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Hello *Singletree* Residents!

publisher's note

Welcome to August! I hope you are all enjoying a fabulous summer full of fun and excitement! I am excited to be bringing you another edition of your neighborhood magazine ... chock full of interesting people in your community.

This month, *Meet Your Neighbors* features Brian, Emma and Thomas Judge and Sarah Siegel — many of you have watched with curiosity as they built their new home at 11 Buckboard. With diverse backgrounds, they contemplate the quandary: “Are we local or are we native?” How would **you** answer that question?

Rohn Robbins, today's Chairman of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund, enlightens us on the origin and philosophy that drives this amazing organization to assist those in need in the Vail Valley who have fallen on hard times as the result of a medical problem — true to their mission, the VVCF has assisted more than 1,700 residents over the past 22 years! We meet Bozacki, aka Bo, Carri and John Tedstrom's new mini golden retriever; we get to know Savina May, an accomplished young dancer heading to Battle Mountain in the fall; and we follow Lai White on a National Geographic expedition on the Mekong River. And marking the season with a splash, we join a Vail Swim practice where many of our Singletree youth enjoy the summer building friendships in the pool.

Singletree was a very social neighborhood in June and we are thrilled to capture some of the highlights here! Tim and Lisa Swift graciously hosted the ‘Great Singletree Rib-Off’ that brought out many secret chefs to enter their ribs in a hot competition; this issue announces the names of the winners along with their award-winning recipes. Later in the month, **Rewind** kicked off the Singletree **Music in the Park** series with a record-breaking number of residents enjoying a night of classic rock on the night of the Summer Solstice. Both events are testament to the fact that Singletree residents eagerly embrace social engagement and building community here in our own backyard. Come join us at our next event!

Speaking of which, while we may be sliding into fall, let's keep the spirit of summer alive with a Sunday evening soiree at the home of Ingrid and Craig Dampier on August 12. Toast the season and socialize with your Singletree friends and neighbors on their fabulous deck overlooking the golf course!



Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in *Inside Singletree*! Your neighborhood magazine would not be possible without you!

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Brian, Emma, Thomas, Sarah and Skipper

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Native or Local? In Colorado, people talk a lot about being a local or native. It's a place where people are proud to be from, their home surrounded by beautiful mountains. It shows in their faces and their voices as they proclaim their love and their loyalty for their State. But, what does this really mean to be a local or a native? How would you answer the question? The dictionary defines a native as, "a person born in a specific place" and a local as, "belonging to or relating to a particular area."

This family of Brian, Emma and Thomas Judge and Sarah Siegel have an interesting story and diverse backgrounds as 'locals' and 'natives.' Brian was born in Vermont and was raised in another small town in Newtown, Connecticut. In these towns, no one ever asked him if he was a local or a native. To be honest, he said he was not sure he even knew what that meant until he moved to Colorado. Many of his friends still call Newtown home.

Brian chose the University of Colorado in Boulder for College. If you ask him why he asks, "Is there a more beautiful place to spend four years?" He was awestruck by the mountains in the

background, skiing on the weekends and "studying" during the week. After school, he went back to Connecticut for a short period of time and visited the Vail Valley for vacations but like so many others he never really left. Brian represents the typical, "I came for the winter and stayed for the summer." Since returning in 1991, he has called the Vail Valley home for the last 27 years but still doesn't know if he should call himself a local.

Both of Brian's children, Emma and Thomas, were born in the Vail Valley Medical Center, these two clearly fit the definition of both native and local to the Vail Valley, no question. They have both attended school at Vail Christian Academy from pre-K to eighth grade and have many friends that can say the same, a rare find these days. This coming year, Emma will be a junior at Battle Mountain High School — she has received her Varsity letter in lacrosse and is also playing volleyball competitively for the school. At 16, Emma has already taken many college courses and although she is uncommitted to a major, she is touring college campuses as often as she can. She is excited her brother is joining her this upcoming year as a freshman.



Thomas will be taking his first AP classes and working for a position on the boys' lacrosse team as well as running with the cross-country team. Thomas is also an exceptional skier and this past fall he and his father were instrumental in assisting in the start of the Vail Resorts Jr. Ski Patrol. Thomas learned CPR, trail marking, skier safety, evacuation training, sweeping and worked with Henry, the Avalanche dog. Where else in the world can you be so involved as a 14-year-old!

Sarah and Brian are really excited for Emma and Thomas to leave home and explore more of the world. Emma has recently spent a month in central

Europe while Thomas has traveled to Africa. Both are also working with the Children's Global Alliance, serving the children of the world and as this is written, Emma is off to Cambodia. They are hoping the kids choose an exciting destination for college (Brian says "anywhere, as long as it has Division 1A Football") so they can visit and listen to Emma and Thomas tell others proudly they are local and native to the Vail Valley of Colorado!

Skipper, the dog, is central to the family and can be found either sitting captain on the sofa overlooking the neighborhood or at their offices making sure the work gets done. A dog's job is never done, a native and local for sure.

As a family, they frequent the Vail Church and St. Claire Catholic Church in town. Sarah and Brian have



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been on numerous Habitat for Humanity builds and Emma and Thomas have volunteered their time for local Habitat Builds in the Valley. Together, they passionately support the mission.

Being the ultimate entrepreneur, Brian started his own business, Vail Architecture Group or VAG Inc., in 1995. Having marked the 20th anniversary of his company a few years ago, he feels fortunate to work with wonderful clients and projects all over across the globe, from Europe to the Caribbean to many US resort towns. Brian's fortune continued as he met Sarah while working on a large scale residential project in Denver where she was the general contractor, and a few years later, they became inseparable.

Sarah was born in Denver and has lived all over Colorado, from early years in Evergreen for elementary school, to high school in Steamboat Springs and then to Colorado State University in Fort Collins. She experienced San Francisco for a few years after college but determined "it just didn't make sense as Colorado is home." The more time she spent in Edwards with Brian, Emma, Thomas and Skipper, and in getting to know the Valley, she was drawn in and convinced Colorado was where she belonged. As Brian designed their new home in Singletree and Sarah constructed it, the project became symbolic of building this new family together.

Currently, Sarah is working towards building a new chapter in her personal career by starting a wedding and event planning business, Eventique Productions. Although Brian and Sarah are continuing to build speculative homes in the area as a team, she is a clearly a contractor by day and a wedding planner by night. She loves the community of creatives in the wedding industry in the Vail area and finds it refreshing that "everyone is always there to lend a helping hand and is willing to share, collaborate and build each other up." When Sarah is not working, you can find her volunteering for the Betty

Ford Gardens, the Vail Valley Habitat for Humanity and, most recently, she has started her own non-profit organization called "Pay it Flower'd," a creative reuse of event flowers donated from events to individuals and families to make their day. She makes it look so easy to get involved and really make a difference here — both a true native and local for sure!

When they were looking for a new home, they wanted to find a house that could be renovated, making it "their" home. They chose 11 Buckboard for many reasons. "We loved looking out the windows and seeing the park, the kiddos playing soccer across the street, the golfers on the tee box. The Singletree lifestyle." Although it took a lot of vision and work, they were the ones who could see the potential when they first walked the house. Having a home where one can walk to the athletic center, the kids can ride their bikes to the high school, the Edwards fields and into town at a moment's notice is a huge bonus. The bike paths that connect to Avon and soon to Eagle are also important to them. They all agree, "We love the house!"

Well, Emma and Thomas are certainly native and local, Sarah is a native and becoming a local and Brian after

27 years, has earned the local status. There are no **native** stickers on their cars and even if Brian wanted one, Sarah and the kids wouldn't let him as they want it for themselves! Brian and Sarah will be empty nesters here in a few years and although they have no plans set in stone, they have been starting to plan an adventure to South and Central America and possibly even moving to Spain or Italy for a few years. Maybe they will never know for sure if they are local or native but for now, these natives and locals are very happy to be calling Singletree home.

 **Get to know your neighbors by featuring your family in the next available issue!** Email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to share your family story with your community.



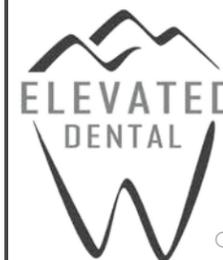
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THE GREAT SINGLETREE RIB-OFF

Spicy, Sticky, Saucy and Smokin' Hot!

Tim and Lisa Swift graciously welcomed the residents of Singletree to their home on Chaparral Road for the inaugural Great Singletree Rib-Off in early June. Participants were required to bring one full rack of ribs to share with their neighbors and to enter their recipe in the competition. The skies were clear blue, spirits were high and the competition was fierce with 15 entries including the Dixie Pigs, Da Secret Bones, Saucy & Smokin' Hot and Getting Piggy With it. Guests enjoyed an array of ribs accompanied by Tim's outstanding baked beans, potato salad and beverages all around. Thank you, Tim and Lisa, for your generous hospitality and a fun-filled evening of friendly neighborhood competition and frivolity!



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resident recipe

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The Best Of The Best From
The Great Singletree Rib-Off

With 15 entries including Notorious P.I.G., Adam's Rib, Beer-N-Bones and Girls Go Grillin', the panel of judges had their work cut out for them at the Great Singletree Rib-Off. After Tim Swift sliced up the ribs into individual containers, Happy Power, Mark Lathrop and Laurel Hendrickson took to the task of blind tasting each entry with great enthusiasm, based on a scale of 1 to 10 each for texture/tenderness and taste/texture. Many thanks to the judges for volunteering your taste buds, as well as, to Tricia Swenson for mc'ing the awards ceremony! Congratulations to Kevin Calabrese (first place), Joanie Schoening (second place) and Rob Spangler (third place). Honorable Mention was awarded to Tom and Melinda Gladitsch. Here, the top three winners share their winning recipes with Inside Singletree. Bon Appetit!



The esteemed panel of judges: Mark Lathrop, Happy Power and Laurel Hendrickson.

FIRST PLACE: SAUCY SWINE – KEVIN CALABRESE

INGREDIENTS

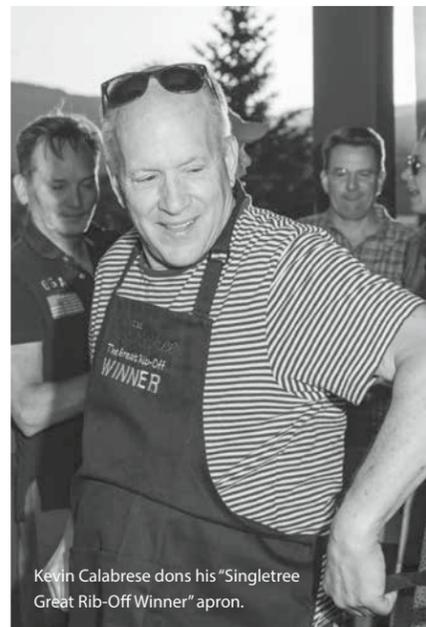
- 2½ - 3 lbs pork ribs
- ¼ cup white vinegar
- Salt

FOR THE MARINADE/SAUCE:

- 1 tbsp hoisin sauce
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup ketchup
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 3 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp ginger, diced
- 1 tbsp garlic, diced
- Garnish: sesame seeds and chopped green onion

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Fill a large pot halfway full with water. Stir in the vinegar and 2 tsp of salt, then add in the pork ribs. Bring to a boil and cook for 20 minutes. Drain and set aside.
- In a medium-sized bowl, combine the hoisin sauce, soy sauce, sugar, ketchup, lemon juice, honey, ginger and garlic. Whisk to combine.
- Place the cooked ribs in a large zip-lock bag and pour on the marinade. Marinate for 4-6 hours, turning occasionally to mix.
- Barbecue the ribs till slightly charred, reserving the marinade.
- In a medium-sized saucepan, bring the marinade to a boil, then reduce the heat and let thicken. Drizzle over the ribs. Serve hot!



Kevin Calabrese dons his "Singletree Great Rib-Off Winner" apron.



Competition was hot with 15 entries in the field.

2ND PLACE: STICKY FINGER RIBS – JOANIE SCHOENING

INGREDIENTS

- 2½ lbs pork ribs (season with salt, pepper and garlic salt)

SAUCE:

- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons dry mustard
- 2 teaspoons grated ginger
- 4 cloves garlic, pressed

INSTRUCTIONS

- Cook sauce until it begins to thicken and caramelize (leftover sauce is great on chicken and hamburgers).
- Wrap ribs in aluminum foil. Place ribs on cookie sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 1½ hours.
- Uncover ribs and continue baking for 1 hour at 350 degrees.
- Reduce heat to 275 degrees and baste ribs every 15 minutes for an additional 1½ hours.
- Spoon sauce over ribs rubbing it in with a spoon.



Joanie Schoening (left) celebrates her Second Place winning with Bev Trout, Stacy Knox and Dave Irwin.

3RD PLACE: NASTY PIG – ROB SPANGLER

INGREDIENTS

FOR THE DRY RUB:

- ½ cup Hungarian sweet paprika
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon celery salt
- 1 tablespoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon granulated garlic
- 1 tablespoon granulated onion
- ½ cup Kosher salt
- 1 cup freshly ground Espresso Roast Coffee
- 1 tablespoon wasabi Horseradish powder
- 1 tablespoon Cayenne pepper

FOR THE SAUCE:

- 1 cup Masterpiece Original BBQ Sauce
- 2 to 3 cups apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon ground black pepper
- ½ cup lemon juice
- Hot sauce to taste
- Honey to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- Coat the ribs with the rub and let cure in the refrigerator for two days. Smoke on indirect heat with hardwood charcoal.
- Use Applewood and Hickory for the smoking woods. Serve with sauce.



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Active	331 Rawhide Road (SF)	\$1,075,000	N/A	N/A	\$306.09	N/A	4	3 (3 0 0)	3,512	No
Active	51 Miller Place (SF)	\$1,450,000	N/A	N/A	\$348.31	N/A	4	4 (3 0 1)	4,163	No
Active	41 Honda Drive (SF)	\$1,695,000	N/A	N/A	\$352.68	N/A	5	5 (4 0 1)	4,806	No
Active	260 Mesquite Drive (SF)	\$2,895,000	N/A	N/A	\$389.58	N/A	5	6 (4 1 1)	7,431	No
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UC	1121 Berry Creek Road #D1 (CO)	\$695,000	N/A	N/A	\$400.81	N/A	3	2 (2 0 0)	1,734	No
UC	90 W Lariat Road #B (DU)	\$770,000	N/A	N/A	\$388.10	N/A	3	3 (2 0 1)	1,984	No
*UC	347 Longhorn Road (SF)	\$1,190,000	N/A	N/A	\$265.98	N/A	5	5 (3 1 1)	4,474	No
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precious pets

Contributed by **John, Carri and Bo Tedstrom**,
 Singletree Residents and Pet
 Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident
 Article Sponsored by **Top Dog Properties**

Meet Mr. Bozacki

a puppy with an old soul 

Little Bosacki is so quiet and content, one would think this puppy is an old soul! After losing their Labrador a year ago, Carri Tedstrom and her husband decided it was time to bring a dog back into their lives. “We get a lot of comments on his name,” laughs Carri. “It’s a bar in Wisconsin that I went to as a kid and that my kids went to as well. It’s a big boat livery and a restaurant in Minocqua. We have a place there on the lake where I have been going every summer since I was a baby and when the restaurant sold, we knew we wanted to keep that name alive. So that’s the story!”

He is certainly a very unique looking dog, all Golden in the face but calm and smaller than a typical puppy. I ask if they just won the dog lottery and Carri says that he’s a new kind of designer dog breed. “I saw this kind of smaller Golden with a girl at a pond hockey tournament in Minneapolis and asked her what breed it

was. Turns out it’s called a Mini Golden and they are half Golden Retriever and half Cocker Spaniel, so they turn out to weigh only about 40 pounds at adulthood.” At that moment, the Tedstroms knew they had found the perfect dog for their new lives in Singletree.

The couple became empty nesters and downsized from their big Homestead house to a Singletree townhouse — with that move, they felt it was about time to downsize their dog, too! “I couldn’t imagine having a 70-pound lab in our new townhouse but I wanted a dog with that kind of personality,” says Carri. She walks me around Select Surfaces in Avon

and Bo quietly follows us, dramatically flopping down at her feet every time we stop to chat as if the world is just too difficult right now. It turns out that puppies need 18-20 hours of sleep every day and “if they don’t get that, they just turn into little terrorists!” laughs Carri again, looking down at Bo as he harrumphs on the tile.

Bo came from a breeder in Idaho, who happened to have an extra in her litter and so Carri and John did not have to wait too long to get this special little designer dog. He arrived on May 6 via Runway Pets to DIA. The service flew the little puppy in a special crate with a towel from the litter and some of his favorite toys, with a handler in the cargo taking care of him during the journey. Two of Carri’s children flew out Memorial Day weekend just to spend time with Bo and her son is planning on making him the ring bearer at his wedding this year.

Carri knows having a puppy is a full-time job and that is why Bo goes to work with her every day. “He sleeps a lot, even here with all the comings and goings,” she says. “He doesn’t bark at people and my goal is to get him used to all kinds of people and strangers.” They are taking him to the Wisconsin lake house this summer to introduce him to the water because here the rivers are simply too fast. He’s not a big one for hikes yet either since it has



been such a hot spring and summer. “He’ll be a better swimmer than a hiker, I think,” says Carri. He loves his flat raccoon squeaky toy and, of course, his Kongs with the treats inside. If you see Bo and Carri walking in the neighborhood, please stop to give the eternal puppy-sized Golden an affectionate pat.



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THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR ...

Rohn Robbins Looks Back At 22 Years Of Helping People In Need Through The Vail Valley Charitable Fund

Byline: Contributed by **Rohn and Debbie Robbins**, Singletree Residents

IT STARTED WITH A BIT OF KINDLING. AND THEN A SPARK.

The kindling was a young family — the Nashes — who were beloved in the community. They had a beautiful two-year-old and their lives stretched out in front of them. Before Cindy got sick. It was a terrible disease. Friends, as friends do, rallied around them.

Then there was the first spark. Why not, we thought, do more than hold a bake sale or a car wash? Why not think **Big**? I called the national company of *Miss Saigon*. I spoke with someone who has become a lifelong friend ... whose name caught me off guard.

“Would you come up to Vail,” I asked, “and put on a show for us? We need your help.”

“You’ll have to call backstage and speak with our cast liaison. His name is General MacArthur.”

I called. I asked for General MacArthur. He answered the phone. I told him what we needed. The cast and production company of *Miss Saigon* came to Vail, forty of them strong. The community transported them for free, housed them for free, got them on the hill for free and fed and pampered them for free. They put on a show to remember at the old Battle Mountain High School auditorium. This was in the days before the VPAC was more than an idea. As it turned out, General MacArthur Hambrick, besides having the soul of an angel, had the voice of one as well.

Cindy was too sick to come so we videoed the show for her. The last song that the ensemble joined in was Anita Baker’s “It’s Only for A While.” Go home and play it in a dark room. It’ll make you cry.



Then there was the second spark. What if, we wondered, people were in need and were not as well ingrained in the community as the Nashes? Didn’t they deserve a hand up, too?

WHAT WE DO IS HELP PEOPLE. AND WE’RE REALLY GOOD AT IT.

Over the last twenty-two years since its founding, the Vail Valley Charitable Fund has assisted more than 1,700 of our neighbors. Our mission is straightforward — to help those in need who live or work in the Vail Valley who have fallen on hard times owing to a serious medical problem.



The Board of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund



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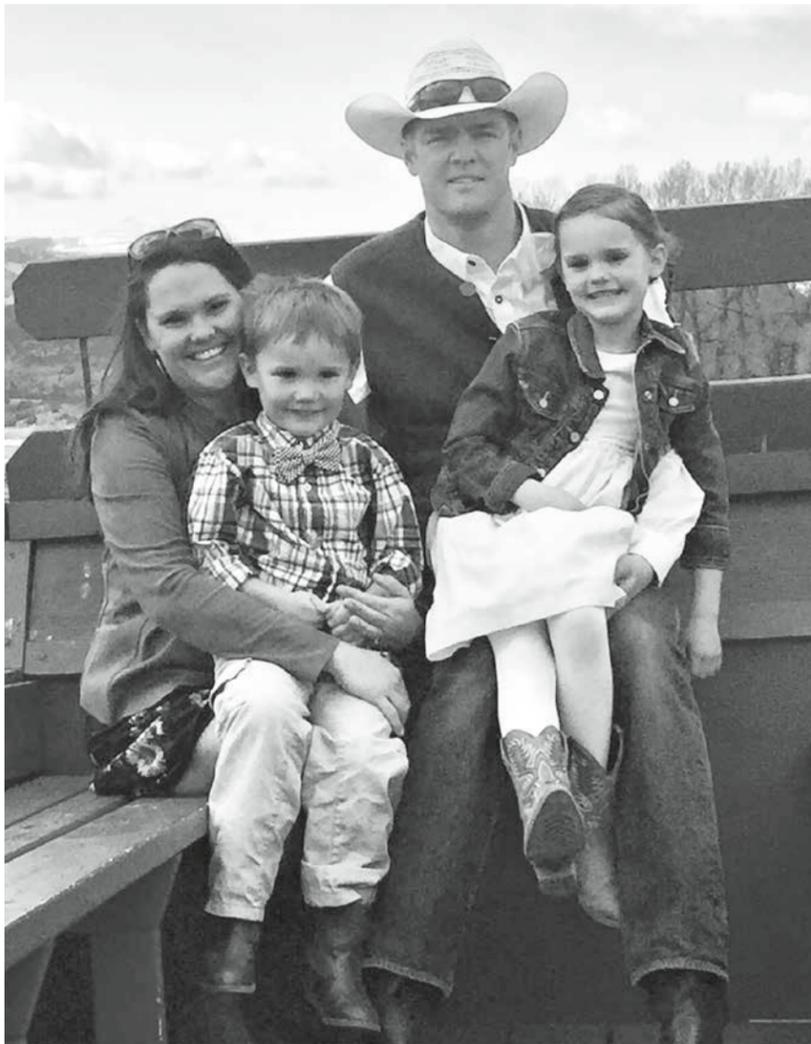
In the twenty-plus years that have passed since we began, we have not forgotten where we started. Without the support of the community, the Vail Valley Charitable Fund is just another worthy cause. But with each other, we make magic happen. Singletree residents that sit on the Board and contribute in their myriad and invaluable ways include Mark Bricklin, Karen Lechner, Tracy Tutag, Diane Voytko and me, who humbly serves as chair.

We look back at the last 22 years in awe at the courage and caring we have been privileged to witness and with thanks for the small part we have been honored to play. We look forward to the next decades with greater hope than ever. - **Rohn K. Robbins**

WHO WE ARE

Founded in 1996, the Vail Valley Charitable Fund provides assistance to individuals who live or work in the Vail Valley who are experiencing a financial hardship due to a medical crisis or long-term illness. We have grown significantly over the past 20-plus years, having raised and distributed \$7.5 million to 1,700 grant recipients. The majority of our donations come from individuals and businesses right here in our valley. With the help and grace of the community, we provide 70 individuals and families each year with assistance to help them make ends meet while undergoing treatment or recovering from a range of medical conditions.





Brooke & Brett Gagnon, Grant & Fundraiser Beneficiary

EVENTS FOR A CAUSE

Aside from the Summer Solstice Trail Run on June 23, the LG Triathlon on July 7 and the Oktoberfest Shuffle on September 2, the annual Bec Triathlon on August 4 weaves proudly through the Singletree neighborhood and is named in memory of Rebecca Lynn Yarberry, a local triathlete and dear friend who passed away in a tragic car accident in 2007. Becky dedicated her life to helping others personally and through her career as a clinical supervisor at Colorado Mountain Medical in Vail, CO. We honor her memory by presenting a race that supports the charitable cause she was passionate about and honors her spirit by fostering a race environment that is encouraging to everyone, regardless of skill level. The Bec Tri includes events for athletes at all levels and of all ages. This year's event will also be held on the same day as the MLT, a national triathlon event that is sure to catch the larger public eye.



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EAGLE COUNTY SMILES

Now in its eighth year of operation, Eagle County Smiles is a community collaborative program of the VVCF that offers low-cost dental care to local uninsured children. More than 500 children have been served by the program since 2010. Through the program, children develop a dental "home" and a relationship with a local dental provider, as well as lifelong healthy dental habits. Eagle County Smiles depends upon the collaboration of dozens of community partners including nurses, doctors, dental care providers, public agencies and non-profit leaders. The program's goal is to help any child who needs it.

MEET THE TEAM

As pictured on the previous page, our board consists of [Front Row]: Mary McDougall, Kyle Diebel, Tracy Tutag (Singletree resident), Rohn Robbins (Singletree resident), Pete Brill, Mark Bricklin (Singletree resident) and [Back Row]: Brooke Skjonsby (Exec. Director), Diane Voytko (Singletree resident), Marka Moser, Kara Heide, Martha Brassel, Dagmar Huber, Jeremy Gross, Karen Lechner (Singletree resident)

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Brooke and Brett Gagnon share their experience with the VVCF as a Grant and Fundraiser Beneficiary in their own words: "We are so blessed to live in such a caring & compassionate community. The stress of a sick child is overwhelming and compounding that stress with the financial burden of excessive medical costs and unpaid time off at work is devastating. We are so grateful to the Vail Valley Charitable Fund for helping alleviate some of those immediate costs and letting our family focus on the health and well-being of our children. When our newborn son was airlifted to ICU for a second time after his emergency heart surgery, we knew we had great financial challenges ahead. We look forward to the opportunity to give back to this organization volunteering with our children. The VVCF is truly making a difference for our local families. When it seems like the odds are against you, it really restores your faith to have someone give you a helping hand."

WHO WE HELP

38 direct Aid grants distributed in 2017
 Four extended grant fundraisers in 2017
 100 children assisted through Eagle County Smiles in 2017
 200 average number of children's dentist visits
 24 dental providers in the Eagle County Smiles program
 \$5K for one-time grants
 \$7.5MM amount raised and distributed over the past 22 years
 1,700 local families assisted

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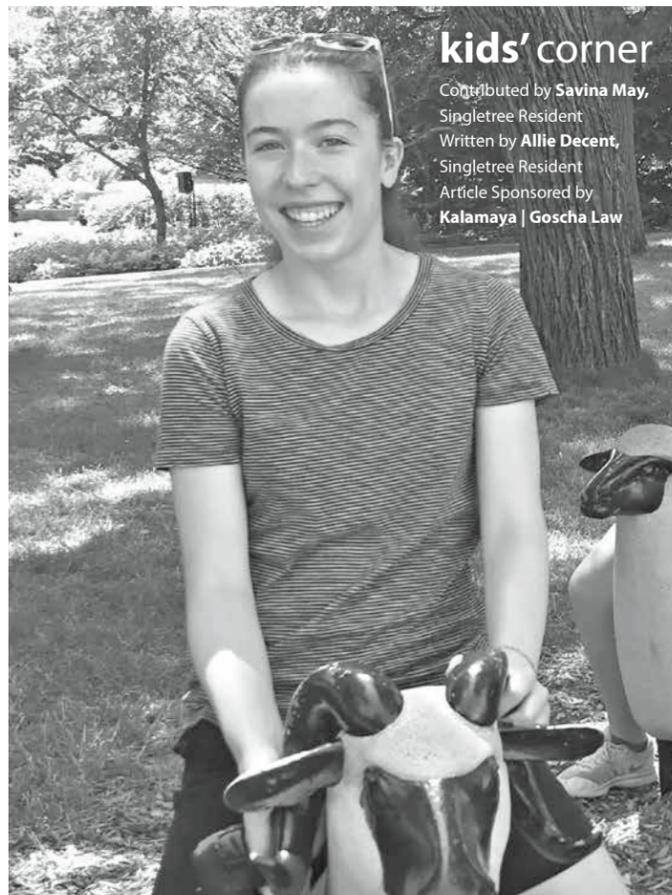
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A ROCKIN' GOOD TIME *on the summer solstice*

On the glorious evening of June 21, the residents of Singletree basked in the longest day of the year and memories of days past. The classic rock band, **Rewind**, took to the stage at the Singletree Community Center and posted record attendance for the summer series, **Music in the Park**. More than 175 residents of all ages rocked out to the sound of the classic and alternative rock hits from the '70s to the '90s — dancing, singing, foot tapping or arm waving to Neil Diamond's infamous "Sweet Caroline." Whether connecting with old friends or making new acquaintances, the evening was a shining example of the neighborhood camaraderie that makes Singletree such a wonderful place to live. Thank you SPOA and **Rewind** for a memorable Summer Solstice!





kids' corner

Contributed by Savina May, Singletree Resident
Written by Allie Decent, Singletree Resident
Article Sponsored by Kalamaya | Goscha Law

Savina's Passion for THE ARTS

MUSIC IS "HER THING"

Hello, Readers! This month we have the privilege to meet Miss Savina May! She is 14 years old, has four siblings and is going to high school at Battle Mountain this fall. Savina is an artistic teenager with a soft-spoken voice and a self-assured demeanor of someone much older than herself. And, yes, parents of young ones here, she is available to babysit when she isn't working on dance!



Savina was inspired at an early age ...



Today Savina lives her passion.



What advice would you give to adults? I would tell adults one of my favorite quotes, which is "If you can be anything, be kind." I believe that if everyone tried to live by this, the world would be a much better place.

What do you love about Singletree? I've lived here for 10 years and I love all the greenery and the parks. It's pretty great that my best friend lives eight houses up the street from me and we can always be together or visit each other.



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What are your hobbies? Well, my favorite thing to do is dancing and I also like to do theatre and singing. Anything that has to do with music really is my thing. I will start playing saxophone again this school year and I used to play piano.

Who is your hero and why? I never really thought about that but, I guess, my parents. They are my heroes and I look up to them because they are really good role models for life and work. They are always nice and funny. They work really hard to make our lives better and so that I can do things that I like to do.

What are your favorite school subjects? Language arts, reading and writing. I really like to write.

What has been your favorite vacation? My most recent family vacation was when we went to St. Louis and my older sister got married. It was really fun because I got to see all my family members from Missouri that I don't see that often. It was very hot there, though!

What are you looking forward to this summer? I'm most excited for the summer dancing intensive I'm doing in July and August! It's being put on by the Vail Valley Dance Company. The classes are like a job, Monday through Saturday, from 9-4, all day. I'm most excited about the guest teachers that come from Chile and Argentina and New York City. Learning from those guest teachers is going to be a great experience.



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home of the month

Contributed by **Alex and Adi Biegler**, Singletree Residents
Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident
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Lifelong Locals Begin Their Married Life Together in Singletree ...

Alex And Ali Biegler Renovate Their New Home On Chaparral

“We tried to stick on budget but ended up getting shattered,” laughs Alex Biegler in response to my query regarding the cost to renovate their entire 30-year-old single-family home at 61 Chaparral. Two years following their purchase, the small-town famous newlyweds, Alex and Adi Biegler, have finally moved from their condo in Vail Village to their dream home. Adi is on business in Denver so Alex welcomes me into their rustically modern home, as pleasant and casually comfortable as its owners. Perhaps it’s because we share the same generational tendencies in design and

open-concept entertainment areas (where no part of the home is off-limits to guests) but I feel very at home surrounded by a certain Colorado country charm.

The couple had their choice of places to live in the Vail Valley but Singletree became their go-to neighborhood for a number of specific reasons. “We originally wanted something in Minturn but the more we looked at the homes there, we realized it just didn’t fit our lifestyle,” Alex laments. “We are members of the Sonnenalp Club, which really drove our decision to



buy here more than anything. And a lot of our friends live here. Then it came down to the house, really. We found this older house with original finishes. Nothing had been done to it and it was rough. The price point allowed us to get into a single-family home in Singletree. We wanted a yard; we wanted a place to call our own.”

They originally projected a renovation timeline of three months for the entire home but it ended up taking closer to six months. Alex lived here throughout the whole process so that he could be extremely involved. He is certain he drove people crazy coming home from work and asking what had been completed since earlier that day. “But that’s what it takes to do something this big — you really have to be on top of every detail.” As I was guided through the home, I admired the choices of finishes and the ‘just do it all at once’ attitude.

“We wanted to bring together the stuff we love about Colorado and we wanted to start our marriage off in a house we could live in forever,” says Alex as he settles into the dining room chair across from me. “The old mining history of Minturn is really cool and we included pieces of our cabin up in Gypsum Creek in the renovation.” The wood he references serves as both decorative and structural elements in the kitchen and main floor bath. Those textural touches throughout are truly what make the space so homey. The kitchen itself now serves as an open-concept keystone between the entry-way lower staircase and the two living spaces. Clearly, some serious walls were removed and a designer must have done the space, right?

Alex corrects me with a shake of his head. “I did most everything myself actually. I didn’t use a general contractor and I coordinated all the layout. I had a guy I played hockey with who was a do-it-all guy who helped with the serious stuff. We sourced everything locally, which, of course, was more expensive but it’s worth it. We got a lot of help from Beth, too (Adi’s mother and the founder of Slifer Designs) — we ran a lot of ideas by her.”

The roof was one of the first things to go and Jeff Sokup from S&H Roofing installed the new metal roof before interior construction began. The cabinets and kitchen were designed by New Box in Edwards. “The kitchen was a complete gut and several walls were removed. They completed the design and the visualization process and we were really happy with the result.” The countertops throughout the home were done by Valley Stone; Ruggs Benedict provided all the carpets in the bedrooms. And the beautiful dark gray floors and white quartz stone wall accents were bought and installed by Alex and his friends.



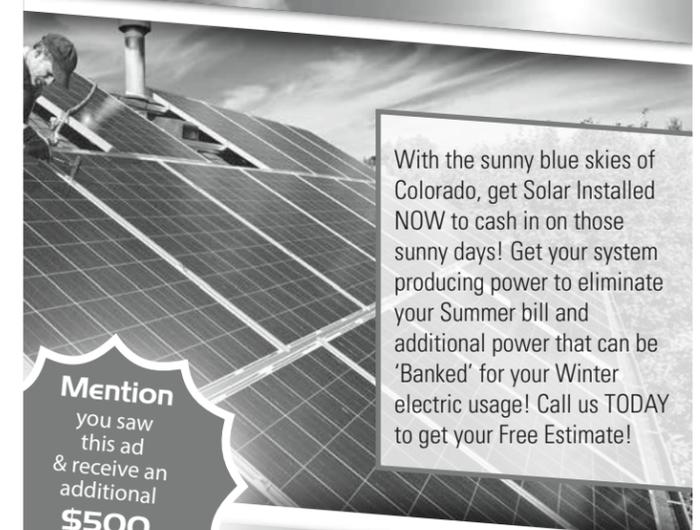
The home now reflects the relaxed nature of Alex and Adi Biegler and though there is more work to come for the exterior and new furniture arrives daily, they are very pleased with the result of their hard work. Alex concludes with some words of wisdom for other young people hoping to live the same dream. “We grew up together and both went to school here. Many of our friends who stayed have settled here in Singletree. The club, the sunny side of I-70, the walkability, it’s all here. This location in the valley affords us a home we can put our own stamp on to start our own lives and we are so grateful for that.”



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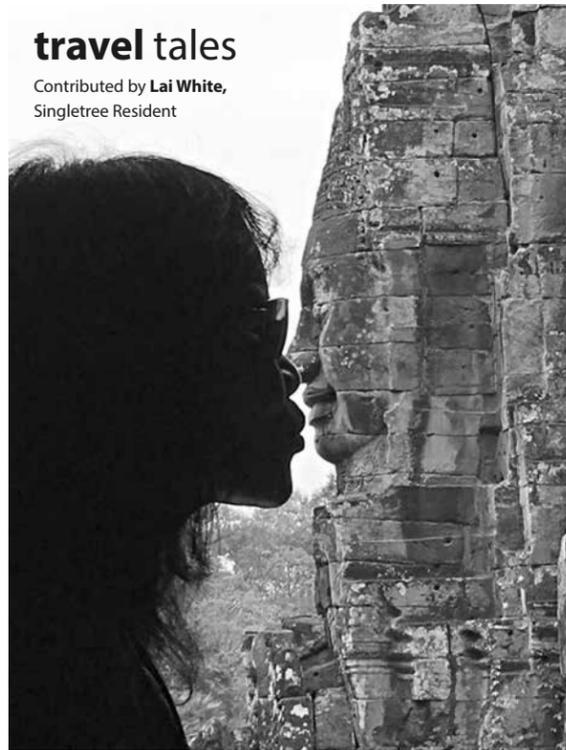
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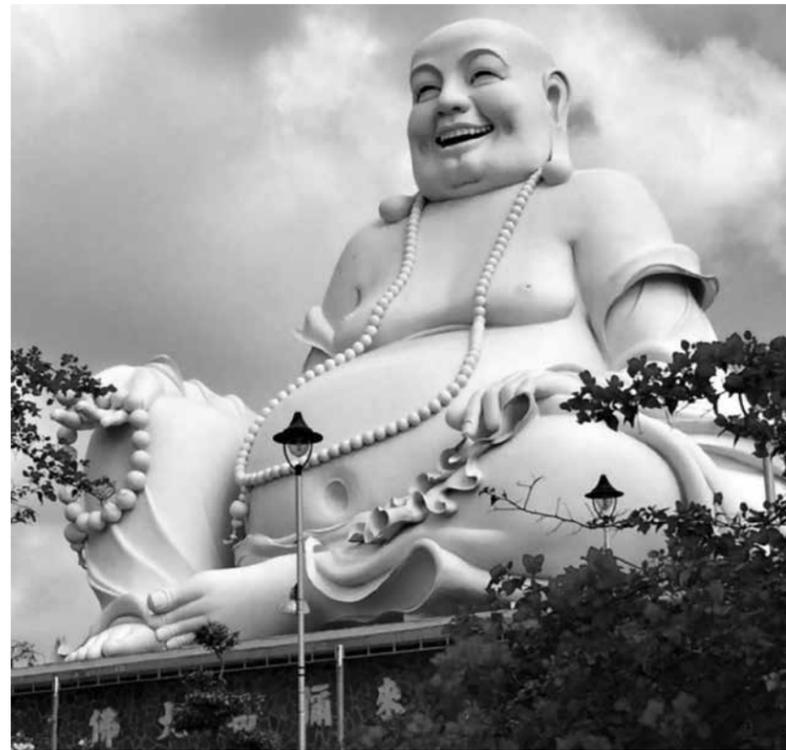
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Lai at the temples of Angkor Wat



The Vinh Trang Pagoda

an EPIC JOURNEY HOME

Lai White Joins The National Geographic Mekong River Expedition To Return To Her Native Vietnam

Time stood still! I was beyond excited! Words could not describe the feeling I had: after almost fifty years, I was going home – to my beloved country, Vietnam. I had been asked to speak to approximately 40 guests who were participating in the National Geographic Mekong River Expedition which sailed from Cambodia to Vietnam. It was an offer I could not refuse.

My heart was full of joy and my mind was overwhelmed with questions and wonders. Would I be able to find my relatives who survived after the war and who would I meet that would remember me? I knew it would be an epic journey home.

I departed Denver for Siem Reap, Cambodia, in the early morning on January 5. On the first day following our arrival, our group was led on the first of many learning trips, this one to the Angkor Wat area. What a sight to be seen! The temples of Angkor Wat are very unique – truly one of a kind. It is no surprise these temples were named one of the Wonders of the World.

After our tour, we settled at Banteay Samre temple for a private dinner complete with Cambodian music and

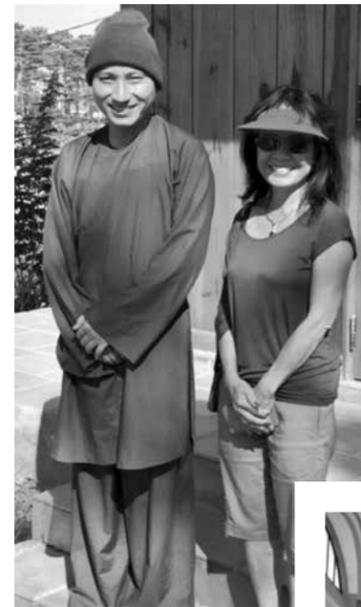
dance. It was enthralling. We then left Siem Reap and drove east toward the Mekong River to embark the Jahan, our home for the next several nights, at the town of Kampong Cham.

Along the Mekong River, we visited the Wat Hanchey – a large temple complex of the pre-Angkor Chenta period. We continued our expedition with a visit to Koh Dach, which has a lively and active monastery and also an extensive community of silk weavers.

The rich Mekong River that runs through small towns and villages is the life source for the people. Next, we learned to ride the oxcarts thru Kampong Tralach, where pottery is still made of traditional methods. We tasted the palm sugar from palm trees that the locals have made for thousands of years.

The expedition continued. The next day we arrived at Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. It is situated at the confluence of the Mekong, Bassac and Tonle Sap Rivers. We began with a cyclo (bicycle taxi) ride to the magnificent Royal Palace and Silver Pagoda, home and place of worship to Cambodia's kings. We visited the “killing fields” and left with a heavy heart.

As we sailed along the Mekong, we saw life along the river with traditional ships, barges and freighters plying the waterway. We ate Cambodian signature dishes that were prepared by the great chefs of Jahan. We then crossed the border into Vietnam and there I was, home at last.



Lai with a monk at the monastery in Koh Dach



Lai at the gates of the Kingdom of Hue



The General Post Office in Saigon, designed by the French architect, Gustave Eiffel



A villager in Sadeq/Cai Be fashions a floor mat from hyacinths



A familiar sign from home



The markets of Tan Chau

There were too numerous experiences to mention. It would take an entire novel. I will just be brief in sharing the highlights of my time in my home country. We visited Tan Chau, the most interesting market with an astonishing variety of tropical fruits, vegetables and other goods. We saw floating markets and floating fish farms on the river. We stopped at Sadeq/Cai Be, a hamlet where the villagers grow, process and fashion water hyacinths into floor mats and rattan baskets – an authentic slice of life in the Mekong Delta. We visited a rice “factory” where varieties of rice-based candies are made; rice husks are reused as fuel for the cooking and ash is sold to farmers for use as fertilizer.

We disembarked the Jahan in My Tho and visited the Vinh Trang Pagoda, built in 1850. The bus took us to Saigon, Vietnam's greatest commercial center, now known as Ho Chi Minh City. We saw the Grand exteriors of the 1911 Opera House, the former City Hall and the Notre Dame Cathedral. We visited the General Post Office, designed by the French architect Gustave Eiffel, who created the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

In the morning, we saw some of Saigon's historic landmarks, which include a rich selection of fine colonial buildings. We continued to the Reunification Palace, headquarters of the South Vietnamese Government during the Vietnam War. We squeezed into the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of the huge network of tunnels used by the Viet Cong during the war.

I left the National Geographic Group and traveled on my own for an extended visit to my home village in Vinh; to Hanoi, the capital of the North; to Quang Tri, where Project Renew was born to help with removing bombs after the war ended. We stopped in Hue to see where our king and queen had lived for centuries; I felt such a tremendous sense of loss as I contemplated a glorious time in our history. My favorite place is Dalat, up in the high mountains where the weather was perfect. Dalat exports the most beautiful orchids in the whole wide world and has started to produce very good wines. I was so impressed and dreamed of a day when I can stay in Dalat for a long time.

If you are considering a visit to Vietnam, please feel free to call me for insight and advice. And don't worry about missing McDonald's and Starbucks! These two American institutions are easily found in Saigon. I am so proud of what my people have accomplished after many years of war-torn sorrows; I would love to share more with you.



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RISE AND SHINE AT VAIL SWIM SCHOOL

Contributed by Vail Swim School Coach | Participants & Parents Written by Allie Decent | Singletree Resident Article Sponsored by Coleman Custom Homes

Yawning kids and tweenagers lounge in sweatshirts next to the empty pool at the Sonnenalp Club in the wee hours in the morning. Moms and dads with their coffee wave goodbye and head off to their day, and Coach Adele bellows: “Okay guys! We have some drills today to start off with in teams. Let’s get in the water!” These kids have a sweaty morning ahead of them, starting off with 8 lengths of warm-up swim followed by multiple drills. The Vail Swim School has three swim meets scheduled this summer, representing the Sonnenalp Club Sharks, with the first meet the upcoming Friday at the Avon Recreation Center.

Adele has been coaching the School for the past four years, and loves every minute of it. “I took over the swimming school last year; I love that the kids are so excited when they accomplish their goals or do better than they did last season,” she quips in between reminders to each group of kids when to go during the drill. Children must be able to swim two lengths of the pool and know the basic strokes in order to be on the team, “but if they don’t know, they can take the Swim Prep Class,” Adele finishes. Vail Swim School offers 6 training sessions each week and members are required to attend 4 of those practices per week.

Laughter ripples from the pool as the kids are entertained by each other’s antics, goggles are lost and feet hit each other’s hands. Adele and her assistants stand at the end of the pool with a white board outlining the drills for the day; and while some swimmers appear very serious about their training, others are just there to have fun with their friends.

The kids all have their individual reasons for joining and staying on the team. “I love that I can be free in the pool!” says Piper Sassi. Maggie Mae Rotheberg explains “I love Vail Swim because we play games; Adele makes swimming fun”. And little sister Hazel simply says “I love Vail Swim because I love Adele!”



The parents value the program for teaching lifelong skills and building relationships. One mom shared that she likes that ‘the kids learn their strokes, the camaraderie is important, and it’s a great way to start the day’. A spectating dad explained that he has his kids in Vail Swim School for the simple reason so that they can be good swimmers. “It comes in handy you know, not drowning!” he jokes.

So how did the Sonnenalp Sharks fare at the Avon swim meet?!? With several teams from the Western Slope participating in 58 events, the Singletree swimmers more than held their own. In the 6 & Under category, Sophia Correia placed 3rd in the Girls 25 Yard Freestyle with Maxwell Jackson matching her 3rd place in the Boys. Gabriella Gregg had a great day placing 2nd in the Girls 8 & Under 25 Yard Freestyle as well as 2nd in the 25 Yard Butterfly. Keena Shikverg won the Girls 9-10 25 Yard Freestyle followed by taking a 3rd in the 25 Yard Breaststroke.

On the team front, Savannah Desportes and Maggie Mae Rothenberg teamed with Cassidy Foppe and Ryan O’Connor to finish 3rd in the Girls 12 & Under 100 Yard Medley Relay. This is just to name a few as the Sharks from Singletree made an impressive showing for the Sonnenalp Club team across the board. Way to make the neighborhood proud! Congratulations All!!



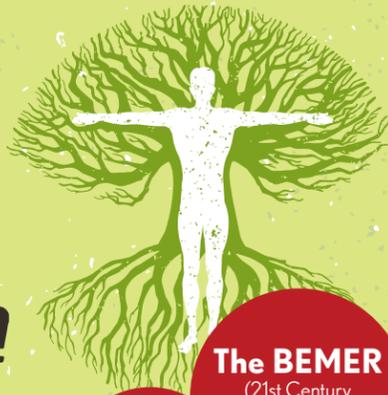
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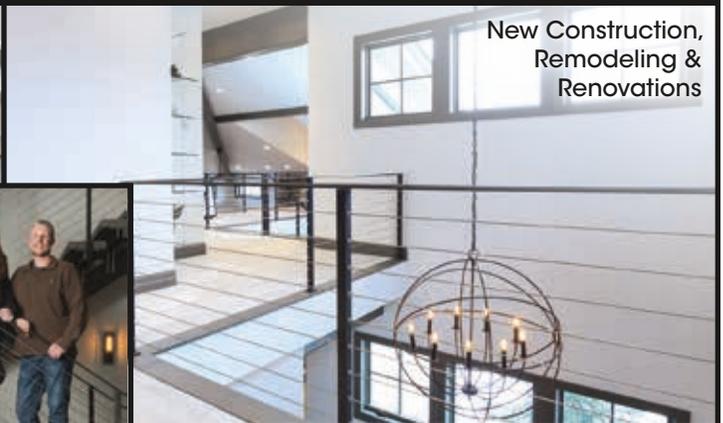


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