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ONPA presents special awards

TIGARD, Oregon – The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association (ONPA) awarded several special honors during the evening awards banquet at its annual Summer Publishers Convention, July 16 at the Hood River Inn in Hood River, Oregon.

The most prestigious was the induction of **John Buchner** into the ONPA Hall of Fame. This award, begun by ONPA in 1979, honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Oregon newspaper journalism or extraordinary contributions to their communities, the region, and the state through newspaper journalism.

Buchner began his involvement in newspapers during his high school years, when he covered sports part-time at the *Democrat-Herald* in Albany. His career took him to newspapers in Bend, Ashland, Stayon, and La Grande, and for a time he was a copy editor at the *Des Moines (Iowa) Register*.

In 1968, Buchner moved back to Oregon and his home town of Albany, and he took over as executive editor of the *Democrat-Herald*. His 30-year tenure brought the newspaper to a new level of excellence. In the process, he mentored dozens of young people in the basics of journalism, photography, and the world of work, and many of them are now highly successful in our industry.

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