

# Albany Area Chamber Network

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## May Membership Forum

**“Wildfire in Oregon”**

**May 29, 2024**

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



Guest Speaker Oregon State Fire Marshall  
Mariana Ruiz-Temple

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**NEW**

If you have emerging leaders working in your organization, what types of professional development would be beneficial for them?

This Poll is your chance to have your voice heard.  
One question, quick and easy.

Your feedback makes the Chamber more effective in serving you and your business!

[Answer Here](#)

THE LINKS & THE CHAMBER ARE CALLING! COME PLAY A ROUND.

**GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER!**

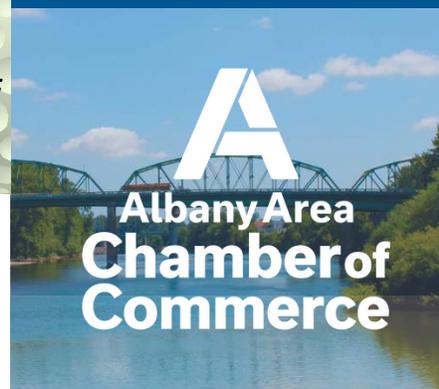
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FRIDAY, JUNE 7TH

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## May Membership Forum



MARIANA RUIZ-TEMPLE

Oregon State Fire Marshall  
"Wildfire in Oregon"

May 29th 11:30am - 1pm  
Linn County Fairgrounds

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Mariana Ruiz-Temple has served as the State Fire Marshal since September 2020. She directs the agency's fire programs, including fire code development and enforcement, fire investigation, fire data collection and analysis, the Community Right to Know Program, Hazmat Response Teams, community wildfire risk reduction, fire safety education and information, youth education, and the regulation of the fireworks, explosives, propane, and non-retail gasoline dispensing industries. Her responsibilities include administering the Oregon State Fire Service Mobilization Plan, Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System, and the State Fire Marshal's Incident Management Teams. She develops and implements organizational planning and policies and establishes goals in partnership with the two Chief Deputy State Fire Marshals. Mariana collaboratively facilitates the development of proposed legislation affecting fire protection and the Oregon fire service. In addition, she is responsible for mobilizing structural resources for wildfires and other all-hazard incidents throughout the state and the Agency Operations Center (AOC).

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## Women in Business Wednesday, June 12

Join us for

**Carmen Ohling**

Founder of Amplified Life Company

## "The Transformative Power of Connectivity"

Join Holistic Life + Leadership Coach, Carmen Ohling, as she guides us through how to cultivate the 4 crucial self-disciplines that will elevate your connections, propel your success, and be the catalyst to accessing true freedom in your life!

Carmen has spent over 15 years training, leading, and supporting individuals and corporate teams to high-performing levels of personal and professional excellence.



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# INFORMATION HUB

## WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT

The Corporate Transparency Act, which went into effect Jan. 1, will affect millions of small businesses across the country. Notably, it requires businesses that meet certain criteria to submit a Beneficial Ownership Information Report to the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN).

The Corporate Transparency Act is intended to combat illicit activity such as tax fraud, money laundering and financing for terrorism. To do that, it captures information about beneficial owners with specific U.S. businesses operating in or accessing the country's market. Beneficial owners are people who, directly or indirectly, have a significant ownership stake in a company. They must own at least 25% of a company's shares or exert a comparable level of control over the company's equity.

Businesses created before Jan. 1, 2024, must file by Jan. 1, 2025. Businesses created after Jan. 1, 2024, must file within 90 calendar days of receiving notice of their creation or registration.

[Learn More Here](#)

## YOUTH WAGE GRANT APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED BY LINN COUNTY

[Click here for more info](#)

Linn County Commissioners Roger Nyquist, Sherrie Sprenger and Will Tucker have again unanimously approved the annual First-Time Youth Wage Grant program for its 18th year.

Linn County uses economic development funds generated by the Video Lottery to subsidize \$3 per hour of wages for first-time teen employees, 14 to 19 years of age. The program has been highly successful, with dozens of teenagers employed each summer. Last year, 21 employers hired 46 young people who worked almost 10,800 hours.

To qualify, businesses must hire eligible employees between May 1 and September 30. The employee must be legal to work in the United States and a resident of Linn County. Qualifying businesses must employ 35 or fewer employees and the young people must be first-time employees, who have not previously worked for the individual business.

An employer can hire up to three youth at any given time and receive a maximum of \$1,500 per new hire, or \$4,500 total. Employers have until November 15, 2024 to submit a request for reimbursement.

For more information, call Courtney Leland at the Linn County Board of Commissioners office at 541-967-3825, extension 2129

### Best-Performing Cities 2024 Ranking Released:

The Milken Institute measured 403 metropolitan areas in the U.S. based on 13 indicators. Most of this year's top-ranking metropolitan areas are in landlocked states. Check out the report to see how your state's cities are faring compared to others.

[Click Here For More Info](#)

### Wages on the Rise

A 50-cent hike to Oregon's minimum wage will bring baseline pay in the Portland area just to the doorstep of \$16 an hour this summer. Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries announced April 16 that the minimum wage in the Portland area will rise to \$15.95. In urban counties outside the Portland area, the minimum wage will be \$14.70 an hour. And in rural counties, the minimum will be \$13.70.

*This change takes effect July 1.*

### Hayden Homes Honored

*Hayden Homes is proud to have earned a highly respected certification from Great Place To Work®, the global authority on workplace culture, employee experience and leadership behaviors.*

*The prestigious award is based entirely on what current employees say about their experience working at Hayden Homes. This year, 96% of team members said it's a great place to work—39 points higher than the average U.S. company.*

*"Our company culture sets us apart. We work hard, we give, we volunteer, we have fun, we contribute to something greater than ourselves and our company," said one team member in an anonymous survey conducted as part of the Great Place to Work Certification™ process. "We get to build homes for hardworking families and the work we do is fulfilling."*

# Member News & Updates



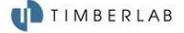
## Citizens Bank Announces Promotion of Cassidy Osuna to Commercial Loan Officer



Citizens Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Cassidy Osuna to Commercial Loan Officer at their Albany 14 th Ave. Branch, located at 2315 14 th Ave SE. Cassidy has been a valued member of the Citizens Bank team for 7 years where she previously held the positions of New Accounts Representative, Loan Assistant, and Credit Analyst at the West Albany Branch.

In her new role as a Commercial Loan Officer, Osuna looks forward to building relationships and working closely with local business and the Albany community the Bank serves. "Cassidy's exceptional performance and commitment to the Citizens Bank culture have earned her this well-deserved promotion," said Avril Koehler, Vice President and Albany 14 th Ave. Branch Manager. "We look forward to Cassidy's continued growth in commercial lending."

After spending her teenage years in Las Vegas, Cassidy moved to Albany in 2016 where she now lives with her husband, Ryan, their daughter, Everly, and their bulldog, Stuart. She also serves as an Albany Area Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

We would like to invite you to join Timberlab for an Open House to share about CLT Manufacturing proposed in Millersburg, OR.

Discover how Timberlab's proposed cross-laminated timber (CLT) manufacturing facility will:

- Support Oregon's forestry supply chain
- Create new good-paying jobs in urban and rural communities
- Accelerate research, education, and market development for sustainable mass timber construction in Oregon.

Meet the Timberlab team and ask questions about the project.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Date: MAY 6, 2024 Time: 5:30 – 7:00PM**

**Location: 4222 NE OLD SALEM RD, MILLERSBURG, OR 97321**

**\*\*refreshments and snacks will be provided**

TIMBERLAB'S MISSION:  
TO ACCELERATE THE MAINSTREAM ADOPTION OF MASS TIMBER IN THE US COMMERCIAL  
CONSTRUCTION MARKET TO BENEFIT THE PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE.  
<https://timberlab.com/>



**From the Archives**  
**Then & Now-1st Ave. used to be a two-way lane for traffic.  
& notice the tree line!**

According to an article of the *Albany Democrat-Herald* (1/4/1957) the estimated population of Albany, in 1975, would be "more than 50,000". With a population of nearly 16,000 in 1957, this seemed a massive surge of new comers headed into town. The *Albany Area City Directory* of 1975 shows a population of 22,000 within the city limits. Online sources show the city's population to be 56,809 in 2024 and the 50,000 mark was gained in 2009-2010.

The growth of our business community plays a pivotal role in shaping the expansion of our esteemed town. The Albany Area Chamber diligently strives towards fostering growth, establishing connections, and advocating for the community, on a daily basis.

# 2024 GOLF TOURNAMENT

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*Thank you*

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so far...

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**Hole & Tee Sponsors to date:**

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| Gillott Home Team - Keller Williams | Rodeway Inn              |
| South Pacific Auto Sales            | Kernutt Stokes           |
| Black Wulf Construction             | Furniture Share          |
| Fitzpatrick Painting & Construction | Maggies Super Clean      |
| Red Canoe Credit Union              | Rite Way Electric        |
| Northwest Community Credit Union    | Willamette Valley Bank   |
| Healing Motion Physical Therapy     | Bonaventure of Albany    |
| CASA of Linn County                 | Good Grounds Coffee      |
| Santiam Christian Schools           | Best Pots                |

**Driving Range Sponsor:**



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## May Students of the Month



**Madison Roth**

Santiam Christian High School



**Payton Shinn**

South Albany High School



**Anika Ylen**

West Albany High School

## **GOLDEN TICKET WINNER:**



### **SARAH & SCOTT STEEN** **AM|FM LUXURY TRAVEL & ADVENTURES**

**Professional Background:** My husband, Scott and I love to travel, especially internationally and around the Hawaiian Islands. Having hosted many exchange students in the last decade really gave us the niche & passion for international travel. I have almost three decades of customer service, relationship building and sales experience. My full-time job is with AmeriTitle as their business development manager (which I love). Scott is an engineer for the aviation industry and has his pilot's license. With Scott's analytical skills and attention to detail paired with my relationship building and sales skills we are a perfect team for AM|FM to bring them repeat clients. With AM|FM Travel, connecting travelers to skilled advisors isn't just a service—it's our passion.

**What is the Biggest Issue Facing our Community:** Sadly, I can't just pick one issue as the biggest issue facing Albany. We have a large population of unhoused residents that need a place to call home that is safe. We need to build more affordable housing that Albany residents can afford and get a handle on the petty crime that is happening daily. It's either shoplifting or breaking windows to steal items out of a car.

**You and your company's community involvement:** AM|FM Luxury Travel has been a Chamber member for a year. I currently serve on the Board of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, attend weekly Greeters, serve on the women in business and youth job fair committees. Outside of the these I am a board member for CAP, a Rotarian with the Greater Albany Rotary club and volunteer on a regular basis for Furniture Share and Jackson Street Youth Services. I am thankful that my employer AmeriTitle gives me the opportunity to serve and help the community where I have lived my entire life.

**Business Marketing Niche:** At AM|FM Luxury + Adventure Travel we pride ourselves on being a boutique team of highly skilled & passionate travel advisors, dedicated to turning travel dreams into realities. With years of industry expertise we are more than just a small group; we are a powerhouse of knowledge and a one-stop destination for all your travel planning needs. Whether you are seeking a romantic getaway, a thrilling adventure, or a luxurious escape, our team is here to guide you every step of the way, ensuring that every aspect of your dream trip is meticulously tailored to exceed your expectations. Why settle for anything less when you can rely on us to curate unforgettable and bespoke travel experiences that will leave you with memories to cherish for a lifetime? Get in touch with our team of dedicated travel advisors today and let us help you embark on the journey of your dreams.

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Fiber  
Ribbon  
Cutting!**

**Class of 2024  
Leadership  
Albany  
Weyerhaeuser  
Forestry Tour!**

**Sam Fit  
Ribbon  
Cutting!**



**Congratulations!**

# Welcome to the Chamber, New Members!



**Cal's Moving Help**  
33862 SE Eastgate Circle  
Corvallis OR 97330  
(541) 250-6324 [Website](#)



**F45 Training North Albany**  
617 NW Hickory St. Suite 180  
Albany OR 97321  
(541) 633-4594 [Website](#)



**Black Wulf Construction LLC**  
33862 SE Eastgate Circle  
Sweet Home OR 97386  
(336) 899-4359 [Website](#)



**Albany Rent - Properties**  
1607 Springhill Dr NE  
Albany OR 97321  
541-990-2634 [Website](#)



**Sidekicks Dessert & Espresso**  
832 Lyon St.  
Albany OR 97321  
(541) 967-7558 [Website](#)



**Positive Change Bookkeeping**  
Online  
Albany  
(541) 497-1729 [Website](#)



**Lisa Paredes Country Financial**  
1479 S Main St  
Lebanon OR 97355  
(971) 240-9158

## Thank You to Our Reinvesting Members

- Albany Helping Hands
- Albany Rental
- AM | FM Luxury + Adventure Travel - Sarah & Scott Steen
- Anytime Fitness Albany
- Brookdale Senior Living
- Caliber Home Loans / NewRez
- Cascade Grill
- Chamberlin House Inc.
- Clayton Homes
- Coastal
- Edward Jones - Scariano
- EyeCare Associates
- Forks & Corks Catering
- Frank Morse - Former State Senator
- Georgia-Pacific
- Gray Farms, Inc.
- Hasty Freez, Inc.
- IonBottles Corporation
- Jackson Street Youth Services
- KRVM
- Linn-Co Federal Credit Union
- M&M Car Company
- Mid-Willamette Family YMCA
- National Frozen Foods Corp.
- No Dinx
- Northwest Community Credit Union
- Payroll by Lynn
- Reece Engineering & Survey, LLC
- Rice Heating & Air, Inc.
- Servpro of Linn & Benton County
- The Corvallis Clinic
- The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 584

## Thank You & Congratulations to Our Milestone Members

**55 Years**

**King Office Designs**



**20 Years**

**CPP - Titanium  
Visiting Angels of  
Willamette Valley  
Gray Farms Inc.**

**15 Years**

**Cascade Grill  
M&M Car Company**

**10 Years**

**Chance Recovery  
Dave Pautsch RE/MAX**

## 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

## Member Forum

Wednesday, May 29th 11:30am - 1pm  
"Wildfire in Oregon" Mariana Ruiz-Temple  
Oregon State Fire Marshal  
Linn County Fair & Expo \$24.00/member \$35.00/non-member

## Albany Chamber Golf Tournament

Friday, June 7th @ Springhill Golf Course  
8am shotgun start

## Women in Business

June 12th  
Carmen Ohling  
"The Transformative Power of Connectivity"

## Member Forum

Tuesday, June 18th 11:30am - 1pm  
Scott Rueck - OSU Women's Basketball Coach  
Linn County Fair & Expo \$24.00/member \$35.00/non-member

## May Fun Facts:

May 2 is National Brothers & Sisters Day  
The Kentucky Derby "Run for the Roses" is held annually on the first Saturday of May  
The 3rd Friday in May is Bike to Work day  
Paper Airplane Day, National Brisket Day, Lucky Penny Day & Talk Like Yoda Day happen in May  
Brain Injury Awareness Week is the 11th-17th

## May Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

- May 2 **10D Tech**  
Location: Linn Co. Expo Center Albany
- May 9 **Corvallis Knights Baseball**  
Location: Calapooia Brewing Hill St Albany
- May 16 **Bonaventure of Albany**  
Location: 420 Geri St Albany
- May 23 **Knife River Training Center**  
Location: 35973 Kennel Rd Albany
- May 30th **Xtreme GrafX**  
Location: 505 Main St SE Albany

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