

NET Radio and NET Television Teams Receive Awards in Regional Competition

LINCOLN, Neb. (April 3, 2008) -- NET Radio and NET Television received a number of Eric Sevareid Awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association at the group's annual conference in Minneapolis in March. NET's public radio and television teams competed in the Medium Market divisions against commercial and public television broadcast operations from the six-state Upper Midwest region (Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin) for these significant awards.

The NET Radio news team won four first-place awards. Reporter Sarah McCammon won in the General Reporting category for "Refugee Gardens," a story focused on a community garden in Lincoln that teaches refugees how to farm. McCammon also received a first place award in the Soft Feature category for "Goats Clear Pastures" about an environmentally friendly way to rid pastures of unwanted weeds.

Reporter Fred Knapp earned first place in the Hard Feature category for "Iraqi Family" about a Lincoln family who has endured many hardships since the war began, including the killing of several family members still in Iraq. News director Martin Wells won in the Sports Reporting category for "Ambidextrous Pitcher" about Pat Vinditte of the Creighton Bluejays.

NET Television earned a first place award in the Documentary/Special category for "On the Frontline: Nebraskans at War in Iraq." Mike Tobias was producer/reporter and Ray Meints was videographer/editor for this program about Nebraska Army National Guard soldiers in Iraq. Credits also went to Doug Carlson as post production editor, Werner Althaus for audio finishing and Lisa Craig for graphics.

NET Television's "Murder House" earned an Award of Merit in the Documentary/Special category. Producer/reporter was Bill Kelly with Jim Underwood as videographer/editor, Erin Thomas for field audio, Doug Carlson for post production, Werner Althaus for audio finishing and Tom Floyd as graphic artist. The program explored crime scene investigation through students in training and professionals working on a real murder case.

NET Radio and NET Television are services of NET. Program schedules and more information are available online at netNebraska.org.

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NET Radio:

Broadcasts on the following frequencies: Alliance/91.1 FM; Bassett/90.3 FM; Chadron/91.9 FM; Columbus/90.3 FM; Culbertson/92.7 FM; Falls City/91.7 FM; Harrison/89.5 FM; Hastings/Grand Island/89.1 FM; Lexington/88.7 FM; Lincoln/91.1 FM; Max/93.3 FM; Merriman/91.5 FM; Norfolk/89.3 FM; and North Platte/91.7 FM.

NET Television:

NET1 is Nebraska's first public television broadcast service and includes PBS and award-winning, locally produced public television programming; **NET2** offers live coverage of the Nebraska Unicameral, and other news and public affairs programming; **NET3** is a 24-hour channel featuring the most popular how-to, travel and lifestyle series; and **NET-HD** presents high-definition digital broadcast programming displayed in a wide-screen format.