

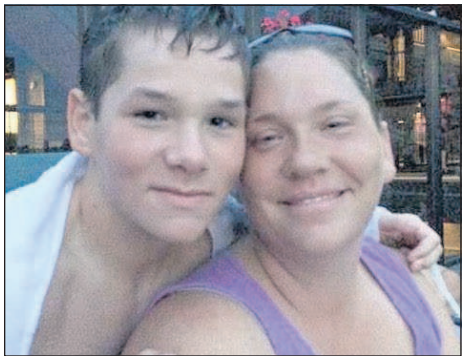
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Vigil marks teen’s tragic death



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Brandon Williams, Trevor Secord’s uncle, and his son, Judas Williams, share a moment at a candlelight vigil for Secord on Sunday night at Warrenton City Park. Secord was hit by a pickup and died Thursday night.



Submitted Photo
Trevor Secord with his mother, Christina.

Mother says Secord would ‘light up a room’

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Dozens of family, friends and acquaintances gathered Sunday night for a candlelight vigil in memory of a Warrenton High School student who was hit by a pickup and died last week.

The remembrance took place at Warrenton City Park’s baseball field for Trevor Secord, 15, who was struck late Thursday night after exiting a parked vehicle on the side of the road and running into the middle of U.S. Highway 101 just north of Gearhart.

Scores of attendees, some hugging and others wiping away tears, lit candles for the teenager. Ray Bergerson, a pastor at The Mission Christian Fellowship, invited people to share their memories.

“He truly was one that would light up a room,” said Christina Secord, Trevor’s

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Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian
ABOVE: Christina Secord, left, Trevor Secord’s mother, hugs friends and family before the start of a candlelight vigil to remember the life of her son. BELOW: Friends and community members gather for a candlelight vigil to remember the life of Trevor Secord.



Unsung heroes get chorus of applause

Astoria, Warrenton honor four citizens

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Tears, joy and disbelief washed across the faces of Astoria and Warrenton’s four new citizens of the year from 2016, each surprised Saturday during the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce’s 144th annual banquet at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Christmas Food Basket coordinator Myrle Bruner, Flavel mansion restorer Greg Newenhof and downtown advocate Sara Meyer joined the more-than 130 recipients of Astoria’s George Awards since 1960. Warrenton businesswoman and volunteer Darlene Warren became the 20th individual winner of Warrenton’s Richard Ford Award since 2000.

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Edward Stratton/The Daily Astorian
Darlene Warren wades through a lumberjack-themed crowd after being named for the Richard Ford Award, Warrenton’s citizen-of-the-year honor.

New county commissioner casts critical vote on suit

By JACK HEFFERNAN
The Daily Astorian

On the same night Kathleen Sullivan was sworn in to the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, she cast a deciding vote to opt out of a \$1.4 billion timber lawsuit against the state.

Sullivan had been following the lawsuit over revenue from timber harvests since she was elected in May to replace Dirk Rohne, but the 3-2 vote in front of a packed Judge Guy Boyington Building was still dramatic.



Kathleen Sullivan

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Public health officer a critical link to health care

Duncan was initially drawn to the chaos



As a sea of doctors fled Astoria in the late 1980s, Thomas Duncan moved from Drain toward the coast.

Clatsop County’s public health officer came to Astoria in the midst of the Patrick v. Burget antitrust case. Dr. Timothy Patrick accused private partners at the former Astoria Clinic — which housed 75 percent of doctors in the city — of colluding against him. The case made it to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled in

Patrick’s favor, and along the way bankrupted many of the other doctors and put the clinic out of business.

Duncan was one of the doctors who came to Astoria to fill the void. “You couldn’t really get good doctors to come to this place,” he said.

So what drew him to the seemingly hopeless situation? “The chaos,” he said. “It was an opportunity to do something interesting.”

Duncan, 73, has held the position of county public health officer for 28 years. He essentially acts as a part-time consultant for the county health department, signing off on new standard operating procedures. But he spends most of his time tending to his private practice at Lower Columbia Clinic.

Other than common epidemics like meningitis and influenza, Clatsop County has not faced a major public health crisis during Duncan’s tenure. Still, Duncan views the role of public health — including living standards, clean air and



Submitted Photo
Thomas Duncan is the county’s public health officer.

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