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September is upon us! I hope you have enjoyed a fabulous summer, and as you know, September is one of the most glorious months in our Valley, so there is still plenty of time to enjoy our great outdoors!

This month's articles offer the opportunity to meet the Meynier family, to share the culture and cuisine experienced by Carol Calinoff at a cooking school in Abruzzo, Italy, and to recognize the contributions John Genova has made to the United Way and to Junior Achievement. Andre Skweir gets us ready for the football season with his game insight, and we welcome an adorable lab rescue puppy, Gus (Dietz) to the neighborhood!

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I look forward to meeting each of you at our upcoming neighborhood events!



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# You Are multed

Back-To-School Ice Cream Social Chip Ramsay Park Friday, September 9, 2016 5:30pm To 7:00pm

Join us to celebrate the start of school! Yes, it's that time of year again! Backpacks are being stuffed with new notebooks, new lunch boxes, and #2 pencils. Let's celebrate the arrival of the new school year with a Back-To-School Ice Cream Social in Chip Ramsay Park.

Dustin and Heather Kelly (owners of Marble Slab) will provide delicious ice cream for all. Marble Slab Creamery serves the freshest ice cream on earth. Come join the fun!

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Sundowners at the Sonnenalp Golf Course. From left to right: Dick Scott, Bliss Jenson, Pennie Ganter, Jerry Savold, Sandra Kelly, Rindy Townsend, Barry Townsend, John Gardner, Ivylyn Scott. Sarah Smith. Tom Kelly. Deborah Gardner, and Norman Smith.

## SUNDOWNERS SWING Into Golf

## HAWK SIGHTINGS In Singletree

Rindy Townsend shared this photo of one of the hawks that likes to perch on the railing on their deck. She explained, "The baby hawks who nest on hole 12 on the Sonnenalp Golf Course fly to our deck when first learning to fly. We think they like the railing on our deck as an easier place to take off than on the ground. This happens every year. We will see them for a few weeks. Once they gain confidence in flying, we never see them on the deck... only off soaring in the distance! This year there were two babies at once on the deck." Thank you, Rindy, for sharing these beautiful creatures with us!



A frequent visitor to the deck of the Townsend home.

## CELEBRATE SUMMER **2016!**

Send us your photos! September is here in all its beauty, but let's make the next issue of INSIDE Singletree a true celebration of summer 2016!

Cycling, hiking, golf, fishing, mountain biking, tennis? Show us the fun!

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## GUS IS ALL PUPPY LOVE

Contributed by Cari and Gus Dietz, Singletree resident and pet

Gus is a rescue lab who came to the Dietz household at the age of 8 weeks old. He was rescued by the Mile High Labrador Retriever Mission (MHLRM) from Texas, where he was found in a ditch. Following a fairly extensive application process, Cari, Matt, Carson and Sydney Dietz ultimately found their first family dog! Named by young son Carson, the name "Gus" was immediately bestowed on first sight of this happy, goofy puppy!

Gus is half lab and half mix, including border collie and Australian cattle dog, and 100% love! Now 4 months old, he is very well trained at this young age and responds well to "sit" and "down." Gus lives up to his role as a member of the helping breed of dog by being quite a help around the house. Folding laundry, gardening, watering the lawn or garden... he is anywhere you are and eager to assist! He even helps with the shopping at Home Depot.

Gus LOVES water – be it the hose or a pond. He loves to hike and is learning to fetch. He is enamored with anything that can be adapted as a toy – slippers, golf balls, brown paper bags, sticks, or plastic buckets.

Gus is a welcome addition to the Dietz family for everyone but Herbie, the 10-year-old cat. Nonetheless, the rest of the family is thrilled to have rescued Gus, and it is clear that Gus has settled into a very happy life in Singletree!

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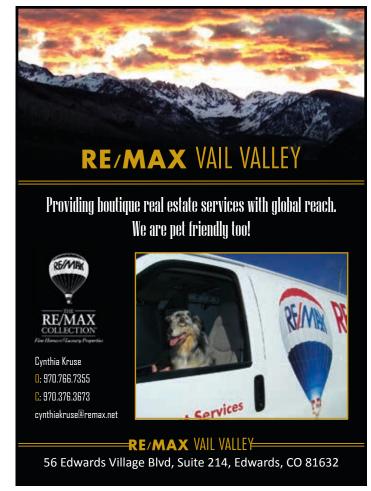
Shopping at Home Depot with Cari



Sydney and Gus



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what's happening inside singletree

## "REWIND" Rocks The '80s and '90s

Photography by Olga Barron Photography Inc.

On a gorgeous July night on the patio of the Sonnenalp Club, the evening rains ceased for the first time in days, the rainbows were spectacularly brilliant, and **REWIND** brought back memories of the good old days with their rocking renditions of hits from the '80s and '90s.

The Vail Valley-based classic-rock band consists of Josh Lautenberg, Singletree resident on drums, Joel Dekanich, Singletree resident on bass and backup vocals, Jeff Apps, lead vocalist, Mark Roebke on guitar, and Allen Chavis on guitar and backup vocals. The crowd hummed, sang and danced to the Cars, Van Halen, Rick Springfield, Journey, Lynard Skynard, and, of course, everyone's favorite, Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline.



**REWIND** plays a couple of times a month, with gigs at local establishments including the Vail Brewing Company and the Dusty Boot in Eagle. They are available to play private parties, benefits, and charity events. If you are looking to throw a fun party that is sure to deliver a great time for all, let **REWIND** take you back to the days of classic rock and roll! To reach **REWIND**, contact Josh Lautenberg at **970-390-4127** or **Josh@vail.net**.















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## Charlie, Atlanta, Jeep, **Berkeley and Price** Meynier

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harlie and Atlanta Meynier discovered the Vail Valley while they were living happily in Austin, Texas, but seeking a new home in a small town that offered a change of pace, four seasons, and a great place to raise a family. They were seeking an adventure, landed in Singletree, and can't imagine trading their life here for anywhere else.

Atlanta grew up in Vermillion, South Dakota, and attended college at the University of South Dakota, where she quickly earned a BS at the School of Dental Hygiene. With family in both places, Atlanta spent her winters in South Dakota, and, since the time she was 8 years old, spent her summers with her dad in Austin. Seemingly counter-intuitive, Atlanta quickly adapted to the





regime. Having developed her love for Austin, she moved to the city after graduation and began what would be a 12-year career as a dental hygienist.

Dr. Charlie Meynier was born in Houston, Texas, and raised in Thibodeaux, Louisiana, where he affectionately still calls home today. He attended Louisiana State University where he received an early acceptance into the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Simultaneously, Dr. Meynier joined the United States Army and embarked on a 13-year career as an engineer and eight years as an officer. His military services took him down many paths and adventures, of which he says today is still truly one of his "best experiences of his life."

Following vet school, Dr. Meynier was selected to attend a competitive equine orthopedic surgery internship located just outside of Austin, Texas. Upon completion of his internship, Dr. Meynier joined Backstretch Equine Medicine and Surgery, where he practiced racetrack medicine throughout the country concentrating his practice in New Orleans, Kentucky, Illinois, and Texas.

Although a great experience, Dr. Meynier, growing weary of the extensive travel, decided to settle down and move back to Austin, Texas, in 2001 to practice small animal medicine. Soon, Dr. Meynier met Atlanta and quickly fell in love. They married two years

later in New Orleans, with a shared excitement to start a lifelong adventure together.

Their first son, Jeep, was born in 2005. By this time, their thoughts were turning to "Where do we want to raise our family?" This was a difficult decision, with family in Texas and South Dakota, but ultimately Colorado proved to be an ideal middle ground. They learned of a veterinary practice available for sale in Eagle Vail. Small town. Great for family. New adventure. Why not?!? They bought the practice, and four months later, with Jeep 1 ½ years old and Atlanta 7 months pregnant with Berkeley, they arrived in the Vail Valley! Atlanta acknowledges that they "took a big leap of faith, but it's been a lot of fun and a great adventure!"

Within a year, Charlie recognized the need for an emergency clinic and opened the Vail Valley Animal ER in 2008. Following that, the owner of a practice in Edwards was looking to retire, and in 2011, Charlie bought his second practice. Today, he continues to operate his veterinary practice, Vail Valley Animal Hospital, in two locations, as well as the emergency clinic.

Charlie's philosophy on animal care is to increase the quality of each pet's life through comprehensive, ethical veterinary care, disease prevention, and client education. He states, "Our desires are to provide unsurpassed client/customer care and always exceed expectations." Furthermore, he says, "We earn our clients' trust and business every day."

Having previously rented in Vail, the young family moved to Singletree and bought their home on Charolais Circle. They completed some improvements to the house to make it their own, and they love everything the neighborhood has to offer, including the safety and independence it affords the kids. The Sonnenalp Club amenities, as well as the pond across the street, provide hours of entertainment and fun for the entire family (including Orvis, the golden retriever, who can often be found having made his way to the pond).

Price, recently turned 7, is the youngest of the three children. She professes to be an "excellent" skier, although big sister Berkeley reminds her that she does not yet use ski poles. Price asserts that she is faster than Berkeley. Price participates in tennis, camping, boating, ballet, gymnastics, and lacrosse. This summer, she is enjoying a camp sponsored by her school, St. Clare, which combines lots of learning and fun activities with her friends.

Berkeley, age 8, humbly confesses that she learned to ski at about 3 ½ and is not an "excellent" skier, but she is good! A self-acclaimed tomboy, Berkeley loves lacrosse and is looking forward to playing basketball and volleyball this year. Formerly involved in gymnastics, she has moved on to ballet and jazz. She loves to hang out at the pool, and plays a little bit of both tennis and golf. Despite being a tomboy, Berkeley is very fond of her American Girl doll collection, as well as her prized collection of posters.

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Both Berkeley and Price feel that the world is their stage, and they absolutely love to perform! Keep your eyes on these girls for exciting and incredible things to surely come!

Jeep is almost 11 years old and will be entering the fifth grade at St. Clare. With Dad being a big hunter and fisherman, it is no wonder Jeep has an avid interest in learning to shoot and is eagerly anticipating hunting pheasants this fall in South Dakota with his grandfather. He took a shooting class through 4-H and is well-trained in the safety aspects of the sport. Jeep loves to play lacrosse, soccer, basketball, and football, as well as ski and fish the Eagle River. Jeep has an amazing heart coupled with a true passion and intellect for animals and science. He will be an absolute success wherever his passion and determination takes him.

Jeep is already an enterprising young entrepreneur. He and his best friend, Fischer Sassi, have co-founded *Singletree Solutions*, a business providing assistance for small household needs. With a promise to provide excellent and reliable services, they are available to water plants, care for small animals, and haul garbage to the curb. 20% of their proceeds will go to charities they love such as the Salvation Army, Shaw Cancer Center, the Humane Society and ASPCA. Additionally, 20% of their revenues will be reserved for college savings; they are looking at Harvard and LSU. For an in-home consultation, please contact Jeep at **970-376-4663** or **atlantam@me.com**.

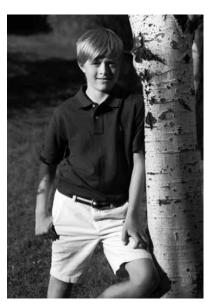
How to juggle all of the activities in the family schedule? Atlanta laughs, "Somehow it all falls into place... they decide what they want to do, and we make it all happen! That is the beauty of living in a small town." Charlie says, "It is example of what an unbelievable mom and wife Atlanta is."

Family time is important to the Meyniers. This past winter was the first year the kids were not enrolled in ski lessons, and the entire family agrees their days on the hill together made for the best ski season yet. Vacations in Costa Rica with great friends and trips to South Dakota and Texas to see family are special times, as well as ventures to Disney World or New York City. Two years ago, Atlanta learned that *Annie* was playing on Broadway and fondly recalling her memories of the show, on a whim, booked a trip to NYC for Christmas. Highlights included *Annie*, of course, as well as the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building (and the American Girl doll store for Price and Berkeley). And Price chimed in that the hotel was the "best hotel ever!"

Loving life in Singletree, Charlie, Atlanta, Jeep, Berkeley, and Price exude an energy and enthusiasm that is refreshing and infectious. Our community is thrilled that their quest for adventure brought them to the Vail Valley and ultimately to our neighborhood!



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## CAROL CALINOFF

FINDS JOY IN COOKING... IN ITALY

Contributed by Carol Calinoff, Singletree resident

Carol Calinoff is a Singletree resident and real estate broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services. When she is not assisting buyers or sellers with their real estate needs, she enjoys travel and has seen a good bit of the world. Most recently, she ventured to Italy to dabble in Italian cooking at a school in Abruzzo. She excitedly shares with us her love of the culture, the country, and the cuisine.

Our trip began with a flight into Rome where we were met by a Mercedes van that transported us 3 ½ hours up very steep roads to bring us to a tiny little hill town village called Carunchio, in Abruzzo, Italy. At the top of the hill, there was situated the Palazzo Tour d'Eau built in 1730 and renovated about 10 or 12 years ago.

And it was just fabulous!! You entered a main rotunda with a small bar area and formal dining room on the main floor. Upstairs were rooms that were each done differently. Our group of 11 was greeted with breadsticks wrapped in prosciutto and a glass of wine.

Downstairs was the full cooking kitchen – the most immaculate kitchen I have seen ever seen in my life! The wall were finished



A street in Vernazza.

with herring bone brick, there were, of course, many stoves, a pizza oven, and a long bench-style table that seats about 20 people, which is where we did our prep work.

Once we completed our prep work, the staff would clean off the table and set it for the next meal while we went into the kitchen area to finish preparing the meal. It was so organized. Each day we prepared lunch or dinner, and the staff would cook the other meal. The father of the owner of the palazzo happens to be a

vintner in Montepulciano. There was a very large wine cellar so we enjoyed lots of wine from that region – it just flowed with each meal!

On two separate occasions, our hosts took us on a side trip to experience other culinary venues. One evening, we went to a winery and B & B that served us a six or seven-course meal, each with a different wine... They served course after course after course after course after course!

On another day, we journeyed to Vasto, a beach town on the Adriatic coast. We enjoyed lunch in a "trabocco," which is a unique fishing house (it sort of looks like a yurt) set on stilts in the middle of the sea. The fishermen used nets to catch fish right from the trabacco so we enjoyed fish fresh from the sea for our lunch.

During our week at the cooking school, we made pasta, tiramisu, biscotti, gnocchi, and vegetable soup. We made these unbelievable cheese balls with scamorza cheese rounded into the size of a golf ball, deep fried, and put them into the vegetable soup. On the final night, we made an assortment of pizzas. We rolled our own dough and enjoyed unlimited Peroni beer while the staff performed Italian songs for us.

We were taken back to Rome after our incredible experience, and I went on to Florence for a couple of days, walking and taking photos of the market and the streets of the city. Then I went to spend a day in Cinque Terre. I had visited this spectacular coastline on the Italian Riviera in the past but went back to see the towns I had missed the first time, including Vernazza, so I ran around taking photos and then headed back to Florence to fly home.

Everything was so perfectly done. We ate well. We drank well. I would absolutely do it again! I am thinking it might be fun to experience Spain and to learn how to make different tapas....

...She says with a big smile on her face. Stay tuned for Carol's next epicurean adventure!

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The coast of Cinque Terre.



The prep table at the Palazzo.



The rooftops of Carunchio



Involtini di Salumi Con Arugula e Pecorino



Tiramisu

## CAROL BRINGS A TASTE OF ITALY HOME TO COLORADO

## what's cooking in singletree

Contributed by **Carol Calinoff**, Singletree resident

Carol Calinoff, admittedly, hated to cook. She decided to try a cooking school in Italy (see Travel Tales) to see if she might learn to love it. While probably not ready to retire from her career as a broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services in the Vail Valley to become a chef, Carol was able to glean a few ideas that now serve as her "go-to" recipes for a cocktail or dinner party or to entertain on her lovely patio at home.

Carol happily offered to share these quintessential Italian culinary delights from her cooking school – a simple appetizer and dessert – a beautiful start and delicious ending to a meal!

### INVOLTINI DI SALUMI CON ARUGULA E PECORINO

(Salumi rolled with arugula and Pecorino)

8 to 10 thin slices of prosciutto, coppacolo, or other cured, round salami that has a large circumference

8 to 10 shavings of pecorino/parmesan\* (from a whole piece) 2 bunches of arugula (washed with hard stems removed)

1/4 cup of olive oil

Juice of ½ lemon

Salt and freshly ground pepper

On parchment paper, arrange the prosciutto in a single layer.

Pour the strained lemon juice in a non-reactive bowl. Slowly drizzle in the oil, whisking constantly until completely amalgamated. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside or transfer to a squeeze bottle or one with a pourer.

Starting at one end of the slice of prosciutto, place a small bunch or arugula. Add 1 shaving of cheese. Roll into a roulade making sure it remains intact.

Continue with the remaining slices of prosciutto. Arrange on a plate. Drizzle with the lemon oil and sprinkle with fresh ground pepper. Garnish with 2 grissini breadsticks, crossed.

#### TIRAMISI

The name means "pick me up," and it does, indeed. There are many different versions of this popular dessert, but this is the true peasant version.

5 large egg yolks

5 Tbsp sugar

 $1\, lb \; mas carpone \; cheese$ 

Lots of espresso, warm in a bowl

Lady Fingers – approximately three per individual serving 2 oz. dark cocoa

1 cup heavy cream, whipped to stiff peaks ½ cup of dark chocolate, shaved and chopped

1/4 cup of Amaretto or Marsala

Beat the egg yolks and sugar together with an electric mixer until pale and thick. Slowly beat in the liquor. Fold in the mascarpone delicately and combine until the mixture is thick and smooth. Then fold in the whipped cream.

Dip three pieces of lady fingers in the espresso. Break each one into two or three pieces, and place in the bottom of small dessert bowls. Spoon a nice amount of the mascarpone mixture on top of the lady fingers and sprinkle with chopped chocolate.

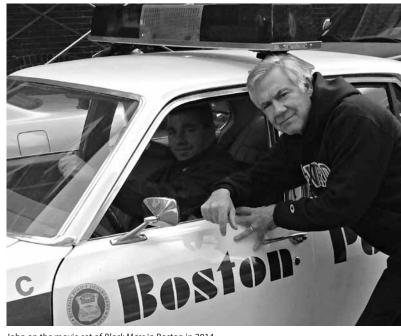
Repeat with one or two more layers (depending on the size of the dessert bowl). Chill for two hours before serving.



Are you or a Singletree neighbor a gourmet chef? Or do you simply love to cook? Please share your favorite recipes with friends and neighbors! Please send an email with the recipe and a photo to holly.proctor@n2pub.com.

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John on the movie set of *Black Mass* in Boston in 2014.



ohn and Judy at Mount of the Holy Cross

## John Genova Challenges

Young Adults With Economic Realities

Contributed by John Genova, Singletree resident

John Genova has been a resident of Singletree since October 2011. Formerly an executive in the energy and chemistry industry, John has generously donated his time and expertise to both the United Way and Junior Achievement organizations for the past three years.

John is the former president and currently serves as a member of the Advisory Committee for the United Way. The appeal of the United Way is such that, "Your single tax-deductible donation helps many people, agencies, and service programs. This gives you the opportunity to support the entire community and maximize your giving over a wide range of services that meet community needs. It is like your mutual fund of charitable giving! Through the United Way, you can help the most people in our community with one gift!"

Celebrating 65 years of service to Colorado 2015, Junior Achievement – Rocky Mountain, Inc. (JA) is part of the world's largest organization dedicated to inspiring and preparing young people to succeed in a global economy. Through its dedicated volunteer network, JA provides programs for students, which focus on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. The goal is to teach concepts through experiential learning, allowing young people to put their new knowledge and skills to practice. During the 2015/2016 school year, the organization reached more than 137,000 students in Metro Denver, Northern Colorado and Southern Wyoming, 3,000 of which reside in Eagle County.



## Junior Achievement<sup>®</sup>

Motivated by his personal interest and enjoyment in helping young adults learn how to manage finances, John chose to volunteer as a teacher with the Junior Achievement program for Eagle Valley high school students. He brings economic realities to the classroom with challenging questions such as "Where do you want to live?", "How much does it cost to buy a house there?", "How much will the monthly mortgage be?", "How much money do you need to earn to afford that house?", "How are you going to make the income you need to live the life you want to live?" Do the math. These are tough questions for students facing the real world today.

Sally Messinger, the Mountain District Manager for Junior Achievement – Rocky Mountain Inc., expresses the value of having a professional with John's broad base of knowledge and expertise volunteering as a teacher at Eagle Valley High School. "By sharing his professional experience," Sally comments, "John becomes a role model for his students, teaching them about the 'economics of life.' He is eager to help students make meaningful connections between school and success, and challenges them to view their future from a different lens."

From the classroom, Weston Gleiss, an Economics teacher at Eagle Valley High School, echoes Sally's endorsement, saying "John did an excellent job with our class, and I would love the



John and Judy in the mountains near Cape Town, South Africa

have him back. He did plenty of background work, and was able to answer questions and engage students in economics."

John states explicitly the greatest benefit derived from volunteering with these organizations as "connecting with others." In his words, John offers the following perspective:

"One of the better-known bene-

fits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Unpaid volunteers are often the glue that holds a community together. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need. And volunteering is a two-way street: It can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you choose to help.

Dedicating your time as a volunteer helps you make new friends, expand your network, and boost your social skills. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. Volunteering also strengthens your ties to the community and broadens your support network, exposing you to people with common interests, neighborhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities.

While some people are naturally outgoing, others are shy and have a hard time meeting new people. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to practice and develop your social skills, since you are meeting regularly with a group of people with common interests. Once you have momentum, it's easier to branch out and make more friends and contacts."

John and his wife, Judy, have fallen in love with Singletree, and the beauty and outdoor activities available in the Eagle River Valley. They particularly appreciate the community feel of the neighborhood of Singletree and credit the work of the homeowners' association for creating a warm and welcoming environment. And the community sincerely thanks you, John, for sharing your experience and wisdom with the students of the Valley.

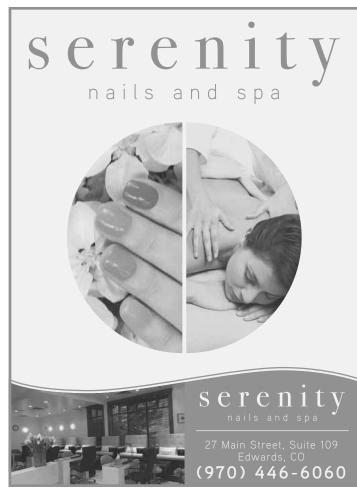
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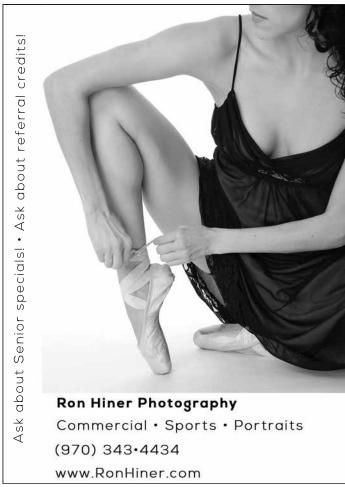
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Jim Harper started Plumbing Systems Inc. in 2000. At the time, PSI was a small, new construction plumbing company specializing in custom homes. In 2002, Jim determined it was time for a change and shifted the company into the service industry. He knew inherently that the service business offers a better opportunity

to work directly with the customer, and to thereby have a greater understanding of what the customer wants and to provide that outcome. Jim enjoys greater satisfaction from this side of the business as well as the day-to-day operations of problem-solving that the service business offers. From its modest beginning as a plumbing company, PSI has grown into a thriving plumbing, heating, cooling and drain cleaning business, a one-stop shop to best serve its customers.

Jim grew up on the East Coast, and after attending a trade high school, he moved west to pursue a career in the plumbing industry. In 1997, Jim began work in the Vail Valley and discovered that he loved the small community and the people. Since 2000, PSI has slowly built its business by serving its customers 24/7, 365 days of the year. PSI prides itself on truly being a 24-hour service that guarantees you will always reach a person that works for the company – no matter what time of day you call. During after hours, the system provides access to an on-call tech, which ensures that your call goes to a person that cares about you and your home.



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In 2007, Aidan Kelly joined PSI with more than 20 years of experience and quickly became PSI Operations Manager. With Aidan's oversight, PSI moved more in the direction of commercial drain cleaning and sewer repair. Subsequently, the company added its environmental pumping division which Aidan is a partner in so as to be able to provide its commercial customers with a full-service approach to its drain business. PSI is now Vail Valley's choice for underground pipe cleaning, repair and/or replacement. In 2014, having grown up working in heating and cooling since he was 8 years old, Tom Johnson joined PSI to oversee these growing divisions of the business.

Today, PSI is proud to lead the Vail Valley as one of the top places to work by providing its employees with the most intensive learning experience and growth environment in the Rocky Mountain region. The company invests heavily in its employees by providing a comprehensive in house training program and 40 hours of paid training per year. All of this is designed so that PSI provides its employees with an opportunity for continuous learning and the ability to move up in their career.

In December of 2015, PSI moved its offices to the North Star lumber location in Edwards. This move has provided the staff with an open office environment which facilitates much-improved communication to provide its customers with an even higher level of service. Additionally, PSI has embarked on a number of enhanced house training systems with its techs. With these changes completed, going forward, the team at PSI is looking to make 2016 the best year yet!

Jim lives in Eagle with his wife, Mary, and daughter, Ava.

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## athlete spotlight

## ANDRE SKIMBIR

## - FOOTBALL FAN EXTREME

Contributed by Andre Skweir, Singletree resident

Football season is just around the corner. Andre Skweir anticipates  $\,$ the season with great excitement - both playing the game and following the NFL. Here are a few words from our junior enthusiast!

How old are you? I am 11 years old.

When did you begin playing football? I began playing flag football for WECRMD. I started really liking it in first grade, and ever since then I have been a football fanatic!

Why is it your favorite sport? Football is my favorite sport because you don't need to be good at every single position to play the game, and it's really fun. I like the sport itself; you have to be physical. In football, you can be big or small or just the right size as long as you are passionate about the game. Like Emmanuel Sanders, he is pretty small, but he is amazing!

Do you play on a team? I play on the Saint Clare Mustangs.

What is your favorite position to play? I like playing quarterback, linebacker, and wide receiver.

Who are your coaches? I haven't met my coaches yet, but I am looking forward to it.

Where do you practice? I practice in Edwards at the Saint Clare field.

What is your favorite NFL football team? My favorite football team is the Houston Texans.

Have you been to a Texans game? Yes. We go to Texas a lot. My uncle has season tickets. Last time we went to Texas, I saw the Texans play the New Orleans Saints. The Texans won! It was a great game!

What NFL players do you idolize? I idolize J.J. Watt and DeAndre Hopkins.

If you had to pick today, who would be your pre-season picks for a fantasy football team? Oh. That's hard. I am going to try Brock









Andre at Halloween. Or is that Troy Polamalu?!?

Osweiler, the Texans new quarterback. I hope he does well. And Antonio Brown, wide receiver with the Pittsburgh Steelers. I would probably go with the new Texans running back they got from the Dolphins, Lamar Miller, and another running back traded from the Texans over to the Dolphins, Aaron Foster. Two years ago he was a star, but he tore his ACI so he will be back this year in Miami.



Andre as his idol, JJ Watts.

What do you love most about playing football? To me the best part about football is the fun inside the game.

What have you learned from playing football? Fromfootball I have learned teamwork, sportsmanship, and even friendship.

#### Do you know where do you want to go to college?

There's two colleges I want to go to: University of Texas and Notre Dame, and I want to play football for both of those teams. Next year, I am going to a football camp at UT where we get to stay in the dorms and meet some of the players and get coached.



## keep up on sports? I

read a lot of sports magazines, and I am reading a book right now called On the Origins of Sports, which is all about how different sports came to be, the original rules, and how and when the rules have been modified for each game.

### What other sports / activities do you play?

Besides football I play golf, baseball, basketball, and soccer. I am pretty much going to play all of the sports at ECCA. I am going to be doing track and field in the spring, and I am going to try lacrosse.

What advice would you give other kids who want to play football? My advice to people who want to play football in the future is to never give up on your dream.



Hey, kids - do you want to be the superstar of the neighborhood? All you have to do is ask your parents to email holly.proctor@n2pub.com and answer some questions in order to be featured in the next available issue!

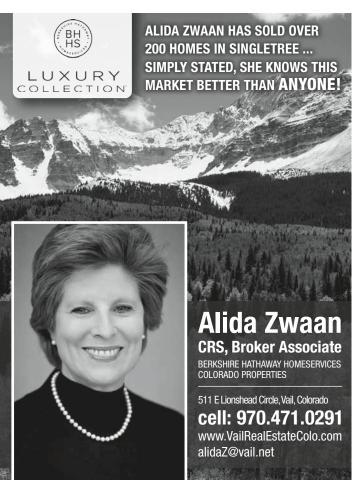


## home of the month

Contributed by Alida Zwaan, Singletree Resident

## 30 Howard: A Home

## Where Memories Are Made







Barbara Hibben moved to Singletree after retiring from a successful career in technology working for various investment firms. With a beautiful, growing family of children and grandchildren, she wanted a home that would be warm, spacious, and always available for vacations and gatherings.

The Hibben clan loves to ski, hike, and bike, and the fond memories of childhood vacations to Vail remained near and dear in everyone's heart. She has treasured watching her grandchildren also delight in the crisp Rocky Mountain air. The giggles and memories in 30 Howard Dr. are plentiful and almost as impressive as the house itself.

With gorgeous outdoor spaces and handsome architectural design, this home offers a masterful floor plan on a setting that cannot be beat. Barbara has brought her love of traveling home with décor pieces that evoke many of her other passions, including African Safari. Over the years, she has traveled to Africa many times and has met wonderful friends along the way. The grandkids have developed a

charming interest in their grandmother's journeys, evidenced by the Africa-themed playroom downstairs which has provided countless hours of imaginary fun.

This home and the wonderful people who have lived here are truly exceptional, and although Barbara will miss this place greatly as she embarks on her next adventure, the happy memories with the ones she loves will always remain close to her heart.





Would you like to have your home featured in an upcoming issue or would you like to nominate one of your neighbors? Please send an email to holly.proctor@n2pub.com and let me know about it!





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Fall is a great time to get the family out on the Singletree trails, whether it be after school or work. Singletree has several trailhead portals that are easily assessable to residents. These trailhead portals include:

**Mesquite Trial:** The mesquite trailhead is located at the end of Mesquite Drive. This is a beautiful trail with a moderate climb for hikers and bikers. The mesquite trail is the newest trail in Singletree. New steps to the trail were put in last year off of Charolais Circle.

June Creek Trail: The June Creek trailhead is located at the top of June Creek Road. This trail connects with Wild Ridge, which provides access to the Avon Preserve trails. Further, you can connect with Wild West Ridge approximately halfway up the June Creek Trail.

**Knob Hill Trail:** The Knob Hill trailhead is located on Winslow Road above the clubhouse. This trail is a moderate trail for hikers. It is important to note that this trail is closed from December 15 through April 30 each year for animal migration.

**Singletree Avon Connector Trail:** The Singletree Avon Connector Trail can be accessed from lower June Creek Road across from the first gold green. This trail connects with Avon and the Avon Preserve.



Jeff Koch enjoys time on the trails

Singletree homeowners recently established a trail committee set to work on maintaining the Singletree trails. "The committee plans to have its first meeting soon, and we will send a notification by email to open our trail maintenance events to participation by all Singletree homeowners," Jeff Koch indicates, the Singletree Representative for Avon Preserve trail committee.

If you are looking for a group to get out on the trails with, the Sonnenalp Club Fitness Center offers a weekly group fitness class entitled Outdoor Intervals. The class is instructed by Ellen Miller, the first American woman to complete the Everest trilogy. This class gets participants outside on the trails for interval training each week.

"Living in Singletree is great as I can hop on my bike after work for a five-mile ride on a trail with a 1,400 incline and be home before dark. There is great accessibility to trails from Singletree. I have easy access to one of my favorite trails, the Wild West Ridge trail, which is part of the Avon Preserve trails. Avon Preserve has made continuous efforts since last year to place trail signs so hikers and bikers can easily navigate the trails." – Jeff Koch, long time local mortgage broker and resident of Singletree since 1990

Before the days become shorter for the onset of winter, take advantage of getting the family out on the Singletree trails! For more information on location of trails, you can access trail maps at www.singletreetoday.com/maps.

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The Berry Creek Metropolitan Board of Directors: Dan Godec, Karen Kern, Ann Darby, and George Gregory.

## **community** news What Is The

**Berry Creek Metropolitan District?** 

Contributed by George Gregory, Singletree resident and Chairman, Berry Creek Metropolitan District

Your Berry Creek Metropolitan District (BCMD) is different from the Singletree Homeowners Association and has completely different responsibilities. Your Homeowners Association operates under recorded covenants and declarations, adopted rules and regulations, and is responsible for covenant enforcement, including maintaining as a subcommittee, your Design Review Committee. Of course SPOA is responsible for many other activities within your community, but that information is reserved for a separate article.

The BCMD is a Special District created pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statutes and is required to conduct its business in accordance with applicable Colorado statutes. Special Districts can be created for purposes as diverse as a Football Stadium District to a Mosquito Pest Control District. Special Districts can have overlapping and even stacking boundaries as evidenced by the fact that BCMD shares boundaries with several special districts, including Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreational District, (WECMRD) the Eagle River Fire Protection District (ERFPD), among several others.

The most important document in the creation of a Special District is the drafting and filing of the proposed district's Service Plan. That document sets out the general purposes and plans for

the proposed Metropolitan District. In the case of Berry Creek, those purposes included the development of a planned unit development (now known as Singletree), and the construction of facilities for fire protection, domestic water supply, storm drainage, the roads within Singletree, public parks, playing fields, and recreational facilities.

The most important aspect of most Metropolitan Districts, however, is that it can provide a vehicle to promote comprehensive planning of community needs and programs for municipal debt financing to distribute the costs of road construction, water and sewer lines, and other utilities over an extended period of time. This extended financing typically occurs through the issuance of bonds which are paid off with some of the proceeds from the property taxes assessed on each residence and lot in Berry Creek Ranch Subdivision.

Berry Creek Metropolitan District's original Service Plan was filed on April 19, 1979. Since that time each successive Board has undertaken projects that have significantly improved your community, which in turn have increased all of our property values. Some of the more notable projects that come to mind are the construction of the Winslow Road underpass, the construction and landscaping of the round-a-bouts at the western entrance to Singletree, the burial of all the overhead powerlines that used to bisect the community along Singletree Road, the landscaping of Berry Creek Ranch Road with native trees, and the adoption and implementation of a beautification project that enhanced the corners of our primary and many secondary intersections. This last project was planned to occur over 10 years, and although there were several different Board members during those years, the entire project was accomplished within seven years, ahead of schedule and below budget.

Your Metropolitan District is managed on a daily basis by the Community Manager, Ms. Nina Timm. Policies and oversight of BCMD's responsibilities are determined by five elected Berry Creek Ranch Subdivision residents who comprise the BCMD Board of Directors. Your current Directors are Ann Darby, Dan Godec, Karen Kern, Mike Reisinger, and George Gregory. Your Directors meet monthly, and public notices of their meetings are posted at three different locations within Singletree, the most easily accessed being the bulletin board at the Community Center. Your Metropolitan District, through its Board of Directors, and with the excellent assistance of Ken Marchetti and Cheri Curtis of Marchetti and Weaver (Special District Administrators), maintain the public parks, recreational and meeting facilities, which include your Community Center, street lights and signage, among many other responsibilities.

Your Metropolitan District, together with the cooperation and funding participation by SPOA, is currently constructing an addition to the Community Center. This addition will provide an enlarged exercise space with new state-of-the-art exercise equipment, meeting rooms, rest rooms, and improved office facilities for our Community Manager. These activities are monitored closely at the Metropolitan District's monthly meetings and by subcommittee members on a weekly basis or more frequently when necessary.

In summary, each Metropolitan Board Member strives to make Singletree (AKA Berry Creek Ranch Subdivision) the most desirable residential community in the upper Eagle River Valley. They do so by devoting long hours to their work and being constantly aware of their fiduciary duty to each resident when making decisions that involve the expenditure of funds. You are welcome to attend their monthly meetings, which are typically held on the fourth Thursday at 3:00pm in the Community Center.



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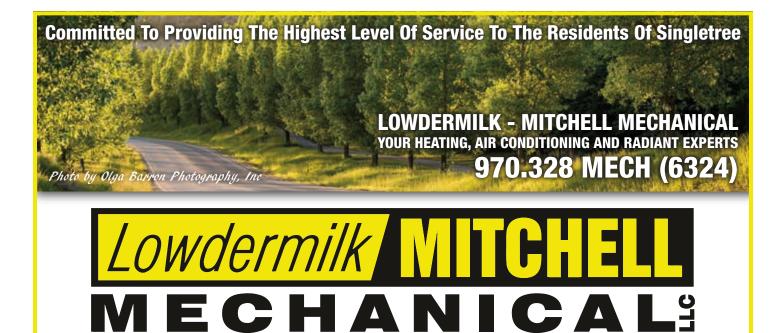
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