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Below are scenes from the KAB Sales Seminar, June 6 in Topeka. Trainers were Kansas broadcast professionals Danny Thomas, KOAM TV and Lance Saylor, SE Kansas Broadcasting.



Chairman's message



Jackie Wise, Vice president/General Manager, Entercom Radio, Wichita

The KAB Board of Directors recently completed a day-long planning session in Topeka. Primary topic of discussion was the relevancy of the KAB organization and how we can better serve our member stations.

We utilized feedback from the member survey many of you participated in earlier this year to steer our session. What we found from that feedback was a consistent priority among both TV and Radio members: *The effective representation of broadcasters on key legislative and regulatory issues.*

As a result of this member priority, KAB's number one strategic objective will be to "Enhance KAB's political and lobbying clout". In addition to the Board of Director's and Harriet's efforts to lobby effectively, we will also provide resources and training to members on how they can positively impact policy at the state legislative and national level. This type of participation will enable us to harness the collective power of our membership. Simply put, our goal is the adoption of legislation that will be favorable to broadcasters and to stop legislation that is bad for broadcasters. Stay tuned as we roll out systems to enhance our efforts to do so!

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Broadcast scholarship winners announced

KAB has awarded 26 broadcast scholarships for the 2005-2006 school term. To be eligible, applicants must be Kansas residents, attending a Kansas college or university, and majoring in broadcast or a related field. The application for a KAB broadcast scholarship requests information about the student's school and community activities, and an essay written by the student to address the student's choice of broadcasting as a career choice, career goals, the importance of advertising to a station, the role of government in broadcasting, and how the student's education will improve his/her value as a broadcaster.

KAB's Scholarship Committee is chaired by Eugene Williams, KTWU TV. Committee members are Olivia Dorsey, KMBC TV; Joe Jindra, KNCK/KCKS; Lance Saylor, SE Kansas Broadcasting; Cliff Shank, KSKU/KXKU/KGGG; and Harriet Lange, KAB.

The students who received a broadcast scholarship are:

Bradley O'Bryhim (past winner), Baker University; **George West**, Cloud County Community College; **Joel Ewy**, **Brandon Billinger**, **Heather Teater**, and **Jonathan Zweygardt** (past winner), Fort Hays State University; **Erinn Abernathy**, Garden City Community College; **Matt Johnston** and **Alicia Phillips**, Hutchinson Community College; **Danna Aves**, **Marty Boeschling**, **Megan Connor** (past three-time winner), **Chris Gerhardt**, **Caleb Klein**, **Jenna Murphy**, **Chris Olsen**, and **Philip White** (past winner), Kansas State University; **Josh Brennon** (past winner), **Elizabeth Clark**, and **Alicia Mason**, Pittsburg State University; **Aric Cherry**, Southwestern College; **Tyler Klaus** (past winner), **Michael Phillips**, and **Adam Squitieri**, University of Kansas; **Maggie McKinley** and **Jessica Mills**, Washburn University.

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Call for nominees - DSA, Hall of Fame, Jewell, Slater and Oatman awards

During the October convention, KAB will present its Distinguished Service Award and induct an individual(s) into Kansas Broadcasting Hall of Fame. Other awards will include the Sonny Slater Award, Mike Oatman Award and Tony Jewell Award.

To nominate someone for any of the awards, send to **KAB by August 15**, your nominee's name and address and a brief description of why he or she is deserving of the award. The KAB Board will make the selections during the August 31 board meeting in Wichita. Past recipients of these awards appear on the next two pages.

If you made nominations last year for any of these awards, please confirm to KAB that you want the nominee considered this year.

The **Distinguished Service Award** is KAB's highest award to recognize a Kansas broadcaster who has made significant contributions to the industry and their community.

The **KAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame** nominees must have worked in the broadcasting business and will be recognized based on substantial contributions to broadcasting and the state/nation. Individual broadcasters may be Kansas natives and have made contributions in other states or at the national level. Individuals who are NOT Kansas natives are eligible, but they must have worked in Kansas broadcasting. They may be recognized for major contributions in Kansas, in other states or on a national level.

The **Sonny Slater Award** will recognize a Kansas broadcaster who has provided exemplary service to his or her station and community. The award is named for Sonny Slater, now deceased, who worked at KSAL Radio in Salina for more than 40 years. The KAB established the award in 1992.

The **Tony Jewell Award** recognizes contributions to alcohol/drug abuse prevention or treatment. The award is named for Tony Jewell, a past president of KAB and first chairman of the KAB's Alcohol/ Drug Abuse Committee. Past winners have included community volunteers, judges, representatives from law enforcement, and health professionals working in the alcohol/drug field.

The **Mike Oatman Award**, established in 2003, recognizes outstanding achievement in Kansas broadcast sales, sales management and mentoring others to sales success.

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KS National Guard 150 years old

The Kansas National Guard's year-long 150th anniversary celebration is underway through 2005.

Currently the Kansas Guard Whistle Stop Caravan, a 58-stop tour of Kansas, is visiting every town that has a Kansas Army National Guard armory or Kansas Air National Guard facility.

The celebration culminates the last week-end of August with activities on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28. An Anniversary Ball is scheduled for Saturday, August 27 at the Kansas Expocentre in Topeka. An August 28 Memorial Service at the Kansas National Guard Museum in Topeka will pay tribute to all Kansas National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who have given their lives in the service of their state and nation.

The Kansas National Guard has launched a web site with information about events surrounding the 150th celebration. For details of scheduled activities, link to the site at:
www.accesskansas.org/ksadjutantgeneral/

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2005 KAB deadlines

- August 15, deadline for nominations for KAB Distinguished Service Award, Hall of Fame inductees, Sonny Slater Award, Mike Oatman Award, and Tony Jewell Award
- November 1, deadline for KAB Student PSA Contest (alcohol/drug prevention – holidays)
- November 1, deadline for paid student and educator internships (for semester break and spring semester)

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Congressional families PSAs available

NAB's Congressional Families PSAs are available and feature the families of members of Congress. The TV PSAs were made available on satellite feeds during June. The radio PSAs are available online at
www.nab.org/publicservice/CongressionalPSAs.asp.

Anne Ryun, wife of Second District Congressman Jim Ryun, is featured in PSAs for child safety and literacy. Cong. Ryun's daughter, Catherine, is featured in PSAs for physical fitness and volunteer service.

Stephene Moore, wife of Third District Congressman Dennis Moore, recorded PSAs for breast cancer and volunteer service; while his daughter-in-law, Stephanie Moore, is featured in PSAs for child safety and emergency preparedness.

Fourth District Congressman Todd Tiahr's daughter, Jessica, is featured in a PSA on literacy.

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Welcome new members

A warm KAB welcome to new Station Member – **KOTE FM**, Eureka; Steve Niemeyer, general manager. Also to new Professional Member – **Marshall Ice**, KMAN AM, Manhattan.

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2005 EAS / AMBER tests

Tues., August 9, 10:50 pm / EAS
Thurs., August 11, 1:50 pm / AMBER
Tues., September 13, 1:50 pm / EAS
Tues., October 11, 10:50 pm / EAS
Tues., November 8, 1:50 pm / EAS
Thurs., Nov. 10, 1:50 pm / AMBER
Tues., December 13, 10:50 pm / EAS

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2005 KAB events

***August 31**, KAB Board of Directors Meeting, Wichita

***October 1**, KAB News Workshop, Topeka

***October 16-18**, KAB Convention, Wichita Marriott

***November 16**, KAB Executive Committee Meeting, Topeka

***December 6**, KAB Board of Directors Meeting

KAB Awards – past winners

KAB is accepting nominees for these awards for 2005. Awards will be presented during the KAB convention's Hall of Fame reception on Sunday evening, October 16 at the Wichita Marriott. **Deadline for nominations is August 15.**

* Deceased

KAB DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The KAB's highest honor, awarded for service to the community, state and broadcast industry.

- 1969 *George Gow
- 1970 Bob Wells
- 1971 *Grover Cobb
- 1972 Bob Schmidt
- 1973 *Olaf Soward
- 1974 *Alf Landon
- 1975 *Thad Sandstrom
- 1976 *Arden Booth
- 1977 *Fred Conger
- 1978 *Robert Pratt
- 1979 *Sherwood Parks
- 1980 *Martin Umansky
- 1981 Kay Melia
- 1982 *Ed Mason
- 1983 Tony Jewell
- 1984 *Dale McCoy, Jr.
- 1985 *Bob Hilgendorf
- 1986 Lowell Jack
- 1987 Jerry Holley
- 1988 Robert Fromme
- 1989 Ed Hundley
- 1990 Hank Booth
- 1991 *John Mileham posthumously
- 1992 Bill Bengston
- 1993 H. Pat Powers
- 1994 *Mike Oatman & *Mike Lynch
- 1995 *Lynn Higbee posthumously
- 1996 Stuart Melchert
- 1997 George Logan
- 1998 Bill Miller
- 1999 Merle Blair
- 2000 Max Falkenstien
- 2001 Ken Jennison
- 2002 Jack Sampson
- 2003 Ed O'Donnell
- 2004 Joe Engel

KAB SONNY SLATER AWARD

The Sonny Slater Award was established in 1992 to honor Sonny Slater – long time farm broadcaster at KSAL, Salina - and to recognize a Kansas broadcaster, who is not an owner or general manager, for service to his or her station and community.

- 1992 *Sonny Slater posthumously
KSAL/KYEZ, Salina
- 1993 *Dan Willis
KKOW AM, Pittsburg
- 1994 Bob Kearns
WIBW Radio/TV (retired), Topeka
- 1995 Tad Felts
KKAN/KQMA, Phillipsburg
- 1996 Don Engelhardt
KSAL/KYEZ, Salina
- 1997 Wilma "Perky" Perks
KWBW AM, Hutchinson
- 1998 *Abram Burnett
KHOK FM, Great Bend
- 1999 Mike Cooper
KAYS/KHAZ, Hays
- 2000 *Claude Hughes
KNGL/KBBE, McPherson
- 2001 Larry Hatteberg
KAKE TV, Wichita
- 2002 Larry Moore
KMBC TV, Kansas City
- 2003 Lloyd Mintzmyer, KOOD TV
Smoky Hills PTV, Bunker Hill
- 2004 Laverne Goering, KWCH TV

KAB MIKE OATMAN AWARD

The KAB Mike Oatman Award was established in 2003 to recognize a Kansas broadcaster for outstanding achievement in Kansas broadcast sales, sales management and mentoring others to sales success. The award is named for a Kansas broadcaster now deceased – Mike Oatman – who set the standard for broadcast sales success, business acumen and community service. Mike Oatman was part owner with Mike Lynch of Great Empire Broadcasting Inc. until his retirement and the sale of the group's 13 radio stations to Journal Broadcast Group in 2001.

- 2003 *Mike Oatman posthumously
- 2004 *Mike Lynch - posthumously

KAB Tony Jewell Award

The KAB Tony Jewell Award was established in 1987 to recognize an individual (volunteer or professional) who has made a significant contribution to the prevention, intervention or treatment of alcohol and/or drug abuse in Kansas. The award includes a plaque for the recipient and a check for \$500 to an alcohol/drug organization of the recipient's choice. The award is named for one of the KAB's own. Tony Jewell is a 40+ year veteran of Kansas broadcasting and KIUL, Inc. in Garden City and a past president of the KAB. Because of Tony's commitment to seeking solutions to the alcohol/drug abuse problem, it is only fitting that this award be named for him. His accomplishments include serving as the first chairman of the KAB's Alcohol and Drug Abuse Committee, during which time the KAB was recognized by the President's Citation Program for Private Sector Initiatives for Kansas' efforts in combating alcohol and drug abuse, and serving on the National Association of Broadcasters Alcohol/Drug Abuse Task Force.

- 1987 Judge Herb Rohleder, Great Bend
- 1988 William Leipold, Ph.D.
Valley Hope Association, Norton
- 1989 Andrew O'Donovan
Kansas SRS Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Topeka
- 1990 Judge Robert Theissen, Wichita
Municipal Court/Wichita
Intervention Program
- 1991 Bernice Hutcherson, Professor
Emeritus of Social Work, WSU
- 1992 Cal Cormack, Ewing Marion
Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City
- 1993 James DuBois, Saline Co. Sheriff's
Department, Salina
- 1994 Judy Donovan, Kansas Alcohol
and Drug Abuse Services, Topeka
- 1995 James Nugent, Coordinator, Drug
Alcohol Wellness Network, FHSU
- 1996 Ike Walter, Hoisington
- 1997 Harold & Ruth Keeling, Oxford
House, Mission KS
- 1998 Judge John Barker, Abilene
- 1999 Fern Rosenberg, Topeka United
Way
- 2000 Kristine McKechnie, SE KS
Regional Prevention Center
- 2001 Bryan Thompson, Kansas Public
Radio
- 2002 KJIL FM, Meade
- 2003 Dennis Gilhousen, Valley Hope
Association, Norton
- 2004 Dr. Merlynn Colip, Norton

KAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame

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2000 Inductees

These initial inductees are all past recipients of KAB's Distinguished Service Award. Years indicate year of receipt of DSA.

* Deceased

1969 George Gow*	1978 Robert L. Pratt*	1987 Jerry Holley	1995 Lynn Higbee*
1970 Bob Wells	1979 Sherwood R. Parks*	1988 Bob Fromme	1996 Stu Melchert
1971 Grover C. Cobb*	1980 Martin Umansky*	1989 Ed Hundley	1997 George Logan
1972 Bob Schmidt	1981 Kay Melia	1990 Hank Booth	1998 Bill Miller
1973 Olaf Soward*	1982 Ed Mason*	1991 John Mileham*	1999 Merle Blair
1974 Alf M. Landon*	1983 Tony Jewell	1992 Bill Bengtson	2000 Max Falkenstien
1975 Thad Sandstrom*	1984 Dale W. McCoy, Jr.*	1993 H. Pat Powers	
1976 Arden Booth*	1985 Bob Hilgendort*	1994 Mike Oatman* and	
1977 Fred L. Conger*	1986 Lowell Jack	Mike Lynch*	

2001 Inductees

Harold Ensley, Overland Park
Tom Hedrick, Lawrence
Ken Jennison, Salina
Tom Leahy, Wichita
Dev Nelson* (posthumously), Manhattan

2002 Inductees

Frances and Wendell Elliott* (posthumously), Dodge City
Jack Sampson, Hutchinson

2003 Inductees

Tom Bashaw* (posthumously), Wichita
Bill Kurtis, Chicago
Harriet Lange, Topeka
Ed O'Donnell, Topeka

2004 Inductees

Len Dawson, Kansas City
Joe Engel, Hays
Elmer Gunderson, Topeka
Denny Matthews, Kansas City
Fred White, Kansas City

Recent FCC fines

*The licensee of two AM and three FM stations in Washington has been fined \$4,000 for failing to conduct a contest substantially as announced or advertised. The violation came to the FCC's attention through a complaint. The licensee admitted that in a few contests in which call volume fell short of the announced number of callers, prizes had been awarded to an earlier caller (e.g., "The winner will be caller 99", yet the station received only 85 calls).

*The licensee of a Virginia AM station has been fined \$4,000 for failing to reduce power at sunset and by failing to limit the station's pre-sunrise power.

*The licensee of a Nevada FM station has been fined \$10,000 for generating excessive amounts of radiofrequency radiation at its transmitter site. The violation was found during a routine FCC inspection.

*The licensee of a Kentucky FM station has been fined \$8,000 for failing to install and operate EAS equipment. The violation was found during a routine FCC inspection.

*The owner of a Missouri communications tower has been fined \$10,000 for failing to exhibit red obstruction lighting on the tower from sunset to sunrise on six different days. The violation was found during a routine FCC inspection. (SOURCE: *FCC Enforcement Monitor* – Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP)

FCC issuing fines for failure to make emergency information available to deaf Americans . . .

The FCC issued fines ranging from \$8,000 to \$16,000 against three Washington DC TV stations for failing in a timely manner to make emergency information about a thunderstorm/tornado watch accessible to persons with hearing disabilities. Effective January 1, 2006, all non-exempt new programming must be captioned as well.

The Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to assess how its closed captioning rules are succeeding in ensuring that video programming is accessible to the million of deaf and hard of hearing Americans and whether any revisions should be made to enhance the effectiveness of those rules.

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Chuck Sherman



Dr. Charles E. Sherman died on Saturday June 18 in Philadelphia after a long illness. He was 71.

He had been NAB Executive Vice President of Television until 2002 when he was

appointed President of the NAB Education Foundation, a position he held until 2004.

Chuck began at NAB in 1988 after a career in broadcasting that included service as general manager of WHOI TV, Peoria IL and WTRF TV, Wheeling WV. He previously had been professor and associate chairman of the Department of Communication Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and professor and chairman at the Department of Telecommunications at Indiana University.

Chuck was credited with establishing numerous initiatives including the Service to America Summit which recognizes outstanding public service contributions of local radio and television stations. He founded the "100 Plus" Conference that focuses on small and medium market television. Under his leadership the NAB Educational Foundation instituted the Broadcast Leadership Training program that provides advanced training of minorities and women in senior broadcast management.

Chuck is survived by his wife Elaine, two sons and a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Services were held June 19 at the Levine and Sons Memorial Chapel outside of Philadelphia, and interment was at Shalom Memorial Park in Philadelphia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Charles and Elaine Sherman Lectureship Series, and sent in care of School of Communications and Theatre, Temple University, 1938 Liacouras Walk, Philadelphia PA 19122.

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Gary Gore

Former Kansas Broadcaster Gary Gore of Great Bend, died July 3 at Russell Regional Medical Center following a jet ski accident on Lake Wilson. He was 54.

Gary was president and chief executive officer of Great Bend Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Director of Great Bend. He was a previous resident of Great Bend for 14 years, and returned in 2000. He served on KAB's Board in 1997 during his tenure at KSNW TV.

Gary was a member of Rotary, Stoneridge Men's League, Jefferson Parent-Teacher Association and past president of the Panther Booster Club, all of Great Bend; Kansas Cavalry, SCORE, Great Plains Development and adjunct member of the Central Kansas Economic Development Council. He was president of Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Association and president of Kansas Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Gary is survived by his wife, Judy, three daughters, two step-sons, one step-daughter, his father, one brother, two sisters, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held July 7 at Grace Community Church in Great Bend. Burial was in Hillcrest Memorial Park, Great Bend. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Golden Belt Community Foundation, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Rd., Great bend, KS 67530.

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Earl D. Russell

Earl Russell of Wichita, retired broadcast engineer, died on June 28. He was 84.

His passion for electronics developed at an early age. He built his first radio, a crystal set with headphones in 1931. He was self-taught by reading magazines and technical repair manuals.

During WWII, he installed radio communications equipment on the B-29 assembly line at Boeing Wichita. For 29 years, he was chief engineer for KLEO AM in Wichita. In semi-retirement he worked for Communications Technology Associates, Inc.

He is survived by his wife, Irma, four sons, two daughters, one sister, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were held July 1 at West Haysville Baptist Church. He was buried at White Chapel Cemetery, Wichita.

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Washington update

At the FCC

*The FCC has released its **regulatory fee schedules for 2005**, which reflect a 2.6 percent increase in total fees over 2004. Fees will not increase by that amount for every licensee because the actual fee amount will depend on the number of paying licensees in each category. Congress mandated that the FCC collect \$280 million in regulatory fees in 2005. For a copy of the Commission's Report and Order, go to: http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-137A1.pdf

*On June 10, the FCC began mailing the second of its **EEO audit letters** for 2005 to randomly selected broadcast stations and multi-channel video programming distributors (MPVD). Each year, about 5% of all stations and MVPDs are selected for random EEO audits. There were no Kansas stations selected for this round of audits.

*July 1, 2005 was the deadline for the FCC's **digital channel identification rule**. DTV channel ID rules follow the analog rules. The ID should consist of the station's call letters followed by the community specified in the license as the station's location. Stations may insert between the call letters and the station's community the station's frequency, channel number, name of the licensee and/or the name of the network, at their discretion.

*The FCC denied a request by the Consumer Electronics Association to eliminate the **date for built-in DTV tuners** to be included in 50% of mid-sized (25"-36") TVs and instead retained the current deadline of July 1, 2005. The FCC also moved up the date for 100 percent DTV tuner compliance of mid-sized sets to March 1, 2006.

*The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to **streamline the procedures for altering the FM table of allotments** and for changing radio stations' communities of license. The FCC is seeking comment on permitting community of license minor change applications; requiring simultaneous filing of Form 301 with petitions to add new FM allotments; limiting the number of modifications to the table in one proceeding; and on circumstances under which sole local service could become a first local service elsewhere.

More pass inspection

These stations have recently passed KAB's Alternate Broadcast Inspection, giving them a three-year exemption from routine FCC inspections: **KSNP FM**, Burlington; **KKOY AM/FM**, Chanute; and **KWXD FM / KHST FM**, Pittsburg.

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In Congress

*Kansas First District **Congressman Jerry Moran has signed on as a co-sponsor to HR 998** – the satellite radio bill aimed at keeping satellite radio companies to the terms of the national-only licenses. Cong. Moran is the only Kansas Member to sign on, to date.

*The Senate Commerce Committee has held a **hearing on the DTV transition**. It's not likely that legislative action will occur before the fall. NAB President and CEO Eddie Fritts testified on behalf of broadcasters and noted that broadcasters accept that Congress will likely implement a hard date of 2009 for the end of analog.

*Congress has passed and President Bush has signed into law the **Junk Fax Prevention Act of 2005**. The law requires that any person or entity sending a fax advertisement must first obtain signed, written permission to send it. The new law exempts a sender who has an "established business relationship" with the recipient. The FCC, responsible for adopting rules to comply with the law, has delayed the effective date of its rules to January 9, 2006.

In the Courts

*The U.S. Supreme Court declined to grant requests by NAB and other media organizations, to review the **broadcast ownership case** decided in June 2004 by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. The case now goes back to the FCC for further consideration as ordered by the Third Circuit. The FCC will reconsider the "diversity index" it developed to eliminate or loosen cross-ownership restrictions, including newspaper/broadcast, in large and medium-sized markets; the numerical limits on ownership of radio stations in local markets; and new numerical limits on ownership of TV stations in local markets.

*The U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the **appeals of two reporters** from the *New York Times* and *Time* magazine who have refused to testify to a grand jury as to the identity of their confidential sources.

News briefs

***Thimios Zaharopoulos**, chair of Washburn University's Mass Media Department, has been appointed Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Park University in North Kansas City.

***Jack Porteous** has joined **WIBW Radio** to promote workforce development through radio advertising. He had been manager of workforce development for GO Topeka.

***Scott Roberts** was named news director of **Mid America News Network** in May. He most recently was a reporter and assignment editor for KWCH TV and prior to that was at KFDI/KFTI.

***KFDI FM** and **KFTI AM** are winners of a national Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Spot News in the Radio Small Market Division. The award was given by RTNDA for severe weather coverage of the Mulvane Tornado on June 12, 2004. Contributing to the coverage were news director **Dan Dillon**, and reporters, **Jared Cerullo, Josh Wells** and **George Lawson**.

***Kristin Ghere** has joined **Clear Channel Radio**, Wichita, as promotions coordinator.

*NOAA presented a Mark Trail Award to broadcaster, **Bill Kurtis**, for his support of the agency's NOAA Weather Radio All-Hazards program. He was honored for contributing his voice, studio and editing skills to the production of PSAs for the NWS Forecast Office in Wichita, and later made available to NWS offices across the country via the Internet. Kurtis owns **KIND AM/FM** in Independence, where **Patti McCormick** is general manager and where the project was produced.

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NAJA meeting in Lincoln in August

The Native American Journalists Association is holding its 21st Annual Convention August 11-14 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln NE. More than 300 Native and non-Native journalists attend the conference each year.

Sessions will include writing and reporting workshops, an ecology tour of the Winnebago Reservation, a discussion of free press issues on the reservation, a town hall meeting on gaming issues in Indian Country, and a discussion of coverage of the high school shooting at the Red Lake Reservation.

Go to www.naja.com for more details.