



After stunting that implied WLTE/Minneapolis would switch to a “Fresh” format after their Christmas music ended on 12/26, CBS Radio announced Monday that 102.9 WLTE will become BUZ’N@102.9 and play the latest in country music. The station, which will be heard on-air, online at [www.buzn1029.com](http://www.buzn1029.com) and through the Radio.com app on mobile devices will feature popular country music and artists including the newest releases and hits from Taylor Swift, Kenny Chesney, Jason Aldean, Brad Paisley, The Band Perry, and Lady Antebellum. In addition, the station will offer wall to wall country news and information online and through social networks, as well as coverage of all major country music events and happenings, and local concerts from the biggest names in the country community. “BUZ’N will offer Minneapolis area residents the best in new country music, culture, and community both on-air and through online outlets. Launching a brand in the digital age offers us a whole new array of multi-platform communication and connection with our audience,” said **Mick Anselmo**, CBS Radio Minneapolis Senior Vice President/Market Manager. “Country music is continuing to rise in popularity and its core artists have become recognizable to a broad audience of music fans. This immense interest in the format from a variety of different listening audiences and backgrounds makes it the perfect time to introduce Twins Cities listeners to this fresh new station and voice that is sure to keep them BUZ’N.” Said **Jeff Kapugi**, Vice President, Country Programming, CBS Radio of the new station, “CBS Radio is a leader and visionary in the country music space and home to some of the top rated country stations in the nation. Country music is rapidly becoming a national pastime and now Minneapolis residents will have a great choice for the latest country music in BUZ’N. We cannot wait to hire and bring top-notch radio talent to the Twin Cities and connect with the community at local shows and events.” **Kevin Metheny** will join the station when it flips as Interim PD (he had been at **Tribune** Talk WGN-AM/Chicago as PD, exiting last month). He came to Chicago and WGN-AM in 2008 from the **Clear Channel’s** Cleveland cluster. Said Mick, “Kevin is an independent

contractor and this is an interim position for him till I name a new PD.” This will be Kevin’s second go-around in the Twin Cities; nearly 20 years ago, Kevin helped put country “Bob” WBOB on the air for Entercom before it flipped to rock and **Howard Stern**. *COMMENT: Wow! Exciting times in the Twin Towns, what with the Cumulus take-over of the Citadel properties last month, the retirement of Marc Kalman, & the resignation of Rob Morris in a metro whose radio stations and personnel have remained relatively constant for a long time. And it hasn’t seen a country battle since Kevin’s first visit here. Now the rumblings in MSP are taking on different dimensions. Those rumors include Kevin warming the seat for Rob Morris to take over next summer? Or Kevin taking over permanently at some point in the future? Another operator (Hubbard?) grabbing the “lite” franchise? And finally, someone in the Twin Towns flipping to FM talk in the first quarter? We can hardly wait to witness the answers to those rumors and more in 2012! - TK*

Do you make charitable contributions at the end of every year? Are you seeking a deserving non-profit right inside your industry to help support with a donation? The annual Conclave Giving Program: *The Friends of the Conclave Giving Campaign* – concludes in January! If you haven’t finalized your contributions for 2011, please consider the Conclave as a destination for your financial assistance. An annual donation to the Conclave as a *Friend* keeps education flowing to all industry members, helping radio stay vital and dynamic. Giving to the Conclave will help insure that radio continues to positively impact communities with important and effective communication that informs, entertains, and makes a difference in the lives of listeners and sponsors. The 2011 *Friends of the Conclave Giving Campaign* allows individual and corporate donors to contribute to the Conclave – a 501(c)(3) not for profit broadcast education organization. A donation of any size will make you an official *Friend of the Conclave*. And all contributions made to the Conclave may be considered tax deductible as a charitable donation. If you would like to become a *Friend of the Conclave*, contributions may be sent directly to Conclave headquarters (4517 Minnetonka Blvd, #104, Minneapolis, MN 55416) - or click the Donate button on the Conclave’s home page at <http://www.theconclave.com>. You’ll be taken to PayPal where you can make a donation of any size to become a Friend! Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you were waiting to see **Randy Michaels** in a perp walk, you’ll have to wait. The **Merlin Media** CEO got a postponement from a scheduled appearance in Middletown, Ohio Municipal Court. The flamboyant Mr. Michaels was arrested in the early morning hours of October 14 on a charge of “OVI” – operating a vehicle impaired. His car was stuck on a street that was closed to traffic, which constituted his second charge. At the police station, he refused a breathalyzer test, on advice of counsel and hence the court date.

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As an FYI, The **NAB** spent more than \$3.2 million to lobby Congress in Q3. But that figure is down from about \$3.4 million they spent in influence a year ago.

**LEARNING CONFERENCE TUITION RISES NEXT WEEK!** Did you know you can save a hundred bucks by registering now for next summer's Learning Conference? The 2012 Conclave Learning Conference will get underway beginning on Wednesday morning, July 18th at the **Doubletree Park Place Hotel** in Minneapolis. A complete agenda will be announced in the winter of 2012, but you can gain entrance for just \$199 – the lowest tuition you'll find prior to next July - if you act now. Beginning January 1, tuition rises to \$299 – still a bargain, but why not save some of that hard-earned money while you have the chance? Click on <http://www.theconclave.com/conclave2012reg9012011.pdf> for a 2012 Earlybird Registration form.

Earlier this month, morning show hosts **Connie & Curtis** held their third annual *Make A Wish Radiothon* on **Clear Channel** T40 WRNW/Milwaukee and sister Z104/Madison. The show broadcast for twelve hours each day to raise money for the organization. Throughout the radiothon, *Make-A-Wish* families and kids came in to share their inspiring stories. In the end, Connie & Curtis raised \$268,330 to support the *Make A Wish Foundation Of Wisconsin*, which was over \$55,000 more than they raised last year — and will help grant 53 wishes! Well done!

**Clear Channel** Talk WXXM (The MIC)/Madison is now being heard in neighboring Milwaukee on sister Top 40 WKKV's HD-3 channel. Said OM **Tim Scott**, "92.1 THE MIC is arguably one of the most successful progressive talk stations in the country. The

upcoming presidential election and the political atmosphere in this state makes now the perfect time for progressive talk to expand its message to WISCONSIN's largest market."

The Conclave returns to **The Doubletree Hotel Minneapolis -Park Place** for the 37th annual Learning Conference, July 18-20, 2011! Sleeping rooms are just \$129 (single/double + tax)! Suites available! Reserve yours now. It doesn't cost a thing, as long as you cancel in advance if you change your mind. To secure a room today, call 1-800-245-9190 and ask for the Conclave rate! Or click [HERE](#) to register on-line. In an effort to save attendee's their hard-earned cash, the Conclave's nightly sleeping room rate will be the lowest price for sleeping rooms of any announced industry gathering scheduled for 2011-2012...especially in a luxurious, Class A hotel! Located just 3 miles west of downtown Minneapolis in St. Louis Park, the Doubletree has plenty of FREE parking for those driving to the event and for those flying into Minneapolis, the ultra-convenient light rail can transport registrants downtown where they can be picked up and delivered to the Doubletree courtesy of the hotel's free shuttle service! But perhaps the best feature of the hotel (outside of its plush sleeping rooms and impeccable meeting space) is its proximity to The Shops At West End, an all-new retail and entertainment complex just across the street from the Doubletree. This shopping center offers world-class shopping, a theater complex, and great saloons and eateries including the newest Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill! The hotel's address is 1500 Park Place Boulevard, Minneapolis, MN 55416 (phone 952-542-8600). To learn more about the Doubletree, click on <http://www.emarketing360.com/DoubleTree/MN/DPPM/>.

**Judi Diamond** is the new Morning Show Assistant for **Hubbard Broadcasting** Country 92.3 WIL/St. Louis' "The Cornbread Morning Show". Previously, she had been doing weekends at the station.

**Emmis** Talk WIBC/Indianapolis has tapped industry veteran **Ray Steele** to be its news anchor/reporter. Steele most recently was a freelance writer and voice talent

**Phil Tower** has returned as PD of News WOOD A/F and Talk WTKG-AM/Grand Rapids.

The **Cleveland Indians'** PBP wizard **Tom Hamilton** will be back for his 23rd season broadcasting games as part of a multi-year contract extension. **Jim Rosenhaus** has been promoted to a full-time role as HAMILTON's radio partner for the upcoming season. Tom has been a **Conclave Learning Conference** faculty member, and keynoted a Conclave **TalenTrak** in 2005.



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Entercom Hot AC KALC (Alice 105.9)/Denver morning partner **Eric Cobb** exits. No official word on her replacement.

**Tom Taylor's Radio-Info** reports **Eric Brown**, the second-generation manager of KRVN and the **Nebraska Rural Radio Association**, is stepping aside. Says *Radio-Info*, "Eric took over from his father Max in 1979, and will continue "in a national sales and public relations role" and work with the Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation. This is an unusual setup – six radio stations in three towns owned by the Nebraska Rural Radio Association, dedicated to helping farmers and to telling the story of agriculture. Max Brown was the manager from 1951 to 1979. The association's run by a nine-member board, which includes Eric. He's been the Lexington-based GM of 50,000-watt ag-talk KRVN at 880 and country KRVN-FM at 93.1. The Association also owns AM/FM combos in West Point (KTIC/840 and KTIC-FM at 107.9) and Scottsbluff (KNEB/960 and KNEB-FM at 94.1). Eric will be succeeded by **Craig Larson**, who's been a station manager in both West Point and Scottsbluff."

**Cheryl Grissom-Uitti** passed away this week at age 46 of brain cancer. Cheryl was a news reporter and anchor at WCIL A/F in Carbondale, IL, WILL-AM/Champaign-Urbana and morning co-host at WEBX/Champaign. Cheryl also appeared on QVC TV in Milwaukee. She is survived by her husband **Grant** and two children. Services are pending.

Since 1989, the Conclave has presented **The Rockwell Award** - an annual lifetime achievement award – to an individual of unquestioned accomplishment inside the radio industry. At this July's Learning Conference, the Conclave recognized CBS Radio President **Dan Mason** and legendary programmer **Steve Rivers**

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*NOTE:* This will be the last *TATTLER* of 2012. The next issue will be in your hands on or before January 11, 2012. The Conclave office will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> thru January 3<sup>rd</sup>, observing holiday hours through 1/6/12 and returning fulltime on 1/9. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of the Conclave, have a safe and blessed holiday season. Enjoy whatever time off you may have with your family, and be ready to face the challenges of an exciting new year head-on with the Conclave at your side in 2012! *Merry Christmas!*



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