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## **Oscar Stauffer Award to Eagle Radio's Mike Hammett**

March 8, 2011 (Hays, Kansas)- Mike Hammett of KAYS Radio in Hays is recipient of this year's Oscar Stauffer Sportscaster award. The Kansas State High School Activities Association presents this award each year. Hammett will accept the award on Wednesday, following the Thomas More Prep- Marian girls' basketball game in the first round of the Class 3A State Championships in Hutchinson.

Mike has been in broadcasting over five years. While in college, he began his broadcasting career with KNDY AM/FM in his native Marysville, providing play-by-play for Marysville High School football and American Legion baseball. Mike also filled in for play-by-play at Eagle Radio in Hays, and was the voice of the Area Game of the Week for the 2007-08 basketball season.

He joined Eagle Radio full-time upon graduating from Fort Hays State University in May 2008. He currently is the Assistant News and Assistant Sports Director for Eagle Radio and provides play-by-play for Thomas More Prep-Marian High School athletics and Hays High School baseball and softball.

In addition to his high school duties, Mike is the play-by-play voice for the Hays Larks summer college baseball team, and is also the sideline reporter for Fort Hays State University football.

Mike is the fourth different winner from Hays, and seventh overall, joining Bob Davis (1975, 1978), Wyatt Thompson (1989) and Gerard Wellbrock (1996, 1997, 2000).

In 1975, the Kansas State High School Activities Association began the Oscar Stauffer Award, which each year honors a sports broadcaster and newspaper reporter for their outstanding coverage of high school athletics in the state.

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