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KUFM NEWS TEAM WINS FIVE AWARDS

MISSOULA—

The News Team at KUFM-Montana Public Radio recently earned five awards from the Montana Associated Press Broadcasters Association.

The 2005 Joe Durso Awards for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism were presented at the association's annual meeting in Billings earlier this month. The awards honor Joe Durso Jr., a longtime University of Montana broadcast journalism professor who died in 1998.

The KUFM team won five of the eight awards in the radio category and entries were chosen from a pool of more than 160 for both radio and television news.

Award winners are: Kevin Maki, Best Audio for "Sheep Shearer;" Kirk Siegler, Best Enterprise for "Kootenai Lodge" and Best Newswriting for "Home Improvement Wars;" and Sally Mauk and Kirk Siegler, Best Spot News Edited for "Bush Visit" and Best Spot News Live for "Bush in Great Falls."

Based at the UM campus in Missoula, KUFM is at 89.1 FM on the radio dial.

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