

The Business Showcase Awards presented by Baker Boyer Bank is the Walla Walla Valley's opportunity to celebrate excellence. The economy of our valley depends on the performance and contributions of our business community. September 15, 2010, Columbia REA was awarded the "Healthy Business of the Year Award". Recognized for outstanding commitment to employee wellness and development in the workplace.



Columbia Rural Electric Association

Columbia REA is very aware that to have a healthy business we must have healthy, happy and well-trained employees.

This year, Columbia REA was named the "Best of the Best Places to Work in the Walla Walla Valley". Awards like that don't happen by chance, they happen because of the commitment we make to our employees to treat them well. Employees are recognized and awarded gift cards every month at their mandatory Company-wide Safety meeting for fitness activities they have completed.

One of the Seven Cooperative Principles that we base our business on is Concern for Community. Columbia REA recognizes the need to give back and participate in the communities that we serve. We are Visionary Members of the Walla Walla Valley Chamber of Commerce, major sponsor of the Walla Walla and Columbia County fairs, the new Walla Walla Sweets baseball team, the Community College summer musical, FFA and 4-H clubs and so many other events. Our employees volunteer hundreds of hours every year at Chamber events like the Balloon Stampede, the fairs, walking in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, serving on volunteer Boards and working with local service clubs. Additionally, whenever possible our purchasing and contracting is done with local businesses.