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IOWA PUBLIC RADIO ANNOUNCES EDWARD R MURROW AWARD WINNERS

Iowa Public Radio's News team has won three regional Murrow awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association, for stories that aired in 2015.

IPR's Amy Mayer's two-part series on Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) received a Murrow in the Best Series category. PED is a virus that swept through the pork industry a couple of years ago, killing millions of piglets in 30 states, and causing at least \$1 billion in damage to the pork industry.

IPR's Mayer also received a Murrow in the Continuing Coverage category, for reporting on avian flu in the Midwest. In Iowa, the virus resulted in the deaths of more than 30-million chickens and at least a million turkeys, costing the state's poultry industry more than \$1 billion.

IPR also received a Murrow in the Best Audio category, for a piece Rick Fredericksen and John Pemble produced titled, "Audio letters from Vietnam War." Iowan Steven Starnes shared with us audio tapes his father and mother mailed back and forth to each other in the early 1970's when his father, Paul, was serving with the U.S. Army in Vietnam.

RTDNA has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Iowa Public Radio competes in RTDNA Region 5, which also includes stations in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska.

About Iowa Public Radio

Iowa Public Radio informs, enriches and engages Iowans through radio programming and other media. IPR enhances civic and cultural connections across the state, strengthening 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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