How are we doing? Let's ask Jet!

"We finished up our fiscal year at the end of September, so even though the calendar hasn't turned over, for us here at KOPN -- we're beginning work on our Golden Anniversary for 2023! But,
the 50th Anniversary isn't the only thing on the calendar. There are so many exciting things coming to your favorite community radio station as we continue through the Fall and Winter!

KOPN CONCERTS ARE BACK. Details to come, but in the next two months we will broadcast a live concert by two tremendous talents from our neck of the woods. Rock Bridge graduate, former American Idol contestant and working Nashville singer and musician Chris Hatfield will be featured in a "Tiny Desk Concert" style performance at KOPN. In December, another vocal powerhouse -- Columbia's own Rochara Knight & The Honey Doves will be broadcast live from the Cafe Berlin stage! These concerts will be free to attend for our community, and in November we will let you know how YOU can be a part of a live studio audience at KOPN!

Teaching, training and coaching has also returned to KOPN! Many of our programmers have been excited about this opportunity to improve and boy, have they! We have provided Basic Broadcast classes where volunteers and programmers learn the basics of microphone etiquette, audio levels and transitions. We also began higher-level offerings for talk show hosts! In the coming year, you will begin noticing even more improvement on the airwaves overall and from individual programs. Like most things of high quality, it won't be an overnight process, but it WILL be a FUN process.

Thank you so much for your continued support of KOPN, this station is as socially important today as it was a half-century ago. Heck, in some ways, maybe moreso. We are grateful for your loyalty and your passion for what we do and what we represent.

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Check Out These New Shows at KOPN!
Continuing its long tradition of airing Spanish-language programming produced by and for the mid-Missouri community, KOPN is delighted to welcome La Voz Latina to its Saturday morning line-up. From 10 am until noon, the international team of faculty and student hosts provide music and discussion of current events and community services. Professor Ivan Reyna (MU School of Languages, Literature, and Culture) coordinates the team and the program. Pictured (L to R) are Spanish faculty member Ericka Herbias Ruiz (from Peru), journalism student Tadeo Ruiz Sandoval (from Mexico), journalism student Galen Zavala Sherby (from Nicaragua), and Spanish professor Ivan Reyna (from Peru) during their first program on October 15.
BhD the DJ brings you Rhythms from the Future each Thursday from midnight to 2 am. Playing brand new electronic music from all over the world: past, present, and future, he promises to play a lot of independent music that you won't hear anywhere else.

Ask a Programmer: Andrew Grabau
How did you hear about KOPN and get involved?
For some time, I’ve listened mostly to national programs like Democracy Now, Fresh Air and some local programming when I catch a great tune or an intriguing conversation so I’m quite familiar and enjoy the station. Recently though I met Sarah Catlin through a political organization called LeadMO and we started talking from there. I believe she may have passively suggested the idea of a local news-based show and I jumped at the chance (maybe to her surprise). This is my first radio program so I’m learning something new every week.

How’s it going?
When I first started back in May I floated several show names by Sarah and still recall her less than enthusiastic reaction to some of them. I decided on “Let’s Learn More” because I wanted to be clear that all of us will learn more every week with each show. I view my style not so much like a news program, plus I lack any formal training in journalism to consider myself able to do that. I try to find different angles to relevant issues in the community that are not always covered in local media and share that as an opportunity to “learn more”. So the title isn’t the most creative and it’s not that edgy but I hope it conveys the goals of the program. Outside of that, I have really enjoyed working with the team. Dylan, Sarah, Jet, and Julie have all saved me from numerous on the air embarrassments and have provided helpful tips. I also have enjoyed getting to know the other programmers, like DR, Laird, and Margot. They are great- There are so many great programs!
What is your process for selecting the topics and guests for each show?
I believe in “think global, act local” when considering how to address national, regional, state and local issues. Like many, I consume quite a bit of daily news on just about all platforms except for TV. When I read/hear the news, I try to think of untold stories buried beneath what’s being reported that may have a local connection. I think about potential interviews with people in the community that might be experts or very familiar with the issue. And then I often try to identify the leader of an organization, business, or elected office so that I can also have those who make decisions share their thoughts. This approach hopefully provides a stronger insider analysis on all of it and leaves the listener with a better understanding of how issues impact us locally.

What’s been the biggest challenge? What you like the most?
Outside of learning how to run a live board while also interviewing guests, the biggest challenge has been ensuring I can keep the content relevant with current events while also meeting all of the weekly deadlines for the program. It can be a challenge to line up guests on such a short timeframe. However, I think I’ve only had a few occasions where things just haven’t worked out as I had hoped. I think people like the opportunity to be on live radio so most folks that I have contacted are excited to come on to the show. And, that leads into what I like the most about the program. This show gives me the chance to remove my “work hat” and engage guests as anyone would do in public. I think it allows for a more open conversation and hopefully, better interview.

Tell us about your music selection for your shows.
I asked about having a chance to play music when I agreed to do the show and was thrilled when it was approved. I love just about every genre and believe there is tremendous influence and power in music. I believe incorporating it into the show helps to break up the monotony of the people talking for an hour and hopefully it brings some levity to the show. I always have a soundtrack playing in my head too so selecting songs each week provides an opportunity to share what is personally moving me at that time. I also enjoy finding random connections to the songs, so there is some loose connection to them.
What do you do outside of KOPN?
Since 2015, I’ve been the president of the Heart of Missouri United Way. It’s a great organization and I love being a part of making our community better (or hope that we are doing that). I have a family with two kids (a senior and an 8th grader). My wife works at MU and has the difficult and time-consuming duty of giving me critical feedback after each show. Otherwise, as I mentioned I love music so seeing live shows, perusing the collection at Hitt Street Records or listening is always a joy of mine. Also, I love to run, although I no longer run the distances (or pace) that I did when I was younger. I’ve lived in Columbia since 2006 and enjoy trying to be a part of all the great things that happen here.

KOPN is proud to be a sponsor of the following events presented by the Missouri Organic Association on Sunday, October 30th:

1:30pm – 2:15pm: Kid’s Concert featuring Silly Grandpa
Songs, stories & serious silliness - a performance by Silly Grandpa, a children’s musical entertainer based out of Nashville, TN. The Silly Grandpa character is the brainchild of two-time Grammy nominated writer and artist, Michael 'Sup' Granda, a founding and current member of seminal, 70’s classic rock band, the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

6:00pm: Supe’s On Concert performance by Michael 'Supe' Granda of the Ozark Mountain Daredevils
Michael 'Supe' Granda, will treat the audience to songs and stories from his solo ventures as well as his association with the bands Supe & the Sandwiches, The Garbonzos, The Real Macaws, Ambassadors, Silly Grandpa, and the Ozark Mountain Daredevils.

Location for both events: The river Stage at Hartsburg Grand, 30 South 2nd Street, Hartsburg MO 65039
For more information: moaorganic.org/events
The Pettis County Historical Society will be hosting the 10th Annual Sedalia Rails Train and Toy Show and model train swap meet: **11/5 9am – 3pm** at the Liberty Park Convention Hall, Sedalia. For more information contact Ken Bird: klbird530@gmail.com

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KOPN is happy to support the 7th annual Columbia Experimental Music Festival November 3-6 in downtown Columbia

Dismal Niche's fest will celebrate adventurous art, music, and community featuring national and international musicians, including Godspeed You! Black Emperor, Marisa Anderson, RAP Ferreira. For more information: dismalniche.com

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**Upcoming Events:**

**The Missouri Symphony is hosting the following events:**
- 10/29 10 am Holiday Home Tour Brunch
- 12/2 - 12/4 Holiday Home Tour
- 12/11 2 pm Symphony of Toys
For more information: themosy.org

**Elderblossom View Winery is hosting the following events:**
- 10/29 5:30 pm Sarah & Mark
- 11/19 4:00pm Sarah & Mark
For more information: elderblossomview.com/events

**Dive Bar is hosting the following events:**
- 10/28 8:00 pm Grindstone (+costume contest)
- 10/29 8:00pm Naked Basement (+ costume contest)
10/30 6:00 pm Karaoke (+costume contest)
For more information: divebarcomo.com/events

Songbird Station is hosting a Public Sale at their Gold Crest Distributing Warehouse:
- 10/29 8:00am-12:00pm 1600 Bassford Drive in Mexico MO
For more information: songbirdstation.com

Orr Street Studios is offering free pictures with Santa:
- 11/11 3 pm - 8 pm 106 Orr Street. Pictures are free but donations to benefit Junior Achievement in Central Missouri are welcome.
For more information contact Morgan Dennehy: mdennehy@jastl.org

Shoutout to Margot McMillen, host of Farm & Fiddle, and Nadia Navarrete-Tindall of the Native Plants Program at Lincoln University for their inspiring and informative fundraiser to benefit KOPN. Thanks to the many positive reviews their Dining Wild Dinner received we can expect this event to be repeated next year. Mark your calendars!

Dining Wild
A KOPN fundraising event
October 2, 2022

Menu

Appetizers
Cheese and yarrow buds on crackers (GF)
Golden glow pesto on crackers (GF)
Roasted chestnuts (GF)

Entrées
Pupusas (3 types of fillings)
Vegan and vegetarian choices
Garnish for pupusas: salsa (tomato sauce with wild leeks and dittany) and curtido (sauerkraut) (V)
Sopa de frijoles con dittany (V)
Ensalada de verdolaga (purslane) (V)
Artisan bread with dittany with pumpkin seed (V)
Wild plum butter (V)

Beverages
Elderberry punch
Prickly pear punch
Mountain mint tea

Desserts
Persimmon bread (VG)
Pawpaw ice cream with wild plum sauce decorated with redbud blossoms (VG)
Coffee cake with wild plum (GF)

A locally sourced meal prepared by:89.5 KOPN, Lincoln University Specialty Crops Program & volunteers.
Many thanks to farmer Dan Kuebler for donating the curtido