It's time to celebrate 50 years of KOPN: March 3rd, 1973 - March 3rd, 2023!

KOPN: The First 50 Years

In 50 years, a lot of radio programs have aired at KOPN. Some of these are preserved in our archives. Recently, Farm & Fiddle host and station co-archivist Margot McMillen had a wise idea: pair archival material with recently recorded oral histories. These oral history interviews were organized by Trevor Harris in 2022. The result is the limited series show, **KOPN: The First 50 Years**.
Each Wednesday between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, Trevor picks a theme and airs excerpts from a recent oral history and a related archival recording. Often, a guest is featured that helps tie the theme together. Recent programs looked at KOPN's history with children's programming, prison reform, and folk music. Upcoming weeks will feature a look back at how KOPN has covered community affairs, women's programming, and bluegrass music.

Aimee Marie (pictured) was Trevor's guest in the studio on January 25th when listeners were given an introduction to the history of folk music at KOPN. That program featured a 2022 oral history with folk musician Dave Para, archival recordings of poetry from the Chez, and recordings from local folk heroes Lee Ruth, Bob Dyer, and Cathy Barton. Aimee performed some of her own folk tunes and spoke about how KOPN is still supporting musicians.

The next episode of KOPN: The First 50 Years will look at how KOPN has covered politics and civic issues. It will feature a 2022 oral history and archival recordings of Al Tacker. Trevor's studio guest will be former Evening Edition host and long-time Peaceworks director Mark Haim.

All episodes are archived online on the Farm & Fiddle show page for two weeks after their original broadcast.

While each episode features excerpts from these oral histories, the full oral histories are being posted to KOPN's YouTube page: youtube.com/@kopnradio

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Underwriter Spotlight: CountryVets

KOPN welcomes new program underwriters: Doctors Neal and Angela Martin, who are celebrating the grand opening of their veterinary clinic: CountryVets. Located 10 miles north of Columbia, at 9000 E. Davis Rd in Centralia, CountryVets' mission is to
create an exceptional experience for their patients, pet owners, and staff; which they do from the moment you walk in the door and see the treat station in the waiting area, stocked with both pet and people treats.

Their new clinic also features:
- state of the art surgical and dental suites
- separate holding areas for dogs and cats
- a dedicated feline exam room with its own entrance
- a dog scale that is located at floor level
- pets can be dropped off if you don't have time to wait
- same-day appointments are often available
- a private condolence room for those difficult situations
- an online pharmacy

Dr. Angela would like you to know that happy visits are always welcome. Bring your animal friend to the clinic any time for some pets and a treat. Let them explore and become familiar with the outside of the facility. This will help them feel less anxious when it is time to return for a medical visit. Did we mention that Dr. Angela is Fear Free Certified?

**CountryVets** is currently accepting new patients. Call: 573-982-4020, email: info@countryvets.net, or book online at CountryVets.net. You can also follow **CountryVets** on Facebook: Neal and Angela - The Vets and get an insider's view of the clinic!

Be sure and let them know you heard them on **KOPN**.

Thank you **CountryVets** for your support!

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**Letters from the Archive**

In April 1973 KOPN first began publishing letters from listeners in its program guide.

One was from **Mark Winslow**, expressing interest in programming a show called "Columbia Radio Magazine of the Hour". He wrote,

"*I'd like to talk to someone about what's going on over there. I've been listening the better part of the weekend and the programming has me really excited.*"

He then suggested printing leaflets and posting them about KOPN, and finished the letter with,
"Oh yeah, while I've still got it - here's my ten dollars."

A big thank you to Christine Gardener who has been reviewing past program guides, and will be sharing more listener letters with us throughout the year.

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**Station Update:**

**We have a satellite dish!**

KOPN Operations Manager Dylan Martin, with the aid of a team of intrepid KOPN volunteers, recently reassembled the station's satellite dish. Great job, guys!

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Are you looking for a unique way to show that special someone how much you care?

Consider a singing telegram from the Boonslick
Upcoming Events:

Brittany Hilderbrand of The Writer's Block is offering the following Social Media Workshops:
- 2/1 6:00 pm For Small Business Owners (rescheduled from 1/25)
- 2/8 6:00 pm For Youth Ages 11 - 17
- 2/22 6:00 pm For Youth Ages 11 - 17
For more information email: wblc@helpmewriting.com

Cafe Berlin is hosting the following event:
- 2/11 7:30 pm Flyover Country + Clayton Hicklin Band
For more information: cafeberlin.com

Dive Bar is hosting the following events:
- 2/3 5:00 pm Katilyn
- 2/3 8:00 pm Sarah & Mark
- 2/4 8:00 pm Banastre Tarleton
- 2/8 6:00 pm Steak & Bluegrass with Clayton Hicklin & Friends
- 2/10 5:00 pm Steven Tyler Moore
- 2/10 8:00 pm River Ghost Revue
- 2/11 8:00 pm Rail Whiskey Blenders
- 2/14 Valentine's Day Dinner (Tickets Required)
- 2/17 5:00 pm Rocket Kirchner
- 2/17 8:00 pm Como Song Swap
- 2/18 8:00 pm Off Road Cadillac
For more information: divebarcomo.com/events

Central Bank is offering the following Prosperu Financial Education Classes:
- 2/2 6:00 pm Create Your Business Roadmap
- 2/9 6:00 pm Health Insurance Basics
- 2/15 6:00 pm Managing Your Anxiety
• 2/16 12:00 pm Paying for College: Options to Pay the Balance
• 2/28 6:00 pm Small Business Vision Casting

For more information: www.centralbank.net/prosperu