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Happy March! It is impossible to know what the season will hold by the time this issue reaches you but I hope you are all enjoying the winter thus far! Please make a note to join us for a St. Patrick's Day Celebrat on March 15 to mix and mingle with your Singletree friends and neighbors!

Have you been wondering what is going on up on that crazy steep lot on Palomino Road? Meet Tom, Jennifer, Jordan, Alec, Nick, Belle, Chanel, Benz, Mishcka and Alaia -- soon to be living in their new home atop "Mount Ebner"! In addition to managing the process of building a new home, each of the Ebners are coming and going and it is exhilarating to get to know this tight-knit family.

In this issue, we have a lot happening! Linda Wilson shares with us the highlights of her first adventure in Africa with her husband, Dave. Carol Calinoff welcomes us into her photographic world with insight into her philosophy and global experiences. It's hard to keep up with the energy and competitiveness Keena Shikverg exhibits on the race course, and Logan Jones invites us into his Jurassic world where he is truly at home with the dinosaurs.

We all know that *INSIDE Singletree* would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and this month we get to know Dr. James Beard, the periodontal specialist and Problem Solver at Riverwalk Periodontics and Amy Goscha, family law expert and founding partner of Goscha | Kalamaya Law. Please be sure to call on them when you are in need of their expertise!

Sadly, we say goodbye to a precious friend as Abby Dixon unexpectedly lost Becca, her 12-year-old Cavachon earlier this year. With heavy hearts, it is only fitting that the neighborhood pays their tribute to Abby's beloved companion

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Inside Singletree*. Every member of the Singletree community has many wonderful stories, experiences and achievements to share; please consider contributing an article to the publication this year. Your neighborhood magazine is not possible without your participation! Thank you!



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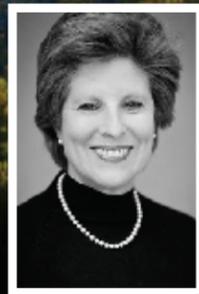
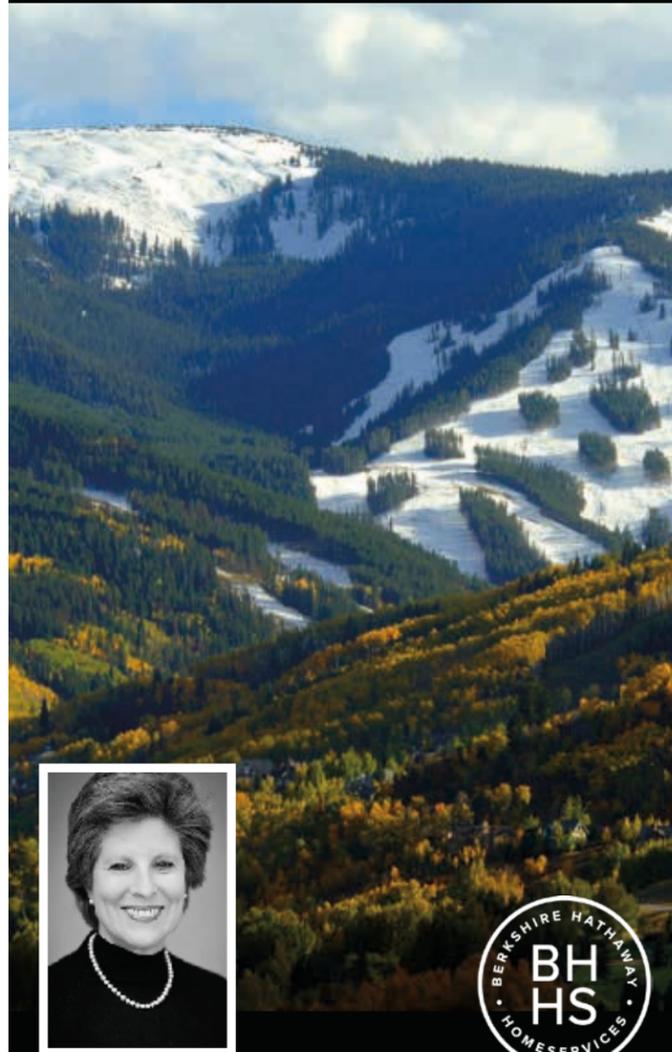
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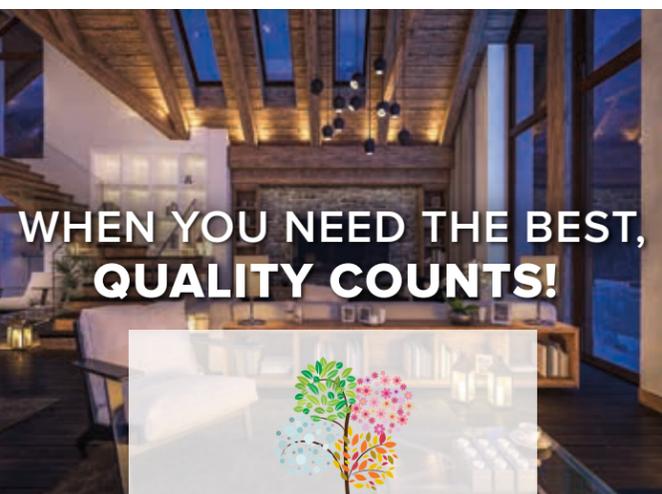
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### Fences

Fences should be an extension of the architecture and used only where absolutely necessary. Fences are allowed in Singletree, provided they have been approved prior to construction.



### Vegetable Gardens

Vegetable gardens can look out of place if they are highly visible, so it is important to site them carefully. Gardens on the hillsides should be avoided, where possible, or terraced into the hillside.



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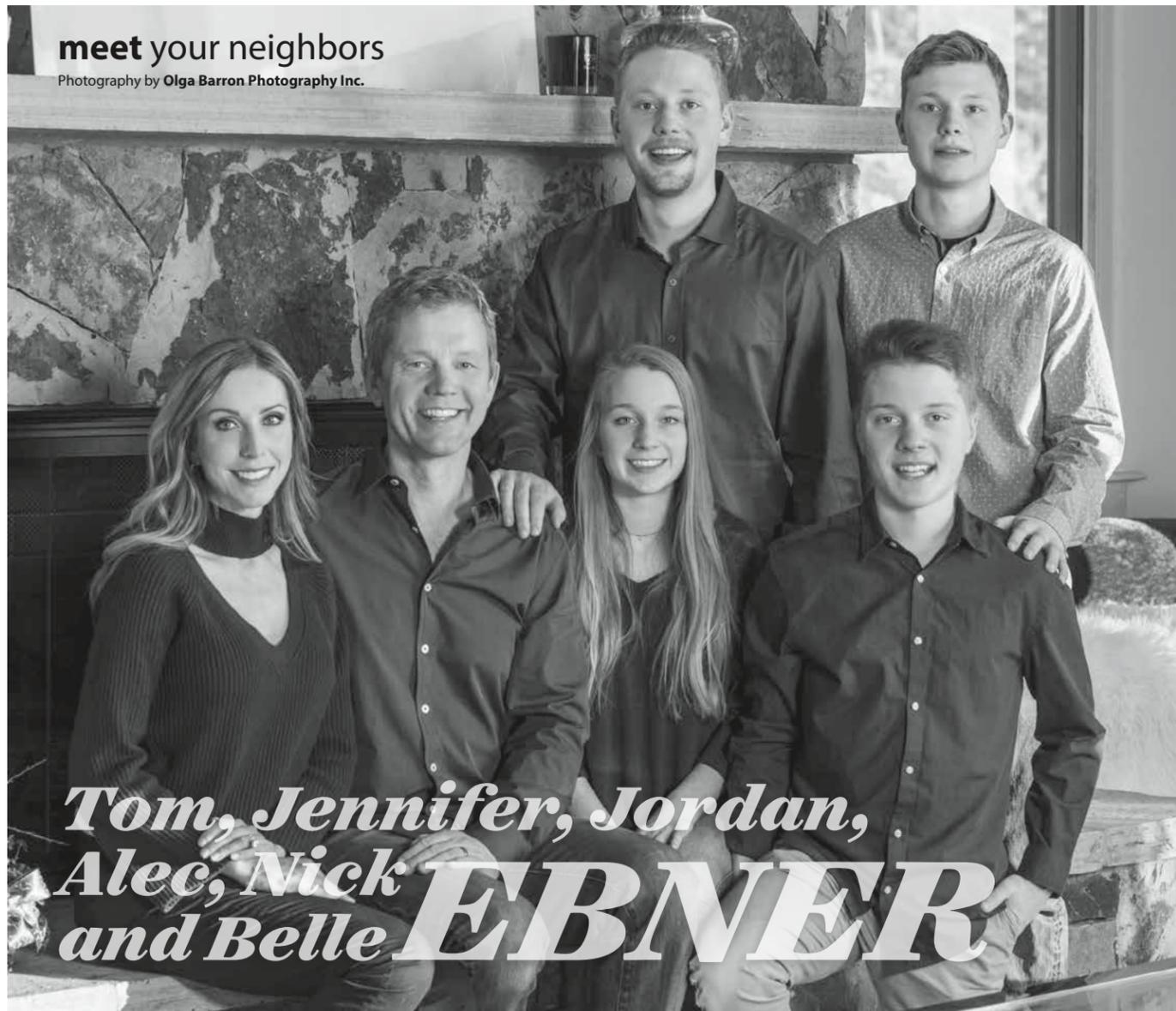
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and Belle* **EBNER**

### **Pardon our dust...**

Hi! We're the Ebner family and we're building things. My name is Jennifer and my husband is Tom. We have four children and I'm step-mom to all: Jordan (20), Alec (18), Nick (15), and Belle (15). We also have four dogs. Chanel (Yorkie), Benz (Chihuahua), Mischka (Chihuahua) and last but not least "Miss Congeniality" Alaia (Golden). When Tom and I got married, I came along with three dogs to his four children. I told him that it would only be fair if we added a fourth dog. He wasn't exactly on board with that but here we are, a few years later, a fully balanced family. It's like our own modern version of the Brady Bunch.

We live on Palomino Road. In July of 2016, we purchased the home we currently live in and the lot next door. When house shopping, we had a perfect list of wants, needs and absolutely nots. One of those being that we would NEVER build a new home. The saying, "never-say-never" applies here. We did a complete 180 on our realtor. However, when you find a neighborhood that you love, you figure out how to make things work.



Recently, we started building on the crazy lot next door. Maybe you knew it as a hiking trail? We've heard from many that they had no idea it was a lot. For us, the steep pitch seems fitting with our family's love of skiing. We've affectionately nick-named the site "Mt. Ebner", and the green fence surrounding it, "The Green Monsta." The new home, which is very modern, was designed by Kyle Webb. He did an amazing job of encompassing many of the things that we enjoy as a family: travel, food, each other's company, nature and pets. All while taking advantage of the amazing views we appreciate so much here in Singletree. Being next door, it's entertaining and convenient to watch the progress, although noisy at times. We are all looking forward to the completion, sometime in 2019.

So how did we get here? Ski racing is the quick answer. However, as with most things in life, there's more to the story...



Tom and I met eight years ago while I was living in Florida. We dated long distance for a year and a half before he proposed and I moved to Colorado. We will both tell you that the timing was perfect. We have been happily married for over five years; each day we are grateful for one another and for all of our adventures.

Prior to moving to the Valley, we lived in Cherry Hills Village. During the winter seasons, we spent nearly every weekend and holiday up here for the kids to pursue ski racing. There was a lot of driving, missing school and sacrifices for all. Not an uncommon story for many families in the Valley, but not exactly easy with a family of six, dogs and another household.

The children all learned to ski about as soon as they could walk. It explains why they are all such amazing skiers and why they love it so much. Each of them developed a passion for ski racing by participating in Buddy Werner league. Jordan and Alec both followed that up by racing for their high school team. The twins, Nick and Belle, decided they wanted to pursue racing further by joining Ski and Snowboard Club Vail as part-time athletes, which ultimately led to transferring to the full-time program and attending high school in the Valley. Their goals for the future? Hopefully, ski racing NCAA. At the end of the day though, they want to use ski racing and the experience to further their collegiate opportunities. They are learning best practices of hard work and dedication and laying the groundwork for achieving all worthwhile goals in life. That is how our new adventure began!

Today, other than being occupied with the new build next door, Tom and I stay busy with all things children and dog related. We also enjoy skiing, me not as much as him and the kids. Learning in my thirties hasn't made me very adventurous or good at it. I try but I know I am a better ski race fan. We all have our strengths! A great deal of our time and effort is also spent on Tom's manufacturing business, based in Denver. We do a fair amount of business travel throughout the year, both domestic and

overseas: visiting facilities, customers and attending trade shows. I also assist in a marketing capacity; I absolutely love my job as a stay at home step-mom and ski racing parent, but it's nice to have a professional outlet too.

The twins attend VSSA and ski in the full-time program at SSCV. They are both great students chasing their dreams. Unfortunately, they've both had major injuries over the last couple of seasons. Nick broke both of his legs, in June of 2016, prior to our move. Belle had a bad crash in downhill last March, breaking both her tibia and fibula. She is still recovering but looking forward to returning to ski-racing this spring. To do what they do, even after major setbacks, exemplifies true grit and determination. They amaze us every day!

In addition to ski racing, Belle is an animal lover, voracious reader and passionate about helping others. This past summer, broken leg and all, she went to Cambodia with Children's Global Alliance. There she worked in an orphanage teaching the children English, cleaning up, and helping build new facilities to make a difference in their lives. She had the experience of a lifetime. As much as she helped others, I think it's safe to say, she feels she got back so much more in return. It was beautiful to read her blog posts and experience the trip through her eyes. We are proud of her and everything she sets her mind to accomplish.

Nick is our all-around sportsman and he is passionate about the environment. In addition to ski racing this winter, he is playing basketball at VMS. He is highly organized, a master planner and I joke that he's sometimes overly efficient with his time management. With a strong GPA, who are we to say no to a kid who likes to stay busy? Especially when he puts forth his best effort and smiles along the way. We only ask that school is the number one priority, that he respects others and that he enjoys what he's doing. So far so good! Nick would like me to share that he is a

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huge Eagles fan. As I write this, they just beat the Vikings to go to the Super Bowl. If you see him, please congratulate or console him on their Super Bowl performance. He is a huge fan and a diehard follower; dedication and loyalty are his true strengths.

Alec is currently attending Colorado Mountain College where he is taking classes to transfer to a four-year university. He also works at the Westin. Alec has one amazing story to tell, I mean, amazing! Alec was diagnosed with autism when he was two. He struggled with many of the social and sensory challenges that others on the spectrum experience. A couple years ago, we were told by the school that he would not attend college. However, he decided one day that he did not want to be held back or defined by his diagnosis. He has worked so hard to overcome his challenges and it has been amazing to witness his transformation into who he wants to be.

Alec is determined to attend a four-year university and plans to major in engineering. He is well on his way to achieving his goals. He has been accepted to several engineering programs and we are excited to see which college he chooses to attend this coming fall. It's bittersweet though, knowing he will also be leaving home. The Valley has been great for him. The fact that living here has provided him a multitude of opportunities and support has not gone unappreciated. He says, most importantly, that he thinks living here is awesome because it allows him to shred powder as often as he likes. At least it won't be hard to get him to come home to visit.

Jordan, the oldest, has lived in Fort Collins since the summer of 2016. He attended CSU for a year and is currently taking a break to sell cars at CO's BMW in Loveland. He plans to go back to school to obtain a degree in Electrical Engineering someday. He is very gifted when it comes to electronics and cars, always building or repairing things, making them perform better than before. We do miss having him at home, however, we take great pride in watching him mature and become a hard-working adult. Recently he rescued a cat named Yoda at the local animal shelter. Yoda now comes to visit us too. I'm not sure how happy this makes the dogs or Yoda but we love animals so the more the merrier.

I mentioned previously that as a family we all share a passion for travel, food, animals and helping others. Travel is something we've been able to enjoy from the start. Experiencing new countries, learning about other cultures, enjoying new foods. Those trips helped bring us together and build a strong relationship with wonderful lasting memories. Our favorite family trips include Costa Rica,



Italy and our last big family trip that included Paris and Corsica. One thing is for sure, we like adventures and are always looking forward to the next.

Tom and I believe that in order to live life to the fullest, it means you are always building. Whether that's metaphorically or physically. Our family is constantly in motion building memories, building on experiences and working on becoming our personal best.

Living here helps bring those things together for us. We feel very fortunate to reside in such a wonderful community. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all that enrich our lives and make this neighborhood such a wonderful place to be!

Now, we're off to continue to build. Thankfully, we're starting with a solid foundation.

PS Alaia would like to announce that she has claimed the new house as her own. She looks over and sees one amazing, giant dog house in the making. Alaia and her smaller sisters do rule the roost, so maybe she isn't too far off. We're holding out hope, when the time comes, she'll let us move in with them.



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*Her name was Becca and she was a mountain dog! From her perspective, she might have been smaller than some you see on the trails, but she would say, "don't let that fool you!" Becca was a Cavachon (a mix of a Cavalier King Charles and Bichon); 12 years old and 12 pounds. She was born to do the same things her mom loves to do — hike, frolic in the snow and, when all is said and done, curl up in front of a warm fire with a good book (and next to a good glass of wine!).*

With expressive and loving eyes, she was as sweet as can be, but she was the one to call the shots! Sometimes, when she jumped up on the couch and made myself at home in the soft cushions, other people would ask her mom... "are you going to let her do that?" and she would reply, without missing a beat, "of course I am! That's why they call it 'FURniture'!" Becca could certainly be kind of a princess. In a good way.

Some of her most proud and happy memories were of her time as a therapy dog. She visited patients at Vail Hospital and Jack's Place. Because she was so petite in size, she was able to get up on the bed with the patients, which made for some really special snuggle time. One patient even tried to convince her mom and the nurses to let them have a sleepover! When people don't feel well, sometimes it's the little things that help. Becca liked to think that just sitting there with them, giving them attention and being a quiet, loving companion made their days just a little bit brighter.

Becca also loved the second grade after school reading program she participated in. She knew that sometimes, when kids are struggling to read, it can be hard to read with an adult — even a parent or a mentor — for the feelings it can bring up when a word doesn't come easily. Luckily, as a dog, her students knew she never, ever, passed judgment. She would sit with them while they read to her and petted her — with unblinking, compassionate eyes — and they'd sound out each sentence, no matter how long it took. When they succeeded, Becca would give them an encouraging wag of the tail and an extra happy lick to let them know how well they'd done.

This holiday season, Becca went with her mom to ring the bell for the Salvation Army. She made it really hard for people to pass them without dropping a donation in the bucket. This year it was so cold she got her very first sweater ever for the bell ringing. She thought she looked pretty dapper!

Despite the many adventures and important jobs Becca had over her twelve years, her very favorite thing in the world was to be curled up on her mom's lap while they read. She was really the best at snuggling. Her mom said she was 12 pounds of fluff and puff, but Becca thought she was pretty mighty beyond her size. She is truly missed by her mom, Abby, and all who knew her.



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Sold	325 Rawhide Rd (SF)	\$995,000	\$955,000	1/5/18	\$359.60	\$345.14	4	5 (3 1 1)	2767	No
Sold	423 June Creek Rd (SF)	\$975,000	\$970,000	1/12/18	\$228.82	\$227.65	4	5 (4 0 1)	4261	No
Sold	111 Howard Dr (SF)	\$950,000	\$930,000	12/20/17	\$313.84	\$307.23	4	4 (4 0 0)	3027	No
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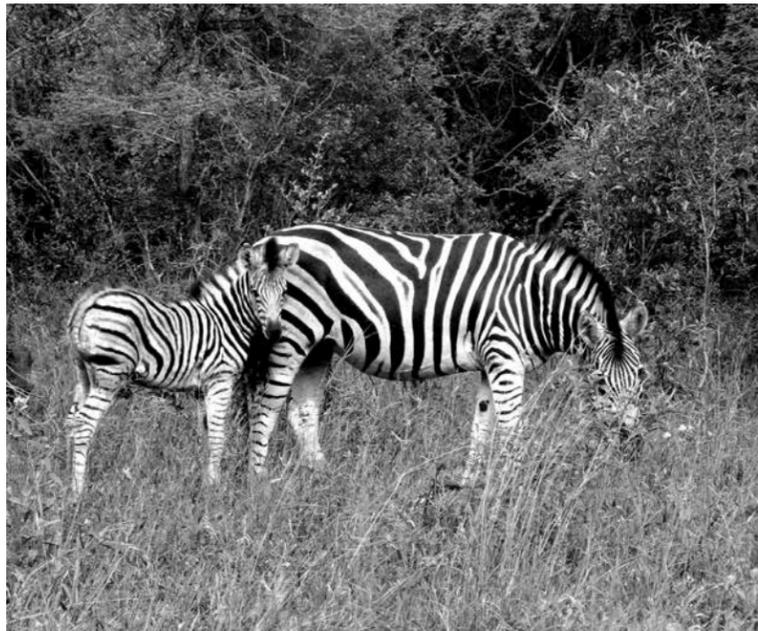
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Penguins in Love



Piney Lake Reflection



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## Carol Calinoff Captures Life's Beautiful Moments

"I want my photographs to be something that I can look at and smile. Everything I look at I want to look at and feel happy; none of that depressing stuff." Carol laughs as she looks at all the photographs around her in her Singletree home. The light-filled living room is a perfect reflection of Carol herself: compact and full of conversation. Her photography was just something she wanted to try around 1975, and it now defines those impactful moments in her life. "I run around like a maniac for the sole purpose of taking pictures," she quips. "A man I was working for at the time (1975) gave me a Nikkormat and I just started."

I asked her why she chose photography over painting. "See, I can't paint. I would love to paint, and I just can't. I gave my mother a painting that I did once, and she said, 'Sweetheart, stick with the photography.'" From then on she knew she had found her medium, though it wasn't always easy. Though she

didn't carry an easel and paints, she recalls times when she carried all of her bulky equipment around throughout her world travels with a laugh.

"I had Nikon equipment, a manual and an automatic camera. I carried them with me all the time, with the lenses! Red Mountain Spa is an amazing place to vacation, and I would always bring my cameras with me lugging them during hikes and setting up my tripod but not really enjoying the views!" She knows that this sweaty endeavor was a catalyst to switch over to digital. "Then finally I just gave up and went digital with a pocket camera. It's top of the line, but I can't enlarge them the same way that those larger cameras can."

To Carol, the digital limitations don't matter. If she finds a subject that is truly worthy of being blown up to extremes she

takes that photograph with her old school equipment. She wants to always do the piece the justice it deserves. "It (photography) makes me appreciate the beauty around me. Sometimes the pictures come out just as your eye sees, and sometimes it doesn't. You never know really what's coming out. It makes you very aware. You look at it from the art point of view, the colors and the shadows...that's why I'm partial to landscapes."

I can see landscapes from across the world scattered throughout her collections. Her travels to 3rd World countries have produced photographs with human subjects against a wild landscape. She says that those people are the most interesting subjects because they still dress indigenously; something she can't capture while hiking through Antelope Canyon in the USA.

Carol is part of the Photography Club, a branch of the Vail Valley Art Guild. They have about 100 members, some of whom showcase their work at the annual Colorado Mountain College Art Show. "I took home 1st place in Photography last year, and this year I took home 3rd place," Carol proudly announced. "To me, winning a ribbon is worth more than winning \$100 prize. I do it for the competition." She also appreciates that the Club has a year-round location to showcase art at the old Avon police

station. "I like to show just for the fun of it sometimes too, like a new opening", she states. "People walk around with their wine and I like to sneakily stand behind them looking at my photos and hear what they have to say" she giggles.

"It kind of keeps you going, you know?" She looks me in the eyes as she gently pets her beatific little Shih Tzu, Rosie. "We meet once a month and we have an assignment. We also have a 'best shot of the month' that we send in. That's our personal choice from what we've taken. Every Monday we submit a black & white photograph. The Club has had some outstanding field trips. My photos of Piney Lake and Antelope Canyon you liked so much in the hallway are on field trips."

The Club also brought her a new love in the form of the painter Mio Cirkovic. They met while participating in what the Art Guild calls "Side By Side." A painter and a photographer take the same subject and put it into their respective mediums. "We did the Old Cabin on the Beaver Creek Golf Course, and we collaborated. Then we just started dating, and it's been a little over 2 years" recalls Carol. She hopes to continue her travels with Mio by her side this May, expanding their own collections together. "I don't do it for a living, I do it for art's sake."

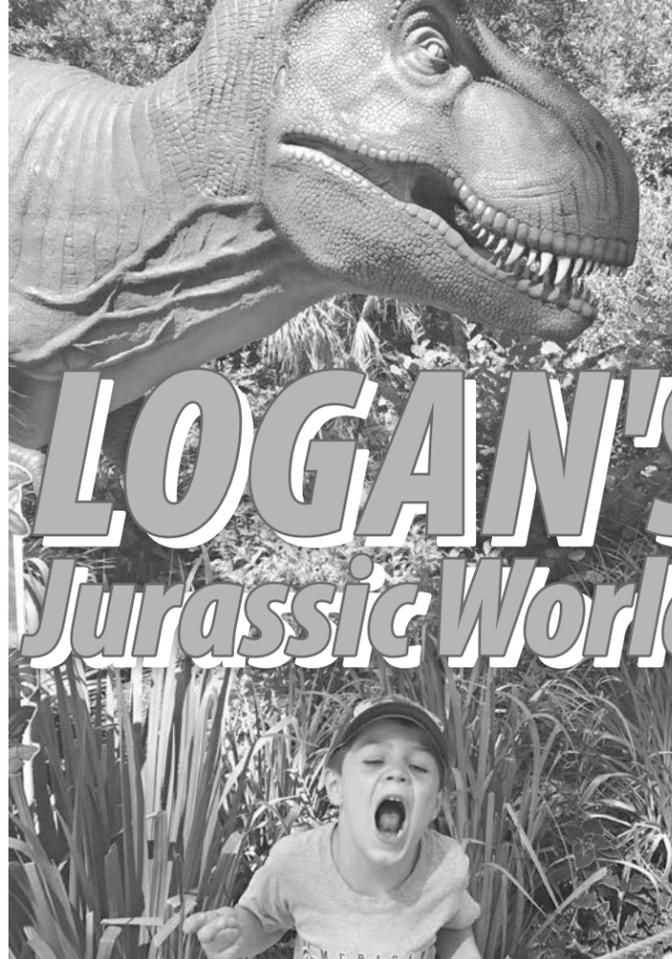
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# LOGAN'S Jurassic World



**This month we met 6-year-old Logan Jones; he is in 1st grade at Eagle County Charter Academy. Logan loves to watch Alabama football with his dad and this year they won the National Championship!**

**Kids' Corner**  
Contributed by Logan Jones, Singletree Resident  
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**What advice do you have for adults?** I would tell them how big a T-Rex is.

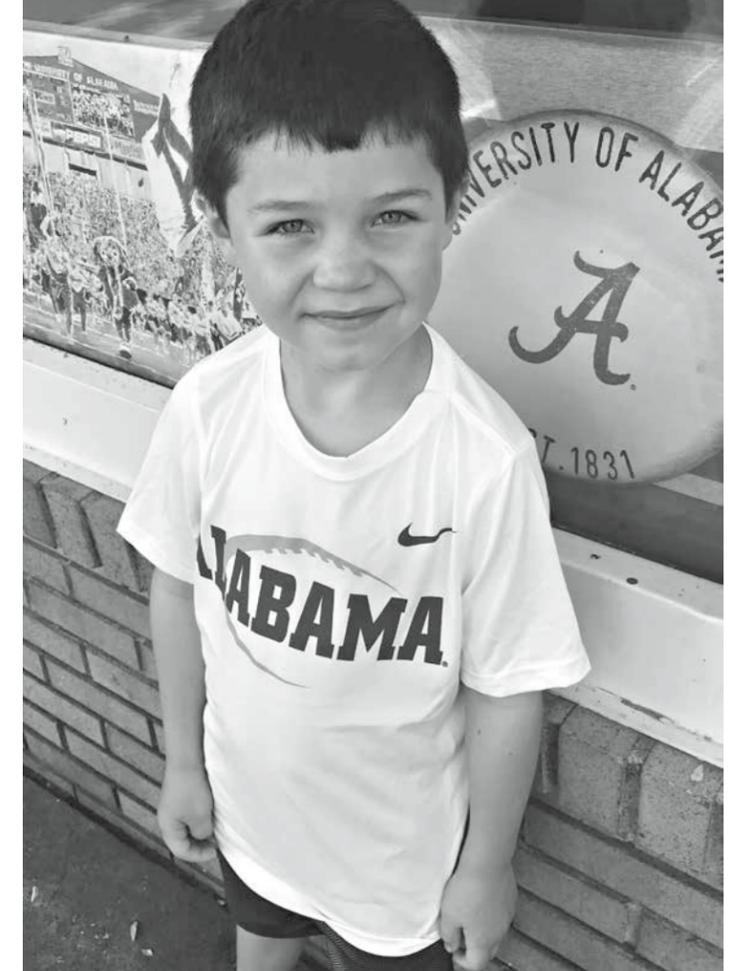
**What's your favorite movie of all time?** Your favorite book? Jurassic Park and *Jurassic World*. Plus there's a new *Jurassic World* coming out on my birthday; it's called *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*. It's June 22. I would say *Ocean Monsters* is my favorite book.

**What has been your favorite vacation?** Our big vacation we went on this summer was Disney World. I remember the Dinosaur Ride, when you are trying to find Iguanodon and once you get to the end there's a stop, and then a big carnivore comes out and then you turn around a corner and then the car that you are in is talking to you about what dinosaurs you see, and then at the very end of that corner the dinosaur that you see is Aladar, and there is a tree in front of him and then there is a brontosaurus and it picks up the tree for him to get out and escape!

**What do you love about living here?** Um, that I have three friends, Mac and Calvin and Thomas! And they all live right near me!



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**What do you love to do with your family?** Hmm... I love to have fun! I like to go skiing with them. We just went to this Ice Castle (in Silverthorne), it was really cool. I liked the ice slide. They have a small one and a big one in the ice castle.

**Do you have a pet?** My brother is a dog. His name is Shadow and he's 1 and a half. I came up with the idea of naming him from one of the *Wild Kratts* shows -- the one about the baby black jaguar; his name was Shadow.

**What is your favorite sport?** It's really soccer. I play with my mom every night when we go on walks with Shadow.

**Where do you like to go to play?** Skyzone, where my grandparents are. At Skyzone, you gotta get in and then you get these Skyzone socks and they have special padding on them, like grips and stuff, and once you go on the tramps, the socks and the grips on the socks make you jump super high when you are on the trampoline. That's at Alabama.

**What is your favorite toy?** It's really my Nintendo switch. I have three games on it and the games are Mario Kart, Lego Ninjago and Super Mario Odyssey.

**If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change?** I wish the whole world would just be covered in Swedish Fish.

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Dr. Beard opened Riverwalk Periodontics in Riverwalk at Edwards in December of 2014 to the excitement of both local residents and dental professionals alike. His office manager and assistant, Jaryn Montgomery, has been with him almost from

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## home of the month

Contributed by **Dave** and **Debbie Irwin**, Singletree Residents  
Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident  
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# Contemporary meets Tuscan Villa at 531 Winslow

As I drive up Winslow Road, I am unsure of which house is 531, but upon siting a particularly spectacular home, I know I have found my destination. Dave and Debbie Irwin's house stands atop its land similar to a Tuscan villa, overlooking lower Singletree and the Arrowhead slopes like a king upon its throne. Initially, the exterior is intimidatingly masculine with iron and stone rising from the ground, topped with deep-set windows and a dark metal roof. However, the avuncular nature of its creator is mirrored in the subtleties as the villa, once entered, becomes a home.

"I've always wanted a home to feel like a warm hug," Dave remarks as we walk around the living room and I experience the vastness that is a delightful surprise to the senses. Pure white walls with rounded edges are so divine it seems as though only Mother Nature could have created them. Every element just seems to fit perfectly and I am in awe as to how this home could be so big and yet feel so comfortable.

That's not an easy task," says Dave. "This home is a combination of a lot of different feels, designs, and styles I have learned over the years. I wanted it to have a feeling of warmth and at the same time, always be functional and without putting anything into it, be a work of art in itself." He has a wealth of experience in home design, with over 80 homes in the Vail Valley to his name, 15 homes throughout the United States and 2 in Australia.

Dave and Debbie Irwin created with each other a house that mirrors themselves and their relationship in a symphony of architectural senses. "We had fun putting this home together," remarks Debbie. "I just loved that our visions were the same." As we walk into the white quartz kitchen, she remarks further on how much she learned during the process of building. "I am a broker with Berkshire Hathaway and I sell homes in this valley, including of course, those built by The Nova Group (Dave's design and development company); it's great industry knowledge to really understand why finishes and prices differ, from the unseen footings to the kitchen countertops."



"Check out that cabinet over there!" laughs Dave. I open up what I think is going to be a modest pantry cabinet with cool shelving and am instantly overwhelmed by a humungous room with its own refrigerator and pantry shelving from floor to ceiling that rivals most master bedroom closets. "We like to have a place for everything," Dave begins, "so that we can enjoy the clean lines of the home," finishes Debbie.

The home was completed in January 2016, but Dave has owned the lot for 35 years. "I just knew when I met Debbie that I wanted to build our home together in Singletree," says Dave as he looks fondly at his wife. Of course, there were some bumps along the way in the build. The staining on all of the alder doors had to be sent back and redone because it "wasn't quite right". Ultimately, the Irwins effectively used dark coffee and grey tones to achieve a successful marriage between a contemporary style and the stature of a Tuscan villa.

"The beam across the living and dining room is 54 feet long," points out Dave, "and the lumber truck almost tipped over when it was being delivered!" All of the beams and exposed woodwork in the house are just that: beautiful and exposed to create an architectural detail that enhances the overall feel and design of the home rather than covering those beams in sheetrock and plaster.

Dave prides himself on his home building expertise and never asks anyone who builds his homes to do something he himself doesn't know how to do. "I can do electrical, plumbing, plastering, woodworking, the works," he explains as we stand in their second floor living space with the pool table overlooking the formal living area below. "He found this light fixture and took it apart and sprayed it from chrome to a more subtle color to match the pendant over the pool table!" exclaims Debbie.

"I feel I need to eliminate the overworked or overdone," Dave pauses as we move towards the master entrance. "For instance, I don't like hallways unless the design necessitates one, and I don't like unnecessary doors." Their first floor master suite is warm and welcoming, with rounded arches that take the place of doors as you move from the master to the bathroom and the enormous closet. "There's no reason to have a lack of storage for clothes, gear and personal items, when you live here," says Dave.



As I prepare to depart, I ask Dave and Debbie if they have any final words and Dave does not disappoint. "I designed this home to be warm and functional. There should not be more than three elements in a room: simple and clean and calming. Just like a beautiful lady in a black dress."



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SCCS parents and faculty are vital members of the family too. Parents, students, teachers and administrative staff operate as a team which fosters communication and ensures that each student's unique needs are advanced. A school's culture cannot be fabricated because its authenticity is too transparent. Anyone who walks thru the doors can see whether you have it or you don't. Here is how some of our SCCS family members describe our school:

"The first word that comes to mind when I think about the culture of our school is family. We are a family. We are a close-knit group of people who genuinely care about one another. The students interact like brothers and sisters. They love one another and celebrate each other's victories. They offer comfort and support to those who are struggling. Their care and attentiveness extend beyond the classroom. People from a variety of different grades can be found playing games together, reading together, and generally sharing life together." Christine Teichman, first grade teacher

"This family atmosphere can be seen among staff members. We work alongside one another to meet the needs of all students, not just those in our class. Students know they can rely on any of the adults to help them in their time of need and encourage them when they experience a victory. We are constantly bouncing ideas off one another and asking each other for advice as we work to provide a positive learning environment for each student." Genevieve Harrison, upper school social studies

"Our school functions as a family. We are the opposite of a big box: we are the little grocery store at the corner. We know our kids personally, and parents and teachers are in close contact. All teachers care wherever they teach... but our small structure and our flexible schedule allows us to implement CARING on an individual basis." Cynthia Blancke, ESL and reading instructor

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## A First **AFRICAN ADVENTURE**

When Dave and I retired and became full-time residents of Singletree in 2014, we had quite a long list of far-away places we wanted to visit. We had managed to see most of the United States and many wonderful places in Europe, but with corporate jobs and kids, we had never been able to travel for more than a week and a half at a time. Along with trips to China and Japan, and Peru and Ecuador, a safari in southern Africa was at the top of our list.

After researching Lonely Planet, Frommer's, etc, I had a good idea of what we wanted to see - safari camps in the Kruger area of South Africa, Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River in Zimbabwe, Chobe and the Okavango Delta in Botswana, Cape Town, and maybe Namibia. Friends who had used "Africa specialists" to plan their trip had told us it was possible to do a custom itinerary at about the same price as a package trip. I worked with a specialist in New York who planned out the most amazing trip to four camps plus Cape Town, advising us that we could do most of our list on our budget and time constraints, but to leave Namibia for another trip.

Fall and spring seemed to be the best times to visit, with our fall being dry but not terribly hot. When it's dry, the animals congregate at the few water holes so viewing is very likely. Our spring is more lush so the animals may be spread out. So off we set in October, flying from Denver to Frankfurt and then another equally long flight to Johannesburg.

Our custom trip included all transfers and personal escorts from place to place, since we were certainly no experts on traveling in Africa. It worked seamlessly with someone meeting us on arrival and whisking us over to the other side of the airport where the tiny "bush" planes take off from. One spectacular flight and scary dirt airstrip landing later, we were met by staff from our first camp in the private reserve area called Motswari near Kruger National Park. No time to rest, our first safari drive was in an hour! Fortified by an amazing lunch, small groups of about six people per vehicle set off to see how many giraffes, antelope, zebra, lions, rhinos, etc, etc, etc we could see.



Each camp we stayed at was somewhat different, with some having African-style huts and others with luxury tented "rooms", but in general, the routine was the same. Wake up before dawn with coffee and a small bakery item, then into the vehicles for a three to four-hour game drive. On return a sumptuous breakfast followed by a nap in the heat of the day with maybe a dip in a small pool. A light lunch, maybe at a remote picnic spot, then back into the vehicles for a late afternoon into dusk game drive with Sundowner cocktails at a picturesque spot at sunset. Another hour of night viewing for a different perspective. Dinner was usually fairly late and very delicious with plenty of local delicacies like Kudu steak, fried crickets, or crocodile as well as beef and chicken. South African wines were in plentiful supply.

At first concerned that we wouldn't see all the animals and birds we wanted to see, it soon became apparent that there was no shortage of "Big Five" and many other creatures and that we would become almost blasé about seeing yet another awesome lion or hippo or leopard. Unfortunately, rhinoceros have become very rare due to the huge amount of poaching that is happening. We did see one female high-tailing into the bush with her baby and wished her luck in surviving.

After a drive and a flight to Zambia, and a meet-up with our trusty escort, we crossed the border into Zimbabwe to stay at Elephant Camp, an elephant rescue preserve with an orphaned Cheetah named Chester that was right outside Victoria Falls. We had close encounters with the elephants, Chester, and a family of baboons as well as a visit to Victoria Falls. A highlight of this segment was an all-day whitewater rafting trip down the Zambezi River from the bottom of the Falls through eighteen rapids, twelve of which were Class Five. Terrifying and exciting at the same time! Nothing we had ever rafted in Colorado or Arizona had prepared us for this.

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Another escorted drive into Botswana and we were at the fabulous Chobe Game Lodge. The great thing about this lodge is its location right on the Chobe River. This allowed them to do two vehicle game drives and one riverboat game drive each day. We lost count of how many animals and birds we saw. It was also the largest place we stayed and more of a lodge than a camp.

Another tiny plane and dirt airstrip and we were at our most rustic tented camp in the Okavango Delta. Totally remote and off-the-grid, with some solar power and hot water, we had animals right in the camp many times. A group of five mature female lions took a liking to the campfire and dinner area. We went out in traditional dugout canoes with a driver polling us along like a Venetian gondolier. Talk about up close and personal with the hippos and elephants!

After twelve days in the dusty bush, we were ready for some luxury at the beautiful Cape Grace Hotel in Cape Town. Situated on the V & A waterfront at the base of Table Mountain, it was the perfect location to explore the whole Cape. A driver took us to the Stellenbosch wine country for tastings and lunch, with the same Guide driving us the following day to hike out to the Cape itself, tour the coastline, visit the penguin colony, and stroll the Botanic Garden. A third day was spent exploring the city, riding the cable car to the top of Table Mountain, and then a sunset cruise on a catamaran. Cape Town quickly became one of our favorite cities. Too bad it is so far away.

This trip was truly a "trip of a lifetime" but we hope to return to Africa to see a few more of our favorite animals. We met people who return again and again and it is easy to see why.

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new to the neighborhood

Contributed by Alyssa and Burke Larson and Alida Zwaan, Singletree Residents

# SINGLETREE WELCOMES the Larsons to the hood

**Burke, Alyssa, Tucker (4 in March), and Madison (2 in April) Larson moved to Rawhide Road in September 2017. They were thrilled to find a new home among family who live in the Vail Valley, including Burke's parents, sister and husband, aunt and uncle, his two cousins and Alyssa's brother, wife and new baby. Coincidentally, one of Burke's cousins is Tiffany McCracken, who works with Alida Zwaan, a fellow Singletree resident. This dynamic team was delighted to have the opportunity to introduce the Larsons to their new neighborhood.**

Burke and Alyssa lived in Eagle-Vail from 2011 until 2015, when they bought a house and moved to Eagle at the time Alyssa was pregnant with Madison. After 1.5 years in Eagle, they decided they needed to be back up valley, and listed their house which went under contract in 48 hours! Three months later they moved into their Singletree house in September of 2017. They love the close proximity to everything that they do and are so happy they made the move!

Burke was born and raised in Genesee, Colorado. He is the oldest of 4 kids. Burke's family always had a second home in East Vail where they came every weekend. Burke grew up ski racing in Vail through Ski Club Vail and mountain bike racing in the summers here.

Alyssa was born in Maryland and moved to Littleton, CO when she was 5. She grew up skiing at Copper and Breckenridge and had a love of the mountains from the beginning. Her Dad did a lot

of work for Breckenridge and got her a free Buddy pass the first year they were available (as a junior in high school). She and her friend skied 45 days that season and were hooked. Ever since then, Alyssa wanted to find a way to live here. With a plan to move here and teach skiing after college, she received a job offer she couldn't pass up. The mountains would have to wait.

Although they did not meet there, both Alyssa and Burke attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, where they overlapped for a year. When they met, Alyssa was living in Denver and Burke was living in Vail; they were introduced by their roommates who were dating. They spent closing weekend together in 2009, and every weekend after that for the next year, until Alyssa made the move to Vail in 2010. About 6 months later, Burke proposed to Alyssa in December and they were married in October of 2011 at the Sonnenalp Club (Balata at the time).

They like to mountain bike and hike in the shoulder seasons and summer and ski in the winter. Tucker was on the pump track on his strider bike from 2 years old and now can ride a regular pedal bike. He has been skiing since before he turned 2 and this is his first season taking ski lessons; he loves everything about it, especially the hot chocolate with whipped cream when they finish! Madison wants to do everything her big brother does and tries her hardest to keep up. She can get on and off her strider bike and walk around without falling over. She had her first day skiing this season starting in January and loved every second.



Burke was previously in the title insurance industry working for Land Title and Title Company of the Rockies for 14 years, but switched professions entirely to pursue his dream of general contracting almost a year ago. He now works with Alex Coleman (Coleman Custom Homes) on various projects throughout the upper valley.

Alyssa has been in commercial banking since graduating from college 13 years ago. She first started her career with LaSalle Bank in Chicago, then moved back to Denver. She was working for a commercial mortgage brokerage company for 3 years during the economic downturn, then moved to the Vail Valley and started her career with US Bank 8 years ago. She has always been an analyst/assistant

relationship manager, and is now an analyst team lead, managing a team of analysts that are located all over the state.



The entire family likes to vacation at Burke's parents' lake house every summer in Sandpoint, Idaho. It is a playground with every toy you could imagine. All of the family is there for the same week and they waterski, jet ski, sail, hobie cat, kayak, swim, and mostly enjoy their family time together. It is something they anticipate all year. But at the end of the day, no matter how much fun they have in Idaho or other places afar, Alyssa, Burke, Tucker and Madison are always happy to return to their home in Singletree. Please join us in welcoming them to the neighborhood!



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# Amy Goscha

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Amy Goscha is a Colorado native passionate about working hard and helping families through difficult times such as divorce and child custody disputes.

Amy attended St. Mary's Academy, a small all-girls high school in Denver, where she played field hockey and soccer. She attended Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, where she received an undergraduate degree in psychology. She went on to attend the University of Denver Sturm College of Law where she graduated with her law degree.

Her passion for the law came from her work with juveniles in drug court in 1999-2000. She routinely visited youth on probation and reported to judges on their progress. Through this experience, she recognized that she had a desire to help individuals going through difficult times such as divorce or dealing with the death of a loved one.

Amy began her legal career as a law clerk for a family law judge in 2008, where she gained experience in complex family law litigation from the court's perspective. Amy then joined a family law firm in Denver in September 2008. She moved to the Vail Valley in the spring of 2015 and has practiced law in the Vail Valley since that time. She married her husband, Terry Williams, in October 2016. Amy and Terry live in Singletree.

Today, Amy is a divorce and child custody lawyer and founding partner of Kalamaya | Goscha. With offices in Edwards, Glenwood and Aspen, the firm handles personal disputes including divorce, custody of children, personal injury, and criminal defense.

With extensive experience in representing clients throughout Colorado in family law and divorce cases, Amy speaks throughout the state on specific topics related to family issues to judges, lawyers, litigants and professionals.

Amy brings a specialized approach to clients in the Vail Valley as she remains at the forefront in the family law practice area in Colorado. She provides input on important issues that affect family law through her appointed positions on the Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee on Family Issues, Colorado Bar Association Executive Council, and Fifth Judicial District Access to Justice Committee.

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In 2014, Amy was selected to serve as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law with the Honorable Judge Angela Arkin. Amy taught Advanced Family Law to third-year law students for two consecutive years. She was appointed in 2016 to the Fifth Judicial District Access to Justice Committee. The Committee works on solving issues litigants face in receiving access to resources and the Courts where their disputes are heard.

Amy looks forward to continuing her passion in family law in the Vail Valley and she enjoys her involvement in the Edwards Rotary Club. She also frequents Pure Barre and runs with her dog, Koda, on the Charolais Trail.



## athlete spotlight

Contributed by **Keena Shikverg**, Singletree Resident  
 Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident  
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# Keena's Quest for Competition

**Name:** Keena Shikverg | **Age:** 10  
**School and Grade:** 4th grade at ECCA

**How long have you been ski racing?** I started when I was 15 months old and then I did the Lindsey Vonn Race when I was 5.

**When did you decide you wanted to compete?** Well, I always wanted to be competitive. During school, I play football and soccer and I play basketball with all the boys and I beat them a lot. Epic Mix Racing was too straight and my family is sometimes slow and I wanted more independence. Now I race in Ski and Snowboard Club Vail.

**What is it about ski racing that inspires you?** Mikaela Shiffrin inspires me to ski race because she is a great Olympian and Lindsay Vonn also because her favorite is GS or Downhill, and my favorite is GS.

**What competitive event is your strongest?** Definitely GS!

**What is the most challenging aspect of ski racing for you?** Parallel Slalom. It's where GS gates are set up as slalom, they are big gates and small turns so it's hard for me. When we are training, sometimes we just go to chair 16 and we go down straightening on one ski and it's hard but it's fun. My left leg is better. And then we have these skills quests, where we have to do pole-jumpers and tuck turns and one skiing on both legs.



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**What competitive ski racing events have you participated in?** Last year I was in YSO and I won every race and I didn't have any competition by the end of the year, so I had to move up to the harder age class and I've been placing in the teens but I'm getting better.

**What have you learned from ski racing?** I have learned that I can have more independence and you have to know where all your stuff is. If you forget things you have to be responsible for them. And sometimes that makes you a better person.

**What is your favorite moment in ski racing?** Going through the finish line! Without crashing of course.

**What are your goals in competition?** By the end of the year, I want to make it into the top 10, or top 5.

**Can you offer a piece of advice for someone looking to get into ski racing?** You have to be ready for the challenges that come to you at different times.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your friends and neighbors about your racing experience?** That you should try harder to get what you want. When I was 3, I broke my tibia and fibula, and I had to have a cast all the way up to my hip. My mom had to help me and teach me how to walk again; she brought me into the pool and she helped me. Then I had to face my fears on the first hill I went on after that.



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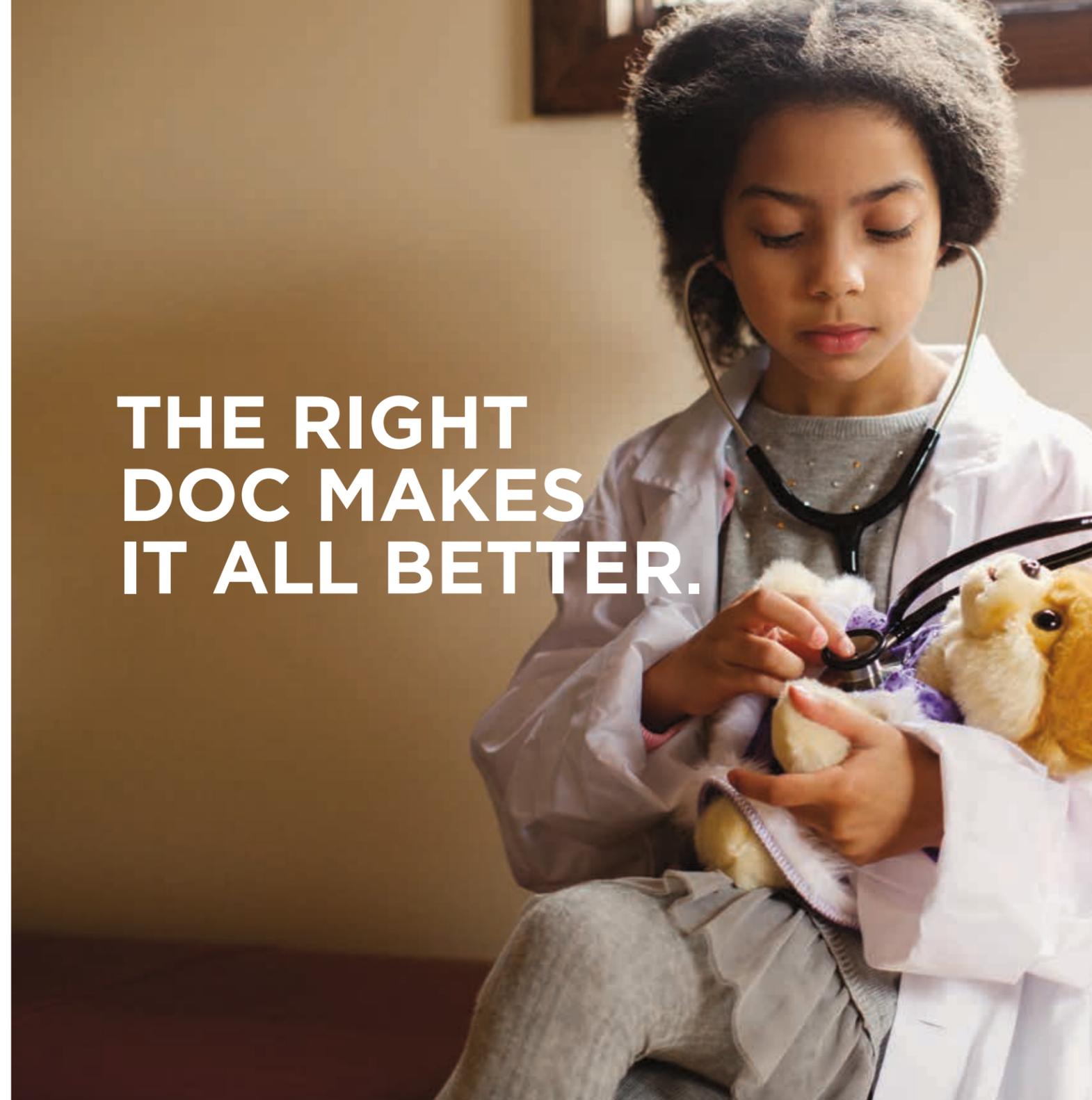
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