

# Albany Area Chamber Network

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**Albany Area Chamber of Commerce**



**2024 Albany Business Extravaganza & Hiring Event**  
Wed. September 25th  
Linn Co. Expo Center  
*Open to the Public 2pm-6pm*



Premiere Sponsors:



**CHAMBER 101**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 11 3:30PM**  
**CHAMBER OFFICE**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**

New to the Albany Area Chamber? Have you wondered what the Chamber is all about? Who is answering your questions, calls, emails and more? Come to Chamber 101 and get to know your Albany Area Chamber of Commerce. Limited to 15 members.

Call the office to get signed up!  
541-926-1517

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### Fly the Flag this 4th of July!

- The flag should not be on display outdoors during bad weather.
- The flag should not be used for advertising purposes, or embroidered on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins or boxes.
- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery.
- It should never be displayed upside down unless trying to convey a sign of distress or great danger.
- The flag should never touch anything beneath it; this includes water, merchandise and even the floor.
- Clean and damage-free flags should always be used. Dirty, ripped, wrinkled or frayed flags should not be used. Also, when flags are damaged, they should be destroyed in a dignified manner.

[More info here](#)



# Welcome Aboard to the newest members of the Board of Directors!

## Sarah Knowles



**Senior Tax Manager -  
SingerLewak LLP**

**Volunteer Experience:**  
StirrUp Hope Therapeutic Riding  
Albany Boys & Girls Club Foundation  
Albany Boys & Girls Club Foundation - Treasurer

**Brief Personal History:** I'm originally from Tuscaloosa, Alabama and a graduate of the University of Alabama. Roll Tide! I moved to Oregon in 2005 after completing my master's. I've been working in public accounting specializing in tax for 19 years and lived in the Albany area for close to 10 years. I've worked for SingerLewak formerly Boldt Carlisle & Smith / Johnson McGowan & Associates since 2006 except for three years living and working in Grand Cayman in tax accounting. I am married (Sean) and enjoy my two dogs and horse. We spend our free time camping throughout the northwest and going to every fair, festival, and rodeo that we can.

**Why is the Chamber important to the community:** I believe in the Chamber as I work closely with many small businesses and see them as the backbone of our community. I look forward to the future we can build as a team.

## Ryan McAlister



**President - Gerding Builders**

**Volunteer Experience:**  
Habitat for Humanity - Corvallis  
Corvallis Sustainability Coalition  
Benton County Talks Trash Workgroup  
Sustainable Housing Coalition  
Benton County Sustainable Materials Management Advisory Group  
OSU Construction Education Foundation Board Member  
Grace City Church

**Brief Personal History:** I was born and raised in Hood River, where both of my parents were teachers within the school district. I lived there for 18 years before attending Oregon State University, where I earned a degree in Construction Engineering Management in 1998. I began my career in the construction industry working on projects in Oregon and then moved to Seattle for five years, working primarily on healthcare construction. In 2006, I returned to Oregon and have been with Gerding Builders ever since. I am married and have three daughters: Grace, who is 20, Elle, who is 17, and Quinn, who is 14.

**Why is the Chamber important to the community:** The Albany Chamber is a key conduit for the business community to stay engaged with local and state governments to ensure that policies that encourage and support the business community are kept front and center in our state as we move forward.

## Jason Yutzie



**Vice President of Human Resources & Compliance at Coastal Farm**

**Volunteer Experience:**  
ABC House Board of Directors  
Lebanon Chamber of Commerce  
Western Oregon University Alumni Board  
Sweet Home Economic Development Group

**Brief Personal History:** I am a native of Albany, and my family has deep ties in the local business community. I earned a BS in Communications from Western Oregon University; I have worked in Non-Profit, Technology and Health Insurance. It has been my goal to work in Albany for many years. I enjoy participating in Albany organizations and events.

I am married to Dr. Staci Yutzie and have a son attending South Albany High School. In our free time we enjoy both international travel and exploring the country in our RV.

**Why is the Chamber important to the community:** The Chamber of Commerce is vital to the community because it empowers businesses to have a collective voice, fostering a stronger local economy. It also provides a network for professionals to connect, collaborate, and create a positive impact on the community. This combination of advocacy, networking, and resource-sharing helps ensure the region's long-term economic and social well-being.

## **GOLDEN TICKET WINNER:**



**Kimberly Montgomery**  
Every Child Linn Benton Lincoln

**Professional Background:** My name is Kimberly Montgomery, and I am the current Development Director for Every Child Linn Benton Lincoln, a position I have held for over a year. In this role, I oversee and manage development strategies, build relationships with donors and stakeholders, and implement fundraising campaigns to support the organization's mission. Prior to this, I spent over 10 years in various nonprofit roles at the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA and the Albany Chamber of Commerce, where I developed and executed community programs, fundraising initiatives, and advocacy efforts. Additionally, I have been a foster parent for the past 5 years, providing a safe and nurturing environment for children in need. I believe my experience in the nonprofit sector and my commitment as a foster parent show my dedication to making a positive impact in the community.

**What is the biggest issue facing Albany:** In regards to my work with Every Child Linn Benton Lincoln, I believe the biggest issue facing Albany is the critical need for more resources homes (foster homes). There is a significant shortage of foster homes, and this gap must be addressed to ensure that every child in need has a safe and supportive environment. Equally important is the need for more support for existing foster homes, which includes people willing to provide respite care for foster children. Community support is also essential for families caring for these children. This support can take many forms, such as volunteering, sponsorships, or donating requested items. By rallying community resources and support, we can create a stronger network to better serve and uplift foster children and their families.

**You and your company's community involvement:** Every Child mobilizes community to uplift children & families impacted by foster care in Oregon. We invite YOU to partner with us to aid vulnerable children in foster care and to support foster families. EVERYONE has something to bring to foster care — volunteering, giving a donation, providing respite or by becoming a foster parent.

Join us in H.O.P.E and make a difference today! H.O.P.E. Defined:

**Hospitality:** Emphasizes the importance of creating a welcoming atmosphere for foster families and children.

**Outreach:** Focuses on recruiting and retaining foster families through community involvement and support.

**Preparedness:** Highlights the effort to be ready and able to meet tangible and emergency needs through organized initiatives.

**Engagement:** Stresses the role of volunteers in supporting and advancing the mission.

**Business Marketing Niche:** Every Child LBL's efforts aim to address the challenges in foster care through several key initiatives under the guiding principle that there is HOPE:

**Recruitment and Support:** We focus on recruiting new foster families, particularly for general homes in high-need areas. Our strategy includes providing tangible needs, wrap-around support, and resources to foster families, which helps in retaining homes and preventing closures. By ensuring that foster families have the necessary support, we can create a stable and nurturing environment for children in need.

**Community Engagement:** We work diligently to engage the community and raise awareness about the critical need for foster homes, especially for teenagers. Through targeted outreach and informative campaigns, we aim to inform the public about these pressing needs. Increased awareness can lead to more community involvement, which includes volunteering, sponsorships, and donations of requested items. By rallying community support, we strive to bring hope and improve the lives of foster children and their families.



# 2024 Golf Winners



Oregon Employment Dept.  
1st Place Low Net



M & M Car Company  
2nd Place Low Net



Coastal  
3rd Place Low Net



eXp Oregon Luxury Group  
1st Place Low Gross



FL Snyder & Son Inc.  
2nd Place Low Gross



Thayer Team  
3rd Place Low Gross

*Thank you to our Sponsors & Teams*

**Breakfast Sponsor:**

North Albany Supermarket

**Lunch Sponsors:**

Fitzpatrick Painting & Construction  
Lepman Properties  
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**Scoreboard Sponsor:**

Samaritan Health Services

**Signage Sponsor:**

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**Hole-in-One Sponsor:**

Consumers Power Inc

**Survivor Ball Sponsor:**

Hayden Homes

**Drink Cart Sponsors:**

Blue Sun  
Gerding Builders  
Pacific Power  
South Pacific Auto Sales

**KP Sponsor:**

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**Driving Range Sponsor:**

SnoTemp

**Title Sponsor:**

**Coastal**



**Hole & Tee Sponsors:**

ATI Specialty Alloys & Components  
Best Pots  
Bonaventure of Albany  
Calapooia Brewery  
Cal's Moving Help  
CASA of Linn County  
Central Willamette Credit Union  
Country Financial - Morford  
Fitzpatrick Painting & Construction  
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Furniture Share  
Gillott Home Team - Keller Williams  
Good Grounds Coffee  
Healing Motion Physical Therapy  
Hyundai of Albany

**Hole & Tee Sponsors**

**continued:**

IronHead Roofing  
Kernutt Stokes  
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Mike's Heating & Air  
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Rodeway Inn  
Santiam Christian Schools  
Servpro Of Linn & Benton County  
Sherwin Williams  
SingerLewak  
South Pacific Auto Sales  
Weyerhaeuser  
Willamette Valley Bank

**2024 CONCERT SERIES**  
**Thursdays at 7 pm**  
 IN ALBANY'S MONTEITH RIVERPARK

**RIVER RHYTHMS**  
 40 YEARS 1984-2024

**July 4**  
**Lee Greenwood**  
 with fireworks following!

**July 11**  
**Super Diamond**

**July 25**  
**Tower of Power**

**August 1**  
**Thompson Square**

**August 8**  
**Girl Named Tom**

**\$1** per person donation encouraged



 @riverrhythms  @albanyparksandrec [riverrhythms.org](http://riverrhythms.org)

**Monday's 7pm in Monteith Park**  
**\$1 per person donation encouraged**

**July 8** **Brewers Grade- Country**

**July 15** **The Steele Family Band- Blues & Jazz**

**July 22** **Tyler Stenson & the Black-Winged Birds- Counting Crows Tribute Band**

**July 29** **Michelle Lambert- Eclectic Violin**



**More Info Here**

**Wynonna**  
 Headliner on Saturday

**NORTHWEST ART & AIR FESTIVAL**

PRESENTED BY: **Central Willamette CREDIT UNION**

**August 23-25, 2024**  
**Timberlinn Park, Albany OR**

**LINN COUNTY FAIR**  
 Albany, OR

**July 18-20, 2024**  
**11am-11pm each day**

**Concerts:**  
**18th Lonestar**  
**19th Lead Singers of Classic Rock**  
**20th Chris Lane**



# Volunteers Make it Happen 2023/2024



## Albany Business Extravaganza Committee

Cass Osuna, Citizens Bank  
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Kristal Dufour, Giving a Hoot  
Sherrie Payne, Central Willamette CU

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John Andersen, Boys & Girls Club of Albany  
John Pascone, LEDG  
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## Greeters Facilitators

Abel Condrea, Edward Jones  
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Sarah Steen, Amerititle & AM | FM Luxury Travel  
Sherrie Payne, Central Willamette CU



## Knights Unveil Alternate Identity

### Did you know that Albany had its own professional baseball team in 1904?

The seven-time defending West Coast League champion Corvallis Knights become the Albany Rollers for one night this upcoming summer as Linn-Benton Community College hosts its first ever WCL contest at Dick McClain Field on Wednesday, July 10.

We harken back 120 years to re-introduce Albany's only professional baseball team – the Albany Rollers. We hope to bring the Albany community together for an evening of old-fashioned affordable family fun on Wednesday, July 10. The Rollers, short for Log Rollers, played at Albany Base Ball Park in 1904 after relocating mid-season from Vancouver, Washington. The Rollers, originally the Vancouver Soldiers, were a Class D professional club that finished the year in Albany after the team was forced to relocate during the season due to territorial rights issues. For two short months, before the league went bankrupt, Albany had a team.

Fast forward to 2024, and the Rollers are back!

The latest version of the Rollers will wear custom caps and jerseys and face the always tough Yakima Valley Pippins at LBCC's Dick McClain Field on Albany Night, presented by Copper Rock Real Estate. This unique event, set for Wednesday, July 10, is a slice of Americana and will take us back in time, when the lumber industry thrived, and town baseball was king. This is Albany's game and Albany's team. We anticipate this event will draw a festive crowd to celebrate Albany while enjoying high caliber baseball and a beer and a dog (or two).



Take me out to  
the ballgame!

# Albany Rollers



Wednesday, July 10

Gates open at 4pm | First pitch at 5pm  
at LBCC's Dick McClain Field

\$10 General Admission Tickets

Limited Seating - purchase your ticket today!

Scan the QR code for more information & tickets  
or go to

[www.corvallisknights.com](http://www.corvallisknights.com)





## From the Archives

### Who Remembers These Days?

Ah, the Timber Carnival! Those were the days of true community spirit in Albany, Oregon. Did anyone buy their button from a princess before the carnival? The Carnival Court added an extra touch of glamour and tradition to the festivities, parading in their elegant gowns and waving to the crowds with grace.

From log rolling to axe throwing, it was a celebration of our rich timber heritage. Families would gather, friends would compete, and everyone would come together to honor our forestry traditions. It was more than just a carnival; it was a testament to our identity as a timber town. Even though it's been years since the last Timber Carnival, the memories of those lively days still bring images to mind.



1957



1961

## Thank You to Our Reinvesting Members

- Albany CDJR & Hyundai
- BosonHub Digital Development LLC
- Bill Clotere
- Columbia Seeds LLC
- Dave Pautsch - RE/MAX Integrity
- Dave's Performance Hybrids
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- Les Schwab Tire Center
- Linn County Expo Center
- Linn-Benton Community College
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- Subway North Albany
- Sweet Waters Family Restaurant
- Walmart
- Willamette Valley Bank Willamette Workforce Partnership

## Thank You & Congratulations to Our Milestone Members

# 55

### 55 years

**Oregon Employment Department  
Robersons Albany Ford**

35 Years **KOA Albany-Corvallis**

15 Years **GBC Construction**

10 years **Lakeside Ag-Ventures**

5 Years **The Blowhard Company**

## Board Officers

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

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

**Chair-Elect:** Grant Cyrus (Target Distribution)

**Vice Chair:** Jon Kloor (Consumers Power), Stacie Wyss Schoenborn (Central Willamette Credit Union)

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

## Board Members

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

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**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

## Chamber 101

Thursday, July 11 3:30pm

Location: Chamber Office Conference Room

## Powerbook

July 12 Deadline to place Ad in 2024-25 Powerbook  
Contact Maggie Pate at [Maggie.P@MtAngelPub.com](mailto:Maggie.P@MtAngelPub.com)  
or call 541-968-3544

## Powerbook

Aug. 2nd Deadline for Powerbook Logo Listings & Extra Categories  
Contact Jadyn Baskin at  
[jbaskin@albanychamber.com](mailto:jbaskin@albanychamber.com) or call 541-926-1517

## Greeters Annual Meeting

Thursday, August 1st

Location: Albany Historic Carousel & Museum  
503 W 1st Ave Albany

## Business Extravaganza & Member Forum

Wednesday, September 25th

Location: Linn County Fair & Expo Center



## July Fun Facts:

**July is National Hot Dog & Picnic Month**

**7-11 is Slurpee Day**

**July 12 is Etch-a-Sketch Day, bring out the old toys folks!**

**And of course, the 4th is our Nation's Birthday.**



## July Greeters

Every Thursday, 8:15am

July 4th **No Greeters-Independence Day**

July 11th **Mid-Willamette Family YMCA**  
Location: 3201 Pacific Blvd. SW Albany

July 18th **City of Albany**  
Location: Monteith Park

July 25th **Albany Historic Carousel & Museum**  
Location: 503 W 1st Ave Albany

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