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with Damon Runberg

State Economist - Business Oregon

February 22nd, 11:30am

Linn County Expo Center

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Meet Damon Runberg:

Damon Runberg is the State Economist at Business Oregon. He supports the statewide economic development goals by tracking and analyzing economic indicators critical to Oregon's workers and businesses. Damon is a prolific writer and speaker with extensive experience giving presentations across the Pacific Northwest and California. He is passionate about presenting economic information in a humorous, entertaining, and digestible fashion. Each presentation is unique to that audience and their community.

Prior to working with Business Oregon Damon was the Regional Economist with the Oregon Employment Department for the East Cascades of Oregon for nearly 12 years. Damon is also the founder and lead economist for East Slope Economics, where he provides research support and market analysis.

Presentation: Recession Fearless

Over the past year there have been increasing conversations about when another recession will hit our economy. In fact, some believe we are already in recession. Inflation is running at a faster pace than any time in the past 30 years, interest rates are soaring, the stock market is down significantly this year, and real economic growth has stalled. Yet, businesses struggle to find workers as unemployment levels remain low and the demand for labor, as measured by job ads, remains high. A confusing story with the economy giving us mixed messages. Damon will review the qualities that define recession, then walk through the most up-to-date economic indicators for the audience to assess whether we are currently in recession or if a recession is looming on the horizon.

Chamber 101

The Albany Area Chamber is bringing back our new member orientation, "Chamber 101", and would love to see you at an upcoming session. *Seating is limited, pre-registration required.*

February 23rd, 3:30pm

435 1st Ave. W

Interested in attending?

Contact Justen Noll at 541-926-1517 or
[email jnoll@albanychamber.com](mailto:jnoll@albanychamber.com)

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Hosted by the Mid-Willamette YMCA

Laser Tag - Adult Beverages - Networking

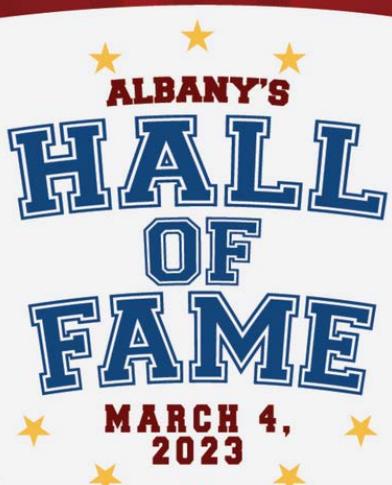
GRAND PRIZE: \$750 Chamber Dollars

Must be present to win.

February 21st, 4-6pm

3201 Pacific Blvd SW 97321

[Register Here](#)



"Albany's Hall of Fame"
**Distinguished Service
Awards 2023**

March 4th at the Boys and Girls Club of Albany

1215 Hill St SE Albany OR 97322

5:30pm Cocktails - 6:30pm Dinner - 7:00pm Awards

Attire: Wear Your Favorite Sports Team's Gear

[Register to Attend Here](#)

Honoring Legacy Award Recipient: Bill Clotere

Congratulations to Our 2023 DSA Nominees!

Distinguished Service Award

Julie Jackson
Brian Oare
David Solomon
Lynn Stimson

First Citizen

Kevin Fandrem
Michelle Robinson
John Jackson

Jr. First Citizen

Ashley Lane
Eric Aguinaga
Jake Peterson

Small Business of the Year

The Natty Dresser
Furniture Share
Albany Public Schools Foundation

Large Business of the Year

Fitzpatrick Painting & Construction
Central Willamette Credit Union
Stutzman Services, Inc.
SMI Property Management

Student DSA

Caroline Gao (West)
Alexa Gomez Silva (South)
Lauren McCool (Santiam
Christian)

Thank You to Our 2023 DSA Sponsors!

Premiere



**Samaritan
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AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home
Consumers Power, Inc.

Gold

 **PACIFIC POWER**

Silver

 **NW Natural**

 **Oregon State
Credit Union**

Mike's Heating & Air Conditioning
Oregon Freeze Dry

Parr Lumber

Peoples Bank of Commerce
Republic Services, Inc.



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Good Business. Good Friends.

5 Strategies to Help Your Business Thrive in the High-Inflation Economy

From GrowthForce



CONTINUOUSLY OPTIMIZE PRICING

PRESERVE VALUE: DON'T LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR BUSINESS'S PURPOSE

CONSIDER OUTSOURCING

FOCUS ON YOUR PEOPLE

FOCUS ON YOUR HEALTHIEST REVENUE STREAMS



GOLDEN TICKET WINNER: RITE WAY ELECTRIC, INC.



Background:

"Since established in 1979, Rite Way Electric, Inc. has been providing superior electrical services throughout the Willamette Valley. From a one-man electrical shop started by Emerson Smoker Sr., to the team of dedicated people we see today, our philosophy of providing a premium customer experience has never wavered.

"We are honored to be featured in the Albany Chamber of Commerce's February newsletter!"

Community Involvement:

"As a small, family-owned business, supporting our local community and its programs is one of our highest priorities. We are fortunate to be able to contribute to important programs ran by the Albany YMCA, Albany Boys and Girls Club, Linn County Fair, 4H programs, Youth Livestock Auction, as well as influential organizations CARDV, Albany Helping Hands, and Veterans Affairs. We know supporting each other builds a strong community allowing us to grow together."

Biggest Issue Facing Albany:

The continual rise of labor and material costs has greatly impacted our businesses and citizens of Albany. It is one of the issues facing Albany today. Obtaining materials has been a challenge that we haven't experienced in past years. Not only have material prices increased, but longer lead times have created difficulty in obtaining those materials. Thankfully, we have been able to source materials with various, local suppliers allowing us to continue serving the needs of our customers. We know Albany businesses and consumers alike are affected by these increases and we are doing our best to mitigate costs to our customers.

Business Marketing Niche:

"Our customers are who keep us in business. Our goal is to provide high quality electrical services for small and large projects. Our team is committed to serving the needs of our customers with the latest education and safety procedures. As the industry grows and changes, our goal is to grow with that industry and provide resources for our team. Our quality and craftsmanship is a testament to this practice and our customers agree by choosing us for their electrical needs."

Chamber News & Updates



2022 Elf on the Shelf Contest Winner:

Shawn Tucker

Shawn received \$50 in Chamber Dollars, valid at participating Chamber Member businesses.

Congratulations Shawn!

Member News & Updates



COUNTRY Financial® Insurance Agent Michelle Morford Earns COUNTRY® Farm Certified Designation

Albany, Ore. – Jan. 20, 2023, COUNTRY Financial® Insurance Agent Michelle Morford has achieved the COUNTRY Farm Certified designation. Morford is proud to serve farmers in the Willamette Valley as a provider of farm, ranch and vineyard insurance, working with clients since 2009. She is licensed in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Nevada.



Oregon State Credit Union names Derrick Peterson as Chief Financial Officer

Corvallis, OR – Derrick Peterson has joined the team at Oregon State Credit Union as Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer. Peterson arrives with more than 25 years of experience in the credit union industry, including 10 as Chief Financial Officer for Deseret First Federal Credit Union in Utah.

“Derrick is going to be a tremendous addition to Oregon State Credit Union,” said Oregon State Credit Union President/CEO Richard Hein. “He has deep roots in the credit union culture, and he shares our passion to providing unsurpassed service to member-owners. We are very excited and fortunate to welcome him to our credit union team.”



Oregon State Credit Union adds Chris Knackstedt to its Investment Services team available through CFS*

Corvallis, OR – Chris Knackstedt has been named Oregon State Credit Union’s newest CFS* Financial Advisor.

Knackstedt holds general security trading, investment advisory, and Life/Health licenses. He is an Oregon State University graduate with a degree in economics.

“I am excited for this opportunity to serve our members and help them achieve their financial goals,” Knackstedt said.

“Chris is a valuable addition to our Investment Services team through CFS*”, said Therese Misner, director of Investment Services for the credit union and CFS* program manager. “He is dedicated to helping our members with financial and investment advice that fits their lifestyle and goals.”



Member (Cont.) News & Updates

Arauco, Albany received an award from the Western Paper and Pulp Safety conference, for Industry Employer Of The Year!

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Arauco, Albany will be receiving an award from the GOSH conference, for Workplace Safety Program!

State & Local News & Updates

State Launches Paid Leave Oregon Webinar Series

The Oregon Employment Department has announced a webinar series intended to help employers comply with Paid Leave Oregon, for which payroll contributions began Jan. 1.

The series, "Paid Leave Oregon: Contributions Explained," is intended to support employers filing their first quarterly report in 2023. The hourlong webinars will feature representatives from Paid Leave Oregon, the Department of Revenue as well as contributions and recovery staff from the Oregon Employment Department. Presenters will offer an overview, then answer questions from attendees.

The first webinar will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 3 p.m. Additional webinars will take place on the ensuing three Tuesdays at the same time. Go [here](#) to register for any or all of the webinars.

This webinar series is not produced by OBI, but we are eager to share as many resources as possible.

For more information about Paid Leave Oregon, visit OBI's [Paid Leave Oregon resources page](#), which provides access to recorded webinars, rules, fact sheets and other material.

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 **Paid Leave Oregon**

Jan. 1, 2023

Employees and employers will begin paying into the new program.

Sept. 3, 2023

Employees can start applying for benefits.

Welcome to the Chamber!

All-Phase Landscaping and Design

Albany, OR 97321

(541) 905-9919

americantradesecrets.com

Dick Running - Retired

Albany, OR 97321



Halstead Building & Design

6000 Looney Ln. 97321

(503) 888-6623



Keith Wealth Advisors

375 Pacific Blvd. Suite B 97321

(541) 224-8510

www.keithwealthadvisors.com

Rising Tide Home Inspection

Albany, OR 97322

(541) 206-1347

www.risingtide2020.net



River's Edge Pet Medical Center

601 NW Hickory St 97321

(541) 924-1700

www.riversedgepmc.com



Town & Country Realty - Albany

321 1st Ave SE Suite 1B 97321

(541) 757-1781

www.tncrealty.com



Willamette Valley First Responder Chaplains

4505 Marion Street SE Suite A 97322

(541) 603-6512

www.WVFRC.org

Reinvesting Members

12/16/22 - 1/15/23

Accuity, LLC, CPA
Albany Antique Mall, LLC
Albany Stovies, Inc.
Bruce Allen
Alyrica Networks
American Family Insurance - Brian Robinson Agency
American Legion Post 10
Birchfield Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC
Boshart Trucking, Inc.
CHO-PRO Cleaning Services, LLC
City of Millersburg
Comfort Suites of Albany
Consumers Power, Inc.
Corvallis Feed & Seed Inc.
Pat Eastman
Edward Jones - Ebbert
Family Tree Relief Nursery
First American Title
Five Star Security, LLC
K&D Engineering, Inc.
Knox Butte RV Park
Krpalek Financial Services
Lile North American Moving & Storage
Made in the Shade Mid-Willamette Valley
Mari-Linn Farms
Next Door Real Estate
Pacific Power
PEAK Internet
Peoples Bank of Commerce
Phoenix Inn Suites
Provision Home Inspections LLC
Rhodes-Warden Insurance
SelectTemp Employment Service
ServPro of Linn & Benton County
SnoTemp Cold Storage
Sully's Stay & Play Doggie Day Care
William Summers
TrueLife Financial Solutions, LLC
US Bank
Vivacity Spirits and Calapooia Brewing
WaFD

Thank You to Our Milestone Members

10 Years

Linn County
Blue Sun, Inc.

5 Years

HMK Company

2022-2023 Officers and Directors

Board Officers

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

Immediate Past Chair: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power Inc.)

Chair-Elect: Jennifer Stanaway (Samaritan Albany General Hospital)

Vice Chairs: Kristal Dufour (AAsum-Dufour Funeral Home), Brent Stutzman (Stutzman Services)

Treasurer: Cameron Howell (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), Cordell Post (Post Law Firm), Grant Cyrus (Target Distribution), Joe Folds (Oregon Freeze Dry), Joel Kinman (Bravo Group), John Andersen (Boys & Girls Club of Albany), John Pascone (AMEDC), Lori McKinnon (Coastal), Mike Sykes (Mike's Heating & A/C), Roger Nyquist (Lake Shore Lanes), Sarah Steen (Amerititle)

Committee Chairs

Ambassadors: Janet Steele (President)

Albany Business Extravaganza: Chrystal Hart-Meeker & Arthur Meeker (Xtreme Grafx)

Golf Tournament: Dick Perdue (Retired)

Emerging Leaders: Jorden Parrish (Program and Event Manager)

Finance: Cameron Howell (Citizens Bank)

Governmental Affairs Chair: Jon Kloor (Consumers Power)

Greeters Facilitators: Greg Bolton (Landmark Professional), Peggy Burris (Albany Historic Carousel and Museum), Abel Condrea (Edward Jones), Mr. G Nassar (G & Jenny Insurance), 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

Justen Noll - Office Manager

Jim Snyder - Membership Development Manager

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 2nd

7:00am - Governmental Affairs

8:15am - Greeters

Friday, February 3rd

11:30am - Emerging Leaders

Thursday, February 9th

8:15am - Greeters

Friday, February 10th

3:00pm - Ambassador Ribbon Cutting

Tuesday, February 14th

3:30pm - Executive Committee

Thursday, February 16th

8:00am - Leadership Albany

8:15am - Greeters

Tuesday, February 21st

11:30am - Board Meeting

4:00pm - Business Unwind

Wednesday, February 22nd

11:30am - Forum Luncheon

Thursday, February 23rd

7:00am - Governmental Affairs

8:00am - Greeters

3:30pm - Chamber 101



Greeters Schedule February 2023

Come for interactive, small group networking and to learn about a Chamber member. Thursdays at 8:15am, members attend for free.

February 2nd

Calliber Home Loans
1393 Clay St. SE, Suite B 97321

February 9th

Timberwood Court Memory Care
2875 SE 14th Avenue 97322

February 16th

ServPro of Linn & Benton Counties
6835 NE Arnold Ave. 97330

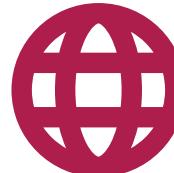
February 23rd

KeyBank
128 3rd Ave. SW 97321

Interested in hosting or have questions?

Contact Jorden at 541-926-1517 or email jparrish@albanychamber.com

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