

NORTH LIBERTY BLUES & BBQ

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She Can Do No Wrong

Shemekia Copeland, Album of the Year winner and three-time Grammy nominee, takes the stage at 9 p.m.

She has the blues in her blood, but Shemekia Copeland is a legend by her own right.

The daughter of Blues Hall of Fame inductee Johnny Copeland, Shemekia got a jump early, performing at the famous Cotton Club by age 10 and pursuing a singing career in earnest by 16.

But she's earned accolades on her own, including three Grammy nominations, starting with *Wicked*, released in 2001.

"She can do no wrong," said *Rolling Stone*, who called the singer "a powerhouse, a superstar."

Her latest album, *America's Child*, was recognized as Album of the Year and in the Contemporary Blues Album category by the Blues Foundation this past May. Shemekia delivers the songs with fierce intent, balancing her four-alarm vocals with a more subtle approach.

It's that four-alarm voice that sets her apart and makes her special.



"When Shemekia Copeland opens her mouth, everybody pays attention."

Her voice is instantly recognizable, and capable of being sultry, assertive and roaring. It delivers every song with unparalleled honesty and passion.

NPR summed up her "powerful vocal chops" and style as "slow-burning soul and rollicking country-blues with growling vigor and potent conviction."

She's with her peers when she performs with Eric Clapton, Bonnie Raitt, or Carlos Santana, opens for The Rolling Stones, or plays at the White House with B.B. King, Mick Jagger, Buddy Guy, Trombone Shorty, and Gary Clark, Jr.

On the heels of North Liberty Blues & BBQ performances by St. Paul and the Broken Bones, Anderson East and Fantastic Negrito, Shemekia Copeland will be right at home and in the spotlight.

"When Shemekia Copeland opens her mouth," says *No Depression*, cutting to the chase, "everybody pays attention. She pierces your soul. This is how you do it, and nobody does it better than Shemekia Copeland."

Admission to our live music, beginning at noon, is free. Our stage features Copeland, *Southern Culture on the Skids*, Gloria Hardiman, Kevin Burt, Joe and Vicki Price and Brian Johannesen.



Live Music

Great music, from the GreenState Credit Union stage, free for all ages.

Shemekia Copeland.....9PM
She never holds back. The three-time Grammy nominee's instantly recognizable voice—capable of being sultry, assertive and roaring—delivers every song with unparalleled honesty and passion.

Southern Culture on the Skids7:15PM
SCOTS plays a greasy mix of surf, rockabilly, R&B and country-fried garage with a side of psych. It's a musical gumbo they call "Americana from the wrong side of the tracks."

Gloria Hardiman & the Monday Night All Stars5:15PM
A preacher's daughter born in Yazoo City, Miss., Hardiman took her talent into the blues clubs of Chicago, Atlanta, and the world.

Kevin Burt3:15PM
Over a 25-year career, the International Blues Challenge winner has dispelled the myth that true blues has no roots in Iowa.

Joe & Vicki Price.....1:30PM
Both members of the Iowa Blues Hall of Fame, the duo is far more than the sum of their impressive parts.

Brian Johannesen12PM
Gritty, hopeful Americana that swings and stammers and celebrates.

Kids' Fun

Hours of free fun, thanks to South Slope Cooperative Communications.

Pony Rides 10AM – 2PM
For the first time at Blues & BBQ, we will have ponies offering rides to children 12 years and younger.

Petting Zoo..... 10AM – 4PM
Visit with a menagerie of animals ready for a meet and greet.

Inflatables 10AM – 5PM
Seven inflatable rides and games, including fun for kids of all ages.

Face Painting..... 10AM – 5PM
Our artists will paint an eye-catching work on your face, arm or shoulder!

Cornbox..... 10AM – 5PM
Free-play fun in South Slope Cooperative Communications' cornbox.

Hands-on Activities... 10AM – 5PM
Under a shaded tent, create art projects with local nonprofits and service organizations.

Laser Tag..... 10AM – 5PM
Grab some friends (ages 8 and up) and navigate the playing field.

Minute to Win It..... 11AM – 4PM
Fast, fun games by age group. Stop by to sign up.

PlaygroundAll Day
Play on Centennial Park's climbing rocks and playground, but to the blues.

& More

Centennial Park will be full of fun all day. Admission to the festival is free.

Turkey TrotStarts at 9AM
A 10K, 5K and 1-mile run benefiting the North Liberty Community Pantry. Register in advance online.

Kids' Fun..... 10AM – 5PM
Fun and games for toddlers, tweens, teens and adults who act like kids, presented by South Slope Cooperative Communications.

Craft Beer..... 11AM – 10PM
Summer-friendly brews for all tastes (and root beer for the kids) from Iowa's best craft breweries. The tent is all-ages.

Barbecue.....Starts at 11AM
More than a dozen vendors offering classic barbecue, new twists and other delicious food and treats, presented by Junge Ford BMW of North Liberty.

Live Music Starts at 12PM
A full lineup of free, live blues and blues-inspired music on the GreenState Credit Union stage. The concert grounds and beverage garden are open to all ages.

Merchandise.....All Day
Support the festival and our artists with the purchase of a shirt or other merch.

Shuttles 10AM – 11PM
Park off site and ride a shuttle to the festival. It's free and easy.

Walk & Bike

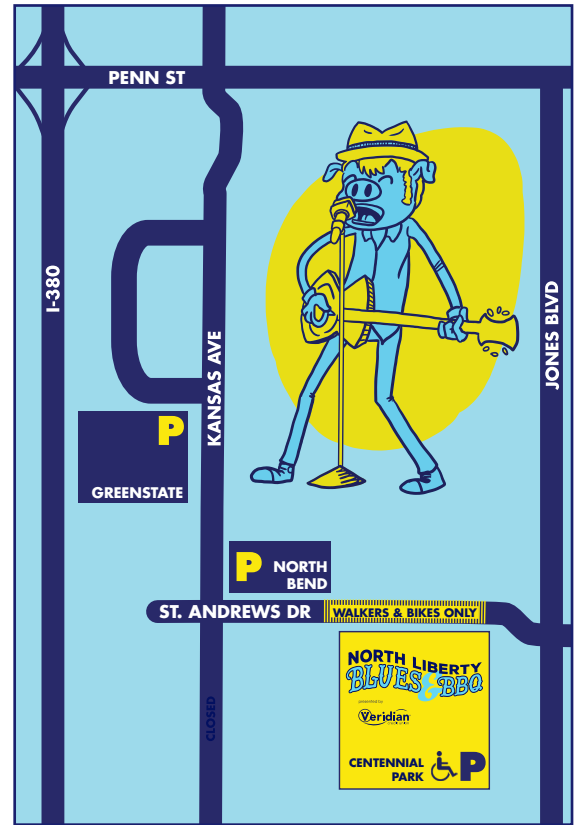
Trail and sidewalks make getting to Centennial Park on foot or by bike a snap. St. Andrews Drive will be closed to cars from North Bend Elementary to the east entrance of Centennial Park during the festival to make it easy to walk from the west. We'll have plenty of bike parking by the pond in the park, too.

Shuttle

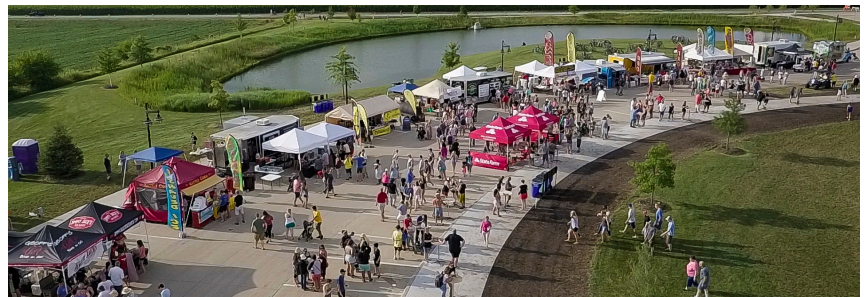
Shuttle buses to and from the festival will run from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m., leaving approximately every 10 minutes. Catch the Yellow Route from GreenState Credit Union, formerly UICCU, (2355 Landon Road) or the Blue Route from North Bend Elementary (2230 St Andrews Drive). Flags mark shuttle stops at both ends.

Parking

We'll have parking available at North Bend Elementary and GreenState Credit Union formerly UICCU. In addition to accessible hard-surface parking for people with handicaps, Centennial Park will have limited grass parking accessible from Jones Boulevard on the east.



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