

# KNCT 91.3 FM

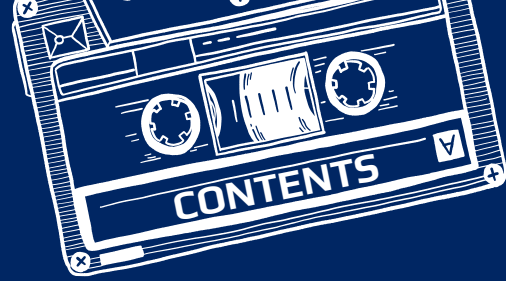
## Simply Beautiful Music

June 2026

*Music made for  
porch swings,  
pool days, and  
sunset skies.*



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*A yoga session beneath  
the night sky at the  
Mayborn Science  
Theater on the campus of  
Central Texas College.  
(Taken: March 7, 2026)*



“ *Rest is not idleness... to lie  
sometimes on the grass under trees  
on a summer's day... is by no means  
a waste of time.* ”

*- John Lubbock*

## ABOUT US



## POWERED BY YOU

Unlike commercial stations, KNCT is listener-supported public radio.

Your support keeps beautiful music, local programming, and community voices on the air—helping us educate, inspire, and connect Central Texas every day.

*Thank you!*



## DONATE TODAY

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SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL.  
SIMPLY LOCAL.



# Welcome to KNCT 91.3 FM

JUNE 2026  
SOUNDS OF  
SUMMER



Music made for porch swings,  
pool days, and sunset skies.



## OUR STORY

*Since 1970*

KNCT has been Central Texas's only non-commercial radio station, offering a soothing mix of timeless instrumentals, soft vocals, and community-centered programming.

Proudly owned and operated by Central Texas College, we are not affiliated with NPR or PBS. Instead, we stand apart—powered by public support and rooted in the values of education, service, and local connection.

## WHY LISTENERS CHOOSE KNCT



### Timeless Music

A historical blend of music from classical instruments to vocal hits.



### Local Voices

Regional news, community stories, and cultural connection.



### Community Focus

Supporting small businesses and amplifying voices across Central Texas.



### Commercial-Free

Lean back and enjoy music you won't hear anywhere else.

## OUR FAMILY OF STATIONS

### KNCT 91.3 FM

*Simply Beautiful*

A relaxing blend of easy listening music, featuring timeless instrumental renditions and soft vocal treasures.

### NEST FM HD2

*Classical Music 24/7*

Our classical companion, edlivering majestic masterpieces and modern compositions around the clock.

### Catch the Crave

*Fueled by Individual Creativity*

Streaming station featuring eclectic mixes, from throwback jams to today's hits, and community-created playlists.

## HOW TO LISTEN WHEREVER LIFE TAKES YOU



### On the Radio

Tune your dial to 91.3 FM for our signature sound.



### Online

Stream all our stations anytime at [knct.org](http://knct.org) or [myknct.com](http://myknct.com).



### Online Mobile Apps

Download our free apps for seamless listening on your phone or tablet.



### Your Support

Donations from listeners like you keep KNCT strong!



# On the Dock

BOATING • FISHING • TEXAS OUTDOORS

*Practical advice. Trusted voices.  
Life on the water.*



WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
AT 6:15 PM ON KNCT 91.3 FM



One of KNCT 91.3 FM's longtime local favorites, **On the Dock** with **Rick Smith**, brings listeners practical outdoor knowledge, Texas tradition, and stories from life on the water.

Airing Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:15 PM, the program blends boating, fishing, conservation, and community into a show that feels as relaxing and familiar as a summer evening by the lake.

Rick covers boating safety, fishing reports, Texas Parks & Wildlife updates, state park events, seasonal conditions, conservation efforts, and coastal restoration programs—helping Central Texans stay informed and connected to the outdoors.

A proud Lions Club member for more than 30 years, Rick also co-hosts Sunday Gathering with Bill Hecke, bringing uplifting music and conversation to listeners every Sunday morning.

“*Helping Central Texas stay informed  
and connected to the outdoors.*”



## HAVE YOU MET?

### Rick Smith

Born in Bell County and a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, Rick returned home to teach in Temple before founding Marine Outlet, a respected Temple-based marine dealership that has served Central Texas boaters since 1969.

Rick's passion for the outdoors extends far beyond business. Through *On the Dock*, he shares practical advice, safety tips, fishing reports, and updates from Texas Parks & Wildlife—encouraging appreciation for our lakes, parks, and wildlife.

Whether he's on the water or behind the mic, Rick's mission is simple: share knowledge, build community, and help others enjoy the outdoors safely and responsibly.



# Supporting CENTRAL TEXAS

## Medigap Plans for You

*Medicare supplement insurance is confusing. We can help.*

## Celebrating Our Supporters

Navigating Medicare can feel overwhelming, but having the right guidance can make all the difference. **Medigap Plans For You** helps individuals understand their medicare options with clear, personalized support. Their commitment to education and service has made them a trusted resource for seniors and families throughout the region.

### WHO THEY ARE

Led by Gary Gerstenhaber, MediGap Plans For You provides Medicare Supplement education and guidance, helping individuals understand their Medicare coverage options and make informed decisions.

### SERVING CENTRAL TEXAS

Based in Central Texas, Gary combines professional Medicare planning expertise with a commitment to serving older Texans. He also serves in the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, advocating for issues affecting senior citizens across the state.

### CONNECT & LEARN MORE

- 📍 Free Medicare Supplement consultations available.
- 🌐 [MediGapPlansForYou.com](http://MediGapPlansForYou.com)
- ✉️ [gary@medigapplansforyou.com](mailto:gary@medigapplansforyou.com)
- ☎️ 1-833-301-7200

“

*Medicare questions don't end with enrollment. We're here to help year-round.*

”

MEDIGAP



### SUMMER SOUNDTRACK FACT

## Did You Know?

One of the most famous summer songs ever recorded is "Summer" by the band War. Released on June 21, 1976, the first day of summer, it reached No. 1 on Billboard's Easy Listening chart and became one of the group's signature hits.

Listen here: ["Summer" – War](#)



## BECOME A FOUNDERS' CLUB PARTNER

### Your business can receive:

- Daily on-air recognition throughout Central Texas
- Broadcasts worldwide through our apps.
- Cost per spot is about \$2.73 each
- Website listing on KNCT.org

### Ready to make a difference?

☎️ Call (254) 526-1442

✉️ email [Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org](mailto:Laury.Sisko@KNCT.org)



# “ Thank You Anonymous

*“Bill Hecke’s weather report is my favorite program. I love the wonderful phrases, like ‘We have stratus coming at us’ and ‘We’re so happy it’s Thursday!’ Sock Hop Saturday Night encourages me to host a board game night while happily listening to the classics.”*

*- Anonymous Listener*



## Music Trivia Challenge

This classic hit paints a picture of long summer days, warm breezes, and the simple joy of watching the world go by. Released in 1972, it became one of the defining songs of the season and remains a favorite on easy-listening and classic-hits stations.

**CAN YOU NAME THE SONG?**

Answer in next month’s newsletter!

### LAST MONTH’S ANSWER

*“Morning Has Broken” — Cat Stevens*



# Simply Beautiful Reads

## KNCT ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS



### Killeen Celebrates Juneteenth

“The festival highlights the deep cultural roots that continue to shape Killeen’s identity and offers a welcoming space for all ages to celebrate.”



### Spotlight on PTSD Awareness Month

“Julia highlighted TVC’s commitment to connecting Veterans, Service Members, and their families with meaningful support.”



### Remembering Bobby Freeman

“Each week, we shine a light on programs, people, and issues that help our seniors stay informed, connected, and empowered.”



### Conversations with Billy Conway

“Yesterday’s episode reminded listeners that while our lakes offer incredible recreation, they also represent the lifeblood of Texas...”

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# Sail Away (Orinoco Flow)

ENYA

📅 1988

📝 Written by Enya,  
Roma Ryan, & Nicky Ryan

🎵 New Age /  
Celtic / Ambient Pop

## THE STORY BEHIND THE SONG

Released in 1988, *Sail Away* became Enya's breakthrough international hit and introduced listeners to her signature blend of layered vocals and atmospheric sound. With references to destinations around the world, *Sail Away* captures the feeling of adventure, freedom, and setting out for places unknown—making it a timeless favorite for dreamers and travelers alike.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- "Sail Away" became Enya's first and only No. 1 single in the United Kingdom.
- The song's famous refrain was inspired by the idea of journeying beyond everyday life through music and imagination.
- The title references the Orinoco River in South America, though the song itself travels far beyond a single destination.
- Producer and lyricist Roma Ryan filled the lyrics with real-world locations, creating a musical voyage around the globe.



### WHY IT STILL RESONATES

More than three decades after its release, "Sail Away" remains instantly recognizable. Its layered vocals and calming atmosphere create a sense of peace that feels just as fresh today as it did in 1988. In a busy world, the song offers a rare invitation to slow down, breathe, and simply listen.



Its message is simple but enduring—  
sometimes the journey itself is what  
matters most.



### LISTENER CONNECTION

Some songs entertain.  
Others transport.



### THANK YOU!

Your votes and comments help  
shape the music you hear on  
KNCT. Keep sharing your  
favorites.

What does this song mean to  
you?

Share your memory at  
[MyKNCT.com](https://www.knct.com)

### LAST MONTH'S WINNER

"Yesterday, When I Was Young" by Dusty Springfield

Thank you to everyone who tuned.



### VOTE FOR NEXT MONTH'S SONG

Remember to stream us and like your favorite song, so that it might be featured next.





# Poolside Memories

A collection of songs made for long summer afternoons, cool water, and warm Texas sunshine. From breezy classics and beach-inspired favorites to laid-back country tunes and nostalgic summer hits, this playlist captures the feeling of relaxing by the pool while your favorite songs drift through the air. Whether you're enjoying a backyard barbecue, a road trip to the lake, or simply escaping the heat indoors, these tracks provide the perfect soundtrack for summer.

## FEATURED TRACKS



**Summer Breeze by Seals & Crofts (1972)**  
the song reached No. 6 on the Billboard Hot 100 and remains one of the defining soft-rock hits of the decade.



**Margaritaville by Jimmy Buffett (1977)**  
The song became so popular that it inspired restaurants, resorts, and an entire lifestyle brand.



**Toes by Zac Brown Band (2008)**  
Laid-back and easygoing, this modern favorite celebrates sunshine, waterfront living, and leaving everyday worries behind.

1. *Sailing — Christopher Cross*  
This Grammy-winning hit helped Christopher Cross become the first artist to sweep all four major Grammy categories in a single year (1981).
2. *Sundown — Gordon Lightfoot*
3. *Brandy (You're a Fine Girl) — Looking Glass*  
Reached No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in 1972.
4. *Moonlight Feels Right — Starbuck*  
Known for its distinctive marimba solo, one of the most recognizable instrumental breaks of the 1970s.
5. *Ride Like the Wind — Christopher Cross*
6. *Escape (The Piña Colada Song) — Rupert Holmes*  
The only song to reach No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 in both the 1970s and 1980s.
7. *Jamaica Farewell — Harry Belafonte*
8. *Escape (The Piña Colada Song) — Rupert Holmes*
9. *In the Summertime — Mungo Jerry*

10. *Saturday in the Park — Chicago*  
Inspired by a real Fourth of July celebration Robert Lamm attended in New York City's Central Park.
11. *Island in the Sun — Weezer*  
Released in 2001, it became one of Weezer's most enduring and recognizable songs.
12. *Put Your Records On — Corinne Bailey Rae*
13. *Steal My Sunshine — Len*  
Built around a sample from Andrea True Connection's 1976 hit "More, More, More," helping it become a summer staple of the late 1990s.
14. *Chattahoochee — Alan Jackson*
15. *Pontoon — Little Big Town*
16. *Neon Moon — Brooks & Dunn*
17. *When It Rains It Pours — Luke Combs*
18. *Orinoco Flow — Enya*  
The song's famous refrain, "Sail away, sail away, sail away," helped make it an international hit in 1988.



### LISTEN NOW

Enjoy the music on our player or app, and turn on notifications to stay connected to your KNCT favorites.



Listen on Spotify



Listen on YouTube



Scan to open the KNCT player on your phone!



# Thank You for Listening

## YOU MAKE THIS STATION POSSIBLE

Every song, every story, and every local voice on KNCT is made possible by listeners like you. As we continue our Summer Pledge Drive, your support helps keep the music you love, local programming, and community connections on the air throughout Central Texas. Whether you've already contributed or are considering a gift, every donation brings us closer to our goal and ensures we remain a trusted source of music, information, and companionship for years to come.

**THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF THE KNCT FAMILY!**



## WAYS TO SUPPORT KNCT



### DONATE ONLINE

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Every gift makes a difference!



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or toll-free at  
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## LISTEN ANYWHERE



### KNCT 91.3 FM

Your home for quality music and local voices.



### NEST FM

Music that nourishes the soul.



### CTC RADIO

The flavor of Texas Country & More!



## STAY CONNECTED



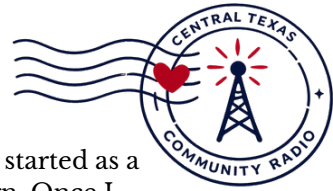
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FROM THE DESK OF



# Desiree Bates

## Dear Friends

First things first—yes, the newsletter got a makeover! What started as a few small updates somehow turned into a complete redesign. Once I start a project, I don't always know when to stop. I hope you enjoy the new look as much as I enjoyed putting it together. Be sure to let me know what you think at [KMUSIC@ctcd.edu](mailto:KMUSIC@ctcd.edu).

I hope everyone is staying cool and making the most of summer. Whether you're spending time with family, taking a vacation, or simply enjoying a slower pace, I hope you've found a reason to smile.

As for me, summer has been filled with projects. Between work and home, I've somehow convinced myself that painting my bedroom is a good idea. The new color is Kennebunkport Green, and while I'm excited about how it's turning out, the process has been made slightly more challenging by two very curious cats who insist on supervising every step.

Of course, one project always leads to another. While I don't have a pool to cool off in this summer, I do have plans for a future backyard project. We'll see how that goes! Until next month, stay cool, stay hydrated, and keep listening.

*Warmly*

**Desiree Bates**  
Your News & Public Affairs Operator



## This Month's Snapshots

### *The catio is complete!*

A safe place for the cats to enjoy the fresh air, watch the birds, and supervise the front yard from their favorite perch.



## ♥ Thank you

for reading, for listening, and for supporting KNCT. We appreciate you more than you know!

## KNCT 91.3 FM

Your soundtrack. Your stories.  
Your station.

## *See you next month!*



Until then, keep listening, keep connected, and stay safe out there on the roads.