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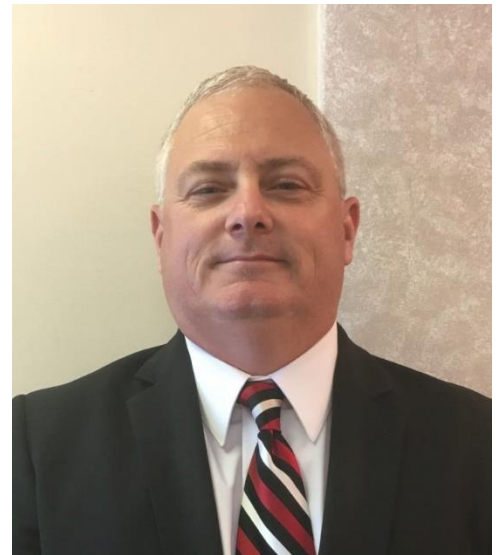
Kurt Gutsell to be honored with Distinguished Media Service Award Friday

One of the Southwest Indiana's most recognizable television and radio personalities, Kurt Gutsell of WBDC Radio and WJTS TV 18 in Jasper will be presented the 2019-20 Distinguished Media Service Award for District 3.

Gutsell's contributions to education-based athletics will be recognized in Huntingburg on Friday night when the Southridge Raiders host the Forest Park Rangers in boys basketball. IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox and Sports Information Director Jason Wille will make the presentation.

Kurt is in his 30th year as sports director at WBDC Radio, a Dubois County Broadcasting Company station, and has also served as sports director, anchor and play-by-play broadcaster for WJTS TV 18 since 1993.

At WBDC, he hosts both a daily half hour sports show that focuses on Dubois County sports as well as Southridge football and basketball coaches shows. As the long-time "Voice of the Southridge Raiders", Gutsell estimates he's provided play-by-play for more than 1,500 Southridge games in football, boys basketball, girls basketball, and baseball and another 500 for county schools, Forest Park, Jasper and Northeast Dubois.



Among his favorite games behind the microphone were calling Southridge's 1998 girls basketball state championship, the 2017 football state championship as well as the baseball team's run to the state finals in 2018 and 2019. Other highlights over the years have included covering Jasper baseball's five championships, Forest Park's two boys basketball and one softball titles and Northeast Dubois' two appearances in the girls basketball state finals.

In addition to the award he'll receive from the IHSAA, he's a six-time honoree by both the Indiana Broadcasters Association (Spectrum Award) for sports play-by-play and the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association (IHSBCA). He's also earned distinguished service awards from the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IIAAA) and the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association (IBCA).

Gutsell, 52, is a 1986 graduate of Jasper High School where he played football and baseball for the Wildcats all four years and basketball for two years. He is also a graduate of Vincennes University and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Southern Indiana. While in college, he called play-by-play for Vincennes University basketball on WVUB radio and WVUT TV and later broadcast USI basketball and baseball for WSWI radio.

This is the 35th year the IHSAA has recognized outstanding members of the Indiana news media from each of its three legislative districts for excellence in the coverage of high school sports. District 3 covers 43 counties across southern Indiana.

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About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 412 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-ed (unified flag football and unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.