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Kevin Leahy was recognized with the George Award for his work in the community.

Astoria, Warrenton chamber announces awards

Recognizes business and community leaders

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ASTORIA — The 149th annual meeting and banquet for the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the community service work of businesses and individuals this past year.

The Board President's Award, selected by 2021 president Lois Perdue, went to Bridgewater Bistro for their help with the Great Columbia Crossing event and communication throughout the pandemic.

The Ambassador's Choice Award went to Hampton Lumber for its infrastructure projects, forest management and employment in the area.

The Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award went to Brenda and Norm Hoxsey, of Spruce Up Warrenton, which cleaned up over 70 properties last year. The pair also worked to revitalize downtown Warrenton and clean up local trails and parks.

The George Award for community service went to Judi Lampi and Janet Bowler for their nearly six-year effort to build the Astoria Nordic Heritage Park.

"We're proud to be a part of our community," said Lampi, who added that their work would not have been possible without the 866 people who donated over \$1.5 million toward the project.

Kevin Leahy, director of the Small Business Development Center and Clatsop Economic Devel-



Chamber award winners pose for a group photo. From left, Chris Laman, Lindsay Davis, Kevin Leahy, Janet Bowler, Judi Lampi, Norm Hoxsey and Brenda Hoxsey.

opment Resources, also received the George Award.

"Growing up in this community, and looking at the names of who have won before, it's just an honor," said Leahy, who called his work in community development his dream job.

The Applause Award went to Chris Laman, the director of pharmacy and cancer center services at

Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Laman thanked the hundreds of volunteers who helped him with the vaccine rollout in Clatsop County.

"Without the whole community coming together, we wouldn't have been able to do what we did," he said.

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