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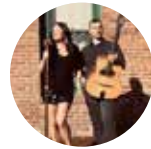
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 THURSDAY, AUG 17, 2023 | 5:30-8:00PM
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 SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH | STARTS AT 9:00AM
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Sounds of Summer
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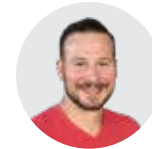


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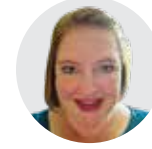
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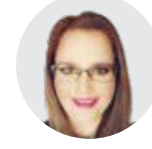
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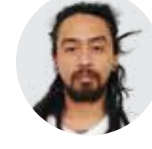
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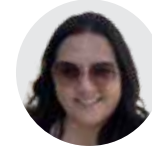
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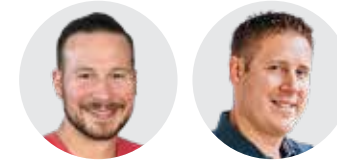


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Greetings Neighbors!

If you're feeling anything like us, I'm sure you're sitting back and pondering where exactly the summer has gone. August seemed to come much quicker this year. Perhaps it was the late rain in June or maybe we just got caught up in the day-to-day fun of summertime in our valley. We hope you all got to or plan to set aside a little time away from work to go have an outdoor adventure or two! August is a great time to enjoy that last bit of summer. It's a perfect month for a river float, bike ride, or evening walk in the park.

For us, one big takeaway from this summer was the amazing support and love that our local business owners showered on our community day in and day out. We met with many of our business owners this summer and were very impressed and excited to hear that they are all striving to make our community stronger through providing for our youth, throwing fun events, and lending a helping hand wherever there is a need. The next time you are out and about, we encourage you to give them a high five or a sincere compliment. A little kindness has a ripple effect far beyond what we perceive!

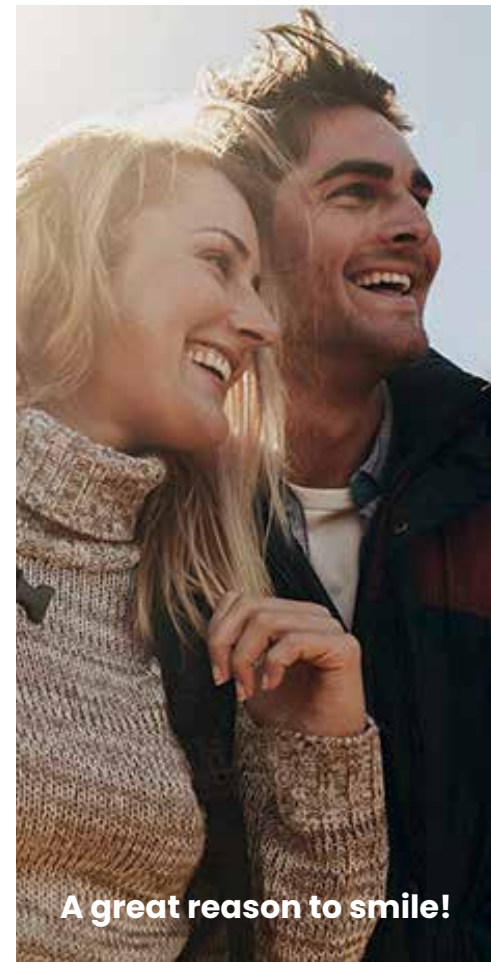
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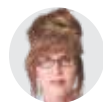
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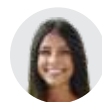
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Marla, a long time native of Southern Oregon, has raised four children in Grants Pass with her husband, Max. A nurse for over 38 years, she has practiced aesthetic nursing for the past 15 years. Marla is the owner of AesthetiSpa Laser and Wellness Center and believes in building an enduring and rewarding relationship with her clients and community, through knowledge and superior service.



NICOL ELSASSER Country Financial
Nicol Elsasser 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.



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) from the Arizona School of Dental and Oral Health (ASDOH). His dental practice treats all areas of dentistry including cosmetic & aesthetics, oral surgery, crown & bridge restoration, preventive, and emergency dentistry.



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.



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.



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.



SHERYL ZIMMERER Logos Public Charter School
Since 2017, Sheryl Zimmerer 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.



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!



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.



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.



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 1960's 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.



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.

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Although, Mario grew up in California, he spent every summer since he was five years old in Grants Pass visiting his grandparents. It was his sophomore year when his family moved here. Through the years, he made some great friend who have grown up with him. Nearly every day, whether it is rainy, snowy, or filled with sunshine, Mario will ride his Harley Davidson. He has a small group of friends who will ride after work. On weekends, they all do large trips together including the wives.

Heather's parents moved to Grants Pass in 1982 when the small town had only a few stoplights, a K-Mart, and a McDonalds. Her father was one of the main commercial and real estate brokers. He owned his own brokerage. Her mother, who has a child development degree,

opened a preschool and kindergarten so Heather could go to school. So, from 1982 until about five years ago, her mother either ran or heavily assisted with ALL the children's events and activities in town.

Heather graduated from college with her bachelors degree in Business Administration and Entrepreneurship. During her last two years of college, she worked as a Real Estate Appraiser. Mario also graduated and obtained his Associates Degree in Electronics. Then on January 1, 2003, the couple opened their doors to River Valley Appraisal, Inc. The adventure has been well received in the area and the Martinez duo has celebrated twenty amazing years doing local appraisals.

Two terrific children, Brandon and Katelynn, have joined their family. Brandon, now age 18, was in a hurry to arrive in this world. He arrived almost three months early at 2 pounds 3 ounces. Baby and mom fought to survive the challenges which occurred because of his



premature arrival. His adventurous spirit has continued throughout his life and he graduated early from high school and will be walking with his class in June from GPHS. He enjoys scuba diving, especially in Maui with his mom. He loves to rock climb at the rock gym in Medford and hanging out with his girlfriend. He has the same group of amazing friends since elementary school.

Brandon is the best big brother. He



always dresses up for all the family theme parties. He and Katelynn are very close and she idolizes him. Brandon is focused. He sets and reaches his goals and overall is a happy kid. He still kisses his mom hello and goodbye every time he comes home and leaves the house. His confidence and desire to work hard will serve him well as he is now working for the family business and attending college.

Katelynn also made her appearance

into the world prematurely. She arrived at 5 pounds nearly a month early in January 2014. This sweet nine-year-old has a constant smile. Her helpfulness and respectful for everyone makes is a joy to have her around. She has a big heart and sticks up for her friends if they are getting picked on. She is an amazing young lady who genuinely loves everyone and does her best to include everyone.

Katelynn is active in dance and cheer,



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which her mother coaches. She loves rafting, snow skiing, aerial silks, cheer, basketball, and dance. Snuggling with her animals or her parents is her preferred quiet time activity. She attends school at New Hope Christian School (NHCS) and loves her teachers and classmates. From home, she runs her own business, Katelynn's Krafts. She knows she is part mermaid and enjoys swimming with her mom with their mermaid tails.

These fab four prefer to be together as they enjoy the outdoors. Whether they are skiing, snowboarding, rafting, snorkeling, or surfing, they love to hang out.

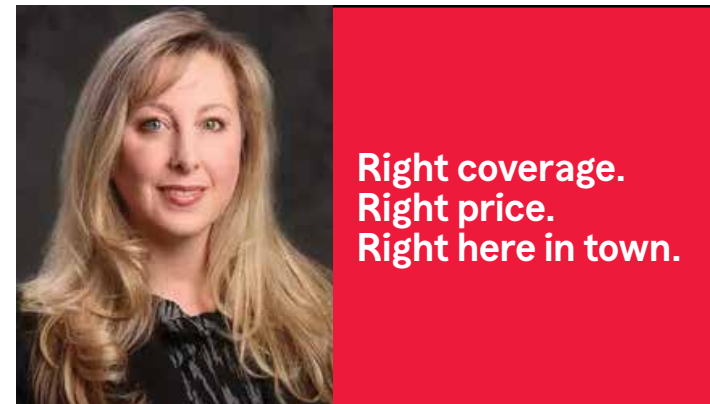
Through the years, Heather has volunteered and hosted large community events and fundraisers, worked with the Josephine County Sheriff and City Police K-9 units, and helped with several Breast Cancer events. She has shared her talents with the Taste of Grants Pass, where fourteen local restaurants provided taste testers. The event provided the opportunity for many attendees to enter the storefronts of the restaurants and spread the word about the wonderful cuisine offered by our local restaurants.

Just recently, Heather started the first cheer/dance program at NHCS. She is a past cheer coach for Grants Pass Youth Cheer (GPYC). She has huge plans, dreams, and goals for the



new program. The plans include creating a cheer/dance program at New Hope Christian School. It will network the cheer teams throughout every aspect of the school and community. River Valley Appraisal sponsors several youth sports teams and programs. They also sponsor national programs such as St Jude and Children's Miracle Network.

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In June of last year, Pregnancy Center of the Illinois Valley, which had operated over the previous 35 years in Cave Junction, became part of Pregnancy Care Center of Grants Pass. The Cave Junction center is currently open Monday through Wednesday with licensed nurses meeting with those who are pregnant. We've seen increased appointments and parenting class participation from those residing in the area and all medical services now operate under medical director Dr. Jon Ermshar.

We are excited to also announce that construction of a roughly 8,000 square foot building has begun next to the current Grants Pass facility on 8th and L Street. This project will provide further support to mothers, fathers, teenagers, and others in the community by adding an auditorium and kitchen for parenting and other classes/events, conference rooms to support other free Pregnancy Care Center program services, a larger boutique and storage space to provide increased supplies to new parents, and

10 additional offices. The project will also include 20 additional onsite parking spaces. The new building will allow the current facility located at 714 SE 8th Street to be used entirely for medical services to further support pregnant women and their children.

All Pregnancy Care Center services have and will continue to be 100% supported through individuals, churches, businesses, and private foundations. Thank you to those of you who make this vital work possible!



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
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Awesome Athlete
Jocelyn Pitzak

 by Melissa Strand

Our Awesome Athlete this month is a passionate, driven and determined dancer who started the sport fourteen years ago at the young age of three. Say hello to seventeen-year-old Grants Pass Highschool and GP Flex student and phenomenal athlete, Jocelyn Pitzak! She is a young athlete with an inspiring work ethic, who is a dedicated teammate and an outstanding performer.

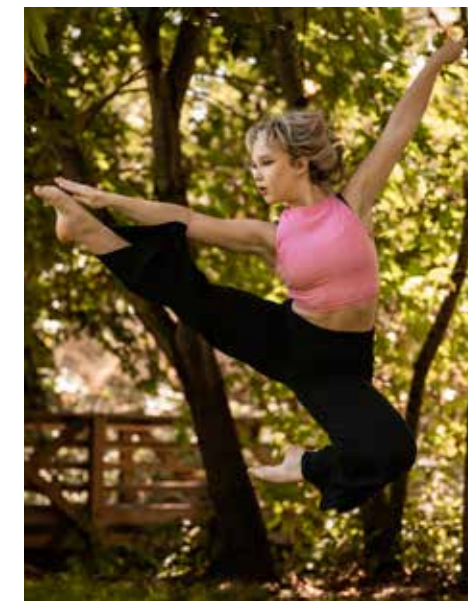
Jocelyn currently dances with Fusion Force Dance Team which practices at Fusion Dance Academy under the direction of team coach Kimberly Awbrey. Her dedication to dance and conditioning herself as an athlete has given her many unique and special opportunities to allow her talents to grow. Her efforts do not go unnoticed, and she has received the accolades and honors of earning the Tremaine Dance Scholarship, Hollywood Connection Icon Runner Up, HC Teen Company audition invitations, and many adjudicated awards in Tap, Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Jazz and Musical Theatre



at competitions. She has had the exciting opportunities to travel for dance, including going to San Diego for Nationals, Seattle and Portland for competitions, a trip to Disneyland and performing at the Hollywood Connection Nationals. She has had the exciting opportunity to learn from many famous teachers at competitions, which have been memorable

and educational experiences. One of her favorites and most unforgettable is working with Lindsley Allen who is a founder of the PussyCat Dolls. Her idol in dance is Prima Ballerina Natalia Osipova, who she feels is incredibly talented and inspiring.

Jocelyn's favorite element of dance is that her dance team and teachers



have a special bond and have become like a second family to her. Her favorite memory or moment as a dancer was roasting marshmallows with her team at a competition just having fun, relaxing and being together. Jocelyn feels she has learned many important life lessons as a dancer, and in general, being a young student athlete. She feels especially

grateful for the discipline, perseverance, loyalty, and grit dance has instilled in her, which are all qualities that will take her very far in life on and off the stage. The show must go on and Jocelyn showed incredible perseverance when she once won scholarships while dancing on a broken toe with a concussion! At the young age of seventeen, her dedication

and perspective on what it takes to be a successful athlete is admirable. Her advice for someone interested in dancing would be that "it takes a lot of dedication and hard work, but if you are up for it, it's truly amazing", says Jocelyn. She is driven and motivated and has big dreams for her dance career. Anything is possible for this Amazing Athlete!

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THE BASICS

How did Elliot get his/her name and does it have any significance?

We google search good bearded dragon names and read them all till we agreed

Does Elliot have a nickname?

Elli Belly

How old is Elliot?

He will be 2 in August

What type of animal or breed is Elliot? Bearded dragon

What is Elliot's gender? We think male but really aren't positive

When and how did you get Elliot?

We got him in September of 2021 after a coast camping trip where Sawyere fell in love with chasing blue belly lizards. His dad went to Primeval Pets as soon as we got home and saw Elliot, with the coolest colors and had us come meet him in Medford to pick him up before he was chosen by another family.

Who are the other family members, including you? Sawyere, Rielynn, mom (Tori), dad (Royce)

FAVORITES

What is Elliot's favorite treat?

Blue hornworms and basil

What is Elliot's favorite toy? He likes hanging around on his hammock in the shaded side of his terrarium



What is Elliot's favorite game?

Running in the grass, on a warm sunny day, eating clovers

What is your favorite thing to do together? Holding him and pretending he's a little baby

Do you go outdoors? If yes, where is your favorite place to go together?

Out in our grass field, but only when it's sunny and filled with clovers to snack on

MORE INFO

Is Elliot spoiled? How much?

Yes, very spoiled, he only eats organic vegetables, preferably mustard greens.

Do you stylize Elliot? During holidays we like to try to dress him up for pictures

What's the best thing about Elliot?

His colors and how easy he is to take care of.

What is the naughtiest thing Elliot has ever done? He poops whenever he wants, even when it's on one of his humans.

Have you ever taught Elliot any tricks? If yes, what is it? No

Does Elliot have any special talents or unusual quirks? He likes to go into brumation more than he likes to be awake and moving. Usually bearded dragons only go into brumation in the winter. Brumation is a hibernation-like state.



How protective is Elliot about you?

He's only protective of his food

What is your funniest memory of Elliot?

When I tried putting him back in his terrarium he jumped out. He wasn't done running free.

Do you have any other funny stories to share?

One time Elliot was on dad's shoulder while he was sitting on the couch, then all of the sudden he jumped over the back of the couch and the sofa table and belly flopped on the floor behind us.

What is the hardest thing about being a pet owner? Taking apart his terrarium and making sure it stays clean.

What is the most rewarding thing about being a pet owner? Getting to say we have a unique pet, a bearded dragon.

Is there anything else we should know about Elliot? We get to tell people that Elliot is one of the last descendants of dinosaurs.

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Business Spotlight Noah's Bees

by Alexandra Hruz

As a youngster, Noah Clipp was fascinated by bees. He grew up in a large family that consumed a great deal of honey, and when Noah's parents mentioned that one of the kids should look into beekeeping, his interest was piqued. Noah was just 13 when he purchased his first hive, and although he was ambitious and determined, he was ultimately unaware of the difficulty of keeping bees. "I embarked on a journey of learning about something I had no idea would become a life-long pursuit and my career," Noah shares. Throughout his teens, Noah apprenticed with beekeepers and learned the trade. In his 20s, Noah and his wife Kaylene married. The pair understood the importance of honeybees in their community, propelling them to start Noah's Bees together. The couple's three children help out in little ways with the bee work while learning about business operations.



Noah's Bees is a full-range bee business, offering honey and honey-related products. They also sell bees and supply pollination services to orchard and grove owners. The business's bee hives are strategically placed in various places

around the valley, where they pollinate native blackberries, wild tree blossoms, and wildflowers. This hive placement also ensures that the best nectar is collected and that the bees arrive at the right flavors for the palate.



Noah and his family are dedicated to providing local, raw, pure, and natural products to enhance health and helping others experience nature as they cultivate their own hives. Noah's Bees has a variety of high-quality honey products; they sell classic blackberry and wildflower honey and also offer unique honey products, including infused honeys with flavors like vanilla, lavender, habanero, and cinnamon. Noah spent years breeding the right genetics into his bees so they would survive and thrive in the Grants Pass region, reflecting what he's learned over the years. Noah explains that the community has been particularly impactful in this endeavor of nurturing honeybees and keeping the art of backyard beekeeping alive. As a beekeeper and the president of Southern Oregon Beekeepers Association (SOBA), Noah has made it his mission to enhance knowledge of beekeeping through creative and hands-

on education so that hobbyists can be successful at maintaining and growing their hives. He's also focused on promoting good health and explains that honey products enhance health and provide an alternative to processed sugars. Also, many medicines are made from bee products, and raw honey supports seasonal allergies and is helpful during the cold season.

Since opening eight years ago, Noah's Bees has been flourishing. And even though managing hundreds of hives is challenging, Noah feels invigorated by the work. "Bees are such creative, intelligent, beautiful, and productive creatures," he says. "Partnering with them to bring the world beneficial products that delight and heal gives me joy." Moving forward, Noah and his family aim to reach as many people as they can with their products, provide education about beekeeping, and spread awareness of the importance of nurturing honeybees.



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