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Most broadcasters don't come as "complete" as Mark Ahmann. Seldom does a small market radio station have the distinct honor of having a multi-talented individual with Mark's credentials and background on the air.

Mark Ahmann was born on February 12, 1933 in Remsen, Iowa (near LeMars,) and is a 1950 graduate of Remsen St. Mary's High School. His baseball talents landed him a spot with the New York Yankees farm club in McAlester, Oklahoma in 1953, but he returned home after just 2 months--following an injury.

After 2 years of service in the U.S. Army, he graduated from the American Institute of the Air in Minneapolis (later known as Brown Institute) and took his first radio job in Pontiac, Michigan. He then took a News/Sports position at KCIM in Carroll, Iowa.

Ahmann moved to television in 1959 as Sports Director for KTIV in Sioux City. In 1963, he moved back to Michigan as Sports Director for WJIM Radio and TV in Lansing. He called the 1966 "Game of the Century" between Michigan State and Notre Dame. Following a one year stint as General Manager of WVIC Radio in East Lansing, Ahmann was back in Sioux City at KMEG-TV.

Mark was the primary face and voice of Nebraska high school sports while hosting KOLN/KGIN's Friday Night Sports Roundup from 1972-1980. In the early 80's he managed KAMI Radio in Cozad. And in 1986, following a stint as Sports Director at Channel 9 in Sioux City, he was hired as General Manager of KTCH in Wayne where he served until 1997.

Throughout his radio/TV career, high school sports always got first-class treatment. In 2007, Ahmann was inducted into the Nebraska High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Until recently, Mark hosted a daily radio show—"The View from Wayne America" on KTCH and also did play-by-play.

KTCH Radio reached a milestone in August of 2012 when Mark Ahmann was inducted into the Nebraska Broadcaster's Hall of Fame. Mark was joined by his wife, Jane, and a number of close relatives and friends when he received his award. To mark the event, KTCH Radio produced a video tribute to Mark's radio and TV career which was shown to the meeting attendees. The video can still be viewed by going to the Nebraska Broadcaster's web site—ne-ba.org and clicking on the Hall Of Fame logo button on the home page.