mark Wagler on guitar.

There was a big, lively crowd at the Chrome Horse that night and a lot of good looking dancers on the floor.



Mark Wagler on lead guitar and Troy Harper on bass.



Yes, there are two drummers on the stage. Butch O'Connell and John O'Connell.

★ New Year's Eve Blues Bash!

Headlining is the band that began it all over 10 years ago, **Flat Cat**. This Flat Cat reunion has players coming from as far away as Kansas City, (Jeff Reeder, former LCBS member and lead guitar player.

Cedar Rapids' Blues legend **Charlie Morgan**. 'Nuff said. **Karl Berger & The All-Stars!** Iowa's Johnny Cash will hit the stage first with a group of guys who have been playing the Cedar Rapids area for over 40 years, most recently at Super Dave's on Thursday nights in Walford.

Tickets \$30/couple advance. \$40 at the door.
Doors open at 7PM. Show starts at 7:30PM.
Call Crown Plaza for room & breakfast package.
For more info and to purchase tickets,
call Eric Marck at 350-2565. ★

Blues On Grand

Final night of music & mayhem

photos by Janet Evans

These photos were taken by the LCBS's Janet Evans of the final hours of Blues On Grand. Pictured top is Michael Burks and his band playing the last night at one of the most venerated blues venues in Des Moines. Clearly the night was one of unrestrained celebration.



Michael Burks leads his band at Blues On Grand for its last night.



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