

## AROUND THE VILLE

### Campus

**'Summer Revival'**  
The theater department will present "Summer Revival" at 8 tonight through Saturday.

**Lyceum Event**  
The Kansas City Symphony will perform at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 in Baldwin Hall. Tickets are available in the Student Union Building one week prior to the event. See [lyceum.truman.edu](http://lyceum.truman.edu) for more information.

### Local

**Bluegrass**  
The Sally Mountain Bluegrass Festival takes place Sept. 8 to 11 in Queen City, Mo.

**Foodfest**  
The fifth annual Northeast Missouri Foodfest will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 10 in Downtown Kirksville. Events include team cook-offs, food sampling, prizes, etc.

**NEMO Triathlon**  
The 21st annual NEMO Triathlon is Sept. 11 at Thousand Hills State Park.

### Concerts

**New Blues**  
The Jimbo Mathus Knockdown Society will play at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Journal Printing Building at 117 South Elson. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 665-2760 for more information.



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**Charlie Porter, 83,** listens to a caller during his daily morning radio program. Party Line is a medium for listeners to phone in and attempt to sell or trade their items.

# Radio facilitates barter

**Octogenarian hosts on-air show for buying, selling, trading goods**

**Maggie Wolcott**  
Staff Reporter

For nearly 50 years, local residents have grabbed their pencils, papers and radios at 10:05 a.m. and tuned into KIRX Party Line with host Charlie Porter.

Porter said Party Line is an open forum program focusing on the buying, selling and trading of items.

Listeners can call in with information on items they would like to buy or sell or make other announcements.

Porter, who turns 84 this month, said he has no plans to retire.

"I wouldn't trade [Party Line] for anything," Porter said.

He started at the station when it went on the air in 1947, and Party Line began in 1956.

"Things moved so fast you

couldn't keep up with anything," Porter said.

Porter said he still is getting used to the station's system that has been there for about four years.

"I did [Party Line] live with the phone in my hand for 30 years from the console in the control room," Porter said. "Now we have somebody running the control room because I don't understand all these new complicated procedures they use with computers. I don't like it, but I have to use it."

Despite all the changes, Porter said he still enjoys doing Party Line and being available to the people.

Kirksville resident Linda Harrelson said she has listened to Party Line on her days off work ever since she can remember.

"A lot of people look forward to listening to [Party Line]," Harrelson said. "It is something that has been here for a long time."

Harrelson said she likes to listen to what everyone has for sale and the open forum part of the program.

"You get to hear some very interesting remarks," Harrelson said.

She said through the years she has used Party Line to sell items such as a washing machine and bed.

Party Line has limitations on items that can be sold. Items such as real estate, automobiles, boats and tractors cannot be sold but can be traded.

Porter said many callers simply state the items they are selling or looking to buy.

"It scares people to put the

price they want for it," Porter said. "They just leave the phone number and call for prices."

Kirksville resident Karla Raymer said she listens to Party Line every day and calls in once or twice a week.

"I think [Charlie] is great," Raymer said. "Party Line has helped a lot of people."

Raymer said the items she puts on the air usually sell, and if she announces something she needs, she can get it.

"In the last 20 years, I have sold everything from little to big," Raymer said. "I have traded a boat for a car."

Besides the buying, selling and trading of items, Porter said the program is full of things from announcements of lost dogs to city events.

Party Line does not allow for political conversation or negative remarks against people or organizations.

"I never call them down on the air," Porter said. "We shut them

## Party Line

**When:** 10:05 to 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday

**What:** A radio program for listeners to buy, sell or trade items

**Station:** KIRX 1450 AM

**Phone:** 665-3781

off if it gets derogatory."

Party Line is on 1450 AM from 10:05 to 11 a.m., Monday through Saturday. People wanting to buy, sell or trade items or make a comment may call 665-3781. Only one call is allowed per day, announcing four items at a time.

Requests may be mailed to Party Line, P.O. Box 130, Kirksville, Mo., or faxed to 665-0711.

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