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**Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce Announces
118th Annual Awards Dinner and Voting**

CLE ELUM, WA – December 15, 2025 - The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the launch of its 118th Annual Awards Dinner, a signature event recognizing the outstanding achievements, innovation, and community contributions of businesses and organizations across Kittitas County. This year's celebration will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at Swiftwater Cellars in Cle Elum.

As one of the Chamber's most anticipated annual events, the Awards Dinner brings together business owners, community leaders, and residents for an evening of networking, celebration, dinner, and recognition.

The Annual Awards honor businesses and individuals who demonstrate exemplary service, community impact, and dedication to strengthening the local economy. Award categories for the 2026 celebration include:

Public Voting Categories:

- Best New Business
- Best Small Business
- Best Customer Service
- Best Outdoor Recreation / Activity
- Restaurant of the Year (Sit-Down)
- Restaurant of the Year (On-The-Go)



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Nomination-Based Categories:

- Community Impact
- Non-Profit of the Year
- Business of the Year
- Legacy Business of the Year

Public voting and nominations are open and close on Friday, February 6, 2026. Community members are encouraged to support their favorite businesses by submitting votes and nominations through the Chamber's website. Winners of all Chamber Business Awards will be announced live at the event.

Local businesses interested in supporting this historic event can become sponsors of the 118th Annual Awards Dinner. For sponsorship information or questions regarding the event, please contact: Director of Programs and Events Darby Grimes at darby@kittitascountychamber.com or call (509) 925-2002.

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About the Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce: The Kittitas County Chamber of Commerce is the largest business support and development organization in Kittitas County, and one of the largest in Central Washington. With over 500 members representing every business sector, the Chamber and its committees oversee county-wide tourism promotion and economic development initiatives and a range of business support tools including publications, web services, seminars and even leadership development for a new generation.