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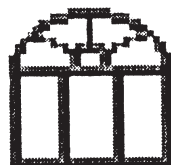
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Goodland radio station named 2008 Station of the Year

Goodland's hometown station KLOE 730 AM has been named the Station of the Year in the Small Market category by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.

The station earned the honor based on the criteria of excellence, creativity, believability and effectiveness as judged by the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.

The Small Market category is for stations in counties with less than 25,000 residents.

In addition to the Station of the Year distinction, individual award winners at KLOE include:

First Place for Public Affairs Program to Martin, Jeff and the Farm Chick for the Evening Show. The show airs on KLOE and KKCI on Thursdays from 4-5 p.m.

First Place for Complete Sportscast for the Evening Show Sports with Andrew Melia, which airs on KLOE and KKCI on Tuesdays from 4-5 p.m.

First Place for Editorial Commentary for Cowse with Ron Schilling.

Third Place for Sports Play by Play to Andrew Melia for state basketball coverage of the Weskan Lady Coyotes.

KLOE, a longtime fixture in the Goodland community, is owned and operated by Melia Communications and has been the family business for more than 48 years.

In 1960, Kay Melia relocated to Goodland from Hays to become the general manager of KLOE AM and KLOE TV. Son Marty Melia, who began announcing for the station in 1970, became the General Manager in 1993 when Kay retired. Marty's wife, Kathy Melia, serves as Continuity Director and Marty and Kathy's son, Andrew Melia, is the Sports Director.

The staff also includes longtime deejay Curtis Duncan, office manager Barb Neitzel and sales representative Ramona Sanders. Several Goodland High School students are employed as interns at the radio station.

Melia Communications, owned by Marty and Kathy Melia, acquired KLOE and



Marty Melia and wife Kathy are the owners of Melia Communications which owns and operates KLOE/KKCI/KWGB in Goodland.

KKCI from Eagle Communications in 1996 and added KWGB FM in 1998. Melia Communications entered into a lease marketing agreement with Manhattan-based Rocking M Radio in 2007.

The Topeka-based Kansas Association of Broadcasters is a member organization of Kansas television and radio broadcasters established in 1951.



Staff members include longtime deejay Curtis Duncan (left) and Sports Director Andrew Melia (above).
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