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Welcome to the Little Bobby newsletter! It is released the first of each month and includes articles like Highway Stories (which is sometimes about people from out of town and how they ended up here, road trips with Little Bobby or just whatever I feel like writing about) Featured Artist and a Vet's Corner in each issue. In addition, you will find recent and upcoming events, menus, specials, and music line-ups here at the bar. The back page is dedicated to area businesses featuring their contact info, ads, specials & events.

X Highway Stories 🚗



In light of Little Bobby's recent and unexpected passing, the first 3 articles of this issue will be dedicated to his memory. That being said, I will be taking short sabbatical. I may be taking a break from the newsletter for a

month. Bobby's children have done an amazing job of keeping the bar open and will continue to keep his legacy alive.

One of my favorite stories about Bobby was the day I came here. I had just left a long term relationship and only my immediate family knew. I got settled in my new place and posted to Facebook, "So now what?" His blind butt was on that post in 5 seconds telling me to come out to visit the bar he'd been inviting us to for a year. I answered him privately worried about driving from East Grand, getting drunk then driving home. He told me not to worry about it, "there's a place upstairs for you guys to sleep." I agreed without correcting him. Everyone knows how Bobby was-the moment he saw me, I got the biggest hug!! He said, "You came!" I told him, "Well, yeah-I said I would." He hugged me again and said, "Oh My God! You haven't aged in 20 years!" I replied, "Oh My God! That's right-you're the perfect amount of blind!!" He told the bartender, "She drinks free for the rest of the time she's here." (Which is obviously why I stayed so long, haha) Then, he got a concerned look on his face and asked me where my ex was. I told him that I left. Bobby, in his charming fashion, said, "First of all, It's about damn time, that guy was always a loser, I don't know how you put up with him for so long. Second, does that mean I can kiss on you some tonight?" And he did. And the rest was history. See ya' later, babe!

Born near Red Lake, MN and raised in Thief River Falls, MN, blues musician and multi-instrumentalist Robert Houle III is a third generation Native American musician who has followed in his father's and grandfather's musical footsteps. Little Bobby's music interest is a family affair. From his father Robert Houle II ("Big" Bobby), to his grandfather, Robert Houle, (Rockabilly Music Hall Of Famer), and all of his close relatives that are artistically gifted in some way, it's no surprise that Little Bobby is as gifted as he is. His first instrument was a set of drums he got from an aunt and uncle. His passion soon changed as he was turned on by the sound of the guitar style of Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix.

When in his early twenties, Little Bobby met a native brother who said, "You have a blues voice!" After already being mostly self-taught, that improvising blues style seemed like a natural fit to the youngest Robert Houle. In 2005, Little Bobby released his first CD "Before The Storm." Later that year he landed a spot on the Last Ride Blues Festival in his home town of Thief River Falls, Minnesota which featured blues legend Buddy Guy. What a way to kick off a blues career!

Since then, Little Bobby has released over a handful of blues albums including "Down, Dirty & Mean" (2007), "I've Got A Woman" (2009), and a live DVD "A Night At The Empire" (2009). At the end of 2009, Little Bobby combined talents with Nora Jean Bruso. She and Little Bobby started doing concerts and touring in the United States and abroad. They performed at the RAWA Blues Festival in Katowice, Poland and in the USA at the Chicago Blues Festival where the Chicago Sun Times rated Nora Jean & Little Bobby the number one band to see. In 2011, the two put together the CD "Good Blues" which Little Bobby not only played on but co-wrote and produced. The album not only appeared on the blues charts but helped push Nora Jean to her 7th BMA nomination for "Best Traditional Female Blues Performer."

From there, he went on to release more albums including "Life of the Blues" (2010), "Showbiz" (2015), "Super B" (2016), the single "Grow Old With You" (2018), an autobiographic DVD "Music Is My Life" (2018), "Simple" (2020), and "God Made Me Blue" (2022). On May 4th, 2023, Little Bobby released another album "That Killer B Sting." As of 4am May 22nd, 2023, it is the number one album in Minnesota, knocking "God Made Me Blue" down by one spot. This is the first time in RMR history that the same artist has had both the #1

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and #2 albums at the same time in Minnesota. "That Killer B Sting" entered the Blues Rock category at #20 and two tracks off this album ("That Killer B Sting" and "Bad Girl") both made the top 50 Blues Rock singles charts. As of May 29th, "That Killer B Sting" held the number 1 position and "God Made Me Blue" was the #2 album in Minnesota and they held those positions for a total of 6 out of 7 weeks between May 29th and July 16th. In total, Little Bobby held the #1 Album in Minnesota from Jan. 1st until the week of July 23rd. As of Monday, July 29th, his latest album, "Dealing from the Bottom of the Deck" was #1 in MN putting him back on top! (Roots Music Report)

He's now on every jukebox in the world and the only artist from Minnesota to be featured on the largest syndicated blues show in the world, "The Beale St. Caravan Radio Hour" (2009). Since the release of "God Made Me Blue" he's been on 1,700 blues stations all over the world including The Blues Odyssey in Washington, The Mayflower Hills Blues show in Maine and Sittin' At The Crossroads in Louisiana, all in the USA. He was featured on the Black and Blues Show in the Netherlands, The Monster Blues Show and the Bear Blues Show in the UK, and The Sunday Morning Hangover Cure in Canada just to name a few. He was interviewed live on the blues show "Music On the Couch" out of Florida on March 6th, 2023. His album was reviewed by Blues Blast Magazine in Dec. 2022 and Jazz Blues News in Feb. 2023 and he was featured in the Jan. 2023 (issue 224) edition of Blue Monday Monthly.

Little Bobby was recently picked up by the world wide syndicated Blues Show, Blues Deluxe which has 66 channels all over the world. His long running blues show "Little Bobby's Juke Joint" plays on Pioneer radio at 9pm every Wed. and is syndicated in the UK.

One of the things that makes Little Bobby's music so unique is that, except for saxophone, harmonica or steel guitar, he plays all the instruments himself and produces his own albums in his own state-of-the-art studio in McIntosh, MN under his label, Untouchable Productions. He also has a long-running blues show, Little Bobby's Juke Joint every Wednesday night at 9pm on 90.1 FM (www.radionorthland.org). You can buy his albums at Little Bobby's Bar and Grill in McIntosh, MN or online at www.little-bobby-music.company.site or you can listen to Little Bobby music on local radio stations, YouTube, Pandora, iTunes, Spotify, many other music platforms and on every jukebox in the world!

Thanks for the laughter and legacy of your music...you'll be sadly missed by the whole world...



Birthdays:

Robert Cray~Aug 1, 1958

James Hetfield~Aug 3, 1963

Louis Armstrong~Aug 4, 1901

Geri "Ginger Spice" Halliwell~Aug 6, 1972

Rikki Rockett~Aug 8, 1961

Whitney Houston~Aug 9, 1963

Devon Allman~Aug 10, 1972

Devon Aliman~Aug 10, 1977

Richie Ramone~Aug 11, 1957

Buck Owens~Aug 12, 1929

Dan Fogelberg~Aug 13, 1951

David Crosby~Aug 14, 1941

Madonna~Aug 16, 1958

Belinda Carlisle~Aug 17, 1958

Demi Lovato~Aug 20, 1992

Robert Plant~Aug 20, 1948

Kenny Rogers~Aug 21, 1938

John Lee Hooker~Aug 22, 1917

Billy Ray Cyrus~Aug 25, 1961

Alex Lifeson~Aug 27, 1953

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Little Bobby News:

Listen to Little Bobby's Juke Joint every Wednesday night at 9pm central at 90.1 FM KSRQ or online at www.radionorthland.org. Watch or listen to "The Buzz with Momma T" every Sunday at 5pm on Facebook, YouTube or on our website www.littlebobbvbuzz.com. Some of August's guests include Cadillac & Cason, Soco Joe from WRLN's Soco Saturday, HADLEY, and Kelli Baker! albums Buy Little Bobby's www.little-bobby-music.company.site, on the website above or in person here at the bar! While here, check out the vast array of vinyl albums we have, everything from Little Golden Books and Kids Classics to the Beatles and signed Jan and Dean 45s! As of Monday, July 29th, "Dealing from the Bottom of the Deck" is back at #1 in MN and #18 on the National Blues Rock Albums. "That Killer B Sting" and "God Made Me Blue" are both on The Best Blues Albums of 2023, as well! Check out Roots Music Report and see for yourself! You can find all this and more at www.littlebobbybuzz.com, your one-stop shop for everything Little Bobby!

Upcoming Events:



We have Elvis every month for the rest of the year! So, put on your dancing shoes and bring your appetite! There will also be Elvis swag and merchandise available for sale. Shake your hips this month on 31st at 5pm!

Come get your game night on! Bingo is BACK!! Every Thursday night from 6-9pm, bring your dauber and your appetite! We also have pull

tabs and e-gaming Monday through Saturday!

<u>Aug. 10th, 4-7pm</u>~Benefit for Jayden Gensburger

Aug. 17th, 4-7pm~Benefit for Julie Quinn

Aug. 24th 11-4pm~Thresherman's Meal \$10 w/\$1

off for parade participants, 5-8pm~Live music

Aug. 30th-Sept. 1st~Houle Hog Fest: featuring live

music each evening including Little Bobby, Elvis

Tribute artist Sean Wallin, K-Street Band, Razz

Acoustic & more!

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www.littlebobbybuzz.com!!

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