# **BEN M. ROOT**

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### **EXPERIENCE**

## SPORTS DIRECTOR & ON-AIR TALENT – Prairie Winds Broadcasting, Aberdeen, SD

2010 to Present

- Manage team of six sports announcers
- Play-by-play of NCAA D-II football, basketball, volleyball, and baseball as the "Voice of the Wolves"
- Record news & sports reports for eight-station cluster
- Host weekday country music morning show
- Host & produce daily one-hour sports talk show
- Update website daily
- Use Hootsuite, Twitter, Facebook, and Textcaster to build community following

### ON-AIR TALENT - Live 95/1420 KITI, Centralia, WA

2009 to 2010 & 2006 to 2007

- Hosted live evening show Mon-Sat in Hot AC format
- Voicetracked overnight shift in Oldies format
- Commercial & PSA production
- Board op for sports broadcasts
- Remote sales broadcasts

## SPORTS DIRECTOR & ON-AIR TALENT - Wayne Radio Works, Wayne, NE

2008 to 2009

- Managed team of four sports announcers
- Play-by-play of NCAA Division-II football and baseball
- Play-by-play of high school football, basketball, volleyball, and American Legion baseball
- Hosted live weekday morning show in Hot AC format
- Commercial & PSA production

# NEWS DIRECTOR & SPORTS PLAY-BY-PLAY - The Radio Network, Green River, WY

2007 to 2008

2016

- Broadcast news live on News/Talk format station weekday mornings & afternoons
- Recorded news report for four-station cluster
- Play-by-play of high school football and basketball
- Commercial & PSA production
- Remote sales broadcasts

### **SKILLS** Skillful with Photoshop, Word, Excel, and Powerpoint

Proficient in Adobe Audition, Sound Forge, and Sony Vegas

Well-versed in NexGen, Smartcaster, ENCO DAD, Maestro, Simian, Arrakis Digilink, WaveCart, and SpotMax Experience with Tieline ViA, Comrex, Marti, JK Audio Remote Mixer, Telular, Zercom Max-Z, VNC, and Skype Connected to the public through Hootsuite, Twitter, Facebook, Youtube, and WordPress

### **AWARDS** South Dakota Sportscaster of the Year – National Sports Media Association

Wall of Honor Inductee at 90.1 FM KBPK 2016

#### **EDUCATION** RADIO BROADCASTING DEGREE with SPORTS BROADCASTING CERTIFICATE

2006

Fullerton College, Fullerton, CA

#### CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE 1999

Orange Coast College, Costa Mesa, CA

#### REFERENCES Brent Duerre – Morning Show Host/Play-by-Play at Alpha Media USA – (605) 228-2797

Mike Grosz – Sports Information Director at Wayne State College – (402) 375-7326

Ed Ford – Retired Operations Manager at 90.1 FM KBPK – (714) 585-3553

Mark Pavlovich – SportsNetUSA broadcaster & retired talent agent – (714) 749-2532