

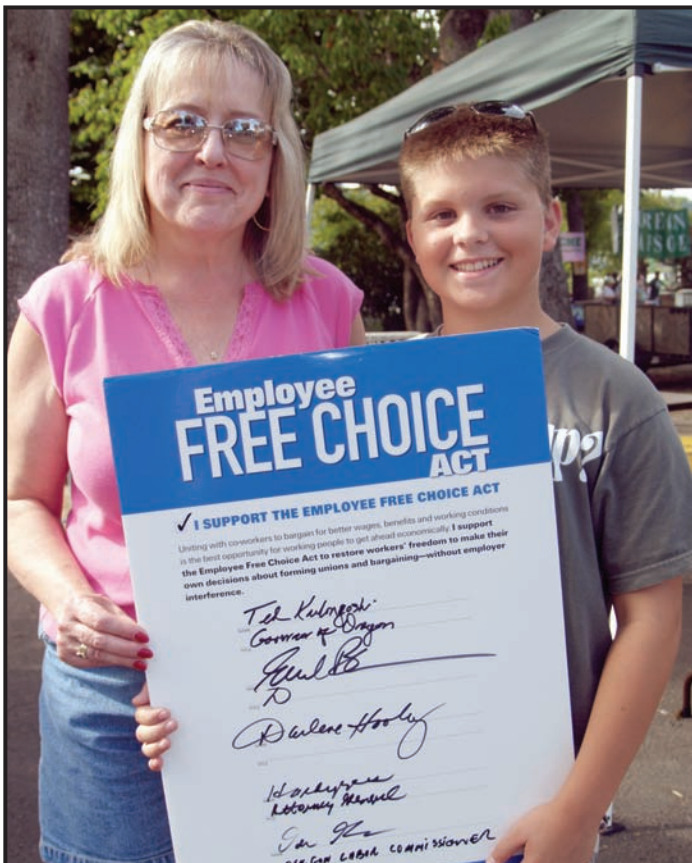


Oregon State Rep. Diane Rosenbaum, a member of Communications Workers of America Local 7901, announces on Labor Day her plans to run for the State Senate in 2008. In the background, House Speaker Jeff Merkely is leaving to run for the U.S. Senate.



A Labor of Love

Northwest Oregon Labor Council's annual Labor Day picnic — featuring the Patrick Lamb Band, professional wrestling, carnival rides, politicians and tasty barbecue — packs 'em in at Oaks Park, with an estimated crowd of more than 15,000



NOLC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Judy O'Connor and her grandson Cody show off signatures they landed from U.S. Reps. Earl Blumenauer and Darlene Hooley, Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner and Attorney General Hardy Myers signifying their support for the rights of workers to join a union.



(ABOVE) Families enjoy thrill rides at Oaks Amusement Park on Labor Day. Many unions hand out ride bracelets to members' kids so they can ride for free.

(LEFT) The Patrick Lamb Band, members of Musicians Local 99, was a big hit with the crowd.

(BELOW) For the first time, entertainment also included professional wrestling. A 20-man "over the top battle royale" match capped the day's festivities. The event is promoted by Dr. Pain's Wrestling Clinic.

