



Lunch Buddy Program calls it quits

A nonprofit group whose mission was to prevent Clatsop County students from dropping out of school has decided to cease operating.

The Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program board of directors made the decision after a two-year review of funding and the demands needed to keep the program viable, according to a statement released by the board.

Lunch buddies have been a presence in eight elementary and three middle schools in the Warrenton, Astoria, Seaside and Knappa school districts. The mentors have met with about 50 students once a week for lunch.

The group was founded in the 1990s as North Coast Community in Schools, a chapter of the larger national dropout prevention program Communities in Schools Inc.

The program operated two programs, the Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program and the School Supply Backpack Program, a partnership with Costco that provided approximately 500 backpacks to primary-age students throughout the county each year.

In 2009, the group dropped its affiliation with the national group and

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Volunteer Mike Moha honored for work on behalf of the community

The Columbia Press

School district Business Manager Mike Moha was recognized for his significant volunteer contributions in the Warrenton community.

He was given the Richard Ford Distinguished Service Award by the Astoria-Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce during its annual banquet Jan. 30.

The award was established by the family of Richard Ford, a communi-

ty volunteer who worked for the city of Warrenton as a building inspector and fire chief.

"I was a little surprised," Moha said. "I like helping out, but there are a lot of people locally who do a lot of stuff."

He was not aware he'd won the award until it was announced at the event.

"(Moha) was described as someone who never says no to a job that needs doing and whose undying support of

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Dangerous curve ahead



Courtesy Kalee Spivey

Rescue personnel work to remove the car that crashed into Derek and Kalee Spivey's bedroom on Dec. 7.

City, state working to resolve safety issues on route between Warrenton and Hammond

BY CINDY YINGST

The Columbia Press

Derek and Kalee Spivey were asleep Dec. 7, their two dogs snoozing peacefully nearby, when their world changed.

A drunken driver failed to make the curve where Northwest War-

renton Drive turns into Pacific Avenue in Hammond and plowed into their house.

"The wall and car landed on both of us," Kalee Spivey said. "It's horrible. We have pretty bad trauma from it."

The Spiveys and their pets walked

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