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Emily Spain Returns to KOMU 8 as Evening Anchor

COLUMBIA, MO – Columbia native and award-winning journalist Emily Spain is returning to KOMU 8 News. Starting Monday, Nov. 6, Spain will join Jim Riek for KOMU 8 News at Five, Six, and Ten as well as KOMU 8 News at Nine on Mid-Missouri's CW.

Spain previously anchored KOMU 8's morning newscast from 2012 to 2014 before taking a job as a reporter at WFMY in Greensboro, N.C.

"Emily is a top-notch journalist, the kind that can really dig into a story and find the part that you need to know. She's the kind of journalist that can tell a story that makes you cry one day then tell a story that makes you angry enough to demand change the next day. Those are rare," said KOMU 8 News Director Randy Reeves.

Spain is a graduate of the Missouri School of Journalism. Her reporting has been recognized by the Missouri Broadcasters Association, the Kansas City Press Club, and the Society of Professional Journalists.

"We are incredibly excited to welcome back Emily to the KOMU 8 News team. Being a Columbia native, she has a deep understanding of this area and a passion for covering the issues that are important to Mid-Missourians. On top of that, she is an excellent journalist who will work to enact positive change in the community that she calls home," said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

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Spain is passionate about uncovering the truth and is determined to give all sides of a story a voice. She looks forward to being an advocate for Mid-Missouri, where she is returning with her husband, Travis, and her daughter, Catie. She loves music, Mizzou football, scary movies, and spending time outdoors.

KOMU 8 is an auxiliary enterprise of the University of Missouri and is expected to generate all revenues for station operations. Its operations and investments in broadcast technology are funded entirely by advertising and retransmission revenues. The station receives no funding from the university or state.