It’s Time to Celebrate Public Radio in HELENA

The Last Chance Public Radio Association is celebrating its 26th year of bringing great public radio to Greater Helena by holding its annual fundraising auction Saturday, November 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Staggering Ox in the Lundy Center, 400 Euclid Ave. Admission is $15 for individuals and $25 for couples.

LCPRA raises money to maintain translators on Hogback Mountain that broadcast Yellowstone Public Radio (KEMC) and KGLT of Bozeman. LCPRA also provides KUFM with financial and volunteer support.

Every fall, generous local merchants, artists, and listeners donate items to be auctioned, such as pottery, raft trips, aromatherapy, baskets, paintings, books, and a wide variety of gift certificates for food and services. If you would like to donate, contact Dawn North at 443-4282.

The Prickly Pear String Band will play for your enjoyment, and you will be treated to great foods, complementary with the price of admission, from the Staggering Ox and Chili O’Brien’s. A no-host bar will provide refreshments, featuring Blackfoot River and Lewis and Clark Brewery products and wine from the Pan Handler.

Remember! Mark Saturday November 6th on your calendar to celebrate another great year of public radio in Helena at the Staggering Ox..., and help fund the coming year!

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Help LCPRA keep Helena’s great Public Radio Options going strong!
Last Chance Public Radio Annual Meeting

The LCPRA Annual Meeting will be held on September 28th at Dawn and John North’s home at 707 2nd Street. The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. Hamburgers, veggie burgers, condiments, and chips will be provided. Bring what you want to drink and a dish to share with the group. Come and meet the Board members, catch up on what happened last year, and offer suggestions for the coming year.

Update: Local Public Radio Transmitter Licenses

One year ago Montana State University, Billings, aka. Yellowstone Public Radio (YPR), was granted a Construction Permit (CP) by the FCC for FM 89.1 (channel 206) to be broadcast from Hogback Mountain at 170 Watts. YPR has acquired most of the equipment, and pending FCC approval of construction plans, expect the new YPR transmitter to be operating by next summer (2011).

Meanwhile, the LCPRA Transmitter Application remained in limbo until last week. On Friday September 3rd we learned that the FCC Commission ruled on our MX Group (518). They are tentatively granting a CP on a shared time basis with LCPRA and the Calvary Chapel of Helena. This arrangement will be official in 30 days unless we develop some other arrangements with the Calvary Chapel. We do not feel that this would be a productive partnership so we are currently in communication with the Calvary Chapel of Helena to see if we can come to some sort of resolution. We cannot comment on the specifics at this time. We will certainly let you know as soon as there is any news on this matter.

We purchased a new Translator for KGLT last spring. Hopefully you’ve noticed a much improved signal over the previous year!
We are sorry to mark the passing of two local public radio personalities over the last year. Lois Bent died June 15, 2010 after an eighteen month battle with cancer. Listeners will remember her exuberant voice during Yellowstone Public Radio (YPR) fund drives (where she served as long time Operations Manager and later Interim General Manager) and her commitment to the arts, especially choral music. She will be deeply missed by anyone who was touched by her spirit, her humor, and her passion for life and the arts.

Ben Kennedy died at home in Helena on December 2, 2009, a few days before his 87th birthday. Ben was a dedicated supporter of Last Chance Public Radio, who would quietly attend our annual meetings and surprise us with a substantial gift. We will miss his unique persona, his thrift, and his gentle and generous spirit.

State Employees!!!

Remember - You have the opportunity to give to LCPRA via payroll deduction in the State Employees Charitable Giving Campaign.
The Last Chance Public Radio Association is pleased to send you this newsletter with no obligation. However, we gratefully accept your tax-deductible contributions.

Please check the appropriate item(s) below.

___ I enclose my tax-deductible contribution of $_____.

___ I wish to be more directly involved in LCPRA activities.

___ Please keep my name on file as a potential volunteer.

Remember: Party at the Ox! Saturday, 11/06/09 at 6:00 pm at The Staggering Ox, Lundy Center, 400 Euclid Avenue, Helena

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