

IPR Talk Show Producer Woodbury and Reporter Mayer Win Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2015**Category:** Press Release

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319.384.0908**IPR Talk Show Producer Woodbury and Reporter Mayer Win Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards**

April 27, 2015 (Des Moines, IA) — Iowa Public Radio announced today that talk show producer Emily Woodbury and reporter Amy Mayer have been awarded regional Edward R. Murrow awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA).

Woodbury won the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for a News Documentary explaining the charges on Iowans' hospital bills. The program aired on IPR's *River to River* and was produced and guest-hosted Woodbury. It also contained reporting by Durrie Bouscaren, formerly of IPR, who now works at St. Louis Public Radio.

The two collaborated on a series of reports after obtaining Knight Fellowships for training from NPR. The team used social media and other crowd sourcing tools to gather the stories of Iowans who were treated in emergency rooms and had questions about the cost of their care.

The program, which can be found on IPR's website (<http://iowapublicradio.org/post/behind-numbers-your-hospital-bill>) asked an emergency room physician and an expert in hospital administration why simple procedures and over the counter medicines cost more in an emergency room. It includes the story of a couple charged more than \$24,000 for rabies shots.

Iowa Public Radio was involved in another winning effort. Harvest Public Media won a regional Murrow for a News Series examining food waste. One of those reports was produced by the HPM reporter for IPR, Amy Mayer, and the entire series aired on Iowa Public Radio.

Harvest Public Media is a reporting collaboration focused on issues of agriculture and food production. Based at KCUR in Kansas City, Harvest covers these agriculture-related topics through an expanding network of reporters and partner stations throughout the Midwest. Iowa Public Radio is one of those partner stations.

The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. IPR competed in the Large Market Radio

division in Region 5, which includes stations in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. IPR will now compete with 13 other regional winners in the national competition, awarded in June.

Edward R. Murrow's pursuit of excellence in journalism embodies the spirit of the awards that carry his name. Murrow Award recipients demonstrate the excellence that Edward R. Murrow made a standard for the electronic news profession.

Iowa Public Radio informs, enriches and engages Iowans through radio programming and other media. IPR enhances civic and cultural connections across the state, strengthening Iowa's communities and reflecting Iowa's sense of place. For more information about Iowa Public Radio, contact us at 515-725-1700 or visit iowapublicradio.org.

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