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## **ONPA announces General Excellence awards**

WELCHES, Ore. – Oregon newspapers and the people who produce them were recognized during awards ceremonies at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association's annual Summer Publishers Convention July 19-21 at The Resort at The Mountain.

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 *East Oregonian*, Pendleton, first place, and the *Herald and News*, Klamath Falls, second place. *The News-Review*, Roseburg, took third-place honors.

\*Winners in the 10,000 or less division were: *The Daily Astorian*, first place; *The Observer*, La Grande, second place; and the *Baker City Herald*, third place.

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

\*The first-place winner in the two or more issues per week division was the *News-Register*, McMinnville. The *Woodburn Independent* received recognition for coming in second place, and the *Hillsboro Argus* received third-place honors.

\*Winners in the 4,001 or more division were: the *Lake Oswego Review*, first place, and the *Beaverton Valley Times*, second place. *The Hermiston Herald* placed third in the division.

\*Winners in the 2,501 to 4,000 division were: the *West Linn Tidings*, first place; *The Madras Pioneer*, second place; and the *Keizertimes*, third place.

\*Finally, winners in the 2,500 or less division were: the *Rogue River Press*, first place, and the *Tri-County News*, Junction City, second place. No third-place honors were awarded.

ONPA, founded in 1887, is a professional association of the state's 89 daily and nondaily paid circulation newspapers.