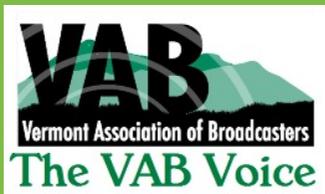


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FEW GLITCHES WITH EAS TEST

The National EAS Test on September 27 went off smoothly for a vast majority of radio and television stations, but a few glitches were reported around the country.



Some stations reported that their primary or secondary EAS sources sent the message prompt before the CAP IPAWS system, resulting in poor or no audio in some cases. The EAS units poll for messages every 30 seconds, while the IPAWS system polls every 60 seconds. Some say the IPAWS messages should be given priority, as the digital audio is generally much better and easier for the public to understand.

The FCC and FEMA are gathering results from the test and they expect to issue a report in November.

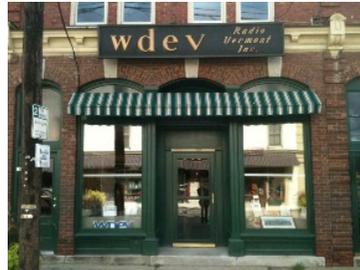
WFFF/WVNY HELPS RED CROSS



Hats off to WFFF and WVNY for raising more than \$23,000 for the American Red Cross during a daylong fundraising effort on September 27.

Volunteers manned phone lines at Gardener's Supply in Burlington to raise funds for hurricane relief. Way to go!

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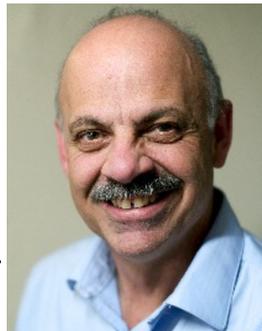


“CORM” TO BUY RADIO VERMONT

Earlier this year, Radio Vermont owner and President Ken Squier announced that his family-owned stations were for sale, preferably to a Vermonter who would continue WDEV's legacy as a model of community service.

It turns out he didn't have to look very far afield. Squier, 82, announced recently the radio group including WDEV AM & FM, WCVT-FM, WLVB-FM and WEXP-FM will be sold to Steve Cormier, a longtime local broadcaster and the Director of Sales for Radio Vermont. No purchase price was announced.

WDEV went on the air in 1931 and has been owned by the Squier family since 1935. Lloyd Squier owned the station until his death in 1979 and passed it on to his son, Ken. Both Lloyd and Ken are in the VAB Hall of Fame, and Ken has also been named to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.



Steve Cormier

Cormier says the format at WDEV will not change, and says Squier will continue to do daily sports updates and will continue to host the legendary “Music to Go to the Dump By” program on Saturday mornings.

Vice-President, General Manager and morning show co-host Eric Michaels, however, will not be staying. The Hall of Fame member and longtime VAB President chose to resign, effective last Friday.

The VAB wishes “Corm” the best of luck in the new venture and we wish Eric the very best in whatever he chooses to do next.

The sale is subject to FCC approval, which should happen within the next few months.



The next Quarterly Issues/Programs List must be placed in stations' public inspection files by October 10, 2017, reflecting information for the months of July, August, and September 2017. The FCC requires each broadcast station to air a reasonable amount of programming responsive to significant community needs, issues, and problems as determined by the station.

Beardsley, Simpson & Collamore Named to VAB Hall of Fame



Tom Beardsley

Two veteran radio broadcasters will join Vermont's first female television news director in this year's VAB Hall of Fame class.

Radio Vermont's Tom Beardsley, Catamount Radio's Brian Collamore and WCAX-TV's Judy Simpson will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame at the annual Hall of Fame Banquet December 2 at the Hilton Burlington.

Distinguished Service Awards will be presented to Lynn Beaudoin of Vermont Broadcast Associates, Mark Esbjerg of Sison Broadcasting and Steve Pelkey of Hall Communications.



Judy Simpson

WTSA AM & FM in Brattleboro is the winner of this year's Alan Noyes Community Service Award for their annual "Project Feed the Thousands" campaign. The award is named in honor of the VAB's longtime Executive Director.

This year's Snyder-Teffner Award will be presented to Greg Towne, engineer for Mission Broadcasting station WVNY-TV.



Brian Collamore

A native of Watertown, New York, Tom Beardsley, a.k.a. "Beards," began his radio career in 1969 at WIRD-AM in Lake Placid. He also worked at WIKE-AM in Newport, WHWB-AM in Rutland and for WPTZ-TV. He worked for WDEV and its sister stations for a combined 30 years. He also worked for Rep. Peter Smith, the New England Dairy Council and was part owner of a small radio group in Maine for four years.

Judy Simpson began her Vermont television news career at WVNY in 1985 and became the first female TV news director in state history. She joined WCAX in 1997 and began a ten-year stint as anchor of "Channel 3 News This Morning" in 2000. She "retired" earlier this year but continues to host "Across the Fence" for the station. She received the VAB's Distinguished Service Award in 2014.



Lynn Beaudoin

Brian Collamore started his radio career in 1968 at WRMC and WFAD while at Middlebury College. After a stint at WHWB-AM in Rutland, he joined WSYB in 1974 and has been on the air and in sales since then. He has been a longtime co-host of "The Proctor Gas Morning Show" and has been an ice hockey official for nearly 40 years. He received the VAB's Distinguished Service Award in 2013 and is now in his second term as a State Senator for Rutland County.

Lynn Beaudoin started her sales career at WSTJ-AM in 1981. She joined Bruce James' Vermont Broadcast Associates when he bought WSTJ and what is now WKXH-FM in 1990. She is known for "super-serving" her clients and her community and for being a goodwill ambassador for radio broadcasting.



Mark Esbjerg

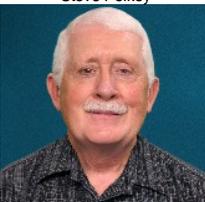
Mark Esbjerg started his broadcast career at WTSL-AM in Hanover in 1978. After a stint at WQUT in Tri-Cities, Tennessee, he joined WXXX-FM when it went on the air in 1984 and moved to its sister station, WVMT-AM, in 1986. After many years as morning co-host with Hall of Famer Ernie Farrar, he currently serves as Operations Manager.

Steve Pelkey is Operations Manager for the Hall Communications stations, including WKOL-FM, where he hosts the midday show. He began his career in 1979 working at a variety of stations in the Rome and Utica, New York markets. He later worked as Program Director for WDEV-AM in Waterbury and for WATD-FM in Marshfield, Massachusetts, as well as a stint with WBOS-FM in Boston. After working for WVMT and WFAD, he joined Hall in 1993.



Steve Pelkey

Greg Towne has been with WVNY-TV (Local 22) since 2001, and serves as Mission Broadcasting's Director of Engineering. Before joining the station, Greg ran his own electronics shop in his hometown of Milton and also managed the local Radio Shack. The award for "excellence behind the scenes" is named in honor of longtime engineers Dennis Snyder and the late Ted Teffner.



Greg Towne

The awards will be presented at the annual VAB Hall of Fame Awards Banquet on Saturday, December 2 at the Hilton Burlington. Tickets are only \$30 each and includes cocktails and dinner. You may register for the event by [clicking here](#).