

League of Wisconsin Municipalities and Former Fitchburg FACTv Director Receive Top 2017 Honors from Wisconsin Community Media



Wisconsin Community Media is honoring the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and Bonny Lundy, former director of the City of Fitchburg's community television center with its top two 2017 honors. The awards will be presented during the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show in Milwaukee on April 6.



The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has been chosen as the 2017 Friend of Access in recognition of the league's long-time support and recent groundbreaking collaboration with WCM that is bringing local issues to television through the league's show, *The Local Perspective*.

Bonny Lundy, who retired in 2013, is being inducted into the WCM Hall of Fame for her more than 30 years in the field of community television and work on the state level.

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has long supported city and school-district funded public, education, and government access channels that enable local governments, institutions, organizations and residents to speak directly to the community about issues, and cover events and community attractions that matter to them. Last year, WCM and the League came together to devise a new way to collaborate to bring important local issues to people across the state. *The Local Perspective*

series highlights the same issues that the magazine,

The Municipality

, has focused on that month. Utilizing the production facilities of several WCM member stations, the league has taken the show around the state to interview local leaders and experts. Distribution to WCM's 53 member stations has been handled through WCM's digital program sharing system. The successful collaboration has expanded into a valuable pilot project for WCM.

Ms. Lundy began her career with the Madison Metropolitan School District in 1981 and was on staff when the Media Production Department formed in 1984 to make greater use of the district's educational cable access channel. Ms. Lundy spent nearly twenty years with the Middleton-Cross Plains School District as the Audio Visual Director, teaching video production and management skills to high school students, and worked for a short period for the City of Middleton covering government meetings and working with departments on projects. Her remaining nearly four years were spent as the manager of the City of Fitchburg's public, education, and government access television center, Fitchburg FACTv, and seeing the station through an extensive modernization. On the state level, Ms. Lundy served on the WCM Board of Directors as the conference committee chair during the 2011-2012 term.

Both are being honored at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show at the Holiday Inn Milwaukee Riverfront on Thursday evening, April 6. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with a reception, and the banquet and show follow at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$45 and may be purchased online at www.wisconsincommunitymedia.com . [Press release.](#)