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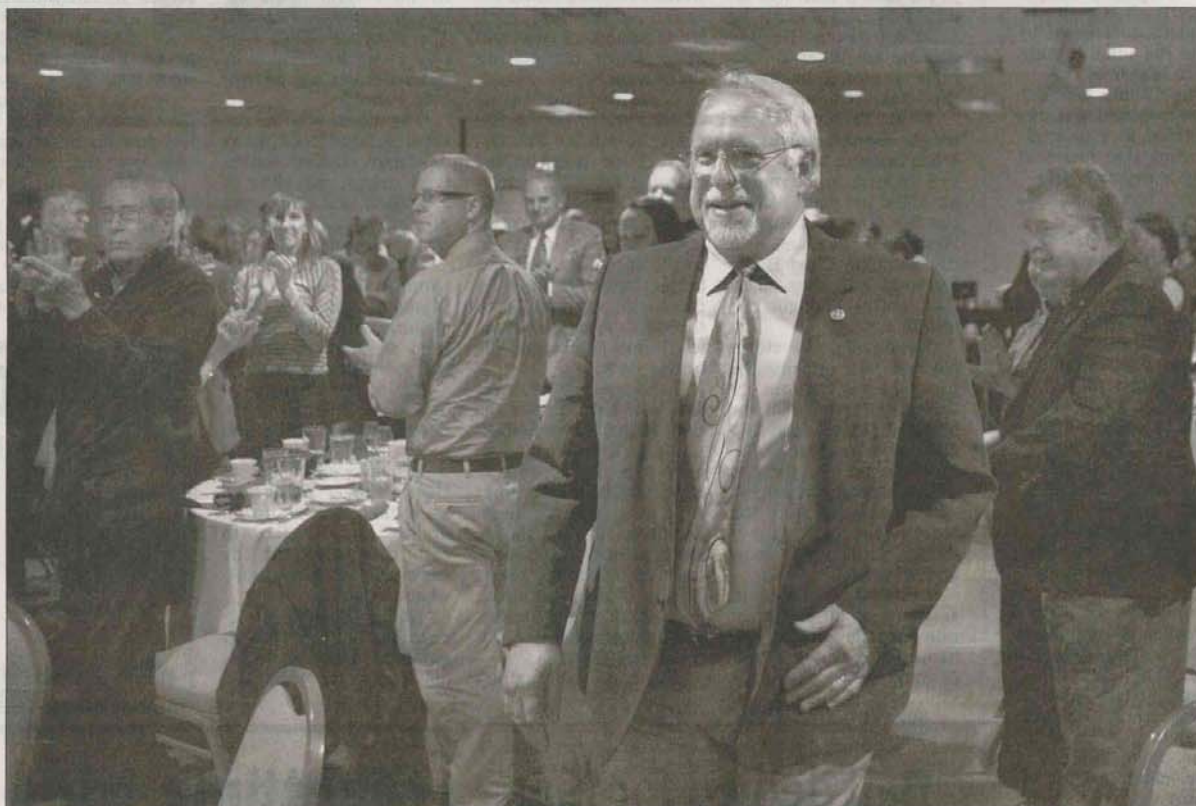
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## First Citizen Gourley

The insurance agent takes the Springfield chamber's top honor

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SPRINGFIELD — Business and community leaders in a wide range of fields — from medicine to cruise ships to auctioneering — were honored Friday night by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce at its annual awards banquet.

Corkey Gourley, who operates a State Farm Insurance agency, was named Springfield's First Citizen.

Gourley is a leader in his industry both locally and nationally, the chamber said. In addition, he has had an impact on the community as a major organizer in the Mohawk Business Neighbors, a past president of the chamber, current president of the Springfield Rotary Club, and an elder in his church, the awards selection committee said.

Maurine Cate, CEO of McKenzie-Willamette Medical Center was named Business Per-

son of the Year.

"She has led innovations at McKenzie-Willamette, including the addition of cardiology services and the Advanced Wound Healing Center," the chamber said, adding that Cate recently received the 2010 CEO Outstanding Achievement Award from Community Health Systems, the medical center's parent company.

Auctioneer Sid Voorhees was honored as Distinguished Citizen for what the chamber said was his lifelong commitment to Springfield. This includes a history of voluntarism and using his business skills to ensure local agencies receive "the best bottom line results" in fundraising events, the award selection committee said.

Royal Caribbean was named Business of the Year for its community support, emphasis on employee satisfaction and wellness, and job creation, the chamber said. The cruise line's Gateway call center will employ



Maurine  
Cate



Sid  
Voorhees

more than 550 people by the end of next month.

Willamalane Park and Recreation District received the Pillar of the Community Award for an "over 70-year involvement in the community, and continual improvement of services to benefit the people of Springfield and beyond," the awards committee said.

The Springfield chamber's staff presented Cornerstone Awards to four people in recognition of their support: former University of Oregon President Richard Lariviere; Dwight Dzierzek, Northwest Community Credit Union; Shirley Collingwood. Boresha; and Philip Far-

ington, Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend.

Collingwood also was named Greeter of the Year by the Springfield Greeters, the chamber's networking committee, for her support of the committee and for bringing the Greeters State Convention to Springfield last year.

As part of the annual event, which was attended by about 250 people, students who recently attended a new workshop at the chamber spoke about their experiences.

The Springfield Leadership Workshop included presentations from local community leaders. It is designed to provide information about leadership opportunities.

Chamber board President Colette Rees said participants in the program are "our leaders of today and tomorrow" and that the three half-day sessions allowed them "to hear directly from some of our community's best examples of leadership."