



# Inclusive - a newsletter for the Prairie Crossroads Blues Society

June 2012

## Tee Dee Young at June First Friday By Inclusive Staff



**Tee Dee Young**

Come out to Memphis on Main, Friday June 1st for our final 1st Friday event. Tee Dee Young, who has been called "Kentucky's Best Kept Secret," will be rocking the house at 10:00pm. The Gavin Stolte Project will open for Tee Dee at Memphis on Main at 8:00.

Tee Dee Young born in Lexington, Kentucky, and got his start playing the guitar at the age of thirteen mentored by the late Mr. Harrison Coleman. He learned to sing from his father, gospel singer Leonard Young, and was influenced by his brother George Young, who encouraged him to never change his style. Tee Dee has performed at blues clubs such as The Cotton Club, Albert King's, B.B. King's and Kingston Mines. He has opened for Johnny Rawls, Guitar Shorty, Big Bill Morgan, Albert King and Lil "Howling" Wolf among others.

Tee Dee was voted 2011 Beale Street Blues King by the Beale Street Merchants Association in Memphis, Tenn. He has four albums. The most recent, Dream the Blues, was released in January 2011.

## Candy Foster Lifetime Achievement Celebration By Sandy Hannum

Sunday night May 20 was filled with fond memories, lots of laughs, and fabulous music as the community celebrated the lifetime achievements of Candy Foster – not that he is anywhere near done yet!! As his daughter pointed out, everyone just wanted to share their love now at the peak of his career, rather than later when he is gone. It is so much more fun this way.

The evening consisted of a lively progression of stunning musical performances by the Shades of Blue, DaJaVu, and several guest singers. DaJaVu, the three lovely young women who sing and dance with the Shades of Blue, also have lots of personality. They did a great job of keeping the show moving along, and keeping it visually interesting with several beautiful costume changes. DaJaVu jump-started the evening with "Proud Mary."

Candy received several awards for different aspects of his life – Family Man, Humanitarian, Community Leader, Entertainer, and Lifetime Achievement. Mayors Prussing and Gerard presented him with the keys to the cities of Urbana and Champaign. Interspersed among the short award presentations were individual songs by well-known guest artists who had ties to Candy Foster. Sharika Elison sang a jazzy rendition of "God Bless the Child." Kathy Harden belted out a fabulous "Down Home Blues." She mentioned that she had been one Candy Foster's Buttercups, the group that preceded DaJaVu.

Andy Duncanson sang a rich and gritty "Stormy Monday." He also took the time to thank Candy for his mentorship. Darna Nelson sang a great version of "Little by Little." There was also an interesting performance by members of the Iota Phi Theta fraternity, to which Candy Foster belongs. The young men did a routine that involved intricate hand and body slapping percussion and (continued on next page)

movement, along with shouts, similar to a haka. I don't know how else to describe it. It was exciting and fun to watch.

Best of all, Rich Cibelli got up and talked about Prairie Crossroads Blues Society and the work we are doing. He presented Candy with a plaque, making him an honorary member for life. Candy then said a few words about how important it is to keep Blues alive and that he is glad that our organization is doing this good work. Yes!!



**Candy Foster Becomes an Honorary Member of PCBS**  
Photo courtesy of Sherry Cibelli

Of course, the audience was not going to let the guest of honor get away without performing. Candy launched into "Love and Happiness" and invited onto the stage all the people who had ever performed with him. It was quite a crowd. Overall it was one of those feel-good events that make you glad to live in this community and to be a member of the PCBS.



**Candy Performs in the Finale**  
Photo courtesy of Rich Cibelli

## **Champaign Blues, Brews and BBQs** **By Sandy Hannum**

As most of you know, the big local festival, Blues, Brews and BBQs, will be held in Champaign this year, largely because they want to have more space. Isn't it great that we need more space for all the local Blues lovers!

Save both Friday, June 29, and Saturday, June 30, for the event, because PCBS is heavily involved in the festival this year. Besides having our booth with info, merchandise and cool people, we will have our own entire venue at the Orpheum for a fun and varied Blues in the Schools programming that is for the whole family.

The fest will be in downtown Champaign, centered in the area of Main and Walnut. Take a look at the overall lineup for the event:

### **Friday June 29**

#### Miller Beer & WGKC Main Stage

4:30 – 6 pm – Robert Sampson & Blues Gumbo

6:30 – 8 pm – Moreland & Arbuckle

8:30 – 10 pm – The Steepwater Band

10:30 – 12 am – The Royal Southern Brotherhood, featuring Devon Allman, Mike Zeto, Cyril Neville, & Charlie Wooten

#### Central Illinois Bank Stage

5 – 6:30 pm – Alex Jenkins & The Bombers

7 – 8:30 pm – Eddie Turner

#### The Samuel Music Family and Future Star Stage

TBA

#### The Orpheum Children's Museum Prairie Crossroads

#### Blues Society Blues in the Schools Stage

5 – 6 pm – Blues history by Ashley Howard; interactive displays – build your own percussion instruments, create Blues lyrics; take part in Blues dancing and lessons by bluesCentral; slide show and video presentations

6 – 7 pm – GH Strummers – Guitar Blues ensemble from Garden Hills School, directed by Abby Heras; Blues history by Ashley Howard; interactive displays – build your own percussion instruments, create Blues lyrics; take part in Blues dancing and lessons by bluesCentral; slide show and video presentations

7 – 8 pm – Blues dancing and lessons presented by bluesCentral; interactive displays – build your own percussion instruments

### **Saturday June 30**

#### Miller Beer & WGKC Main Stage

12:30 – 2 pm – The Mojocats

2:30 – 4 pm – John Nemeth

4:30 – 6 pm – Chicago Rhythm & Blues Kings

6:30 – 8 pm – Tinsley Ellis  
8:30 – 10 pm – Ronnie Baker Brooks  
10:30 – 12 am – Nick Moss super jam featuring Lil Ed,  
Hadden Sayers, John Nemeth, Lightning Malcolm, and  
other surprise guests

Central Illinois Bank Stage

12 – 1:15 pm – Triple Shot  
1:45 – 3 pm – The Diva & The Dude  
3:30 – 4:45 pm – Candy Foster  
5:15 – 6:30 pm – Hurricane Ruth  
7 – 8:30 pm – Lightning Malcolm featuring Cameron  
Kimbrough  
8:45 – 10 pm – First Annual Dinosore Motorcycle Club  
Bike Show Awards Ceremony

The Samuel Music Family and Future Star Stage

TBA

The Orpheum Children's Museum Prairie Crossroads

Blues Society Blues in the Schools Stage

12 – 1 pm – Introduction & Blues in the Schools  
Workshop  
1 – 2 pm – Guitar Workshop hosted by Bruce "Bruiser"  
Rummenie  
2 – 3 pm – Percussion Workshop hosted by Michael  
Powers  
3 – 4 pm – Blues Piano and Vocals hosted by Chrissy  
Sparks Rigsby  
4 – 5 pm – Blues in the Schools Workshop Interactive  
Displays  
5 – 6 pm – Blues Video Presentation  
6 – 7 pm – Bass Guitar Workshop – host TBA  
7 – 8 pm – Blues Songwriting – host TBA  
Other ongoing activities may include face painting, Blues  
dancing by bluesCentral and Blues CD giveaways.

This entire weekend is a free event. However, folks will be asked for donations at the gate to help defray the costs, so chip in if you are able. In addition, it is possible to purchase a VIP ticket from ETIX.COM. There are only 80 VIP packages available. They include a laminated VIP pass, a seat in the first 4 rows for the whole weekend, access to the private band meet and greet area, a festival T-shirt, a festival poster, a festival beer mug, two meals, two drinks, and entry into the drawing to sit on the stage throughout the event. Wow.

This is our chance for PCBS to really show our stuff! Come out and staff our booth, and/or join in the activities at the Orpheum. If you are a true Blues fan you definitely can't miss this one.

**Local Bands Take the Stage at Champaign Blues,  
Brews & BBQs  
By Lorri Coey**

What a great festival we have to look forward to right in our own town at the end of the month. While it's very exciting to get a chance to see national acts like The Royal Southern Brotherhood, Lil' Ed and Nick Moss, it's equally exciting to see some of our local bands get a chance to showcase their talent before a large crowd. This year that opportunity belongs to four PCBS member bands.

On Friday Alex Jenkins and the Bombers will be opening the festival on the Central Illinois Bank Stage from 5:00-6:30 pm. This will be a great way to kick off the weekend. Alex Jenkins and the Bombers' influences include jazz, rockabilly, R&B, Motown and Stax. And they've got a great mix of "been there done that" with Alex Jenkins, who grew up in the area of Chicago's Maxwell Street, and Tim Jenkins, an early fan of Motown, mixed with the college-age energy and enthusiasm of Codie Snyder, saxophonist and music education major and Mike Crisp, bassist and alumni of Illinois State University jazz combo.

On Saturday you'll find The Diva & The Dude taking the stage from 1:45-3:00 pm. The Diva, aka Kathy Harden, will win your heart with her great smile, huge voice and high kicks if the mood strikes. She describes herself as a small town girl who sings from her heart. That she does. Her partner on stage, The Dude, Andy Baylor, is a guitarist extraordinaire and a bit of wild card. "Unpredictable and exciting, every performance is an event," says their Facebook page and that is true.

Following The Diva & The Dude, you'll have one of the Champaign-Urbana's best known and loved blues performers: Candy Foster. He plays from 3:30-4:45. Candy Foster was recently honored for his 50 years of work in the community and he's a special performer as well. Candy is well-known as one of the hardest working blues singers in the area. Candy has appeared with blues performers such as Etta James, Junior Wells and Stevie Wonder, just to name a few.

Rounding out our local blues bands performing at the festival is Hurricane Ruth. This powerful blues band was the PCBS entry in the 2012 IBC Challenge in Memphis. The band consists of Hurricane Ruth LaMaster, Gary Davis, Jim Engel and David Lumsden. You'll hear them playing some of their originals from their recent *The Power of the Blues... Feels Like a Hurricane*.

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Be sure to spend some time at the Central Illinois Bank Stage and help support our local blues bands.

PCBS is seeking volunteers to assist us at the Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest, Friday and Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Besides our usual tent where we interact with the Blues fans, explain our mission and sell our merchandise, we're also presenting a series of educational seminars and workshops inside the Orpheum Children's Museum. You can get in on the fun, simply go to our Doodle Festival sign up page, we have the times split into 2 hour shifts;

<http://www.doodle.com/tdct3auhqkz26i2i>

Or send us an email, we'll be happy to give you more details. We can use volunteers at both the tent and the Orpheum Museum. This is a great opportunity to have some fun and help your Blues Society reach a wider audience.

### **Hurricane Ruth is headed back to Champaign-Urbana**

**By Lorri Coey**

Hurricane Ruth, Prairie Crossroads Blues Society's entrant into the International Blues Challenge, will be back at Memphis on Main Saturday, June 9.

This band has traveled a long road since they won last year's local competition. They immediately got busy writing songs, rehearsing and released a CD, *The Power of the Blues...Feels Like a Hurricane*, before they headed to Memphis last January. In Memphis they were chosen to compete for *The King of Beale Street* and they've been invited back to play there later this year.

The band hasn't been taking it easy since then. They've been writing even more new songs and playing venues throughout central and southern Illinois. They've got several blues festivals on their schedule for this summer.

This is a hard working, power blues band playing original music and having fun. Make it out to Memphis on Main to see how far they've come and get a little taste of where they might be going from here.

### **Through These Eyes**

**By Rich Cibelli**

I've heard a change of scenery helps to clear one's mind and enhances creativity. Taking that suggestion to heart, my wife Sherry and I packed the car and headed out on a musical voyage.

Our first stop was Memphis, Tennessee and The 2012 Beale Street Music Festival. This three day event kicks off the annual Memphis In May month-long celebration, including the World Championship BBQ Cooking Contest.

Some 410 miles of interstate later we arrived at our hotel in plenty of time to catch one of the first acts. We grabbed a quick bite and headed to see The North Mississippi All-Stars at one of several outdoor stages. Brothers Cody and Luther Dickinson and band put on a nice show featuring many fan favorites. Nevertheless, what impresses me most about these musicians is their ability to create such wonderful sounds with an assortment of instruments. This night Cody played an amplified washboard.



**Luther and Cody Dickinson**

Photo courtesy of Rich Cibelli

However, the highlight of my Friday night at the fest was none other than Johnny Winter, who for the first time that I can recall began his show standing up and playing. It was an amazing sight to see.

I must also mention the weather down in Memphis. Although it was close to 100 degrees on both Saturday and Sunday, it never rained the whole time the festival was going on. A little history lesson is needed here. You see Sherry and I made our first trip down to the music event way back in 1999 and have made it every year since except the last two. Each year we attended, (continued on next page)



the sky above would open and pour down rain on the festival site. This would sometimes occur for hours at a time. That is why some regulars call the event "Memphis in Mud."

A few years ago they even had to cancel some shows because it had rained so much that it flooded the festival site, also known as Tom Lee Park. Check out the link here to find out more about this amazing 33 acre landmark.  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom\\_Lee\\_Park](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_Lee_Park)

On Saturday we caught a variety of performers including Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Larry McCray, local legends The Bo Keys and even Gary Clark Jr. On Sunday we witnessed the always impressive Herbie Hancock as well as 2012 BMA Winner Charlie Musselwhite. We ended the night and our trip to the festival with The Robert Randolph Band.



**Kenny Wayne Shepard**

Photo courtesy of Rich Cibelli

But our musical journey would not end yet. We still had much to do and see including making a stop in Springfield, Illinois and a place we had always wanted to visit called The Alamo.

Studebaker John and The Hawks happen to be the artist appearing on this Monday night. The Chicago area blues musician put on a great show with an array of master slide guitar work combined with an awesome display of harp playing as well. He can do it all!

If you get the chance go out and catch one of his shows. I guarantee you won't be disappointed by this incredible showman and his band of seasoned musicians.

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**Studebaker John**

Photo courtesy of Rich Cibelli

On Tuesday we had the pleasure of seeing Joe Bonamassa in concert. No matter what your opinion of Bonamassa, one has to admit that this 35-year-old guitar player can hold his own with anybody. He proved it to me and many others during his two and a half hour sold out show.

Meanwhile back home for a change of clothes and a few days rest, we next headed out toward the Windy City area for "A Symposium on Race, Gender & the Blues." Hosted by Dominican University, this event featured several discussions and presentations and included many of the top Chicago Blues musicians and singers. In particular many of the participants during the event's opening session including Sugar Blues, Billy Branch, Matthew Skoller, Deitra Farr, Sharon Lewis and even Lincoln "Chicago Beau" Beachamp stated that black blues musicians are and have been treated differently than white musicians and singers for far too long. They all agree it has to end.

Among the many reasons given for this feeling include the difference in pay, promotion and festival bookings as well as the continuing decline in the number of attendees at blues shows.

Another issue that also stood out to me occurred when Sharon Lewis who was speaking as part of the Chicago's Blues Divas session mentioned that she gets treated better in Europe than in places she performs in Chicago. Others in her panel including Nellie Travis and Deitra Farr agreed and went as far to say that foreign visitors to Chicago Blues clubs now make up most of the fan base. If nothing else, what I took away from my visit to the event is the recurring theme that the state of blues music and the industry as a whole is in the need of some real attention and review.

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Several times during the event I had to remind myself to keep an open mind to what was being voiced and that it wasn't being directed towards me or what we are trying to accomplish with our own blues society. However, I have to admit it did open my eyes and I can say with no doubt that there remain some underlying issues when it comes to race in this country with no easy answers in sight.

That being said, the highlight of my visit to this year's symposium was watching and then meeting Marie Dixon, President of Blues Heaven Foundation, being awarded the 2012 Blues and the Sprit Award. She is truly one of the nicest persons you will ever meet.



**Marie Dixon**

Photo courtesy of Rich Cibelli

Another highlight occurred on the evening of Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was this night I was given the opportunity to represent our organization and present a PCBS Honorary Membership to Gerald "Candy" Foster. The entertainer and friend to many was being honored for his 50 plus years in the music business.

What a terrific night filled with the celebration of music and praise for a man who has given so much of himself back to our community. Even with the threat of rain lingering, Foellinger Auditorium on the University of Illinois campus was filled with many who wanted to be part of this special moment.

I really enjoyed Sandra Hannum's article about the event and especially these comments "Overall it was one of those feel-good events that makes you glad to live in this community and to be part of the PCBS". I could not agree more.

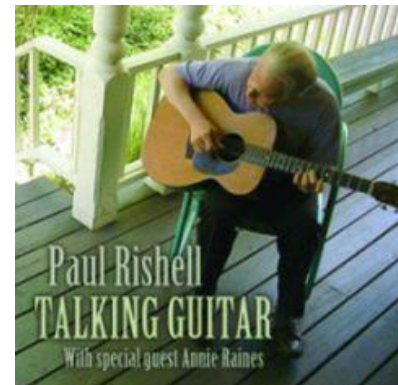
To end this part of our musical journey Sherry and I had (continued in next column)

hoped to attend this year's Blues Week festivities in St. Louis. However, just two days out and feeling under the weather we decided to cancel our plans.

As I mentioned earlier getting away did give me the chance to recharge and get prepared for many upcoming events in and around our community. The list includes our next First Friday show at Memphis on Main (June 1<sup>st</sup>), The Champaign Blues, Brews and BBQ Festival (June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) and this year's Urbana Sweetcorn Festival and its Blues Night (August 24<sup>th</sup>).

It is my hope that you will take time to join me and other PCBS members at these and many more events as we move forward and into our third year of preserving, promoting and educating our community about the importance of blues music in our country's history. I wish everybody a wonderful summer!

**Paul Rishell**  
**"Talking Guitar"**  
**Mojo Rodeo Records**  
**Reviewed by Rich Cibelli**



If you're into Pre-War Blues, then take a listen to Talking Guitar, the new release by Paul Rishell with special guest Annie Raines. Released on Mojo Rodeo Records, "Talking Guitar," is a journey back in time to the sounds of a lone singer and the likes of an acoustic or resonator guitar.

This 13 song CD starts off with Rishell doing a version of "Fannin' Street," penned by Lead Belly and follows up with "Special Rider Blues," by Skip James. Both feature outstanding vocals and brilliant finger picking technique.

The previously mentioned Rishell is a master guitarist who has dedicated many years of studying both the music and the lives of those who created the genre of "Acoustic, Pre-War Blues."  
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Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1950, Rishell gravitated toward music in his early teens. It was also during this time that he was incredibly moved by the sounds of a man named Son House. From that point on Rishell decided he was going to learn all he could about the music of House and those like him.

Rishell eventually decide it was time to make a move to the Cambridge, Massachusetts area to start performing at clubs and make a name for himself. He also found time to befriend the up and coming blues performers of the time. Along the way and to his credit Rishell performed with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Johnny Shines, John Lee Hooker and many more.

Rishell has recorded several albums over his storied career and it was during work on an album called "Swear To Tell The Truth," that he met the harmonica virtuoso Annie Raines. The two have been music partners ever since.

I had the privilege of seeing Rishell and Raines perform at the 2011 Mississippi Valley Blues Festival. They are truly amazing to watch as they work their magic sound. The pair has opened for performers of all genres including Dr. John, Ray Charles, Little Feat, Leon Russell and even Asleep At the Wheel.

On "Taking Guitar," Raines contributes on three of the CD's tracks including the Tommy Johnson classic "Big Road Blues," "I'm Gonna Jump and Shout," which was written by Rishell and on the project's final piece, "Michigan Water Blues," created by Jelly Roll Morton.

As far as this release is concerned, I enjoyed each and every song and I think you will as well. Paul Rishell's latest and all acoustic project is both a reflection and deep devotion to the music he loves and to those he has dedicated his life's work to. I hope you'll find time to take a listen.

**Final First Friday  
By Bob Paleczny**

Earlier in this newsletter it was mentioned that this was the final First Friday. It is, at least for a while. We've suspended the First Friday series through the months of July and August.

It's been a lot of fun and we think we've brought a series (continued in next column)

of great artists to the area that Champaign-Urbana blues fans haven't had a chance to see previously.

The PCBS Entertainment Committee continues to plan for some great events in the future. We're working on the 2012 edition of the PCBS IBC Blues Challenge and some other really exciting events.

We'd like to restart the First Friday series in the fall if it works out. We think the pairing of a local opening act with a regional or national touring act as a headliner is a great way to celebrate the blues. What we strive to do is provide our members with the music they want to see.

We're making musical instruments out of recyclable materials during the Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ's Fest. Can you help?

We're looking for materials like:

Coffee and soup cans  
Cardboard boxes  
PVC piping or gift wrap tubes  
Paper towel or toilet paper tubes  
Rubber bands  
Pencils  
Vinyl materials  
Milk jugs  
Rice, beans or small noodles

If you have any of these items to donate, let us know at [pcbweb@gmail.com](mailto:pcbweb@gmail.com)

**Corporate Sponsorships**

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 this summer, along with other Blues music events throughout the year.

**Skins-N-Tins Drum Shop** provided a drum set for use in The Prairie Crossroads Blues Society IBC challenge.

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**One Main Development, LLC**  
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## Band Memberships

**Alex Jenkins & The Bombers** will be playing this month at the Downtown Summer Sounds Concert in Danville on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will also be one of the bands featured at the Champaign Blues, Brews and BBQs on June 29.

**Black Magic Johnson** will be playing on June 2 at Celtic Mist in Springfield.

**The Diva and The Dude** will be playing along with Keith Harden at Alto Vineyards on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will also be one of the bands featured at the Champaign Blues, Brews and BBQs on June 30.

**Full Throttle Band** is one of our newer member bands. Check them out on Facebook.

**Hurricane Ruth** will be playing at Walker's Bluff Winery in Cartersville on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Crows Mill Pub in Springfield on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Memphis on Main on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Curve Inn in Springfield on the 15<sup>th</sup>. They will also be one of the bands featured at the Champaign Blues, Brews and BBQs on June 30.

**Jr. & The Blues Rockers** is one of our newest member bands. We welcome them to the PCBS!

**The Kilborn Alley Blues Band** is playing locally in several gigs. If you go to the Chicago Blues Festival, be sure to look for them along with Deak Harp on June 10! On the 22<sup>nd</sup> they'll get down with their friends at D. R. Digger's before taking off for Colorado, California, Oregon, Washington and Montana. Catch them while they're here.

**King's Highway** is playing at Winner's Lounge in Bloomington on June 30, and July 28.

**Matthew Curry & The Fury** will be playing this month at the Eagles Club in Bloomington on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, the WGLT Summer Concert in Bloomington on the 9<sup>th</sup>, and at the Mississippi Valley Blues Fest in Davenport, IA on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**The Painkillers** will be playing at The Iron Post on July 14.

**The Sugar Prophets** play a regular blues jams at Cowboy Monkey on the first Thursday of the month! Other gigs this month include Alto Vineyards on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mustang Sally's in LeRoy on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Shooky's in Paxton on the 16<sup>th</sup>, Par-a-dice Casino in Peoria on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and Cowboy Monkey on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Susan Williams Band** is one of our newest member bands. This month they are playing at the American Legion in Danville on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, at Fatman's Warehouse in Danville on the 8<sup>th</sup>, and at Lu & Denny's in Tolono on the 9<sup>th</sup>. We welcome them to the PCBS!

**The Sweet Wood Band** is one of our newer member bands. Check them out on Facebook.

**Timmy D & Blind Justice** is playing at the Iron Post on the 9<sup>th</sup>, at Millie's in Mahomet on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and at the Harley Barn in Effingham on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Tombstone Bullet** is playing at the Walnut St. Winery in Rochester on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, and the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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The next Prairie Crossroads Blues Society Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 pm on June 20 in room 215 of the Champaign Public Library.

*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 June 27. Please submit articles, ideas, or comments to [smhannum@gmail.com](mailto:smhannum@gmail.com).



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in the PCBS! Check the  
date on your membership card.  
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## Mt. Bluesmore



Hey, Sonny. The Prairie Crossroads Blues Society is two years old now.

Is that all? Man, they've done a lot in two years.

That's right. Now they'll even have their own venue at the Blues, Brews and BBQs Fest.

Mmmm hmm. They all better be out there with their logos on!

## EVENTS

**Jun 1** – Big Creek Guitar Band – The Pink House – Ogden, IL – 5 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Walker's Bluff Winery – Cartersville, IL – 7 pm  
First Friday Blues w/Tee Dee Young – WEFT and Memphis on Main – 8 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – The Friendly Tavern – Danville, IL – 8 pm

**Jun 2** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Kick 'n' Asphalt for Autism – Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Eagles Club – Bloomington, IL – 7 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Black Magic Johnson – Celtic Mist – Springfield, IL – 9 pm

Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Boomerang's – Urbana – 9 pm

**Jun 3** – bluesCentral – First Sunday Blues Dancing – Emerald City – Champaign – 6 pm

**Jun 6** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger's – Champaign – 9 pm

**Jun 7** – Susan Williams Band – American Legion – Danville, IL – 7 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – BB's Jazz, Blues & Soup – St. Louis, MO – 9 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Blues Jam – Cowboy Monkey – Champaign – 9:30 pm

**Jun 8** – Chicago Blues Festival – Grant Park – Chicago – 11 am

Big Creek Guitar Band – Fairmount Lounge – Fairmount, IL – 8 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Crows Mill Pub – Springfield, IL – 8:30 pm

Susan Williams – Fatman's Warehouse – Danville, IL – 9 pm

**Jun 9** – Chicago Blues Festival – Grant Park – Chicago – 11 am

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Blues City Deli – St. Louis, MO – 1 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – WGLT Summer Concert – Bloomington, IL – 5 pm

Timmy D. & Blind Justice – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Memphis on Main – Champaign – 7 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Walnut St. Winery – Rochester, IL – 7 pm

The Blues Deacons – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Mustang Sally's – LeRoy, IL – 8 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – The Iron Post – Urbana – 9 pm

Susan Williams – Lu & Denny's – Tolono, IL – 9 pm

**Jun 10** – Chicago Blues Festival – Grant Park – Chicago – 11 am

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Better Homes & Gardens Chill & Grill – Waveland Park-Lakeview – Chicago – 12 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band w/ Deak Harp – Chicago Blues Festival – Chicago – 5 pm

**Jun 14** – Susan Williams Band – American Legion – Danville, IL – 7 pm

**Jun 15** – Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Annual Fundraiser – Alto Vineyards – 6 pm

Hurricane Ruth – The Curve Inn – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Big Creek Guitar Band – Huber's – Champaign – 8 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Bourbon Barrel – Decatur, IL – 8 pm

**Jun 16** – Timmy D. & Blind Justice – Millie's – Mahomet – 8 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Boone's Saloon – Springfield, IL – 9 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Shooky's – Paxton, IL – 9 pm

**Jun 19** – Sugar Ray Norcia & The Bluetones – Kankakee Valley Boat Club – Kankakee, IL – 7 pm

**Jun 20** – Keith Harden – Blair Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm

**Jun 21** – John Nemeth – Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm

Susan Williams Band – American Legion – Danville, IL – 7 pm  
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – After Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 10 pm

**Jun 22** – Alex Jenkins and the Bombers – Downtown Summer Sounds Concert – Danville, IL – 6 pm

Lionel Young w/opening act The Governor – Goodfella’s Pub & Pizza – Pekin, IL – 7 pm

Keith Harden w/Kathy Harden & Andy Baylor – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Hoogland Center for the Arts – Springfield, IL – 8:20 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Diggers – Champaign – 9 pm

**Jun 23** – Timmy D. & Blind Justice – The Harley Barn – Effingham, IL – 1 pm

Keith Harden Band Reunion – The Iron Post – Urbana – 7:30 pm

**Jun 24** – Keith Harden – Writers in the Round – Mike ‘n’ Molly’s – Champaign – 7 pm

**Jun 26** – The Oakwood Boys – Kickapoo Landing – Oakwood, IL – 5:30 pm

Tom Holland & The Shuffle Kings – Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen’s Club – Bourbonnais, IL – 7 pm

**Jun 27** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Matinee at Zoo Bar – Lincoln, NE – 6 pm

**Jun 28** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Blues & Greens – Outlook Hotel – Boulder, CO – 7:30 pm

**Jun 29** – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 4:30 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers - Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 5pm

Mississippi Valley Blues Fest – Davenport, IA – 5:30 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Mississippi Valley Blues Fest – Davenport, IA – 6:30 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Par-a-dice Casino – Peoria, IL – 7:30 pm

**Jun 30** – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 12 pm

Mississippi Valley Blues Fest – Davenport, IA – 12:30 pm

The Diva & The Dude – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 1:30 pm

Candy Foster & The Shades of Blue – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 3:30 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Champaign Blues, Brews & BBQ – 5 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Walnut St. Winery – Rochester, IL – 7 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Blues From the Top Festival – Winter Park, CO – check local time

King’s Highway – Winner’s Lounge – Bloomington, IL – 9 pm

The Blues Deacons – The Trading Post – Springfield, IL – 9 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Cowboy Monkey – Champaign – 9 pm

**Jul 1** - Mississippi Valley Blues Fest – Davenport, IA – 12 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Just One More – Decatur, IL – 5 pm

**Jul 4** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger’s – Champaign – 9 pm

**Jul 5** – The Sugar Prophets – Wild Dog Saloon – Decatur, IL – 9 pm

**Jul 6** – Big Creek Guitar Band – The Pink House – Ogden, IL – 5 pm

**Jul 7** – Tombstone Bullet – International Friendship Gardens – Michigan City, IN – 6 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Walker’s Bluff Winery – Cartersville, IL – 7 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm

**Jul 12** – The Sugar Prophets – Doherty’s – Decatur, IL – 7:30 pm

**Jul 13** – Big Creek Guitar Band – Kickapoo Landing – Oakwood, IL – 5:30 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Long Bridge Golf Course – Springfield, IL – 6 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Mustang Sally’s – LeRoy, IL – 7:30 pm

Hurricane Ruth – The Iron Post – Urbana – 8 pm

**Jul 14** – The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Boone’s Saloon – Springfield, IL – 7 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Kicks – Towanda, IL – 8 pm

**Jul 18** – The Blues Deacons – Crestview Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm

**Jul 19** – Bart Walker Band – Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm

**Jul 20** – Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues Festival – Bloomington, IL – 5 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Live at the 5 Spot! – Peoria, IL – 5:30 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues Festival – Bloomington, IL – 6 pm

Big Creek Guitar Band – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm

**Jul 21** – Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues Festival – Bloomington, IL – 12 pm

Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues Festival – Bloomington, IL – 12 pm

Tombstone Bullet – Chatham Sweetcorn Festival – Springfield, IL – 12 pm

Kilborn Alley Blues Band - Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues Festival – Bloomington, IL – 5:30 pm

The Blues Deacons – Baxter’s Bar & Grill – Bloomington, IL – 6 pm

Hurricane Ruth – Chatham Sweetcorn Festival – Chatham, IL – 6 pm

**Jul 24** – Laurie Morvan Band – Bradley Bourbonnais Sportsmen’s Club – Bourbonnais, IL – 7 pm

**Jul 25** – Big Creek Guitar Band – Wheatfield Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm

**Jul 27** – Prairie Dog Blues Festival – St. Feriole Island – Prairie du Chien, WI – 5 pm

Matthew Curry & The Fury – Prairie Dog Blues Festival – St. Feriole Island – Prairie du Chien, WI – 6:30 pm

**Jul 28** - Prairie Dog Blues Festival – St. Feriole Island – Prairie du Chien, WI – 12 pm

The Painkillers – Tuscan Hills Winery – Effingham, IL – 7 pm

The Sugar Prophets – Magnolia Theater – Eastman, GA – 7 pm

King’s Highway – Winner’s Lounge – Bloomington, IL – 9 pm

**Aug 1** – Kilborn Alley Blues Band – D.R. Digger’s – Champaign – 9 pm

**Aug 3** – Big Creek Guitar Band – The Pink House – Ogden, IL – 5 pm

**Aug 4** – The Sugar Prophets – Decatur Celebration – Decatur, IL – 6:30 pm  
The Blues Deacons – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm  
**Aug 8** – The Painkillers – King Park – Urbana – 6 pm  
**Aug 10** – Big Creek Guitar Band – Huber’s – Champaign – 8 pm  
**Aug 11** – The Painkillers – The Iron Post – Urbana – 6 pm  
Alex Jenkins & The Bombers – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7 pm  
Tombstone Bullet – Walnut St. Winery – Rochester, IL – 7 pm  
**Aug 14** – The Oakwood Boys – Kickapoo Landing – Oakwood, IL – 5:30 pm  
Tombstone Bullet – Illinois State Fair Grounds – Miller Tent – Springfield, IL – 8 pm  
Hurricane Ruth – Illinois State Fair Grounds – Miller Tent – Springfield, IL – 9:30 pm  
**Aug 15** – Surreal Deal – Meadowbrook Park – Urbana – 6:30 pm  
**Aug 16** – Andrew Jr. Boy Jones – Blues in Central Park – Decatur, IL – 7 pm  
**Aug 22** – Smokin’ Joe Kubek & Bnois King – Kankakee Valley Boat club – Kankakee, IL – 7 pm  
**Aug 23** – The Sugar Prophets – Doherty’s – Decatur, IL – 7:30 pm  
**Aug 24** – Blues Night at Urbana Sweetcorn Festival  
Timmy D. & Blind Justice – Urbana Sweetcorn Fest. – 6 pm  
Kilborn Alley Blues Band – Urbana Sweetcorn Fest. – 7:30 pm  
Dr. Duke Tomatoe – Urbana Sweetcorn Fest. – 9:15  
**Aug 25** – Hurricane Ruth – Old Capitol Blues & BBQs – Springfield, IL – 1 pm  
The Sugar Prophets – Alto Vineyards – Champaign – 7:30 pm  
King’s Highway – Winner’s Lounge – Bloomington, IL – 9 pm  
**Aug 26** – Hurricane Ruth – Hill Prairie Winery – Oakford, IL – 2 pm

## Spring and Summer Blues Festivals in the Midwest

**Jun 2** - Watseka Theatre Blues, BBQ, Bikes & Arts Fest – Watseka, IL – [watsekatheatre.com](http://watsekatheatre.com)

**Jun 8-10** – Chicago Blues Festival – Chicago, IL – [explorechicago.org](http://explorechicago.org)

**Jun 15-16** – Blues On The Fox – Aurora, IL – [downtownaliveaurora.com](http://downtownaliveaurora.com)

**Jun 23** – South Bend Blues & Ribs Fest – South Bend, IN – [sbpark.org](http://sbpark.org)

**Jun 29-30** – Blues, Brews & BBQ Fest – Champaign, IL – [facebook.com/BluesBrewsandBBQ](https://facebook.com/BluesBrewsandBBQ)

**Jul 12-14** – Kalamazoo Blues Fest – Kalamazoo, MI – [kvba.org](http://kvba.org)

**Jul 20-21** – Ain’t Nothin’ But The Blues – Bloomington, IL – [AintNothinButTheBlues.com](http://AintNothinButTheBlues.com)

**Jul 27-28** – Prairie Dog Blues Fest – Prairie du Chien, WI – [prairiedogblues.com](http://prairiedogblues.com)

**Aug 10-12** – Sunflower River Blues & Gospel Fest – Clarksdale, MS – [sunflowerfest.org](http://sunflowerfest.org)

**Aug 24** – Urbana Sweetcorn Festival Blues Night – Urbana, IL  
Timmy D and Blind Justice 6-7:15pm  
Kilborn Alley 7:30-8:45pm  
Dr. Duke Tomatoe 9:15-10:45pm

**Aug 31-Sep 1** – Illinois Blues Fest – Peoria, IL – [illinoisbluesfestival.com](http://illinoisbluesfestival.com)

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