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## Open Mic

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**KOPN Fundraiser:  
Dining Wild Dinner**



Space is still available for the **Dining Wild Dinner**, a **KOPN** fundraiser on October 2nd. Sponsored by **KOPN's Farm and Fiddle** in collaboration with the **Native Plants Program** at **Lincoln University**, the menu will include wild Missouri ingredients: pawpaw ice cream, persimmon bread, purslane salad, and pupusas filled with either wild boar, or cheese, mushroom and nettles. Just go to: [kopn.org/donate](http://kopn.org/donate), then make your donation (\$60 per ticket) and enter "Tickets to Dining Wild" as your Preferred Pledge Gift!

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Meet KOPN's New  
Administrative Manager



**Julie Aston joined KOPN as the Administrative Manager on August 11th. Let's get acquainted!**

**Q: Where were you before joining KOPN?**

A: For the past five years I have been living in Eugene, Oregon. I worked there as the office manager for an acupuncturist which was great fun. I also have family in Eugene so I was able to spend a lot of time with them.

**Q: What initially drew you to this position?**

A: I really like the idea of working at a community radio station. When just about everyone here is a volunteer you can be assured that they are here because they want to be, and that is the kind of place I wanted to find myself every day. I thrive on positive energy, and that is what I was looking for.

**Q: Have we lived up to your expectations?**

A: Absolutely! I have received such a warm welcome and am enjoying getting to meet everyone.

**Q: How do you like Columbia? It must be quite a change from Eugene.**

A: It has been an adjustment to be sure. I miss my family, of course, and being able to drive to the coast

any time I like, but I actually lived in Columbia for many years before heading west and still have friends and family here. A lot has changed in five years though and I've managed to get lost a few times since I've been back.

**Q: Do you have any favorite places you couldn't wait to visit once you returned?**

A: Do I ever! My first stop was El Maguey, second was Shakespeare's, and third was Steak n Shake!

**Q: Why don't you tell us a little about yourself to help us get to know you better?**

A: I was born and raised in the United Kingdom as the daughter of a Royal Air Force serviceman. Because of this, I have lived in many places across the UK and also spent three years in Germany. I moved to the US in 1981 so I guess that makes me more American than British now. My favorite sport is soccer and I have been a loyal Chelsea Football Club supporter since Butch Wilkins was the captain in the 70s. I also follow Aston Villa so a good day for me is when they are scheduled to play each other. My musical tastes can best be described as eclectic: Cliff Richard, Chris Isaak, Bob Seger, George Strait, and Elvis Costello are a few of my favorites. I also adore BTS, who I discovered last summer, and they have had such a positive influence on my happiness since then with their obvious charm, talent, and positive attitude to life. I love all things Star Trek, although the latest alternate timeline stuff gave me a headache so I tend to stay away from that. I'll debate Kirk versus Picard all day long though! Finally, while it may not be obvious to look at me, I trained for several years in taekwondo and do have a black belt stashed away in my closet that I'm quite proud of.

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Mid Missouri PrideFest will be held on September 24th & 25th at Rose Music Hall in Columbia, Missouri, at the corner of Orr and Park Street. Come say hi to us at the KOPN table between 12-6pm each day. We'd love to see you at this family friendly event.

**For more information: [midmopride.org](http://midmopride.org)**

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## **Roots N Blues Festival**

The Roots N Blues Festival will be held October 7-9, 2022 at Stephens Lake Park in Columbia, MO.

Find more information at their website:

[rootsnbluesfestival.com](http://rootsnbluesfestival.com)

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## **Upcoming Events:**

**Elderblossom View Winery is hosting the following events:**

- 9/24 6pm Al Jolly
- 9/25 4pm Smokin Pickle Food Truck
- 9/25 4:30pm The Bel Airs
- 10/1 6pm Sarah & Mark
- 10/8 5:30pm Quitugua Foods & Royal Cafe
- 10/8 6pm Blue Grassland
- 10/15 6pm Hart Creek Ramblers

10/16 7am Plein Air 2022 Mid-Missouri Arts Alliance

10/22 11am Samhein Festival

**For more information:**

**[elderblossomview.com/events](http://elderblossomview.com/events)**

**Dive Bar is hosting the following events:**

9/23 5pm Ben Green

9/23 8pm Open Road

9/24 8pm Instrumental Blues Protocol & The Stone Throwers

9/28 6pm Off-Site Bike Night w/ Mid-America Harley Davidson

9/30 5pm Chloe Hoeckler

9/30 8pm The Prowlers

10/1 8pm Blues Highway

10/7 5pm Jim Quisenberry

10/7 8pm Bob Putnam

10/8 8pm Travis Cole

10/14 5pm Adventure Hat

10/14 8pm The Upsides

10/21 5pm Jeff Arrigo

12/21 8pm Luke Blue & The Pla-Mores

10/22 8pm The Sunshine Mamas + Paul Walker

**For more information: [divebarcomo.com/events](http://divebarcomo.com/events)**

**KOPN is happy to support the Odyssey Chamber Music Series' 19<sup>th</sup> Season.**

Scheduled 2022-2023 performances:

9/23 Fall Europa

10/7 Evolution of the African American Spiritual- Finale

12/17 Dumky Holiday

1/8 Pre-Collegiate Aria/Concerto Competition

2/17 Baroque Concerto

3/23 Lucille Chung Piano Recital

3/24 Amit Peled Cello Recital

3/25 Plowman Competition: Semi-Finals

3/26 Plowman Competition: The Finals

3/27 Jeff Scott, Horn Recital

5/5 Cinco de Mayo

5/20 Kids@Heart

**For more information: [odysseymissouri.org](http://odysseymissouri.org)**

**The MU Center for Agroforestry is hosting the 2022 Missouri Chestnut Roast Festival on Saturday, October 1st from 10am to 3pm at the MU Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Farm in New Franklin.**

**For more**

**information: [centerforagroforestry.org/landowners/events/](http://centerforagroforestry.org/landowners/events/)**

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# Save the Date:



Are you a friend of KOPN? A listener? A current or past volunteer? Awesome! We are planning this day for you! Please add **6.10.23** to your calendar and stay tuned for details. We promise you'll be glad you did.

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