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of
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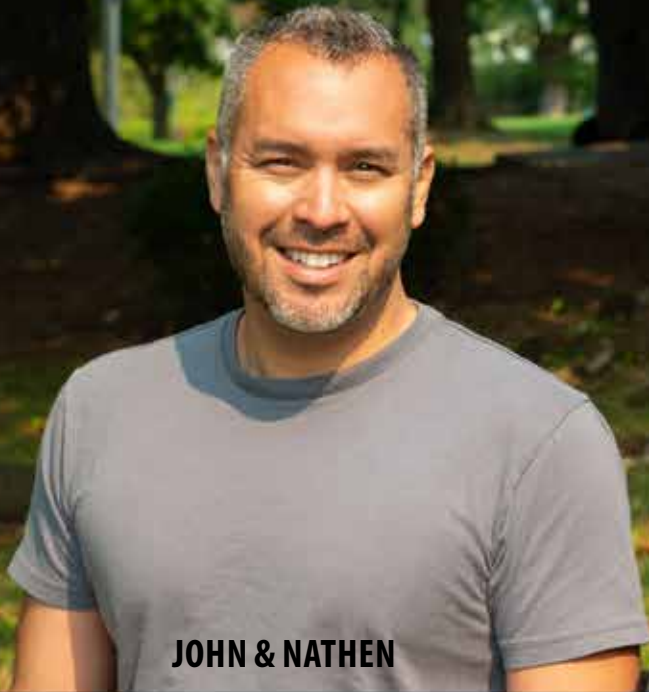


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At right

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Established by Derek Larson and Lach Litwer, both active members of the Hood River Elks, Wōden helps development projects get off the ground by assisting with land use research, obtaining permits, design, site preparation and other important elements. Wōden primarily worked with utilities and internet providers like Spectrum, but they've brought Mike Craig, president of Northwest Drilling and Boring, into the fold, and recently, Lane's Excavation.

"Jeremy Lane has built a fantastic team and company over the last 18 years, and we are excited to welcome his team to Wōden," said Larson. "In the coming months, we will be expanding our services into traffic control, horizontal directional drilling, and, in general, enhancing the great work Lane's Excavation has been doing throughout the Gorge for nearly twenty years."

With each new project comes a unique set of challenges and factors.

The Wōden team prides itself on navigating those obstacles while ensuring that all parties are taken care of, facilitating a "work hard, play hard" culture. They're also heavily involved in children's sports, community activities and charitable work throughout the valley.

Larson has lived in Hood River since the fourth grade. Now raising a family, he and other members of Wōden have a deep appreciation for their place of business.

"The Columbia River Gorge is near and dear to all of the Wōden team. We live here, play here, raise our families here and have built our professional careers in the community," said Larson. "There may be other opportunities in other communities, but I don't believe any of us would live and work in any other place."

He appreciates the small-town feel, and how the coastline, mountains, deserts and beautiful forests are just

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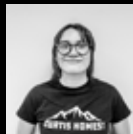
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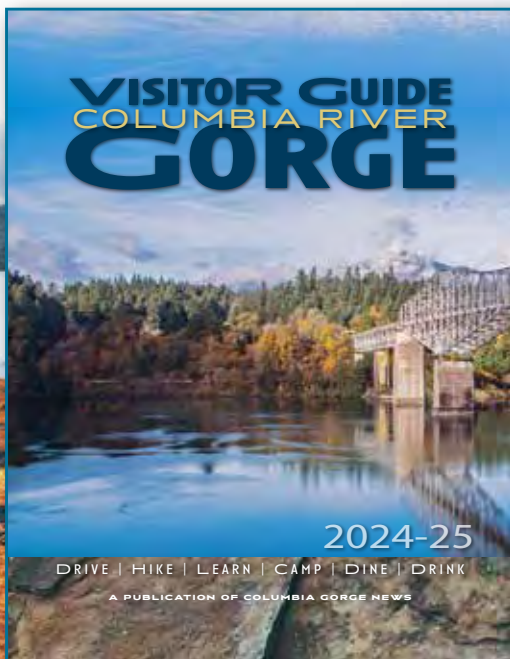
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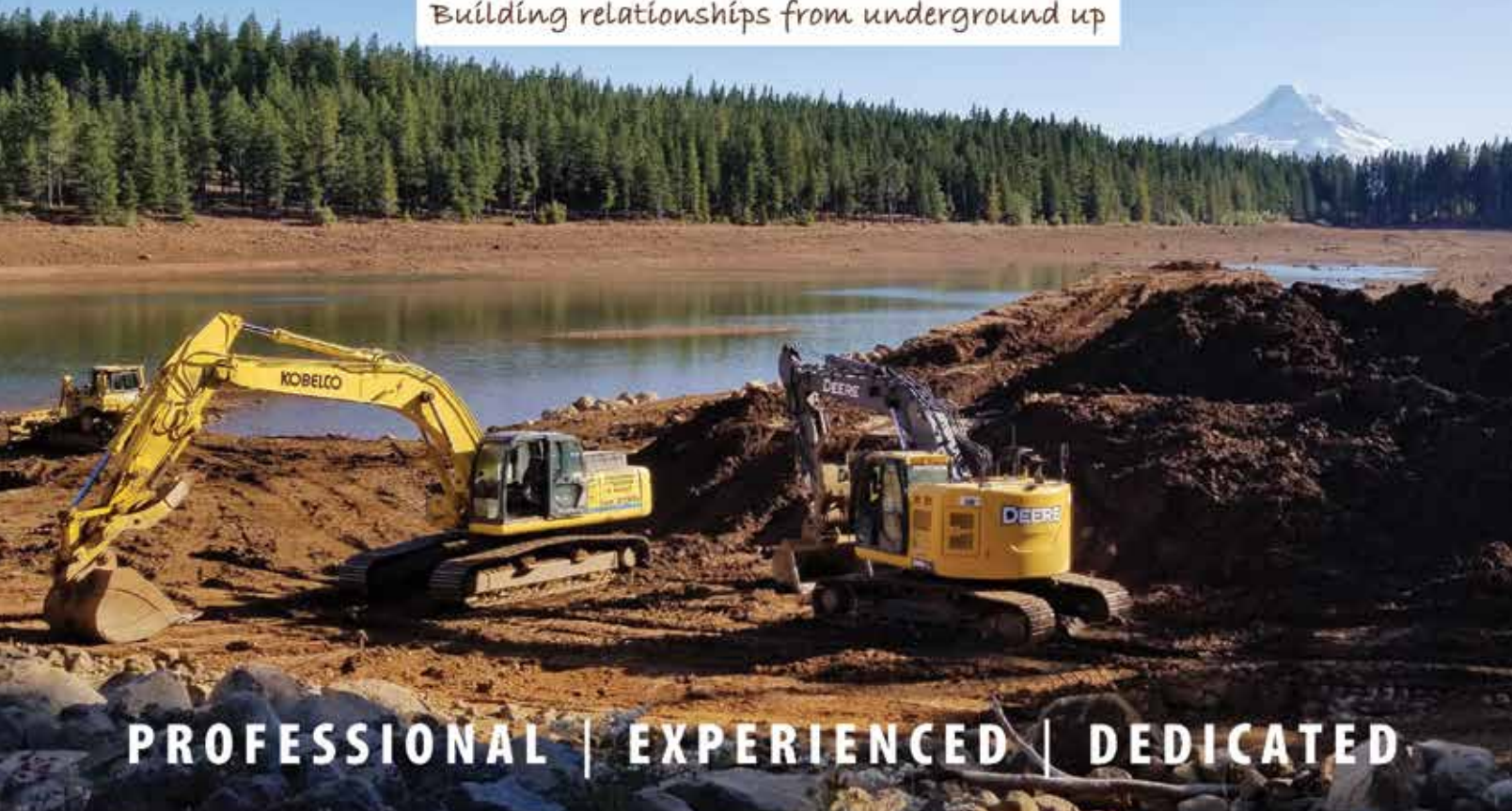
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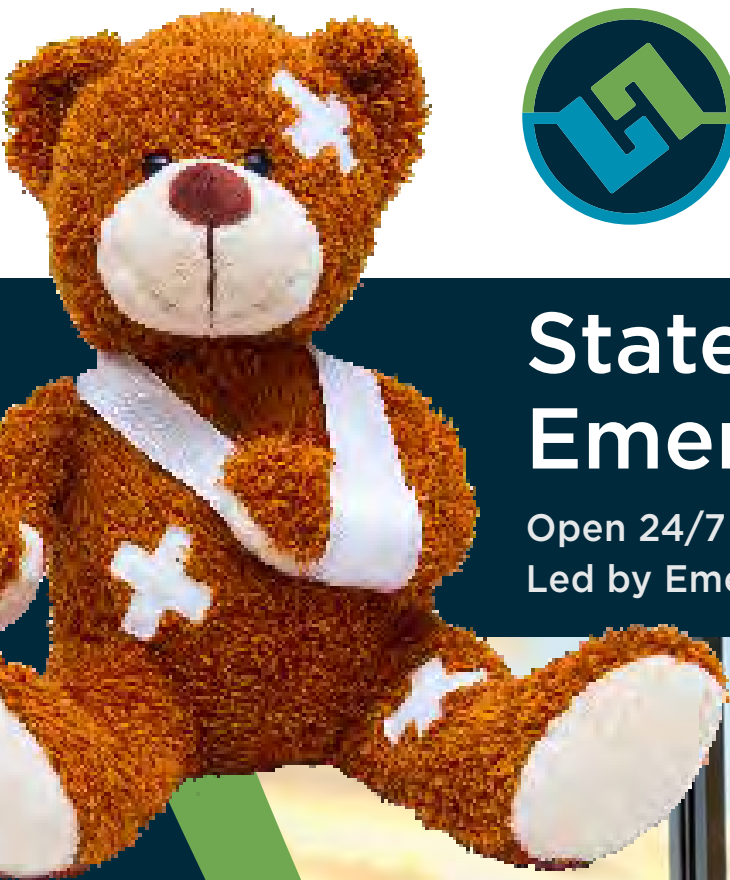
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