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# Open Mic

THE NEWSLETTER OF KOPN RADIO

## *Growing up* on community radio

By Julie Baka

**A**t KOPN there is a wonderful club of volunteers who have put in 15 years or more. What makes Marcus Miller different is that he is just 15 years old, and he has been coming up to the station since he was an infant.

Marcus's parents, Elizabeth and Mark Miller, are both long time volunteers and financial supporters of the station. They have been on programs like Zebra Sunrise, Reel-Wrap and the Reggae Party. They also have put in plenty of volunteer hours over the years.

Now Marcus is banking his own volunteer hours. He has been on the air for as long as he can remember. He runs the air-board during national programming when he is not in school. He helps answer the phone during membership drives, and he has often helped with mailings, general cleaning and office tasks. He also is on the air helping out with both Reel Wrap and the Reggae Party when his dad is the programmer.

Being 15 and African-American, Marcus believes that volunteering at KOPN gives him the opportunity to learn a lot not only about radio but also about cultures and experiences. Those experiences include music and discussions that are not available anywhere else.

The other benefit to volunteering at KOPN is the opportunity for his voice and opinions to be heard. At KOPN youth are respected and their thoughts and opinions are valued and often acted upon. Marcus has an opportunity to address Mid-Missouri with the issues and music that is important to him.



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Marcus says that KOPN provides a unique service to his peers by providing other perspectives on life than they see in their neighborhood. Also Marcus said, "KOPN provides both information and entertainment, new viewpoints so people can become educated. On KOPN youth are educated in things that are not school related. It provides information so they can affect change so that the world can be the way they want it to be."

Marcus encourages people to continue supporting KOPN.

**THANK YOU TO ALL  
OUR VOLUNTEERS!**



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The New Wave Corporation informs, educates, and entertains through diverse, creative and responsive communications that are independent and community-based.

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## KOPN 89.5 OPEN MIC

### Message from the General Manager



David Owens

Our shared experience of spring is such that the deep profound feelings that are stirred are difficult to express without sounding trite, without falling into cliché. Perhaps originality is futile! This shared experience of astonishing reoccurrence is also part of the beauty and joy of the season. Though change is always afoot regardless of the season, all the warming, swelling beauty around us makes it seem that all this change can be for naught but the best. And so we shall hope to make it, where we can.

New businesses are moving into the commercial space beneath our offices and studios. This means serious remodeling is happening in our building, which may push forward some remodeling plans that we have been contemplating for some time. We have been discussing and studying how KOPN, open access community radio, can become truly accessible

to those in our community who cannot negotiate our stairs! The reconstruction going on now in the Dalton Building presents an opportunity to affect some changes to that end.

We have received a grant to improve our Web site with streaming, audio-on-demand, secure on-line membership payment, and much more. We are also awaiting word on a matching grant for the acquisition of a new transmitter.

All this means that we are poised, like the swelling buds about us, to bring forth better means of serving mid-Missouri. It also means that we will be looking to you who are able, like spring rain, to provide for this growth. Examine your need of independent local media and your resources, and help us as you can.

Spring can also be a hard season. Not all the changes are as we would have them be. We miss Jerome Wheeler and Forrest Rose. Their associations and collaborations with KOPN are cherished. We are all the richer for their having been with us.

### Long Range Strategic Planning Launched

The New Wave Corporation board members recently agreed to embark upon a comprehensive strategic planning process that will take place over the first nine months of 2005.

Our new mission statement, "*The New Wave Corporation informs, educates, and entertains through diverse, creative and responsive communications that are independent and community-based,*" was used as guidance by board members when they gathered in January for a board and staff retreat. Prior to the gathering, strategic planning volunteer facilitator Karen Dabson, provided them with the results of personal interviews that she had held with as many board members and staff as possible prior to the meeting. The interviews were conducted to gather their ideas regarding the corporation's and KOPN's strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for growth.

Karen facilitated a lively discussion around these results that yielded five key areas. Key action areas include:

- (1) Address program issues
- (2) Assess and improve facilities
- (3) Improve use of human resources and systems
- (4) Raise and diversify funding
- (5) Expand outreach and relationships.

A critical element of the early phase of strategic planning is the use of focus groups, so that anyone in the membership, as well as programmers, volunteers, and listening public will have the chance to provide input. Focus groups have been targeting programmers and volunteers, students, geographies, such as Moberly and Rocheport, and even former KOPN supporters. The key action areas have been woven into the focus group discussions, and each focus group was recorded in order to capture everyone's ideas. As of this writing, a few more focus groups will be held. Then, a composite report of the results and recommendations will be developed and distributed to the board at its April 19 meeting. Board members will prioritize the ideas received at that time, and create up to six task forces to study these action items in depth. Please think about volunteering for one of them once the task forces are announced.

If you have thoughts to share prior to the April 19 meeting, please provide them either to Board President Royda Crose at royda@lifecycles.net, or facilitator Karen Dabson at karen.dabson@socket.net.

# You are the **Key** to community radio!

Three times a year, KOPN volunteers and staff come to you with a request for funds for our community radio station. We run a very frugal operation with an operating budget of less than \$270,000 for a 24 hour a day, 7 day a week operation. You are the Key to our success for the past 31 years and you will continue to be the Key to our Future.

COLORS, Columbia Locally Owned Retail and Services, have already stepped up to the plate to issue their challenge. They are offering not only COLORS Dollars as a thank you gift for your pledge, but with the use of your credit card for this drive only you will become a citizen member of COLORS. This will get you a discount card that you can use at COLORS businesses for one year!

You too can help keep the doors to community radio unlocked by continuing to support KOPN with your financial contributions. If you know today that you are willing to donate \$100 or more please contact, Julie Baka, so that we can use your money as a challenge to other listeners.

Challenges work by adding on to other people's pledges.



Anna D'Augustino, one of the keys to KOPN. Photo by Mikey Lising.

Challenges work because it is money at risk we will only bill you if we raise the funds from other people per your stipulation. For example, your challenge can be to match every pledge dollar for dollar for the next hour up to \$360. Or you can challenge listeners by adding on \$10 to every pledge for the next 10 callers or you can match every new members pledge. Your offer of challenges are key to a successful membership drives. Challenges can be fun, entertaining and generate enthusiasm. You truly are the KEY to community radio...

KOPN is a rich with diversity, volunteers and community. However it takes cash to pay the bills and KOPN needs your continued financial support. We are still recovering from the repair expenses from last year's studio to transmitter link replacement and transmitter breakdown. We used all of our savings. We need your support. Consider calling today with your challenge. Let's make the "You are the Key to Community Radio, Membership Drive, May 14-23" the most fun and successful drive ever!

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## Volunteers' corner

### VOLUNTEERS ARE KOPN!

**W**hether you're a programmer, an air-board operator, or helping to produce and edit shows or doing remotes; whether you are helping in the music library, the office, creating art work, building shelves, sharing your computer skills, doing outreach and community events, working on membership drives, recycling or cleaning; whether you are repairing the equipment, lending your engineering expertise, driving in bad weather to check out the transmitter, serving on the board of directors, or just participating as a listening member, **YOU** are a valued component to the day to day operations of KOPN. We literally could not do it without you! The survival and operation of KOPN is due to its Volunteers.

KOPN says thanks to all our volunteers.

**Sheryl Clapton:** Former host of "Cool Creations" and "Night Grooves." She will continue to stay an active volunteer doing remotes and serving on the Board of Directors.

**Spencer Marquart,:**

"KOPN has many attributes. I felt privileged to share what I

know best with this fine radio station. My show, "Sound of Music" with Spence spoke for itself. Music is what I love and I was happy to share my favorite country, pop, soul and rock & roll every Thursday evening, for the last few years. Passion, that's the best thing about community radio, playing music you love and believe in. I've meet wonderful people who work at KOPN and wish you all the best as I move back to St. Louis.

**Brad Savage:**

I was a volunteer with community radio in Minneapolis before coming to KOPN. While I was at KOPN I hosted "Night Grooves" and "Stompin' at the Savoy" for over a year and helped out with "Pirate Utopia." I am now a Program Director at WMAD, 96.3 in Madison, Wisconsin.

**NATIONAL VOLUNTEER  
APPRECIATION WEEK APRIL 17-23  
WE APPRECIATE OUR  
DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS!**

# The Future of Birth

KOPN is pleased to be the media sponsor for The Future of Birth. This exciting conference features two internationally known speakers on birth: Ina May Gaskin, CPM and Michel Odent, MD. From April 30 to May 2nd, 2005 childbearing families and childbirth advocates will join health professionals to hear these and other speakers consider the impacts on babies, women, families and communities of cesarean section, breastfeeding, prematurity, home birth, and midwifery, and the like. The Conference will be held at Stoney Creek Inn, in Columbia.

Ina May Gaskin is the founder and director of The Farm Midwifery Center in Tennessee where she has practiced as a midwife for more than 34 years. She is the author of *Spiritual Midwifery* (1975) and *Ina May's Guide to Childbirth* (2003). Ina May's wit and clarity have inspired birthing women in her practice, her books, and as a speaker. She has appeared as a guest on KOPN's *Your Health Matters* (Wednesdays 6PM).

Michel Odent, MD is an internationally known obstetrician, researcher and author of 11 books on birth. In the 1960's, he transformed a French hospital into a birth center with amazing outcomes. As a researcher, he founded a database focused on the long-term effects of early experiences. His latest books describe the biochemical basis of the human capacity to love and the effects of surgical birth on mothers, newborns, and society.

Like KOPN, The Future of Birth Conference is designed to be independent and community based, to promote social justice and to encourage free expression in an open forum. The organizers of the conference, like the founders and supporters of KOPN, believe that Columbia is just the right place for innovative expression of new and provocative ideas. This won't be a typical mainstream medical conference, just like KOPN isn't your average radio station.

For more information: [www.thefutureofbirth.org](http://www.thefutureofbirth.org)  
Preconference: Neonatal Resuscitation for Midwives  
Kim James: 573-424-9115

The Future of Breastfeeding: [www.thefutureofbreastfeeding.org](http://www.thefutureofbreastfeeding.org)  
Post conference: Whole Birth Yoga Teacher's Training  
[www.wholebirthresources.com](http://www.wholebirthresources.com)

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## Blind Boone Ragtime Festival

Sunday afternoon, June 5, 2005 marks the launch date of the three-day, J. W. "Blind" Boone Ragtime & Early Jazz Festival; the event fills the days and nights until its conclusion in the wee hours of Wednesday, June 8. By day, the event rocks with Music Fairs and Seminars in the beautiful Historic Missouri Theatre with its extraordinary acoustics. Formal concerts feature national and international artists and begin at 7:30 pm. And, in the tradition of Ragtime, informal jam sessions are the 'happenings' at the Festival's headquarters hotel, Ramada Inn & Conference Center in Columbia at Rangeline and Vandiver, after the concerts.

### Sunday, June 5, 2005

- 2 PM – 4:30 PM – Indoor Music Fair at the Historic Missouri Theatre
- 7:30 PM – Formal Concert – Morten Gunnar Larsen, the Ophelia Orchestra and Scott Kirby
- 10:30 PM – Afterglow at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center

### Monday, June 6, 2005

- 10 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 2:30 PM – Indoor Music Fair
- 3 PM Seminar: A Tribute to the Life and Artistry of musical comedy composer Ralph Allen – Terry Waldo leading the Homage
- 7:30 PM – Formal Concert with Mimi Blais, John Petley, Reginald Robinson, Terry Waldo, 2-Pianos Alive—Gabriel Bourque & Gilles Poirier
- 10:30 PM – Afterglow at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center

### Tuesday, June 7, 2005

- 10 AM – Tour of the locations and organizations relevant to the life and times of John William 'Blind' Boone—carpool and depart from the Ramada Inn & Conference Center.
- 1 PM-2:45 PM – Indoor Music Fair
- 3 PM – Seminar: Reginald Robinson
- 7:30 PM – Formal Concert – Cornet Chop Suey
- 10:30 PM – Afterglow at the Ramada Inn & Conference Center

All Events—except Afterglows and the Tour—are held in the Historic Missouri Theatre, South 9<sup>th</sup> Street at Locust in Downtown Columbia—the District. Headquarters hotel is the Ramada Inn & Conference Center at Rangeline and Vandiver (I-70 Exit 127), telephone (573) 874-1139 for special group rate reservations. The Ramada Inn is the location for Afterglow and for carpooling for the Tuesday morning tour. Additional information is available at (573) 445-2539 [SalernoL@missouri.edu](mailto:SalernoL@missouri.edu) <http://blindboone.missouri.org> (573) 874-1139 (for ticket purchases using credit cards during business hours) "All Events ticket" - \$78 Make checks payable to KOPN-Ragtime and mail ticket orders to: KOPN-89.5 FM-Ragtime 915 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201



While KOPN is a COMMUNITY radio station and the station is owned by our members, the public face of KOPN is the programmers who are on-air, producing our local programs 24/7. However, KOPN is also a business, with by-laws, policies, and day to day off-air work that takes the time, energy, and devotion of a small group of people who get little recognition from the public and who usually get the blame when someone is upset or when the station is struggling financially. These people are the staff and the Board of Directors of New Wave Corporation.

KOPN-FM is a broadcast service of the New Wave Corporation. The property and business of New Wave Corporation is governed by a board of directors comprised of both elected and appointed board members. Board members determine the policies and the fiscal management of the station. While the board has the ultimate responsibility for all operations of the station, the daily operations are delegated to a General Manager, who manages our small staff and our large body of volunteers. The General Manager reports to the board about the operations at monthly board meetings (which are open to the public).

Currently, there are 12 board members which are listed below. I hope you will take time to get to know who the board members are and will contact any of us with your comments, suggestions, and concerns about our COMMUNITY radio station

**PRESIDENT ROYDA CROSE**, a semi-retired psychologist, has been on the New Wave Board for more than 3 years. She was involved with public radio in Texas and Indiana before moving to Columbia 4 ½ years ago. She is a co-host for the Women's Issues, Women's Voices show on Thursday evenings and does production work on public forums and public interest announcements. Royda has a part time private practice at Whole

Health Center in Columbia. Her website is [www.lifecycles.net](http://www.lifecycles.net) and she may be reached at 881-0522 or [royda@lifecycles.net](mailto:royda@lifecycles.net).

**VICE PRESIDENT SHELLY CROTEAU** – I turn to KOPN for an independent look at the news and for fresh and innovative programming. Working with the other KOPN volunteers on the myriad projects KOPN has going all the time has been just plain fun.

## The Business of **KOPN**

**SECRETARY RALPH RODEMAN**—I have lived in Columbia much longer than KOPN has existed. At this point in my life I have time to volunteer for something. I chose KOPN to volunteer at because I feel KOPN is a great asset to the community. I joined the Board of Directors in 2004.

**TREASURER JANET HAMMEN** - I am a long time supporter and listener of KOPN. We are fortunate in mid-Missouri to have not only a public radio station but, even more importantly, a community radio station. I am committed to protect and continue this treasure.

**ELIZABETH ALLEMANN**— Access to public radio was one of the more important variables Elizabeth Allemann considered when she moved to central Missouri in the mid 1980's. She practices medicine in Columbia and lives in Harrisburg with her husband, Kevin, and daughter Heidi. She is a women's and children's health activist, an organic gardener, an environmentalist, a beginning flautist, and an aspiring pacifist. "News and opinion from a wide variety of sources is crucial to my own health and my activism."

**SHERYL CLAPTON** Singer/ Songwriter and Radio Personality & Producer with KPOW FM & KDRO AM, Sedalia MO. I believe in Community Radio!!

**ELLEN FROESCHNER** - I'm Ellen, the " Post Office Lady." I have been on the Board for two terms now. I enjoy doing what I can to keep the station going. I have lived in the area for over twenty years. KOPN is an important voice of the people of the community and needs to be preserved. There are many opportunities for you to help too. I invite you to come on up and check us out. You can find out what is happening in Columbia when you tune in or visit.

**MIKE HAGAN**- I recognized KOPN as a special radio station and a unique and valuable community resource from the first time I tuned in. I got involved as a volunteer, then as a programmer – I produce and host "Radio Orbit"... a three hour talk, music and call-in show, Monday nights at 11...

and I am now trying to add what I can as a member of the Board. KOPN provides an invaluable opportunity for absolutely anyone in the Mid-Missouri area to find their voice and share their thoughts, opinions, ideas, beliefs, hopes, fears and dreams with the rest of the community. The station is a safe haven...a refuge...a bastion of free thought and individuality where imagination and creativity thrive... yet the station still functions well as a whole and has remained viable for 32 years. It is an enviable model...and one I intend to help maintain, protect and catalyze.

**JEANNE HEUSER**—As one of the newest board members, I am excited to help KOPN continue to serve as the major independent media service for the mid-Missouri community. It's never been more important to have free speech in our country and KOPN provides local and national information no longer readily available on the radio. I live in Moniteau County and commute to Columbia for my work as an information specialist.

**DENNIS SENTILLES** is a Professor of Emeritus. He has been a resident of Boone County since 1967. He volunteers because KOPN offers the best public radio programming in Columbia and needs to be kept strong less the essential character of non-



# Celebrating 35 YEARS of Earth Day



*...a true day for Community and Community Radio!*

**FROM JULIE BAKA** – Every year KOPN broadcasts live from the Peace Park Stage during Earth Day. This year if you are unable to join us in person, don't forget to turn on your radio to 89.5FM

to hear all that is going on. There is an awesome line-up of music and speakers (See schedule).

If the weather is perfect a KOPN Member and Owner of the Sunshine Day Dream Hot Air Balloon will set up his balloon in speakers circle for you to check out. If you have ever dreamed of seeing our community from a Hot Air Balloon, KOPN is having a fundraiser by selling raffle tickets for a chance for one adult to take a ride in the Sunshine Daydream Balloon. Raffle tickets are on sale at the KOPN office and at the KOPN Earth Day Booth. We will be drawing the winner Monday, May 23 at 4:00 PM on the air.

**FROM CINDY MUSTARD** - Make this years Earth Day an opportunity to involve your family in our community. Family volunteering enriches your relationships with one another and can gain insights into the challenges of others. Not only will there be ways you can volunteer as a family, but there will be lots of other opportunities to learn how you can give back to our community.

Volunteers are all around us and we want you to be a part of this growing population. Did you know that over 109 million Americans volunteer every year and that for each hour of service you give you are saving organizations at least \$14.30 an hour.

Do not get left behind on the volunteer bandwagon. If you do not know where to start, stop by the Voluntary Action Center's booth and there will be lots of information on all the ways you can become involved - there is truly something for everyone. Or stop by the KOPN booth to find out how to volunteer at your community radio station!

**FROM MARK HAIM** - Don't miss experiencing the amazing diversity of Columbia's Earth Day Street Fair. This year, as always, there will be five blocks lined on both sides with booths, featuring non-profit organizations, craftspeople, eco-friendly businesses, and more.

Many booths will feature displays and information reflecting the theme for Earth Day 2005, "One People, One Earth, One

## Earth Day 2005 April 24 Schedule

(Rain date May 1)

### 8TH STREET STAGE

**Broadcasting LIVE**  
**on KOPN, 89.5!**  
**Peace Park Stage**

12:00 <b>Carolyn Mathews &amp; Friends</b> Songs for peace & harmony	12:55 <b>Sheryl Clapton</b> Folk music for peace
12:35 <b>Jeff Arrigo</b> Acoustic covers & originals	1:10 <b>Divine Rhythm</b> Percussion ensemble
1:00 <b>The Shades</b> Rock 'n' Roll	1:35 <b>Deva Dancers</b> Belly dancing
1:35 <b>Bocomo Drum Heads</b> Percussion ensemble	2:00 <b>Raging Grannies</b> Sing-songy satire
2:00 <b>Psycho Sis</b> Bluesy jam funk rock	2:20 <b>Soulstice</b> Rock fusion improv
2:35 <b>Jon Huffman</b> Acoustic rock	3:00 <b>Victoria Day w/Mike Barber</b> Poetry & Bass
3:00 <b>Thinline</b> Ol' fashioned metal	3:20 <b>Madahoochi</b> St Louis #1 Jam Band
3:35 <b>Laura Jean Binkley</b> Folk covers & originals	4:00 <b>Pippa Letsky</b> Old time
4:00 <b>One Shot Crockett</b> Soulful, bluesy rock	4:20 <b>Hilary Scott Band</b> Original pop rock
4:35 <b>Moon Belly Dancers w/The Dragonflies</b> Belly dancing	5:00 <b>Debra Hardin</b> Folk rock
5:00 <b>Aurora Borealis</b> Melodic groove	5:20 <b>Essence Of Logic</b> Funk rock hip-hop reggae
5:35 <b>Recycled Fashion Show</b> Recycled clothing	6:00 <b>Debra Hardin</b> Folk rock
6:00 <b>Witch's Hat</b> "Pet rock"	6:20 <b>Bockman</b> Rock, pop, and jazz jams
12:00 <b>Sheryl Clapton</b> Folk music for peace	
12:15 <b>Joe Willett Jazz Ensemble</b> Jazz standards	

a diverse mix of other government agencies, civic organization, churches and spiritually -focused associations, and issue advocacy groups.

The Earth Day Street Fair is a great place to connect with some of the most exciting people and groups in mid-Missouri. It's a place to learn some new ways to make your life more sustainable.

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ON THE AIR  
TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S  
EARTH DAY!

# Annual membership meeting update

**T**he annual membership meeting was held January 23, 2005 at the station. The meeting was presided over by David Owens, General Manager.

David showed charts displaying the financial health of New Wave Corporation/KOPN radio. Members would like to see Income and Expense statements, using the newsletter to bring this information to the members. David Owens spoke of the necessity for KOPN to diversify the income stream for the station beyond membership drives and grants.

Another concern was the station's use of paid underwriting spots. These spots can be used to help diversify income, but not to become "too commercial". Currently, underwriting spots are limited to 2 per hour, plus trade-out spots for sponsors. A sliding scale from \$10 to \$20 per "spot" is now in force. The COLORS Dollars program, involving locally-owned businesses, is an example of premiums for fund drives benefiting the station and local business.



Income possibilities were discussed, from garage sales, to use of new organizations to generate funds for New Wave Corporation. In conjunction with income, cost-cutting measures were discussed, for example, renewable power to offset the cost of electricity for the transmitter. KOPN is undergoing Long-range planning, and is led by Karen Dabson, who has expertise in this area. Focus groups have been formed, and meetings have been announced to get input from our membership

KOPN/New Wave Corporation has a long history. The board, staff, and members can use this long range planning to help focus everyone's efforts to maintain what we all have come to enjoy, Community Radio, KOPN.

New board members' elections announced at the meeting were Mike Hagan, Sheryl Clapton, and Jeanne Heuser. All were elected to a three year term.

**KOPN VOLUNTEERS ARE INSPIRING! TAKE YOUR TURN. JOIN THE KOPN TEAM TODAY. CALL 874-1139. KOPN VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS!**

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