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Aces of Trades: Numbers didn't add up to accounting career for Marion woman, until they did

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She never thought she would end up where she is.

“Growing up, I was very into sports, a tomboy some might say,” Megan Wilson recalled. “I was adventurous and willing to try anything. I loved to do puzzles and school workbooks for fun. I dreamt of becoming a basketball player, then as time went on I dreamt of being an anesthesiologist or pharmacist.

“My mother, Mary, has been a tax accountant for 38 years, so I always saw her doing taxes and accounting work. I never thought I would be doing it myself one day. I was always really good at math and with numbers, but I still didn't see myself becoming an accountant.”

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Today, Wilson is an accountant and the managing partner of Alluvial Tax & Planning, 107 North Main St., Suite 203.

“I manage the offices and assist in preparing tax returns as well as tax planning,” she explained.

“I first knew I liked it,” she added, “when I was helping my mom with different accounting situations and data entry. I got my interest from watching her all those years, an expert in the field working extremely hard. I learned quickly I enjoyed it and working with numbers, making it all balance.”

Wilson grew up about 20 minutes north of Cincinnati, graduated from Lakota East High School in 2011 and went to Miami University Middletown for two years to study biology and

play basketball and softball. She then transferred to Wright State University and graduated with a degree in organizational leadership and a minor in general business.

“I was a pharmacy technician for years,” she said, “hoping to get experience to become a pharmacist. I went from there to being a travel nurse recruiter, but I knew recruiting wasn’t for me. I decided to take a chance and go into banking to try a different route to use my business degree, which led me to Alluvial Private Wealth, where I learned about advising on financials, which led me to Alluvial Tax & Planning as an accountant and partner, which also led me and my partners, Mary Costa and Lars Olson, to purchase Custom Professional Accounting, Jean Obenour’s business.”

“We started Alluvial Tax and Planning in 2023,” she added, “to bring an added benefit to Alluvial clients, where they could do their investing, and get their taxes and tax planning done. It was started to make our clients’ lives easier.”

Jenny Lust, owner of Spruce and Sparrow/Elena Renee, is one of those clients.

“Megan is a dedicated and compassionate professional who consistently delivers exceptional service to her customers,” Lust said. “Her devotion to her clients and her commitment to providing excellent service make her a trusted accountant.”

“I do it because I actually really enjoy it and love it,” Wilson responded said. “It’s challenging. Not everyone’s taxes are the same.”

“I never thought I would end up where I am today,” she said. “But I’m grateful for the opportunities that were given to me and the hard work I had to put in, and continue to put in. It’s something I do from the heart. It’s not just a job or title to me. It’s something more, something I’ve become passionate about.”

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