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KOMU 8 News Wins Best Documentary, News Series & Feature

COLUMBIA, MO – KOMU 8 News received three awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association on Saturday at MBA’s annual awards ceremony at the Lake of the Ozarks.

KOMU 8 News anchor Jim Riek and former KOMU 8 meteorologist Michelle Bogowith won the award for best documentary/public affairs for their coverage of the one-year anniversary of the Joplin tornado.

KOMU 8 News anchor Emily Spain and videographer Scott Schaefer won best news series for Spain’s investigation into the possible deportation of a Stephens College graduate and the community and political efforts to keep her in the country.

Schaefer and former KOMU 8 News anchor Sarah Hill won best feature for “Pharm Dog,” about a therapy dog that helped an injured farmer get moving again.

“All three of these awards reflect on the efforts KOMU 8 News makes to dig deeper and tell bigger, more important stories,” said KOMU 8 News Director Stacey Woelfel. “We don’t want to waste our viewers’ time with unimportant stories that don’t affect them, so these are a perfect example of what we can do.”

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“We’re proud of our news team and the quality of stories we tell on a day in, day out basis, and it’s an honor that our unique storytelling abilities have been recognized once again,” said KOMU 8 General Manager Marty Siddall.

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.