

ONPA announces General Excellence awards

SALEM, Oregon – Oregon newspapers and the people who produce them were recognized during awards ceremonies at the 120th annual Summer Publishers Convention of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA), July 13 at the Salem Conference Center in Salem, Oregon.

The most coveted award for Oregon newspapers is the General Excellence award, competition for which is part of the ONPA 2007 Better Newspaper Contest. 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; *The Register-Guard*, Eugene, second place; and the *Mail Tribune*, Medford, 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 *Grants Pass Daily Courier*, third place.
- Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *The Daily Astorian*, first place; *The Dalles Chronicle*, second place; and *Ashland Daily Tidings*, 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: *News-Register*, McMinnville, first place; *Hood River News*, second place; and *The Outlook*, Gresham, third place.
- Winners in the 3,501 or more division were: *Lake Oswego Review*, first place; *Beaverton Valley Times*, second place; and *The Times*, Tigard-Tualatin, third place.
- Winners in the 3,500 or less division were: *West Linn Tidings*, first place; *The Sandy Post*, second place; and the *Appeal Tribune*, Silverton, third place.

Also presented during the even ceremonies was an award for Public Service Journalism, another category of the 2007 Better Newspaper Contest that was judged separately from the rest of the contest. The award was given to the *Mail Tribune*, Medford.

A complete list of winners in the 2007 Better Newspaper Contest and 2007 Associate Member Publications Contest, including images of the winning entries, is posted on the ONPA web site at www.orenews.com.

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