

# Albany Area Chamber Network

Your Business and Community Advocate

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## April Membership Forum



**Dr. Lisa Avery, President  
Linn Benton Community College**

**“Good Jobs,  
Thriving Communities:  
Mid-Valley Education Outlook”**

**April 24, 2024**

11:30am-1:00pm | Linn Co. Expo Center

[Register Here](#)

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## 2024 DSA Award Recipients



From L-R - Distinguished Student of the year-Brayden McKay, South Albany High School, Jr First Citizen of the year-Alex Patterson, Rhodes Warden Insurance, Jim Linhart First Citizen Award-Kevin Fandrem, ServPro of Linn & Benton Co., Distinguished Service Award-Roberta White, Neora, DSA Legacy Award-Roger Nyquist, Linn County Commissioner, Large Business of the Year-IGA North Albany Supermarket, Small Business of the Year-Country Financial - Michelle Morford

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**Albany Area  
Chamber of  
Commerce**

# 2024

## Albany Area Chamber Golf Tournament

Title Sponsor:

*Coastal*

**Tournament Details:** The tournament will feature a shotgun start at 8 am. Springhill Golf Course, with its beautiful, challenging, and enjoyable course, provides the perfect setting for golfers of all skill levels to come together. Gather your friends, colleagues, or clients to form a team and spend a memorable day on the greens.

**Networking Opportunities:** In addition to enjoying a round of golf, the tournament offers a fantastic chance to network with fellow professionals from various industries. Forge new connections, strengthen existing partnerships, and exchange ideas while enjoying the beautiful scenery and friendly atmosphere.

**Exciting Prizes and Giveaways:** Get ready to compete for some incredible prizes! The Annual Golf Tournament is known for its generous selection of prizes and giveaways. Whether you're aiming for the longest drive, the closest to the pin, or winning the overall championship, there are plenty of ways to showcase your skills and take home some fantastic rewards.

**Business Sponsorship Opportunities:** We invite local businesses to seize this opportunity to gain exposure. By sponsoring the tournament, your company will be prominently featured throughout the event, gaining valuable visibility and demonstrating your commitment to the community. Sponsorships contribute to the Chamber's efforts in promoting local businesses and fostering economic growth.

**Hole and Tee Sponsorships:** Take advantage of the opportunity to build business awareness and establish valuable connections. Through signage on the course, recognition on social media and broadcast emails, or spending a delightful Friday on the stunning golf course, you'll be promoting your business and forging new relationships.

### Registration Opportunities

**Standard Package: \$650**

18 holes of golf for 4 players

Two golf carts

Box lunch for each player

Entry to the Longest Drive contests

**Gold Package: \$690**

Standard Package

PLUS \$10 in raffle tickets for each player

**Platinum Package: \$815**

Gold Package

PLUS Special Games Package

PLUS one drink token/player

**ADD ONS:**

**Special Games Package: \$100/team**

Includes Mulligans, KPs, Skip to the Green & Survivor Ball

**Raffle Tickets: \$10**

arms length

**Drink Tokens:**

\$8 each

Team  
Registration

Become a  
Sponsor

### Sponsorship Opportunities -

Hole/Tee Sponsors (\$250)

Driving Range Sponsor (\$375)

Putting Green Sponsor (\$375)

Survivor Ball Sponsor (\$375)

KP Sponsors (\$375)

Scoreboard Sponsor (\$550)

Drink Cart Sponsors (\$550)

Hole-in-one Sponsors (\$550)

Lunch Sponsors (\$1000)

**Donate a Raffle Prize!** Prizes valued at \$25 and up

Can't make it to the Golf Tournament, but still want to be involved?

Donate a raffle prize! Current sponsors are also welcome to bring raffle prizes.

**ADD ONS: Sponsor Golf Cart: \$75** - Sponsors may rent a personal golf cart for your use during the day.

**Box Lunch: \$20**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## April Membership Forum

**"Good Jobs, Thriving Communities:  
Mid-Valley Education Outlook"**

**Dr. Lisa Avery, President  
Linn Benton Community College**

Dr. Lisa Avery became the President of Linn-Benton Community College in 2020. A first-generation college graduate, Lisa is from a small town in Northwest Indiana. Her degrees are from Ball State University and University of Illinois at Chicago. She has worked in higher education for over 25 years and has guided LBCC through the challenges of COVID and its aftermath. Lisa and her family live in Millersburg; her wife, Allison, is a small-business owner, and their daughter Ella attends South Albany High School. Their oldest, Emily, will graduate from Oregon State University this June.

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**Join us April 24  
11:30am-1:00pm  
Linn County Expo Center  
\$24 member / \$35 non-member**

[Register Here](#)

## AI Seminar with Guest Speaker **Frank Kenny**

**AI FOR BUSINESS: BOOST YOUR  
CREATIVITY & RECLAIM YOUR TIME**



Join Frank Kenny as he demystifies the power of AI for business. In this impactful session, discover 10 practical use cases to seamlessly integrate AI into your business, enhancing productivity and sparking creativity. This presentation is designed for everyone in business, from AI novices to tech-savvy professionals, offering valuable insights that will transform your work day. Embrace the future now and make AI your strategic partner in achieving success.

**Tuesday, April 16th | 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Comfort Suites, Albany OR**  
**\$15 Per Person for Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, and Sweet Home Chamber Members**  
**\$45 for Non-Members**  
**Limited Seating | Refreshments will be served**

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From  
1951

## From the Archives

The narrative of The Chamber unfolds in 1904, when Albany's forward-thinkers gathered to enrich the fabric of our city with prosperity.

Join us as we look through and reveal historical fragments, tucked within the volumes gracing the chamber's archives.

*Congratulations No Dinx Wraps!*



## April Students of the Month



**Eliana Greene**

Santiam Christian High School



**Ladamian Ammon-Wright**

South Albany High School



**Sebastian Davis**

West Albany High School

## **GOLDEN TICKET WINNER:**

# **HORACIO PEREZ**

*Lube Experts NW*



**Professional Background:** My professional background is as a customer service representative. I have about 10 plus years of experience. My duties are to inform our customers about their vehicles preventive maintenance and services as well as answering any questions they have at any given time and make the process as painless as possible.

**What is the Biggest Issue Facing our Community:** I believe one of the biggest issue facing our community is drug addiction because we see many people who are homeless and I believe we all deserve a second chance to turn our lives around to become a better citizen to our community.

**You and your company's community involvement:** Lube Experts NW is involved in the community by helping out citizens who can not afford an oil change or vehicle inspection, at no cost. We also support local non profit organizations.

**Business Marketing Niche:** Fast and friendly service. Changing the world one oil change at a time. Providing a one to one service and experience on the customer and vehicle. Websites and business cards, Facebook pages and google analytics as well as word of mouth work great.

## **ODOT work on Ellsworth Bridge:**



ODOT has contracted with Wildish Construction to raise the bridge supports on the Ellsworth St bridge. When complete, the bridge will offer greater clearance for freight trucks to cross without damaging the support beams. Construction is scheduled to start April 1st at 8:00 PM. The closure will be in effect nightly from 8:00PM to 6:00AM, Sunday night through Friday morning.

During the overnight closures, traffic will be detoured on to the Lyon St bridge with one lane in each direction. Flaggers will direct traffic at 1st and Lyon, returning eastbound traffic down 1st Ave back onto Ellsworth St. Parking will be impacted temporarily on 1st Ave between Lyon St and Ellsworth St and along Lyon St from 3rd Ave to 1st Ave.

The project is scheduled to be completed this Fall. For more background information on this project, see ODOT's website: <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/projects/pages/project-details.aspx?project=20428>

**CAUTION CAUTION CAUTION**







## Member News & Updates

LEARN MORE



BUILDING BETTER LIVES TOGETHER.

Greater Albany Public Schools is pleased to announce Bruce C. Schmidt, Jr. will serve as the district's next Assistant Superintendent. Schmidt will begin his contract with GAPS on July 1 pending board approval on April 8, but plans to spend time over the next few months getting to know district staff and systems.

"I am excited for Bruce to begin as the Assistant Superintendent of Greater Albany Public Schools," said GAPS Superintendent Andy Gardner. "Bruce has experience as a 14-year accomplished teacher - teaching in both Career and Technical Education and science classrooms. He has served as a district level leader, principal at two levels, and coached student-athletes in football and baseball over the course of his career. He will be an incredible addition to GAPS and I look forward to him joining our leadership team."

Schmidt is the current Director of K-12 Schools for the Gresham-Barlow School District where he oversees the daily operations of the district, middle and high school principals, as well as supervises the Facilities Department.

*Our Aging Citizenry*

*Age is...*

*just a number.*

***Our population is getting older.  
Is your marketing holding up?  
[Learn more here.](#)***



George Clooney (62) Denzel Washington (68),  
**"The new senior citizen"**

We are thrilled to share the news of an important milestone — Laneco Federal Credit Union of Eugene will merge into Central Willamette Credit Union. This merger is a testament to our shared commitment to providing exceptional service, comprehensive financial solutions, and robust community support. By bringing Laneco FCU into the CWCU family, we are extending our strategic, operational, and cultural partnership that promises to enhance the value we deliver to all of our combined members.

By uniting, we leverage the complementary synergies between our two esteemed institutions. This integration brings together CWCU's wide array of banking products and services and deep community commitment with Laneco FCU's history and community roots. We are enthusiastic about the new capabilities and financial solutions that will become available to our expanded member base.

As we blend the legacies of CWCU and Laneco FCU, we are dedicated to preserving the rich history and unique identity of both organizations. The merger results in a stronger balance sheet and a larger collective membership, which translates to greater opportunities and benefits for our members.

### **Modification - Shift - Variation**

**Do you have new info about your company?  
New Name? New Owner? New Phone #?  
How about new employees?**

**Please update the Chamber so we can get the right things to the right people & because the Power Book needs to be accurate!**



# Welcome to the Chamber, New Members!



## Barb's Property Management

4707 NE Granite Ave  
Albany OR 97321  
(503) 702-3222

[Email](#)  
[Website](#)

## Bay Northwest

Promotional Products and Apparel



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4707 NE Granite Ave  
Albany OR 97321  
(503) 702-3222

[Email](#)  
[Website](#)



## Knopp & Co. LLC

35481 Knox Butte Rd E  
Albany OR 97322  
(541) 639-7618

[Email](#)  
[Website](#)



**Help the**  
**Albany Police Dept.**  
**Protect**  
**Your Property!**

*Contact the Albany  
Police Department  
Community Resource  
Unit Supervisor  
at 541-917-3215.*

A Trespass Letter of Consent is a document that allows a police officer to immediately act on your behalf, and take enforcement action against a person trespassing on your private property without first contacting you.

If a Trespass Letter of Consent would be helpful to you, see the attached form in this newsletter and return it to the Albany Police Department. The original copy will be retained by the Albany Police Department.

In addition to your consent letter, your property must be posted with 'No Trespassing' signs.

[Fill out the  
form here](#)

## Thank You to Our Reinvesting Members

Academy Mortgage  
Allen & Laporte General Contracting Inc.  
American Bookkeeping & Tax Service  
David Beckham, Attorney at Law  
Best Wester Plus Prairie Inn  
Bonaventure of Albany  
Corvallis Knights  
Clay Bluehosh  
Dr. George Dooley III  
Dryer Vent Wizard of the Valley  
E.A. Chambers Farms, Inc.  
Hayden Homes  
KGAL/KSHO Radio - EADS Broadcasting  
Koontz, Blasquez & Associates  
Mike Martin  
Movement Mortgage  
Neighborhood Church  
Oar & Associates Realty  
Oregon Hearth & Home Events  
Oregon Web Press, Inc.  
PARR Lumber  
Red Canoe Credit Union  
Rite Way Electric, Inc.  
Rodeway Inn  
Samaritan Albany General Hospital  
Smith + Company  
Spirit Espresso LLC  
Stack HIP  
Target Distribution Center  
TnT Builders, Inc.  
United Presbyterian Church  
Willamette Valley Vineyards

## Thank You & Congratulations to Our Milestone Members

### 55 Years

KGAL/KSHO Radio -  
EADS Broadcasting  
Corp.

### 50 Years

Linn Veterinary Hospital  
David B Beckham, Attorney

### 30 Years

Allen & Laporte General  
Contracting, Inc.

### 10 Years

Blue Star Carpet Care, Inc.

### 5 Years

Mike Martin  
Stack HIP

## Board Officers

**Chair:** Jennifer Stanaway (*Samaritan Health Services*)

**Immediate Past Chair:** Stacie Wyss-Schoenborn  
(*Central Willamette Credit Union*)

**Chair-Elect:** Brent Stutzman (*Stutzman Services*)

**Sr. Vice Chair:** Grant Cyrus (*Target Distribution*)

**Vice Chairs:** Kristal Dufour (*AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home*), Jon Kloor (*Consumers Power Inc.*)

**Treasurer:** Selina Marshall (*Citizens Bank*)

## Board Members

Abel Condrea (*Edward Jones*), Alex Patterson (*Rhodes Warden Insurance*), Brian Dietrich (*Parr Lumber*), Brian Oare (*Oare & Associates Realty*), Chris Hanson (*ATI*), Joel Kinman (*Bravo Group*), John Andersen (*Boys & Girls Club of Albany*), John Pascone (*LEDG*), Mike Sykes (*Mike's Heating & A/C*), Roger Nyquist (*Lake Shore Lanes*), Sarah Steen (*Amerititle*), Keith Kessler (*Direct Flooring Center*)

## Committee Chairs

**Ambassadors:** Janet Steele (President)

**Golf Tournament:** Dick Perdue (Retired)

**Emerging Leaders:** Jadyn Baskin (Program and Event Manager)

**Governmental Affairs Chair:** Jon Kloor (*Consumers Power*)

**Greeters Facilitators:** Greg Bolton (*Landmark Professional*), Peggy Burris (*Albany Public Schools Foundation*), Abel Condrea (*Edward Jones*), Dan Farrington (*BBSI*), Mr. G Nassar (*G & Jenny Insurance*), Leslee Mayers (*CASA Linn County*), Don McBride (*SMI Property Management*)

**Women In Business:** Janet Steele (President)

**Youth Job Fair:** Jadyn Baskin (Program and Event Manager)

## Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President

Jadyn Baskin - Program and Event Manager

Jim Snyder - Membership Development Manager

Erica Hogan - Office Manager

# Upcoming Programs & Events

Tues.  
April 16th **AI Seminar**  
Frank Kenny tells us about how AI is able to be incorporated into your business. Comfort Suites - Albany \$15.00/person

Wed.  
April 24th **Member Forum**  
Speaker Lisa Avery, LBCC President  
Linn County Fair & Expo \$24.00/person-member price

Thurs.  
April 25th **Ziply Fiber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**  
@ Albany Chamber Office 12:00pm All Members Welcome

Wed.  
May 29 **Member Forum**  
Speaker OR State Marshall Mariana Ruiz-Temple  
Topic: "Wildfire in Oregon"

Fri.  
June 7th Linn County Fair & Expo \$24.00/person-member price

**Albany Chamber Golf Tournament**  
Registration Now Open!

## April Fun Facts:

- April is a great month for meteor showers.
- The famous Titanic ship hit an iceberg and sank on her first and only voyage.
- After a 1,500-year break, the Olympics of the modern era took place on April 6, 1896, in Athens.
- Ford unveiled their first Mustang on April 17, 1964, costing \$2,368.
- April showers bring May flowers. But, what do May flowers bring?
- Pilgrims!

## April Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

April 4 *Energy Trust of Oregon*  
Location: YMCA - Albany

April 11 *Beloved Cheesecakes*  
Location: 124 Broadalbin St Albany

April 18 *CNC Wood Cutters*  
720 NE Granger Ave Suite E Corvallis

April 25 TBD

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