



Inclusive - a newsletter for the Prairie Crossroads Blues Society

August 2013

Big Show at the Virginia By Sandy Hannum

Champaign –Urbana Blues fans are in for a treat on August 24. The Virginia Theater is putting on a big show with the Robert Cray Band. Cray is a multi-award winning Blues/rock guitarist with a dazzling three decade career, and is still going strong. He has won five Grammy Awards and has released sixteen very popular albums. Robert Cray has played with such luminaries as Curtis Salgado, Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt, and John Lee Hooker. In 2011 he was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, at the age of 57. He is young by living legend standards, and still has a whole lot more in the works, including an upcoming world tour.



Robert Cray

Photo from 2012 Virginia Blues & Jazz Fest promotion

The opening act for the show will be local musicians, Cody & The Gateway Drugs. This is Cody Sokolski's new acoustic band, formed earlier this year. They feature songs written by Sokolski, with Cody on guitar and vocals, Katie Flynn on vocals and percussion, Rowdy Norton on

upright bass, and Jeff Carpenter on cajon. We are expecting a blues/rock vibe, with a message. Can't wait!



Cody & The Gateway Drugs

Photo from Cody & The Gateway Drugs Facebook page

This show is likely to sell out, so act fast.

News on Blues in the Schools By Sandy Hannum

Your Education chair has been working with Brandon T. Washington to pull together what we need for our Blues in the Schools program for Thomas Paine School this fall.

The Sugar Prophets are more than willing to put on a kickoff concert for the whole school, to get everyone excited about the Blues. Following the concert we will recruit about 15 students from grades four and five for our after-school program.

Our former Blues historian, Courtney Cain is moving back to Texas, and we were very sorry to lose her. Fortunately, we have a fabulous new Blues history teacher, thanks to a recommendation from Dr. Sundiata Cha Jua. Our new teacher is Gus Wood, another PhD student in African-American History, who just moved here from Atlanta and (Continued on next page)

has several years experience teaching in the public school system. He is enthusiastic, and a great guy. Courtney has given him her materials to use, and he will add his own touches as well.

During the Garden Hills BITS program we found out what an awesome teacher Josh Spence is! Lucky for us and the students, he has agreed to teach Blues harmonica again at Thomas Paine School.

As you may recall, we do not have funding from a grant for this program. Sam Smith has promised support from Krannert for the history teacher. The PCBS Education fund will support much of the rest of the costs, but we will need to add to our fund.

To this end, we are having a fundraiser at Louie's Dixie Kitchen on Monday September 23!! The friendly and civic-minded owners of Louie's, Leah Petit and Dirk Bodine, put on fundraisers in their restaurant for good causes. They are Blues fans, so Blues in the Schools is a cause that they are happy to support! The fundraiser will run all day, from 10:30 am to 9 pm. Our BITS fund will receive 10% of any intake up to \$1000, or 15% of any intake over \$1000. The event will be mentioned on the Louie's Dixie Kitchen Facebook page, but it is up to us to advertise it far and wide, and to get people in there to EAT.



Image from Louie's Dixie Kitchen Facebook page

Josh Spence has agreed to play music in the evening to enhance the atmosphere! If any other Blues musicians would like to join in they are welcome to do so. We will also need PCBS folks to be there talking to customers about our BITS program, and handing out flyers. Being personal and talking face-to-face are the keys to making this fundraiser a success.

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Moving On by Bob Paleczny



Rich & Sherry Cibelli with David Honeyboy Edwards

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society wishes to send a huge Thank You to Rich & Sherry Cibelli as they've announced they are stepping away from their duties with PCBS and concentrating on family, employment and other issues in their lives. It was their vision and hard work that led to the initial formation of PCBS. Rich Cibelli served as President and led the Society through its first two formative years. During much of that time Rich also served as Marketing Chair and volunteered on the Education Committee. Sherry was the Membership Chair for the first two years and then added the extra responsibilities of being the Treasurer. Their hard work, extensive knowledge and love of the blues will be sorely missed. We're on the lookout for a few individuals to step in and help replace them.

Long time blues fans Rich & Sherry had been going to blues fests throughout the Midwest for years and seen the outstanding results of blues societies in promoting the blues. They asked why can't that happen here in Champaign-Urbana? It was their dream to get a Society started. They asked questions of local musicians, nearby blues societies and at area festivals and decided it needed to be done. They gathered together a group of friends and like-minded blues lovers and set out to accomplish it.

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In May of 2010, the first formational meeting was held, officers were selected, a name was chosen and the Prairie Crossroads Blues Society was born with the mission to preserve, promote and educate the local community about the blues. Rich and Sherry led the Society through many of the first formational hurdles. They were key individuals in handling details such as gaining tax-exempt status as a non-profit corporation and becoming an affiliate of the Blues Foundation based in Memphis, TN.

Now three years later they have chosen to move on and focus on other areas of their lives. Prairie Crossroads Blues Society will miss their knowledge and leadership greatly. Therefore we're asking some of our members to contribute a little more to the further success of PCBS. We need several volunteers to step up and take over some of the duties that Rich & Sherry have been handling. Specifically we're looking for a new Treasurer, Membership Chair and Marketing Chair.

These are all important positions within our Society. The position of Treasurer is responsible for keeping the Society's funds and bank accounts. A report should be given at each of our monthly meetings. The Membership Chair is responsible for maintaining a list of current members and collecting dues which are handed over to the Treasurer. The Marketing Chair is responsible for marketing our Society including doing media PR and development of our merchandise. If you have knowledge or talents in these areas we could use your help. Send an email to prairiecrossroadsblues@gmail.com and let us know you'd like to contribute. We're hoping to fill these positions at our next monthly meeting, 6:00pm Wednesday August 21 at Old Chicago, 1910 N. Neil St. in Champaign.

Once again everyone in PCBS wants to thank both Rich & Sherry for all their hard work and wish them the best of luck in all their future endeavors.

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Looking Forward By Bob Paleczny



Carolyn Johnson

Prairie Crossroads Blues Society is honored to help put together a Celebration of Life for Carolyn Johnson who passed away in early June. For many years Carolyn was the lead singer with The Painkillers and she also sang with many other local blues artists in the area. The event will honor Carolyn's contributions to the blues and is a fundraiser for Carolyn's family to help defray the costs of her funeral. It will be held from 2 to 6 pm Sunday August 18. Besides The Painkillers other performers planning on appearing include the Kilborn Alley Blues Band, Josh Spence and A.J. Williams of The Sugar Prophets and Bruce 'Bruiser' Rummenie. Carolyn Johnson's nephew, Isaiah Johnson, is bringing his band and will be the Emcee. Thanks to Memphis on Main for hosting this event. We're requesting a donation at the door and there'll be some raffle items and other ideas to help raise money. All the proceeds will be donated to Carolyn's family who was hit fairly hard with the funeral expenses.

Another event PCBS has in the works is a fundraiser for our Blues In The Schools program. You can read Sandy Hannum's excellent article about this elsewhere in this newsletter. We want to thank the good folks at Louie's Dixie Kitchen & BBQ who will donate a healthy portion of their sales on Monday September 23. We intend to use these proceeds to help fund our BITS program. We're doing a six week after school program at Thomas Paine School in Urbana this fall and plan to continue doing educational programs at other area schools in the future. We also hope to continue to put on condensed versions of these workshops that include blues history and harmonica instruction at local libraries and youth groups. Come on out to Louie's and enjoy some good food and support our educational efforts.

Coming in October PCBS will be hosting our 3rd Annual local IBC Challenge. We're finishing up our planning for this fun event, so watch our website for all the details. We'll have the particulars posted online including the application form for bands wishing to compete.

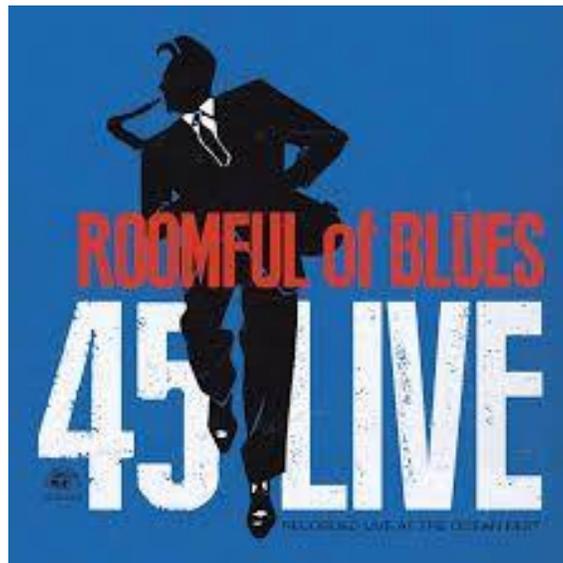
PCBS is also in the planning stages to resume hosting some blue shows this fall and winter. So check our website and Facebook pages, we'll be sure to let you know as soon as we confirm all the details. Better yet, come out to our monthly meetings and help us plan these fun events.

There's some other blues events happening around our community. Alex Jenkins & The Bombers play Alto Vineyards Saturday August 10. Popa Chubby returns to the area playing at The Castle Theater in Bloomington Wednesday August 14. Rick Estrin & The Nightcats play at Decatur's Blues in Central Park, Thursday August 15. Robert Cray plays at the Virginia Theater in Champaign, Saturday August 24, with the local band Cody & The Gateway Drugs as the opening act. See Sandy's article elsewhere in this newsletter about the exciting Robert Cray show.

Check our online calendar <http://www.prairiecrossroadsblues.org/pcbscal.html> for a schedule of all the blues shows in our area. Enjoy all the great music, we're fortunate to have so many talented musicians in our area.

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**ROOMFUL of BLUES
"45 LIVE"**

Reviewed by Rich Cibelli

For four and a half decades Roomful of Blues has dazzled audiences near and far with its incredible sound. In celebration of their longstanding place in the music community and this great accomplishment the band has released "45 LIVE."

Distributed by Alligator Records "45 Live," is comprised of 14 tracks recorded over three nights this past March at The Ocean Mist in Matunuck, Rhode Island. This is the band's fifth release on the Chicago-based record label.

First up on "45 LIVE," is "Just Keep on Rockin'," a nice up tempo song with a swing included. Like most

of this band's catalog it's filled to the brim with this big band's horns blaring. Originally released in 2005 on "Standing Room Only," the song is dedicated to the many loyal fans that enjoy each and every performance.

"It All Went Down the Drain" features vocalist Phil Pemberton with a tale of days not so happy. A heavy drum beat by Chris Rivelli helps establish the rhythm and (Continued on next page)

Chris Vachon who also serves as bandleader adds in a nice guitar solo to complete the song.

In my opinion, nothing gets a party going better than the sounds of New Orleans and "Jambalaya," the third song on "45 LIVE." This Hank Williams-penned title is a favorite of Roomful of Blues and the perfect avenue for the band's outstanding horn section. In particular, Doug Woolverton adds in a great trumpet solo.

Slowing things down quite a bit, "Easy Baby" starts out with guitar virtuoso Chris Vachon setting the pace on this soulful title. However, the song would not be complete without the presence of the Roomful of Blues horn section. This includes Rich Lataille who joined the band in the 70's and plays tenor and alto saxophone, Mike Earley who plays baritone and tenor sax and the already mentioned trumpeter Doug Woolverton.

The number five song "That's Right," like most on the release is full of energy and showmanship. In particular Phil Pemberton's vocals really stand out on this most memorable piece of music. Moreover "That's Right" is another example of this band's ability to create great sounding music for every format or style.

Formed in the late 1960's Roomful of Blues has been blessed over the years with the likes of notable musicians like Duke Robillard, Ronnie Earl, Curtis Salgado and singers such as Lou Ann Barton. Besides personnel changes in the band, they have also recorded on several different record labels. This includes Rounder and Varrick just to name a few.

While the names and faces have changed through the years, Roomful of Blues' original sound remains intact, just as it was back in 1977. It was during that time period when they recorded their self-titled debut album.

Like magic, music fans everywhere began to catch on with each performance. This exposure also helped the band land opening spots on tours worldwide and the opportunity to record with some of the biggest names in the music business.

Continuing to gain popularity the band made another change and turned its sights to the Alligator Records label. It was that move that saw them record "That's Right," back in 2003. Their second release on the label occurred in 2005 with "Standing Room Only." In 2008 Roomful of Blues recorded "Raisin' A Ruckus," and in 2010 the band released "Hook, Line & Sinker," their fourth Alligator release.

No matter which record label or famed alum performs as part of the band, Roomful of Blues has always kept its music and fans their number one priority. Case in point is "Crowdad Hole," which just happens to be the sixth song on this release.

Originally recorded years ago with the legendary Big Joe Turner, the song like many of the band's titles features

the Roomful of Blues stellar horn section once again. However, in my opinion it's the outstanding piano work of Rusty Scott that needs mention here.

Not many bands these days support eight different players, but Roomful of Blues does and makes sure each gets his fair share of the credit when it comes to performing. For example, John Turner on bass is another outstanding musician who contributes a lot of energy on the entire product. Furthermore, Chris Vachon who is listed as producer also did an excellent job of mixing the entire package.

As mentioned earlier "45 LIVE," is full of great music and each of the 14 songs on the release helps showcase the band's long history. In particular I really enjoyed listening to "Blue, Blue World" as well as "Turn It On, Turn It Up," as it reminded me of my introduction to this one-of-a-kind style of music.

If you like the sounds of a big band with plenty of energy and the ability to write great music then "45 LIVE," is a must for your collection. Check it out sometime as I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at what Roomful of Blues has to offer.

DID YOU KNOW that every time you attend a Prairie Crossroads Blues Society meeting you have a chance to win the **blues CD giveaway** of the day ?!

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We greatly appreciate our Corporate Sponsors for supporting the PCBS with their funds and their missions.

Memphis on Main regularly brings impressive Blues talent to Champaign.

Fluid Events brings the Champaign Blues, Brews, and BBQs festival to town in the summer, along with other Blues music events throughout the year.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts supports our Blues in the Schools program with both funding and expertise.

The Pawn Shop in Rantoul has long been a supporter of live blues shows in central Illinois.

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Inclusive, a newsletter of the PCBS, is always looking for new contributors and submissions of finished or unfinished content. Deadline for the next newsletter is August 27. Please submit articles, ideas, or comments to smhannum@gmail.com.

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Band Memberships

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers will be playing this month at the Illinois State Fair on the 9th, at Alto Vineyards in Champaign on the 10th, and in Grand Forks, ND on the 24th.

Black Magic Johnson will be playing this month at the Down Home Festival in Springfield on the 3rd, at the Hill Prairie Winery in Oakford on the 4th, and at the Old Capitol Blues & BBQ Festival in Springfield on the 23rd.

The Diva and The Dude will be playing this month at the Shady Nook Club in Saybrook on the 1st.

Full Throttle Band is one of our newer member bands. Drummer Tom Cullop was the winner of the Rossville Sound Werx professional speaker in our Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest drawing. Congratulations, Tom!

Hurricane Ruth will be playing this month at the Illinois State Fair on the 13th, and at the Hot August Blues Fest in Hardin, KY on the 23rd.

The James Jones Trio has put out a CD. Check it out!

Jerry Lee & The Juju Kings, winners of last year's local IBC challenge, is our newest member band. We welcome them to the PCBS!

Jr. & The Blues Rockers is one of our newer member bands. They plan to have a website soon.

The Kilborn Alley Blues Band will be playing this month at Adam's Apple & Barb's Place in Decatur on the 2nd, at Memphis on Main in Champaign on the 3rd, at D.R. Digger's in Champaign on the 7th, at Player's Pub in Bloomington, IN on the 9th, at Bedford Blues & Brews in Bedford, IN on the 10th, in the historic district of Quincy, IL on the 23rd, at The Iron Post in Urbana on the 24th, at Legends in Cincinnati, OH on the 30th, and at Stevie Ray's in Louisville, KY on the 31st.

Matthew Curry & The Fury will be playing this month at the Decatur Days Celebration on the 3rd, at the Shady Nook Pub in Saybrook on the 10th, at the Farm Fest in Kinsman on the 17th, at the Contemporary Arts Festival in Peoria on the 23rd, at the Sangamon River Music Festival in Mahomet on the 24th, and at the Outpost in Armington on the 31st.

The Mudwinders will be playing this month at Boondocks Bar and Grill in Gilman on the 23rd and 24th.

The Painkillers will be playing this month at the Iron Post in Urbana on the 10th, and at Memphis on Main in Champaign they will host a special multi-band celebration of the life of Carolyn Johnson on the 18th.

The Sugar Prophets will kick off our next Blues in the Schools program this fall at Thomas Paine School with a concert at a time TBD. Josh Spence will be teaching harmonica again in the program! The Education Committee is grateful for their passion for this program!

Susan Williams Band will be playing at the Clark Bar in Champaign on August 1 and September 12, at Huber's in Champaign on August 3, September 7, and October 5, and at Genzel's Tap in Loda on September 21.

Timmy D & Blind Justice will be playing this month at The Iron Post in Urbana on the 16th, at Gino's in Danville on the 30th, and at Bentley's in Champaign on the 31st. They have just released a new CD. Check it out!

Tombstone Bullet will be playing this month at the Illinois State Fair on the 13th, and at the Old Capitol Blues & BBQ Festival in Springfield on the 23rd.

Mt. Bluesmore



Muddy, I gotta tell ya... I love fundraisers – 'cuz it's people helpin' people.

You got that right, Walter. That's the heart of it.

MmHm. And no matter what comes out of it, people always feel better when they help out.

You got that right.

EVENTS

Aug 1 – Susan Williams Band – The Clark Bar – Champaign – 6:30 pm

The Diva & The Dude – Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 7:30 pm

Aug 2 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Adam's Apple & Barb's Place – Decatur, IL – 9 pm

Aug 3 – Black Magic Johnson – Down Home Festival – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Susan Williams Band – Huber's – Champaign – 8 pm

The Delta Kings – Wizzy's 8 Ball – Farmer City, IL – 8:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Memphis on Main – Champaign – 9 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Decatur Days Celebration – Decatur, IL – 9 pm

Aug 4 – Black Magic Johnson – Hill Prairie Winery – Oakford, IL – 2 pm

Aug 6 – Billy Galt & Jeff Kerr – El Toro Bravo – Champaign – 6:30 pm

Aug 7 – The Surreal Deal – Meadowbrook Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger's – Juke Joint Show – Champaign – 9 pm

Aug 9 – Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Illinois State Fair – Springfield, IL – 7 pm
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Player’s Pub – Bloomington, IN – 8 pm
Aug 10 – Ellnora Guitar Festival ticket sales – 10 am
Made in the Shade – Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 12 pm
Benny Jenkins Bloodline Blues – Bunker Hill Run Festival – Danville, IL – 2 pm
The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Bedford Blues & Brews, Salt Creek Brewery – Bedford, IN – 7 pm
Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm
Matthew Curry & The Fury – Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 8:30 pm
Aug 12 – Mark Hummel, Little Charlie & Anson Funderburgh – The Muddy Waters – Bettendorf, IA – 7 pm
Aug 13 – Billy Galt & Jeff Kerr – El Toro Bravo – Champaign – 6:30 pm
Hurricane Ruth – Illinois State Fair – Springfield, IL – 7 pm
Tombstone Bullet – Illinois State Fair – Springfield, IL – 10 pm
Aug 14 – Popa Chubby – Castle Theater – Bloomington, IL – 7:30 pm
Aug 15 – Ivas John Band – Moose Lodge – Bradley, IL – 7 pm
Rick Estrin & The Nightcats – Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm
Aug 16 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – The Iron Post – Urbana – 8:30 pm
Aug 17 – 13th Annual Decatur Barbecue, Blues & Bluegrass Festival – Harmony Park – Oakhurst, IL – 4 pm
Matthew Curry & The Fury – Farm Fest – Kinsman, IL – 9:30 pm
Aug 18 – Celebration of Carolyn Johnson’s Life – The Painkillers and other bands participating - Memphis on Main – 1 pm-5 pm
Aug 20 – Billy Galt & Jeff Kerr – El Toro Bravo – Champaign – 6:30 pm
Aug 23 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – Peoria Contemporary Arts Festival – Peoria, IL – 5:30 pm
Hurricane Ruth – Hot August Blues Fest – Hardin, KY – 6 pm
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Blues in the Historic District – Quincy, IL – 6 pm
Tombstone Bullet – Old Capitol Blues & BBQ – Springfield, IL – 6 pm
Billy Galt & Jeff Kerr – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm
Black Magic Johnson – Old Capitol Blues & BBQ – Springfield, IL – 8 pm

The Mudwinders – Boondocks Bar and Grill – Gilman, IL – 8:30 pm
Aug 24 – Byron Crossroads Blues Festival – 2nd & Union Streets – Byron, IL – 12 pm
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm
Robert Cray Band w/ Cody & The Gateway Drugs – The Virginia Theater – Champaign – 7 pm
The Blues Deacons – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm
Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Blues on the Red – Grand Forks, ND – 8 pm
The Mudwinders – Boondocks Bar and Grill – Gilman, IL – 8:30 pm
Matthew Curry & The Fury – Sangamon River Music Festival – Mahomet IL – 9:30 pm
Aug 27 – Billy Galt & Jeff Kerr – El Toro Bravo – Champaign – 6:30 pm
Aug 29 – Little Joe McLerran – Proof Lounge – Kankakee, IL – 7 pm
Aug 30 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – Gino’s – Danville, IL – 8:30 pm
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Legends – Cincinnati, OH – 9 pm
Aug 31 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Stevie Ray’s – Louisville, KY – 9 pm
Matthew Curry & The Fury – The Outpost – Armington, IL – 9 pm
Timmy D & Blind Justice – Bentley’s – Champaign – 9 pm

Sep 1 – The Blues Deacons – BJ’s Pump Bike Rally – Hoopeston, IL – 1 pm
Sep 2 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Labor Day Picnic – Prairie Park – Urbana – 1 pm
Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Julie’s Shooting Star – Westville, IL – 2 pm
Sep 4 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger’s – Juke Joint Show – Champaign – 9 pm
Sep 5 – Ellnora Guitar Festival – Krannert Center – Urbana – 6 pm
Sep 6 – Ellnora Guitar Festival – Krannert Center – Urbana – 12 pm
Hurricane Ruth – The Curve Inn – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – El Paso Corn Festival – El Paso, IL – 8:30 pm

Sep 7 – Ellnora Guitar Festival – Krannert Center – Urbana – 10 am

Hurricane Ruth – Southern Stock Charities Concert – Carterville, IL – 12 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – The Castle Theatre – Bloomington, IL – 7 pm

The Painkillers – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Susan Williams – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm

The Mudwinders – The Coppertop Lounge – Bloomington, IL – 8:30 pm

Sep 12 – Susan Williams Band – The Clark Bar – Champaign – 6:30 pm

Sep 13 – Black Magic Johnson – Long Bridge Golf Course – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Sep 14 – Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Knights of Columbus – Danville, IL – 1 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Walnut Street Winery – Rochester, IL – 7 pm

Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Knights of Columbus – Blues on Bryan – Danville, IL – 8:30 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – The Iron Post’s Birthday Party – Urbana – 9 pm

Sep 19 – Reverend Raven & The Chain Smokin’ Altar Boys – Kankakee Vally Boat Club – Kankakee, IL – 7 pm

Sep 20 – Tombstone Bullet – Long Bridge Golf Course – Springfield, IL – 6:30 pm

Timmy D & Blind Justice – Bentley’s – Champaign – 9 pm

Sep 21 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – Savoy Orchard Days – Savoy, IL – 6 pm

Susan Williams Band – Genzel’s Tap – Loda, IL – 9 pm

Sep 23 – Blues in the Schools fundraiser – Louie’s Dixie Kitchen – 10:30 am-9 pm – music by Jiggy & The Source 6-8 pm

Sep 27 – Matthew Curry & The Fury – Memphis on Main – Champaign – 8:30 pm

Sep 28 – Hurricane Ruth – Beardstown Fall Fun Festival – Beardstown, IL – 2:30 pm

Timmy D & Blind Justice – The Pink House – Ogden, IL – 8:30 pm

Oct 2 – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger’s – Juke Joint Show – Champaign – 9 pm

Oct 3 – Too Slim & The Taildraggers – “It’s Everybody’s Birthday Party” – Kankakee Valley Boat Club – 7 pm

Oct 5 – Susan Williams Band – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Shady Nook Pub – Saybrook, IL – 8:30 pm

Oct 11 – Timmy D & Blind Justice – Old Orchard Inn – Effingham, IL – 9 pm

Oct 12 – The Mudwinders – Treehouse Lounge – Bloomington, IL

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