

**GREG DILLARD AND TATUM SHAPPLEY** March 13 • 9 p.m. • Old Venice Pizza Co.

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## Local bluesman to rock at Don't Be Cruel BBQ Duel



Kevin Waide

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There's something about the blues and BBQ. They just seem made for each other. That's one reason you need to catch local bluesman, Kevin Waide, at the Don't Be Cruel BBQ Duel about noon on Friday. The stage will be set up at Fair-Park in front of Tupelo City Hall.

No doubt Kevin will play most of his original songs off his debut CD, *Lost in Mississippi*.

The song "Lost in Mississippi" will get your blood pumping with its blues riff and cool slide work by Kevin. Lyrically it's a hazy trip from Tupelo through the famous crossroads.

Other highlights include the love gone bad blistering slow blues of "Gone Bad Blues" and the eight minute plus blues rocker "Gone." The song Kevin penned as a dedication to the memory of Edita Kubu 1979-2010.

Kevin grew up on a diet of Albert King, Muddy Waters and John Lee Hooker. That will tell you a lot about his sound.

The Kevin Waide Project is the brainchild of Kevin and drummer Chris "Foosh" Fooshee and celebrated its fifth anniversary in 2012.

He has played semi-professionally since he was 16 and lives the blues on stage and off.

"We just have eight copies left of *Lost in Mississippi*, so those who want one better be on time at the Don't Be Cruel BBQ Duel," Kevin said.

Other acts include Eric Stogner, the Bonfire Orchestra, Surviving Allison and the Spunk Monkees.