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ONPA announces General Excellence awards

EUGENE, Oregon – 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 15 at the Valley River Inn in Eugene, Oregon.

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; *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, second place; and *Albany Democrat-Herald*, third place.
- Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *The Observer*, La Grande, first place; *The Dalles Chronicle*, second place; *Baker City Herald*, third place; and *Ashland Daily Tidings*, 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: *The Outlook*, Gresham, first place; *The Newberg Graphic*, second place; *Hillsboro Argus* and *News-Register*, McMinnville, shared the third place award; and *Hood River News*, honorable mention.
- Winners in the 3,501 or more division were: *Lake Oswego Review*, first place; *Tigard Times/Tualatin Times*, second place; *Appeal Tribune*, Silverton, third place; and *West Linn Tidings*, honorable mention.
- Winners in the 2,001 to 3,500 division were: *Wilsonville Spokesman*, first place; *The Stayton Mail*, second place; and *Tri-County News*, Junction City, third place.
- Winners in the 2,000 or less division were: *Rogue River Press*, first place; *West-Lane News*, Veneta, second place; and *The Creswell Chronicle*, third place.

A complete list of winners, including images of the winning entries, is posted on the ONPA Web site at www.orennews.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.