

Senator Betsy Johnson Receives Hatfield Award

The League of Oregon Cities' (LOC) prestigious Mark O. Hatfield Statesmanship Award was presented to Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) during the League's 88th Annual Conference, held September 26-28 at the Red Lion on the River.

Over her dedicated career in public service, Senator Johnson has cast many courageous votes that have prioritized the delivery of vital public services. She has been a long-time champion and advocate for the Oregon Solutions program, leading the effort to secure the initial funding from the governor's office to address repeated flooding in Tillamook County. In 2007, when the city of Vernonia suffered major flooding, Senator Johnson was responsible for raising millions of dollars to replace the school buildings and other facilities. She also worked with the city of Astoria and the Northwest Area Commission on Transportation to secure a \$3.8

million grant to rebuild the failing 17th Street Pier, next to the Columbia Maritime Museum and home to the Coast Guard ships.

Senator Johnson's current service on boards and commission in Oregon includes: the Board of Visitors for the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis & Clark College; the Columbia River Maritime Museum; the Institute for Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University; and as president of the Samuel S. Johnson Foundation, founded in 1949, which has been a benefactor to many organizations in Oregon, including those impacting local communities.

This year, the Hatfield award was presented for just the sixth time since its creation in 1996. Previous winners include: Congressman Greg Walden (2011); Ray Naff, Intergovernmental Relations Director for former Governor Ted Kulongoski (2010); former

Oregon Senator Brady Adams (2007); former Oregon Senator Cliff Trow (2001), former Oregon Governor Neil Goldschmidt (1997) and former Oregon and U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield (1996).

About the Mark O. Hatfield Award

The Hatfield Award is presented to a deserving "statesman" who has provided lasting benefits to the quality of life for Oregon citizens. Applicants must be held in high esteem by the public due to their unselfish devotion to the call of public service. Hatfield began his political career in 1950 as a member of the Oregon Legislature, and in 1956 became the state's youngest Secretary of State at age 34. He was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1966, and became the longest-serving Senator from Oregon in 1993.

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Rock Ranch in our Yamhill area of our service territory."

Rossi says she started working with the school district from the beginning planning stages of the design for the new school, along with representatives from BPA, PNGC, and BPA Engineers specializing in energy efficiency, so that WOEC would be able to do everything they could to encourage the use of energy efficiency measures and help fund school operations through the BPA program.

"It took a full school year of occupation and operation for us to be able to do the measure

and verification of the EE measures," said Rossi. "The BPA engineers provided the expertise and completed the inspections and tests free of charge to the Co-op. Then we had all the reporting to do through BPA's system to receive the EE incentive money for the school district, so that is why it took so long after the construction of the school for us to be able to present them with the check."

According to Rossi WOEC was very pleased to be able to help the Vernonia School District and they enjoyed working on the project.

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The girls team finished second to Riverdale for the girls league championship. Emma D'Onghia, Johanna Lange, Hannah Fleck lead the girls this season. Anastasia Mihalciuc, Jean Lee and Laura Rice are showing a lot of improvement.

Saturday the Loggers competed at the Rainier Red Ribbon Run at Rainier High School. There were 12 teams present, some of them with more students in their freshman class than Vernonia has in the entire school. The men's team finished an incredible 2nd to Yamhill-Carleton and ahead of R.O. Long HS in Longview who would be a 5 or 6 A school in Oregon. "I am so proud of how far these runners have come this season," said coach Brown.

The Loggers were scheduled to host the Vernonia Invitational on Wednesday October 16. The races will start on the track in front of the grandstands,

run around Vernonia Lake and back, finishing in front of the grandstands. Other schools attending are Portland Adventist, Knappa, Yamhill-Carleton, Banks and Warrenton.

Football-The Loggers are struggling this year after losing three games in a row. League defeats against Nestucca (56-19) and Knappa (64-6) have left the Loggers in last place in the Northwest League.

The Loggers play their Homecoming Game against Neah-Kah-Nie on Friday October 18, then face Portland Christian at home on October 25, before concluding their season at Gaston on November 1.

Spencer Health and Wellness School Based Health Center
Clinic staff will be available on Tues. and Fri. 7:30 am - 1:30 pm

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COMEDY IN MOTION!

STEP RIGHT UP!

Vernonia Community PTA announces their annual

Carnival & Haunted House featuring:

Carnival Games!

VHS Leadership's Haunted Corridor!

Cake Walk!

Magician on the big stage!

Bounce House!

Food and prizes galore!

5:30-8:30 pm

Saturday

October 26th, 2013

at the new Vernonia Schools!

You can pre-purchase your tickets with a form from Vernonia Elementary and avoid the lines.

How cool is that?