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Oregon newspapers honored

WELCHES, Ore. – The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association presented its 2001 Better Newspaper Contest awards to member daily and weekly newspapers during the association's annual Summer Publishers Convention held July 19-21 at The Resort at The Mountain.

Sweepstakes honors were given to newspapers receiving the greatest recognition. The daily newspaper to receive this honor was *The Oregonian* in Portland. The weekly newspaper recipient was the *News-Register* in McMinnville.

Fifty-nine out of ONPA's 89 members participated in the contest. Fifty-eight of those newspapers won an award in one or more of the contest's 25 categories. A total of 1,800 submissions were received for the contest, which was judged by the West Virginia Press Association.

During the awards ceremony, ONPA presented a special award called the Jerry Latham-Mail Tribune Award, which recognizes the daily and weekly newspaper with the highest percentage increase in circulation during 2000. The *Baker City Herald* won the award for dailies, while the *Beaverton Valley Times* received the honor for weeklies.

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