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In a world where we are constantly plugged in-scrolling, streaming, and swiping through endless content—it's easy to feel overwhelmed by the digital noise. That's why we strive to give you something different: a break from the screen, a moment to slow down, and a chance to connect with something tangible and uplifting. Our pages aren't filled with lifestyle tips or how-to guides which you can find pretty much anywhere else these days. Instead, we focus on bringing you the real stories of the people who make this community special.

Every month we shine a light on the neighbors, volunteers, and everyday

heroes who quietly make a difference. These are the people you see at the grocery store, at school drop-offs, or walking their dogs down your street—the ones who make our town feel like home. We believe that by sharing their stories we foster a stronger, more connected community—one where we truly get to know each other beyond a friendly wave.

The stories we publish come from you—our readers. Many of the most inspiring features we've shared started as a simple suggestion from someone in the community. Do you know a neighbor who goes above and beyond and deserves recognition, or maybe someone comes to mind that just has an interesting story? We would love to hear about them! Your nominations help us continue our mission of bringing heartwarming and uplifting stories to our readers.

Thank you for being a part of this journey. This magazine wouldn't be what it is without the incredible people who make up our community—and that includes YOU!

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Lindsay, Shea, & the team at Greet Mill Creek

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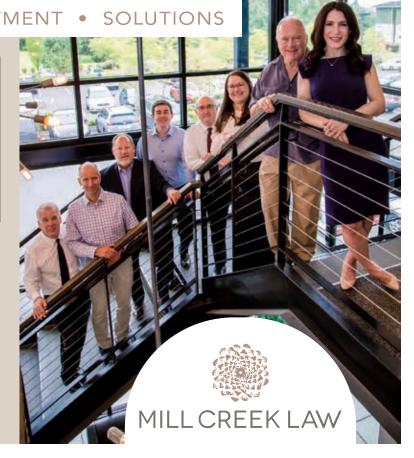
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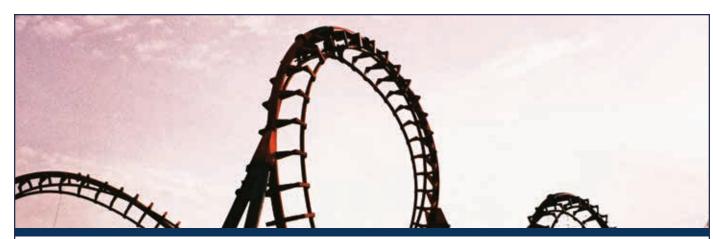


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Center, the warm and welcoming atmosphere of The Northern Public House provided the perfect backdrop for meaningful connections.

A big thank you goes out to owner, Shawn Roten, and his team for not only hosting us but also providing a delicious

For Shawn, hosting community gatherings like this aligns perfectly with what The Northern Public House is all about—bringing people together. Since opening its doors, this restaurant has become a go-to spot for locals looking for a great meal, a welcoming



environment, and a place where they feel like part of the family. "My favorite thing about this business is that every day is like a family reunion," Shawn shared. "We have so many regulars, and it's just fun to see familiar faces and meet new people."

If you haven't yet experienced The Northern Public House, we highly recommend stopping by. Whether you're craving their legendary Fish & Chips, an adventurous Peanut Butter Bacon Burger, or a perfectly mixed cocktail, you'll find something to love.

We're grateful to The Northern Public House for their hospitality and for continuing to be a cornerstone of the Mill Creek community. If you're looking for a place to network, catch up with friends, or simply enjoy a great meal, this is the spot.

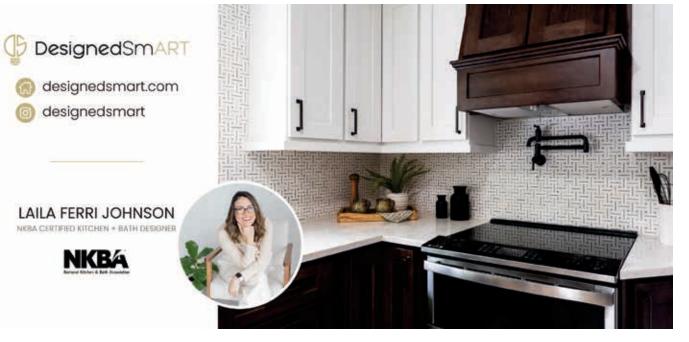
Thank you again to everyone who attended! We look forward to seeing you at the next one.a











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"My husband, Robert,
had a Master's degree in
physical education and was
a teacher,coach, and athletic
director throughout his career,
so his life was centered around
health. As an educator myself,
I want to honor his memory by
helping others educate themselves
to save lives—just as we wish we
could have saved Robert's."

— TARA POLK

fter Robert's sudden death from a heart attack in 2021, an athletic scholarship was established in his name. To keep the scholarship funded, Tara Polk created the annual Healthy Heart Event with two main goals: to raise funds and to educate the public. This event, held on Robert's birthday, June 7th, serves as both a tribute to his memory and an opportunity to raise awareness about heart attack and stroke symptoms. It's also a fun way to promote a healthy lifestyle while spending time with friends and family.

Tara and Robert met at the University of Puget Sound, where they were both student- athletes. "I ran track, and Robert played football," says Tara. They continued their education together and married when they were both 25. Reflecting on their journey, Tara says, "We married in '91 and moved to Central Missouri in 1994, where Robert pursued his Master's degree and our son, Kellen, was born. After Robert graduated, we

The Heart of a Legacy

Honoring Robert Polk through education and awareness.

WRITTEN BY BARBARA PEARSON



returned to Bremerton to be closer to Robert's parents and my sisters. Later, my parents moved from California to join us, and it was here that our second child, Marin, was born."

At age 34, Robert was hired as the Athletic Director for the Everett School District. Tara recalls their excitement: "Robert didn't expect to get the job. He took the interview just for practice! But he was a natural diplomat, able to resolve many competing priorities. He also served on local, state, and national boards advocating for student-athletes."

Describing the day of Robert's death, Tara recalls the shock and overwhelming emotions she felt: "We were planting a new bush in the yard when Robert began complaining of breathing difficulties and upper back pain. He felt like he couldn't catch his breath, and his symptoms seemed consistent with a workout—nothing alarming. But when he collapsed in our bedroom, I called 911, and they instructed me to perform CPR. Fortunately, I knew CPR and worked until the fire department arrived. They told me Robert would need a stent, but he passed

away before reaching the hospital. The firefighters were stunned - Robert was a healthy 54-year-old with no known underlying health issues."

Robert's death certificate cites hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease as the cause of death. Tara explains, "The coroner referred to it as a 'heart attack' because it's a term that's more widely understood. Robert was only 54, and it pains me that neither of us knew what was happening with his body or recognized the warning signs. Now, I know. I want to ensure that others are better educated than we were that day."

Tara has shared Robert's story with friends, family, and community members over the years, witnessing firsthand how the knowledge she imparts has saved lives. "One day, our neighbor exhibited the same symptoms Robert had," she says. "Recognizing the signs, his wife immediately called 911. Today, he's alive."

As Tara continues to navigate the stages of grief, she is determined to rebuild her life and find a renewed sense of purpose. "It's a challenge to be independent again after being so closely intertwined with another person for so long," she admits. "But I know I must find my purpose. I wanted to keep Robert's memory alive, and since we were both educators, I couldn't think of a better way to do that."

Thus, she created the Healthy Heart Event, which takes place annually near Robert's birthday, June 7th. "Robert was modest and never liked to be in the spotlight," Tara explains. "So the event isn't about him - it's about education. The goal is to provide important information. We have nurses from Everett Community College offering blood pressure checks because high blood pressure is often a key warning sign. We offer CPR training, and a PE teacher brings bicycles for bike safety and training classes. Yoga and puppies provide a calming, de-stressing experience. The YMCA helps promote fitness and healthy lifestyle choices. Providence Hospital educates attendees about heart attack and stroke symptoms, and the American Heart Association contributes helpful information as well."

"At first, my mission was to ensure that every 54-year-old man understood the symptoms of heart attacks. But through my grief, I've come to recognize the importance of educating everyone about both heart attack and stroke symptoms—and how to respond," says Tara.

Tara encourages everyone to attend this year's Healthy Heart Event. As she shares, "It's a fun day, with puppies to pet and vendors offering chances to win prizes. There's no fee to attend. It's a fantastic family event for all ages, and we've been blessed with great weather these past two years. Join us at Everett Memorial Stadium and kick-start your Saturday at 10 a.m. on June 7th. Although the event is now free and no longer a fundraiser, we are always accepting donations to the Robert C. Polk Memorial Athletic Scholarship."

If you want more information, visit: healthyheartfair.com







ROTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

This month's recipients of Rotary Student of the Month are being recognized for their artistry in several endeavors. We congratulate them all on their achievements!



SOPHIA GALLAGHER - HENRY M. JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL

For Sophia Gallagher, being an artist in the age of readily available media means gaining inspiration from all the art that has come before. She is especially inspired by films, from a variety of movies made in the 70's to movies made in 2010. Her art is influenced by the aesthetics of directors like

Quentin Tarantino, Wes Anderson, and Sofia Coppola for their use of color and space within their films. Sophia's passion for art started before she can remember, and throughout her schooling she has sought to create more complexity and create her own, recognizable style. Her work has drastically changed every year, from working on a portfolio portraying female rage to reflections of human nature in vampirism. She creates authentic and evocative works with traditional materials. As an artist, she seeks



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to improve her skills with every piece and always strives to connect her paintings to the stories that drive her.



CLAIRE BEVAN - NORTH CREEK HIGH SCHOOL

Claire Bevan, a North Creek High School sophomore, has always been creative. At age 8, she started drawing portraits of family members on an easel. In later elementary school and middle school, she delighted in creating detailed dioramas for

class projects. Claire has been taking weekly art classes at Arts Umbrella since she was 9 years old. She discovered a love for painting at age 14, and this is now her preferred medium. In the NCHS art studio she enjoys painting portraits and looks forward to developing a portfolio showcasing her talents. Her style of art is realistic with vibrant colors. Claire comes from an artistic family; her aunt has exhibited her Lino engravings worldwide and both her grandmother and mother take weekly art classes at the Northshore Senior Center in Bothell. Claire is a creative force and leader within the artistic community at NCHS. We are excited to see what her future holds!



THEA SECKINGER -ARCHBISHOP MURPHY HIGH SCHOOL

For as long as she can remember art has been a hobby and a creative outlet for Thea. She has taken drawing and painting classes for three years in high school. She enjoys painting flowers, landscapes, and people, and her favorite

mediums are acrylic and watercolor. For the past two years, Thea has created the cover art for Archbishop Murphy's Christmas Card, which has been sent out to thousands of alumni and supporters. She has played high school tennis for 4 years and will be a team captain this year. Thea demonstrates leadership and service through the Associated Student Body, National Honors Society leadership team, as an ambassador giving tours to prospective students, and volunteering through multiple outreach programs. In college, Thea will continue to explore her love of art while pursuing a degree in marketing and design.



VIRGINIA ABBOTT - SNO-ISLE

Virginia is a model student whose passion, creativity, and dedication to the fine arts make her an exceptional candidate for the Rotary Student of the Month. In my animation class, Virginia consistently shows a remarkable ability to bring stories to life through her artistic vision and technical skill. Her attention to detail, innovative ideas, and willingness to push creative boundaries set her apart from her peers. Virginia brings enthusiasm

and a growth mindset to every project, embracing feedback with a desire to do better. Beyond her artistic talent, Virginia is a collaborative and supportive classmate, always willing to lend a hand or share her expertise. Her positive attitude and strong work ethic inspire those around her. Virginia's commitment to her craft and her ability to balance creativity with discipline make her a true role model in the fine arts. It is an honor to nominate her for this well-deserved recognition.





WRITTEN BY DAVE DANIELSON PHOTOS BY JACKIE PHAIROW

With a combined experience of several decades, the husband-and-wife duo of Charles and Sue Doepp at RE/MAX Northwest specialize in both residential and commercial real estate, bringing a dynamic and comprehensive approach to their clients. From multimillion-dollar properties to land development, medical offices, and even nonprofit work, the Doepps have built a legacy rooted in expertise, integrity, and community service.

A JOURNEY FROM THE SKIES TO THE HOUSING MARKET

Sue Doepp's real estate career began 33 years ago, following her tenure with the Space Needle Corporation. Her passion for helping people navigate one of the

most significant transactions of their lives led her to establish herself as a trusted broker in the residential market. Charles, on the other hand, took a different route before landing in real estate. A former commercial pilot and Boeing Operations Executive, Charles transitioned into the real estate world 15 years ago. His aviation background has uniquely positioned him to handle transactions that involve airports, private schools, and other large-scale commercial properties.

Together, their complementary skills allow them to serve a diverse range of clients, providing a seamless experience whether they're helping a family find their dream home or assisting investors with large-scale commercial projects.

BUILDING A BUSINESS,
STRENGTHENING A COMMUNITY

For Charles and Sue, real estate is more than just a business—it's a way to give back. Based in Mill Creek, they have become pillars of the community, using their platform to promote and support local causes. Their commitment to the region extends beyond selling homes; they actively work to enhance the quality of life in Mill Creek and the surrounding areas. "We love Mill Creek," Charles says. "We're big supporters of the community, and our work allows us to promote the area in a professional manner."

A DIVERSE AND UNIQUE APPROACH TO REAL ESTATE

One of the aspects that set Charles and Sue apart is their ability to work across multiple facets of the industry. While Sue continues to focus on residential real estate, Charles has developed a niche in







commercial transactions, estates, and nonprofit partnerships.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE: SELLING AIRPORTS AND SCHOOLS

Commercial real estate is a highly specialized field, and Charles has leveraged his background in aviation to successfully close unique transactions, including selling an airport. His ability to understand large-scale commercial projects has also led to the sale of a private college prep school and various land development deals. "Having an aviation background has been a great asset in my real estate career," Charles notes. "It's given me an edge in handling transactions that involve unique commercial properties."

ESTATE SALES: MANAGING HIGH-PROFILE AND UNIQUE PROPERTIES

Over the years, the Doepps have handled estates from Seattle to Bellingham, working with a range of properties, including historic and high-profile estates. Managing these transactions requires a deep understanding of the nuances involved in estate sales, including family dynamics, market positioning, and high-level negotiations. "We've been involved with all types of estates," Charles

explains. "It's always rewarding to help families navigate what can often be a challenging and emotional process."

NONPROFITS: GIVING BACK THROUGH REAL ESTATE

Beyond commercial and residential sales, the Doepps are keenly invested in nonprofit work, particularly with the Mill Creek Food Bank. Each year, they organize a "Fill the Van" fundraiser around Thanksgiving, encouraging their clients to contribute food donations. This initiative not only supports the food bank but also strengthens community engagement and awareness. "It's more than just a fundraiser—it's an opportunity to bring our clients together for a greater cause," Sue says. "It's incredibly fulfilling to see our business extend beyond real estate and make a tangible difference in people's lives."

AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

Charles and Sue's dedication to excellence has not gone unnoticed. They have been recognized among the top 1.5% of all brokers nationwide and are ranked among the top 25 commercial brokers for RE/MAX nationwide. Their success is a

testament to their unwavering commitment to their clients and their community.

LIFE BEYOND REAL ESTATE

When they're not closing transactions or giving back, Charles and Sue enjoy the very community they help build. Mill Creek, originally developed around a golf course in the 1970s, is home to one of Charles' favorite pastimes—golf. In addition, they love sailing in the San Juan Islands and taking trips into Canada, embracing the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Their daughter, Anna, who works locally and loves directing theater, also lives in Mill Creek, further cementing their deeprooted connection to the area.

A LEGACY OF TRUST AND PROFESSIONALISM

In an industry often defined by deals, Charles and Sue Doepp stand out for their relationship-driven approach. Their clients know them as professional, fun, supportive, and well-connected within the community. Whether guiding a first-time homebuyer, facilitating a commercial sale, or giving back through nonprofit work, they embody the values of trust, dedication, and service.

CURATED COCKTAILS

Tiramisù Martini

RECIPE BY MANDI SMITH, THE NORTHERN PUBLIC HOUSE GENERAL MANAGER PHOTO BY JACKIE PHAIROW

The Tiramisu Martini captures the essence of the classic Italian dessert in cocktail form. The espresso liqueur delivers a bold coffee base, while the creamy RumChata and nutty Disaronno add layers of sweetness and complexity. The chocolate drizzle and whipped cream topping bring indulgence to every sip, making it a perfect after-dinner treat.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.5 oz Espresso Liqueur (e.g., Skip Rock)
- 1 oz RumChata
- ¼ oz Disaronno Amaretto
- Chocolate sauce for drizzling
- Whipped cream (homemade or store-bought) • Cocoa powder for

Optional Garnishes:

- A dusting of ground cinnamon
- A chocolate-covered coffee bean
- A ladyfinger biscuit on the side
- 1/ Drizzle chocolate sauce inside a chilled martini glass. You can make an elegant spiral or freestyle design by rotating the glass as you drizzle.
- 2 / Add 1.5 oz Espresso Liqueur, 1 oz RumChata, and ¼ oz Disaronno Amaretto to a cocktail shaker. Fill the shaker with ice for proper chilling.

- 3 / Shake vigorously for 15-20 seconds to ensure the ingredients are well-mixed and chilled.
- 4 / Using a fine strainer for an extrasmooth finish, pour the mixture into the prepared martini glass.
- 5 / Top with a dollop of freshly whipped cream for a luxurious touch, then lightly dust cocoa powder over the whipped cream using a fine-mesh sieve for a refined finish.

Optional Additions:

For a more dramatic presentation, add a dusting of ground cinnamon alongside the cocoa powder, then garnish with a chocolatecovered coffee bean or place a ladyfinger biscuit on the rim or alongside the glass.



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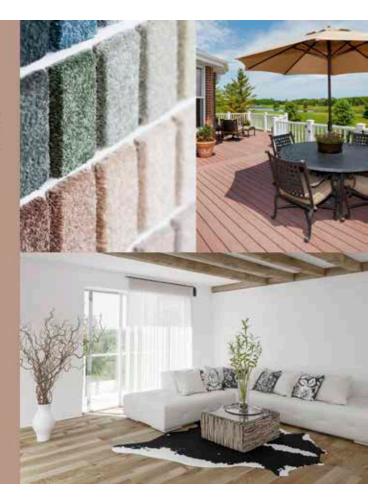
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ESTHER'S PLACE



Transforming lives, one woman at a time!

In the heart of Snohomish County, a beacon of hope shines for women and children in need. Esther's Place, a vital initiative of the Hoff Foundation, is dedicated to breaking the cycles of homelessness, abuse, addiction, and trauma. Through their unwavering commitment, they provide a safe haven and essential resources, empowering women to rebuild their lives and reclaim their dignity.

The inspiration behind
Esther's Place stemmed from
a powerful moment. One
cold, rainy night, founder
Judy encountered a woman
climbing into a dumpster.
When asked why, the woman
explained she was seeking
refuge from trauma and
assault. That heartbreaking

reality propelled Judy into action. Recognizing the dire need for a safe space, she established Esther's Place—the only Day Resource Center in Snohomish County dedicated to serving homeless women and their children. Many of the women who come to Esther's Place face overwhelming barriers, including lack of shelter, food insecurity, and the trauma of past abuse. Without support, they struggle to find stability. Esther's Place offers a sanctuary where women can rest, eat, shower, receive clothing, and access essential resources. More than just meeting immediate needs, the organization fosters a sense of community where women feel seen, valued, and supported.

The services at Esther's Place have evolved to address the multifaceted challenges faced by their guests. Women can visit daily for breakfast and lunch, sign up for showers, and receive fresh clothing. The center provides a warm, welcoming space where they can sleep, connect with others, and access critical resources that guide them toward self-sufficiency. The holistic approach ensures every woman is met with kindness, understanding, and the tools she needs to move forward.

Among the many success stories, Sandra's journey stands out as a testament to the power of support and community. Once a guest at Esther's Place, Sandra found respect and kindness—things

she had rarely experienced before. Realizing her self-worth, she embarked on a transformative path, receiving job training and personal development support. Today, Sandra manages Esther's Place, paying forward the same compassion that once helped her. Her journey reflects the organization's commitment to empowering women through spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and financial healing.

The impact of Esther's Place is amplified through strong collaborations with local organizations, including law enforcement, hospitals, recovery programs, and community groups. Partnerships with local businesses and churches further extend their reach,

ensuring women in crisis receive comprehensive support. By working together, these groups create pathways for women to transition from survival to stability.

Community involvement is essential to sustaining Esther's Place. There are numerous ways to contribute:

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Looking ahead, the Hoff
Foundation envisions a Additionally, an emergency shelter will offer overnight all their programs in one place. The dream includes an expanded Esther's Place with a full kitchen for employment training.

Additionally, an emergency shelter will offer overnight refuge, ensuring more women have access to safety and support.

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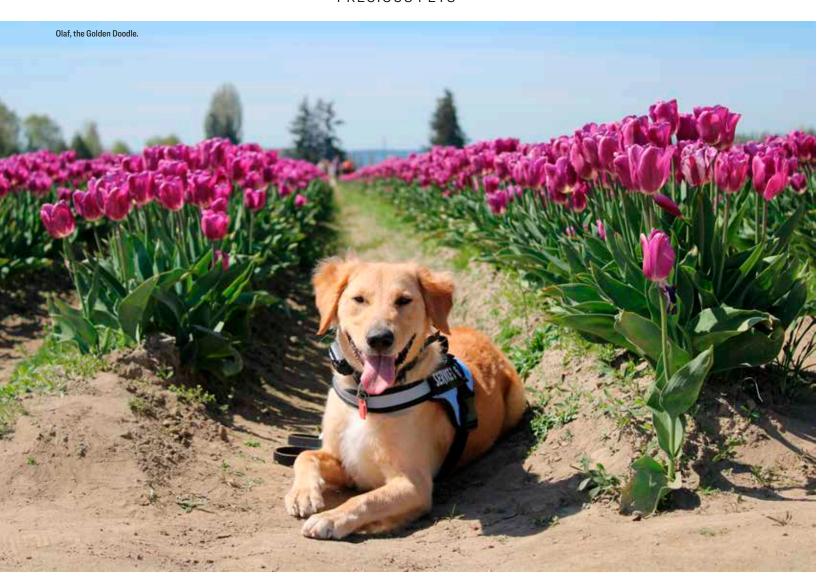
refuge at Esther's Place are not broken—they are wounded, and wounds can heal with love, care, and the right resources. Each meal served, every volunteer hour given, and every donation made helps transform lives. By coming together as a community, we can change the trajectory of these women's lives, offering them a future filled with hope and self-sufficiency. Together, we are making a difference one woman, one child, one life at a time.

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MINNIE & OLAF

The dedicated service dogs among us.

WRITTEN BY AROHAN BASAK

Dogs are loving creatures, often considered "Man's Best Friend." They are commonly known to be fun-loving and affectionate creatures that hold a special place in the hearts of many. However, some take on even larger responsibilities, acting not just as friends but as aides. These are known as "service animals." Service animals can be trained for many things, ranging from companionship to performing lifesaving tasks for their

owner. Due to this variety, service animals come in all sizes. For example, a Shit Tzu may support a person with depression, while a German Shepherd may be a guide dog.

Service dogs go through official training for 1 to 2 years, but calmer dogs go through their training faster than more hyper or aggressive dogs, as they tend to follow orders more easily and consistently. A misconception about their



Minnie the Pomeranian with her owner, Romes Curtiss

training is that once a service animal has finished training, it does not need more. However, service animals are constantly being trained because they must complete complex instructions to guarantee their owner's safety. Some owners take their dogs to professionals for training, often when the dog is responsible for their physical safety, while others choose to train their dogs themselves. Both methods have high success rates, with an 80% graduation rate for service dogs in training. These dogs play an important role in our community, especially in the lives of the following people.

Ms. Romes Curtiss teaches Robotics and Digital Manufacturing to students at Heatherwood Middle School. As she teaches, she paces the classroom inspecting students' work and giving them valuable feedback. Behind her trails a ball of white fur, prone to being mistaken for a cloud or a plush pillow. But it is neither. This is Minnie, a 6-year-old Pomeranian, and Ms. Curtiss' service animal. She used to be a breeder dog, a dog notorious for coming from abusive situations. This was until she was rescued by Romes, where she has stayed for the last 2 years.

Minnie is a "velcro" dog, meaning she closely follows Ms. Curtiss, making sure she is safe. However, Minnie is blind in one eye, leading to confusion and frantic sprints around the classroom. But Minnie perseveres and has been a great service dog. This is due to the strong bond between Ms. Curtiss and Minnie, created during Minnie's training,

which Ms. Curtiss administered directly. She presented situations to Minnie and rewarded positive behavior with positive reinforcement, mostly consisting of treats. Minnie was an easy dog to train, as she is mild-mannered and loves to learn. Thorough training created Minnie's response, which is to paw at or jump onto Ms. Curtiss when there is a situation. Once at home, Ms. Curtiss signals to Minnie that she is off-duty. This is the time when service animals become normal animals, free to run and play. But even when not working, Minnie is a caring creature. Refusing toys, Minnie plays with Ms. Curtiss' three kittens. As she plays, Romes trains her other dog to become a service animal. While training has gone well, this dog is more unruly, so training will be longer. Thus, Minnie will remain Ms. Curtiss' service animal, completing her duties indubitably.

Another member of our community, who elected to remain anonymous, has a service animal. Her service animal is Olaf, a 5-year-old first-generation Goldendoodle. Olaf was originally trained to work for a young girl as a diabetic-alert dog, which detects when a person's blood sugar is not normal. However, the family decided against it, meaning Olaf was back on the market. Olaf's current owner was recommended a service animal but never wanted a dog. However, she gave it a chance and organized a meeting with Olaf.

After meeting Olaf, she connected with her and decided to purchase Olaf.

The name stuck, as the new owner wanted

to honor Olaf's impact on the young girl. For the last 4 years, Olaf has diligently served her owner. Olaf has been trained for many situations, so she is always alert. For example, Olaf is trained to respond to seizures. A seizure is a burst of uncontrolled electrical activity in the brain and it can have physical effects, like twitching or limpness. A person experiencing a seizure may also fall. When Olaf detects signs of a seizure, she goes into action, demanding her owner's attention. If her owner becomes weak, Olaf becomes a crutch, preventing a fall that can lead to injuries. This is common for her breed, as a larger dog would be necessary when supporting the weight of a human.

Due to the nature of Olaf's job, she was trained professionally, using more rigorous techniques to incorporate behaviors. After her current owner purchased her, the trainer came to the owner's workplace for some months, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Even now, Olaf attends weekly training sessions, honing her skills and capabilities. Just like Minnie, Olaf is offduty upon reaching home. However, much unlike Minnie, Olaf enjoys playing with toys, her favorite being balls. Olaf is vital to her owner's safety, and we are all very thankful for her work.

Do you have a furry friend that you'd like us to feature? We're looking for all sorts of pets in the community to appeal to all of the animal lovers who read Greet! If you want your pet featured, email Michele at MillCreek.Content@n2co.com



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MORE THAN A BOUTIQUE



Lilac&Lemon is a vibrant, family-owned boutique located in the Mill Creek Town Center that embodies community spirit and inclusivity. Founded in 2019 as an online boutique, the store has grown to become a local favorite, offering women's clothing in sizes XS-3X to ensure everyone feels welcome and comfortable.

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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR!

COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION

Lilac&Lemon goes beyond just selling clothing, focusing on building genuine relationships with customers. As a familyowned business, Lilac&Lemon creates a warm, inviting atmosphere where customers often become friends, sharing life's milestones and watching each other's families grow. If you've been shopping since they opened, you have probably been greeted by owner Amy's two-year-old daughter, Safiya, or received a smile from six-month-old Kai.

EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

Lilac&Lemon is passionate about community events, regularly hosting:

- · Arts and crafts events for children
- · Holiday parties
- Shopping parties
- Warehouse Sales

The store takes full advantage of its location in the Mill Creek Town Center, participating in local events like the annual wine walks. When the Town Center is hosting an event, you know Lilac&Lemon will be participating! Their commitment to community is evident in their approach to retail, transforming shopping into a social experience.

MILESTONE CELEBRATION

This summer marks Lilac&Lemon's third year in business, a significant





OUR STORY

Owners Amy and Brad moved to Mill Creek in 2018, but Amy's love for the Mill Creek Town Center began years before. Brad, local to the area, brought Amy to the Town Center during her first visit to the area. They wandered through the stores and businesses, and Amy started daydreaming about opening her own shop here. After moving to the area, they walked through the Town Center almost every day. Eventually, Amy opened Lilac&Lemon as an online boutique, doing pop-ups in the area. Her first Town Center pop-up was at Barre3!

After a couple of successful years as an online store, Amy decided to take the leap and open a brick-and-mortar storefront! Big changes were on the horizon, both with the business and Amy and Brad's personal lives. They had found out they were pregnant just two months before receiving the keys to the store! Opening a storefront and adding a new baby to the mix was no small task, but thankfully, Amy's mom Kari was ready to help. If you've talked to her in the store, you might know that Kari retired from teaching after 30+ years and moved across the state to help Amy and Brad.

Two and a half years later, Lilac&Lemon is thriving more than ever. Amy and Kari are at the store almost every day, now with added help from employees Delaney and Ashley! They've also added another baby to the family, Kai, or 'Kai Guy' as he is affectionately called by his big sister Safiya, and he is always ready to greet customers with his biggest smile.

As they continue to grow, Lilac&Lemon remain committed to their core values of inclusivity, community engagement, and providing a welcoming space for all women to feel celebrated and represented. Whether you're looking for a new outfit, attending a fun event, or simply want to be part of a warm and inclusive community, Lilac&Lemon is the place to be in Mill Creek.







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Agua Fresca translates from Spanish as "fresh water." It is a Mexican drink made from water and blended fruit, tea leaves, vegetables, and sometimes, rice. You can try just about any combination and it will be delicious. It's lightly sweetened and usually served over ice.

In this Agua Fresca I use seasonal, organic strawberries and mint harvested from my garden. I always recommend organic vegetables and fruits in order to avoid pesticides and herbicides. I also like to use maple syrup rather than simple syrup or agave.

You can use whatever glass you want, but I think a straightsided pint canning jar is just perfect. Fill it with ice, then pour it 3/3 full with the strawberry mint puree. Top it off with sparkling water and garnish with lime slices, whole strawberries, and some mint sprigs. Beautiful, refreshing, and delicious.

Prep Time: 10 Minutes Chilling Time: 45 Minutes Servings: 4

- 1 pound strawberries, hulled, plus whole strawberries for serving
- 1/4 cup mint leaves plus sprigs for serving
- 2 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- Sparkling water
- Lime slices

METHOD:

- 1/ Put the hulled strawberries, mint leaves, lime juice, maple syrup, and cold water in a blender and blend until smooth. Transfer the puree to a pitcher.
- 2 / Cover and chill until cold, about an hour.
- 3 / Put ice in glasses, then fill 3/3 full with the Strawberry Mint puree. Top it off with sparkling water and garnish with mint sprigs. lime slices, and whole strawberries.

Notes: The recipe states it makes 4 servings. That is intended for 12-ounce glasses, but you know as I do that you can use any glass you want! Just fill whichever glasses you use two-thirds full and top them off with sparkling water. Use the brand of club soda or sparkling water you prefer.

Bon Appétit!

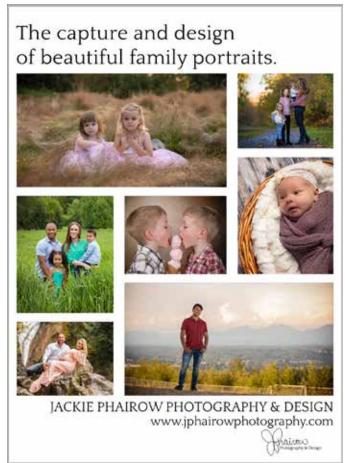
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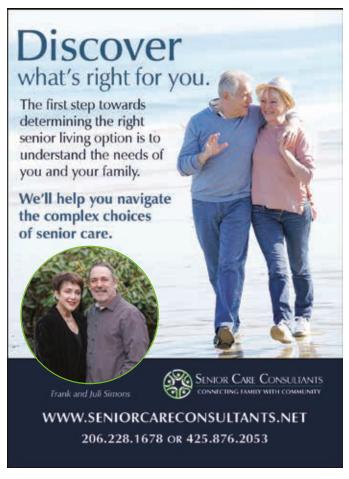


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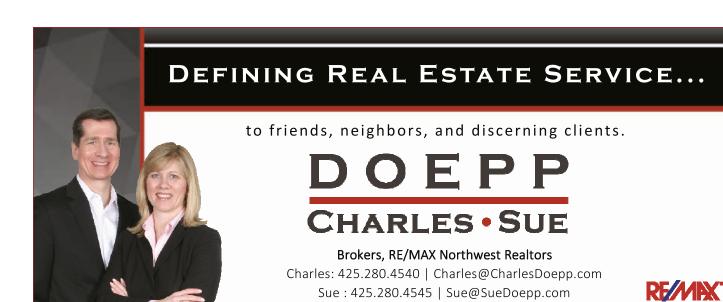
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14814 8th Ave SE	Woodside Walk	\$795,000	\$795,000	02/01/25	58	1,519	Sold
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