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Congratulations to winners of *Ohio's Best Journalism awards* for 2015, coordinated by the Central Ohio, Cincinnati, and Cleveland Professional Chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists. During another year of transition in the journalism industry, we're excited to report that hundreds of excellent submissions flooded the inbox of Ohio's Best Journalism competition. The 228 winning entries were selected from 611 submissions, and are listed in this program. They are also available at our new competition website – www.ohiospjawards.org. Many thanks to Chuck Nelson, of *The Columbus Dispatch* and Central Ohio Pro Chapter member, for creating the website this fall.

A special thank you to dozens of judges from Florida SPJ chapters, who judged entries from newspapers, magazines, and radio and television stations from throughout the state. The Central Ohio, Cincinnati and Cleveland chapters will reciprocate by judging their contest in the future.

We're already making plans for our 2016 contest. Watch your inbox and visit ohiospjawards.org for details about the 2016 contest soon.

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2015 OHIO SPJ AWARDS PRINT WINNERS Newspapers (circ. 75,000+)

Best Arts Profile

FIRST: "Improbable Journeys: Cleveland's Eric Coble Makes it to Broadway with a Play about a Woman Battling the Decline of Old Age," Andrea Simakis, *The Plain Dealer*

SECOND: "Profile: Film role expands options for man who would be King," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Zachary Lewis, *The Plain Dealer*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Business Profile

FIRST: "How Rodney McMullen took Kroger to the top," Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: "Rafid Fadul, a Doctor and Real Estate Investor, calls Cleveland a 'perfect city': 2015 People to Watch," Michelle Jarboe McFee, *The Plain Dealer*



BEST CRITIC IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – MICHAEL GROSSBERG, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Business Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Mark Williams, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Dan Gearino, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Children's Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Distinguished Gentleman," Lynn Ischay, *The Plain Dealer*

SECOND: No Award

Best Consumer Reporting

No Entries

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Theodore Decker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Andrew Welsh-Huggins, *The Associated Press*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: "Slain Officer," Betty Lin-Fisher, Phil Trexler, Rick Armon. *The Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: "OSU Band Chief Fired," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*



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Backup clan
Through thick and thin, Devin Smith's family has been there for him

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MEMORANDUM

BIG TEN SPOTLIGHT

Badgers crank out yet another RB

By Todd Jones

The running back position has been a hot topic in the Big Ten conference since the start of the season. With the conference's top offensive players competing for the title, the position has become a key factor in determining which team will emerge as the champion. In the Big Ten, the running back position has become a key factor in determining which team will emerge as the champion. In the Big Ten, the running back position has become a key factor in determining which team will emerge as the champion.

Plenty is riding on game in wild West

As long as running back Matt LaMoine can stay healthy enough to play, Michigan's hopes for a Big Ten championship are still alive. The team's offense has been struggling, but LaMoine's performance has been a bright spot. He has been a key player in the team's offense, and his performance has been a key factor in determining which team will emerge as the champion.

TOP GAME

Illinois at Minnesota
Saturday, Nov. 8, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Last meeting: Nov. 23, 2013 (Illinois won 27-20)

SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	TV	OPPONENT
Sept. 6	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Wisconsin
Sept. 13	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Michigan
Sept. 20	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Iowa
Sept. 27	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Nebraska
Oct. 4	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Northwestern
Oct. 11	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Ohio State
Oct. 18	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Wisconsin
Oct. 25	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Michigan
Nov. 1	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Nebraska
Nov. 8	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Minnesota
Nov. 15	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Iowa
Nov. 22	7:30 p.m.	ESPN2	at Northwestern
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Dispatch special report

CAMPUS INSECURITY

The annual federal report on college crimes due this week is deceptively inaccurate.

By Collin Binkley
and Sara Gregory

The new report on campus crime is a mixed bag. It shows that the number of incidents has increased, but the data is flawed. The report is based on self-reported incidents, which may not be accurate. The report also shows that the majority of incidents are sexual assault, which is a major concern for students and parents.

High court OKs Ohio's reduction of early voting

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in favor of Ohio's law that limits early voting to three days before an election. This decision is a victory for the state's Republican-led government, which had argued that the law was necessary to prevent voter fraud.

- BEST SPECIAL SECTION, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – "BuckeyeXtra," Alan Miller, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- Best Editorial Page Campaign**
No Entries
- Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education**
FIRST: "Body of Work," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award
- Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12**
FIRST: "Ohio Charter Schools," Doug Livingston, *The Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Jennifer Smith Richards, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- Best Environment Reporting**
FIRST: "Saunders Park Contamination," Mark Ferenchik, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Shale Gas in Northeast Ohio," John Funk, *The Plain Dealer*
- Best Explanatory Journalism**
FIRST: "Infant Death Series," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Heroin Series," Staff of *ThisWeek Community News*
- Best Feature Reporting**
FIRST: "Body of Work," Lori Kurtzman, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- SECOND:** "A Holiday Miracle: Mother, Adopted Daughter Reunite After 28 Years," Heather Beyer, *The Akron Beacon Journal*
- Best Government Reporting**
FIRST: "An Uncommon Look at the Common Core," Jim Siegel, Cathy Candisky, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Body of Work," The Ohio Staff of *The Associated Press*
- Best Headline Writing**
FIRST: "Quoth the Maven," "Change or Croak," "Little Crop of Horrors," Andrew Sterling, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Parma Guitar Maker Wins COSE Contest- to the Tune of \$20,000" "Hot Dog! Indians Mascots Race Their Buns Off," Mary Ann Whitley, *The Plain Dealer*
- Best Human Interest Writing**
FIRST: "Something in the Middle of Nothing," Ally Marotti, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Laura Arenschield, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- Best Investigative Reporting**
FIRST: "Unguarded," Josh Jarman, Jill Riepenhoff, Lucas Sullivan, Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

- BEST DEFENSE OF FIRST AMENDMENT, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – "Campus Insecurity," Collin Binkley, Jill Riepenhoff, Mike Wagner, Sara Gregory, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- SECOND:** "Falling From Grace," Bob Dyer, *The Akron Beacon Journal*
- Best Medical/Science Reporting**
FIRST: "Body of Work," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Main Control," Alan Johnson, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- Best Minority Issues Reporting**
FIRST: "Body of Work," Mark Curnutte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Encarnacion Pyle, *The Columbus Dispatch*
- Best Newsmaker Profile**
FIRST: "Body of Work," Collin Binkley, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "How Rodney McMullen Took Kroger to the Top" Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
- Best Political Commentary**
No Entries
- Best Political Reporting**
FIRST: "Issues in Ohio's 2014 Governor's Race," Darrel Rowland, Jim Siegel, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – Chris Russell, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Public Records Use

FIRST: "Campus Insecurity," Mike Wagner, Jill Riepenhoff, Collin Binkley, Sara Gregory, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Kent State Secrecy," Carol Biliczky, *The Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Public Service Journalism

FIRST: "Unguarded," Josh Jarman, Jill Riepenhoff, Lucas Sullivan, Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Heroin Series," Staff of *ThisWeek Community News*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," JoAnne Viviano, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award

Best Rock and Roll Commentary

No Entries

Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing

FIRST: "Body of Work," Kevin Joy, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Jim Fischer, *ThisWeek Community News*

Best Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Infant Death Series," Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Home Care Crisis," Rita Price, Ben Sutherly, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Sports Profile

FIRST: "Wrestling with a Bitter Lesson," Todd Jones, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Tim Warsinskey, *The Plain Dealer*
SECOND: No Award

Best Web site

FIRST: "dispatch.com," Staff of *dispatch.com*, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "thisweeknews.com," Staff of *thisweeknews.com*, *ThisWeek Community News*

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Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: "Body of Work," Joe Blundo, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Phillip Morris, *The Plain Dealer*

Best Critic in Ohio

FIRST: "Body of Work," Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Selection of Work," Janelle Gelfand, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Arts

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Fun from home: Five hundred miles away, you're sure to find Cleveland ties. Check Yarbrough finds. **page 24**
Television: There is a growing list of movies that have been successfully translated to the small screen. **page 24**
Film composer: Donald Herrmann's movie scores to be edited by Cleveland Orchestra. **page 24**



Improbable Journeys
 Cleveland's Eric Coble makes it to Broadway with a play about a woman battling the decline of old age

Television
 Channel 19's Applegate retiring; created bold, aggressive newscast

BEST ARTS PROFILE, FIRST, print over 75,000 - "Improbable Journeys," Andrea Simakis, *The Plain Dealer*

Best Daily Newspaper
FIRST: The Plain Dealer, Staff of *The Plain Dealer*
SECOND: The Columbus Dispatch, Alan Miller, Staff of *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Defense of First Amendment
FIRST: "Campus Insecurity," Collin Binkley, Jill Riepenhoff, Mike Wagner, Sara Gregory, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award

Best Defense of Literacy
FIRST: "Alternative Reading Test Questioned," Jennifer Smith Richards, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award

Best Graphic Designer
FIRST: "Body of Work," Charlie Zimkus, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Andrea Levy, *The Plain Dealer*

Best Monthly in Ohio
 No Entries

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Best Page One Design

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SECOND: "Secret Weapon," "Alarming Losses," Alan Miller, Staff of *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Chris Russell, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Gus Chan, *The Plain Dealer*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Misti Crane, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Sharon Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Special Publication

No Entries

Best Special Section

FIRST: "Buckeye Extra," Alan Miller, Staff of *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No award

Best Videographer

FIRST: "Body of Work," Carrie Wise, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: "How The Bengals Assemble Their Draft Board," Michael Nyerges, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

Best Weekly Newspaper

No Entries

PRINT WINNERS Newspapers (Circulation Under 75,000)

Best Arts Profile

FIRST: "Denny Griffith's Masterpiece," Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: "Outside in," Emily Thompson, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Jeff McGinnis, *Toledo Free Press*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Jesse Tigges, *Columbus Alive!*

Best Business Profile

FIRST: "Scaling by the Scoop," Kitty McConnell, Columbus CEO, *The Dispatch Printing Company*
SECOND: "The Big Give," Heather Weekley, *Capital Style Magazine*

Best Business Reporting

FIRST: "Retail, Restaurants, Auto Coverage," Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Chuck Soder, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Children's Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Back to School," Evan Goodenow, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: "Wear Blue Day Marks Child Abuse Prevention Month," Sarah Ottney, *The Toledo Free Press*

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: "When Adeptus Arrives, That Trip to the ER Won't be the Same," Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: "Tesla Fight Pits Tradition Against Upstart's Vision for Auto Retailing," Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Body of Work," Nick Glunt, *The Medina Gazette*
SECOND: "Attorney Accused of Hypnotizing Clients," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: "Church Fire: 'We Have Lost Our History,'" Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: "Flooding, Rescues and Heroes," David Knox, Lauren Genson, Nick Glunt, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Editorial Page Campaign

FIRST: "Prosecutor Vs Judge," Andy Young, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: No Award

Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12

No Entries

Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education

No Entries

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Your schools: Alternative reading test questioned
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BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – MISTI CRANE, *The Columbus Dispatch*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – CHRIS RUSSELL, *The Columbus Dispatch*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – Yogesh Chaudhary, *Columbus CEO, Dispatch Printing Company*

Best Environment Reporting FIRST: "Algae Crisis is 'Game Changer' for Region's Water Supply," Danielle Stanton, Sarah Ottney, *Toledo Free Press*
SECOND: "Utica Fights for Attention," Tom Knox, *Columbus Business First*

Best Explanatory Journalism FIRST: "Tax Certainty, Multiple Slices Taken by State, Cities," Mary Yost, Columbus CEO, *The Dispatch Printing Company*
SECOND: "Recessions Scars County," David Knox, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Feature Reporting FIRST: "Out Loud," Staff of *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Creating a Cheese Culture," Beth Stallings, *Crave Magazine*

Best Government Reporting FIRST: "Auditor Investigation," Nick Glunt, Lauren Genson, Katie Anderson, *The Medina Gazette*
SECOND: "A look at Elyria City Government," Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Headline Writing FIRST: "Silver Lining Nowhere to be Found in Sterling Case," "Perfectus, Perfectus, Perfectus, Shaker Heights Junior Aces National Latin Exam for Fourth Straight Year," Bob Jacob, *Cleveland Jewish News*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – Christopher Casella, *(614) Magazine*

SECOND: "A Cold Snap: County Endures Record Lows With Relative Ease," "Pen Pals: Dana Thur, 10, Poses with her 9 Year Old Horse Sierra," Scott Kline, *The Medina Gazette*

Best Human Interest Writing FIRST: "We've Got Big Plans," Connie Schultz, *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Three-Eight Charlie, Where are You?" Chris Gaitten, *(614) Magazine*

Best Investigative Reporting FIRST: "Judge Burge Under Fire," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: "Probation Investigation," Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Media Criticism FIRST: "The Enquirer's Big Shakeup," Chris Wetterich, *Cincinnati Business Courier*
SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Science Reporting FIRST: "Change of Heart," Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*
SECOND: "Man Overboard," Michelle Sullivan, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Minority Issues Reporting FIRST: "Body of Work," Dan Yount, *Cincinnati Herald*
SECOND: "Out of the Shadows," Anna Merriman, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

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Best Newsmaker Profile FIRST: "Local Gold Star Family Champions Pay it Forward Lifestyle," Sarah Ottney, *Toledo Free Press*
SECOND: "See Kramer Run," Holly Zachariah, *Capital Style Magazine*

Best Political Commentary FIRST: "A City's Limits," Erick Trickey, *Cleveland Magazine*



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SECOND: “Body of Work,” Andy Young, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Political Reporting

FIRST: “Election 2014: Issue 14,” Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: “Trick-or-treat for Politics,” Brad Dicken, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Public Records Use

No Entries

Best Public Service Journalism

FIRST: “194: Heroin’s Toll,” James Bigley II, Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: “Legalized Marijuana is Coming to Ohio,” Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: “The Francis Effect and Lay Leadership,” John Walsh, *John Carroll University*

SECOND: “Heroin Epidemic Resonates in Jewish Community,” Jacqueline Mitchel, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Rock and Roll Commentary

No Entries

Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing

FIRST: “Body of Work,” Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive!*

SECOND: No Award

Best Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: “Homelessness in Lorain County,” Lisa Roberson, *The Chronicle-Telegram*



BEST CRITIC IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – BOB ABELMAN, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: “The Last Houses,” James Bigley II, Jillian Kramer, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Sports Profile

FIRST: “Man in the Middle,” Sheehan Hannan, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: “He Wasn’t Given Sunday,” Scott Petrak, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: “Body of Work,” Albert Grindle, *The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: “Body of Work,” Mark Hazelwood, *The Sandusky Register*

Best Web Site

FIRST: “columbusmonthly.com,” Erin Edwards, Taylor Starek, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: “bizjournals.com,” Erin Caproni, Staff of *bizjournals.com*, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

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Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: “Body of Work,” Andy Young, *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: “Body of Work,” Regina Brett, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Critic in Ohio

FIRST: “Body of Work,” Bob Abelman, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: “Body of Work,” Laura Adiletta, *Cleveland Magazine*



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Best Daily Newspaper

FIRST: *The Chronicle-Telegram*, Staff of *The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: *The Medina Gazette*, Staff of *The Medina Gazette*

Best Defense of the First Amendment

No Entries

Best Defense of Literacy

No Entries

Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: “Body of Work,” Yogesh Chaudhary, Columbus CEO, *Dispatch Printing Company*

SECOND: “Body of Work,” Carrie Sosnowski, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Monthly in Ohio

FIRST: *Cleveland Magazine*, Staff of *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: *Columbus Monthly*, Staff of *Columbus Monthly*

Best Page One Design

FIRST: “Ready: A Preppers Guide,” “War Comes Home: Wounded and Strong,” Staff of *(614) Magazine*

SECOND: “Why Ohio Car Dealers Fear Tesla,” “This Could be the One: Failed Trash to Cash Promises,” John Lauer, *Columbus Business First*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Christopher Casella, *(614) Magazine*

SECOND: Tim Johnson, *Columbus CEO*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Nick Glunt, *The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: Michelle Sullivan, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Special Publication

FIRST: "Stock and Barrel, Vol 2," Staff of *(614) Magazine*

SECOND: "Crave Winter and Crave Fall Issues," Beth Stallings, *Crave Magazine*

Best Special Section

FIRST: "Columbus 2020," Mary Yost, Tim Johnson, Yogesh Chaudary, TC Brown, Columbus CEO, *Dispatch Printing Company*

SECOND: "Stars of David," staff, *The Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Videographer

No Entries

Best Weekly Newspaper

FIRST: Toledo Free Press, Sarah Ottney, Staff of *Toledo Free Press*
SECOND: Crain's Cleveland Business, Staff of *Crain's Cleveland Business*

TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

Best Cover Design

FIRST: "Canvas Fall/Winter 2014," Jon Larson, *Cleveland Jewish News*
SECOND: "March/April 2014," Monica Doud, *The College Store Magazine*

Best Feature Design

FIRST: "'West Side Story' Jstyle Fall 2014," Rob Ghosh, *Cleveland Jewish News*
SECOND: "Peletonia/Rise Up/ Stick to it," Jim Mericsko, *Smart Business*

Best General Story

FIRST: "The ROI of POD," Dan Angelo, *The College Store Magazine*
SECOND: "Play to Pay," Michael von Glahn, *The College Store Magazine*

Best Personality Profile

FIRST: "Flight Plan," Sheehan Hannan, *Inside Business Magazine*
SECOND: "Hanging Up His Suitcase: Hectic Schedule to Stop When Blumenthal Retires," Miles Moore, *Rubber & Plastic News*

The College Store Editorial



by Michael von Glahn

ESCAPING NEVERLAND

INCREASING DIGITAL PRODUCT AND ONLINE COMPETITION KILL A VENERABLE STORE, BUT IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY.

by the time you read this, part of my childhood will be gone. Wings Hobby Shop, a place I'd personally visit from 12 to 14, will have been closed for good.

No one's really ever been old the store was. The owner bought the business in 1987 from his father, which brought it from a part-time center in 1987 beyond that it got busy.

At least my two boys have been to the store with me many times, so they'll certainly be able to tell their own kids what it was like to visit a hobby shop. Wings was one of the best and, independent, deep-inventory hobby shops in the Greater Cleveland area. When the "hobby" brings some filled a couple pages of the phonebook, there are now only a handful left, many of them just craft stores.

While watching Wings' shuttering is hardly surprising. For all the good things about the store, the business was plagued by "sevens." As a newspaper piece on the closing noted, the owner "lamented what was in the 1,000 sq. ft. store, never interested in creating a website or expanding online."

He also never educated himself on new digital marketing techniques—nor through he sold the products and needed retooling was one of his big competitors—or he couldn't offer advice to customers, especially with his own hobby knowledge about the hobby he wanted to be a gift for a relative or child.

But a local hobbyist himself, he never read the products he sold. Even so, he could have and continue to some of the many magazines he worked or tapped the more expert of his longtime customers to create a top advice omnibus or blog. He never did any of that. Even though hobbyists would drive more than an hour to shop the store, he never contacted

an email or omnibus customer that he had no way of reaching one to announce availability of new products.

There are so many promotions he never tried. He never set up a user online customer could display their finished models. He never ran an in-store modeling contest with prizes to give. The store was never home to a small working team beyond that his and adults should want to build enthusiasm for the hobby.

Aside from a table at the back plus with basic home magazines read and down to \$2.95, he never held sales of any kind. The 20% off anniversary clearance clearance produced more traffic in the aisles than I'd ever see in.

While many of the reader comments after the article on the closing seemed sympathetic about childhood visits, quite a few also said of encouraging your service or overnight mailboxes from the owner and his thinking well over the years.

Aside from college and duty years spent living in L.A., I'd been a steady customer for about 40 years. It's a small world about 10 years ago as his clients aged and dwindled, that Wings' owner finally got out of the store. And while in the article he cited young people's lack of interest in traditional hobbies as a reason for the declining business, on many occasions I watched him very visibly before any announcement attempt to his store through the aisles, clearly wanting me as a shopper to be coming in to buy something they didn't come back!

Learn from him. To keep your own doors open, find and stimulate the "sevens" in your business.

Michael von Glahn is editor of *The College Store* magazine.

BEST TRADE COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – Michael von Glahn, *The College Store Magazine*

Best Trade Department

FIRST: "Building Stronger Communities: Cleveland," Mary Adomaitis, Jim Mericsko, *Uniquely Cleveland/ Smart Business Cleveland*
SECOND: "Building Stronger Communities: Columbus," Jayne Gest, *Uniquely Columbus/Smart Business Columbus*

Best Trade Publication Web Site

FIRST: "Rubbernews.com," Don Detore, Chris Sweeney, Bruce Meyer, *Rubber & Plastic News*
SECOND: No Award

Best Trade Report

FIRST: "Food on the Brink: Two Sides to Every Border," Chris Kick, *Farm and Dairy*
SECOND: "Farm to Table Liabilities," Barney Wolf, *FSR Magazine*

BEST OF SHOW TRADE PUBLICATIONS

Best Trade Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Michael von Glahn, *The College Store Magazine*
SECOND: Susan Crowell, *Farm and Dairy*



BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – *Inside Business Magazine*

Best Trade Publication in Ohio

FIRST: "January/February and September/October 2014 Issues," Staff of *Inside Business Magazine*
SECOND: "November and December 2014 Issues," Steve Roach, *Coin World*

TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: "Shady Electricians," Tom Sussi, Matt Spurrier, Drew Jones, *WSYX ABC 6*
SECOND: "Termite Trouble," Hagit Limor, Dan Wood, *WXIX-TV*

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: "Residencygate," Jason Scott, Amy Wagner, *WXIX-TV*
SECOND: "Wal-Mart Shooting," Sean Dunster, Staff of *WHIO-TV*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Convicted Murderer Pleads Innocence—Victims Family Unimpressed," Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*
SECOND: No Award

Best Documentary

FIRST: "Facing Forward: A Student's Story," Mark Smukler, *WVIZ/PBS ideastream*
SECOND: "Miami Valley Murder Mysteries," James Brown, Cheryl McHenry, John Paul, *WHIO-TV*

Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12

No Entries

Best Education Issues Reporting: Higher Education

No Entries

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: "Waste Watch," Brooks Jarosz, *WSYX/WTTE-TV*

SECOND: "Policing the Police," Tom Sussi, Drew Jones, *WSYX ABC 6*

Best Environment Reporting

No Entries

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: "Good to the Last Box," Jordan Burgess, Kris Sproles, *WDTN*

SECOND: "Richmond Reunion," John Bedell, Mike Burianek, Dee Moorman, *WHIO-TV*

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: "Tiny Girl Survives Vicious Pit Bull Attack," Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

SECOND: "GE Brings Thousands of Jobs to Cincinnati's Bank District," Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: "Democracy 2014 – Ohio Governor Candidate Profile," Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

SECOND: "Cincinnati Bids for 2016 Republican National Convention," Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

Best Health Care Feature Reporting

No Entries

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: "The Charity Fake-Out," Hagit Limor, *WXIX-TV*

SECOND: "Left Behind: Scandal at the VA," Jim Otte, Josh Sweigart, *WHIO-TV*

Best Medical/Health Report

FIRST: "Be Well: Caregivers," Anne Glausser, Kay Colby, *WVIZ/PBS ideastream*

SECOND: No Award

Best Minority Issues Coverage

No Entries

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: "Flyer Madness: Keep the Drive Alive," Mike Hartsock, Staff of *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: No Award

Best Spot News

FIRST: "Wal-Mart Shooting: No Indictment," Sean Dunster, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: No Award

Best Web Site

FIRST: *newsnet5.com*, Colleen Seitz, Staff of *newsnet5.com*, *WEWS-TV*

SECOND: *whio.com*, Quindelda McElroy, Staff of *whio.com*, Breaking News Staff, *WHIO-TV*

BEST OF SHOW TELEVISION WINNERS



BEST ANCHOR, TELEVISION, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – JOHN PAUL, *WHIO-TV*

Best Anchor

FIRST: John Paul, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: Bob Kendrick, *WSYX/WTTE-TV*

Best Editor

FIRST: "Dayton Belle," Dee Moorman, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: No Award

Best News Operation

No Entries

Best Newscast

FIRST: "Newscenter 7 at Noon: Tornado Coverage," Quincy Wallace, Alex King, Kristi Derocher, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: No Award

Best Producer

FIRST: "Left Behind: Scandal at the VA," Becky Grimes, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: "Miami Valley Murder Mysteries," Becky Grimes, Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

Best Public Affairs Program

FIRST: "Columbus on the Record," Mike Thompson, Diana Bergemann, *WOSU-TV*

SECOND: "The State of Ohio," Karen Kasler, Ron Corby, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television*



BEST REPORTER, TELEVISION, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – JORDAN BURGESS, *WDTN*

Best Reporter

FIRST: "Mining the Gem City," Jordan Burgess, *WDTN*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Tom Sussi, *WSYX ABC 6*

Best Videographer

FIRST: "Composite," Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: No Award

RADIO WINNERS

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: "Historic Ohio Hotel May Have to Change to Survive," Kevin Niedermier, *WKSU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: "Challenges to Same-Sex Marriage Ban in Ohio," Ann Thompson, Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

SECOND: "Tamir Rice Shooting and Aftermath," News Staff of *WCPN ideastream*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: "Tamir Rice Shooting Sparks Outrage, Questions," News Staff of *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: "Tamir Rice Shooting," Staff of *WKSU*

Best Documentary

No Entries

Best Education Issues**Reporting: K-12**

FIRST: "Columbus Schools Data Scandal," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*
SECOND: "Body of Work," Staff of State Impact Ohio, *WCPN ideastream*

Best Education Issues**Reporting: Higher Education**

FIRST: "Body of Work," Staff of State Impact Ohio, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: No Award

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: "Heroin: Big Trouble in a Small Town," Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*
SECOND: "Fracking Spurs Short Line Railroads," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*

Best Environment Reporting

FIRST: "Will the Ohio River Carry Fracking Wastewater?" Tim Rudell, *WKSU*
SECOND: "Seeds Dropped From Sky to Improve Soil and Water," Ann Thompson, *WVXU*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: "One Man's After Work Cocktail: The Chagrin River in a Kayak," Joanna Richards, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: "Tiny School Demands Big Work of Students," Karen Kassler, Statehouse News Bureau, *Ohio Public Radio and Television*

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: "United's Cleveland Hopkins Hub Closure Could Have a Silver Lining," Kabir Bhatia, *WKSU*
SECOND: "Cleveland Lands 2016 GOP Convention," Kevin Niedermier, *WKSU*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: "Columbus Zoo Levy Series," Tom Borgerding, *WOSU*
SECOND: "Recap: 2014 at the Statehouse," Karen Kasler, Statehouse News Bureau, *Ohio Public Radio and Television*

Best Health Care Feature Reporting

No Entries

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: "City-County Agency Fails to Make Loan Payments," Mandie Trimble, *WOSU*
SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Health Reporting

FIRST: "Exploradio: Sports Training can Stem the Epidemic of Knee Injuries in Girls," Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*
SECOND: "Using GPS to Fix a Heart Problem," Ann Thompson, *WVXU*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: "Columbus' Dismal African American Infant Mortality Rate," Mandie Trimble, *WOSU*
SECOND: "Exploradio: Avoiding the 'Acting White' Trap," Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: "International Gay Games 9," Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*
SECOND: No Award

Best Spot News

FIRST: "Oak Glenn Nature Preserve Oil Spill," Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*
SECOND: "Utica Fractionator Helps Ease Propane Shortage," Tim Rudell, *WKSU*

Best Web Site

FIRST: "wosu.org," Staff of *WOSU* News Team, *WOSU*
SECOND: "wksu.org," Chuck Poulton, *WKSU*

BEST OF SHOW RADIO WINNERS**Best Anchor**

FIRST: Maryanne Zeleznik, *WVXU*
SECOND: Steve Brown, *WOSU*

Best Editor

FIRST: "Horseracing Ends at Beulah Park," Sam Hendren, *WOSU*
SECOND: No Award

Best News Operation

FIRST: "Compilation," Staff of *WCPN ideastream*



BEST ANCHOR, RADIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – MARYANNE ZELEZNIK, *WVXU*



BEST REPORTER, RADIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – TIM RUDELL, *WKSU*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Staff of *WVXU News Team*

Best Newscast

FIRST: "August 6, 2014," Staff of *WVXU News Team*
SECOND: Steve Brown, *WOSU*

Best Producer

FIRST: "Around Cincinnati," Lee Hay, *WVXU*
SECOND: No Award

Best Public Affairs Program

FIRST: "Cincinnati Edition," Mark Heyne, Pete Rightmire, *WVXU*
SECOND: "The Sound of Ideas: Police and the Black Community," Staff of The Sound of Ideas, *WCPN ideastream*

Best Reporter

FIRST: Tim Rudell, *WKSU*
SECOND: Mandie Trimble, *WOSU*

ONLINE WINNERS**Best Arts/Entertainment Story**

FIRST: "Finding Ferdinand Brader," Brian Lisik, Katie Woods, *farmanddairy.com/Farm and Dairy*
SECOND: "DCDC: Putting Dayton on the Map," Olivia Barrow, *bizjournals.com/Dayton Business Journal*

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Best Business/Tech Story

FIRST: "Food on the Brink: Two Sides to Every Border," Chris Kick, Jordan Roberts, *farmanddairy.com/Farm and Dairy*

SECOND: "New Dayton Spot Combines Technology, Café," Joe Cogliano, *bizjournals.com/Dayton Business Journal*

Best Editorial Writing

No Awards

Best Feature

FIRST: "Exit 34: The Last Watch of Officer Jason Ellis," Jessica Noll, *WCPO.com/WCPO*

SECOND: "Teen's Long Road to Recovery," Karie Spaetzel, Anna Merriman, Kristin Bauer, *chronicle.northcoastnow/The Chronicle-Telegram*

Best Graphic Design/Navigation

FIRST: *ideastream.org*, Joseph Sheppa, *wcpn.ideastream.org/ideastream*

SECOND: No Award

Best Headline Writing

No Entries

Best Medical/Science Story

FIRST: "Recycling the Dead," Kathiann Kowalski, Freelance: Published in *Science News for Students*

SECOND: No Award

Best News Story

FIRST: "Tamir Rice Shooting," Colleen Seitz, Staff of *newsnet5.com/WEWS*

SECOND: "Ebola Alert," Colleen Seitz, Staff of *newsnet5.com/WEWS*

Best Photography

FIRST: "Kyle's Story," Kristin Bauer, *chronicle.northcoastnow/The Chronicle-Telegram*

SECOND: "Mother, Wife Mourns Loss of Officer Jason Ellis," Jessica Noll, *wcpo.com/WCPO*

Best Sports Coverage

No Entries

Best Videographer

FIRST: "How Bengals Assemble Their Draft Board," Michael Nyerges, *cincinnati.com/The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: "Pursuit of the NFL's 16th Franchise," Michael Nyerges, *cincinnati.com/The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Weblog

FIRST: "CincyBizBlog," Erin Caproni, Staff of *The Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: "UAS Dayton," Tristan Navera, *Dayton Business Journal*

BEST OF SHOW ONLINE WINNERS

Best General News Site

FIRST: *newsnet5.com*, Colleen Seitz, Staff of *newsnet5.com/WEWS*

SECOND: *bizjournals.com*, Erin Caproni, Staff of *bizjournals.com/Cincinnati Business Courier*

Best Online Still Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: "Visual Journalist," Jessica Noll, *wcpo.com/WCPO*

SECOND: "Portfolio," Kristen Bauer, *chronicle.northcoastnow.com/The Chronicle-Telegram*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, ONLINE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – Jessica Noll, *wcpo.com/WCPO*

COLLEGE WINNERS

Best College Daily Newspaper

FIRST: *The Daily Kent Stater*, Mitch McKenney, Kent State University

SECOND: No Award

Best College Feature Writing

FIRST: "Body in Transition: The Journey of a Transgender Student," Amanda Pitrof, The University of Toledo, *The Independent Collegian*

SECOND: "otr (over-the-rhine) Aglow," Hollis Conners, Xavier University, *The Xavier Newswire*

Best College News Writing

FIRST: "Body of Work," Liz Young, The Ohio State University, *The Lantern*

SECOND: "Body of Work," Kristen Mitchell, The Ohio State University, *The Lantern*

Best College Non-Daily Newspaper

FIRST: *The Lantern*, Liz Young, The Ohio State University

SECOND: The Cauldron, Kevin Buryanek, Samah Assad, *Cleveland State University*

Best College Opinion Writing

FIRST: "Editorials and Columns," Daniel Moore, Kent State University, *The Daily Kent Stater*

SECOND: "Learning to Always 'be Drunken'," Andrew Koch, Xavier University, *The Xavier Newswire*

Best College Sports Writing

FIRST: "Body of Work," Tim Moody, The Ohio State University, *The Lantern*

SECOND: "Body of Work," James Grega, The Ohio State University, *The Lantern*



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