

# Albany Area Chamber Network

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The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a large banner for 'BUSINESS SURVIVAL TIPS DURING A PANDEMIC' with a lightbulb and coins icon. Below it is a 'SPECIAL UPDATE' banner with a megaphone icon. On the right, there are 'QUICK LINKS' and 'THANKS TO OUR DIAMOND MEMBER!' section featuring the ATI logo. At the bottom right, there is an 'Upcoming Events' section listing virtual greeter events.



◀ SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR  
DIAMOND MEMBER



## Message from the Chair



The saying goes "April showers bring May flowers." It's a traditional phrase you hear this time of year. Perhaps you remember making a craft in elementary school with the famous lyric.

The promise of bright, fragrant, beautiful flowers after a period of dreary, gray days is something that all of us in the Pacific Northwest totally understand. It's a hope of something better to come, it's a practice of patience and a test of endurance. I would venture to say that we all love the beauty of the flower, but do we love the rain? When we find ourselves in the showers of difficulty it is often easy to lose sight of the big picture; we can fail to see the light at the end of the tunnel, or shall I say, to see the flower through the rain.

Often showers come when least expected, and they can catch us completely off guard. Such it is with our current situation. We are in the middle of the rain. For some of you this is an inconvenience, but you will weather the storm. For others it is much, much more. I want you know that the Chamber is in this with you. We are doing all that we can to promote restaurants that are serving take out, provide tips and support to businesses that are still able to provide services, as well as staying apprised of legislation, SBA loans, and other information that is pertinent to our membership. We have also extended a 90-day grace period to our members whose renewals are due.

We are in the midst of the worst rainstorm to hit the business community that any of us can remember. And it is now that the true character of our community will shine. We are strong, we lift each other up, and we care for each other. If you know of a fellow businessperson that is suffering, reach out to them, share some encouragement and support. Also be mindful of our non-profits and check in to see if they are needing anything that you can provide. I cannot guarantee how or when these trying times will come to an end. But I can promise you that sooner or later "April showers" will dry up, the sun will come out, and the flowers will bloom.

"Be strong now because things will get better; it might be stormy now, but it can't rain forever."

**Kristal Dufour**

AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home  
2019-2020 Board Chair

## GOLDEN TICKET WINNER ►



**Athena Nofziger, RDN, LD**

Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Worksite Wellness Specialist  
Eat Well Nutrition Coaching and Consulting



### Personal background

I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Nutrition Wellness Specialist. I graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in Nutrition and Food Management and completed my dietetic internship at the University of South Dakota. I focus on anti-inflammatory and culinary nutrition. I love to prepare and teach my clients how to make food that is healthy and tastes good!

In addition to being passionate about food and nutrition I work on our family farm with my husband. We grow a variety of vegetable seeds for food production, grass seed, and hazelnuts. I love being part of the food production process from farm to the table.

### Biggest issue facing Albany

Our biggest challenge right now is how do we support all Albany Businesses and come together as a community as we navigate this unknown territory of COVID-19. We all have to think outside the box to on how to offer

services and keep our community moving forward. The Albany Chamber is doing a great job keeping us up to date with online and curbside business offerings!

### Chamber/community involvement

I attend Greeters and forums as often as I can. I have been able to attend the Business Extravaganza the last 3 years and like to give away bananas. This year I participated in the Youth Job Fair. I also had the honor this year of speaking at the Women in Business Luncheon in September.

### Business marketing niche

I am a work-site wellness expert and my niche is offering affordable work-site wellness options to small and medium size businesses. I offer a variety of packages including nutrition presentations, food demonstrations and employee newsletters. I also offer onsite nutrition counseling for employees.

## Ambassador Ribbon Cuttings

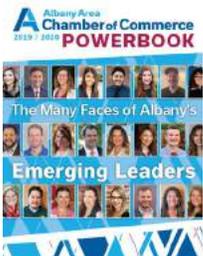


Homegrown Oregon Foods is located at 212 1st Ave. E. They are a 100% Gluten free and dairy free kitchen, restaurant and food prep business. They offer delivery and catering as well as weekly meal planning.



Stack HIP is located at 4322 Marion Street SE. Within the facility, they proudly offer Hot Isostatic Press (HIP) and vacuum heat treating services.

## Have you updated your information lately?



We're preparing for our 2020-2021 PowerBook Member Directory. To make changes to the information that we have on file, simply log into your account, go to the "Company Information" tab to review and update with your new information. While logged in, you can also update your web information and

employees information to remove anyone who is no longer with the company and add the employee who is now with you. The web information is what is used for giving out referrals so that should be updated as well.

If you need a login, you may request one by emailing [info@albanychamber.com](mailto:info@albanychamber.com) or by calling (541) 926-1517.

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce

# WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS DURING COVID-19

Support our Chamber members by doing the following:

## SHOP LOCAL, EAT LOCAL

Many local businesses and restaurants are offering take out, curbside delivery, online shopping, as well as other methods of doing business. Before spending your money online, check in to see what local businesses can offer.



## KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIPS

If you subscribe or have a membership to a gym, class, newspaper, organization, etc. keep it going. Many small businesses rely on support to keep their doors open and pay their bills. Your continued support can literally save their business.



## BUY NOW, PICK UP LATER

If you planned on buying a product, like say jewelry, shoes or a piece of clothing, give that business a call. Pay for it now and have them set it aside for you to pick up later.



## GIVE THE GIFT OF BUSINESS

If you frequent a business, buy a gift card that covers your patronage. Then spread out use of those gift cards over time while you continue to support them as normal or give them away as gifts to people who might not normal go there.



## ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP!

If you know owners or employees personally, drop them a line and ask how you can help.

## Board of Director Candidates

July 1st will mark the beginning of a new year for your Albany Area Chamber. Each year one-third of the Board of Directors are elected to serve a three-year term. Board members may serve two consecutive terms. If a Board member fills an un-expired term he/she is eligible to serve their own two, three year terms.

The Nominating Committee has recommended the following individuals for the positions. Members of the Chamber may, by right of petition, bearing the genuine signatures of at least 25 qualified members, add additional candidates. If after 10 days, no petitions are received, these eight individuals are considered duly elected by the membership. If new candidates are offered, their names plus the slate from the Nominating Committee shall be put forth before the entire membership for a vote.

### Business Leaders Nominated to Serve a Three Year Term:

**July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023**

Sue Creel – First American Title

Jon Kloor – NW Natural

Celeste Kruger – Pacific Power

Cordell Post – Post Law Firm

Jim Merryman – OFD Foods

Sarah Steen – AmeriTitle

Abel Condrea – Edward Jones

Brice Winney – STACK Hip



### The Good Government Council Endorses **Sherrie Sprenger** for Linn County Commissioner

Sherrie Sprenger knows Linn County. She lives a mile and a half from where she grew up and her son attended the same K-12 schools she did. In her career she's been a small business owner, deputy sheriff and for the last 12+ years she has served in the Oregon House of Representatives, District 17. Before entering the legislature Sherrie served for many years on the Linn County Compensation board, Lebanon Community School board (where she served as chair), the LBL ESD Budget Committee and was an Albany New Hope Pregnancy Center board member and volunteer.

Sherrie Sprenger will bring her wealth of knowledge of local and state government to this position and her government contacts will be invaluable as a Linn County Commissioner. She has dedicated her adult life to betterment of individuals and businesses in Linn County and will continue to be a strong advocate for all when elected as Linn County Commissioner.

**Vote for Sherrie Sprenger!**

### GREETERS SCHEDULE

*Until the ban on groups larger than 25 people is lifted, we will be having a Virtual Greeters in place of our regular Greeters meetings. Meet us on [facebook.com/AlbanyChamber](https://facebook.com/AlbanyChamber) each Thursday morning at 8:15 am. We will post a video from our host, and you can "check in" in the comment section with text, or better yet, a video. It will be a great way to stay connected during this time.*

2nd  
Costco

9th  
Mike's Heating & A/C

16th  
B and W Builders

23rd  
Peace Mentors

30th  
Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics



Here's what we're hoping for:

May 27th: Membership Forum Luncheon

June 3rd: Women in Business

June 5th: Golf Tournament

June 16th: Business Unwind

June 17th: Membership Forum Luncheon

# New members



## Aljets Consulting

4177 Windy Ave. NE, Albany, OR 97322  
(503) 830-2291  
aljetsconsulting.com

Aljets Consulting is a research, process, and data strategies consulting firm that works with smaller public and private organizations. We specialize in problem solving with data collection through surveys, data analysis, and interactive data visualization. Aljets Consulting also provides process mapping and modeling of critical business functions.



## Coldwell Banker Valley Brokers - Autumn Train

617 NW Hickory St., Unit 110, Albany, OR 97321  
(541) 223-2359  
AutumnTrainSellsRealEstate.com

I believe working with the right agent leads to a successful transaction. I start by finding out your goals and creating a plan to achieve them. I share my knowledge about the real estate market and home buying/selling process with you so you can make an informed decision.



## Edward Jones - Trevor Hurley

2411 Brighton Way SE, Suite A, Albany, OR 97322  
(855) 379-0915  
edwardjones.com

I'm dedicated to helping you develop strategies to reach important long-term financial goals, such as paying for a child's education, retiring on your terms or creating a legacy for your family.



## Purkey Bookkeeping, LLC

Street, City, OR 973xx  
(541) 678-2140  
purkeybookkeeping.com

Purkey Bookkeeping, LLC, offers professional bookkeeping services for your small business or non-profit so that you can get back to your priorities! Let me take care of your bookkeeping so that you can focus on running your business.



## Royal Riverside Farms

36042 Riverside Dr SW, Albany, OR 97321  
(541) 829-0379  
royalriversidefarm.com

We use low-temp or vat pasteurization, which preserves the taste and nutrition of our milk. We do not homogenize, so the cream literally rises to the top! Glass bottles help us promote sustainability.



## Studio 4:44

211 1st Ave. W #203, Albany, OR 97321  
(541) 600-6755  
smallbanyor.com

My name is Noel Neal and I own and operate Studio 4:44, a salon in downtown Albany. I do Ayurvedic Massage which is an oil-based massage. My massage is completely oil based friction and lymphatic drainage. I am also a yoga instructor, certified 200 hours, and I have a bachelor's degree in nutrition, I do some nutritional counseling when needed.

# Reinvesting members

- Albany Antique Mall, LLC
- Allen & Laporte General Contracting, Inc.
- B and W Builders, LLC
- Beckham, David B., Attorney at Law
- Coastal
- Corvallis Knights
- Dahled Up Construction
- E.A. Chambers Farms, Inc.
- Eastside Christian Church
- Electrical Construction Company
- Glenn Edwards Insurance Agency (Farmers & iCover Oregon)
- H & R Block
- Henry's Food Court
- Jordan Jewelers
- Lifetime Gutters
- Linn Veterinary Hospital
- Northwest Realty Consultants
- NW Natural
- Oregon Web Press, Inc.
- Premiere Property Group, LLC
- Ralph Scariano
- Regent Court Memory Care
- RiverBend Materials
- Serenity Lane
- Spirit Espresso, LLC
- Stearns Lending, LLC.
- Target Distribution Center
- Tom Cutsforth
- Umpqua Bank
- Waverly Place Assisted Living and Memory Care
- West Home Inspections, Inc.
- Wheelhouse
- Willamette Valley Vineyards

# Milestone members

## 30 years

Umpqua Bank

## 10 years

H & R Block

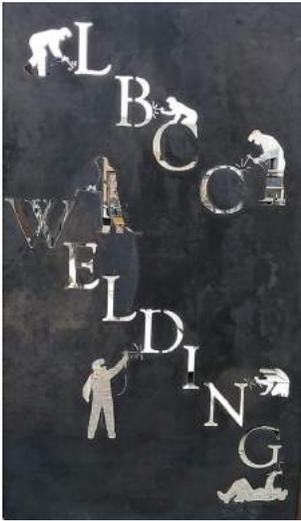
Regent Court Memory Care

Wheelhouse

## 5 years

B and W Builders, LLC

Spirit Espresso, LLC



Pipeline went to Welding and Non-Destructive Day held at Linn-Benton Community College. The students welded together a box numbered die. The students took the die to NDT to test the strength in their welds. Some students designed and machined coins on their Machine Tool & CADD event.

With schools not in session, further Pipeline events currently scheduled are to be determined. Visit us online at [www.pipelinetojobs.com](http://www.pipelinetojobs.com) or [facebook.com/PipelineToJobs](https://facebook.com/PipelineToJobs) for more information.



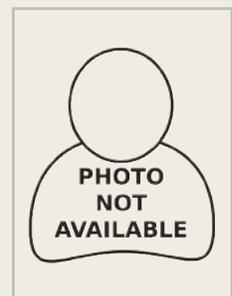
## Congratulations to these Students of the Month!



**Josephine Risinger**  
Santiam Christian



**Nathaniel Young**  
South Albany HS



**TBA**  
West Albany HS

# Member Accolades & News



## Brigitte's Place on front page of newspaper

Brigitte's Place was recently featured on the front page of the Albany-Democrat Herald. Brigitte's Place focuses on natural fibers as much as possible and offers classes and private instruction on sewing garments. A few of her children's classes are aimed at making clothing for American Girl dolls. She has adult classes, a hat-making class and "Sewcials". "The most important part about Brigitte's Place is the community of sewers that's forming around it". She wants to see what they've made and have them come in to get creative ideas. The business offers discounts to OSU students who are pursuing apparel design degrees. Brigitte's Place is located at 325 First Ave. W.



## Event at Natural Sprinkles Co. aimed to empower girls

Jolene Wilson, owner of Natural Sprinkles Co., recently gave seven young girls the opportunity to decorate a dozen cupcakes and open the business to sell them and to see a woman running her own business. This was part of an outreach effort by Ophelia's Place to empower girls age 10-18 through education and positive choices. The class was free, Natural Sprinkles donated the supplies. The group of seven girls, ranging in ages 10-13, learned how to decorate rainbow cookies with a pastry bag and learn the work required to go into business. Jolene Wilson also appeared on the front cover of the February/March 2020 edition of *Mom Magazine*.



## Barker-Uerlings Insurance Announcement

Barker-Uerlings has become a division of Hub International NW. Hub is the largest independent agency in North America with over 500 offices in US and Canada. Steve Uerlings will become a Senior Vice President with Hub and there will be no changes in staffing or office locations, just more resources to help their clients.

Barker-Uerlings is excited about the opportunity to have more resources, yet continue to provide local service to all of their clients. They appreciate your business and look forward to telling you more!!!



## Southpaw's Perfect Pizza gives back

With the Oregon Veterans' Home in Lebanon being quarantined, Southpaw's Perfect Pizza and Sports Pub in Albany stepped up and generously provided meals for two days! The owner of Southpaw's, Chris Reese, is a Veteran and gives hours of his time to supporting the communities. Thank you, Chris!



When this is over  
make me never again  
take for granted  
a handshake with a stranger  
full shelves at the store  
conversations with neighbors  
a crowded theatre  
friday night out  
the taste of communion  
a routine checkup  
the school rush each morning  
coffee with a friend  
the stadium roaring  
each deep breath  
a boring Tuesday  
life itself.

When this ends,  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way - better  
for each other  
because of the worst.

*Laura Kelly Fanucci*

Send us your press release:

[info@albanychamber.com](mailto:info@albanychamber.com)

## 2019–2020 Officers and Directors

### Board Officers

**Chair:** Kristal Dufour (AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home)

**Chair-Elect:** Jon Kloor (NW Natural Gas Company)

**Sr. Vice Chair:** Bill Draper (ATI Specialty Alloys & Components)

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

**Treasurer:** Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

**Immediate Past Chair:** James Ramseyer (Consumers Power, Inc.)

### Board Members

Sue Creel (First American Title), Brian Dietrich (Parr Lumber), Jenny Gilmore-Robinson (ABC House), Kevin Gray (Gray Farms, Inc.), Joel Kinman (Gerding Builders), Kevin Konzelman (Stutzman Services, Inc), Kevin Manske (Cadwell Realty Group), Heather McGowan (Boldt, Carlisle, & Smith, LLC), Lori McKinnon (Coastal), Jim Merryman (Oregon Freeze Dry), John Pascone (Linn Economic Development Group), Cordell Post (Post Law Firm), Chris Reese (SouthPaws Pizza & Sports Pub), Jennifer Stanaway (Samaritan Albany General Hospital), Rick Younger (Viper Northwest, Inc.)

### Ex-Officio Board Members

Melissa Goff (Greater Albany Public Schools)

Greg Hamann (Linn Benton Community College)

### Committee Chairs

**Ambassadors Chair:** Liz Tilson Ramirez (AMOR Events)

**Ag Appreciation Breakfast:** Janet Steele (Albany Area Chamber)

**Albany Business Extravaganza:** Chrystal Hart-Meeker (Tin Roof Boutique) & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme GrafX)

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

**Emerging Leaders:** Firiell Severns (Albany Area Chamber)

**Finance:** Loren Roth (Citizens Bank)

**Governmental Affairs Co-Chairs:** Jon Kloor (NW Natural Gas Company), James Ramseyer (Consumers Power)

**Greeters Co-Chairs:** Trish Irwin (Caliber Home Loans), Mr. G Nassar (Farmers Insurance), Brian Oare (Oare & Associates), Sarah Steen (Amerititle)

**Youth Job Fair:** Firiell Severns (Albany Area Chamber of Commerce)

### Chamber Staff

Janet Steele, President

Kimberly Hammer, Workforce Dev. Specialist

Firiell Severns, Program & Event Manager

Chris Singer, Workforce Development Specialist

## Is your address correct?

Don't forget to notify the Chamber with address and contact information changes.

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Albany, Oregon  
97321

## Upcoming Events

Until the ban on groups larger than 25 people is lifted, the Chamber has cancelled or postponed in person meetings, programs and events.

### Thursday, April 2

8:15am Virtual Greeters, Costco

### Thursday, April 9

8:15am Virtual Greeters, Mike's Heating & A/C

### Monday, April 13

2:00pm, Exec. Committee

### Thursday, April 16

8:15am Virtual Greeters, B and W Builders

### Thursday, April 23

8:15am Virtual Greeters

### Thursday, April 30

8:15am Virtual Greeters, Brigitte's Place Fine Fabrics, 325 1st Ave. W



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