

From alternative to adult easy listening, local radio stations alter music formats

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A lot can change in three months, and the radio waves are no exception to that rule.

If you're just getting back to Lincoln or are new to the city, you might be surprised by what you hear.

Several Lincoln and Omaha radio stations have undergone format changes.

KKNB 104.1-FM, the Planet, is now KRRK 104.1-FM, the Point. That company also owns the former KRRK 93.3-FM K-Rock, which is also known as "the Point." Listeners can expect a modern rock/adult contemporary format, with more Melissa Etheridge and Hootie and the Blowfish and less Marilyn Manson.

KLDZ 95.1-FM changed its format last spring from the Billboard Top 40 hits of 1970-79 to adult rock. The station is now KNET 95.1-FM, the Net.

The Net's play list is a potpourri of music from bands like Bush, Stone Temple Pilots, Aerosmith, Presidents of the United States of America, Bryan Adams, AC/DC, Candlebox, Eric

Clapton, Better Than Ezra, Van Halen and Silverchair.

The Net also is known for its syndicated morning show, "Imus in the Morning," with host Don Imus. The show is broadcast live from New York via satellite, according to Randy Robbins, operations manager for Three Eagles Communications, the company that owns the Net.

"From 6 to 10, this is the most bizarre radio you'll ever hear," Robbins said. "He deals with topical stuff, he's not afraid to attack anyone out there. There's not even a radio definition for him yet."

Country-western station KFGE, Froggy 105.3-FM, switched frequency to 98.1-FM and was replaced by KKUL, Kool 105.3-FM, which has a '50s and '60s "oldies" format.

Another new radio station making waves is Iowa Western Community College's KIWR 89.7-FM, the River. The station has an adult album alternative format and plays music from groups such as Someday Mission, Hootie and the Blowfish, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers and Blue Moon Ghetto.

And not to be forgotten is UNL's KRNU, 90.3-FM. The station is oper-

ated by broadcasting students — who play whatever they want — and it sticks to a basic alternative rock format.

Other radio stations, according to category, include:

- Country-western: KZKX 96.9-FM, 96 Kix; and KXKT 103.7-FM, the Kat, of Omaha.

- Top 40: KFRX 102.7-FM and KQKQ 98.5-FM, Sweet 98, of Omaha.

- Classic rock: KTGL 92.9-FM, the Eagle; KEZO 92.3-FM, Z-92; and KKCD 105.9-FM, CD-105, of Omaha.

- Heavy Metal: KIBZ 106.3-FM, the Blaze.

- Modern/alternative rock: KGDE 101.9-FM, the Edge.

- Light rock: KEZG Star 107.3-FM and KEFM 96.1-FM, Lite 96, of Omaha.

- Classical/news/jazz: Nebraska Public Radio KUCV 90.9-FM.

- On the AM dial, there's KFOR 1240-AM, an adult contemporary news/weather station, and KLIN 1400-AM, a talk-news station that features Rush Limbaugh's program, among others. KLIN also broadcasts Husker sporting events.



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JOE TYLER, disc jockey from the Net 95.1-FM, announces live Aug. 16 from Isles Pub and Pizza, 6232 Havelock Ave. Tyler was giving out T-shirts, sunglasses and other promotional items to contest winners.

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