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NEWS RELEASE

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Batesville's Bryan Helvie to receive IHSAA Media Service Award

A highly-respected journalist in southeastern Indiana for more than 20 years, the IHSAA Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Bryan Helvie, formerly of the Batesville *Herald-Tribune*, will be presented the 2014-15 Distinguished Media Service Award for District 3.

Helvie's contributions to education-based athletics will be recognized on Friday evening at Batesville High School when the Bulldogs' boys basketball team hosts conference rival Franklin County. IHSAA Commissioner Bobby Cox and Sports Information Director Jason Wille will make the presentation.



Helvie spent nearly 24 years with the *Herald-Tribune*, a semi-weekly newspaper serving the readership in and around Ripley County. He started out in sales before moving into the sports editor position for several years. He was later promoted to managing editor and general manager to oversee the newsroom and help with photography when needed, but continued to cover local sports stories all along.

Between 2008 and 2014, the newspaper earned numerous awards from the Hoosier State Press Association (HSPA) under his leadership including the HSPA General Excellence Award (2008), the Blue Ribbon honor for Weekly Newspapers (2009), Best Newspaper Design and Best Sports Event Coverage.

Last summer he transitioned from the newsroom into a new role serving the Batesville Community School Corporation as athletic director for grades 7-12.

Helvie is a licensed Physical Education teacher and has coached in the Batesville system for more than 20 years. He has served as girls tennis coach, assisted in boys golf, and assisted at both the high school and middle school levels in the boys basketball program. He was an assistant coach for Batesville's Class 2A state runner-up team in 2001.

Helvie is a graduate of Carroll High School in Flora, Indiana and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from Ball State University in 1990.

Bryan and his wife, Luann, a kindergarten teacher at Batesville Primary School, have been married 24 years. They have a daughter, Emily, who is a sophomore at Franklin College.

This is the 30th 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 42 counties across southern Indiana. Helvie is the second of three individuals to be honored this school year joining Steve Moritz of Hoosier AM/FM Radio Group in Marion. [Previous Award Winners](#)

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 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 21 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and one co-ed (unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.

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