

Ovation! Awards 2020

This year you got creative to bring some incredible events to your communities. We wanted to celebrate all your hard work and shine a light on you, our Ovation! nominees. Congratulations!



Beachie Creek Wildfires Evacuation Center

Marion County Fair

A shelter was established at the fairgrounds for people, domestic animals, and livestock from the cities of Idanha, Detroit, Gates and Mill City, as well as Level 3 evacuees from neighboring communities and counties.

Boo Drive Thru

West Linn Parks & Rec

This free event featured Halloween décor, live actors, pumpkins carved by community members, goodie bags, a black and white silent movie and fun for the whole family. All participants stayed safely in their cars while enjoying the spooky sights and sounds!

Christmas (Gingerbread) Home Tour

CASA of Eastern Oregon

Knowing that a homes tour during COVID would be impossible the organizers kept the tradition alive by working with local artists to celebrate Baker City's historic homes and architecture in Gingerbread and working with downtown merchants to display the gingerbread homes in store windows as a walking tour.

Clackamas Scare Fair

Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center

Four different Haunted Houses came together in bringing a Halloween Event to the community.

Clackamas Winter Fair

Clackamas County Fairgrounds & Event Center

A drive-around winter event so the community could enjoy the holiday season when so much was closed.

Ghost Walk Tours

Monteith Historical Society

The Ghost Walk was a fun and spooky event where participants are taken on an hour-long walking tour of Albany's Monteith Historic District and regaled with frightening tales of ghosts inhabiting some of the area's historic homes by a ghost host bearing a lantern.

Holiday Lights Parade

City of Tualatin

Tualatin's Holiday Light Parade series provided some of the brightest moments of a very dark year. The first three Saturdays of December featured a car light parade in a different part of the city. By having three separate parades in different areas in the city, we were able to avoid crowds gathering to watch along the route. Most residents were able to watch safely from their front porch or garage.



Horseback Christmas Caroling

Benton County 4-H

4-H girls were unable to meet regularly due to the COVID-19 outbreak. To keep riding horses together and lift the community's spirits during the holidays, they decorated their horses with festive holiday costumes and rode house-to-house through local neighborhoods singing Christmas Carols.

Inclusivity Speaker Series

City of Philomath

The City of Philomath Inclusivity Committee hosted a series of four guest speaker presentations in its efforts to increase cultural awareness and education in the community.

Lighttopia

City of Hillsboro

The drive-through holiday light display allowed families to enjoy a fun inclusive holiday experience together while in the safety and warmth of their own vehicle.

Lights at the Oregon Garden Resort

Oregon Garden

A new, holiday light experience on a one-way path surrounding the Resort's main lodge featured thousands of twinkling lights. The unique light display also included a vendor market where you could warm up next to a fire pit, support a local artisan vendor, grab a festive drink or bite to eat.

Marion County Virtual Fair

Marion County

A virtual public competitions event encompassed having exhibitors submit online photos of their handiwork. Once photos were submitted, social media was utilized to "judge" the exhibits. Additionally, the fair's 4-H and FFA organizers held a virtual livestock auction for student exhibitors.

Motor-Vu Drive-In at Cheadle Lake

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Santiam & Lebanon Chamber of Commerce

A drive-in that ran on Fridays and Saturdays in July and August. The theater set-up was also utilized by the local school district for a drive in graduation event, as well as a memorial service for a long-time staff member.

Multicultural Day Reimagined

Capitol History Gateway

The third annual Multicultural Day shifted to a virtual event in 2020. It was re-branded as Multicultural Day Reimagined. They populated their Facebook event page with events as they would happen as if live at the Capitol. They featured dancing, singing, storytelling, poetry, art and more during the event.

Oktoberfest

Crossroads Carnegie Art Center

The team completely reinvented Oktoberfest offering a Drive-Thru Dinner. Guests had access to a free playlist so they could listen to traditional music at home while enjoying their dinner. They could also pre-purchase wine and/or beer. They pre-sold Heritage Pumpkins and Corn Stalk Bundles and held a virtual auction.



Old Moody Road Show

Fuller Events

The Old Moody Road Show was a drive-thru experience to be appreciated from the comfort of the attendee's vehicle. Eight performances including dancers, live music, and an improv group were staggered in a large circle, like a racetrack.

Porch Parade

Portland Rose Festival

Members of the community celebrated by unleashing their creativity and decorating their front porches. The Rose Festival produced a virtual map with the locations of all registered Porches, so the community could plan a walk or drive around their neighborhood to see and share in the celebration.

Powder River Music Review

Baker City Events

Organizers worked diligently to track COVID restrictions throughout the summer to make sure they could still be in compliance for their summer concert series. They actively managed attendance to keep total crowd size under 300 people and socially distanced at each concert.

Thinking Outside the Arena

Rascal Rodeo

Rascal Rodeo created a series of creative fundraiser events in 2020 including: Honky Tonk Hoedown virtual auction, Happy Hour Doorstep Delivery, Adopt a Rascal Rodeo Cowboy or Cowgirl, Father's Day Feast, Freedom Rodeo parade, and a Glow Ball Golf Tournament.

We Like 'em Short Film Festival

Baker City

Drive-in movie style Film Festival and free family movie series. The festival, even with the impacts of the pandemic had over 240 international and regional comedies and animations submitted.

Spooky Spectacular

Kiwanis Club of Lincoln City

In the wake of the original Spooky Spectacular, held in the halls of Lincoln City Elementary, being canceled, the club, Lincoln City Outlets and a host of sponsors proposed to create a safe and fun drive-through Halloween Trick or Treat experience for the children in Lincoln City.

Blues Fest 2020 and Blues Bandwagon

Waterfront Blues Festival

An innovative, socially-distant approach to keeping the Waterfront Blues spirit alive in 2020. Over three days, fans could hop on the Blues Fest Bandwagon, a mobile stage built on a flatbed trailer, tune in from home with a TV special or listen to a two-day radio broadcast. The Blues Fest Bandwagon brought socially-distanced live music to driveways, cul-de-sacs, and front porches in the Portland Metro Area.

Wildfire Livestock Evacuation

Benton County 4-H

Youth volunteers stepped up during the devastating September wildfires to take care of animals that were evacuated from communities across the mid-valley to the Benton County Fairgrounds.



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