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RAY REED 1948 - 2017



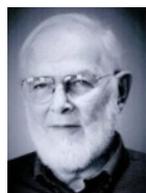
The man known as "The Voice of the Valley" passed away May 31 at his home in West Lebanon.

Ray Reed was 69. He was born in

West Lebanon, NH and graduated from Windsor High School. After studying radio in Boston he got his first job at WTSL, but was drafted into the military shortly thereafter. After serving two years with the Marines in Vietnam, he and his wife returned to New Hampshire, where Ray enjoyed a long career at WTSL and WNHV.

He received many honors and awards, including an honorary degree from Lebanon College. He leaves his wife, Nan, two daughters and many other family members.

KIP CAMPBELL 1944 - 2017



Willard Guy "Kip" Campbell, a former engineer at what is now Vermont PBS, passed away June 3 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Burlington, he attended UVM before serving with the Army in Vietnam. On his return he worked at Vermont Educational Television. Later, he moved to North Carolina and was a longtime engineer for UNC-TV, that state's public TV network. He returned to Vermont upon retirement. He leaves a wife, three children and five grandchildren.

SQUIER: WDEV, RADIO VERMONT FOR SALE



There could soon be new owners for another legendary family-owned broadcast business in Vermont. On the heels of the sale of WCAX-TV by the Martin family comes news that WDEV radio and its sister stations in the Radio Vermont Group are for sale.

Radio Vermont Group owner Ken Squier confirmed last week that the search is on for new owners who will continue the community-intensive and eclectic programming that have been hallmarks of WDEV. Squier, 82, recently sold his interest in Thunder Road in Barre. Squier's father, Lloyd Squier, helped put WDEV on the air back in 1931.

The Radio Vermont Group includes WDEV-AM & FM, WLVB-FM in Morrisville, WEXP in Rutland and WCVT in Stowe, which simulcasts with WEXP as "101 The One." The group also has a number of FM translators.



Radio Vermont Group Executive VP Eric Michaels explained to the staff, "this process is likely to take many months and perhaps more than a year to accomplish. No changes to staffing or programming efforts are planned for the foreseeable future. All of our services will continue unabated."

Squier said he's already working with interested parties who want to carry on the legacy of WDEV into a new era of local ownership.

The VAB wishes Ken, Eric and all of our friends at Radio Vermont the best of luck as the transition moves forward!

# ROSENWORCEL, CARR SEEN AS LIKELY TO FILL OPEN FCC SEATS



There are two open seats on the FCC and it looks like former Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel and Brendan Carr, Chairman Ajit Pai's legal counsel, will be filling those vacancies. Rosenworcel stepped down when her term expired at the end of 2016. President Trump renominated her last month for one of the two minority party slots, joining current Commissioner Mignon Clyburn.

The White House has also confirmed that Carr will be nominated for the open majority party seat on the Commission. He'd join Republican Commissioners Pai and Michael O'Rielly. News of Carr's pending nomination was greeted warmly by both broadcasting and telecom officials. "NAB strongly endorses the nomination of Brendan Carr to the FCC," said National Association of Broadcasters President Gordon Smith. "He has a firm grasp on telecom and media law and the right temperament to be a superb commissioner. We support his swift confirmation."



Brendan Carr



Jessica Rosenworcel

## DRAFT OF UPDATED VERMONT STATE EAS PLAN SUBMITTED TO FCC

The Vermont State Emergency Communications Committee, comprised of Vermont Public Radio, Vermont PBS, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters, Vermont Emergency Management, the National Weather Service Burlington and Sison Broadcasting have finished work on a major update to the Vermont Emergency Alert System Plan. The VAB submitted the plan to the FCC on June 29. Once accepted for filing, the VAB will also distribute the new plan to all radio and television stations in the state. You can review the draft plan by [clicking here](#). Thank you to all the volunteers who helped produce the first update of the state EAS plan since the Dean administration!

## VAB HALL OF FAME AND SPECIAL AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The window for [nominations](#) is now open for the 2017 VAB Hall of Fame Awards Banquet! This year's banquet will be held Saturday evening, December 2 at the Hilton Burlington. Nominations are being sought for the following awards:

**HALL OF FAME:** The ultimate honor for Vermont broadcasters, the VAB Hall of Fame honors those men and women who have demonstrated excellence throughout their careers, have enhanced the broadcasting industry and have contributed to the betterment of their communities.

**BROADCASTER OF THE YEAR:** Honors a broadcaster (or station) that has made a significant contribution to their state and to the broadcasting community over the past year.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:** Honors those individuals who have distinguished themselves in their profession over the course of many years. Award is open to all broadcast-related occupations.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:** Honors those individuals or stations that have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make their community a better place to live. One person or station will receive our special Community Service Award, the Alan Noyes Award, in honor of the longtime Executive Director of the VAB.

**SNYDER-TEFFNER AWARD:** Named in honor of longtime engineers Dennis Snyder and the late Ted Teffner, the Snyder-Teffner Award honors an individual who has demonstrated a career of excellence "behind the scenes."

To make a nomination, [click here](#). To see our previous winners, [click here](#).



For all stations, commercial and noncommercial, **Quarterly Issues Programs Lists**, summarizing the most important issues facing a broadcaster's community, and the programs that were broadcast in the prior quarter to address those issues, must be in a station's public file (the online public file for all TV stations and for radio stations that have already converted to the online file) by July 10. These are the only required records documenting a station's service to its community, so do not forget to complete these reports and to place them in your public file.