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MISSOULA—Twenty-seven of Montana's 180 high school newspapers received All-State ratings today from the MSU School of Journalism.

Eighty-two publications entered the annual competition, sponsored by the journalism school and the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association.

The All-State rating, recognizing excellence among high school newspapers, was the only one awarded.

Four newspapers received special Pacesetter Awards as the best in their class, based on school enrollment. They were the Billings High Kyote, Class A; Laurel High Laurel Leaves, Class B; Bigfork High Bay Breeze, Class C, and the Augusta High Lariat, Class D.

In addition to those newspapers, All-State citations were awarded to these publications:

Class A—Great Falls Iniwa, Havre Stampede, Flathead County (Kalispell) Flathead Arrow and the Missoula County (Missoula) Konah.

Class B—Butte Girls' Central Centralite and the Hamilton Hamiltonian.

Class C—Belt Valley (Belt) Husky Herald, Big Sandy Sandy Rouser, Cascade Ketoichi, Columbus Hi-Lite, Fairfield Eagle News, Sacred Heart Academy (Missoula) Cone-Let, Stevensville Yellowjacket and the Valier Panther.

Class D—Alberton Beacon Flashes, Arlee Jocko, Belfry Echoes, Brady Bulldog, Charlo Skyline, Ennis Static, Fromberg Talon, Sheridan Passamari and the Winnett Black & White.

The newspapers were assigned points by four judges who rated separate categories in the newspapers. Publications that received 90 points or more were judged All-State.

All entries in the judging receive evaluations pointing out how the newspapers might be improved.

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