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ONPA announces General Excellence awards

WELCHES, 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 14 at the Resort at the Mountain in Welches, 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: *Statesman Journal*, Salem, first place; *The Register-Guard*, Eugene, second place; and *The Oregonian*, Portland, third place.
- Winners in the 10,001 to 25,000 division were: *East Oregonian*, Pendleton, first place; *The News-Review*, Roseburg, second place; and *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, third place.
- Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *Ashland Daily Tidings*, first place; *Baker City Herald*, second place; and *The Dalles Chronicle*, third place.

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

- Winners in the two or more issues per week division were: *The Outlook*, Gresham, first place; *Hillsboro Argus*, second place; *Hood River News*, third place; and *Canby Herald*, honorable mention.
- Winners in the 3,501 or more division were: *Beaverton Valley Times*, first place; *West Linn Tidings*, second place; and *Springfield News*, third place.
- Winners in the 3,500 or less division were: *Wilsonville Spokesman*, first place; *Keizertimes*, second place; and *West-Lane News*, Veneta, third place; and *Tri-County News*, Junction City, honorable mention.

A complete list of winners, including images of the winning entries, is posted on this web site, www.orenews.com. Copies of other press releases related to the Summer Publishers Convention can also be downloaded there in Adobe PDF and Microsoft Word formats.

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