

IN SEARCH OF SPORADIC E... IT IS June, ISN'T IT?

June 2025 #8

Welcome to the June newsletter. We have no new members this month. Currently we have 270 WTFDA members. For those of you wanting to see an up to date membership list, we have one online. Just go to <https://wtfda.org/membership-list/> to see who is here and who is not.

ALASKA VIA MS! For those not using the logger, and that means most of you, Pat Martin in Oregon received KFSK 100.9 in Petersburg, AK (800mi+) on May 20th overnight. He got the PI code 1f12 and the PS info KFSK-100.9 and called the station to where they confirmed the info.

Alaska is not an easy place to DX into. I think a long time ago (decades?) someone logged TV from there and I also think that somebody from the Northwest logged FM from there also. And wasn't there a double hop ch2 Es reception from somewhere in the US years ago?

Anyway, I think this is the first reception of anything from Alaska via meteor hit. Without the RDS data logged, nobody would ever know this happened.

THE STATE OF SKIP. As this page is being prepared on May 31st, I think I can safely say that there are more than a few unhappy Dxers out there who wished that May would be more productive. Yes, there was a bit of Es reported here and there for short periods of time but for the most part, May was uneventable. If you fell asleep on May 1st and woke up today, you didn't miss much.

And so, I, with nothing better to do, wrote a song about it. This song is based on the song "No Milk Today" by Herman's Hermits, and if you don't know who they are, go to YouTube and listen to it. Yes, it's a stupid song, but that's besides the point. Here it is. Let's call it the *Dxers' Lament*. Start on the left side.

1. No Es today
The Es gods got their way
They pulled the plug on us
and left us in the dust.

2. No Es today
But Europe says hooray
They got much more than their share
'cuz the openings were there.

3. All day I tune to 88.3

Looking for skip but skip's eluding me
Maybe I should tune to 89.1
But there isn't e skip there.
This whole thing isn't fair.

4. So, no Es today
No E skip comes my way.
But I'll not shed a tear
I'll just have another beer.

-end

I sincerely hope that June has more skip than May did because I may have to write another song and really, you don't want that.

On a bright note, both John and Eric have columns this month. It's nice to see Eric back. CU Next month. - Mike

'Losing an icon': Long-running Lloydminster TV stations abruptly shut down

CKSA and CITL end broadcast run after more than 60 years

[Chris Edwards](#) · CBC News · 5-13-25



The owner of two local television stations in Lloydminster shut them down on Tuesday, abruptly terminating the jobs of 19 employees and ending more than 60 years of local broadcasting.

Stingray Group, a media conglomerate with several dozen radio and television stations across the country, announced the closure of CKSA-TV and CITL-TV in a staff meeting on May 13. A former employee who lost her job on Tuesday said on social media that there was no advanced notice of the shutdowns. The stations were closed down that day, denying the workers the opportunity to send out a farewell broadcast.

CKSA began broadcasting in 1960, while CITL launched in 1976. Both were affiliates for larger outlets including CBC, Global and CTV.

Steve Jones, the president of Stingray Radio, said the financial situation of the outlets had been deteriorating for years and became especially dire after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was an absolutely agonizing decision," he said. "The fragmentation of audiences across different digital and streaming platforms, and away from over-the-air television, has been a big factor. The migration of some advertisers over to digital has been a factor as well."

According to Jones, the stations' revenues declined by more than 50 per cent over the last six years.

Jones said Stingray spent months trying to find a buyer for the stations and that the company's regional manager for Alberta spoke to the mayor of Lloydminster about the closure.

But Mayor Gerald Aalbers disputed that claim.

"This was a total surprise," Aalbers said. "I would have certainly welcomed the opportunity to at least try and change their minds if that opportunity had been given to me. But it wasn't. So I was just in this much in the dark as the employees who got their news Tuesday morning."

Aalbers said people in Lloydminster, which straddles the Alberta-Saskatchewan border, and the surrounding communities will now have to rely on Edmonton and Saskatoon for local news.

"It was deeply, deeply saddening from the perspective that we're losing an icon in our city," Aalbers said. "It really rips the fabric of the community."

"How is community information going to be shared? How are sporting events being recorded and captured for the future? It just opens up a whole bunch of things from the perspective of the city's communications."

Aalbers also said the loss of the stations is indicative of the wider problem of local news decline in Canada.

"There's been a lot of conversation in the country about how we try and maintain Canadian media content," he said. "Certainly CBC, CTV, Global have all provided great coverage across Canada, but who fed you that information with a major event here in Lloydminster? It was our local TV station."

Lloydminster continues to have at least one local newspaper, the Meridian Source, and is still home to several local radio stations, including one owned by Stingray Radio. Jones said there were no plans to shut down any of Stingray's radio stations in the area.

The station closures follow years of local stations shutting down across the country. According to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, almost 2.5 million Canadians now live in a postal code with either one or zero local news outlets, double the number in 2008.

Private broadcasting outlets in radio and television have gone down by nine per cent since 2008, with closures at CTV and Corus driving a particularly strong decline in 2024.

For communities with fewer than 100,000 people, every province and territory except Ontario has seen an absolute decline in the number of local news outlets.

"It's really sad to me for the young journalists, and it's also really disappointing for those communities because I know how much what we did meant to them too," said Carly Agro, a former Sportsnet Host who launched her sports reporting career from CKSA.

"We were doing those communities and those people a really important service. We were telling them the stories and showing them the things that they really cared about," she said.

"If we weren't doing it, those things wouldn't get the attention that they deserved."

Armstrong Broadcast Returns to New Jersey in June

42.8 MHz will broadcast from the Alpine Tower for first time in a decade

By [Nick Langan](#) · Radio World May 27, 2025

The commemorative Armstrong broadcast station will return next month to 42.8 MHz in the New York City Tri-State area.



On Thursday, June 19, Steve Hemphill and the staff at the historic Alpine Tower in Alpine, N.J., will celebrate with a commemorative broadcast the 20th anniversary of the Armstrong Memorial event, which Hemphill originally organized in 2005 to honor the man who made FM radio possible, Edwin Armstrong.

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Hemphill credited Alpine Tower owner Chuck Sackermann of CSC Communications, who allowed the first memorial broadcast to be conducted 20 years ago and funded most of the event’s site logistics.

[WA2XMN, the Armstrong Memorial broadcast station](#), will return to the air on June 19 beginning at 12 p.m., broadcast on 42.8 MHz — Armstrong’s original low-band frequency. During previous transmissions, [its signal has been heard from as far as 100 miles away](#). Most police scanners can monitor the VHF low-band, as do software-defined radios.



The tower and original brick transmitter building were finished in 1937 to aid in Armstrong’s FM radio experiments. The call sign is still etched in cement above the front door of Major Armstrong’s original station building on the site today.



The Alpine Tower staff has worked to preserve the history of the site nestled in the Palisades of Bergen County — about 15 miles northwest of the Empire State Building. Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Class B1 89.1 WFDU(FM) transmits from the Alpine. It was also used as an emergency site for several New York City TV and FM stations following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

250 watts through a Phasitron

With hand-built vintage parts, Hemphill said his restored Phasitron transmitter, running 250 watts of power output, will feed into a Ringo vertical antenna mounted on the Alpine Tower at approximately 400 feet above ground level. Transmissions of the experimental station are in wide-band frequency modulation, using the same technical standards as modern FM broadcast stations.

“Although the Phasitron was not even invented yet when Armstrong began his broadcasts, the technology is approximately correct for the era,” Dave Hershberger [wrote in his 2004 profile](#) of Hemphill’s reenactment.



Hemphill said he will be broadcasting programming from the 2005 event, which includes their original Armstrong panel discussion and interviews with Major Armstrong’s niece, Jeanne Hammond, and Tom Lewis, author of “[Empire of the Air](#).” He will also be airing David Osman’s production of “Empire of the Air: The Men Who Made Radio,” based on Lewis’ book.

Hemphill added that he is planning a collaboration with Kirk Harnack’s “[This Week in Radio Tech](#)” podcast as part of the 42.8 MHz coverage.

He said that plans to stream online coverage of the 42.8 MHz broadcast are still being discussed.

The last time WA2XMN broadcast was in 2015, Hemphill said. A 2018 broadcast to honor Hammond — who had recently passed away — was cancelled due to problems with the station antenna’s transmission line.

The Radio of Club America honored Hemphill with a Special Appreciation Award in 2005 for the 70th anniversary broadcast. A consulting engineer since 1969, he is the founder of Solid Electronics Labs, which manufactures and sells FM broadcast exciters and stereo generators.

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FCC GRANTS AND ACTIONS

From fcc.today and the FCC

June 2025

NEW	95.9	Deltana	AK	99w-V/12m, 63-59-30 145-31-20, full service
W222BK	92.3	Chelsea	AL	COL from Birmingham, 200w/83m from 95w at new site 33-23-49 86-34-51
WVOB	91.3	Dothan	AL	Silent 5/5 transmitter storm damage
KGPW	91.9	Caddo Valley	AR	4.8kw/233m from 130w/-24m at new site 34-21-10 93-09-26
KSMD	88.7	Dover	AR	initial calls
NEW	99.5	Gilbert	AZ	100w/26m from 100w/391m
KXUT	93.3	Page	AZ	7kw/302m from 12.5kw/288m at current site
KXSL-FM	103.5	taylor	AZ	ex KGXL
K227DX	93.3	Tucson	AZ	primary changed to KLPX-HD3
K271DD	102.1	Bakersfield	CA	Silent 3/31/25 lost site
K285DD	104.9	Burney	CA	license cancelled
K222CV	92.3	Calistoga	CA	6.4w-V from 35w-H at new site 38-29-44 122-36-23
K271DF	102.1	Conner	CA	Silent 3/31/25 lost site
KWUN	91.9	Grass Valley	CA	initial calls
KRCD	103.9	Inglewood	CA	6kw/79m from 4.1kw/118m at new site 34-00-53 118-22-53
KSMC	89.5	Moraga	CA	license cancelled
KDEZ	91.1	North Shore	CA	100w/-126m from 120w/188m at new site 33-31-39 115-55-59
K287CO	105.3	Paso Robles	CA	Ex 105.5 (K288BO), 10w-V drops Horiz Pol, at current site
K249AQ	97.5	San Ardo and Bradley	CA	primary changed to KAWZ via K288BO Paso Robles
K214ET	90.7	San Lulis Obispo	CA	Silent 4/29 at request of KESI 90.7
K227DZ	93.3	Santa Rosa	CA	Ex 107.9 (K300AO) silent 3/31 interfering with another station
K249EW	97.7	Shasta	CA	Silent 5/6 for unknown reasons
KJEN	107.5	Sutter Creek	CA	540w/19m from 300w/206m at new site 38-20-54 120-42-51
KXDZ	100.5	Templeton	CA	1.65kw/109m from 1.35k/110m from current site
KUPA	89.9	Warner Springs	CA	license cancelled
KWCB-LP	94.7	Wasco	CA	100w/13m from 84w-H only at new site 35-35-30 119-20-03
NEW	94.5	Yreka	CA	71w/36m 41-43-09 122-30-57
KGNU-FM	88.5	Boulder	CO	8.1kw/290m from 8kw/299m at current site
KLLM	89.5	Georgetown	CO	ex KBBE
KBBE	89.5	Georgetown	CO	340w/400m from 6 watts at new site 39-37-28 105-52-33
K212GP	90.3	Lamar	CO	250w-V from 205w-V at new site 38-07-41 102-31-53
WOPR-LP	105.1	Ocala	FL	HAAT 27m from 30m at current site
W285FN	104.9	Port St. Lucie	FL	Silent 4/16 primary WIRA AM silent due to financial reasons
WYSC	102.7	McRae	GA	Silent 10/22/24 WYSE tower collapsed, extended STA

W245AN	96.9	Milledgeville	GA	250w-V from 194w and drops Horiz pol.
W215CF	90.9	Milledgeville	GA	250w-V from 19w and drops Horiz Pol at new site 33-06-50 83-13-08
WQEE-LP	99.1	Newana	GA	14w/78m from 19w-H/66m at new site 33-22-32 84-48-03
WKXJ	105.5	Rossville	GA	ex WRXR-FM
W259AK	99.7	Swainsboro	GA	27w from 250watts at new site 32-34-52 82-23-14
W246BQ	97.1	Swainsboro	GA	250w at new site 32-34-52 82-23-14
W237EZ	95.3	Swainsboro	GA	250w at new site 32-34-52 82-23-14
WTHO-FM	101.7	Thomson	GA	1.7kw/190m from 5.1kw/108m at new site 33-29-46 82-24-11
W201DM	88.1	Woodstock	GA	10w-V from 9wH&V at current site
K243BY	96.5	Hanokawai	HI	200w from 80w-V only at new site 20-50-30 156-53-54
K249EH	97.7	Hanokawai	HI	200w from 100w-H only at new site 20-50-30 156-53-54
K300ED	107.9	Napili	HI	250w from 125w-H only at new site 20-50-30 156-53-54, ex 103,3(K277AW)
KDPS	89.1	Des Moines	IA	will go silent 6/5, Des Moines Pub Schools is selling the station
KJLM	88.7	Marshalltown	IA	ex KRFH
KPVL	89.1	Postville	IA	Silent 4/15 pending new equipment installation
KJOM	91.9	State Center	IA	ex KTDV
KEPL-LP	92.3	Washington	IA	initial calls
KPMT-LP	95.7	Waterloo	IA	initial calls
K272FR	102.3	McCall	ID	primary changed to KBSQ 90.7
WIKF	96.7	Normal	IL	ex WIHN
WIKF	96.7	Normal	IL	3.6kw/130m from 3.9kw/125m at new site 40-28-32 89-02-03
WURX	95.7	Oregon	IL	ex WSEY
WMAY-FM	99.7	Petersburg	IL	ex WQLZ
W209CH	89.7	Quincy	IL	Silent 5/14 with transmission line damage
WQLZ	92.7	Taylorville	IL	ex WMAY-FM
WICV	89.7	Russiaville	IN	ex WWED`
K204CD	88.7	Tribune	KS	250w-V, drops horiz pol at new site 38-28-36 101-45-54
K208GR	89.5	Wichita	KS	Ex 88.7 (K204DQ) 250w-V from 205w H&V at new site 37-43-05 97-19-06
WNUA	88.5	Williamstown	KY	450w/25m from 980w/130m at new site 38-34-44 84-34-54
WMVC	91.5	Edgartown	MA	Silent 5/12/25 tower site is unavailable
NEW	96.5	Taunton	MA	new cp, 100w/25m, 41-55-36 71-03-44
WSFD-LP	107.5	Westfield	MA	initial calls
NEW	102.9	Worcester	MA	41w/47m from 95w/31m at current site
W228ER	93.5	Annapolis	MD	primary changed to WYRE 810
WRNM	91.7	Ellsworth	ME	Silent 4/24/25 transmission line failure
W286DR	105.1	Gorham	ME	Silent 4/4 primary WLVP 870 is silent
WIGD-LP	96.5	Kinross	MI	initial calls
WGHS-LP	101.9	McMillan	MI	initial calls

WAWM	98.9	Petoskey	MI	llent 4/1 tower collapsed
W296EJ	107.1	Petoskey	MI	Silent 3/20, tower damaged by ice and wind
W272CR	102.3	Petoskey	MI	Silent 3/30, tower damaged by ice and wind
WIED-LP	106.7	St. Johns	MI	initial calls
KRYX	91.9	Fairmont	MN	830w/56m from 6kw/29m at current site
K205GG	88.9	Grand Rapids	MN	250w at new site 47-13-06 93-32-51
W223DN	92.7	La Crescent	MN	Silent 4/22 lost site
KBQA	89.1	Rochester	MN	initial calls
NEW	88.1	Rochester	MN	4kw/44m 43-54-19 92-37-11
KASC-LP	101.3	Campbell	MO	initial calls
KCRJ-LP	101.3	Campbell	MO	ex KASC-LP
K262AX	100.3	Cape Girardeau	MO	250w from 193w at new site 37-21-45 89-31-19
KOLP	90.5	Windsor	MO	Silent 4/24/25 poor audio and network issues
WSMM	88.3	Crowder	MS	initial calls
W209CF	89.7	Gulfport	MS	primary changed to KWCV 88.9 (Bott)
W203CD	88.5	Meridian	MS	Ex 88.7
KQRV	96.9	Deer Lodge	MT	16kw/296m from 20kw/300m at current site
KETM-LP	105.3	Missoula	MT	initial calls
KEIV-LP	105.3	Missoula	MT	ex KETM-LP
W219DN	91.7	Elizabeth Cityh	NC	27w-V from 18w H&V
WHYC	88.5	Swan Quarter	NC	license cancelled
W269DN	101.7	Wadesboro	NC	Silent 4/13, primary WADE 1340 is silent
K201FJ	88.1	Williston	ND	75w-V from 62w-V at current site
WNHQ-LP	99.9	Epping	NH	22w/63m from 16w/73m at current site
W289CY	105.7	Millville	NJ	Silent 4/26/25 lost site
W252DY	98.3	Sussex	NJ	Silent 5/12 site relocation
K256AR	99.1	Ruidoso	NM	15w from 150w at new site 33-24-16 105-46-54
KIQY-LP	107.1	Las Vegas	NV	license cancelled
KIQY-LP	90.9	Pahrump	NV	initial calls
K207CP	89.3	South Lake Tahoe	NV	10w-V from 10w-H&V at current site
WCOQ	101.9	Alfred	NY	6kw/100m from 1kw/244m at current site
WUUA	89.5	Glen Spey	NY	Silent 4/30/25 must find new site, current site is now unaffordable
WCPL-LP	98.3	Lake Placid	NY	10w/-103m from -46m at new site 44-15-50 73-58-11
W284BW	104.7	New York	NY	mod, 99watts at 40-42-47 74-00-47 in lower Manhattan, deep null north.
W230CM	93.9	Poughkeepsie	NY	Silent 5/14, receiver failure
W218DB	91.7	Rome	NY	250w-V from 150w-V at current site
W219AZ	91.7	Gallipolis	OH	primary changed to WVGL-FM (Gospel Voice Network)
WIRO	106.7	Ironton	OH	Ex 107.1, 3.6kw/131m from 3.3kw/137m at current site

WIRO	106.7	Ironton	OH	Silent 5/10 pending station move
W244DV	96.7	Marysville	OH	100w from 240w at current site
K201FP	88.1	Arapaho	OK	205w-V from 80w-V at current site
K215FZ	90.9	Clinton	OK	Ex 91.1 (K216FR), 125w/78m from 30w-V at new site 35-31-20 98-52-22
K211GI	90.7	Durant	OK	205w-V from 50w-V at current site
KOKT-LP	90.9	Tulsa	OK	14w-V only, drops H, no other changes
KKCV	102.5	Glendale	OR	HAAT raises to 168m
KMCQ-LP	91.1	Salem	OR	Silent 5/16, new facility being built
WMLD	88.1	Dushore	PA	ex WPAL
WPAL	103.9	Dushore	PA	ex WGMF-FM
W233CP	94.5	Milton	PA	240w from 99w at new site 40-57-12 76-45-04
W263AL	100.5	Scranton	PA	primary changed to WEZX-HD2
W218DC	91.5	York	PA	Ex 91.9 (W220BX), 10w/180m from 10w-V only at current site
NEW	91.7	Caguas	PR	new cp, 100w/-98m, 18-13-21 66-04-03 (788365)
NEW	91.7	Caguas	PR	New cp, 3w/169m 18-16-08 66-03-20 (779911)
NEW	91.7	Cayey	PR	new cp, 100w/-31m, 18-06-34 66-10-00
WCJG-LP	93.3	Bath	SC	initial calls
W275BJ	102.9	Greenville	SC	primary changed to WROQ-HD2, format unknown
W209CT	89.7	Myrtle Beach	SC	Ex 89.5 (W208BA), 27w 92m from 19w at new site 33-43-18 78-53-43
W246AS	97.1	Olympia	SC	13w/175m from 10w at new site 34-00-19 81-00-43
WBRQ-LP	101.5	Spartansburg	SC	39w/48m from 149w/43m at new site 35-00-10 52-01-44
WJZF-LP	91.5	Knoxville	TN	new site 36-00-19 83-56-23
WEYM	91.5	Tullahoma	TN	ex WTML
WRXR-FM	103.7	Walden	TN	ex WKXJ
KIFN-LP	99.9	Decatur	TX	initial calls
K236DB	95.1	El Paso	TX	Ex 101.7 at current site (31-48-57 106-29-20)+
K201HW	88.1	El Paso	TX	10w from 90w-V at new site 31-48-57 106-29-20
KFTW-LP	99.9	Fort Worth	TX	initial calls
KDDM	93.9	Groveton	TX	Silent 4/16/25 lost site
KTXQ	92.7	Hebbronville	TX	license cancelled
K244FC	96.7	Hillsboro	TX	Silent 4/18 lost site and financial distress
KYTS-LP	102.5	Horizon City	TX	initial calls
KRIX	95.3	Los Fresnos	TX	6kw/139m from 1.2kw/110m at new site 26-03-03 97-31-11
KIMS-LP	99.9	Weslaco	TX	initial calls
KWMD	100.7	Weslaco	TX	50w/16m from 50w/8m at new site 26-10-03 97-59-34
K225AP	92.9	Pleasant Grove	UT	90w from 53w at new site 40-30-05 11 26 58
K233DI	94.5	Provo	UT	primary changed to KIXR 1400 (Talk)
WLDA-LP	98.7	Parkersburg	VA	initial calls

W295CO	106.9	Brattleboro	VT	Silent 4/35 xmtr lost audio link
KIXP-LP	102.3	Eastsound	WA	HAAT -29m from -23m
KETM-LP	90.1	Eatonville	WA	15w/157m from 10w/167m at current site
KVNW	92.9	Napavine	WA	4kw/256m from 280w/249m at current site
KVRY	89.1	Packwood	WA	new site 46-36-08 121-40-33
KORE-LP	99.1	Rock Island	WA	COL from Entiat, 100w/-473m from 100w/ -134m at 47-30-28 120-17-52
WAQE-FM	97.7	Barron	WI	47kw/156m from 15.5kw/88m at new site 45-30-31 91-46-27
NEW	91.5	Delafield	WI	new cp, 14kw/48m, 43-11-24 88-28-01 (768344)
NEW	91.5	Ixonia	WI	new cp, 10kw/54m, 43-11-24 88-28-01 (766001)
WBMB-LP	105.3	Manitowoc	WI	initial calls
WMWK	88.1	Milwaukee	WI	5.2kw/276m from 4.2kw/289m at new site 43-05-46 87-54-15
WVGH-LP	98.7	Parkersburg	WV	ex WLDA-LP
K258DV	99.5	Casper	WY	primary changed to KUYO 830 (Bott)
KRWY	90.1	Lander	WY	240w/393m from 160w/393m at current site

WIRO Radio Returns to Ironton

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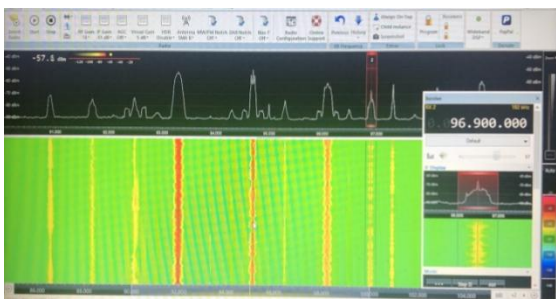
by Terry Hapney Ironton Tribune



A southern Ohio company gave Ironton an early “Christmas gift” Wednesday morning by returning a heritage radio station to the local community—complete with holiday music. “Ho Ho Radio” made its debut on 107.1 WIRO-FM this week on a radio signal that has not featured local programming for several decades now.

Gary Mincer, vice president and general manager of Total Media out of Jackson and a 40-year radio professional, said the new station will provide the soundtrack of the season from Thanksgiving until Christmas. After the holidays the company will kick off the new year with 107.1 WIRO-FM with J.B. Miller at the helm in morning drive, 6-10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

“I’m not going to divulge what (format) we’re going to (after that), but just know it will be hyper-focused on Ironton—sports, local news, happening events and fun,” Mincer said. “We’re going to surprise everybody after the holidays with a new format.”



Format Flips

and branding, too

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June 2025

Here we go for June, with a little something extra at the end. Don't miss it!

AR

The combos of KREB 1190 Gentry/K263GB Springdale AR and KFFK 1390 Rogers/K264DA 100.7 Decatur AR, known as “Red Dirt 100,” have rebranded as “Ozarks 100.” The rebrand highlights their use of more Americana and Classic Country in their Country format.

CA

KFBG 100.7 San Diego has flipped from Variety Hits as “100.7 Big FM” to Regional Mexican “Frontera 100.7.”

KSRW 92.5 Independence CA is a little out there these days. They're referring to their Classic Rock format as the “Classic Rock Asylum.” They consider that to be a new, more honest name. OOOOOOK!

FL

There's a party on the air in the Orlando market. WONQ 1030 Oviedo FL and translators W230AL Union Park and W278CN Eatonville are now known as “Party FM. The format is Bilingual Rhythmic CHR, with the station billing itself as “Central Florida's hottest bilingual station with today's hits.”

Legendary group owner Hubbard Radio has done away with its CHR “Party 96.3” brand on W242CI 96.3 Jupiter FL in favor of using the translator to rebroadcast its Conservative Talk station WFTL 850 West Palm Beach. The move gives the area its first conservative FM talker in the area.



The AM/translator combo of WROD 1340 and W283DS 104.5, both Daytona Beach, has flipped from Rock to Conservative Talk. The pair is now known as “The Talk of Daytona.”

ID

Rich Broadcasting's Hot AC “Star 98,” KGTM 98.1 Shelley ID, and KLLP 98.5 Blackfoot ID, have both switched to Classic Hits. The two still go by “Star 98,” but they're now positioning as “The Best of the 80's, 90's and more.”

IL

WXAJ 99.7 Hillsboro IL has traded Hot AC for Classic Hits, going from “99.7 The Mix” to “99.7 CVS.” And they've brought back legendary call letters for central Illinois by switching to WCVS. And no, it has nothing to do with the pharmacy chain.

IA

A lot of stations use Christmas music to stunt before changing formats, but in May? KMCS 93.1 Muscatine IA did just that, bridging the old Rock format as “93.1 The Buzz” and the new Adult Hits format as “MC 93.” Music is from the end of the last century from “Muscatine’s Choice for Music.”

ME

WXME 780 and it’s translator, W252DW, both Monticello ME, have switched from AC as “98.3 The Mix” to Oldies as “98.3 The Ride.” Sounds like it’ll be a fun ride for the folks there. Music is from the 50’s, 60’s and ‘70’s. Nice to see a station include ‘50s music.

MD

Life has ended for the Maryland Christian AC trio known as “Life FM.” W232DG 94.3 Frederick, W271BV 102.1 Hagerstown and WWEG-HD2 106.9 Myersville have flipped to Soft Oldies as “Fred-FM.” The 3 focus on Yacht Rock and R&B.

NV

In northeast NV, Classic Country “True Country 100.5” K263BD Spring Creek has flipped to Rock as “Overdrive 100.5.” It’s still fed by KBGZ-HD4 103.9 Spring Creek.

OH

The silence is broken in Manchester OH, as WAGX 101.3 has returned to the air with Classic Country as “101.3 Hank-FM.” The station had been off the air since May 2024 after owner James Wagner was unable to run the station due to Alzheimer’s. Seems to me many stations, AM and FM, have gone off or been sold in the last few years after the death or serious illness of an owner. Being older, I guess I notice that stuff more.

WNNF 94.1 Cincinnati has rebranded, dropping “Cat Country 94.1” for “94.1 WNNF.”

WREO 97.1 Ashtabula OH has changed up its format, going from Adult Contemporary “Lite Mix 97.1” to Classic Hits as “Mix 97.1.” Positioning itself as “The North Coast’s Best Mix,” WREO has a wide variety of songs from the 60’s through the 90’s. I keep wanting to put Speedwagon after those call letters.

OK



OKC based Tyler Media has pulled the plug on one of its plethora of HD fed translators. Spanish AC “Exitos 96.5” K243BJ Oklahoma City, fed by KRXO 107.7 HD3, has exited, replaced by Spanish CHR “Ritmo 96.5.” it’s positioning itself at “Pop Latino y Más.”

ON

A local non-profit has saved a couple Ontario stations from deletion. La Radio Communautaire Cornwall-Alexandria agreed to acquire CHRC 92.5 Rockland and CKHK 107.7 Hawkesbury last September after Evanov Communications planned to 86 both stations. The two stations are now Variety Hits as “Big-FM.” Per Ontario member Peter Laws, “CHRC-92.5 is in Clarence-Rockland, at the other end of the county and adjacent to the City of Ottawa, Ont ... is totally overpowered by Montréal’s CKBE-92.5 The Beat, a Cogeco operation. When I was a kid, they were CFQR and it was all easy listening/beautiful music. Now it’s all poppy/dancy. :-) Did I mention 107.7 is more Classic Rock/Classic Hits? Yeah, listening to that instead. :) Next time I go west in the car, I’ll take a listen to 92.5 and see what they’re like.” Peter did confirm that 92.5 has indeed changed.

CKPT 99.7 Peterborough ON has moved on from its identity as “Move 99.7.” It’s now Adult Hits as “Pete 99.7,” positioning themselves at “Peterborough’s Playlist.” It features tunes from the ‘80s til now. Perhaps they should be carrying Peterborough Petes OHL games rather than CJMB.

SC

In less than a year “Fox Sports 94.7” WAAW Williston SC has worn out its welcome and is returning to Gospel as “Shout 94.7.” The legendary James Brown once owned WAAW.

Does it really take three broadcasting companies to run a translator? In Greenville SC Norsan Media is now operating Salem Communications’ W275BJ 102.9 and rebroadcasting Audacy’s WROQ-HD2 101.1 Greenville. Programming is Spanish CHR with a mix of music aimed at Caribbean and Central American listeners. It gives Norsan 4 Spanish signals in the market.

TN

WDXI 1310 Jackson and it’s translator, W278CL 103.5 Savannah TN, have switched from Conservative Talk to Fox Sports Radio. It’s now known as “Talk-N West TN Sports.”

Oldies from the 60’s and ‘70s are now heard on WCLE 1570 and W256DQ 99.1, both in Cleveland TN. Owner Hartline LLC flipped the stations from Regional Mexican “Fiesta 99.1” to “Cleveland’s Oldies 99.1.”

WI

Up in the northlands of Wisconsin the Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians have signed on the new WLDF 92.9 Lac Du Flambeau. The format is Adult Alternative branded as “The Torch.” Sounds like a hot new station. Beautiful country up there. I recall camping in nearby Minocqua as a teenager.

Here’s something special to wrap up the column for this month. For full transparency, I’m an employee of iHeartMedia in Oklahoma City. Give a listen to our new jingles for KJYO 102.7, better known as KJ-103. Note the use of the actual frequency, not just 103. There’s now a Tyler Media translator on 103.1 here playing hip-hop. This is from Lance Venta’s [Radio Insight](#).....

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I'm hoping that the 2025 TV DX season will be far better than the dismal season we had here in the Midwest in 2024. I'm hoping for more reports in the 2025 season.

We left off last November with a partial scan of the Saint Louis TV market. We're finishing the scan in this edition.

KNLC 14 (24) Saint Louis, MO (Weigel Broadcasting)

- 24-1: MeTV (Classic TV)
- 24-2: MeTV Toons (Classic Animation)
- 24-3: Heroes & Icons (Action-Adventure)
- 24-4: Movies! (Classic Movies)
- 24-5: Catchy Comedy (Classic Sitcoms)
- 24-6: Start (Sports)
- 24-7: MeTV + (Classic TV)
- 24-8: Story (Documentaries)
- 24-9: Dabl (Home Improvement/Entertainment)

KETC 23 (9) Saint Louis, MO (Saint Louis Educational TV Commission)

- 9-1: PBS (Educational/Cultural)
- 9-2: PBS Kids (Children's/Educational)
- 9-3: World (Documentaries/International News)
- 9-4: Create (Instructional)

WRBU 28 (46) East Saint Louis, IL (Ion Networks)

- 46-1: Ion (General Entertainment)
- 46-2: Bounce (Urban Entertainment)
- 46-3: Laff (Comedy)
- 46-4: Ion Plus (General Entertainment)
- 46-5: Busted (Investigative)
- 46-6: Game Show Network
- 46-7: QVC (Home Shopping)
- 46-8: Home Shopping Network

KDNL 31 (30) Saint Louis, MO (Sinclair Broadcasting)

- 30-1: ABC (General Entertainment)
- 30-2: Roar (General Entertainment)
- 30-3: Charge! (Action/Adventure)
- 30-4: The Nest (Investigative)
- 11-2: Court TV (Court Cases)

KUMO-LD 32 (51) Saint Louis, MO (Daystar) *(Satellite of WPXS 13 Mount Vernon, IL)*

- 51-1: Daystar English (Christian)
- 51-2: Daystar Spanish (Christian)
- 51-3: Retro TV (Classic TV)

KSDK 35 (5) Saint Louis, MO (TEGNA)

- 5-1: NBC (General Entertainment)
- 5-2: Get TV (Classic TV)
- 5-3: Crime TV (Investigative)
- 5-4: Quest (Science/Technology)
- 5-5: Nosey (Investigative)
- 5-6: Confess (Tabloid Talk)
- 11-3: Comet (General Entertainment)

The owners are not listed for the other low power stations:

KPTN-LD 19 (7) Saint Louis, MO

- 7-1: Infomercials

7-2: SonLife Broadcasting Network (Christian)
7-3: Fubo Sports (Sports)
7-4: Defy (Outdoor Sports)
7-5: Infomercials
7-6: Salem News Channel (Conservative Talk)
7-7: QVC-2 (Home Shopping)

KEFN-CD 20 (20) Saint Louis, MO

20-1: iTV (News/Entertainment in Hebrew)
20-2: France 24 Spanish (International News)

K25NG 25 (25) Saint Louis, MO

25-1: NTD News (News)
25-2: 3ABN (Christian)
25-3: Dark
25-4: Defy (Outdoor Sports)
25-5: American Crime (Investigative)
26-6: Oxygen True Crime (Investigative)
25-7: Telemundo (Spanish)
25-8: Dark

KBGU-LD 27 (33) Saint Louis, MO

33-1: Buzzr (Classic Game Shows)
33-2: Defy (Outdoor Sports)
33-3: Shop LC (Home Shopping)
33-4: Infomercials
33-5: Infomercials
33-6: Infomercials
33-7: jTV (Home Shopping-Jewelry)

Update: KPLR 11-4 (on KMOV 24) now carries 365 BLK (formerly The 365); it is also on KDTL-LD 17-5 (4-5).

That will wrap up another column...please report! 73 and good DX from the Florissant Valley Dial Twister.History in the Palisades

ARMSTRONG BROADCASTING RETURNS continued from page 5

History of the Palisades

The Armstrong — or Alpine — Tower is the site of the world's first FM broadcast station, W2XMN, broadcasting primarily on 42.8. It first signed on in 1938 and broadcast until July 1949, when the FCC shifted frequency allocations to 88–108 MHz band we know today.

Hemphill also noted Major Armstrong's "high-band" FM broadcast station. It signed on in 1945 with the callsign W2XEA on 92.1 MHz. It moved to 93.1 in 1948, with the KE2XCC callsign. That station broadcast until March 1954 when it signed off a month after Armstrong died.

It was 90 years ago when the pioneer who made FM radio possible put forth the first public demonstration of the technology.

According to Columbia University — where Armstrong graduated with an electrical engineering degree — he described FM radio and then turned on his receiver in front of the audience during a November 1935 Institute of Radio Engineers conference.

An FM transmission from a friend's house in Yonkers came in free of static with a fidelity never heard before.



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