

Albany Area Chamber Network

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Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP FORUM

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29TH
11:30am-1pm
Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Guest Speaker

SHERIFF MICHELLE DUNCAN

Linn County Sheriff's Office

*"The Linn County Sheriff's Office-
Focusing on Public Safety"*

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2023 YOUTH JOB FAIR

TUES, DECEMBER 12TH @ LBCC
10AM-1PM

Be a Mock Interviewer!

Have a Booth at the Resouce Fair!
\$60/Table until Nov. 22nd

Register Online at www.albanychamber.com/programs-and-events/



Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Albany Area
Chamber of
Commerce**



2023 Holiday Guide

Have a special sale, event, fundraiser or a reason to celebrate this Holiday Season?

FREE AD SPACE! Because you're a Chamber member, you will receive a quarter page ad space in our new Holiday Guide for FREE. It's our way of saying thanks for being a part of our community. (Quarter page ads are 3.625"x 4.75")

Want to Upgrade to a Bigger Ad Space? For those looking to stand out even more, we offer larger spaces for purchase:

Half Page Ad (7.5"x4.75"): \$50 - Share more about what makes your business special!

Full Page Ad (7.5"x10"): \$100 - Let your business truly shine and really grab attention!

DEADLINE ALERT: Please send in your ads by Friday, November 17th, 2023 by 5pm. We plan to publish this by Thanksgiving so people may see it before Black Friday!

Who Will See This? We will be sending out the Holiday Guide via Broadcast Emails to all Chamber Members, Posting it on our Facebook and Instagram Pages, as well as dedicating a page on our Website, and also featured in our December Chamber Network Newsletter.

SUBMIT YOUR AD HERE: Simply fill out this Google Form

[Submit Ad Here](#)

Contact: For assistance, please contact Jorden at jparrish@albanychamber.com or call 541-926-1517.

Upcoming Chamber Events



WINE, WOMEN & CHOCOLATE

Wednesday, December 6th | 4:30pm-6pm | Comfort Suites

Guest Speaker

ANNEKE MARCHESE

Owner/Travel Designer, AM|FM Luxury & Adventure Travel

"A South African Adventure to Remember"



\$25 / Person
Chamber Members

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CHAMBER DOLLARS: A Great Gift for Everyone!

Give the gift of buying local with Chamber Dollars and help support other Members. They are sold in \$25 increments and are like having a gift card to over 120 local businesses!

To learn more, visit the Chamber Dollars webpage or contact Jadyn Baskin 541-926-1517 or jbaskin@albanychamber.com.

GIVING TUESDAY

Support your Local
Non-Profits on
Giving Tuesday,
November 28, 2023!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Chamber Events

November Membership Forum

Michelle Duncan

Sheriff, Linn County Sheriff's Office

"The Linn County Sheriff's Office: Focusing on Public Safety"

Wednesday, November 29th

11:30am-1pm

Linn County Expo Center

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Burcham's
Metals

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Michelle Duncan was appointed as the 41st Sheriff of Linn County in 2022 and won the office in the election later that year. Michelle has served Linn County in a variety of positions. She has held positions as a Resident Deputy, Narcotics Detective, Patrol Sergeant, Patrol Lieutenant, Patrol Captain and Undersheriff before serving as Sheriff. Additionally, she has served as the agency's Public Information Officer for over seven years, revamping their social media content and acting as the primary contact for the news media.

Michelle has a wide range of experience. She has served as an instructor for the agency and has led both the Defensive Tactics Team and Field Training and Evaluation Programs for training new deputies. She has served as the Incident Commander on major events such as the Willamette Country Music Festival and 2020 Fires. Additionally, Michelle has investigated all levels of crimes, successfully written grants for the agency, developed policy and procedures, and now manages a 45-million-dollar budget and a staff of 193.

Michelle has an Associate Degree and holds her Management Certification from Department of Public Safety Standards. She has completed Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College.

Since Michelle took Office, the jail has been reopened to capacity, positive programs for inmates in the jail have been implemented and Employee Wellness has been prioritized.

Michelle is married and has two children in college. She enjoys camping, hiking, gardening, cooking and sports.

November Students of the Month



Benjamin Eby

Santiam Christian High School



Azaya Childress

South Albany High School



Lauren Bernt

West Albany High School



Youth Job Fair

Dec. 12th, 2023
10am-1pm | LBCC

BE A MOCK INTERVIEWER

The Youth Job Fair helps our students gain valuable job interviewing skills and immediate feedback from professionals. Help build an outstanding work force for the future!

Be one of **300 volunteers** offering Mock Job Interviews for nearly 1,000 high-schoolers at the Youth Job Fair.

[Register Here to Volunteer](#)



HAVE A BOOTH AT THE RESOURCE FAIR

EVERYONE WELCOME! - Chamber Members and Non-Members

Early Bird Pricing: \$60 each table (Ends November 22nd)

After: \$75 each table

We are looking for a wide variety of post-high school options for all kinds of students.

- Careers– Manufacturing, construction, service industries, healthcare, tech, retail, government, and much more!
- College– We want students to know what's available right here in Oregon. That they don't need to travel great distances to achieve a higher education. We try to get as many colleges as possible to attend this event.
- Apprenticeships– Students need to know the available options for and benefits of becoming an electrician, plumber, carpenter, or other apprenticeship type work.
- Military– Many students are interested in learning more about joining a branch of the military. We encourage recruiters from the Oregon Army National Guard, OSU/WOU Army ROTC, Navy, Air Force, Army, Air National Guard, Coast Guard, and the Marines to attend.

SPONSOR THE YOUTH JOB FAIR

Chamber Members Only

For only \$350:

- Show off your brand to nearly 1000 attending students- your logo is on the event banner and listed in the program
- Complimentary booth
- Low cost marketing opportunity
- Find future staff- an excellent opportunity to talk to students about working for you in the future!

[Register Here For the Resource Fair or to Sponsor](#)





GOLDEN TICKET WINNER:

DIDI AHO

Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments



Professional Background: I was born and raised in Portland Oregon, and just recently determined I was actually a small-town girl. My big move took me to a 1900 Farmhouse in North Albany. An accidental banker for over 25 years, the focus of my career was in various areas of small business lending. My last bank position was lost due to a merger. As luck would have it, a neighbor worked for Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and told me of a position in the lending department. I love my job. Every day I get the privilege of helping people make their small business ownership dreams come true.

Biggest Issue Facing Albany: Small business lending everywhere is being impacted by continued rate hikes and tightening scrutiny by traditional bank and credit union lenders. This is where our loan programs can work. Our lending programs focus on businesses and individuals that pose a little more risk and are therefore unable to obtain conventional financing. Our lending region for local loan programs is Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. In addition, we can partner with traditional lenders on our local programs and on SBA 504 loans Statewide. Below is a little more information about our local loan programs.

Business Marketing Niche: Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments has been supporting the success of local businesses through small business loans since 1983. The original goal of the government funded loan programs was to encourage business start-ups and expansions, thereby creating or retaining more jobs in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties. Now 40 years later, our goal remains the same. Loan programs are available for the purchase or improvement of land or buildings, purchase of machinery and equipment, furniture and fixtures, and working capital. We have a variety of loan programs available, including SBA 504 loans. Call us today at 541-812-1920 to see if your business qualifies!



Save the Date!



Distinguished Service Awards Nomination Form

[Go to Digital Nomination & Submission Form](#)

Honor Your Fellow Albany Citizens!

The Albany Area Chamber encourages you to nominate a business, organization or individual that has shown dedication, exemplary service, and leadership to our community.

When turning in your nomination form, please make sure that it is filled out completely, and provide a minimum of **two** letters of recommendation in addition to the nomination form.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Distinguished Service

Outstanding career of community service. Candidates must be over 55 years of age.

Jim Linhart First Citizen

Outstanding service during the last three years. Candidates must be between 40 and 55 years of age.

Junior First Citizen

Outstanding service during the last three years. Candidates must be under 40 years of age.

Finalists and recipients will be honored based on the following criteria:

Individuals participate actively on service projects and programs leading to civic improvement, human welfare, and/or environmental enhancement. The nominee must also have a positive impact on the social or economic climate of the community, and influence the community through their leadership.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Albany Area Chamber Member Businesses, Organizations, and Non-Profits are included in this category and may nominate themselves.

Large Business of the Year

A Chamber member business, organization or non-profit with over 25 employees.

Small Business of the Year

A Chamber member business, organization or non-profit with 25 employees or less.

Finalists and recipients will be honored based on the following criteria:

Businesses have made a substantial contribution to the community for the last five years or longer. *Business Excellence* - Achieved successful business practices, e.g. marketing, promotional activities, strong ethics. Promotes employee self-growth and development. Has demonstrated a high level of customer satisfaction, confidence, and service. *Community Service* - Has proven their interest in the welfare of the community through financial contributions, personal service or civic leadership.

Awards to be presented: March 9th, 2024

Member News & Updates

10D Tech Invites You To

OREGON

— SMALL BUSINESS —

TECH DAY

**NOV
16TH
2023**

Grow And Equip
Your Business With
The **BEST TIPS** From
World Renowned
Business Leaders
And Tech Experts!



David Rendall
Professional Speaker & Your MC



Mike Michalowicz
Business Leader & Best-Selling Author



Steve Roderick
Cybersecurity Expert



Robert Herjavec
Celebrity CEO & "Shark"



Adam Cheyer
Co-Founder of Siri



To Register For This **FREE** 1 Day Only Scan Here →
Online Event, Visit: www.10dtech.com/tech-day-2023



[Register Here](#)

Oregon State Credit Union Recognized for United Way Giving



Oregon State Credit Union has been recognized by United Way of Linn, Benton & Lincoln Counties with the Outstanding Campaign award. The Outstanding Campaign award recognizes businesses that go above and beyond to promote their Employee Giving Campaign and increase employee participation and/or total giving. This year 234 Oregon State Credit Union team members made donations and pledges totaling **\$32,217.**

Photo caption (left): Lebanon Branch Manager Daniel Olvera accepts the award on behalf of the credit union at the United Way's awards event Sept. 21 in Lebanon.



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED US CELEBRATE OUR MURAL COMPLETION AND 120 YEARS!



Welcome to the Chamber New Members!



Thankful for our members



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Thank You to Our Milestone Members



55 Years

**Dairy Queen of Albany
&
Republic Services, Inc.**

30 Years

Albany Civic Theater

5 Years

Assurant

Madison Ave. Collective

Greg's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

Thank You to Our Reinvesting Members

Albany Visitors Association
Budget Blinds of Albany & Corvallis
Coldwell Banker Valley Brokers
Dairy Queen of Albany
Direct Flooring Center
Diversified Property Management and
Real Estate Services
eXp Realty LLC Nancy Kruse
Eye Beam Event Services, Inc.
Forks & Corks Catering
Greater Albany Education Association
Greg's Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.
Madison Ave. Collective
Neora
North Albany Wellness Center
Post Law Firm, PC
Professional Security Alarm
Smooth Green Yard Services, LCB#9415
South Pacific Auto Sales
Whitaker's

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*), Andy Villeneuve (*ATI*), Brian Dietrich (*Parr Lumber*), Brian Oare (*Oare & Associates Realty*), 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: Jorden Parrish (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: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Chamber Staff

Janet Steele - President
Jorden Parrish - Program and Event Manager
Jim Snyder - Membership Development Manager
Jadyn Baskin - Office Manager

Upcoming
Programs & Events

November 2023

- Starting Nov. 1 **Distinguished Service Awards Nominations Open!**
Nomination submissions along with at least TWO letters of recommendation are due January 17th.
DSA Banquet: Sat. March 9th, 2024
- Fri. Nov. 10th **Chamber office closed for Veteran's Day (Nov. 11th)**
- Fri. Nov. 17th **Holiday Guide: Ad Space Deadline**
- Nov. 23rd & 24th **Thanksgiving - Chamber office closed**
- Wed. Nov. 29th **November Membership Forum**
11:30am-1pm @ Linn Co. Expo
Guest Speaker: Sheriff Michelle Duncan, *Linn Co. Sheriff's Office*
Topic: "The Linn County Sheriff's Office- Focusing on Public Safety"
Sponsored by Burcham's Metals
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- Wed. Dec. 6th **Wine, Women & Chocolate**
4-6pm, Comfort Suites
- Tues. Dec. 12th **Youth Job Fair**
10am-1pm, LBCC
Mock Interview Volunteers & Resource Booths Needed!

November Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

- Nov. 2nd **First American Title**
2405 14th Ave. SE Suite B, Albany 97322
- Nov. 9th **Mid-Willamette Family YMCA**
3201 Pacific Blvd. SW Albany 97321
In Strength and Cardio Room
- Nov. 16th **Albany Carpet One**
416 Pacific Blvd SW Albany 97321
- Nov. 23rd **No Greeters - Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Nov. 30th **Boys & Girls Club of Albany**
1215 Hill St. SE Albany 97322



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