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Bluesmore 17 We did it again!

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Jim Kern gears up for an interview at Bluesmore 17. photo by Evan Vulich



Craig Capron runs the stage mix at Bluesmore 17. photo by Evan Vulich

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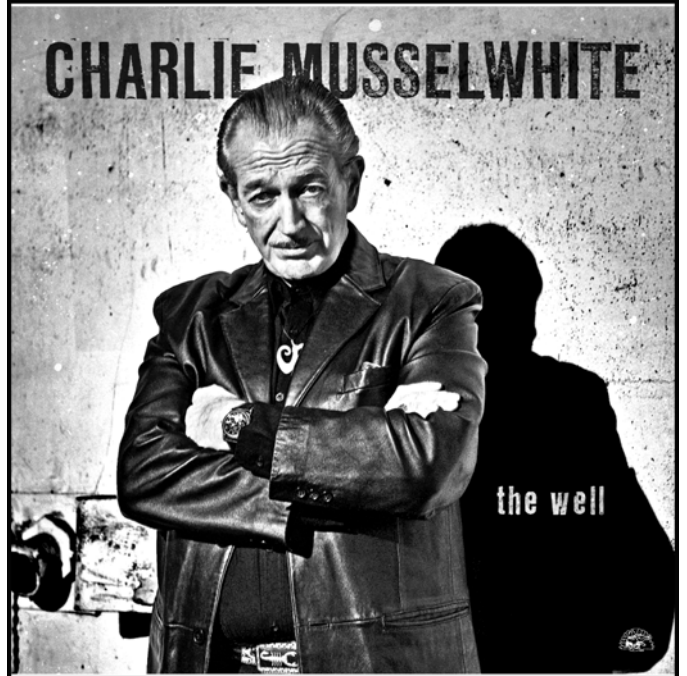


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A BIG Bluesmore thank you!

There's a lot to go around!

by Bill Meeks, LCBS board member

The LCBS Board of Directors are very pleased to, once again, express our gratitude to everyone who participated in producing another fantastic success - BLUESMORE '10!

For all those who were fortunate enough to attend our annual "Party at the Big House" this year, you know what a beautiful day it was and what a great audience turned out for an incredible event. But, looking at the threatening skies and downpour we faced at about 10 AM that same morning, we were a very nervous crew as we set about preparing for our all important, annual fund-raising show. When the clouds parted and the sun peaked through mid-afternoon we were a relieved bunch of blues music lovers! We were well rewarded for our efforts with a fantastic show provided by all our hard working entertainers. Many thanks to our tireless entertainment committee for the super selection of talented, diverse musicians!

Everyone knows that it takes a dedicated team of players laboring together to produce an event like Bluesmore, and fortunately for Linn County music lovers, we had the best teammates and some powerful mojo to help us pull it all together.

First and foremost, we must thank the Bluesmore staff for the countless hours and effort they put into the production of this fine family event that they host on the front lawn of this National Historic Trust property which is truly a local treasure from the "Big House" itself down to the classic atmosphere it provides. Jim, Tara, Tara (yes both of them), Maura and the rest of the staff are fantastic to work with and leave no detail undone.

We could not do without our magic media sponsors: The Gazette and KCRG-TV9 who did an incredible job of advertising and promoting our show; many, many thanks to them.

We also owe a huge thank-you to our Main Stage sponsor Cedar Rapids Bank & Trust and our Side Porch Stage sponsor Hometown Restyling for stepping up in a big way to help us continue to provide such great musical entertainment.

We thank our passionate Public Radio partners especially Phil Maass, KUNI, for live taping of our great show for future use in broadcasting across Iowa, and KCKK for their fine promotional assistance.

We thank Nate and the super sounds of 16th Avenue Music for the sweet sound production work they do. We always receive wonderful compliments from the bands on the fine quality of their efforts.

We thank Tom and Nick Carfrae, owners of Tomaso's Pizza, and their staff at the Center Point Road shop for generously feeding the performing artists and volunteers with great pizza and BBQ all night long.

There are many others we thank as well: Fleck Sales for providing refreshing beverages for sale and backstage, the C.R. Jaycees for serving the fine cold refreshments, the Optimists for their work as ticket takers and greeters, Wilbert Vault for providing tents for cover from the sun, Craig Taylor and his crew for donating their quality security services, our many delicious food vendors for keeping the fans fed and refreshed, our ticket outlets for helping us promote our show, and any others I may be forgetting in my post show delirium.

Finally, before we run out of ink, we cannot forget to thank our many fine board members and volunteers for the countless hours of dedicated work they donated to make our show possible: Evan Vulich, our stage manager and coordinator in addition to being our Vice-President, webmaster and staff artist/designer; Greg West, our Entertainment Chair and musical equipment manager; Andy Dergo, our President and fearless leader; Gary Gibson, our Back Porch Stage manager and Education Chair; Bob DeForest, our emcee and stage host; David Andrews, our Merchandise Chair and volunteer organizer; Sue Dergo, our Treasurer and financial guru; Stephanie West, our Secretary and backstage assistant, Kevin Cutsforth, our Membership Chair and fundraiser; Frank Wilson, Chaplain and terminator; Janet Evans, our backstage organizer and hostess; and last, but not least, yours truly, Bill Meeks, entertainer services manager and pizza delivery extraordinaire. Additionally, we had many wonderful volunteers who worked in various areas including: the merchandise tent, backstage on one or both stages, on-stage setup and teardown crews (see page 7), etc. And we want all these folks to know their work is greatly appreciated and they are welcome back anytime. If you see any of these folks out and about, be sure and thank them for putting on such a fabulous, fun-filled, family event. AND, DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

There's no way in the world I can feel the same blues the way I used to. When I play in Chicago, I'm playing up-to-date, not the blues I was born with. People should hear the pure blues - the blues we used to have when we had no money.

— Muddy Waters

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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To learn more about the Linn County Blues Society or to join, see the membership form in this Bluespaper or the LCBS website. Your membership includes;

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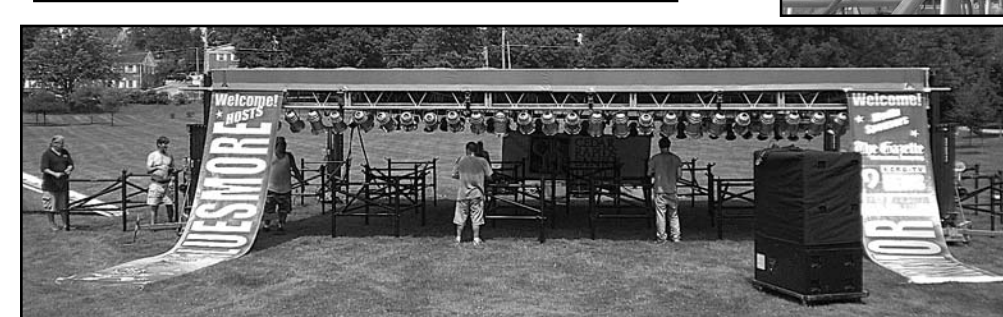
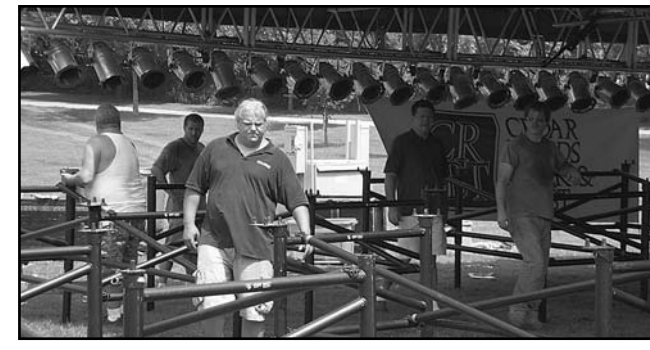
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Moving? Send your new address to; LCBS, PO Box 2672, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2672 so you won't miss a single issue of your Bluespaper.

Who makes Bluesmore run smooth?

16th Avenue Productions is just one those who does just that

photos by Evan Vulich



Nate Hines and his crew set up (every year) on Friday morning before Bluesmore and unload tons of gear for the stage, roof and lights. Once this is all assembled, another large truck comes on the grounds with the massive load of sound gear. Everything is carefully unloaded and the set up seems almost choreographed.

Once everything is ready, a few tests are made. Levels are set and the show kicks off on time with out a hitch. A big thank you to you to Nate and his great crew at 16th Avenue Productions who have been there every year! Crew included Chad Peterson, Mindy Pyle, Joe Crawford, Craig Kinkaid, Mike Shaffer and Craig Capron running stage mix pictured on the cover.



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Local Music 2010

September Calendar

Wed. 1	Lincoln Wine Bar Parlor City Pub	The Blue Midnight Trio, 7-10PM McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Thur. 2	J.M. O'Malley's	Gibby Jams w/ friends 9PM
Fri. 3	Checkers Tavern Beaver Creek Ernie's Parlor City Pub	Regulators, 9PM Mike Williams solo, 7-11PM McMurrin & Johnson, 6-9PM Triple Guitar Shootout, 9:30PM
Sat. 4	Fire House Park Farm Winery Cooters Yacht Club, IC	Gary Gibson & friends jam 4-8PM Blue Band, 4-6PM Bankston, IA Mike Williams solo, 3-6PM Daddy-O, 10PM
Sun. 5	FB & Co. Cornerstone, Galena Cedar Ridge Winery Parlor City Pub	Blue Band, Waubeek, Pre Labor Day Fest Johnny Kilowatt, 8-12 Gary Gibson, 1-4PM, Swisher Flock Of Funk
Tue. 7	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur. 9	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern Overman Park	4Box O Rocks, 9PM Mark Moss 7PM Blue Band, Cedar Falls, Wing Ding 5-8PM
Fri. 10	Checkers Tavern City Beat	Craig Erickson Band 9PM McMurrin & Johnson, 8-11PM
Sat. 11	Fire House Leo's Gen. Lounge Jerseys	Various players jam 4-8PM Lojo Russo 4Box O Rocks, 9-1
Sun. 12	Mahoney's Irish Pub Checkers Tavern	McMurrin & Johnson Band w/ Skeeter 6PM Levee Town from Kansas City 6PM
Tue. 14	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Wed. 15	Sammy's	Mike & Rob Show, 9-1
Thur. 16	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern Shuey's	Bryce Janey Band w/ DJ 9PM Shawn Pittman 8PM Mike & Rob Show, 7-10PM
Fri. 17	Checkers Tavern Stashed (Next Door)	Twist & Shout 9PM Billy Janey Band w/ Dan Johnson 9PM
Sat. 18	Fire House LaPort City, Fool's Ride Pitchers, open mic Tabor Vineyard Chrome Horse The Red Frog	Gary Gibson & friends jam 4-8PM Bryce Janey Band, 2 Friends Bar, 3-6PM Bryce Janey Band, 8:30PM Blue Band, Baldwin, IA 2-5:30PM Funk Daddies, 9PM McMurrin & Johnson, 7-10PM
Sun. 19	Swamp Fox Festival Ft. Madison, IA	Johnny Kilowatt, 5:30-7:30PM, Marion Patrick Hazel, Central Park, 3-5PM
Tue. 21	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur. 23	J.M. O'Malley's Cooters	Gibby Jams w/ friends 9PM Mike & Rob Show, 8-11PM
Fri. 24	Checkers Tavern Leo's Gen. Lounge Cedar Ridge Winery City Beat Chrome Horse	Copper Moon 9PM Bruce Bearinger Bryce Janey, 6-9PM Swisher Mike & Rob Show, 8-12 O'Connell Brothers, 9PM
Sat. 25	Fire House Beaver Creek	Various players jam 4-8PM Mike Williams solo, 5-8PM
Sun. 26	Parlor City Pub	Stewart John
Tue. 28	Parlor City Pub	Gibby's Lab Jam 8-11PM
Thur. 30	J.M. O'Malley's Checkers Tavern Piano Lounge	Gibby Jams w/ friends 9PM Joe & Vicki Price 7PM Mike & Rob Show, 9:30-1

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

The LCBS meets the 1st Monday of each month. See you at the Longbranch on September 13, 6:30PM for the LCBS general meeting. Guests are welcome!
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Saturday, September 18, Noon-6 p.m., 17th Annual IWMF DAY STAGE IN THE PARK, featuring emcee KIM-CHAR MEREDITH, RAE, EMILY LOUISE, JENNY KOHLS, MARY MCADAMS, DESDAMONA WITH CARNAGE, **RUTH KING**, CHRIS PUREKA BAND, and the legendary JANIS IAN in Upper City Park, Iowa City. FREE EVENT! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for grass seating. Food and merchandise vendors will line the festival. The park is wheelchair accessible and we will have ASL interpreters for our deaf and HoH friends. Pets welcome! Kid friendly! More info: prairievoices.net. ★

RIP Calvin "Fuzz" Jones, 1926-2010. Best known as the longtime bass player of the Muddy Waters Blues Band, Calvin "Fuzz" Jones, a Greenwood, Mississippi native, passed away on August 9 of complications from lung cancer. He was 84.

Iowa Blues Challenge 2010 Solo/duo competition

Press release

The Central Iowa Blues Society, Mississippi Valley Blues Society and Lizard Creek Blues Society are seeking applicants for the 2010 Iowa Blues Challenge Solo/Duo competition. A one round competition will be held in Des Moines, Iowa at Blues on Grand on Sunday, September 12, 2010 starting at 5 PM. (If needed, another round may be added Sunday, September 19, 2010.) The winner of the Challenge will receive a cash prize along with travel expenses and will represent the Blues Societies of Iowa at the International Blues Challenge Solo/Duo competition in Memphis early next year.

The competition is open to any solo or duo act from the state of Iowa. "Solo/Duo" is defined as any act with one or two musicians. Vocalists are counted as musicians for the purpose of this competition. Both electric and acoustic instruments are allowed. Participants will be judged by the same criteria that are used in Memphis for the International Blues Challenge. Each band is judged based on Blues Content, Talent, Originality and Stage Presence.

Any artist whose name has appeared on a final Handy/Blues Music Award ballot is ineligible. No other entry restrictions apply. This means that management contracts, booking agent contracts, recording contracts, performance contracts (even those that include regular television or radio broadcast) and nationally distributed recordings have no bearing on eligibility.

Applications may be downloaded cibs.org. Entries must be postmarked by August 7, 2010. For more information, call 515-225-6638.

The 2010 Iowa Blues Challenge is proudly sponsored by Central Iowa Blues Society, Mississippi Blues Society, Lizard Creek Blues Society, Budweiser and Citadel Broadcasting/94.9KGGG & 98.3WOW.

Nominations Open for LCBS Board of Directors Positions

The LCBS Nominations Committee is currently seeking candidates for Linn County Board of Directors positions to be filled in the October Board election. The election will be held at the October Board meeting on Monday, October 11, 2010 at the Best Western Longbranch Restaurant in Marion at 6:30 pm.

The following LCBS Board positions will be up for election for the term of November 2010 through October 2012: President, Treasurer, Merchandise Chair, and two Director-at-Large positions.

Nominations for office will be accepted from any LCBS members in good standing for one year. Nominations are being taken now and will continue to be accepted up to the election. If you are interested in running for an LCBS office, please contact Bill Meeks, Nomination Committee Chair, at 319/364-8035 to express your interest and to request information on what is involved.

LCBS is always open to new ideas and we encourage your active participation in your Blues Society! Volunteers are always needed and welcome!



The 17th Anniversary Iowa Women's Music Festival, to be held Sept. 16-18 in Iowa City. Call for volunteers, vendors, donors/sponsors, auction items and bakers!

For more info about the festival, how you can help, or just to give us comments or suggestions, e-mail festival@prairievoices.net, visit: prairievoices.net or call 319-335-1486.



Levee Town

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Their website says "Levee Town is a radiantly hot rockin' Americana foursome out of Kansas City - Amped Up Blues" and they're not far wrong. They've got the shuffling, rockin' retro blues down with all the right ingredients: Rock & Roll, Country Blues, Rockabilly, & some Missouri country thrown in. They're 2007 International Blues Challenge finalists on the strength of their first album of covers. This CD has twelve originals, penned by band members & all strong tunes. These guys can play, too. Great guitar from Brandon Hudspeth, Jacques Garrotte plays bass, Jan Faircloth drums and Jimmie Meade from Chicago plays harmonica. The rest of the band is from Central Kansas and Oklahoma. Levee Town will raise the temperature of any room. Check them out on YouTube. I'd like to see them come around here

— John Heim (A.K.A. "Big Mo")

There is never a cover charge at Mahoney's Irish Pub!

Bluesmore photos and great moments

The rain tried but saw the lineup and fled

photos by Bill Ray



photo by Jeff Schmatt



Chris Avey and the Avey Brothers opened this year's Bluesmore with some really amazing music.



Mark Avey on bass guitar



Brian West on drums for the Avey Brothers



Reverend Rick Raven (left) on lead guitar, guided his band of Chain Smokin' Altar Boys through some really blistering blues. Right, Big Al Groth on sax and Bobby Lee Sellers (above) on drums. Be sure to catch "the Rev" and his band at Checkers Tavern as they are there frequently.

My dad was good friends with the Bad Medicine Blues Band - one of the only blues bands in Fargo, as you can imagine! He took me out to see them play when I was 12 years old and I was really inspired by their guitar player, Ted Larsen. — Jonny Lang



Deanna Bogart on the sax with her guitar player, Dan Leonard



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Deanna Bogart on the keyboard.



photo by Bill Ray

John 'Big Mo' Heim led his band, Krewe Osgood, from the main stage to the side porch stage to perform with young artists.



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Scott Ambush held down the bass (and more) in the Deanna Bogart Band.



photo by Bill Ray

Another great crowd for Bluesmore 17