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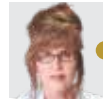
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DEVIN NELSON *C Street Dental*

Devin Nelson, his wife Lena, and 5 kids have lived in Grants Pass since 2016. Before becoming a dentist, Devin had a unique job in Arizona as a mascot for the Phoenix Suns. He received his undergraduate at BYU and his doctorate in dental medicine (DMD) for the Arizona School of Dental and Oral Health (ASDOH). His dental practice treats all areas of dentistry including cosmetic & esthetics, oral surgery, crown & bridge restoration, preventive, and emergency dentistry.



SUSIE ATONDO *Edward Jones*

Born and raised in Grants Pass, Susie Atondo has been a financial advisor since 2006. She works with multi-generational families to develop unique strategies for wealth transfer, and with business owners in creating strategies for business succession, portfolio construction, and tax reduction. She married her husband, Paul, in 2001 and they have three children, Luci, Penny, and Finn. They enjoy hiking and going to the beach.



SHERYL ZIMMERER *Logos Public Charter School*

Since 2017, Sheryl Zimmerman has served as the Executive Director for Logos Public Charter School, the largest, non-virtual charter school in the state of Oregon. Under her leadership, the K-12 school that serves Jackson and Josephine County students has reported its highest graduation rate ever (95%) and has been voted one of the best non-profits to work for in Oregon 5 years in a row. Since her daughters have grown up, she now lives in Talent with her husband in the house they rebuilt after the 2020 Oregon Alameda wildfire with their two spoiled golden retrievers.



CHRISTINE LOWE *Diversity Home Lending*

Born and raised in the Southern Oregon area, Christine Lowe absolutely loves enjoying the outdoor beauty we have here. With 25 years in the mortgage industry, ensuring that you make the right choice for you and your family is her goal and she is committed to providing her customers with mortgage services that exceed their expectations.



BEKAH NUGENT *Dwell House*

Bekah is a licensed real estate broker, certified home stager and principal of Dwell House. Bekah loves houses, design and real estate. At 21 years old in between college classes her and her husband Matt worked hard to transform a 1960s house into their first investment property. After years in corporate marketing and branding she started Dwell House. In her free time you'll see her cheering on the sideline of a soccer field, boating, hiking Dollar Mountain, sponsoring local makers and hosting some kind of party or event somewhere.



BRENT ERICKSON DMD, MS IN ORTHODONTICS *Grants Pass Orthodontics*

Born and raised in Grants Pass, Dr. Brent D. Erickson has been practicing in the Grants Pass area since 2015. His goal as an orthodontist is to create long-lasting smiles in a comfortable environment and to give confidence with joy. When not at the office, he enjoys adventuring with his wife, Ashley, their four kids and dog, Timber, doing all things outdoors, playing soccer and golf, going snowboarding, and playing video games.



JENA HETH *Diversity Home Lending*

Jena Heth and her family have been Grants Pass residents for the past 19 years. Her husband is quite the fisherman, so this is a perfect place to live. She has been in lending for 30 years and has seen so much change in the industry. What she loves most about her profession is her clients, some of whom have become dear friends. It's a profession based on knowledge and trust and her clients know she is always there for them.



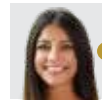
WADE SQUIRES *The Venuti Group at Cascade Hasson Sotheby's International Realty*

Wade Squires, owner of The Venuti Group, became a Realtor in 2016 after spending over 10 years in construction as a lead carpenter, building new homes and performing extensive remodels. It was there he learned the value of communication, and as a Realtor, he has continued to make this a top priority. Whatever your real estate needs are, Wade would be happy to help you achieve your goals!



KEYNA MEIVES *The Venuti Group at Cascade Hasson Sotheby's International Realty*

A Licensed Realtor since 2000 and owner of The Venuti Group, Keyna Meives is a seasoned realty enthusiast. Her optimistic and joyful countenance makes her a delight to work with and has contributed to her being a consistent top producer in her market area. She loves spending time exploring the outdoors with her husband and three children.



NICOLELASSER *Country Financial*

Nicol Elsass is a long-time resident of Grants Pass, Oregon and loves the beautiful Valley we live in. This is why working in an industry that helps guide, support and protect people and their families in our community, is important to her. Being an agent with Country Financial Insurance for the last 5 years, she has been able to do just that and that is what makes her love what she does.



DEANNA ELLIOT *Centered Physical Therapy + Wellness*

In 2018 Deanna started Centered Physical Therapy & Wellness, where Physical Therapy is integrated in a holistic manner to help heal the body at the root of its problem. Specializing in women's health, she has dedicated her time to helping mothers restore balance prenatally, during pregnancy and postpartum. Although her passion resides in pre-conception, where "all the magic" happens.



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April is a month of many activities. For many of us, April is the perfect time to take a deep dive into spring cleaning. Airing out the house and getting organized can be a lot of fun! April is also when we watch winter and spring battle it out, and we get to experience how quickly the weather in Southern Oregon can change. We can be wearing shorts one moment and be breaking out the winter jacket the next. This is definitely the season to wear layers. Whatever you're up to this April, I hope you get to spend time with friends and family or meet someone new! Enjoy each day, and don't forget to smile often!

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS | Delani Joy Cervantes

 by Melissa Strand

If you've been shopping downtown, you've probably met local business owner, mother, and all-around awesome Grants Pass resident, Delani Joy Cervantes. She owns the popular store Rainbow Baby, a modern baby and kids boutique located in the heart of downtown Grants Pass on G Street, where she offers a "thoughtfully curated collection of clothing, accessories, toys, puzzles, books, cards and gifts for every occasion in your little one's life." Along with owning and operating Rainbow Baby, Delani has two young boys, Dre Dukes (6) and Dax Martin (3) that keep her life busy and joyful. They live together in a house on the river with an orchard and land to roam. She's hoping to buy a home for her family this year, but for now Delani and her boys are soaking in plenty of adventure time and exploring on their expansive property.

Delani was born in Colorado, and moved to Grants Pass where she spent her childhood. She graduated from Grants Pass High School, and then moved to Los Angeles where she attended The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising, and eventually settled back home in Grants Pass. The dream of opening Rainbow Baby came shortly after the birth of her first son, when she became very passionate about the products she introduced into her home and wanted to offer others the carefully sourced brands she trusted.

Rainbow Baby was born shortly after and has become a wonderful place to connect the community together through Story Club and classes as well. She feels "the demands of motherhood can make us feel isolated and alone at times, so finding my community has never been more important than it is now." She has had the opportunity to meet many parents and grandparents in the area who have shopped with her business, which opens the door to many new and lasting friendships. She is also very attached to the local community through her kids' schools and knows many families in town because of having friends with kids of similar ages. Her family is active members of both the Club Northwest and KidZone, where they are known on a first name basis and have made friends with the staff. She feels her family is truly blessed to live in a very welcoming and warm community, where they feel friends and loved ones are always just around the corner.

When she's not busy running her business, Delani is very into fitness, and loves staying active by hiking, snowboarding, running, rollerblading, and playing with her kids. She also loves reading, photography, singing, and being creative through making charcuterie



boards. She also loves grabbing drinks with her girlfriends at Twisted Cork or The Bohemian, going to Lulu's for the best eggs benedict in town, and loves a fun night out at River's Edge, especially in the summer. Her kids love the gelato served at House of Glory, and like going to Loam & Black and Yumberry Bowl. Her family loves visiting Wildlife Images, dancing together, and swimming. A family favorite is taking turns playing their special "monster game", where they chase each other around the house and tickle each

other. They love to travel together as a family, and road trip together often to the coast. Delani dreams of someday taking the boys to her most favorite destination to visit, Hawaii, and feels she'll plan a tropical beach trip once she builds the courage to conquer that long flight solo with her two kids.

She speaks lovingly about her two boys, who each have beautiful personalities and lots of fun interests. Her oldest son, Dre, is a strong-willed and brave little boy who loves to explore, speak up for



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himself, and be silly. She feels Dre is more guarded, but once you earn his trust, he's a friend for life. He's a very thoughtful and sweet boy who loves quality time spent together, and enjoys connecting through an activity or a hobby, so they go bowling or take walks together and play lots of question games. Dre plays soccer and wrestles and likes shooting his bow. Her youngest son, Dax, is a friendly, passionate, and happy boy. He is very attentive, affectionate, and aware, and loves making friends, creating crafts, and using his imagination. He thrives on being acknowledged and is happiest holding hands with mom. She feels he is her "gentle giant", and as he's only three he has not tried any sports just yet, but Delani is confident he will find his passions as he grows. Delani feels that learning the ways her kids best receive her love is so important, so her biggest goal is to be as intentional as she can be throughout their busy daily life and make sure they feel seen.

It's clear that Delani is a loving mom, rock star business owner, and amazing neighbor to know and befriend in Grants Pass. Stop by Rainbow Baby, where everyone is welcome, and say hello!

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■ KOOL KID | Aliyah Ditty

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 What grade are you in? **7th**
 What is your favorite subject? **Language Arts**
 Do you have any brothers and/or sisters? **Yes, a sister.**
 What are their names and how old are they? **Mattéa- 11**
 Do you have any pets? **Yes**
 What are your pets and how long have they been part of your family? **A dog- Hatcher (10; 11 in June). Our dog, Romo, lived until he was 14 ½.**

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What is your favorite color? **Green**
 What is your favorite food? **Italian**
 What is your favorite restaurant? **Matsukaze, Olive Garden, and Chick-fil-A**
 What is your favorite animal? **Dogs, birds, and bottlenose dolphins**
 What is your favorite music? **Pop**
 What is your favorite TV Show? **Bunk'd; Nicky, Ricky, Dicky, and Dawn; and Julie and the Phantoms**
 What is your favorite movie? **Minions**
 What is your favorite thing to do? **Goofing off and hanging out with friends, camping**
 What is your favorite place to play? **My room.**
 What are your favorite sports teams? **Dallas Cowboys**
 What is your favorite vacation? **Hawaii, and our yearly camping trip to the coast**



More information

Do you play any sports? **Yes**
 What do you play? **Dance (ballet and theatrical jazz/ hip hop) and aerial silks.**
 How long have you been playing it? **Dance since August and aerial silks for about a year.**
 What's your favorite thing about it? **Learning new moves and/or creating her own.**
 What is your biggest challenge with this sport? **Remembering how to do all of the technical skills.**
 What is something unique about you? **I love sarcasm, rude/awkward/random humor, and I love to laugh.**
 Do you have any hobbies? **Eating, writing books, playing games, going on bike rides, swimming, hiking, paddle boarding and kayaking, hanging out with friends, going out to dinner, dance and aerial silks.**
 What do you like to do with your family? **Eat and watch shows.**
 What is your happiest memory? **My first formal dance last year.**
 When you grow up, what do you want to be? **An author or actress.**



If you could pick any place in the world to visit, where would that be? **Hawaii**
 If you could be a superhero, what powers would you want to have? **Invisibility because I could scare people or be alone.**
 Is there anything else you want us to know about you? **I LOVE FOOD and dogs. I'm also a Christian and I like to go to church at River Valley Redwood campus, and youth group. Aliyah is also a straight A student!**



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The Grants Pass Dance Club has been in existence for over 40 years. Our primary purpose is providing the opportunity to bring our community together to enjoy the time honored tradition of music and dance.

We meet on Mondays and Fridays at the Josephine County Fairgrounds square dance hall where we host dance lessons, and live music. Two Monday's per month, The Rogue Gold Jazz Band, an 18 piece big band, plays many of our favorites from yesterday and today. We have the largest dance floor around.

The joy, friendship, camaraderie, exercise and freedom in the moments of music and dance are what we share amongst our members and guests. We typically have 50 people in attendance. Many are on the dance floor, as we swing and sway our time away.



The members are generally seniors as this is an afternoon event. However, we get participants of all ages as their time and schedules allow. One of our long-time members is 103 years young and still enjoys a nice two-step, Cha Cha, or Waltz. Our dance club provides this opportunity for so many of us to still get up and go.

We are a non-profit and rely on our members to provide our financial support with membership, entry fee and participation in our 50/50 raffle.

Members pay \$5 per year to join, then \$5 per dance. Non-members are \$7 per dance. 1st time guests are free.

So come and see what we are all about.

It is not necessary to come with a partner. We have both leaders and followers to share our joy of dance with you. We can have you dancing a two-step or a Waltz in no time.

Our schedule is -- Mondays 11:30 am-1 pm, Line dance lessons with Jeanette and Bonny. 1-2 pm, Ballroom dance lessons with Dave.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT | The Suites – Assisted Living and Memory Care

Written by Alexandra Hruz

In the Grants Pass community, The Suites Assisted Living & Memory Care operates as a facility where people can take comfort in knowing that their loved ones are being cared for by knowledgeable, skilled, and compassionate professionals.

The Suites is a premier assisted living and memory care community. The Assisted Living and Memory Care communities consist of elderly residents in need of daily assistance with everyday living needs. The Suites prides itself on its personalization for residents: Care is individualized, and people can choose the lifestyle that best suits their residential and healthcare needs. The community at The Suites features a blend of hospitality services and community engagement that helps contribute to growing meaningful relationships with residents.

Patty Ely, marketing director for The Suites Assisted Living and Memory Care, is no stranger to the demands of this type of work. She began working at The Suites 10 years ago as a caregiver and part-time receptionist. Eventually, she moved into the Activity Director for Assisted Living role, a position she held for more than six years. When the facility opened its



Memory Care unit, Patty spent three years helping to enrich the lives of residents with Alzheimer's. Just last year, Patty took on her new role as marketing director for Assisted Living and Memory Care. Patty feels that The Suites' reputation is one of its strongest features; the team has worked hard to build trust with family members, friends, and one another. "Our residents and their families trust us, and we have exceptional communication skills," she says. "We build bonds with our residents, and they become part of The Suites' extended family." Patty and the other team members at The Suites strive for daily excellence—they aim to provide top-notch service to all residents and community partners. They also take immense pride in their high ratings. "We have a strong management team that has been working together for the past decade, so we know what it takes to build a solid foundation," she explains. "We truly are in this business for our residents."

At The Suites, the highly

experienced team has the skills, knowledge, and compassion to deliver excellent care to those needing help with daily activities or people living with the effects of dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Just as each resident must cope with these issues at all times, so too does the team at The Suites; their services are specifically designed to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of their residents 24/7. The experienced staff at The Suites has committed itself to providing the highest level of care to its residents.

At The Suites, their mission is to provide an enriched and meaningful experience for their residents, team members, and community partners. It's often difficult to hand off the care of a loved one to someone else, but at The Suites, the team wants to emphasize how dedicated they are to creating a supportive, engaging, and welcoming environment, perfectly designed to support each resident's unique needs.



TESTIMONIALS

My wife and I are so impressed with the quality of communication and care that my mom is receiving at The Suites. From day one, the team there has demonstrated a deep commitment to my mom's health and well-being. I am so relieved to know that my mom is safe, clean, and treated kindly. Kudos to Patty and her team at the memory care unit of The Suites, I cannot recommend this place enough. If I could, I would give it 10 stars.

My mom just recently moved into The Suites. All the staff and employees that we have met so far have been very attentive, caring, and professional. Patty Ely was our first contact and has been amazingly helpful and very generous with her time and experience.

I have been playing music for the residents of the Suites for several years now and I must say it is one of the nicest, friendliest caring Senior Communities in the Rogue Valley!! It is such an honor to be a part of the Suites Family!!! It is a place I would feel really good about a family member, or even myself when the time comes, to live out the golden years!!

My husband and I recently moved his mother into the memory care side of the facility. I was a little apprehensive, but after meeting with Patty Ely and the rest of the staff, I was able to set my mind at ease that she would be well cared for there. She's always smiling and in good spirits when we go to visit her and she has already made a few friends. Thank you to the staff for taking such good care of my mother-in-law.



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RECIPE | **Herb - Crusted Rack of Lamb**

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup panko bread crumbs
- ¼ cup Italian parsley leaves
- 3 tablespoons olive oil, divided
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons fresh mint leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves
- ¾ teaspoon kosher salt, divided
- ½ teaspoon lemon zest
- 2 (1 pound) frenched racks of lamb, at room temperature, trimmed of excess fat
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard



DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and place a wire rack on top.

Combine bread crumbs, parsley, 1 tablespoon olive oil, garlic, mint, rosemary, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and lemon zest in the bowl of a food processor. Process until well combined, about 45 seconds. Transfer to a shallow dish and set aside.

Heat remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large cast iron skillet over medium-high. Pat lamb dry with paper towels. Season with black pepper and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add lamb to skillet and cook until browned on all sides, 4 to 5 minutes total.

Brush the lamb with mustard, then dip and roll into prepared bread crumb mixture to coat, pressing gently to adhere. Place lamb on the prepared rack, meat side up, with the bones pointed towards the middle of the rack.

Roast in the preheated oven until an instant-read thermometer registers 125 degrees F (52 degrees C) for medium-rare, about 20 minutes, or to desired degree of doneness. Tent loosely with foil and let rest for 10 minutes before slicing in between the bones. Serve immediately.

COOK'S NOTE:

If you don't have a food processor, you can also just finely chop the herbs and garlic and stir it with the bread crumbs.

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 by Melissa Strand

Michelle has countless adventures and stories about two of her horses with big personalities, 11-year-old sibling Quarter Horses, Smoke (Chex The Frosty Smoke) and Cinnamon (MS Frosty Baron Chex). Michelle bought the horses with a very close friend in Nevada at a horse sale, and the horses originally came from Utah. The plan was to train and sell the horses and they would split the profits. She fell in love with Smoke instantly and ended up buying him. Cinnamon had a prospective buyer, but the deal fell through, and Michelle decided to buy her partnership out on her. She quickly bonded with Cinnamon once she knew she could let her guard down now that she became a true member of the family.



Michelle quickly learned the horses had unique personalities. Smoke, a gelding (male), was afraid of everything and was more worried about what was going on around him than learning. He eventually conquered his fears and is an amazing horse now, but he's known as "Dennis the Menace" and has a mischievous side. He likes to chew on his lead rope and swings it around for fun, can never stand straight at the trailer, always messes with the other horses by pushing them out of the way and eating out of their hay bags, and you are guaranteed to get a bucket of water spilt on you when watering him. Cinnamon, a mare (female), has always loved the thrill of running as fast as she can. She is also the watch mare in the herd and is on alert as a protector. Cinnamon is pretty much an angel and is known as Michelle's "Little Princess". The love that Smoke and Cinnamon feel for each other is palpable, and it's clear they know that they are brother and sister. They are three-quarter related and have the same father (Sire) and on the mother's side (Dam) they have

the same grandpa. They are constantly scratching each other at the trailer and even though they get themselves tangled up, it's lovable to watch. Cinnamon even got herself untied somehow once at the trailer while at a team roping and came running in to the arena towards Smoke for a snuggle.

Smoke and Cinnamon like to have fun and be silly together, and mom Michelle has many stories of them involved in "horse play". Once Michelle and her friends took the horses to the lake to swim. Smoke was not wanting to go in, so he pushed his sister Cinnamon in and once she was wet, he walked right in. Another time Smoke took matters into his own hands was when Michelle's boyfriend Tommy first started learning how to ride a horse, Tommy kissed to Smoke to go faster, and Smoke took off full speed towards the open arena gate for a quick exit, and luckily after some effort, he was able to stop Smoke before making a quick getaway. Cinnamon had some fun once while running barrels with Michelle's

mom Shelley. Cinnamon gave a powerful push out of the third barrel, which gave Shelley whiplash, and her glasses flew right off her face.

Both horses are loved deeply, and Michelle feels she often puts their needs before her own. Michelle feels the most rewarding thing is watching the progression when she trains them and seeing the love and bonds that they have for each other.



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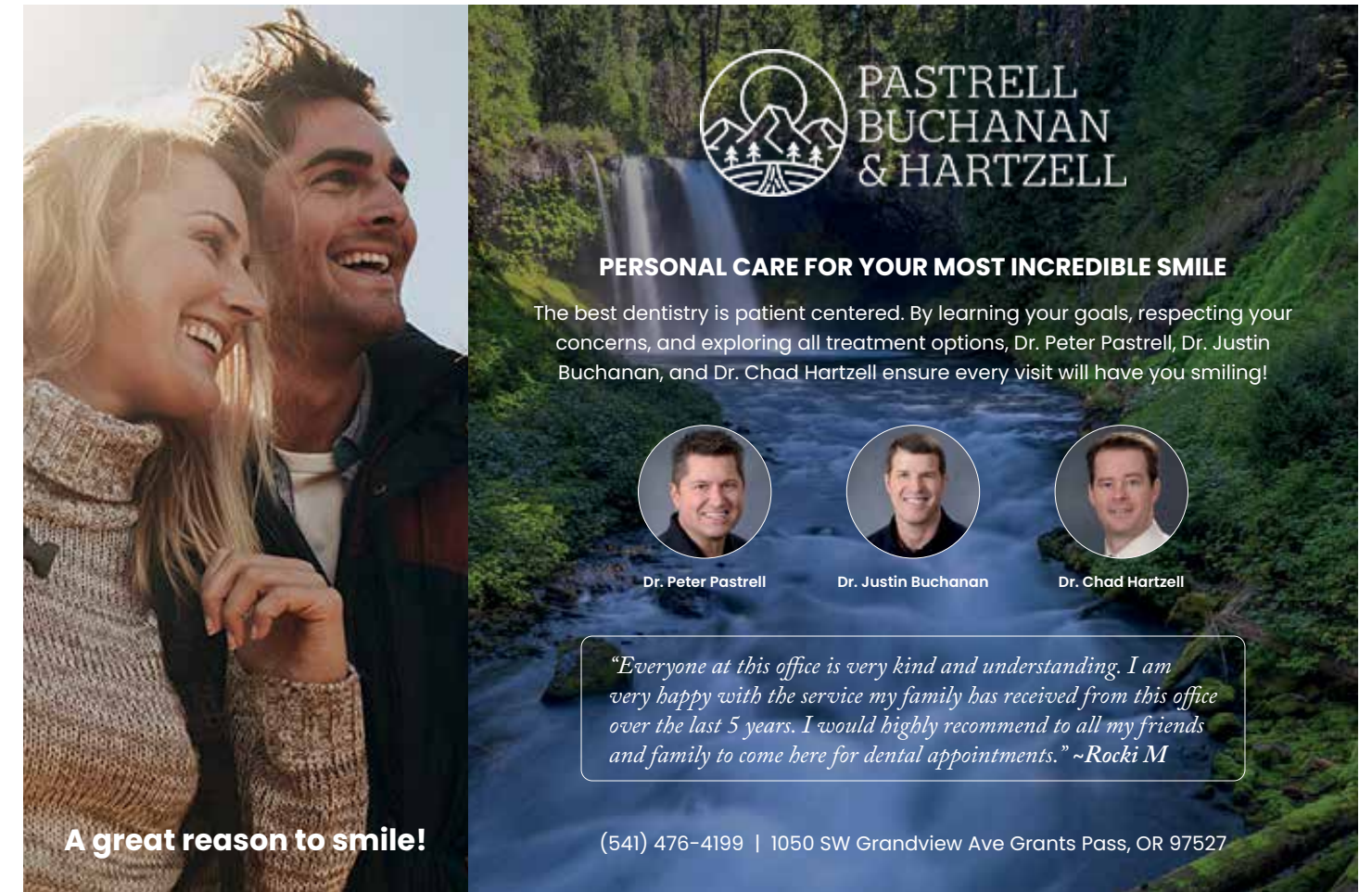
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