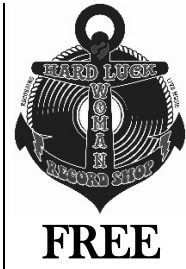


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“Not Your Grandpa’s Record Shop!”



We are expanding! New Things Coming to the Shop!

We are so excited about 2026! As we spin into another year at Hard Luck Woman Record Shop, new things are coming! Late spring/early summer 2026 venture into the shop to enjoy our new skate shop! We will carry a local assortment of decks, roller skates and all the accessories to build a board.

Our tattoo client list is building and we have outgrown the small tattoo parlour space. We are moving the tattoo space into a larger room. This universal monster themed tattoo parlour will be tucked to the back of the shop with more privacy and in a beautiful expanded space. This will offer more space for flash designs, artist portfolio work and of course be a lot more comfortable for clients!

In early summer you will be able to bring the family to the shop for a grilled cheese from our Grilled Cheese Café brought to you by Gore Grub. Along with the Grilled Cheese will be pop floats!

See you at the shop!



CRASH THE Q&A!

Monteith spills the beans...

DANIEL

1. What's your name and what's your role in the band Monteith.

A: My name is Daniel (D) Monteith, and I (along with the other guys) do whatever it takes in the band. I play lead guitar and sing with some of the baddest jammers on the planet.

2. What was the last thing you ate.?

A: The last thing I ate was maple beans with buttered brown bread, ham and fried eggs (over medium).

3. If you could be any animal, what would it be and why.?

A: I'd be a big, fluffy dog (like a German Shepherd or Labrador Retriever) and I'd hangout with my pack and also be the dog at house-shows and get people to feed me scraps and snuggle with ladies on the couch.

4. What's your favorite memory on the road with the band.

A: Listuguj has been one of the communities that has supported us the most on a long journey. We've got a long way to go and you've been with us every step of the way.

5. What's one song your band might not know you have on your playlist but you love anyways.

A: I am pretty open about the conventionally embarrassing stuff I listen to with them. Maybe Life is Life by Laibach, which is an exceptionally bizarre song that when paired with the video, has an irresistible artistic charm to it.

That and Finland by Monty Python off of their Contractual Obligation Album

6. If you could walk 500 miles, would you walk 500 more.?

A: If we had to walk to gigs, we would. And we'd do it again. There is no number of miles, no distance, no obstacle that can get in the way of our Rock and Roll Destiny.

COLTON

1. What's your name and what's your role in the band Monteith.

A: My name is Colton Monteith, I play drums and do some vocals in the band monteith

2. What was the last thing you ate.?

A: Steak and eggs

3. If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

A: An eagle because they seem to be at the top of their food chain and being able to fly would be rad!

4. What's your favorite memory on the road with the band

A: Listening to the ZZ top song "i gotta get paid" a bunch of times in a row in the van in the middle of snow storm on our way to Montreal ...hoping to get paid lol

5. What's one song your band might not know you have on your playlist but you love anyways.

A: I'm pretty candid to them about what's on my playlist without any shame, but people may not know that Daniel and I have a Shania Twain tribute band! So, often times we are listening to Shania Twain in the van in order study the songs

6. If you could walk 500 miles, would you walk 500 more.?

A: Yes.

MATT

1. What's your name and what's your role in the band Monteith.

A: Matt, I play bass

2. What was the last thing you ate.?

A: Grilled cheese sandwich

3. If you could be any animal, what would it be and why.?

A: Dog. Who wouldn't want that life?

4. What's your favorite memory on the road with the band?

A: Lakefest!

5. What's one song your band might not know you have on your playlist but you love anyways.

A: That's The Way of the World by Earth Wind and Fire

6. If you could walk 500 miles, would you walk 500 more.?

A: I'd do it twice.

Auctions

Hard Luck Army

Online AST

March 30th-8:00pm

April 13th - 8:00pm

May 11th -8:00pm

June 8th-8:00pm

July 13th - 8:00pm

August 3rd - 8:00pm

Jams

All Ages/Genre/Experience

6-9pm AST in shop

March 28th

April 11th

May 9th

June 11th

July 16th

August no jam

Events

Rock the Shop!

In Store Live Music Events (AST)

April 18th 12-6pm RECORD STORE DAY!

May 3rd 6-8pm The Golf Pencils w/ Mean Street (alt, grunge, rock)

June TBA

July 29th 5-7pm Backwater Township (JAZZ)

August 1st 7pm-10pm Monteith (Heavy rock n roll!)

CHECK FACEBOOK & WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Vinyl Collecting

Rising Prices and the Struggle for Record Shops

Vinyl records remain one of the most vibrant parts of music culture in 2026. What began as a nostalgic comeback has become a thriving collector movement, attracting younger listeners and longtime fans alike. While streaming dominates everyday listening, vinyl offers something different: a physical connection to music through artwork, sound, and the ritual of playing a record.

However, as vinyl's popularity grows, so do its prices. New records today often sell for \$30 to \$45, with special editions sometimes costing much more. Several factors contribute to these rising costs.

Yet these independent stores remain the heart of vinyl culture. They provide curated selections, rare used records, and a sense of community that large retailers cannot replicate.

One major issue is manufacturing. Vinyl records require specialized pressing machines, and many factories closed during the format's decline in the 1990s. With demand now booming, the limited number of pressing plants struggles to keep up. Rising material costs—particularly PVC, the plastic used to make records—along with higher shipping and packaging expenses also push prices higher.

Another factor is the collector market itself. Limited-edition releases, colored vinyl variants, and retailer exclusives have become common marketing strategies. These pressings often sell out quickly and reappear on resale sites at inflated prices, further driving up the perception of value.

While vinyl thrives, independent record stores face growing pressure. Large retailers like Amazon and Walmart now sell huge numbers of records and can often offer lower prices thanks to their massive distribution networks. This makes it difficult for small “mom and pop” shops to compete.

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Las Vegas record store owner Clint McKean explains why vinyl continues to matter to collectors: “You can get a CD, of course, but the vinyl, it's art.”

For many collectors, supporting local record shops isn't just about buying music—it's about preserving the culture that kept vinyl alive in the first place.

Independent record stores are the backbone of vinyl culture, and shops like Hard Luck Woman Records show why they still matter. More than just a retail space, the store has become a gathering place for collectors, crate-diggers, and music fans searching for something beyond the algorithm.

At Hard Luck Woman Records, every bin tells a story—from classic rock staples to rare underground pressings. Shops like this help keep vinyl culture alive by supporting independent artists, hosting conversations about music history, and offering the thrill of discovery that online shopping can't match. In an era dominated by big-box retailers and online giants, Hard Luck Woman Records reminds collectors that vinyl is more than a product—it's a community.

MUSIC HISTORY



Ashley visits Blue Front Café in Bentonia, MS. She visits with owner Jimmy 'Duck' Holmes and writes lyrics for her album 'Bare Minimum'.

Ashley Farwell, PhD Candidate (expert in lots of useless information)

FREEDOM'S FLASHBACKS

Blue Front Café- Bentonia, MS

It's not often you get to sit with legends and feel like it's exactly where you are supposed to be. Years ago, on tour as an artist, I was doing a project for my BA on the blues. I decided to capitalize on my touring lifestyle and go direct to the Delta. We turned off the main road, drove over some train tracks in our big tour bus. Out of place, but excited. I unpacked my daughter, tossed on her American flag pink leather jacket and put my boots in the Bentonia dirt. Kids ran around in the road with their dogs and locals lingered around looking curiously at our crew. I walked into the old Blue Front café opened in 1948, today it's the last remaining real Mississippi Delta Juke joint. Built of a simple cinder-block building, history haunts its foundation and every Delta Blues legend has strummed inside of its walls. In 1970 it was Jimmy, the owners son that took the joint over. Inside they serve only the best of true southern café meals. Bologna sandwiches on white bread with tomatoes and fries, fried chicken and of course po'boy sandwiches. I didn't know it at the time, but the Blue Front would become a yearly tour stop to visit. Like anything else, the first time was something I'll never forget. The big charismatic southern women greeting me and my daughter on the way in. The woodstove pumping (it was 68 degrees out and I was sweating but Jimmy was cold) and Jimmy's old tunes played on the tv while the town folk told us about the yearly festival.

I didn't know Jimmy yet. No clue who he was, I turned around and this older dark skinned man asked to talk to me. It was Jimmy and we talked music & life. Later, I would return to this iconic place to write lyrics to my newest release. Sitting with someone as gifted, down to earth and humble as Jimmy, and having unscripted moments around music; that's truly what the blues is about, feeling. There's no comparison to the Blue Front. Through its doors many artists have walked in on tour, in town to play, visit or speak with Jimmy. His fame comes from being one of the last living artists of the Bentonia Blues tradition. This style of blues was made famous by Jack Owens and Skip James. Jimmy learned from Jack and that's his musical lineage.

Bentonia was an old cotton plantation town. After the Civil War many formerly enslaved Black residents stayed and built farming communities and thankfully continued to play, write and pass down their music. Now Bentonia is still a small rural place, just like Jimmy likes it. The town is modest and no one is rich, but they are rich in the blues. This was something I didn't understand over 12 years ago when I first visited. I understand now. I understand now why such an iconic and legendary Blues musician chooses to sit at his juke joint instead of tour the world. Because you just don't need much except music, bologna sandwiches & friends. - Thanks Jimmy!

WHO ROCKED THE SHOP?

Support Indie Artists

Below is a list of artists from outside of Campbellton and surrounding area who visited or rocked the shop. Follow their musical adventures.

- Jeanie & Charles (PEI)
- Troy Arsenault (NS)
- Kraken (Shediac)
- Corey Thomas (Montreal)
- Once Destroyed (Moncton)
- Sandfalls (Moncton)
- Cujo (Fredericton)
- Ibex (Moncton)

Virtual Visitors

- Todd Radict (USA- formerly CBGB and punk label owner- The Radicts- owner of Skeletone Records)
- Dan Diamond (USA- producer, collaborator artist w/Fatboy Slim)
- Kiss Army Nation Podcast
- MTV Post

Guest Tattoo Artists

- Madcap Artistry



KRAKEN Visits Hard Luck!

Michael Barnaby, Extraterrestrial Expert

Adventures in Listuguj



UFO Sighting's

The unknown experience

I started to watch the sky, enjoy the nights, and wonder what's out there. After a few experiences of seeing things in the sky, I realized there's so much more going on than we could ever explain. One night, I was outside, having a fire in my backyard, when I saw a disk fly by above me. There were no lights on it, it was just a disk that fly by in the night sky. I wouldn't have seen it if my fire, that was dying out, didn't start back up, encouraging me to go back outside and enjoy it. After that experience I told myself, how am I supposed to see something in the sky's if I'm not watching them.

So I did that. I spent the next few weeks outside every night, waiting to see something fly by again, then it happened. I saw a saucer like object fly no more than ten feet above the tallest tree. It was moving fast, going towards the water. Another night outside was the best experience I had, watching the sky, when a large saucer came out from behind the clouds. The clouds were low and dark, no more than 150 feet in the air, they were moving west. That's when I saw the saucer, pushing the clouds north with it as if it was slightly attached to it, come from behind them. The saucer must have been a hundred feet wide, and about a hundred and fifty feet in the air. This time it was moving slow. I was sitting on my back porch when it came over my hair. At first I was worried, then I felt calm as if I had seen it before. I know I didn't, but to see it move slowly over my hair and past the view of my house was calming. I was going to run to the front of the house to keep watching it when I said to myself, "they're just flying by, no reason to bother them." Another night watching the sky with this amazing human being, we saw lights over the mountains, we tried to follow but then lost them. I'll always watch the sky's looking to see more. Always questioning, what's out there. What do we not know and what do they know about us.

Have you spotted a UFO?
Email: mike_b59@hotmail.com to have your sighting added to my saucier log!

Mark Godbout, Maritime Madman

Mark's Local Music Pick Maritime Music Highlight

Catch Alert The Medic's album, "Let Them Have Their Fun" in the local music section of the shop.



Alert The Medic is an alternative rock band from Halifax, Nova Scotia. Troy Arsenault of Campbellton is a member the group. Several songs from this album received airplay on Canadian rock radio and Alert The Medic has won several ECMA's.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Rock 'n' Roll

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- Popular Music
- Bass guitar
- Heavy Metal
- Jump blues
- Soft rock
- Classical
- Hard Rock
- Acappella
- Acoustic
- Fusion
- Blues
- Rock
- Hymn
- Folk
- Jazz

Dating Advice Direct From Shop Talk

Pickup Lines That Maybe
Could Work. Satisfaction
NOT Guaranteed.

- Are you a Grateful Dead concert? Because I'm prepared to follow you around for the next three months. "The Clem"
- Do you have a guitar pick? Because I've been looking for you all night and I still cant find one.
- Are you from Tennessee? Because you are the only ten I see...
- Is your name Rolling Stones? Because you've got me under your thumb, but I'm getting no satisfaction. From Timmy with love to Eric.

HARD LUCK HORRORSCOPE

MUSIC & ZODIAC
Libra, Capricorn, Virgo
The rockstars of 2026

Virgo: Perfectionism meets creativity; streamline your efforts for maximum stage presence and performance. Capricorn: Take control of your ambition and define your rise. Turn up the volume its your year. Libra: Learn to balance your artistic needs with your personal life.

Aries, Taurus, Leo, Scorpio, Pisces.

The creators for 2026

Aries: Your raw energy and passion are at a high. Time to rock n roll in 2026. Taurus: Steady rhythms define you; embrace your sensuality. Time for the slow song. Leo: Time to let your creativity command the stage, invest in production? Scorpio: Dig into your shadows and find more creative inspiration. Pisces: Time to channel your creative depth. Dig deep and write some new material this year.

Gemini, Aquarius, Sagittarius, Cancer:

The luckiest of 2026

Gemini: Your words are electric. Pick up the guitar and find the sound to compliment the heavy verses. Aquarius: Rebel against the status quo. You're the punk rock of this years horroscope. Sagittarius: Let your spirit free to guide your musical journey. Set yourself up through solid writing and jam sessions. Cancer: Investigate your past and you'll find musical solutions to your brain fog when writing. This year you get your creative power!

Complete word search and bring to shop for 10% off!

RANDOM FACTS YOU NEVER NEEDED TO KNOW!

You are welcome

- Butterflies taste with their feet!
- Australia is wider than the moon! The moon is narrower than Australia. The moon's diameter is 3,400 Kilometers and Australia measures almost 4,000k
- Turritopsis dohnmii is a jellyfish that can theoretically live forever by reversing its aging process!

STRANGE THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MUSIC ICONS!

You are welcome

- Michael Jackson patented a shoe device that allowed him and his dancers to 'gravity lean' on stage.
- Johnny Cash was the only person ever successfully sued by the U.S. Government for starting a forest fire. It scorched over 508 acres of California woodland. In 1981 Cash was also nearly killed by his pet Ostrich named Waldo.

TALES FROM THE HARD LUCK CRAPPER Poop w/ Rockstars at Hard Luck Woman Records

You are welcome



This image was taken of Nirvana during a bathroom interview in 1991. It took place in Rotterdam Netherlands at the Hilton Hotel. Features David Grohl in the tub, Krist sits on toilet and Kurt laughs on edge of tub. This was weeks before the 'Nevermind' explosion.



JOIN THE ARMY! Hard Luck Army- We have the best damn army on the planet. The Hard Luck Army is a record club that isn't for the faint of heart! We bleed vinyl... Visit the shop to find out more about joining army or our website www.hardluckwomarecords.com Being a part of the army gains you a sweet VIP shopping pass which brings you exclusive discounts, access to our private online auctions and many other cool member benefits!

Support Local Live Music & Small Business

Hard Luck Times Partners

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The Campbellton Blue Grass Festival is July 16-19th! Follow them on facebook @FestivalBluegrassFestival

Follow the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #19 for lots of live music events this fall!

