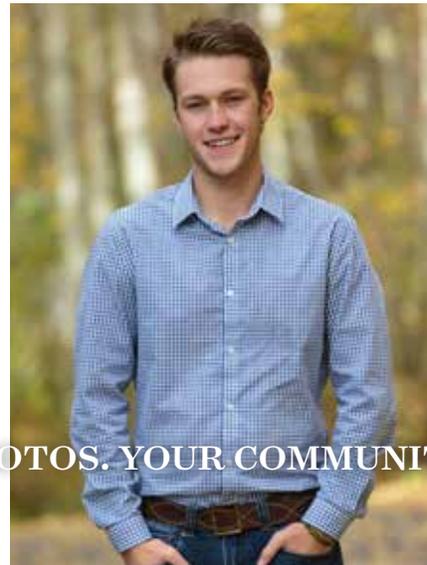
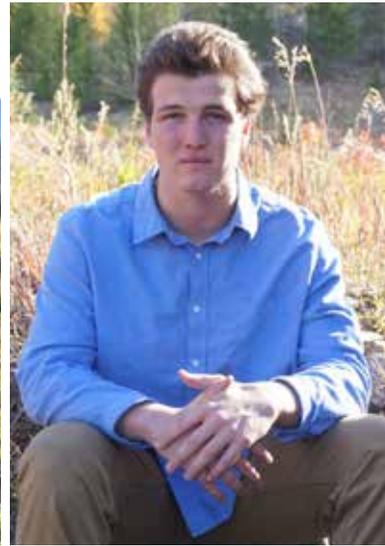
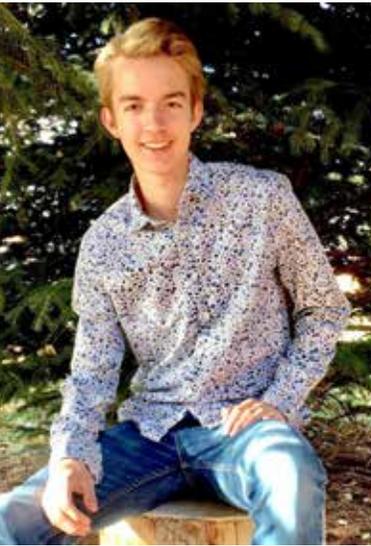


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publisher's note

May in all its glory, be it flowers or snow, has arrived. And with May comes graduation! In this issue, we are thrilled to recognize and congratulate the many outstanding high school graduates in the neighborhood; we wish them well wherever their path next leads them.

In this issue, Greg Decent shares his passionate endeavor to save the Tabor, while his wife, Allie, enlightens us with respect to the significance of the history of the famous opera house in Leadville. Please consider supporting the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation with a donation, volunteer time, or ticket purchase. And from 1879, we leap to 2018 with a peek into the dazzling contemporary home of Rosemary Tongish, a Persimmon Woods unit that has recently been completely remodeled into a sumptuous modern townhouse.

We share some of the social happenings in the neighborhood, including a mid-winter Ladies' Night Out as well as a Singletree celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Kathleen Viele invites us

into her cupcake houses, and Stella Addis shares her amazing passion and achievement on the soccer field.

I hope you enjoy these stories and more in this issue of *Inside Singletree*. Each month, I look forward to meeting more residents and hearing about your outstanding stories and experiences. Your neighborhood magazine is not possible without your participation!

Enjoy your busy May and **SAVE THE DATE** for two *INSIDE Singletree* events with your friends and neighbors in June! Join the fun with the **Great Singletree Rib-Off** at the Swift's home on Chaparral Road on June 10 and a **Hot Summer Nights Pre-Concert Mixer**, exclusively for Singletree residents, co-hosted by the Vail Valley Foundation on June 26. Look forward to seeing you there!



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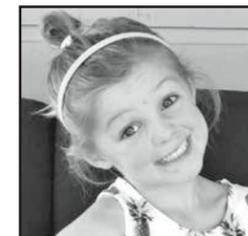
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*Active	101 Pinto Dr #A (DU)	\$1,279,000	N/A	N/A	\$372.34	N/A	4	5 (3 1 1)	3435	Full
Sold	141 Stagecoach Rd (SF)	\$1,045,000	\$1,025,000	3/1/18	\$324.74	\$318.52	4	5 (4 0 1)	3218	No
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*Sold	1121 Berry Creek Rd #C7 (CD)	\$595,000	\$560,000	2/27/18	\$427.75	\$402.59	2	2 (2 0 0)	1391	No
*UC	181 Mesquite Dr #E (DU)	\$1,325,000	N/A	N/A	\$417.98	N/A	4	4 (3 1 0)	3170	No
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# the Singletree Graduates



## Congratulations and Good Luck to the Members of the Class of 2018

The 2018 graduates of Singletree have exhibited their talent and passion over the past years in so many ways: skiing, running, soccer, football, tennis, writing, riding horses, performing with bands and choirs, and participating in speech and debate tournaments. And now, whether headed for college, employment, travel, or athletics, their destinations include Boulder, Fort Collins, Montana, North Dakota, New York, and Pennsylvania. Regardless of the next chapter in the journey, they are accomplished and motivated and looking forward to the adventure ahead of them.

Here, they share their memories and achievements as well as post-graduation plans and long term aspirations. We wish them all the best as they leave high school to pursue their dreams and ambitions.



### SAM LITT

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Robin Litt (mom), Steve Litt (dad), Hannah Litt (younger sister)

**Most Memorable Experience:** Slapping a close friend with a rose frozen in liquid nitrogen

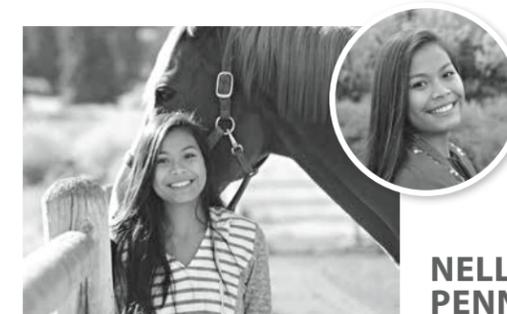
**Greatest Accomplishment:** Qualifying for the national speech and debate tournament twice

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Scuba diving in Hawaii over the summer, then college

**Aspirations:** I hope to study within the fields of neuroscience and women's and gender studies simultaneously, combining social and natural sciences and contributing to both scientific literature as well as social change.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Proximity! Living here means I am close to my school and activities anywhere in the valley but also close to nature and the many animals (mostly deer) that come literally into our backyard!

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Life is about balance. Managing and staying on top of your responsibilities is paramount, but don't forget to live along the way. No amount of scholarships, acceptance letters, high grades, or GPA points can compare to memories with close friends and family.



### NELL PENNINGTON

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Parents, Pam and Dan, sister Crosby (22 and recent graduate of the University of Kansas), sister Alden (freshman at Battle Mountain), Goldendoodle Lucy (13), and mutt Tulip (9)

**Most Memorable Experience:** We moved from Minnesota to Edwards halfway through my freshman year. It was quite an adjustment for sure!

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Being in the top 10% of my class all four years.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I'll spend the summer working at the stables at Cordillera, training and riding horses, then in August, I'll be attending CSU in Ft. Collins.

**Aspirations:** Not sure what my aspirations are, just trying to get through the next couple of months!

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** My favorite part of Singletree is all the hiking trails. When I have friends who visit, it's always on our list of things to do!

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** I would say that you should be true to yourself.



## WYATT PALMER

**High School:** Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy

**Family:** Zane, Tish, Zoie, and Oslo

**Most Memorable Experience:** Skiing every morning before school and going to Austria

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Skiing speed events and being ranked top in the nation for my birth year

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Working, training, and traveling. I'm planning to take a post-graduate year, deferring to DU.

**Aspirations:** I want to compete with a NCAA college

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Awesome mountain bike trails outside our doors and amazing views

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Live life like there is no tomorrow.



## EVAN FITZCHARLES

**High School:** Battle Mountain

**Family:** Parents: Eric and Melinda, twin brothers who are freshman: Adam and Ethan, pets: Opal, who is a Frenchie-Boston mix, and Noelle, our guinea pig

**Most Memorable Experience:** Traveling to New York City my freshman year with the band and choir

**Greatest Accomplishment:** My greatest juggling act to date: completing pre-screening audition recordings for colleges while running post-season XC, taking AP classes, and keeping up my grades.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** This summer, I plan to travel a bit with my family and attend every Bravo concert I can. In the fall, I plan to pursue dual degrees in piano performance and engineering at a college to be decided soon.

**Aspirations:** Personal: To be happy; professional: musician, engineer, or professional baseball player; athletic: to enjoy running; and education: four-year college and beyond?

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** The view

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Worry about the present, not the future.



## BESS DANIEL

**High School:** Vail Mountain School

**Family:** Karen, Tom, Sophie (sister), Max (dog)

**Most Memorable Experience:** Winning Alpine State Championships for the first time in history.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Attending the Youth Writer's Workshop summer of 2016

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Attending George Washington University, majoring in English and creative writing with a minor in journalism.

**Aspirations:** I want to be happy with whatever I end up doing. No matter where I go or what I do, it's important to find joy in the little things.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Having close friends a two-minute drive away.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Have fun and appreciate your friends and family before heading onto new endeavors. You may be ready to get out of this valley, but it's important to have gratitude toward everything it has provided. Don't stress too much about the future (I learned that the hard way); life is a rollercoaster filled with ups and downs, but eventually, you will reach your destination. Everything happens for a reason.



## RILEY SPEAR

**High School:** Vail Christian

**Family:** Natalie (sister), Mike (dad), Melissa (mom), Shamus (dog)

**Most Memorable Experience:** Winning the football league championship my freshman year

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Getting accepted into University of North Dakota

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I will attend The University of North Dakota to study aviation.

**Aspirations:** Fly for the military

**Favorite Part of living in Singletree:** Having everything so close

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Try to focus on high school until you graduate. It will pay off in the end.



## LUKE WILSON

**High School:** Vail Christian High School

**Family:** Barbara and Rob Wilson, Gunnar, Garrett, and Lolo

**Most Memorable Experience:** Playing in the 2017 High School Boys' State Championship soccer

game at Dick's Stadium

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Finishing high school a year early

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Attending one of the following universities: USC, TCU, UW, or Gonzaga.

**Aspirations:** I look forward to completing my MBA.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** I appreciate the location of Singletree, as it provides proximity to school, soccer, and friends.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** "Go hard or go home."



## ALEXANDRA CAMILLE RAICHART

**High School:** Battle Mountain.

**Family:** Shelly, Patric, Madi Raichart. Brutus and Elsa (dogs), Mittens (cat).

**Most Memorable Experience:** Going to Nike Cross nationals with my team and placing third in the nation.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Being efficient and productive while juggling both sports and school.

**Post-Graduation:** Work this summer and, hopefully, go to nationals for track. Going to Colorado School of Mines in the fall.

**Aspirations:** Continue running while pursuing a major in chemical engineering.

**Favorite Part:** Proximity to my school and town.



*Worry about the present, not the future.*



## ALEC EBNER

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Tom (father), Jennifer (stepmom), Esther (mom), Daniel (stepdad), Nick (younger brother), Jordan (older brother), and Belle (younger sister). Our pets are Balenciaga and Mischka (Chihuahuas), Chanel (Yorkshire terrier), and Alaia (golden retriever).

**Most Memorable Experience:** It was my time on the Jeffco ski team because I built great friendships, had a blast ski racing and freeskiing, traveled with the team to various ski areas around Colorado, and made CH-

SAA state championships for alpine ski racing three times.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** It was getting accepted into the engineering program at the University of Colorado Boulder.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I plan to work on my engineering degree at CU Boulder, and while doing that, I want to engage myself in internships or other job-relevant experiences.

**Aspirations:** I want to finish my college degree with strong grades, but my biggest dream is to invent a new product and create a successful business out of that product.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** It's the Sonnenalp Club because it brings the community together and offers a variety of useful activities and services.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Have fun, but reasonably balance it with school.

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## BRYCE RUNCKEL

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Carolyn and Doug Runckel

**Most Memorable Experience:** First place at state championships for BMHS ski team in my sophomore year

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Maintaining above a 3.5 GPA through high school

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Attending Montana State University

**Aspirations:** Graduate from college and see what is next

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** The views

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Do not procrastinate because it catches up to you fast!



## SYDNEY DIETZ

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Mom: Cari, Dad: Matt, Brother: Carson, Cat: Herbie, Dog: Gus

**Most Memorable Experience:** Dancing every day

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Getting to travel around the world as a high schooler through service work

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I will be attending Skidmore College in the fall!

**Aspirations:** I'm not completely sure what I want to do, but I know I'll be traveling and dancing

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** I love living close to the hiking trails, so I can get into nature easily.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Don't stress out about where you want to go to college or what you want to do! It will all work out, and you have time to discover what you love.



## MADELINE ELIZABETH HOFF

**High School:** Edina High School, Edina, MN

**Family:** Parents Jennifer and Michael, brother William (20), who is a sophomore at Miami of Ohio, and three dogs: Shelby, Dixson, and Bentley.

**Most Memorable Experience:** I was a member of my high school marching band, which held so many great memories

and friendships; marching in the New Year's Eve parade at Disneyland in 2015 is definitely one that stands out.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Making concert band at my high school, which included having an active role in our annual pops concert. Out of 500 kids in band, only 95 kids are in concert band; it was a goal of mine since fourth grade when I saw my first band show.

**Post-Graduation:** My dad and I are taking a trip to England, Wales, and Scotland just after graduation, and then I will be getting ready to attend college.

**Aspirations:** Majoring in political science and potentially going to law school. I've come to realize the huge impact one can have in creating and even challenging policy and laws.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** It only takes us six-and-a-half hours door-to-door to get from Minnesota to Singletree! We love to come out for long weekends and, of course, true vacation weeks to ski, hike, and golf. One of my favorite memories is making my first par on the seventh hole on the Sonnenalp golf course last August! I would love to meet more kids my age in Singletree and hope that over the years, as I spend time here, this will happen.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Be in the moment!



## SOPHIE DANIEL

**High School:** Vail Mountain School

**Family:** Mom named Karen, dad named Tom, twin named Bess, dog named Max, Guinea pig named Philip

**Most Memorable Experience:** Regionals for tennis team.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Becoming captain of the VMS girls' tennis team.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA in the fall  
**Aspirations:** I want to have an amazing college experience that will help me find my interests and learn about all of the things that will make me happy later on in life.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Being able to meet new people every day while also always seeing familiar faces. Also, a lot of my best friends live in Singletree, which is very nice.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2019:** Make sure that you find things that make you happy and enjoy learning because you may find that school and the classes that you're taking are pretty interesting.



The women of Singletree gathered at the home of Jean Mitchell to enjoy a mid-winter ladies' night out in February. Wine and hors-d'oeuvres were served, acquaintances renewed, and new connections made. Thank you, Jean, for hosting a delightful evening for the ladies in our neighborhood!



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# A Singletree Man's Dedication to Colorado History

## Greg Decent Commits to Save the Tabor

"I remember my first time walking into the Tabor Opera House in Leadville and immediately feeling as if I was stepping back into time," says Greg. "I could just feel the energy of life pulsating from the history all over the walls." Mr. Decent fell in love the moment he saw the building twenty years ago. He attended Colorado Mountain College and always saw the Tabor as a big, old building that had concerts in it in the summer but didn't understand the historical significance of the space. Once dubbed "the largest and best west of the Mississippi" by national papers at the time, the Tabor Opera House is the last standing legacy of Silver King Horace Tabor, who came to Leadville to mine for gold and ended up creating a city of significance. Since the opera house was purchased in 2016 by the town of Leadville, Greg has been volunteering his time to help save the Tabor.

"When he first showed up, I was like, 'Who is this guy?'" recalls Tammy Taber. "Like, that whole summer, he would come in with Willow, and he would ask what he could do, little things here and there I always needed help with." Tammy is a longtime Leadville resident and lover of the opera house and the rich Tabor history. "In fact, I am actually married to a Tabor, though his side of the family spells the name 'Taber' instead. My husband and Horace Tabor share a (many greats) grandfather."

As a Leadville history buff in training, Greg was immediately attracted to her wealth of knowledge of the opera house. "I wanted to pick her brain and find out more ... I wanted to see more of the place beyond the actual theater. I wanted to see the ballroom; I wanted to see more of the building and learn more about the building's history. No one but a select few had taken steps upstairs beyond the public corridors." Greg, Tammy, and the chairwoman of the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, Stephanie Spong, know that it's the community now, not the walls, that are truly going to support the Tabor through its greatest challenge yet: full restoration.



Are you passionate about a particular cause? Do you know someone who dedicates time and energy to a nonprofit organization? E-mail [holly.proctor@n2pub.com](mailto:holly.proctor@n2pub.com) to recognize the residents who make a difference in your community.

Many have heard of Leadville but perhaps have never visited. The once-great city is undergoing a renaissance of sorts, with housing prices skyrocketing, as more people are moving to the historical town full of little Victorian houses and starting their own quaint shops and businesses. Only 45 minutes from Singletree, it's a fun destination that sloughs the polished sophistication our valley's clients and residents demand for a more laid-back Western charm that relaxes and feels extremely authentic Colorado because it is.

The town of Leadville's rise and fall mirrors the rise and fall of the life of its most famous resident and father of the opera house, Horace Tabor. His legacy built Leadville, put it on the map with the country, and subsequently wiped it from the

history books with his demise. His silver mines took a one-horse town from a blip to a megalith that was once in consideration to be the capital of Colorado. To understand the significance, I need to give you a little history lesson.

After America won her independence, the bimetallic standard was introduced in 1792, and the previous system of bartering for goods and services was replaced with the introduction of coinage holding monetary value. Those metals were found by miners throughout the country and bought by the government, who then created American coinage. At the time that Horace Tabor came to the rough Western mining town of Leadville, the ratio of gold to silver measured in ounces was 1:15. Everyone was hoping to find gold, but it turned out that silver was much more plentiful in the Rocky Mountains. Silver and gold metals were being used for commerce throughout the nation, but the issuance of "greenbacks" to pay for the Civil War devalued the dollar, which put America in its first financial crisis known as the Panic of 1873.

To overcome the depression, the government issued the Coinage Act of 1873 that stopped the acceptance of silver as a form of currency in order to re-inflate the value of the dollar. Miners, of course, took to the Senate with their pleas to re-coin silver, and the Bland-Allison Act of 1878 finally accepted that in order to bolster the economy, silver would be worth 9/10 of an American dollar; in essence, silver was suddenly worth only 10% less than the gold in Fort Knox. Horace Tabor, who had purchased 2/3 interest in the Little Pittsburgh Mine that struck the largest silver find in history on May 15, 1878, was about to become an extremely rich man.

In the first year, he made one million dollars (\$24 million dollars today), and in subsequent years, he pushed his wealth all the way up to today's equivalent of \$165 million. With that money, Horace became one of the first silver kings to put his money at home. The construction of the Tabor Opera House was not a typical method of building in 1879. The materials used were not readily available in Leadville, CO, and had to be brought to the area by a horse-pulled wagon over mountain passes, since the railroad did not reach Leadville until 1880. Portland cement was used in the construction of the sixteen-inch thick walls. This was an engineering feat in 1879 since most of the buildings during this period were constructed of wood and/or brick and mortar. This type of construction was believed to provide better acoustic sound in the theater, which would enhance the patron's experience of the performances.

The main floor of the theater seats four hundred people and was inclined by six inches to ensure that everyone had an unobstructed view of the stage. This alteration to the floor was new to the Leadville, CO area, as most theaters had flat floors with wooden chairs. Tabor also commissioned Andrew Make to design the theater seats. Unlike the typical wood seats of the period, these seats were made of cast iron, could be flipped up for ease of access to seating, and were upholstered in scarlet crushed-velvet. The balcony seats an additional two-hundred-and-fifty people and provides an easy view of the stage in this intimate setting. The walls and ceiling fea-



tured a brightly colored frescoed texture. Lace and drop curtains dressed up the stage and were illuminated by thirty gaslights.

All of the work was financed entirely by Tabor privately, now the mayor of Leadville, who wanted to create a place where the well-to-do in the West could feel safe and secure while enjoying their entertainment. The usual argumentative shootings in halls of

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the past were not acceptable in this newly minted city. The Tabor Opera House officially opened on November 20, 1879, only one hundred days after groundbreaking began.

The Tabor Opera House has hosted famous performers and entertainers including Oscar Wilde, Anna Held, Harry Houdini, and Jack Dempsey. In fact, the ropes from Dempsey's fight on stage are still at the Opera House for your purveying pleasure. Harry Houdini mesmerized the patrons with his disappearing act that required a special trap door be cut into the stage. The prestigious Wilde amused the craggy miners and recounts his experience: "I read them passages from the autobiography of Benvenuto Cellini, and they seemed much delighted. I was reproved by my hearers for not having brought him with me. I explained that he had been dead for some little time, which elicited the enquiry, 'Who shot him?'" (Jordison) Wilde left an indelible impression with the rough miners and christened the legitimacy of the Tabor Opera House as a respectable form of entertainment, which was inclusive to all members of the community.

And then to the community, it returns. After the famous Silver Crash of 1893 and the fall of the Silver King, Leadville began a slow decline, and the Opera House changed hands over and over again after its foreclosure that same year. The Opera House sat neglected until The Elks Club acquired it and modernized it in 1901 as a meetinghouse. Despite removing most of the extravagant Victorian charm in the opera house, the Elks continued to offer performances and did contribute to the modernization of the building. The Elks removed the second-floor rooms and created a ballroom and bar area for the opportunity to host events beyond performances.

In 1955, Florence Hollister bought the property and saved it from demolition. Her only heir, Evelyn Furman, restored it to as close to its original condition as possible. Evelyn Furman would utilize her time spent operating the opera house through the penning of four books about the history of the Tabors. Her daughter, Sharon Furman Bland, kept the doors open and the building standing until the weight of carrying the burden of a crumbling historical landmark became too much, and the building was put up for sale in 2014. It was purchased by the city of Leadville itself in 2016 after the fundraising campaign "Save the Tabor" succeeded.

"When the opera house was up for sale in and purchased by the city of Leadville, I got excited," recalls Greg. "Finally, this historic landmark would be a



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501(c)3, which means it's more eligible for historic grants." The city has opened up the opera house more to the public, not just during the summer. It has been open for the Victorian Home Tour in the winter and the Skijoring event in the spring. Tours are now led throughout the entire building, whereas before they were only allowed in the theater. The public has also become more aware of the condition of the building and the needs of the building.

The preservation effort has really become serious, and the slogan "10 Years 10 Million Dollars" rings throughout the halls. The City wants to restore the opera house not just for performances but to use as a community center. "Imagine lighting up the ballroom for community events like weddings, quinceaneras, parties," sighs Greg. "It's not just a theater building anymore but a community building. I want to be part of that change, part of making a historical building not just a museum but a place that is still alive and beats like the heart of the little mountain city that it is."

Tammy has seen a huge change in community involvement since the purchase. "The community can finally be involved, and they really care about it now, and Greg's help for our 'Loving on Leadville' event here back in September was invaluable," says Tammy. "I don't know how or why he showed up on that first day, but I'm so glad he did."

That event was a nonprofit night out to highlight the public and nonprofit organizations of Leadville and Lake County.

"For the first time, there was noticeable full community support and interaction. People were not there solely to see a show. They were there because they care about the opera house, and they care about Leadville and they want to see the building restored," she quotes. Greg echoes her sentiments. "They want to see it turned into a community building," recalls Greg. "I noticed that night it went from being a single-service location to a building the community finally cares about. If you want someone to care about something, make them part of it."

Recently, the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation was awarded \$200,000 from the State Historical Fund and \$10,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation toward architecture and engineering project of \$316,000. Check out [www.savingplaces.org](http://www.savingplaces.org), and click on "11 Most Endangered Historic Places" to find the Tabor.

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July 28	7:00 AM	Josh Blue
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Aug 4	7:30 PM	EJ Cox Band
Aug 5	8:00 AM	Cowboy Church with John Peterson
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**Saturday the 25th – 4pm to 7pm**

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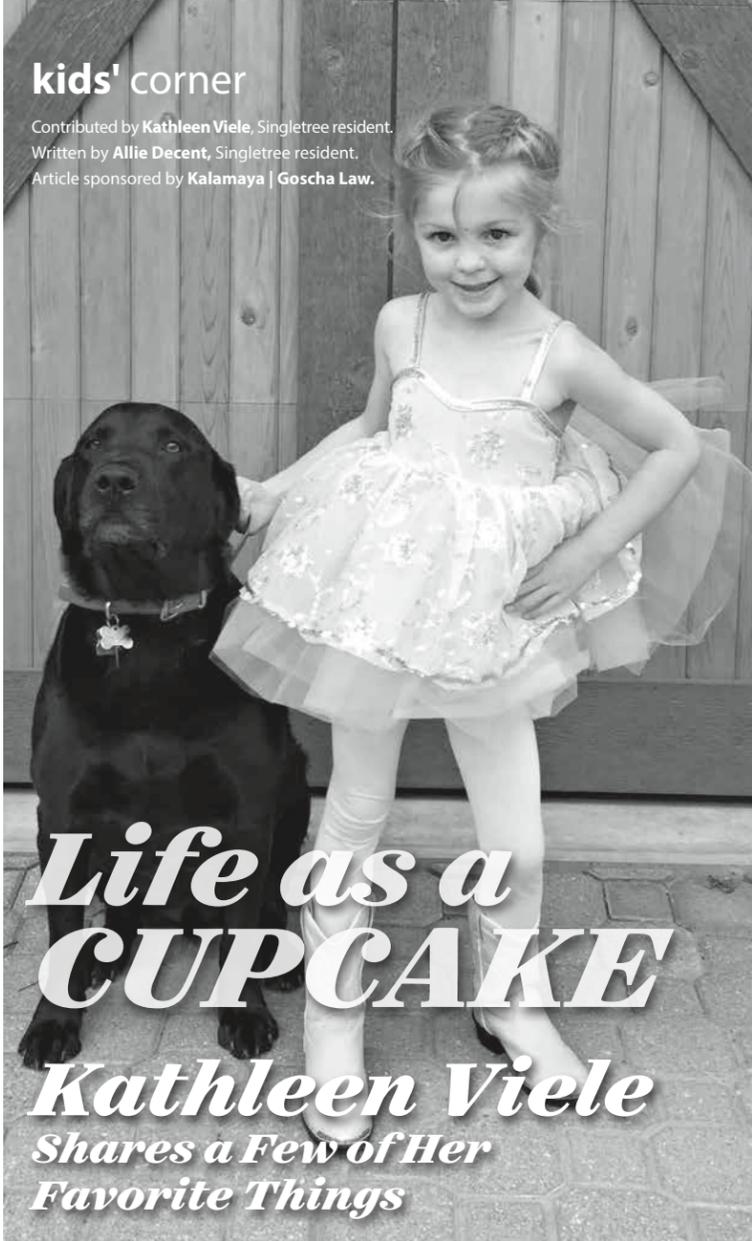
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## kids' corner

Contributed by **Kathleen Viele**, Singletree resident.  
 Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree resident.  
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# Life as a CUPCAKE

**Kathleen Viele**  
*Shares a Few of Her  
 Favorite Things*



### What is your favorite school subject?

Oh! Um, recess! Because I get to play with my best, best friend Perry Silverman.

### What is your favorite toy?

I have no idea. I like to play by myself if I'm alone, but I play with nothing. I just walk around and imagine things.

### If you could change one thing in the world, what would you change?

I would wish for a new friend, a new best friend, like another one with Perry, too, like one who would just come here and move here and be with us, so there's three of us all the time to play cupcake houses.

### What's your favorite movie of all time?

*Bunk'd*, but it's a TV show on Disney Channel. It's about a camp, and it's called Kikiwaka. It's a legend, and it's named after the legend of the scary monster. I like that all the kids are friends, but sometimes, there are fights, but they always know how to make up.

### What is something you want to share that you did last year?

I went skiing and to Disney World!

### What was the best part of Disney World?

I loved going to Animal Kingdom at Disney World. I love the big tree that animals are in (the Tree of Life).

### What do you love about living here in Singletree?

I love that I get to be with my friends. My birthday party is a hockey birthday party! Even though the day is a mystery.



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Hello, Singletree readers! This month, we met with Kathleen Viele! She is 5 (and-a-half) years old, and her birthday is "a mystery." She attends Stone Creek Charter in Miss Clark's kindergarten class. She wants to be a vet when she grows up. She plays hockey and ski races and does ballet. She says her older brother Wyatt is a "maniac!" Her mom, Rachel, and dad, David, all live on Conestoga Circle and can't wait for the summer weather!

### Do you have a pet?

Yes, a dog. His name is Jefferson. He scoots his butt on the floor all the time. Um, I would love to have a cat, though. I would love to have a cat to chew on my brother's stuff, and then he would have to walk to school with naked feet! Haha!

### What is your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Hmm, play with my friends at their houses. We play cupcake houses; you play under a kid house, and we pretend we are cupcakes. Knock, knock, anyone home? Nope, just me--the berry cupcake--don't eat me! (*This statement is followed by deep belly giggles.*)

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## athlete spotlight

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Stella (2nd from left) with the UNC Womens' Team at Captain Elite

# INSPIRATION from the SOCCER FIELD

## Stella Addis Epitomizes Talent, Passion, and Commitment



Stella and her cousin at a Colorado Rapids game

**Introducing Stella Addis, lifetime Colorado local and daughter of Brendan and Dana Addis! Without further ado...**

**How long have you been playing soccer, and how did you first start?**

I've been playing since I was 5 years old. I started out on a storm team with friends in Denver and then did Littleton United, and then I moved here and did Vail Valley, and now I'm playing for a Denver team again.

**What is it about soccer that inspires you?**

I like how it pushes me out of my comfort zone. There are so many great players out there I know, and I've been to a lot of games over the years, and those games have inspired me. I used to want to make a national team and play nationally. It's hard to think about that when I'm just trying to push myself for each game and thinking about high school teams. Soccer inspires me to push myself for the small goals and the big goals.

**What position is your strongest?**

Right mid-field. The outside wings. I like running, so I enjoy running up and down the field. You have to be able to get those outside passes, so you can do crosses and such, so those are the

strongest because I like to go fast on those wings, and there's no one really stopping you for a while.

**What is the most challenging aspect of soccer for you?**

Switching teams so much--I have to get used to the players I play with. Working with all the players in the middle field is difficult. I always want to pass to the girls I know how they play, and that's not really fair for the other girls. But I don't know how they play, so I need to overcome that and play more as a team.

**Who do you idolize in the sport?**

I honestly idolize the male soccer players. They are framed as being better at the sport than girls, and they are really good and have great footwork, and they are pretty strong and can't really get pushed down. I liked Abby Womack for a while. She played for the U.S. women's national team. I have been to a lot of the Rapids games down in Denver, but I would love to go to a game that's big, like in Europe. I think it would really cool to travel to see a foreign soccer game.

**What kind of time commitment does your soccer require?**

You go all year, and you go to summer camps to have touches on

the ball. It keeps pulling you back in. I have to practice with my team three times a week, and then I do Captain Elite. Mostly, weekends are going back down to Denver to play those weekend games. It has such a huge impact on people's lives, and it's tough with the driving. You have to put in a lot of time to be one of the best players on your team. It takes a lot of commitment.



Fun and games for Stella and her Colorado teammates

**What competitive soccer tournaments have you participated in?**

We do a lot of tournaments, but our most recent one was the Arizona tournament. I also like Las Vegas, where we got to play under the lights. There are so many people there and so many people watching, so when a goal comes, everyone is screaming ... so that's fun about it, too.

**What are your best results?**

My best result was probably 3V3 Tournament; we got second, but that was okay. It's smaller and faster than a regular game. You have to be three people playing three people, and that's when I got the best results. There's a lot of scoring, and you have to be quick on your feet. The field is half the field that we usually play on and half the goals.

**What have you learned from soccer?**

I have learned to just stick to it. I have had to do that with homework and sticking to my schedules. It's hard to want to do it every week, and I get tired of it, but once I just get out there, I feel a lot better, and I know I'm doing better and getting stronger.

**What are your goals in competition?**

I'm just coming off an injury, so my goal is really to get back on the field as a stronger player. I've had to do a lot of PT. I want to come back better; I had an ankle injury and a problem with my ligament. It took a long time to get better, and it's really hard to wait.

**Can you offer a piece of advice for someone looking to get into soccer?**

You need to pass the ball around with your parents and your friends and go to the camp. It's really hard for kids, like my little brother, who just want to score and take the ball all the time. You just have to stop and think about it and really play the game with strategy as a team.

**Is there anything else you would like to share with your friends and neighbors?**

I think I've just had a great season and a great time doing the sport. I just don't know a sport that I've loved more than soccer.



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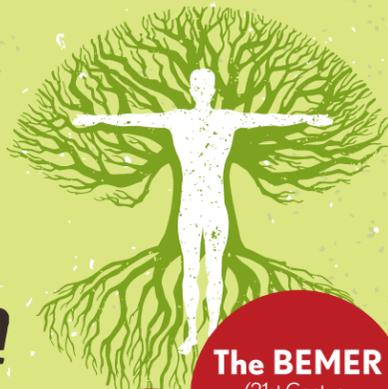
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# FARE THEE WELL BUT NOT GOODBYE

It is with great joy we wish to honor and celebrate our matriculating eighth graders. It seems like yesterday when they first donned their "charter garb" and wriggled out of a parent's car, nervously excited to begin their first day at Stone Creek Charter School (SCCS). In our eighth grade graduating class, we observe confident, intelligent, kind, and curious young women and men springboarding into their next adventures. "We wish you happiness, continued dedication, and great success in your high school years. But remember, your SCCS family will always be there for you," said Jason Mills, executive principal.

We recently surveyed our eighth graders, asking them a few questions about their experiences at SCCS. Not surprising, there was an overwhelming response regarding the friends made and the family-like atmosphere at the school, the small class sizes, the support and encouragement they received, and how they will miss their classmates and teachers dearly. Paris Carey, an eighth-grade graduate, described it well, "Being able to connect with each and every one of my classmates makes it easier to share/express my ideas, being confident not to fail and excited to go to school."

Survey results also demonstrated the positive influence our teachers made on our students. "I think my math teacher had the most influence on my education because she would take me and my friends snowboarding on the weekend ... and are closer as a classroom," said Heriberto Palacio. "The most influential person in my SCCS experience was Ms. Classick. We've been with her from the start of our middle school ride, being in her homeroom for four years and accidentally calling her 'mom,'" said Sophia Tomasic.

Project-based learning (PBL), advanced and special education classes, interactive labs, and the enrichments also positively impacted the educational experience of the students. "My most impactful experience would have to be PBL or small classes because PBL taught me a lot and let me learn lots about myself, and small classes let me bond with people and be able to talk to them," said Singletree resident and eighth-grade graduate, Ainsley Pitcher. Lydia Bloess, an eighth-grade graduate, was fond of the school's enrichment programs, "We have enrichments almost every Friday, where we learn to do real-world things and just have fun."

The professional pursuits reported by our students run the spectrum, including engineer, video editor, computer developer,

scientist, microbiology, guitarist in a metal or rock band, doctor, lawyer, fireman, armed services, video game designer, CSI, forensic scientist, author, horse trainer, art, interior design, businesswoman, soccer player, photography, psychology, chef, entrepreneur, NASA engineer, sports, technology, biochemist, modeling, and veterinarian. It appears that our efforts to *develop the mind, excite the spirit, and change the world* have been successful.



Ainsley Pitcher in her 2017 award-winning Pink Vail costume wherein she built her own character that she designed in project-based learning and held a "Kids Against Cancer" booth.

To our eighth graders: "Parting is such sweet sorrow" but go knowing you are well-prepared, have made life-long friends, and won't be forgotten.

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## home of the month

Contributed by **Rosemary Tongish**, Singletree resident.  
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I ask her if she is a designer, and she laughs. “No, I’m not. But I’m from a family of builders and architects. I knew when I needed help.” She hired John Merritt as her architect but still planned on finishing all the interior design herself until she ran into Linda Wilson on a Vail Club 50 rafting trip. “She mentioned that she was a designer but not actively, and I got overwhelmed during the project,” said Rosemary. “So, I called her, and she stepped right in and was an absolute lifesaver!”

The result of all this work is a sumptuous collection of a woman’s dreams. A master bedroom with the most wonderful walk-in and walk-through closet is made all the larger with chrome-and-white barn doors and diamond-tipped cabinet pulls. The opalescent bathroom tile accents the pebble shower and white soaking tub in this fairytale unicorn forest of master bathrooms. Rich creams in woolen patterns are complemented with tropical touches of turquoise, orange, and purple that keeps the space homey and warm. Faux fur throws and accent



chairs invite visitors to sit and enjoy the contemporary glass fireplace with a sparkling crystal stone liner. “When I walk in, I just feel happy,” smiles Rosemary. “It’s just a perfect space to relax and unwind after my crazy flight-attendant work schedule. I absolutely love it.”

# a sliver of silver light

at the End of Persimmon Woods

I have been in Persimmon Woods townhouses many times in my field of work as a real estate agent, but never in all my life would I have imagined the contemporary modern interior that Rosemary Tongish has created. If winter had a “Jane Frost,” this would be her home. Silver sparkles from the rock chandelier and cascades in a flurry of light. I am greeted with a floating wood staircase fitted with industrial custom design railings crafted in wrought iron and finished with powder coating, the look that reflects that new mining flair found in renovated houses today. “I totally gutted it; I totally enclosed the loft and extended it 4 feet,” explains Rosemary. “That was actually my builder’s idea, Wayne Haskin from Haskins Construction. He made this entire experience wonderful and brought my dream to life.”

When Rosemary bought the property, she could see the potential to create her dream home. “I think it’s just knowing what you want and going for it,” she says while perched on her white nailhead sofa with turquoise accent pillows. “I had a condo with a mountain look, and I wanted something brighter and more contemporary.” A dedicated hiker and climber, Rosemary integrated her love of all things rocky throughout the home, most noticeably in the geometric dining chandelier and the bathroom lights.

“When I found these lights at Inside Source in Frisco, I just knew that I had to have them featured in the space,” she muses. “Picking out the design finishes like that was instrumental in keeping me on track with the overall feel I wanted to create. I didn’t move in until a year after I closed, and I spent six months picking out all the finishes,” she gestures around the living-and-kitchen combo main room.

Rosemary sourced everything she could locally, using Decorative Materials for the tile, Thurston for the European white-enameled cabinets, Creative Floors for the entire home, and Ferguson for the fixtures. “All the furniture came from Slifer Design, but this dining table was handmade by Scott Burgess and is made from walnut.” I couldn’t believe the skill, as I ran my hand over the egg-shaped table. It really looks like it’s made of metal, especially with the inset steel crisscrossing the top and poured down the sides! Because her dining space is small and she didn’t want to have a huge table and large chairs, she found a creative solution with her design purchases. “I found these ghost chairs and designed around them; they really let in all the light and keep the space open, and they inspired me for the rest of the space,” recalls Rosemary.



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for all and a variety of appetizers including corned beef, potatoes, and an array of green hors-d'oeuvres. Thank you, Marty and Terri, for inviting Singletree into your home for a fun-filled evening to honor St. Patrick!

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The evening included a barbecue dinner, beer and wine, and a tour of the MCPS showroom featuring fitness equipment, grills and patio furniture, saunas, hot tubs and spas, and swimming demonstrations in the fabulous Endless Pool swim machine by Catie Kiddoo, Max and Ross Bradbury and Tom Trotter in the fabulous Endless Pool swim machine. Many thanks to Michael and Sara Charles, the owners of Maximum Comfort Pool and Spa, for welcoming the N2 community into their amazing world of health and fitness.





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