

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

**Best Use of Sound**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Cheri Lawson**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Double Dutch Champions"**

Imaginative use of sound (buzzer in the middle of the piece will wake you up!). Very interesting topic, well presented.

**Best Use of Sound**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Tana Weingartner**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Miami Stomp Dance"**

No comments.

**Best Broadcast Writing**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Gary Scott**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Model-T Party"**

A superb piece! The writing was crisp and woven in very well with the anecdotal stories of those who cherish these automobiles.

**Best Broadcast Writing**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Jennie Kiffmeyer**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Purple Haze"**

Such an abstract topic really showcased the writer's ability to use imagery effectively. Very insightful and interesting piece.

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**Best Sports Broadcaster**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Brian Deitz**  
**WOBL-AM/WDLW-AM, Oberlin**

Energetic, yet in control. Easy to follow.

**Best Sports Broadcaster**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Joe Jastrzemski**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

Memorable voice and delivery.

**Best Web Site**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**News Staff**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**  
**AkronNewsNow.com**

Clear, easy to navigate. The site is divided well among different categories of news.

**Best Documentary or Series**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**John Hingsbergen and Gary Scott**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"WMUB Election Forums"**

An in-depth look at issues facing Ohio voters. Well produced, hosted and organized.

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

**Best Feature Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Cheri Lawson**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Threshold Choirs"**

Great production and wonderful storytelling. Interesting story.

**Best Feature Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Tana Weingartner**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"The Two Miamis: Neepwaantiiyankwi"**

Great use of natural sound and well produced. Keep that recorder running!

**Best Spot News Coverage**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Jim Michaels**  
**WKBN-AM, Youngstown**  
**"Youngstown Fire"**

Field reports painted an excellent visual of the scene and the emotionally-charged reaction from friends/family of the victims.

**Best Spot News Coverage**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**News Staff**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**  
**"Fallen Officer Josh Miktarian"**

Reporters did a great job telling this story from the perspective of a devastated community. Sound ... was very compelling and presented effectively.

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

### **Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event Medium Market Radio *First Place***

**News Staff  
WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron  
"2008 Election"**

This entry shows us that radio can do a good job at providing the numbers and analysis in both national and local elections.

### **Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event Medium Market Radio *Second Place***

**News Staff  
WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron  
"Not Too Fat to Die - Richard Cooley"**

No comments.

### **Best Continuing Coverage Medium Market Radio *First Place***

**News Staff  
WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron  
"Bobby Cutts Jr."**

Comprehensive. Primary reporter Tina Kaufmann sounds authoritative, and she's able to distill the trial ... down to reports that are easily digestible.

### **Best Continuing Coverage Medium Market Radio *Second Place***

**Tana Weingartner and Gary Scott  
WMUB-FM, Oxford  
"Windstorm Aftermath"**

No comments.

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

**Best Investigative Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Tina Kaufmann**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**  
**"Bungalo Five"**

This series of reports shows the kind of impact a persistent reporter can have when the right questions are asked. Good writing, good editing, excellent.

**Best Investigative Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Cynthia Sperberg-Hart**  
**WYSO-FM, Yellow Springs**  
**"Springfield Strays"**

No comments.

**Best Enterprise Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Tina Kaufmann**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**  
**"Bungalo Five and Hot Spots"**

Reports have relevance as to use of police force. The series was not an attack and gave equal perspectives. Well-established and developed.

**Best Enterprise Reporting**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Gary Scott**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**  
**"Sewing for Soldiers"**

Great story about ways to support soldiers. A very good story, one any newsroom would be happy with.

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

**Best Anchor**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Larry States**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

Nice, steady delivery - even the school closings sounded good! Election coverage very strong, too!

**Best Anchor**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Cheri Lawson**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**

Great delivery - conversational and authoritative. Wonderful writing!

**Best Reporter**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Tina Kaufmann**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

Energetic delivery and inclusion of effective sound.

**Best Reporter**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**Tana Weingartner**  
**WMUB-FM, Oxford**

Ability to handle wide array of stories.

**Best Regularly Scheduled Sports**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**Brian Deitz**  
**WOBL-AM/WDLW-AM, Oberlin**

If I'm living in Oberlin, this is what I want to hear - Indians & Cavs!

## 2008 Medium Market Radio Judges' Comments

**Best Regularly Scheduled Sports  
Medium Market Radio  
*Second Place***

**Joe Jastrzemski  
WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

No comments.

**Best Regularly Scheduled News  
Medium Market Radio  
*First Place***

**John Nagy  
WKBN-AM, Youngstown**

Great delivery, crisp writing, lots of sound – good radio!

**Best Regularly Scheduled News  
Medium Market Radio  
*Second Place***

**Cassie Wilson  
WSPD-AM, Toledo**

Good delivery, nice pacing.

**Outstanding Sports Operation  
Medium Market Radio  
*First Place***

**Sports Staff  
WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

Outstanding work. Loved the content - a great mix of stories.

**Outstanding Sports Operation  
Medium Market Radio  
*Second Place***

**WOBL-AM/WDLW-AM, Oberlin**

No comments.

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**Outstanding News Operation**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*First Place*

**John Nagy**  
**WKBN-AM, Youngstown**

Good pacing, excellent content, delivery.

**Outstanding News Operation**  
**Medium Market Radio**  
*Second Place*

**News Staff**  
**WAKR-WONE-WQMX, Akron**

No comments.