~50th Reunion Weekend Recap!
The KOPN 50th Anniversary Reunion Weekend has been declared a success! Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate KOPN past, present, and future!

Below are some of the highlights that were posted to social media over the past week:

Saturday, June 10th

The good times started as soon as old friends and new began arriving at both the station and the neighboring space that had been rented for the occasion.
We had three popular acts performing on the KOPN Soundstage: **Chump Change, Lee Ruth, and Snorty Horse**. All three were simulcast live over the air and boy, did they sound great!

**Sunday, June 11th**

A community potluck and open jam circle was held at Stephens Lake Park on Sunday. It was another opportunity for old friends and new to share stories and reminisce about the good old days.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make this weekend such a special time!
Congratulations, it’s a... board game cafe! Hexagon Alley is now open for business at the corner of Cherry and 9th streets, in the space formerly occupied by Cherry St. Artisan and, here’s a throwback, Shattered. Owners Kyle Rieman, Colleen Spurlock, and Nathen Reynolds have created a space where people of all ages can gather to put down their screens and interact face-to-face over a board game. They have an extensive library of games folks can check out and a selection of new games available for purchase. Community is the focus, and the owners strive to make everyone feel welcome in the space. They have a full bar, espresso, bottled drinks, and a selection of themed charcuterie boards available, from the sweet-tooth-pleasing Candy Land to a meat-and-cheesy Settlers platter. Current hours of operation are Thursday-Saturday 11am to 11pm, and Sundays 11am to 8pm. The space is available for private parties and corporate team-building rentals, and they hope to be able to offer after-school programs, school’s out care, and summer camps soon.

Happy Trails, Jet Ainsworth!

KOPN has been fortunate indeed to have had Jet Ainsworth at the helm for the better part of a year. During his tenure as Executive Director, Jet has
impressed us with his love for, and dedication to, KOPN's mission of "educating and enriching the lives of its membership and the community it serves". The time has now come for Jet to leave us and pursue another opportunity.

Jet ~ your leadership, vision, planning, and enthusiasm have helped set KOPN on the path to navigate the next 50 years and we are grateful for all you have accomplished here. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors, and please come back to visit us often - you will always be welcome!

Jet and the staff posed in front of the CD collection in the new KOPN building at 401 Bernadette.

After a training session at the KOPN tower, the staff took a moment to pose for a picture, which morphed into a pretty cool album cover.

KOPN is proud to be a media sponsor of the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre's 2023 season.
Before she was hit-maker Carole King she was Carole Klein, a spunky young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. **Beautiful** tells the inspiring true story of one woman’s remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. **Beautiful** takes you back to where it all began, and takes you on the ride of a lifetime. 

Set against the colorful backdrop of an American heartland tradition, **State Fair** travels with the Frake family as they leave behind the routine of the farm for three days of adventure at the annual Iowa State Fair. Mom and Pop have their hearts set on blue ribbons, while their children Margy and Wayne find romance and heartbreak on the midway.

**July 1st at the Blue Note:**
Tab Benoit
with special guest
Anthony Rosano & The Conqueroos

**For more information:**
thebluenote.com

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**September 1st:** Beatles cover band **The Fab Four** will be hosted by the Capital Region MU Healthcare Amphitheater. **For more information and tickets:** crmuamphitheater.com

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The Boone County History and Culture Center presents the following:

- **6/22 1:00 PM Things That Matter**: Greg Olson, author of the newly released book *Indigenous Missourians: Ancient Societies to the Present*.
- **On My Honor**: explore the histories of 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire USA, and hear stories about locals who dedicated their lives to helping others unlock their potential.
- **Heroes Among Us**: shares the stories of Boone Countians who bravely served in the armed forces overseas, as well as first responders who keep our community safe by serving on the frontlines here at home.

**For more information:** Boonehistory.org

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ElderBlossom View Winery is hosting the following events:

- **6/24 6:00 pm Bass Avenue Boys & Friends**
- **7/1 6:00 pm Blue Grasshland**
- **7/8 6:00 pm Sarah & Mark**
- **7/15 6:00 pm Apostles Creek**
- **7/22 6:00 pm Mick Byrd**
- **7/29 6:00 pm Harts Creek Ramblers**

**For more information:** ElderBlossomView.com/events

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Hexagon Alley is hosting the following events:

- **6/18 Dad’s play free for Father’s Day**
- **6/23 6:00 - 9:00 pm Pride Night**

**For more information:** HexagonAlley.com