

Awards: Local businesses recognized

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AWARD WINNERS

•Business leaders of the year for North County are Holly and Kevin McHone of Holly McHone Jewelers in Astoria.

•Business leader of the year for South County is Brian Olson of Beachcomber Vacation Homes in Cannon Beach.

•Business leader of the year for new business is Gaetano's Market & Deli in Astoria.

•Best customer service for a small business is Lucy's Books in Astoria.

•Best customer service for a large business is The Ocean Lodge in Cannon Beach.

•Small business that made a large community impact was Bridge Tender in Seaside.

•The Innovation Award for a small business went to Encore Dance Studio.

•The Innovation Award for a large business went to J.M. Browning Logging.

•The small business leader for economic impact was Kiosco Mexicano, a small grocery store in the Premarq Center.

•The large business named for making a community impact was Mo's, which has restaurants in Astoria, Cannon Beach and Seaside.

•The large business leader for economic impact was Columbia Bank, which has branches in Warrenton and Astoria.

•Best Business Achievement went to Montealban Mexican Restaurant in Astoria.

A new award, the Skip Hauke Spirit of Business Community Supporter, was given this year in memory of the former grocery store owner and Chamber of Commerce director.

It was given to Margo Lulich, interim director of Clatsop County Department of Public Health.



Denele Sweet and Courtney Bangs of Encore Dance Studio.



Jared Browning of JM Browning Logging accepts his award from Kevin Leahy.



Kristin Talamantez accepts the award for Columbia Bank from Zach Schmitt.

In early 2021, when the director of health resigned, Clatsop County was in the midst of a health crisis and there were no candidates for the open position. Lulich, who was retired, raised her hand to say she would lead the Health Department



Jose Ponce-Monroy and Juana Molina of Kiosco Mexicano.



State Rep. Suzanne Weber gives the keynote address at last week's event in Astoria.

during the crisis.

As many letters of nomination and support stated, she has been the "thoughtful steady hand leading our community through every twist and turn that COVID provided," Leahy said. "She did this with a smile and a positive spirit that would have made Skip proud."

Lulich was unable to attend the event in person, but sent a video of gratitude that was shown at the end of the event.

Awards were presented by Leahy, Clatsop Community College President Chris Breitmeyer, CEDR Board President and Chief Financial Officer of Columbia Memorial Hospital Zach Schmitt.

WHS teams excel academically

Four of Warrenton High School's athletic teams were lauded for achievements in the classroom instead of the field.

The golf, track and field, softball, and baseball teams received spring Academic All State Awards sponsored by OnPoint Community Credit Union. Results were released by the Oregon Schools Activity Association.

All four teams made the top 10 for academic achievement in the 3A classification level.

"Our coaching staff is just

as dedicated to helping our students in the classroom as they are on the track or playing field and it shows in our school's continued success academically," Ian O'Brien, WHS's vice principal and athletic director, said in making the announcement.

The boys track and field team ranked No. 1 against similarly sized teams with a grade-point average at 3.67. Boys golf ranked No. 3 with a GPA of 3.78. Girls softball ranked sixth with a 3.6 GPA. The WHS baseball team also placed sixth with a 3.3 team GPA.

Opinions sought on rural housing idea

Clatsop County wants to know what you think about housing options in rural areas.

The Community Development Department has developed an online survey to gauge community opinions about accessory dwelling units and their place in the unincorporated county.

ADUs are second, complete living spaces on a property that already has a main dwelling. ADUs are a way for property owners to provide a separate living area for visitors or family members, or for use as a long-term rental unit. ADUs

can be attached to the main house or separate from it.

Currently, ADUs are allowed only in specific areas that are connected to a community sewer system. In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed Senate Bill 391, which allows counties to adopt new regulations to permit ADUs on rural lands that have septic systems.

The state law requires that eligible parcels be at least 2 acres, and prohibits ADUs to be used as short-term rentals.

The survey is on the Clatsop County website, co.clatsop.or.us, through June 24.

On Friday, June 10th, The Columbia Press will celebrate the

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from

Warrenton High School!

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