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hat does it mean to be a young professional? In pre-pandemic times, one would typically describe a young professional as a young person who works hard at their career, yet has an understanding of work-life balance. Fast forward, here we are, two years into a global pandemic, and now what does it mean to be a young professional? In the past two years we have been faced with more adversity than I can remember in my lifetime. If anything, the pandemic has been a growing experience and has shaped my views on how I live my life, run my business, and make time for family and community responsibility. Young professionals have had to adapt to: Business Closures, Reopenings, Staffing Shortages, Supply Chain Issues, the Great Resignation, Me Too Movement, Black Lives Matter, Civil Unrest, School Closures, Remote Learning, Work from Home, Zoom Fatigue, Mask Mandates, To Vaccinate or Not, and new challenges to the health and safety of our families, workplace and community.

Where was the training manual for "How to Handle COVID and everything that comes with it?" I'm still searching for it. But, in all of it, perseverance along with a can-do attitude has gotten me through it. I learned what it meant to allow grace and flexibility, lower my perfectionist expectations, and focus on my employees' and clients' health, safety and security.

For me personally, the best thing about the pandemic is that it offered me a chance to slow down and reevaluate my life, both personally and professionally. Lockdowns and mandated school closures provided me time to spend with my children that I never would have otherwise had. They also provided me an opportunity to look deeper into my professional life and what I wanted to accomplish for myself, as well as how I can be a better business leader and catalyst for positive change.

As the 4th generation owner of Gormley Plumbing + Mechanical, COVID-19 has taught me perseverance, commitment and community responsibility. As a Plumbing Contractor, we protect the health of the nation. Health and safety are paramount to the success of our business. We have a commitment to all of you, our community, to continue and elevate those health and safety measures, both in our company and in your homes and businesses.

As we journey through the continuing pandemic, young professionals today have more opportunity for advancement and growth as our environment continues to change and evolve. Young professionals have an excellent opportunity to lead and drive positive change at an extraordinary time. Let's start leading by example: less anger, more respect, more kindness and a drive to create equal and inclusive opportunities for all. And don't forget, Safety First!

by Kori Gormley-Huppert

President and Owner, Gormley Plumbing + Mechanical

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Kaysha Nice CAREGIVER

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As a caregiver, Kaysha Nice wants to offer her patients at Valley View/Rock of Ages a good quality of life.

Kaysha grew up in Willamina and Sheridan. At 16, she started working under the supervision of a trained caregiver to learn the skills and experience she'd need in the healthcare industry.

She said the supervisors and staff at Rock of Ages patiently helped her combine work with her school schedule. She now works full time at Rock of Ages, part of a team that aims to "brighten the lives of residents with encouragement and choices for daily activities."

Kaysha holds certified nursing assistant qualifications. She plans to return to school soon to earn a bachelor's degree, then a graduate degree in health care.

"When I was little, I just wanted to be like my dad, who is an R.N.," she recalled.

Today, Kaysha also respects and appreciates the dedication it takes to be a health care provider of any kind. The Sheridan resident enjoys living in the Yamhill Valley, especially "how the many different variations of green can be seen eight months of the year." She enjoys hiking in the Eagle Cap Wilderness Area.



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Pediatric dentist Sarah Post is an expert in providing for the oral health needs of children, infants and teens — and for their comfort, too. The 2004 McMinnville High School valedictorian graduate has returned to her hometown to open her own practice. Pebble Pediatric Dentistry will feature special equipment and decorations to appeal to children.

Post decided on dentistry after volunteering alongside a pediatric dentist in a medical clinic in Ecuador. She continues volunteer dental work to this day. The best part of her job, she said, is making a difference for patients, "one healthy little smile at a time." Post graduated from the University of Oregon in 2008 and Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry in 2012. She completed the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Pediatric Dental Residency Program in 2015.

Post is a member of the Yamhill County, Oregon and American dental associations, as well as pediatric dental groups. She and her husband, Blake, have an 11-month-old daughter, Addilyn. Their mini Aussiedoodle, Canine, enjoys visiting the dental office to help patients be more comfortable in the office.

Post thrives on adventure, whether it's working on getting her private pilot's license or running marathons around the world. She also enjoys gravel biking, back country skiing, and swimming.



Brandie L. Stepp

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As manager at Carlton Corners, Brandie Stepp loves working with her community — both customers and coworkers at the restaurant, gas station and convenience store. Stepp's duties include maintaining inventory, welcoming new hires, managing employees, processing customer charge accounts and taking care of other needs.

Even tiny services and gestures make a big impact, she said. "Carlton Corners especially prides itself on partnering with folks to create new relationships and opportunities between business, customers and residents," she said. Stepp graduated from Yamhill Carlton High School, then earned bachelor's degrees in studio art and art history from Southern Oregon University.

Eventually, she wants to be an educator at a university or other institution of higher ed. Education and learning have always been cornerstones of her identity — that's what led her to her job at Carlton Corners, after all.

A Yamhill resident, Stepp enjoys living in the Yamhill Valley, which she calls "pure beauty." She enjoys the community feel, as well as the delicious local food, wine and beer. She dedicates most of her spare time to making art, including still life drawings and other illustrative works. She also loves watching movies, listening to music and reading, especially poetry.





As far as passions go, you won't find anyone more devoted to Student Affairs than Lainie Sowell. Hailing from Concord, North Carolina, Sowell completed her Bachelor of Arts in Special Education & Psychology at Converse College in 2013. She began the first four years of her professional career teaching K-12 special education, but found it was not quite the right fit for her passions. She loved the student development and mentorship aspects of being a teacher and found that she was enjoying training her fellow teachers in alternative certification programs. However, she felt something was missing.

After a phone call with a treasured mentor from her undergraduate years, who recommended she look into student affairs, she set herself on a path towards doing just that by enrolling in the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education & Counseling to attain her Master of Arts in Student Affairs Administration.

Sowell completed her postgraduate education and found meaningful work in becoming Linfield University's case manager. Her duties include responding to incoming concerns regarding students' problem-solving, connecting them to campus and community resources, and fostering self-advocacy and resilience to overcome future barriers. Sowell also helps Linfield students face challenges like mental health issues, academic challenges, social or interpersonal conflicts, and balancing life commitments both onand off-campus. The best part of her job? "Interacting with students lights up my whole day... I love everything about working with them!"

If she's not taking on the challenges students have in adjusting to life on campus, Sowell can be found partaking in the endless outdoor adventures that can be found just a short drive away from her hometown of McMinnville, or baking at home with her wife and dog. Some of her favorite outdoor activities include camping, hiking, and paddling.

Lainie Sowell

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Amy approaches each day with kindness. Her vibrant, genuine smile lights up the room. The moment she landed in our office she instantly belonged, and we were filled with the warmth of her presence.

Amy started her escrow career in 2004 right here in Yamhill County and worked in the capacity of Escrow Assistant and Escrow Closer before having her two daughters, Ella & Addie. After taking some time off to be a stay at home mom, Amy re-entered the work force again, running her own gluten free bakery for 5 years. Most recently Amy has been working as an Escrow Closer in our McMinnville Office. Her experience and positive attitude are well fitted attributes to our team and we are very excited about her promotion to Escrow Officer.

In her free time Amy loves to run cross country and enjoy anything that involves being outside.

"I want to work hard and take care of my customers. I am looking forward to this exciting chapter in my life."



Cindy Manning

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Hi! I am Cindy Manning, a Senior Escrow Officer at First American Title in Newberg, OR. I'm an Oregon native with over 20 years of escrow experience. I have been with First American Title since 1997 and am so happy to have settled in this beautiful town of Newberg.

College sports? Yes please! Ballroom dancing? I'm in! Traveling, especially to unique locations where I can really immerse myself in local experiences is where I recharge. (Ask me about the time I was dropped by a float plane in rural Alaska!)

There are so many reasons to love my escrow career! Having the ability to help facilitate buyers achieve home ownership is very meaningful to me. Being a resource for proactive approaches in unique situations is rewarding and something I value in what I bring to the table. My experience has given me opportunities to learn how to maneuver hard transactions to close. I promise you clear/consistent communication and vigorous problem solving. I look forward to meeting you.



Helping customers find the right equipment or supplies to rent is Shannon Botten's favorite part of her job at family-owned Botten's Rental & Equipment. Botten is responsible for back-office duties as well as helping customers choose from the company's wide range of items, from tools, trailers and tents to party supplies and portable restrooms.

Born and raised in Yamhill County, Botten graduated from the College of Idaho in 2007. She and her husband, Alan Botten, and her parents started the rental business a decade ago. She enjoys helping people solve problems by finding the right equipment for their projects. She also likes ensuring that special events are put together beyond customers' expectations. She's also responsible for hiring staff. She said Botten's is always looking for positive, upbeat people to join its team at both the front counter and in the warehouse. "This industry is never mundane and there's never a dull moment," she said.

Botten is active in her industry, serving as president of the Oregon chapter of the American Rental Association. She loves spending time with her husband and their children, Harlan, 5, and Nora, 7. She also enjoys riding her horse and learning the sport of reining.



Michelle Gregor

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Michelle entered the real estate industry in 2001 and has been gracing us with her kind heart ever since. Michelle has experience in Property Information, Title & Escrow as well as Business Development, which makes her a diverse strength for our team. She prides herself on finding the answer for not only her customers, but her teammates as well

At home, Michelle enjoys spending time with her husband and two daughters. Camping, bike riding, fishing, hunting and always outdoors is where you will find her. Michelle strives to give her clients not only results, but a superior experience.



Keeley Driscoll

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Driven. The perfect word to describe Keeley. She leads every day with tenacity and an unwavering drive to perfect her world. She is a focused multitasker with great attention to detail. She is one of our superstar Escrow Officers in Newberg along with her Assistants, Jessica Bender and Araceli Torres.

Keeley has a degree in Economics and a minor in Dance. Keeley would love to help you with any of your Real Estate needs (commerical, agricultural, residential, 1031 exchanges, construction, etc.)

Keeley's competitive edge and enthusiastic spirit keeps the momentum moving forward with our team.



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Jackie Haldorson OWNER

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Jackie Haldorson loves working with numbers and solving puzzles. She also loves developing relationships with small business owners and helping them feel empowered.

That makes her own business, Just Honest Bookkeeping, perfect for her. She helps others clean up their accounts and make sure their bookkeeping is complete, accurate and trustworthy.

Haldorson grew up in Hillsboro and was a member of the first full graduating class at Century High School. She is on the board of All Star Accounting Professionals Inc. In addition to running her bookkeeping business. Haldorson started a reselling business during the pandemic. It's nice getting paid for her habit of thrift store shopping, she said.

She and her husband married in 2015. They enjoy living in McMinnville, which she appreciates for its low traffic volume, lower cost of living and lower crime rate.

In addition, she said, she loves the local business community and the annual events that keep downtown flourishing and filled with visitors.

When she's not working, she enjoys floating the Santiam River or Hagg Lake, and kayaking or mountain biking with her husband. She volunteers her time helping people learn about and understand the Bible.





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"The heart and work ethic that Lacey brings makes this difficult process much less stressful. Lacey truly possesses the best qualities of a salesperson: effort, honesty, tenacity, and kindness. She puts in the extra work toward building a relationship by asking questions and listening. She offered honest advice and allowed us to make our own decisions as she guided us in both the buying and selling of our house." – Kristen Schafer



Whitney **Anderson Gonzales**

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Whitney grew up playing sports locally and graduated from Willamina High School in 2014. She then played collegiate 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 decided to return to the area where 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 recovery, in both English and Spanish. She is happy to use her knowledge of exercise and movement and her hands-on skills to help others.



Jordan Visser

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When he was a teenager, Jordan Visser suffered a knee injury while playing high school basketball. Passionate about sports and physical fitness, Jordan hated being sidelined and was grateful when treatment by his physical therapist got him back in the game. Little did he know his own success would launch his adult career path.

As a physical therapist at McMinnville's Andrew Physical Therapy, Jordan is passionate about getting his patients back into their own games, whether it's sports, outdoor recreation or just day-to-day living. Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Jordan earned his undergraduate degree and Doctor of Physical Therapy from George Fox University. Jordan loves the work ethic evident in the Yamhill Valley and enjoys helping his patients feel better and perform their best.

Jordan lives in Newberg with his wife and children. When he isn't busy helping his patients regain their strength, Jordan enjoys Pacific Northwest outdoor activities like hiking and backpacking.



John Kennedy

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Driven by a sense of fulfillment when helping others, John has done just that. While training as a US Navy Rescue Swimmer he suffered an injury inspiring him to pursue physical therapy. After leaving the Navy he returned to his hometown in Nashville, Tennessee, and became a personal trainer in 2005. He worked hard to be successful and opened a CrossFit gym in 2011. After six years, John sold his gym and returned to school to finally become a Physical Therapist. John is passionate about helping others return to an active life after injury. He believes rehabilitation should be fun and leave the patient with a sense of accomplishment. John's schooling and life experiences help him understand the struggles experienced both mentally and physically with rehabilitation. John has an undergraduate degree in Psychology, Master's in Exercise Science and Sport Psychology, and Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He is also a Certified Sports and Conditioning Specialist and USA Weightlifting coach. John now is forming roots in McMinnville with his wife, son, and a bossy Australian Shepherd. The past year he and his family spent in an RV traveling 23 different U.S states. His favorite places were the Grand Canyon in winter, Mt. Rushmore, and the Rocky Mountains. Now, he and his family are exploring all the PNW has to offer!



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When John Andrew, DPT, Cert. MDT, CSCS launched Andrew Physical Therapy, he wanted to provide a place where science, education and caring came together to give his patients genuine relief from pain. Today, John's cheerful outlook and positive can-do attitude permeate the clinic. His passion for helping his patients lessen their pain and return to their favorite activities is evident in the way his clinic functions. John emphasizes a hands-on approach and encourages patient education. John holds a master's degree and a Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He was awarded his Certified Specialist in Conditioning & Strengthening (CSCS) in 1997. In 2011 John completed his training with the McKenzie Spine Institute, becoming the first Certified McKenzie Spine practitioner in McMinnville. As a certified practitioner in mechanical diagnosis and therapy, John is trained to help find a solution to musculoskeletal problems, especially as they relate to the spine. John lives in McMinnville with his wife and daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, bicycling, weight training, surfing, stand-up paddle boarding and spending time with his family.







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Growing up, Dianne Haugeberg decided she wanted to go into a field involving taxes. With encouragement from her lawyer father, she chose tax law and ultimately came back to McMinnville to work with her father at the firm. She specializes in estate planning including wills, trusts, tax planning, probate and trust administration.

Dianne earned a bachelor's degree at Willamette University before going on for a Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Santa Clara, and a master's degree in taxation from the University of San Diego. Dianne is a member of the Oregon Bar Association and the Yamhill County Bar Association.

Dianne lives in McMinnville with her husband, Brian Shea and two children, Keller, 14 and Cate, 12. She invests a significant amount of time locally serving as a board member of the McMinnville Area Community Foundation; a board member of the McMinnville Swim Club; and a member of Mac-Pac, the McMinnville Programming Advisory Committee.



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Tyler's father served as a nurse practitioner with a busy family practice, where Tyler deeply admired the way his dad developed lasting relationships with his patients. A little squeamish by nature, Tyler wanted to do the same thing without the medical aspect. He decided his best opportunity to develop lasting relationships while helping people would be to go into law. Tyler's varied practice includes administering trusts and probate estates, handling guardianship and conservatorship proceedings, and residential and commercial landlord/tenant matters.

Tyler was awarded a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oregon before earning an M.B.A. from the Willamette University Atkinson Graduate School of Management. Tyler then graduated magna cum laude from the Willamette University College of Law, earning a Doctor of Jurisprudence with a certificate in law and business.

Tyler lives with his amazing wife, Ellen, and (usually) wonderful children, Adria, 17 and Gabe, 13. Tyler particularly enjoys the outstanding food, great beer, breathtaking views of the Yamhill Valley! In his free time, Tyler might be found cycling, hiking, eating, gardening or rooting for the Ducks!



Kori Gormley-Huppert was born into her family's business, Gormley Plumbing + Mechanical. As she grew up, she went from taking naps in the showroom bathtubs to counting parts in the warehouse to assisting with construction projects.

After working alongside her father, Ed Gormley, for over 15 years, she's now carrying on her family's legacy as Gormley Plumbing + Mechanical's fourth-generation owner. In addition to overseeing every aspect of the business, she's also an Oregon licensed water heater installer. She enjoys running the business and giving opportunities to people who may not have considered careers in the trades or construction.

Gormley-Huppert graduated from Linfield University with majors in international business and Spanish and a minor in Latin American studies. She traveled in Mexico and Central America and taught English in Japan before returning to her home town.

A member of the Mechanical Contractor Association of America, Gormley-Huppert has served on its Career Development Committee, which arranges internships in the industry for college students. She is national chair of MCAA's Women in the Mechanical Industry program. She and her husband, Kurt Huppert, live in McMinnville with sons, Kort, 9, and Kaden, 6, and a Goldendoodle, Fluffy. They enjoy traveling, whether it's to other countries or to Sunriver.



Katherine Gowell

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Hailing from a long line of entrepreneurs, Katherine L. Gowell found herself fascinated by businesses and the people behind them. When she was working on her business degree, a class in business law and ethics captivated Katherine, influencing her to pursue a career in law. As an attorney, Katherine helps her clients in business and real estate matters including contracts, intellectual property, corporate structuring, buying and selling businesses, and buying and selling residential and commercial real estate. Katherine's job is to be part of a team with clients, working to solve problems — an endeavor both challenging and rewarding.

Katherine was awarded undergraduate degrees from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma before earning her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law in Denver, Colorado. Katherine holds a Certificate in Corporate and Commercial Law.

Katherine lives in McMinnville with her spouse. When she's not helping her clients, Katherine is an avid knitter, wild food forager, gardener and whitewater kayaker.



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An interest in providing guidance to clients facing difficult situations was motivation for Karin Moshier to study law. As an attorney at Haugeberg, Rueter, Gowell, Fredricks & Higgins, P.C., Karin is doing just that, helping her clients achieve positive resolutions in domestic relations cases. Karin assists clients with family law issues including divorce, child custody, child support, spousal support and adoption.

Karin received her Bachelor of Arts in Economics from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. She moved to the Pacific Northwest to earn her Doctor of Jurisprudence at the Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland.

Karin is a member of the Oregon State Bar Family Law Section and is treasurer for the Yamhill County Bar Association. She also serves on the Board of the McMinnville Kiwanis Club

Karin lives in McMinnville with her husband Robert and their daughters. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, hiking, reading and sports.





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Casey Gentry loves to see customers' reactions when he shows them their onceneglected vehicle, now pristine and shiny thanks to Garvin Auto Spa. "The WOW face they have when seeing it for the first time ... after we've spent time making it look better is rewarding," he said.

An automotive rejuvenation and protection specialist, Gentry focuses on removing scratches, applying ceramic coatings and preparing vehicles for paint protection film and window tint. A 2010 graduate of Dayton High School, Gentry has been passionate about cars since he was a child growing up on his father's car lot.

A six-year team member at Garvin Auto Spa, he finds the job challenging and rewarding. He appreciates that the shop offers quality, American made products that team members have tried themselves. A member of the International Detailing Association, he hopes to mentor younger people in his industry. He is certified by Ceramic Pro, the International Detailing Association detailer and AmericanaGlobal.

Gentry lives in McMinnville with his girlfriend, McKenzie. They enjoy their fellow residents and the small-town culture here. He also enjoys "all things cars," especially car shows and, as he did as a child, dirt track racing.

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When you're born with a gift for numbers, you might say certain careers stand out as attractive. That's how it was for Kyle Johnson, a principal certified public accountant at Johnson & Mohr CPAs in McMinnville. Kyle's favorite part of being a CPA is his ability to use numbers to help people when they turn to him. He also enjoys being able to help taxpayers save money and providing his clients with financial clarity and guidance while building relationships with them while working with them as a team to aid in their success.

In addition to his duties in income tax preparation, income tax planning / consulting and accounting, Kyle has over nine years of experience specializing in the tax side of estate planning, trust and estate tax. Fitting for the heart of Oregon Wine Country, Kyle focuses on tax and accounting issues for wineries and vineyards.

Kyle belongs to the Oregon CPA Society and the American Institute of CPAs. He plans to continue practicing his profession for many years to come and would love to travel to many different destinations throughout the world with his wife, Haley. He also looks forward to building his career in a fast paced and challenging environment.

Kyle was born and raised in Spring Valley, California, suburb of San Diego. Kyle decided to move to the Pacific Northwest in order to play baseball at George Fox University. While there, he graduated with two bachelor's degrees – one in accounting, the other in business finance.

Kyle lives in McMinnville with Haley and the couple's three young boys. His favorite part of the Yamhill Valley is being just a hop, skip and a jump away from the beach, a place that reminds him of his childhood in California when the weather cooperates. An avid baseball fan, Kyle might be found watching his beloved San Diego Padres playing when he's not working. A baseball pitcher in college, Kyle is now excited to pass this skill along to his sons, aged 11, 10 and 8, as their youth baseball coach.



Joshua Mohr

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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Certified Public Accountant Joshua Mohr started out working in construction. But after losing his job in the recession, he went back to school to study engineering -- and ended up falling in love with accounting instead.

Mohr, who works for Johnson & Mohr CPAs, enjoys the organization and problem solving involved in accounting. Those come naturally to him.

Working as a CPA also leads him to meet many people in the community, and he appreciates both the relationships and the doors those relationships open for him.

Born in Pasadena, California, Mohr moved to Oregon when he was 6 and grew up in Silverton. After earning a diploma from Silverton High School and working construction in Bend, he enrolled in Central Oregon Community College. He later transferred to Linfield College, from which he earned an accounting degree.

He has extensive experience with QuickBooks Online and regulations regarding the taxation of farms.

He belongs to the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Twenty years from now, he sees himself co-leading the largest CPA firm in Yamhill County. He and his wife also want to lead a variety of businesses and ministries in the U.S. and Africa.

Mohr already has used his accounting skills in Africa. He and his wife, an OB nurse, and children have traveled to Uganda twice to assist a nonprofit that equips people with work skills so they can provide for their families. The organization also plants schools and churches in remote parts of the countries of Uganda, South Africa and Lesotho.

Closer to home, Mohr spends his free time surfing, snowboarding, hiking, rock climbing and engaging in other outdoor activities.

Woodworking has been his hobby since he started working for a high-end custom homebuilder in Bend right after graduating from high school. He built wooden doors, furniture, fireplace mantels and other custom pieces.

A skilled carpenter, he now makes furniture from reclaimed wine barrels.

Mohr and his family live in McMinnville. He enjoys the people and the beauty of the area, and likes having both the coast and the mountains nearby.



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Third-generation McMinnville native Adam Garvin is president of operations and customer satisfaction at Garvin Auto Center. The 2004 McMinnville High School graduate grew up with a keen interest in cars. Detailing vehicles for his father and grandfather showed him he was good at the job and had a passion for it, as well.

Nowadays, he enjoys getting to know his clients' stories, as well as their vehicles. He said he likes "the challenges of entrepreneurship and the fulfillment from growing a high functioning team," as well. A "made" member of the Detail Mafia, he also belongs to the International Detailing Association and his shop is the only LLumar Formula One recognized location in Oregon.

He serves the community as a member of the McMinnville City Council and by mentoring younger people. He was a member of the McMinnville Jaycees, helping with its Fourth of July fireworks show; has been involved with Cruising McMinnville, the McMinnville Kiwanis and the McMinnville Area Chamber of Commerce, which named him 2021 "Business Leader of the Year." Garvin and his wife, Trish, live in McMinnville with their sons, Carter, 4, and Aidan, 15. They enjoy car shows, camping, visiting national parks, hiking to waterfalls and going to the beach.



Elijah Johnson

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Elijah Johnson was always interested in cars, so he went looking for a vehicle-related job with good benefits and a career path. He found the right place at Garvin Auto Spa in McMinnville. As an automotive appearance specialist, he is responsible for exterior and interior cleaning and rejuvenation. He also is adept at applying ceramic coatings and preparing vehicles for paint protection film.

He wants to make sure clients are satisfied when they see the finished product. "There is always time to do the right thing, when you know it's the right thing by the customer," he said, stating one of the things he's learned since he joined Garvin Auto Spa.

He belongs to the International Detailing Association and is P&S Inspiration ceramic coating certified. He is looking forward to continuing his vehicle protection career. He wants to learn more about paint systems and refining paint of defects.

Johnson was born in Newberg, but raised in McMinnville. He graduated from McMinnville High School Class of 2020. He is recently engaged to his middle school sweetheart, Katie. He enjoys outdoor activities, especially hiking and fitness. He also has a passion for podcast and video editing.





Breanne Marsh loves people and enjoys helping them achieve their goals. That makes a career in human resources just right for her. And in 2016 she found a great place to pursue that career: Elk Creek Forest Products in McMinnville.

"Our ownership and leadership teams are phenomenal, and the company culture is very much in alignment with my personal values," Marsh said. "I love that Elk Creek's focus, goals and values all revolve around people and building sustainable and meaningful relationships — that's really what life is all about."

As human resources manager, she develops HR strategies and trainings, provides support and creates development plans. It's easy for Marsh to tell potential employees about the benefits of working for Elk Creek: She loves working at a place that's great "for anyone looking to grow their skills, make an impact and truly thrive."

Marsh grew up in Roseburg, where her mother worked in the lumber industry. She graduated from Portland State University with a degree in Business Administration and a double major in human resource management and management and leadership.

She is a member of the Cascade Employers Association. She and her husband love spending time outdoors with their two daughters, puppies, cats and chickens.





Breanne Marsh

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A resaw puller at Elk Creek Forest Products in McMinnville, Giovanni "Gio" Esparza fills a variety of duties: he moves long timbers with a forklift, inspects them to make sure they meet regulations and customer needs, and cuts them if necessary; he also works on a computer, making tags and checking inventory. "I could write a novel on my duties here," he said genially.

He loves working with Elk Creek's crew, who've become lifelong friends and mentors. His dad is one of them; a 25-year veteran of the forest products industry, he's who suggested Esparza apply at the company.

"It was a great decision," said the McMinnville native, who attended Chemeketa Community College for a year after graduating from McMinnville High School. "Any lumber related job you need done, we've got you covered," he said.

Esparza plans to stay in the industry and possibly move into a lumber sales or purchasing position. He is already training to become certified to grade lumber, and he has his CPR certification, too. Outside work, he spends time with his girlfriend and his family, including his parents and younger siblings.

He enjoys playing video games and fishing with his brothers.



Jade Bachmeier

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Jade was born and raised in Amity with her two brothers and has most of her family close to her throughout Yamhill County. She graduated from Amity High School before attending Chemeketa Community College. Jade is a member of the Yamhill County Association of REALTORS® (YCAR) and of the McMinnville Area and Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce.

In her free time when she's not helping her clients, Jade loves to travel, be active hiking and playing sports, trying out new restaurants and spending time with her family and fiancé, TJ, and their two Corgi puppies, Jim and Olive.



Lacey Summers

REAL ESTATE BROKER

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Lacey Summers grew up in McMinnville and now shares her love and knowledge of the community with buyers moving to the Willamette Valley. After graduating from Santa Clara University, she went on to work in marketing for over a decade before setting her sights on real estate.

Lacey likes to ensure the milestone of selling or buying a house is enjoyable by providing "extras" like staging advice, surprise gifts, and having a seller's house professionally cleaned before an open house.

Lacey devotes herself to each client, taking time to understand their needs and desires. The highly skilled Summers Home Team works with a proactive and innovative approach to exceed client goals. Past clients frequently describe her as warm, patient, considerate, and organized. Outside of real estate Lacey enjoys home remodeling projects with her husband, competitive games, listening to inspiring podcasts, & cheering on her 3 children. Contact Lacey for a consultation to discuss your next move!



Tara Quincy chose the banking industry because she loves numbers and wanted to be in the business world. She found the right career at First Federal, where she now is a vice president and branch manager at the Baker Creek Road branch.

She manages employees, provides customer service and does other jobs associated with banking. She particularly likes helping customers purchase, build or refinance their homes. "Local lending from a hometown loan officer at its best," she said.

As much as she likes numbers, though, her favorite part of the job is people, both her customers and her colleagues. "I love building relationships with everyone," she said. She enjoys talking with young people about finances, too.

Quincy came to Oregon from the Midwest with her family in 1985. She graduated from McMinnville High School in 1993 and from Linfield in 1998. Outside work, Quincy is secretary of the Newby Elementary PTA and a member of the McMinnville Area Habitat for Humanity board.

She and her husband, Chris — her high school sweetheart — live in McMinnville with their son, 19, and daughter, 10. They enjoy the community feel here, as well as the beautiful scenery. She loves photography and traveling with her family.

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When Sandy Schultz joined the banking industry after finishing high school, she was making the right career choice for herself and her family.

"Banking allows me to work within the community and experience a variety of tasks and duties," said Schultz, a branch manager and mortgage loan originator for First Federal, where she's worked for 14 years. "Banking is always changing and growing, with never a dull moment," she added.

Schultz, who recently moved to First Federal's McMinnville office, takes care of business accounts and works with mortgage loans, in addition to managing and growing her branch staff. She especially enjoys building relationships with people and mentoring others so they can achieve their professional and personal goals.

Schultz grew up in Milwaukie. She and her husband, Sam, moved to Carlton in 1995 to raise their three children; they now have "one adorable grandbaby." Her family likes fishing and crabbing. They enjoy living in a place where volunteerism is valued and where people still stop on the street to visit. A board member for the Carlton Business Association and the Carlton Walk in the Park Foundation, she said, "My super power is bringing people together for a common cause."



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Amerson was born in Portland and raised in Carlton, graduating from Yamhill-Carlton High School in 1996. She started working in the insurance business 10 years ago with Chris Browne, who owned the agency. "I learned everything I know from Chris," she said. "With her help, I was able to fall in love with insurance and helping people."

Amerson plans to remain in the insurance industry in Yamhill County for the long term. She also will keep volunteering here; she has been co-chair of the McMinnville Wine & Food Classic for four years.

The mother of a 19-year-old son, Kaleb, Amerson said she loves the small-town feel of the Yamhill Valley. She enjoys spending time with her best friends, tasting wine and working out at McMinnville Crossfit.



Brian Turner

GENERAL MANAGER CO-OWNER

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Brian Turner is an observant and precise sort of guy. After spending seven years as a golf professional and golf event coordinator, Brian put his precision skills to work in auto insurance claims. There, he noticed the service provided to customers who'd recently been involved in automobile accidents was sadly lacking. Refocused, Brian took on the challenge to join Roger Fowler at McMinnville's well-known, full-service auto body shop, J&W CARSTAR.

A native of Okanogan in North Central Washington, Brian earned a bachelor's degree in history from Washington State University. As general manager and co-owner of J&W CARSTAR, Brian works with dealership and insurance partners to ensure customers' vehicles are restored to pre-loss condition with the help of CARSTAR's 15 dedicated and highly skilled employees.

Brian lives in McMinnville with his wife and their newly adopted 3 year old daughter. An avid alpine skier, Brian loves spending time outdoors surrounded by the beauty of the Pacific Northwest — of course, you might also find him playing golf when he's not helping customers. Brian and his wife are enthusiastic supporters of community dog and cat rescue organizations.



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