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PBS 45 & 49's **NewsNight Akron** panel to choose 2005 Newsmaker of the Year

KENT, Ohio -- Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006 -- Tune in to PBS 45 & 49 on Friday, Jan. 6 at 9 p.m. to find out who will win the 2005 Akron Newsmaker of the Year award. The award recognizes the Summit County individual whose work has had the most positive effect on the area over the past year. Panelists of **NewsNight Akron** will discuss worthy candidates and determine the winner during the broadcast.

Hosted by Vincent Duffy, director of programming and operations at WKSU/89.7 FM, the show's panelists include Ed Esposito, news director at WAKR/WONE/WQMX; Steve Hoffman, editorial writer at the *Akron Beacon Journal*; and Jody Miller, owner and publisher of *Bath Country Journal*. The panelists are regular participants on **NewsNight Akron**, a weekly show that reviews and analyzes Akronarea news. The show is in its sixth season on PBS 45 & 49.

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