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## **Stinchfield Receives League's Civic Journalism Award**

SALEM – Mac Stinchfield, co-owner of the *Times-Journal* in Condon, was presented with the 2004 Civic Journalism Award by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) during its 79<sup>th</sup> annual conference, November 4-6 in Portland.

For over 25 years, Stinchfield has provided Gilliam, Wheeler, and Sherman counties with a strong channel of communication between local governments and their constituents, as the owner, editor, publisher, and chief writer of the weekly newspaper in Condon. As editor, he frequently reports on governmental meetings, publishes an extensive calendar of community events and festivals, and invites governmental and non-profit agencies from around the area to contribute articles. He has organized candidates' forums to educate the public on candidates and issues, and often uses his editorial columns to encourage readers to participate in the process of local government and community activities.

The award, created in 1998, recognizes individuals who have shown long-term commitment to civic engagement. It is given to individuals who demonstrate an exceptional ability, through print or broadcast journalism, to engage the public in the local governance process.

### **About the League of Oregon Cities**

Founded in 1925, the League of Oregon Cities is a voluntary association representing 239 Oregon cities. The League helps city governments in service to citizens by providing legislative services, policy setting, intergovernmental relations, conferences and training, technical assistance and publications.

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