



Cindy Kirby rides down Main Avenue in the Fourth of July Parade.

Transportation director wins state award

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Cindy Kirby, director of transportation for the Warrenton-Hammond School District, was named state Transportation Supervisor of the Year.

The award from the Oregon Pupil Transportation Association was announced June 29 during its annual conference in Bend.

Bus drivers under Kirby's supervision asked the district to nominate her for the honor, Superintendent Tom Rogozinski said.

"This speaks volumes about the respect and appreciation they and our entire district staff have for her leadership,"

he said. "There is no one more deserving of this award. Cindy's work is always anchored in doing what is best for our students. She is a tenacious problem-solver who regularly goes above and beyond to serve our families."

Kirby's staff of bus drivers insisted she ride in the Fourth of July Parade as a way to honor her for all of her hard work.

She led the team in delivering lunches to children throughout the community during the summer and throughout the pandemic closures.

She also came up with an idea to recycle outdated foot-

ball jerseys and helmets by using them for a community fundraiser, proceeds to benefit Warrenton High School sports programs.

"We think Cindy deserves this award because she does a tremendous job," the district's transportation team wrote in her nomination application.

"This place would fall apart without her. Because we are a small district and have a small budget, Cindy has to wear many hats. She is a leader, organizer, part mechanic, driver, mentor, secretary, friend."

Kirby always has a positive attitude, her drivers say. And this year there have been driver shortages, bus breakdowns, highway closures and COVID-19.

"She has done so much," bus driver Leanna Glover said. "This (the award) is a big deal and would raise the spirits of the community and increase awareness of the lunch program."

Upward Bound program teaches college survival skills

Upward Bound Summer Academy, an outreach program for high schoolers headed to college, has kids learning sign language, wilderness survival skills and robotics coding.

The academy started June 21 and runs weekdays through July 29 with field trips every Friday.

The U.S. Department of Education provides \$353,059 annually for the Clatsop Community College program, now in its 29th year. Upward Bound



Biological Technician Kayla Fermin talks to students Val Wallace, Susana Velasquez-Huanosta, Dylan Atwood, Austin Atwood and Alex Tapia.

parents have no four-year degree or are economically disadvantaged.

There are 73 students in the program from Warrenton, Astoria, and Seaside.

The academy consists of two components: academic classes and experiential learning.

Students are fed breakfast when they arrive at the college. Then they take two one-hour academic classes.

After lunch, students participate in a three-hour experiential learning project

group.

This year, they're learning Clatsop wilderness survival and stewardship; math in game theory; and art and writing in nature.

To learn more, contact Jon Graves at 503-325-2898.

Former Warrenton man dies in Cabo San Lucas

A former Warrenton resident died July 5 after he was struck by a car while walking across a street in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Steven Maltman, 41, grew up in Clatsop County, graduated from Seaside High School in 1997, and had been living in the resort town for several years.

He had been in the hospital

for more than a week with multiple fractures to his spine, ribs, legs and skull when he succumbed to his injuries.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the family with medical bills as Maltman



Maltman

Wednesday, approximately \$40,000 had been raised.

He is survived by his mother, Theresa Gannaway of Warrenton; his father, Mike Maltman of Seaside; sisters Michelle Doney of Seaside and Rebecca

Heinrichs of San Diego.

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