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**WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband
Honors Mark Gailey with Jack H Rhyner Award and
Mike Reed with Associate Member Award**

HELENA, MT – (September 12, 2023) – At its 2023 Fall Education Forum, WTA – Advocates for Rural Broadband President Jimmy Todd presented Mark Gailey with the Jack H Rhyner Award.

Mark Gailey is President and GM of Totah Communications, based in Ochelata, OK. He has been involved with WTA for nearly 20 years and has served WTA as a member of its Board of Directors, President, and in other leadership and committee roles. He is currently Co-Chair of WTA’s Public Policy Committee and has made countless trips to Washington, D.C. to advocate on behalf of WTA’s member companies and all rural broadband providers.

The Jack H Rhyner Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated great leadership and extraordinary commitment and dedication to WTA, its membership, and the telecom industry.

Mike Reed, Unitel, was presented with WTA’s Associate Member Award, which recognizes a representative from WTA’s Associate Member community who has gone above and beyond in supporting WTA and its telco membership.

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