

Vernonia Cares Benefits From Holiday Giving



(Left) Boy Scout Troops 201 and Troop 860, both of Vernonia, collected 1,227 pounds of food for Vernonia Cares on December 6 during their "Scouting for Food" food drive. (Above) Vernonia Cares Director Sandy Welch received a \$500 donation from Toni Barton and Alauna Dodge of Bridge Street Mini Mart.

Oregon Rural Electric Co-op Association Recognizes Johnson as "Cooperator of the Year"

At their December 4th annual meeting in Salem, the Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA) honored Senator Betsy Johnson (D-Scappoose) with the association's "Cooperator of the Year" award. The ORECA "Cooperator of the Year" is the organization's most prestigious award given annually to an elected official.



ORECA recognized Senator Johnson for her bipartisan work in the legislature to represent the rural interest of her lower Columbia River district. Sen. Johnson is "an outstanding advocate for citizens in rural communities by helping keep energy costs low and decision making local," said Ted Case, ORECA Executive Director.

Robert VanNatta, Board President of Vernonia-based West Oregon Electric Co-op, presented the award. "Senator Johnson knows the challenges

we face each day to provide affordable, reliable power," he said. "We have a forceful voice in the legislature."

ORECA represents Oregon's 18 electric cooperative utilities that receive emission-free hydroelectric resources marketed by the Bonneville Power Administration. These co-ops serve in 30 of Oregon's 36 counties and provide electricity to over 200,000 customers in rural and remote areas in Oregon.

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The Hike

An easy to moderate 3-mile, Ranger-led trek for hikers. Great for all ages with opportunities to loop back early, if participants are interested in a shorter hike. This natural surface trail winds through Douglas-fir forests with wonderful views of the Oregon Coast Range. Be prepared with hiking boots, weather appropriate clothing, a water bottle, and a trail snack. Rain or shine.

When & Where

January 1st, 2015 9 AM at Stub Stewart State Park's Hilltop Day-use Area. Day-use fee is waived for all participants. Refreshments at 8:30 AM.

First Day Hike

America's State Parks First Day Hikes launched in all 50 states on January 1st, 2012 with Stub Stewart State Park being a founding partner. Take part in the third year of this national event which is one of hundreds of hikes across the nation. Can't make this one? Go to the Discovery Depot at the Welcome Center to get the self-guided version. A secret phrase at the culminating view can be passed on afterwards for a nice memento, while they last!

Stub Stewart State Park

30380 NW Hwy 47 Buxton OR 97109

For more information contact the Interpretive Ranger at 503-724-8429

