

## **ONPA announces General Excellence awards**

Gleneden Beach, 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 18 at Salishan Spa & Golf Resort in Gleneden Beach, Oregon.

The most coveted award for Oregon newspapers is the General Excellence award, competition for which was part of the ONPA 2008 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 Bulletin*, Bend, first place; *The Oregonian*, Portland, second place; and the *Statesman Journal*, Salem, third place.
- Winners in the 10,001 to 25,000 division were: *Albany Democrat-Herald*, first place; *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, second place; and *The News-Review*, Roseburg, third place.
- Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *East Oregonian*, Pendleton, first place; *The Dalles Chronicle*, second place; and *The Observer*, La Grande, 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: *Hillsboro Argus*, first place; *Curry Coastal Pilot*, Brookings, second place; and *The Newberg Graphic*, third place.
- Winners in the 3,501 or more division were: *News-Times*, Forest Grove, first place; *The Times*, Tigard-Tualatin, second place; and *Beaverton Valley Times*, third place.
- Winners in the 3,500 or less division were: *The Creswell Chronicle*, first place; *Burns Times-Herald*, second place; and the *West Linn Tidings*, third place.

Also presented during the even ceremonies was an award for Public Service Journalism, another category of the 2008 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 2008 Better Newspaper Contest and 2008 Associate Member Publications Contest, including images of the winning entries, is posted on the ONPA web site at [www.orenews.com](http://www.orenews.com).

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