Open Mic Newsletter
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Happening today!

Former programmer Christine and current host of Farm & Fiddle Margot invite you to join them at the Columbia Public Library this afternoon as they share anecdotes and memories of times gone by...
KOPN has had a busy and successful month. The pledge drive, discussed in more detail below, was a success! All success is thanks to our many generous supporters, new members, hardworking and thoughtful volunteers, programmers, supportive underwriters and sponsors, and small staff. Thanks to everyone.

Speaking of small staff, we will be adding a third staff member to KOPN in April. I am so excited to welcome Adam Archibald as Operations Assistant of KOPN.
You may know Adam as the producer of former drive-time local news show Let's Learn More or as Mad Man Mike on the Mic hosting the Temporary Music Show Wednesdays at 5pm. Adam has been volunteering at KOPN for a little over a year and a half, and has taken quickly to production, board operator, announcing, and learning the backend systems.

Adam brings a diverse skillset to KOPN and we are so excited to have him onboard. In addition to operations, he will help us orient, train, support, and further engage station volunteers. After all, we are volunteer-run community radio.

The last month wasn’t without its hiccups- in the weeks leading up to the pledge drive I had to replace a faulty power amplifier module in our transmitter. I am grateful we are able to keep an extra on hand and that our signal remained strong throughout the pledge drive and beyond.

Until next time,
Yours sincerely,
Dylan Martin

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**Update: Spring Pledge Drive**

Once again our supporters came through and showered us with love in the form of cold, hard cash, which has put us on course for a successful year. We are so grateful to everyone who donated time, snacks, and/or money during our week-long pledge drive.
We set ourselves a goal of $25,000 and when the dust settled we had achieved that goal! We are so grateful for, and basking in the glow of, the support that came our way from the KOPN community. The love and encouragement we received from the many phone calls and personal visits to the station during the long days of the drive was truly heart warming, not to mention donations from friends, old and new, across the country. Hearing your positive feedback has been so encouraging for the staff, volunteers, and programmers who work hard to bring you the best that community radio has to offer. Meeting so many of you in person, hearing your stories of how KOPN has featured in your lives, while sharing snacks and/or pizza was a real high point for us. We hope you will always feel welcome to stop in and say hello whenever you are out our way.

It takes teamwork to make a pledge drive run smoothly! From working tirelessly behind the scenes (thanks, Dylan!), to answering the phones, to running the air board, KOPN staff and volunteers came together to make sure that every shift was covered.

It wasn't all work, though! We made sure there were plenty of snacks, and the occasional lunch to keep our hard-working volunteers going. There was also plenty of time for volunteers and friends to relax and enjoy spending time together.
Big Muddy Folk Festival Returns to Boonville for 32nd Year

The Big Muddy Folk Festival, a project of the Friends of Historic Boonville, will take place in downtown Boonville Friday, April 5th and Saturday, April 6th.

Musicians such as Dave Para and Erika Gerety, Gareth Pearson (sometimes known as the "Welsh Tornado" for his distinctive guitar technique), and Marachi Flor de Missouri will perform over the course of the fest and lead educational workshops on Saturday April 6th. The entire lineup can be found here.

In addition to music and musical workshops, Big Muddy BBQ will serve lunch on Friday and a traditional dance called by fiddler Jim Thaxter will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Tickets are $35 per day or $60 for the weekend and can be found at Friends of Historic Boonville's webpage.

St Patrick's Day: Irish Jam!

On the final day of our spring drive, KOPN partnered with our good friends at Cafe Berlin to host an Irish Jam Celebration with Fred Dittrich and his fiddlin' friends on Saint Paddy's Day. What a great time it was, to be sure! Fred and his friends from the Central Missouri Celtic Arts Association played some rousing Irish music for a large crowd of enthusiastic Hibernophiles and a great time was had by all!
KOPN would like to sincerely thank Fred Dittrich, Clare Connors, Pat Tew, Heinrich Leonhardt, Pippa Letsky, Barbara Fotsch, Linda Shumate, Austin Dey, Kate McKenzie, Jim Ruth, Tim Langen, John Markovitz, and Chris (sorry we didn't catch your last name) for entertaining us so thoroughly. We would also like to thank our friends at Cafe Berlin who are always so willing to host events with us. If you get the chance, please be sure to thank both Fred and the folks at Cafe B for being such good friends to KOPN!

Since 2013, The She Said Project’s That’s What She Said performances have been inspiring audiences and empowering communities throughout the country with powerful, intimate stories shared by local women. In this second annual production in Columbia presented by Stephens College, 10 women from the community will take the stage and share their stories of success, joy, hardship, and overcoming barriers. This year’s speakers include: Adonica Coleman, Augusta
Cooper, Erica Dickson, Ranjana Hans, Elizabeth Herrera, Ellery Miller, Rebecca Miller, Jean Plumley, & Vicky Riback Wilson. The show is produced and directed by Allie Teagarden. This is an evening for the entire community to come together and celebrate the contributions of women here in Columbia (you don't have to be a woman to attend - all are welcome!).

Each That's What She Said show supports a charitable cause in the community. This year’s show will support maternal health initiatives in Columbia, providing financial and educational support to low-income women receiving prenatal and postpartum care at Boone Health and MU Health Care.

Your ticket to the show also includes a complimentary wine, beer, cider, or mocktail along with a sweet treat for you to enjoy upon your arrival at the Missouri Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets available [here](#) and you can follow on [Facebook](#) for updates.

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KOPN is proud to support Odyssey Chamber Music Series' 20th Season

[Odyssey Chamber Music Series](#) Season 20 2023-2024
On Friday, April 5th at 7pm in the First Baptist Church, Odyssey presents its Baroque Concerto with a pre-concert performance, sponsored by the Paul D. Higday Mozart Trust. Dr. R. Paul Crabb returns to the podium with Prometheus for a J. S. Bach Cantata performance. In collaboration with the Mid-Missouri Area Music Teachers Association (MMAMTA), Odyssey will feature amazing young soloists for the 7th year. For more information and tickets: OdysseyMissouri.org.

Once again The District invites you to its Annual Spring Shop Hop from 9am to 6pm on Saturday, April 27th. There will be fresh, new arrivals, sales, and special offers along with complimentary refreshments. Remember, there is no charge for parking in downtown garages on the weekend! For more information: DiscovertheDistrict.com
Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, May 4th at 7pm when the Boonslick Chordbusters will present "Life Is a Cabaret: Showtunes in the Barbershop Style!" featuring music from Cabaret, Guys and Dolls, Singin' In the Rain, The Music Man, and more, at Campus Lutheran Church in Columbia. They will be joined by 2006 International Barbershop Quartet Champions Vocal Spectrum, their friends with the Heart of Missouri Chorus, and Choral Arts Alliance of Missouri's Cambiare Chorus!

For more information and tickets: Chordbusters.com