

December Newsletter 2024



Empowering Voices: Highlights from the Grassroots Radio Conference 2024 in New Orleans

By Dr. MarkAlain Dery

The Grassroots Radio Conference 2024 was remarkable, drawing over 200 participants from over 70 radio stations across 35 states. Set in the

Welcome WNPA-LP

Pacifica Network is happy to welcome [WNPA-LP!](#)

The station broadcasts from Canton, Ohio, a city in the NW area of the state.

From the WNPA website:

Enlightened Airwaves: Our mission is to bring eclectic, mind-expanding content to the airwaves, serving the enlightened listener with ear candy that stimulates, entertains, and provokes thought and action.

historic Gallier Hall in New Orleans, the conference highlighted the city's lively music and rich culture while fostering community among attendees. The theme, "Using Our Platforms to Protect Democracy," resonated deeply during the sessions, motivating independent media and community radio practitioners to elevate diverse voices and advocate for marginalized communities. Participants left feeling reinvigorated and united in their understanding of the significant impact their work can have. The GRC 2024 celebrated the strength of grassroots media, underscoring its vital role in creating a fairer and more equitable society.

[Read more from WHIV's Dr. MarkAlain Dery.](#)



Community Report

From KHOI, Ames, Iowa: County Residents Invest in Conservation for Future Generations in Iowa.

By Ursula Ruedenberg

During the recent election, voters in a county in Iowa voted on a bond issue called [The Story County Water and Land Legacy Bond](#). It is a \$25 million initiative dedicated to

Station Manager: Steven Mathewson

Non-profit supporter: NEOPA

Show to check out:

Live Vinyl Night at George's Lounge



Call for GRC 2025 Conference Hosts

By Sharon Scott

Now in its third decade the GRASSROOTS RADIO CONFERENCE is unlike any other event in the world! It is an annual gathering where members of the noncommercial radio community

enhancing water quality and habitat, river and stream buffers and improving parks and trails prior to the election. One could see many yard signs encouraging people to vote for this bond. Story County voters said yes and passed the bond by 77.75% - so almost 78%. It has been seen as a win for the environment.

Joining us to speak on the issue is Pat Schlarbaum. Pat worked for the [Iowa Department of Natural Resources](#) in wildlife diversity and wildlife habitat restoration. He was instrumental in repopulating the state with many animal species that had been considered extinct in Iowa, like Ospreys, Prairie Chickens, Bald Eagles, Peregrine Falcons, River Otters and many more.

Read Ursula Ruedenberg's [Interview](#) with Pat Schlarbaum. [Audio in AudioPort "Interviews" \(15:00\)](#)

can come together in camaraderie to share ideas, technology, and resources.

Any community or college radio station, Full Power or LPFM, is welcome to apply but they will need to provide classrooms for the conference sessions and a large assembly area for main events. The conference should be easy to attend and accommodations should be available in the area.

When the host station is selected they get \$2000 in seed money and the beautiful GRC Quilt. Once the conference is over, the station passes along those items to the next host station but can keep any additional revenue.

If your station is interested in hosting or learning more, [please click here](#). To apply for hosting please complete the application in the link by Feb. 20, 2025. Station Applicants are invited to make their pitch to the GRC Meet-Up Feb. 24th at 8 PM ET.

Questions? Please contact WXOX's Sharon Scott: gm@artxfm.com

New in AudioPort



The Big Al & Sandy Radio Show

2 Hour

The Big Al & Sandy Show, an award-winning program, has something for everyone. It presents bluegrass, country, gospel and Appalachian music and anything in-between. The show offers informative interviews with artists who write and record the music.

The Big Al & Sandy Show is like a theatre in the mind and leaves listeners with a painting they can carry in their heart.

Created by independent producer Big Al Weekley. Co-hosted by Big Al Weekley & Sandy Shortridge. Broadcast from Grundy, VA.



Techtonic

Hour

Techtonic with Mark Hurst explores what's at stake in our profit-driven, tech saturated society.

Hurst interviews authors, journalists, and creators to discuss how our daily lives and work are being affected by screen addiction, surveillance, capitalism, and big-tech utopianism.

Techtonic reveals the threats to democracy, society, and the environment due to the actions of giant corporations and tech platforms.

Produced by Mark Hurst at WFMU radio in Jersey City, NJ.



Mothering Earth

Half Hour

Mothering Earth brings you stories of people taking action for a sustainable world. Mothering Earth is built on the belief that one person can have a powerful impact in confronting important issues that affect the environment.

To that end, we find interesting people who have expertise in a field related to living gently and sustainably on our sweet Earth, and have them share their stories and knowledge with me and you.

Created by Independent Producer Dr. Salwa Khan.



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