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## **KOMU 8 News Wins Four MBA Awards, Including Best Weathercast**

**COLUMBIA, MO** – KOMU 8 News won four first-place awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association on Saturday at MBA's annual awards ceremony in Branson.

Meteorologist Rosie Newberry earned first place for Best Weathercast among all small-market television stations in the state.

KOMU 8 News Anchor Jim Riek accepted the award for Best Documentary/Public Affairs reporting for his leadership in covering the second anniversary of the Joplin tornado.

In addition, KOMU 8 News won Best Spot News coverage for the reporting of Ryan Ferguson's release from prison and Best Local Website for [www.komu.com](http://www.komu.com).

"I'm grateful for this recognition from our peers in so many categories. It's gratifying that the judges rewarded our hard work in these areas most important to our viewers," said KOMU 8 News Director Stacey Woelfel.

"Earning such high praise among Missouri broadcasters showcases the extent of high-quality coverage our news and weather teams provide every day. We are tremendously proud of all they do, both on air and online, to keep our community informed and safe," said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

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Each year, MBA recognizes broadcast professionals who exemplify excellence and achievement in the industry.

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.