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As accounting assistant at the News-Register and Oregon Lithoprint, Terri Hartt manages the Accounts Receivable department, interoffice management and payroll. She is moving into human resources duties, as well.

She enjoys the people and the company. “Contrary to popular belief, this kind of job has so much variety,” she said. “I never know what I will be facing from one week to another.”

She came to Oregon Lithoprint after working in the machinery maintenance field for several years. She wanted a career change that would let her expand her knowledge and grow. “I knew this would be something I would love doing with my time,” she said.

Hartt grew up in Tillamook, a very small town in Douglas County, then moved to slightly larger, but still rural Biddle for middle and high school. She went on to Umpqua Community College. Over the years, she has attended many leadership courses, team-building roundtables and production training courses.

She loves gold panning, geology and enjoying local lakes and rivers. Someday, she hopes to buy property in the Amity or Carlton areas.

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Kathy Bernards had a desire to work in a profession where she could make a difference in the lives of people in her community. Since public accountants help individuals and businesses by good record-keeping of their hard-earned assets, she could fit for Kathy was perfect. As the sole owner of a firm that employs other para-professionals, Kathy enjoys meeting and serving the varied needs of clients.

Kathy most appreciates the interaction she has with clients in very personal matters — the opportunity to help clients discover what is really important, then chart a path to the financial security of their dreams. Kathy is also excellent at researching and providing unique solutions to difficult situations.

Kathy earned her degree at Linfield College and has worked as a CPA in McMinnville since 1976. Married for 48 years, she and her husband have three adult children. Kathy serves on various community boards and committees and participates in church and community events.

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Teresa Smith knows the value of a strong local economy. As vice president and commercial loan officer at Citizens Bank in McMinnville, Teresa enjoys helping people make their dreams become reality by creating successful businesses. Teresa’s greatest reward is seeing her clients grow and achieve success.

Teresa grew up in McMinnville and has over 40 years of banking experience. “The mix of the bookkeeping expertise at our offices to the coaches individuals through the process.

Teresa is also Board President of Community Home Builders, which seeks to stimulate new families build their own homes. The focus on President, she has assisted over 200 families achieve home ownership throughout Yamhill County. She also serves on the McMinnville Noon Rotary.

Teresa and her husband, Duane, have been married for 44 years and have two grown sons and two grandchildren. When she’s not serving her clients, Teresa loves spending time with her husband, gardening or competing on her cutting horse.

Sandy Willius
VICE PRESIDENT & COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICER

Sandy Willius has a strong desire to help others and make a difference. She has found a perfect way to do that as vice president and commercial loan officer at Citizens Bank. Her job builds strong long-term relationships with customers, working with local businesses to help them succeed and providing customized lending solutions. She works with a variety of types of lending, including real estate, equipment and inventory loans as well as working capital lines of credit.

Sandy has more than 20 years in the banking industry, 12 of those at Citizens Bank. Her experience has given her great respect and admiration for business owners. She is happy to be part of the amazing team at Citizens Bank. She admires how they collaborate to find financing solutions that help businesses grow.

Outside of work, Sandy is active in the McMinnville Kiwanis Club. She and her husband have a daughter and a son. Sandy enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and going to the beach.
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Natalia Casiano: She knows her career was in process even before she graduated from physical therapy school. With more than 1,300 patients so far, she has learned the importance of recovery. She knows how to help other people reach their recovery goals.

Clara Siemens: She received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. Before that she spent time all over the country growing up as a military kid, including two years abroad in England. She has always been active, beginning her times journey with gymnastics, then to water sports into cycling and triathlons and eventually into CrossFit.

Clarissa Freeman: She is passionate about training her dogs. She always loves a challenge. She continues to coach CrossFit and ultimately decided to go to Physical Therapy school. The coaching background in Clarissa's life plays a role in her approach to physical therapy. She recently completed an Orthopedic Residency to become a Board Certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist. She is passionate about mentoring patients to facilitate an understanding of movement and activity.

Physical therapist assistant Robin Scherrinsky understands the value of using exercise as medicine to help patients feel better and improve their quality of life.

When she's not writing, Pointer enjoys swimming, taking walks, reading and being outdoors. She plans to continue her career in physical therapy. Twenty years from now, she hopes to be married with children and to own some property, too.

People are at the heart of every story she writes, whether she is detailing the actions of those who serve on local boards and councils or celebrating the honors received in the Distinguished Service Awards. Each week, she focuses on someone for her Stories of the Week column. She's been writing weekly Stories of the Week since 1996: more than 1,300 of them so far!

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Whitney grew up playing sports locally and graduated from Willamina High School in 2014. She then played college basketball at Willamette University in Salem, and graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Exercise Science in 2018. Whitney finished her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania, in 2021.

Whitney returned to the area she grew up with her husband, Agustin. She enjoys being active, especially when it involves the outdoors. Hiking and snowboarding are among her favorite hobbies. Whitney also likes training CrossFit and learning about health and wellness.

Whitney enjoys working with people of all ages to personalize their care, in both English and Spanish. She is happy to use her knowledge of exercise and movement and her hands-on skill to help others.
Kristen Stoller has been the CEO and artistic director of the Chehalem Valley Dance Academy in McMinnville, Newberg, and West Salem. “I get to watch our young humans grow and evolve through dance,” she said. “I get to witness them finding their voice, their strength, and their place in the world.” Dancers learn to smile through challenges, communicate in creative ways, accept critical feedback and work not only in teams, but individually, she said.

The 2000 McMinnville High School graduate knows. She grew up dancing and started teaching dance 22 years ago, when she was a teen. Fourteen years ago, she became the owner of CVDA. As the studio owner, she choreographs, produces and directs CVDA's competition teams; produces and directs its annual benefit performance of “The Nutcracker,” which has donated over $200,000 to local non-profits in 11 years; and manages the staff and curriculum programs, strategic partnerships, community outreach and general operations — all with the help of her amazing team, she said. Stoller is active in the McMinnville and Chehalem Valley Chambers of Commerce, the Newberg and McMinnville downtown organizations, and dance-related organizations such as the International Dance Entrepreneur Association and the Dance Studio Owners Association. Stoller also enjoys cooking, entertaining and, most of all, her family: her husband, Francisco Stoller, and daughters, Vada, 16, Riley, 14, and Stella, 8.

Kelly Weir
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As a stacker operator at Hampton Lumber’s Willamina Division, Kelly Weir runs a machine that stacks rough-cut lumber for transport to the mill’s planer. She’s responsible for making sure the boards are placed correctly to ensure no cross-ups that could cause broken boards or unstable loads.

Weir, who’s been with Hampton for a year, loves her job with the mill and her coworkers, as well. But she didn’t set out to work in the lumber industry; instead, after growing up in North Bend, she trained to be a certified esthetician.

She learned about Hampton Lumber after moving to the Willamina area. It fit her desire to work for a family-owned company that contributed to the community and cared about its employees.

As a stacker operator, she especially enjoys working both inside and outside. “I can see what the weather is doing all the time!” she said.

She also likes working independently while knowing she has that support from the mill’s team. “The opportunities available at Hampton are exciting,” she said.

West loves the outdoors. She has summited Mt. Hood and hiked the Grand Canyon. She also enjoys animals, gardening and hiking — along with spending time with her husband.
Becky Turner describes herself as “a solutions-oriented forward thinker who listens to learn, and who specializes in client/customer collaboration and high-touch customer service.” Those qualities made her the perfect fit for her job as owner, president, and certified medical revenue manager at PBT Practice Solutions, LLC, and as performance manager at J&W Collision Repair Center.

She earned a B.S. in Business Administration and Finance from the University of Oregon in 2007 and an MBA in Finance from the Portland State University in 2015. She is a member of the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Becky Turner lives in McMinnville with her husband and 4-year-old daughter. She enjoys running, spending time with her family, traveling, walking her dogs, reading and listening to podcasts and podcasts. In the future, she would like to be a camp host.

Heather Ankeny loves working and interacting with people on a daily basis. No wonder she chose to become a customer service representative.

At Oregon Lithoprint Inc., a running company in McMinnville, Ankeny is responsible for preparing job plates in the Old Production area to meet its customers’ expectations. She also takes care of invoicing and general customer service.

The best part of her job, she said, is “the company I work for, my customers, and the people I get to work with every day.”

The mother of “one amazing teenage boy,” Ankeny has lived in McMinnville for about five years. “It’s beautiful out here,” she said. “It’s like living in the country, but you’re only a hop, skip and a jump to the big city of Portland or to the coast.”

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She earned her B.A. in Communications from Loyola University of Chicago, then finished a master’s degree in Professional Communication from the University of Oregon. She has been a marketplace platform developer since 1999.

But she also has found ways to enrich the community in which she grew up by adding a charitable arm, Swedemom Center of Giving, which was named 2020 Workforce Partner of the Year by the McMinnville Economic Development Partnership. She has helped founded and grow MacHub.

“When Cami Nyquist founded Swedemom.com 25 years ago, she planned to run a global web-based business. She has succeeded, in fact, Swedemom.com was selected by eBay as a top, values-driven seller for their 25th anniversary.

“He’s our community’s moral compass. He’s the one who shows us the right direction,” she said. “The support of my community is tremendous, and I realize I couldn’t do any of this without their support.”

Nyquist graduated from Mac High in 1981, went on to North Park University in Chicago, then finished a bachelor’s degree in communications in 1993 at the University of Oregon. Entrepreneurial by nature, she has been a marketplace platform developer since 1999.

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Rachel Thompson, photographer at the News Register, captured the 101st birthday celebration of Wayne Thompson, who grew up and raised a family in McMinnville, and five days later the first baby of 2023. She feels she is “living in and documenting history each day,” she said, adding, “It’s a privilege.”

While Wayne focused on farming and winemaking, Nicolette concentrated on company direction, brand building, and product expansion. Nicolette inspired the development of more than just Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, expanding the Youngberg Hill label to include Pinot Gris, Pinot Blanc, Chardonnay, Rosé, Grenache, Syrah, Pinot Noir Reserve, and Sparkling Wines, and the winery reserves bold, Rohner Family Wines.

In addition, she has developed and created many events at the vineyard that locals and visitors look forward to every year.

For more information about Youngberg Hill at Bailey Family Wines, visit youngberghill.com.

Connie Crafton’s white skills have taught her to communicate in a way that is so amazing! I have never thought of this program in changing that life,” she said.

Provoking Hope works with the whole family, not just children, to “fully heal and grow together,” she noted. “I just always felt so peaceful when I was around kids,” she said.

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