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**Terry Sedivy's
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Wednesday December 20th • 6pm
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ZOO BAR

Wednesday, December 13th @ 6:00 pm

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Thursday, December 14th @ 6:00 pm • \$10.00

HEATHER NEWMAN BAND

CD Release at Chrome Lounge

December 2nd @ 7:00 pm • Price TBA

MIKE ZITO

CHROME LOUNGE

Thursday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm • \$15.00

ZOO BAR

Friday, December 7th @ 6:00 pm

MISSISSIPPI HEAT

Zoo Bar • Wednesday, December 27th @ 6:00 pm

Chrome Lounge • Thursday, December 28th @ 6:00 pm • \$12.00

JIMMIE BRATCHER'S

Man! It's Christmas Show

CHROME LOUNGE

Thursday, December 21st @ 6:00 pm • \$10.00

CHROME LOUNGE

8552 Park Drive, Omaha

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All shows 6 pm unless noted

The Blues Society of Omaha Presents

- Saturday** Dec. 2nd.....Heather Newman Band CD Release (7pm)
- Thursday** Dec. 7th Mike Zito (\$15)
- Sunday** Dec. 10th Toy Drive for Pine Ridge (\$10 or Toy) (3pm)
- Thursday** Dec. 14th Davy Knowles (\$10)
- Thursday** Dec. 21st Rev. Jimmie Bratcher's
Man It's Christmas Show! (\$10)
- Thursday** Dec. 28th Mississippi Heat (\$12)
- Saturday** Dec. 30th Redwoods IBC Sendoff Party
- Sunday** Dec. 31st BSO NY Eve Matinee Bash
w/ Sailing in Soup (5pm)
- Thursday** Jan. 4th Rex Granite IBC Sendoff Party
- Thursday** Jan. 11th Tas Cru and his band of Tortured Souls (\$10)

Why Join the Blues Society Of Omaha with Your Membership Donation?

The Blues Society of Omaha, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed in 1998. We are an all-volunteer organization with over 800 dues-paying members. BSO's mission is "Keepin' the Blues Alive". We are recognized as one of the top Blues Societies in the country. With the help of your tax-deductible donation we continue to promote blues music, blues musicians, and live music venues & events. Among our many projects and accomplishments are these:

- BSO promotes musicians and venues by maintaining a comprehensive live music calendar on our website, omahablues.com. BSO also distributes free monthly news flyers with calendars to numerous public gathering spots to inform the general community of live music shows in the area.
- BluesEd is a non-profit youth artist development program created and sponsored by Blues Society of Omaha. The BluesEd program began in 2001 to provide opportunities for young musicians to learn blues music in a series of workshops and to play with other students in a band format. Our BluesEd bands always are impressive and they have performed at some of the finest festivals & venues in and around Omaha.
- The Blues Society of Omaha has hosted an annual Nebraska Blues Challenge competition for local bands since 2011. All of the participating bands are showcased in judged public events as they compete for a package of prizes and the honor of representing BSO at the International Blues Challenge competition held in Memphis. All of the winning Nebraska bands have gone on to receive national attention and acclaim while making BSO proud!
- BSO produces and/or sponsors various music events throughout the year.
- BSO is a contributor to and supporter of Playing With Fire, a series of free outdoor concerts held each summer in Omaha since 2004.
- BSO provides support to The Zoo Bar, Lincoln's legendary and award-winning blues venue. BSO is a sponsor of the annual ZooFest music festival.
- In conjunction with Toy Drive for Pine Ridge, BSO hosts an annual toy drive and concert fundraiser for the children of Pine Ridge Reservation.
- BSO regularly produces charitable events for musicians in need.

As a member and donor, you are entitled to great membership benefits:

- Free subscription to "Blues Notes", our monthly newsletter that will keep you abreast of blues events in the area, blues CD reviews, and other articles of interest to blues connoisseurs!
- E-blasts with late-breaking blues news.
- Special pre-sale and discounted tickets to select events.
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- Pride in belonging to a group dedicated to "Keepin' The Blues Alive"!

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Tuesday – 3:00-6:00pm "Group W Blues"

Wednesday – 3:00-6:00pm "Highway Blues" • 8:30-10:00pm "Radio Gumbo"

Thursday – 3:00-5:00pm "Blue Water Mixtape"

Friday – 1:00-3:00pm "Women's Blues & Boogie" • 3:00-6:00pm "Hudson Blue"

Saturday – 6:00-7:00am "Beale Street Caravan" • 7:00-8:00am "Juke in the Back"

Sunday – 2:00-4:00pm "Back at the Chicken Shack"



HEATHER NEWMAN BAND CD Release Party

Saturday December 2nd • 7:00 pm
Chrome Lounge • 8552 Park Dr, Omaha, NE

Over the last decade, Heather Newman has been leaving her footprints in the blues scene of her hometown Omaha, NE, starting a name for herself from the ripe age of 10. Confidence and presence paired with her vocal prowess, always leaves the crowd hanging on the edge of their seats wanting more. With that, Kansas City accepted her with open arms as she made her debut with the Nick Schnebelen Band in 2015. During that time she gained experience in touring, writing, and recording with the NSB before breaking off to form her own soulful blues band. Now she is running the show under her own name and turning heads along the way.

From the artist's website

BSO QUARTERLY MEETING

**The BSO Leadership Team meeting was held on Saturday, October 14th
and the following topics were discussed:**

- Next Leadership Meeting in January of 2018 • Financial Review
- Membership • Blues Ed • BSO & Other Linoma Events • Chrome Lounge
- BSO Website • Advertising • BSO Volunteers • BSO Merch

**Check out B.J. Huchtemann's column Hoodoo Blues each week in the Omaha READER
for info on upcoming shows and other news in the roots-blues music scene.
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Down Under Lounge
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Wednesday, December 6th @ 6pm
Anthony Gomes

Friday, December 8th @ 5pm
Mike Zito

Wednesday, December 13th @ 6pm
Davy Knowles

Friday, December 22nd @ 9pm
Kris Lager Band

Wednesday, December 27th @ 6pm
Mississippi Heat

For a full schedule see www.zoobar.com

Mike Zito

Friday December 8th @ 5 pm • Zoo Bar • Lincoln, NE

Thursday December 7th • \$15 • Chrome Lounge • 8552 Park Dr, Omaha, NE

Born in South St. Louis, Mo. Mike Zito grew up in a working class home with a dire love of music. It was his escape and way out. After a decade working in a local guitar shop, Mike learned his craft from the ground up playing in clubs 7 nights a week. He fell in love with the Blues of St. Louis and the stories of the country singers. His first self released album "Blue Room" hit the streets in 1998 and he has made 12 albums total over the years. He signed and recorded with Eclecto Groove Records and Ruf Records. He is a founding member of the supergroup "Royal Southern Brotherhood" with Cyril Neville and Devon Allman. In 2012 he formed his own group, The Wheel. Mike has produced albums for Samantha Fish, Laurence Jones, Albert Castiglia and others. He tours extensively in the USA, Canada and Europe. He has been honored with multiple Blues Music Awards over the past 10 years. His love of life and pursuit of happiness is felt in every note he sings and plays.

From the artist's website



DAVY KNOWLES

Wednesday December 13th @ 6 pm • Zoo Bar • Lincoln, NE

Thursday December 14th • \$10 • Chrome Lounge • 8552 Park Dr, Omaha, NE



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The journey began for Davy Knowles growing up in the Isle of Man, learning to play guitar from listening to the likes of Gallagher, Clapton, Knopfler, Green and Mayall in his father's record collection, and honing his skills playing the local music circuit. Knowles's professional career started with a bang – arriving in America age 19 with his band Back Door Slam, an acclaimed debut album, and rave reviews at SXSW 2007.

"I heard the spirit of Jimi Hendrix."

– Patrick MacDonald, Seattle Times

From that dynamic introduction, Knowles proceeded to make a significant impact across US media – from memorable TV performances on Jimmy Kimmel and Good Morning America, to a three year run at radio with the singles 'Come Home' from the debut album Roll Away and 'Tear Down the Walls' and 'Coming Up For Air' from the Peter Frampton produced sophomore album – both albums Top 3 Billboard Blues Chart.

"Davy already has a recognizable style. He's definitely the gunslinger guitarist of the 21st century."

– Peter Frampton

From the artist's website

TOY DRIVE *for* PINE RIDGE



Sunday, Dec. 10th • Chrome Lounge
Doors at 2:00 • Show at 3:00

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BLUES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

[Fri Dec 01]

Mezcal Brothers at Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
 Brandon Santini at B Bar (8:00 pm) (The B Bar)
 Aaron Kamm and The One Drops – Zoo Bar (9:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat Dec 02]

Heather Newman Band – CD Release at Chrome (7:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)
 Sailing in Soup at Barley Street Tavern (8:00 pm) (Barley Street Tavern)
 20 Watt Tombstone – Zoo Bar (9:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sun Dec 03]

Davina and The Vagabonds – Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Mon Dec 04]

Zoo Bar House Band and open Blues Jam (7:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
 Gooch & his Big Band at Ozone (7:00 pm) (Ozone)

[Tue Dec 05]

Crabby Blues Band at Shuck's (119th & Pacific St.) (6:00 pm) (Shucks)

[Thu Dec 07]

Mike Zito – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Fri Dec 08]

Mike Zito – Zoo Bar (5:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat Dec 09]

Indigenous CD Release – Zoo Bar (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sun Dec 10]

Toy Drive for Pine Ridge at Chrome (3:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)
 Indigenous at Waiting Room (7:30 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)

[Mon Dec 11]

Gooch & his Big Band at Ozone (7:00 pm) (Ozone)

[Wed Dec 13]

Davy Knowles – Zoo Bars (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
 Jumpin Kate & the Naked Reserves Acoustic Wed at B Bar (9:00 pm) (The B Bar)

[Thu Dec 14]

Davy Knowles – at Chrome (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)
 Rhythm Collective (Reggae) at B Bar (9:00 pm) (The B Bar)

[Fri Dec 15]

Winter Blues Party: Big Daddy Caleb, Hector Anchondo, Tim Budig and their bands @ 501 Bar & Grill (8:00 pm) (501 Bar & Grill)
 Rhythm Collective (Reggae) at B Bar (9:00 pm) (The B Bar)

[Sat Dec 16]

NE Funk & Soul Alliance – Zoo Bar Lincoln (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
 Sailing in Soup at Harney Street Tavern (9:00 pm) (Harney Street Tavern)
 Jumpin Kate & the Naked Reserves at B Bar (9:00 pm) (The B Bar)

[Mon Dec 18]

Gooch & his Big Band at Ozone (7:00 pm) (Ozone)

[Wed Dec 20]

Terry Sedivy's B-Day Bash & Super Blues Party at Wine Wednesday at B Bar (8:00 pm) (The B Bar)

[Thu Dec 21]

Jimmie Bratcher's Man! It's Christmas Show – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Fri Dec 22]

The Wondermonds – Zoo Bar 5PM (5:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)
 Kris Lager Band – Zoo Bar 9PM (9:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Sat Dec 23]

Frostival Charity Event at Waiting Room & Reverb Lounge (6:00 pm) (The Waiting Room Lounge)
 Christmas with The Bel Airs at Waubonsie Station (8:00 pm) (Waubonsie Station)
 AllSortsOfGood at B Bar (9:00 pm) (The B Bar)



FIRST TUESDAY FUNDRAISERS

**With the Crabby Blues Band
 featuring Bucky McCann**

**Tuesday, December 5th from 6 to 9 pm
 Shucks, 119th & Pacific, Omaha**

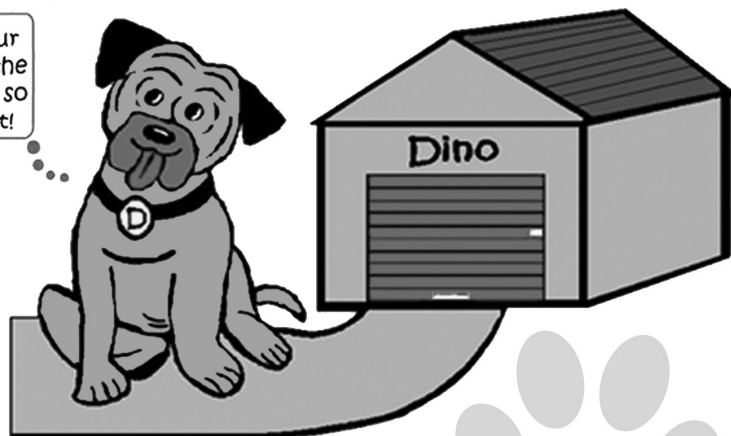
**NEW Dundee Acoustic show
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BLUES IN DECEMBER & JANUARY

[Wed Dec 27]

Mississippi Heat – Zoo Bar 6PM (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Thu Dec 28]

Mississippi Heat – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

Jack Hotel – Zoo Bar 6pm (6:00 pm) (Zoo Bar)

[Fri Dec 29]

Josh Hoyer & the Soul Colossal 5yr. Anniv Bash at Bourbon Theater (8:00 pm) (Bourbon Theater)

[Sat Dec 30]

The Redwoods w/ Bucky McCann-John Crews Duo at Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Sun Dec 31]

BSO NY Eve Matinee Bash w/ Sailing in Soup at Chrome (5:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

Hector Anchondo Band at Corner Bar (9:00 pm) (Corner Bar)

[Tue Jan 02]

Crabby Blues Band at Shuck's (119th & Pacific St.) (6:00 pm) (Shucks)

Tracy K. (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Thu Jan 04]

Rex Granite Band Featuring Sara Benck w/ Tony Meza Band featuring Billy Bacon & The Lincoln Logs – IBC Sendoff Party – \$10 (6:00 am) (Chrome Lounge)

[Thu Jan 11]

Tas Cru and his band of Tortured Souls – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Fri Jan 12]

Sailing in Soup at Havana Garage (9:00 pm) (Havana Garage)

[Thu Jan 18]

Hamilton Loomis – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Sat Jan 20]

Sailing in Soup at Harney Street Tavern (9:00 pm) (Harney Street Tavern)

[Thu Jan 25]

James Armstrong – Chrome Lounge (6:00 pm) (Chrome Lounge)

[Wed Jan 31]

JJ Grey & Mofro w/ Parker Milsap at Slowdown (8:00 pm) (Slowdown)

SEEKING NEW BSO TREASURER, CAN YOU VOLUNTEER???

BSO is seeking a new Treasurer to maintain our financial records and file necessary tax documents. Are you willing to join the dedicated team working to continue the endeavors of BSO? If you are interested or have questions, please contact Assistant Treasurer Terry O'Halloran at blueterryo@gmail.com or President Mark Grubbs at 402-598-8644.

BLUE MONDAY BLUES JAM

Monday, Dec. 4th @ 8:30 pm
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Mondays @ 7 pm

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DOWN UNDER LOUNGE

Monday, December 4th @ 8:30 pm

35th & Leavenworth, Omaha

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Thursdays @ 8 pm

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JIMMIE BRATCHER

Thursday December 21th • \$10
Chrome Lounge
8552 Park Dr, Omaha, NE



They call Jimmie Bratcher "The Electric Rev."

Not only because his lightning-strike performances crackle with high-voltage guitar playing and emotionally charged vocals. Or because Bratcher makes the hairs rise on the arms of the crowds he entertains in the map of clubs, festivals, bike rallies, churches and prisons that he calls "the road."

But because the ascending blues star is literally a preacher, as comfortable testifying in the pulpit about the power of Jesus as he is in smoky bars celebrating the vigor of the blues.

Bratcher's shows — regardless of location — are worry-free zones, where the healing, good-time mojo of rockin' blues sets hearts and minds, and maybe even souls, free. His latest album *Secretly Famous* is fueled by the same attitude. The disc's dozen tracks are packed with humor, romance, joy and the thrill of finding the same at every turn, plus some real-life reflection. And they're all buoyed by Bratcher's gravel dappled tenor voice and his gritty, muscular and deeply rooted guitar playing, supported by a versatile rhythm section of drummer Lester Estelle Jr. and bassist Craig Kew.

Throughout *Secretly Famous* Bratcher's songs shine a spotlight on his unique perspective. The slinky, groove-driven "57," for example, is a first — a tribute to the Shure SM-57 microphone, a staple of the stage and the studio known for its ability to capture the sound of the electric guitar.

From the artist's website

MISSISSIPPI HEAT

Wednesday December 27th @ 6pm
Zoo Bar • Lincoln, NE

Thursday December 28th • \$12
Chrome Lounge • 8552 Park Dr, Omaha, NE



Led by harmonica master and songwriter Pierre Lacocque, Mississippi Heat is a world-class Chicago Blues Band. Their motto is "Traditional Blues With A Unique Sound" as they present fresh yet vintage-based musical ideas.

MISSISSIPPI HEAT's name is a reflection of Pierre's reverence for Mississippi's blues culture and music. The band's conviction is that there is no deeper music than Delta-inspired blues to express what lies in everyone's soul. They have received world-wide critical acclaim, including from *Living Blues Magazine*: "MISSISSIPPI HEAT delivers its traditional urban blues with a freshness, energy and competence that makes them a treasure on today's Chicago scene."

Mississippi Heat is known internationally for their passionate blues delivery. Overseas and national touring have been an integral part of their work for decades. The band has appeared at many world-famous festivals including many in the US (like the Pocono's and the Chicago Blues Festivals), Scandinavia, Germany, France, Italy, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Canada, Tunisia, Finland, Venezuela and in Mexico, among many others. Besides a scheduled European tour for 2018, they will also soon perform in Dubai.

Buddy Guy has gone on record saying that it's "been a long time since I heard a good blues band like this." And recently the band received this critical acclaim from Bonnie Tallman at the Billtown Blues Festival (Hughesville, PA): "Can't find enough words to express how blown away everyone was with the Mississippi Heat performance! It was spectacular in every way."

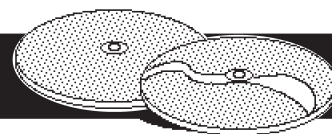
The band has made waves on the blues charts by regularly reaching the #1 spot on *Living Blues Magazine's* radio charts.

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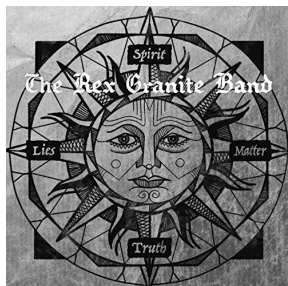
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CD Review



The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck *Spirit / Matter / Truth / Lies*



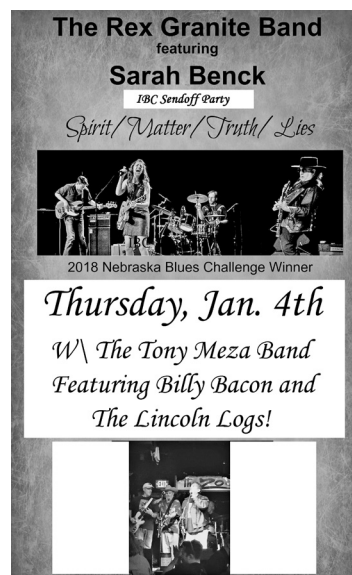
Nebraska Blues Challenge winner The Rex Granite Band featuring Sarah Benck has released a very good cd – not just a nice local band cd – but a very good cd period. They will be a first-rate representative of BSO at the International Blues Challenge.

The Omaha veteran musicians' rockin' blues album has nine originals and one cover. The cover is a fine version of the Percy Mayfield song "Please Send Me Someone to Love" sung emotively by Benck. The opening cut "Stop Doing What You Want" is an uptempo song that makes for a great introduction. There is some adept slide supplied by Granite. Another favorite song of mine is

the hard charging "Steamroller". It has some great horns and is guaranteed to make people want to get up and dance!

Benck sings fervently on this album. Her singing reminds me of Sue Foley at times. Foley has been a singer I have listened to for many years. Granite plays proficient slide throughout the collection. This is an excellent cd and should be picked up by people that enjoy modern blues and want to support some of the many great artists of Omaha.

—A.J. Foyt



— B.S.O. Mailbag —

Joan,

The International Blues Foundation has announced that the Blues Society of Omaha's BluesEd program has been named a recipient of the 2018 Keeping the Blues Alive Award!

From all the members of the Blues Society, current and past BluesEd directors, parents, volunteers and most of all, our students, we thank the Omaha Performing Arts for your recommendation which was submitted with the nomination! Having a recommendation from OPA made all the difference and is greatly appreciated!

The award will be presented in Memphis on January 19th at the International Blues Challenge. https://blues.org/keeping-the-blues-alive-award/#_recipients

We are so grateful for the support you and all of the OPA have given BluesEd students over the years. We are truly blessed to have such a great partnership with OPA and to share this same Great city for music/arts performance and opportunities for youth in Nebraska!

Thank you!

Jason & Stephanie Groenjes
BluesEd Directors – www.bluesed.com
What is BluesEd? Find out!



IBC YOUTH SHOWCASE SENDOFF SHOW

Saturday Dec. 30

Chrome Lounge ~ 8552 Park Drive

6:00PM Bucky McCann-John Crews Duo

7:30PM The Redwoods



All Ages



Food Available for Purchase-Hawk's BBQ

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Dear Jason and Stephanie,

Bravo to you and everyone involved with BluesEd! What a well-deserved award and fitting recognition of all that you've done for the program. Your work nurturing and developing this program has been impressive, and we're delighted to work together with you, the students, parents, volunteers, and everyone. We are committed to supporting work like yours on behalf of the young people in our community, and I'm so pleased you're receiving this most appropriate national recognition.

Congratulations!

And a very Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Best,
Joan

Joan H. Squires, President
Omaha Performing Arts

BANDS AND VENUES...HELP US HELP YOU!!! HELP US PUT MORE BUTTS IN MORE SEATS

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- Venue pages that allow contact information and photos, map insets linked to full mapping, and links to external sites.
- For bands, we have a band listing page with links to individual band pages. These are full free-form WordPress pages supporting text, graphics and links.
- The site works well on mobile devices like smartphones.

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