

2008 Small Market Radio Judges' Comments

Best Sports Broadcaster
Small Market Radio
First Place

Todd Walker
WIMA-AM, Lima

Top notch.

Best Sports Broadcaster
Small Market Radio
Second Place

Mike Smith
WBEX-AM/WKKJ-FM, Chillicothe

Mike sounds like a well-seasoned sportscaster.

Best Web Site
Small Market Radio
First Place

Chadd Bartholomew and Michael Frank
WBEX-AM, Chillicothe
WBEX.com

An attractive Web site that provides a well-rounded mix. The site is well laid-out, it's easy to find what you're looking for.

Best Web Site
Small Market Radio
Second Place

WTUZ-FM, Uhrichsville/New Philadelphia
www.wtuz.com

No comments.

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Best Documentary or Series
Small Market Radio
First Place

Jennifer Clark
WJER-AM, Dover
"Hospice"

Educates the listener on a topic that we all will face. This series is a good primer on the last health care a patient will need.

Best Documentary or Series
Small Market Radio
Second Place

Mike Smith
WBEX-AM/WKKJ-FM, Chillicothe
"Sheriff's Race"

A comprehensive chronicle of an important race.

Best Feature Reporting
Small Market Radio
First Place

Jamie Hambach and Tim Ritzert
WJER-AM, Dover
"Soldiers Homecoming"

No comments.

Best Feature Reporting
Small Market Radio
Second Place

Jamie Hambach
WJER-AM, Dover
"County Bicentennial"

No comments.

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

WJER-AM, Dover **"Drowning on the Tuscarawas"**

On-the-scene actuality of man with cadaver dogs was compelling. Reporter giving storm warning and its impact on search gave immediacy to report.

Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event **Small Market Radio** *First Place*

WJER-AM, Dover **"November Election"**

Both national and local races given comprehensive coverage.

Extraordinary Coverage of a Scheduled Event **Small Market Radio** *Second Place*

Doug Jenkins and Jason Aldrich **WIMA-AM, Lima** **"The Trial of Sgt. Joseph Chavalía"**

Well rounded reporting of a sensitive story.

Best Continuing Coverage **Small Market Radio** *First Place*

WTUZ News **WTUZ-FM, Uhrichsville/New Philadelphia** **"Flood of 2008"**

Nice delivery – easy to listen to. This news department keeps its listeners well informed.

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Best Continuing Coverage **Small Market Radio** *Second Place*

WTUZ News
WTUZ-FM, Uhrichsville/New Philadelphia
"Countywide Landfill"

Pleasant voice – nice delivery. The series of reports no doubt kept listeners informed about a community problem.

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

Jamie Hambach and Tim Ritzert
WJER-AM, Dover
"Soldiers Homecoming"

Battle reenactment vets talking about weapons and tactics remind the listener of what war is all about.

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

Jamie Hambach
WJER-AM, Dover
"Campaign Volunteers"

The focus on the unprecedented volunteer work in the 2008 races informs the listener of why we are a democracy.

Best Anchor **Small Market Radio** *First Place*

Mike Smith
WBEX-AM/WKKJ-FM, Chillicothe

Big voice that commands attention. Good pacing and strong delivery.

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Best Anchor
Small Market Radio
Second Place

Darryl Maynard
WOBL-AM/WDLW-AM, Oberlin

Friendly, conversational style – very natural.

Best Reporter
Small Market Radio
First Place

Jamie Hambach
WJER-AM, Dover

Seems ready and prepared to tackle any project. Clear delivery, concise as well, captures the moment for the listener.

Best Regularly Scheduled Sports
Small Market Radio
First Place

Mike Smith
WKKJ-FM, Chillicothe

Clear and concise, folksy delivery.

Best Regularly Scheduled Sports
Small Market Radio
Second Place

Todd Walker
WIMA-AM, Lima

No comments.

Best Regularly Scheduled News
Small Market Radio
First Place

WJER-AM, Dover

Live report from field with debate watchers/voters caught the listener's ear. Well done set-up of Democratic debate. Timely reports.

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Outstanding Sports Operation
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First Place

Todd Walker
WIMA-AM, Lima

Spanning the sports scene from high school to the bigs makes this station No. 1.

Outstanding Sports Operation
Small Market Radio
Second Place

WBEX-AM/WKKJ-FM, Chillicothe

High school sports and pro champ interviews make this sports team a winner.

Outstanding News Operation
Small Market Radio
First Place

WJER-AM, Dover

Cogent questions garnered top-notch interview responses. 911 audio was compelling. Election coverage was very impressive.