

Charley Ryan is a full-time musician who performs solo as Five O'Clock Charley, one of a select few making a living performing in Volusia County (after stints doing other things, including running his own lawn service.)

A performer who plays rock, blues and country, his repertoire includes everything from Jimmy Buffet to Led Zeppelin, Ray Charles to Eric Clapton. He's scheduled to appear this fall at several venues including Woody's Bar-B-Q in Ormond Beach.

Ryan is the popular barbecue chain's first plunge into live music – and the place was packed the first night he appeared. The management says so far he's only booked there on Thursdays, but they hope to get him in on Fridays and Saturdays whenever his schedule opens up.

Ryan also is booked this fall at Trader Jack's in DeLand, where he's been playing Sunday afternoons and evenings from 3 to 7 p.m. since summer.

Mark Hodgson, one of the top blues musicians around, lives in Virginia now but grew up in the area. Hodgson is apt to show up just about anywhere where good music is played, often where good food is served as well. He's a regular at Angell & Phelps, on Beach Street in downtown Daytona Beach and plays often at The Garlic in New Smyrna Beach.

Peter Puzzo, manager of The Garlic, calls Hodgson "one of the top blues singer-guitarists anywhere, a very popular entertainer."

Puzzo has had some



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seriously high quality entertainment background himself. He started out as a singer, and had a leading role in "Carousel," the opera, which translated into a role in the Broadway version. Now, his singing is limited to regaling customers with an operatic rendition of "Happy Birthday."

Not every restaurant has its very own house band, which gives the Grille at Riverview (formerly Kelsey's Riverview) an edge. The New Smyrna Beach waterfront restaurant often features other groups but it can claim its very own, in-house band – **Streetlife**, a versatile group that does mellow, background music or its own versions of Motown, R&B and classic rock.

Dancing on the restaurant's Key West deck, perched out over the waters of the Intracoastal, is pretty much the epitome of that laid back Florida lifestyle.

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Mark Hodgson



L.A. Robinson of Streetlife