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### **ONPA announces General Excellence awards**

TIGARD, Ore. – Oregon newspapers and the people who produce them were recognized during awards ceremonies at the annual Summer Publishers Convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA), July 18 at the Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

The most coveted award for Oregon newspapers is the General Excellence award. Winners of the **Charles A. Sprague Award for General Excellence** for daily newspapers were divided into three circulation divisions.

- Winners in the 25,001 or more division were: *The Oregonian*, Portland, first place; *Statesman Journal*, Salem, second place; and *The Register-Guard*, Eugene, third place.
- Winners in the 10,001 to 25,000 division were: *The News-Review*, Roseburg, first place; *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, second place; *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, third place; and *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, honorable mention.
- Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *The Daily Astorian*, first place; *Baker City Herald*, second place; *The Dalles Chronicle*, third place; and *The Observer*, La Grande, honorable mention.

Winners of the **Elmo Smith Award for General Excellence** for nondaily newspapers were divided into four circulation divisions.

- Winners in the two or more issues per week division were: *Hillsboro Argus*, first place; *News-Times*, Newport, second place; *News-Register*, McMinnville, third place; and *The Outlook*, Gresham, honorable mention.
- Winners in the 3,501 or more division were: *Tigard Times and Tualatin Times*, first place; and *Cottage Grove Sentinel*, second place. *The Madras Pioneer* and *Beaverton Valley Times* both received honorable mentions in this division.
- Due to the small number of entries, the 2,001 to 3,500 division and the 2,000 or less division were combined for judging. The winners in the combined division were *Wallowa County Chieftain*, Enterprise, first place; *Lebanon Express*, second place; *West Linn Tidings*, third place; and *Keizertimes*, honorable mention.

A complete list of winners, including images of the winning entries, is posted on the ONPA Web site at [www.orenews.com](http://www.orenews.com). Copies of this and other press releases related to the Summer Publishers Convention can also be downloaded there in various formats.

ONPA, founded in 1887, is a professional association of the state's daily and nondaily paid-circulation newspapers.