

NET Radio Receives Grant to Replace KLNE Transmitter Near Lexington

LINCOLN, Neb. (Nov. 4, 2009) -- NET Radio has received a grant to replace the KLNE-FM (88.7) transmitter that provides public radio to the Lexington, Holdrege and Kearney areas. The new digital transmission system will allow NET Radio to offer more programming choices to listeners in the area -- NPR news, classical music, NPR talk programming and jazz music.

The KLNE transmitter was due for replacement and NET Radio was able to take advantage of a PTFP (Public Telecommunications Facilities Program) grant from the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The grant is intended to encourage radio stations to use digital technology, according to NET Radio Network Manager Nancy Finken. The new KLNE transmitter will allow the transmission of both analog and digital radio signals. The work, expected to be done in November or early December, should take about one day, and on that day, there will be intermittent outages of radio service.

HD Radio is the general term used to describe a method of digital radio transmission that allows stations to broadcast digital audio, multiple program streams and traditional FM (analog), all on the same frequency. NET Radio's main service -- with NPR news and classical music -- will not change and will be available using an analog or HD radio. A second program service, called HD-2, features NPR News and talk programming during the day and jazz music at night. That service will be available over the air using an HD Radio and on the NET Radio Web site (netNebraska.org/radio). Go to the NET Radio Web site to listen online or for more information about HD Radio.

NET Radio's Lincoln station (KUCV) has already been upgraded and is broadcasting in HD. Grants have also been received to replace and upgrade the aging transmitters at KHNE/Hastings, KXNE/Norfolk and KTNE/Alliance. According to Finken, "The grants do require a cash match, but the funding reduces our replacement costs considerably. In the meantime, I hope everyone goes online to sample some of the new NPR news and talk programs like 'Talk of the Nation,' 'On Point,' 'The Story,' 'American Routes' and 'On the Media.' And jazz fans have plenty to choose from after 7 p.m. CT each evening."

NET Radio's HD-2 Program Schedule (all times CT)

Monday-Friday

5-9 a.m.	Morning Edition with Nebraska news & weather
9-11 a.m.	On Point
11 a.m.-noon	The Story
Noon-1 p.m.	Fresh Air
1-3 p.m.	Talk of the Nation (Monday-Thursday); Talk of the Nation Science (Friday)
3-7 p.m.	All Things Considered with Nebraska news & weather
7 p.m.-5 a.m.	Jazz

Saturday

8-10 a.m.	Weekend Edition
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10-11 a.m.	Car Talk
11 a.m.-noon	Wait Wait...Don't Tell Me!
Noon	Marketplace Money
1-2 p.m.	Splendid Table
2-3 p.m.	Speaking of Faith
3-4 p.m.	On the Media
4-5 p.m.	Weekend All Things Considered
5-7 p.m.	A Prairie Home Companion
7 p.m.-8 a.m.	Jazz

Sunday

8-10 a.m.	Weekend Edition
10-11 a.m.	Car Talk
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	A Prairie Home Companion
1-2 p.m.	Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!
2-3 p.m.	Splendid Table
3-4 p.m.	Fresh Air Weekend
4-5 p.m.	Weekend All Things Considered
5-7 p.m.	American Routes
7-9 p.m.	The Verge
9 p.m.-5 a.m.	Jazz

NET Radio is a service of NET. For more information about NET Radio or to listen to NET Radio programming Webcast live, go to www.netNebraska.org/radio. All that is needed is access to the Internet and a free Windows Media Player program. Webcasting of NET Radio is a free service provided by NET.

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Broadcasts on the following frequencies: Alliance/91.1 FM; Bassett/90.3 FM; Chadron/91.9 FM; Columbus/90.3 FM; Culbertson/92.7 FM; Falls City/91.7 FM; Harrison/89.5 FM; Hastings/Grand Island/89.1 FM; Lexington/88.7 FM; Lincoln/91.1 FM; Max/93.3 FM; Merriman/91.5 FM; Norfolk/89.3 FM; and North Platte/91.7 FM.