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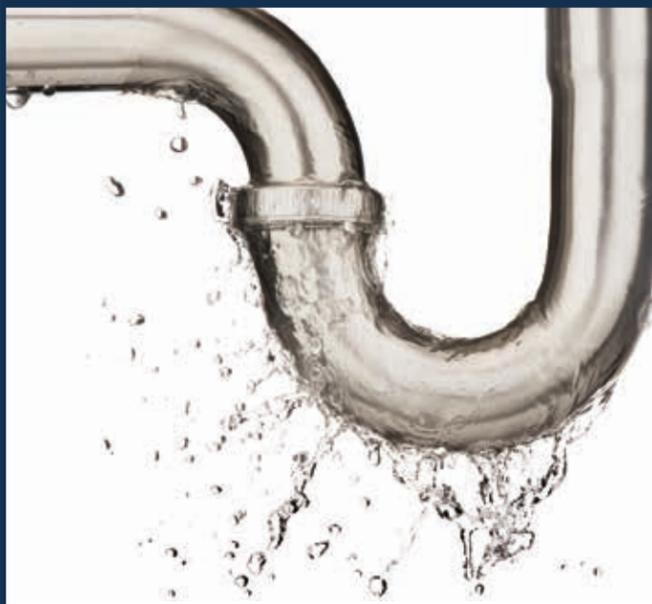
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publisher's note

Welcome to November! As the temperatures fall, take a moment to enjoy the memories of hot sunny afternoons during the late summer months. In this issue, we recap the Singletree Summer Party and the inaugural Back to School: Battle of the Blocks, two events where a great time was had by all ages!

This month we celebrate the marriage of Suzanne Morgan and Nick Kern! Each with roots in Minnesota, they followed their individual paths to Singletree where they met here on Rawhide Road. They are now thrilled to be sharing their home and their life in the neighborhood; we wish the newlyweds a journey filled with joy and happiness together!

Veterans Day will be observed on November 11, 2018. It is our honor and privilege to recognize the veterans in the neighborhood who served our country in the Armed Forces. We pay tribute to Mike Krohn, Craig Dampier, Eileen Bradley and

Gary Thornton and we thank these Singletree veterans for sharing their stories and experiences with the community.

24 years ago, Annah Scully was looking for a way to entertain her kids during the summer. Who would have guessed that the Vail Performing Arts Academy would become such an important stage for kids in the Valley? Get to know some of her Singletree performers and don't miss the SHOWSTOPPERS performance on November 17 and 18.

Also in this issue, we meet Ryan Dunn, *INSIDE Singletree* sponsor and owner of Trinity Builders. We get to know Carter Pierce, who shares his enthusiasm and love of the ocean and the mountains, and we follow the competitive soccer path of Garrett Wilson, from VVSC to Gonzaga University. I hope you enjoy these stories and more this month.



Wishing all of you a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving! We gather on this day to be thankful for our many blessings: what we have, the family we love, and the friends we cherish. Happy Thanksgiving!

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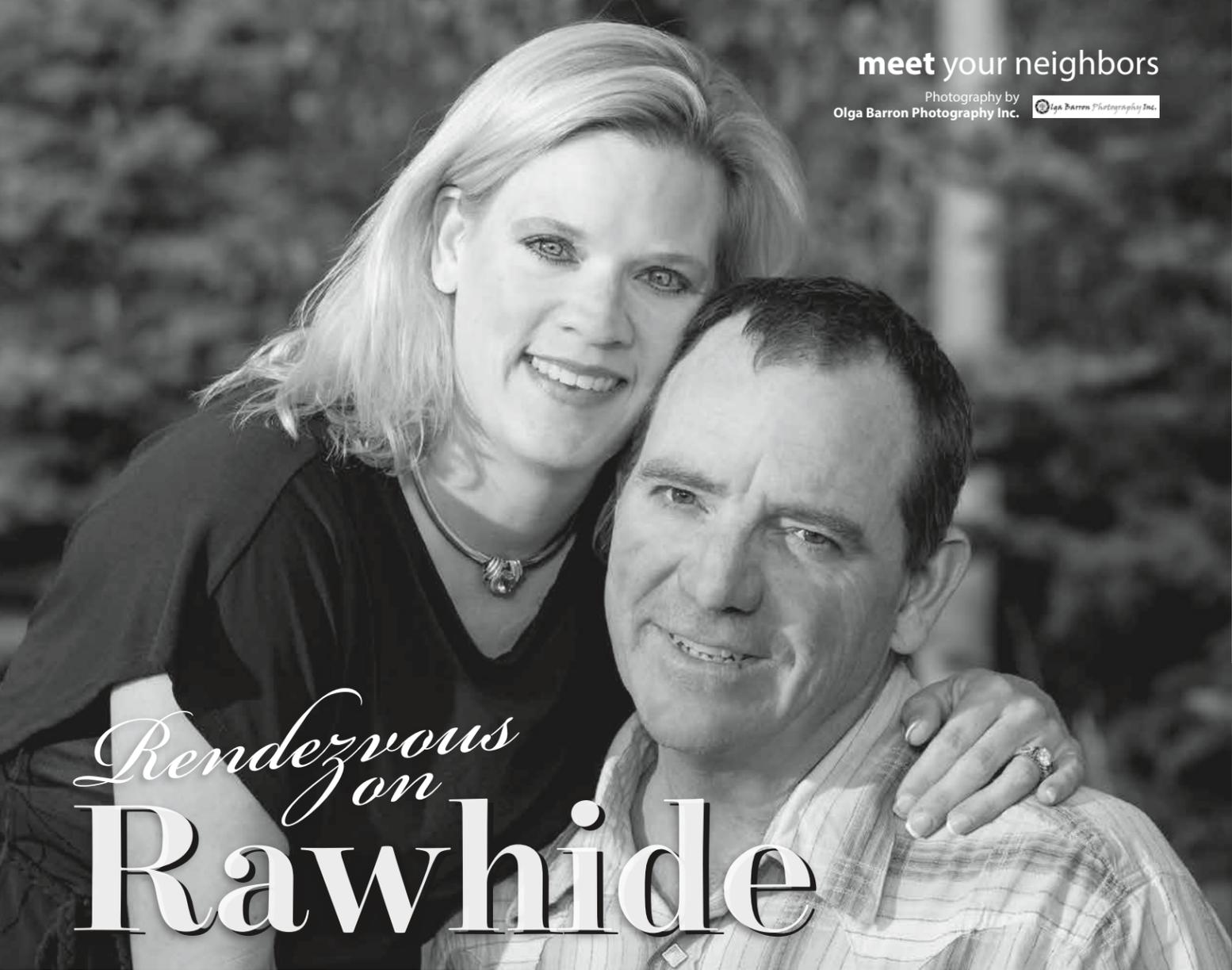
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Rendezvous on Rawhide

Hello, Neighbors!

It has been one heck of a fall in Singletree! My new wife, Suzanne, and I, Nick, were just married on October 19 back home in Minnesota where we are both from originally. So between the wedding and turning two homes on Rawhide into one, along with our three children, it has been a whirlwind to say the least. As we Minnesotan's would say – uff-dah!

No need for alarm, we are settled in nicely and looking forward to getting back to business as usual. When we're not rooting for our Vikings or dreaming of walleye fishing, we enjoy the typical Vail Valley lifestyle of skiing, biking, hunting, hiking, and golf.

Of our three children, Evan is the youngest at age 12. Evan attends ECCA and spends his free time on the slopes in the winter and on his skate board in the summer. He enjoys typical “pre-teen” activities like hanging out with friends and spending time at his grandparents' lake home.

Lucas, 22, attended culinary school at the Art Institute of Charleston in Charleston, SC. What a blessing he is in the kitchen! Although Lucas loves cooking and is a fabulous chef, he has returned to his roots in the Vail Valley to work alongside me in our three-generation paint business.

Our oldest is Lauren. At 25, Lauren is spending her time in Argentina teaching. She is utilizing her Business Spanish degree she earned from CU Boulder. We did get to see Lauren over the summer where she spent her time learning about sushi and earning a few extra bucks for South America at Matsuhisa.

My bride Suzanne hit the road west after college in Minnesota. After a brief stay in Lake Tahoe, she relocated to the Vail Valley and more specifically, Rawhide Road in Singletree! Although we have been neighbors for all these years, it wasn't until recently when we both got new puppies at the same time that we bumped into each other on the street. That night, we rode our bikes up to Harvest for our “first date”. It was love at first sight for both of us.

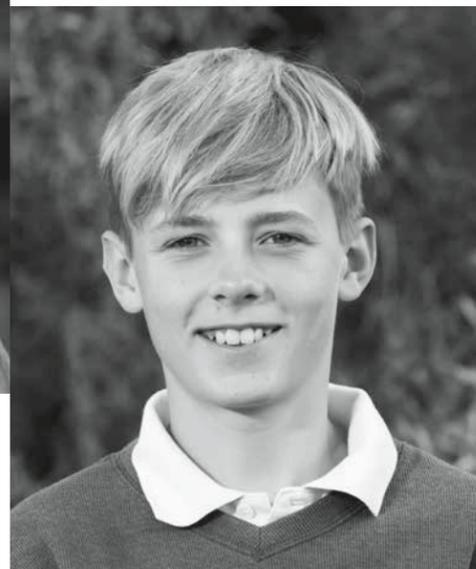


Being neighbors made both the courting and the commute easy! We have been connected at the hip since that chance encounter and are thrilled to be living our lives together right here in Singletree. Although Suzanne works for the competition as the Director of Membership at The Club at Cordillera and Troon Golf, we won't hold that against her.

As a graduate of Battle Mountain High school, I also returned home to Minnesota for college and to play hockey. I then returned to the Vail Valley to start my career in the paint business, which is where I find myself now with the opening of our newest store, Warehouse Paints in

Edwards. Just a stone's throw from Singletree, my son Lucas and I enjoy serving our friends and neighbors while providing a paint store in Edwards.

Suzanne and I typically agree on everything, particularly on our love for the mountains and the community of Singletree. In the near future, it is our dream to have our lake home in Minnesota and our ski home right here in Singletree. We truly value all of the wonderful friends and relationships we have built here over the years!



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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SUMMER PARTY 2018

This year, the annual Singletree Summer Party fell upon a picture perfect afternoon in August with blue skies and bright sunshine. A sincere thank you goes out to the Singletree Property Owners' Association for hosting a fun and festive event for residents of all ages to enjoy neighborhood camaraderie and to celebrate the season!





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On Veterans Day this November 11, the United States honors those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. *INSIDE Singletree* would like to personally pay tribute to those residents who fought for our country and returned to their civilian life with weighted memories and minds forever changed. We would like to thank Mike Krohn, Craig Dampier, Eileen Bradley and Gary Thornton for their time sharing their amazing stories with us and more importantly, for their service to our country that grants us the safety and freedom in the lives we enjoy today.

DAMAGE CONTROLMAN DC2 MICHAEL KROHN, U.S. NAVY

I joined the Navy in 1966 after living on our farm in Minnesota; I was 19 years old. World travel was a goal and this was a great choice. After training in boot camp in San Diego, Bremerton, Washington was our home port and I was assigned to the USS Sacramento AOE-1, a fast combat support ship during the Vietnam War. During the first year of service, I became a Shellback – a Navy tradition of crossing the equator on the way to Singapore.

I was in Sydney, Australia, while they were still constructing the world famous Opera House (which turned out to be a fourteen year project). A couple years ago, I was able to visit Sydney and see it finished – the whole city was so changed and updated! I also was in Hong Kong, Japan, and Hawaii as well as the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines, which was a major ship-repair, supply, and rest and recreation facility for the Spanish Navy and subsequently the United States Navy.

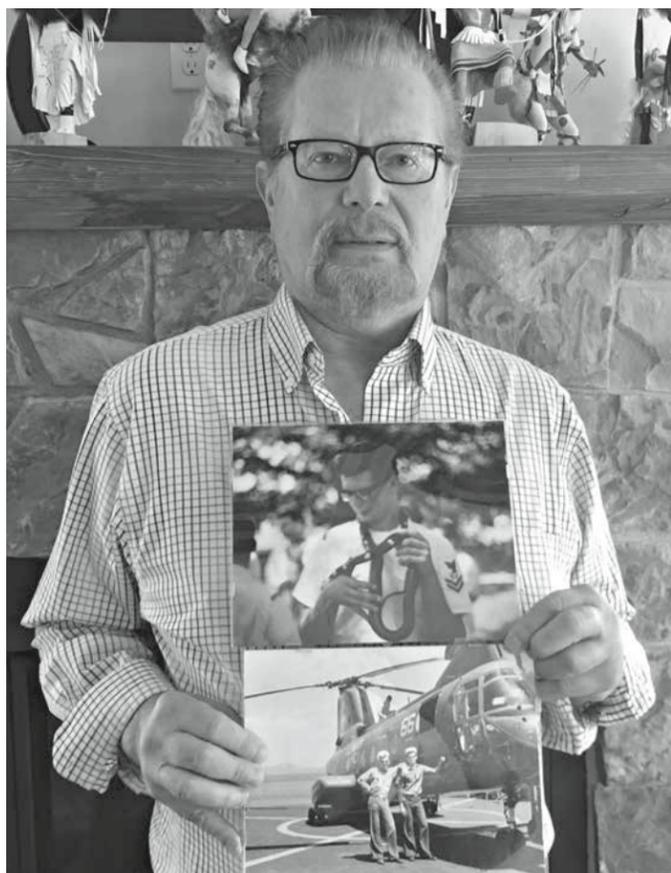
I was a DC2-E-5 in the Damage Control division. We had a carpentry shop, we did ship safety, lectures, and repairs of the ship if there was an accident or to prevent flooding. Additionally, we manned a station with special firefighting suits and hoses, a foam station in case of helicopter crashes, and we maintained a full time schedule of checking water below in the holding departments for any leaks.

After four years of service, it was the best experience of my life to see so many different countries, to learn how to adjust to a chain of command and to have people open my eyes to how the rest of the world lived. It was truly an experience all young people should be exposed to!

Veterans Day for me is a time to reflect on the fact that if it wasn't for enlisted individuals, our country would not be protected as it is.



Mike Krohn sports a custom made in Hong Kong outside the Hong Kong Hilton



Mike Krohn shares memories of his Navy days, including an encounter with a snake charmer's snake in Singapore.



Damage Controlman DC2 Krohn (right) aboard the USS Sacramento



Craig Dampier in November 2016 at the reunion of the officers aboard the New Jersey during Beirut.



Commander Dampier firing the guns off Beirut.



Dampier on watch against terrorist actions against the USS New Jersey off Beirut.



Dampier on the Bridge of the New Jersey.

COMMANDER CRAIG DAMPIER, U.S. NAVY

I served 23 years in the U.S. Navy as a Surface Warfare Officer, driving ships around the world. It was a childhood ambition, following in my father's footsteps who served in submarines during WWII and minesweepers and destroyers later in his career.

My first sea tour on a Guided Missile Frigate took me on three tours to Vietnam. We guarded aircraft carriers and retrieved pilots whose airplanes were so damaged that they couldn't land back on the carrier. We also provided gunfire support for Army/Marines in contact with enemy forces as well as insertion of SEAL teams. We called ourselves members of the Tonkin Gulf yacht club.

This and subsequent sea tours gave me the opportunity to visit many foreign countries around the world; Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand, Egypt, Israel, and Iran. Probably why I love to travel so much. Once I even traveled around the world, west from San Diego to the Seychelles Islands in the Indian Ocean by Navy ship and then continuing west by plane back to San Diego to go to a new duty station.

As an ordnance specialist, my duties involved handling explosives which meant a focus on safety and training for all those working for me. This background also led to being the Gunnery Office on the USS New Jersey when President Regan brought back the battleships in the early 1980s to help end the Cold War. It was also the start of a new war as we spent almost a year off of Beirut, Lebanon, after the terrorist bombing of the Marine barracks.

My last sea tour was second-in-command of the USS Gary, a new Guided Missile Frigate which I put into commission in 1984 and returned for its decommissioning ceremony in 2016. I continued my ordnance career after retiring from the Navy in 1993, working as a consulting engineer to industry and various government R&D labs designing the next generation of weapons to keep our warfighters safe from harm, which may include my grandson in the coming years. Veterans Day for me is an opportunity to reflect on all the dedicated men and women I served with and the contributions we made to making the world a safer, freer place.



Colonel Eileen Bradley, U.S. Air Force.

COLONEL EILEEN BRADLEY, U.S. AIR FORCE

I joined the Air Force in 1966 to travel as I never had the opportunity growing up. The traveling was certainly achieved more than I dreamed but most of all I remember the wonderful people I met and worked with to say nothing of the patients in Vietnam who I cared for. These are lasting memories for which I am ever grateful, good, bad, and indifferent; this is what molded me as a person.

So frequently I am reminded that my response to “something” is because of those experiences for which I cannot expect anyone to understand, therefore I seldom comment or attempt to explain. That seems to work best for me as discussions are not interesting for my “today” friends nor do I wish to engage in them.

My assignments included Alaska, Vietnam, Texas, Colorado, Germany, New Jersey, Alabama, Illinois, and parts beyond. I served both on active duty and as a reservist with a total of 30 years. I was a nurse and did a variety of jobs, including flight nursing, which took me throughout the world. Indeed it was a very special existence, giving me opportunities beyond belief, and enriching every cell in my body.

Living here in Colorado is because I fell in love with the mountains and skiing when I was stationed in Colorado Springs and Denver in the early 70s. I took a rather circuitous route but delighted to be here for over 18 years and plan to stay for the duration.



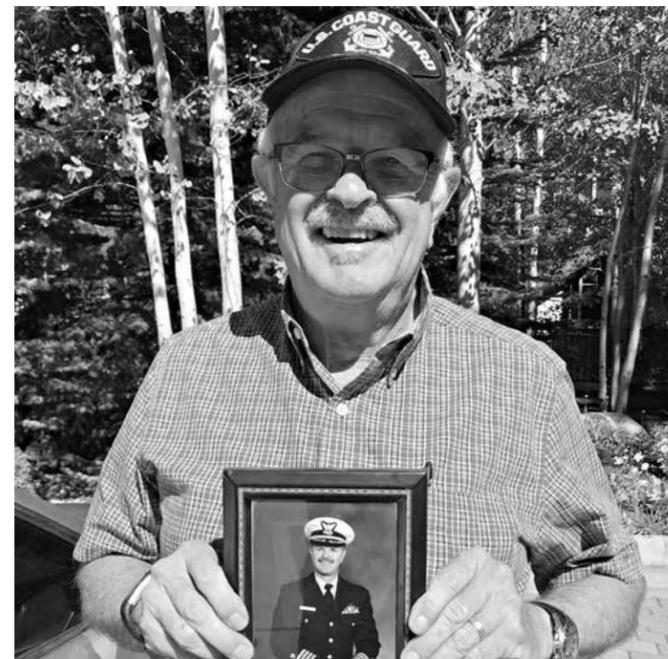
Eileen Bradley today with nephew, Joe O'Donnell



Eileen Bradley with a young patient



Colonel Bradley on duty



Captain Gary Thornton shares the storied life of a seafarer

CAPTAIN GARY THORNTON, U.S. COAST GUARD

Article written by Allie Decent, Singletree Resident

As we settle into the leather wingback chairs at the Alpine Club in Arrowhead, Gary begins with some reflections. “Everyone I knew seemed to have someone in the Coast Guard, but joining them was really just a chance encounter,” he muses. “I was a kid from Wisconsin who dreamed of the sea, and I discovered that a good path to college was through the Coast Guard Academy, and I applied and made it.” He proclaims this feat with reserved pride, and because I did my homework, I know just how awesome joining the Class of 1967 must have been for Gary.

The Coast Guard is the only military academy that doesn't require a commission appointment; it is for competitive applicants chosen on merit, and out of thousands of applicants, only 250–300 are chosen each academic year. Gary served a one-year deployment during the Vietnam War, followed by 30 years of incredible Always Ready dedication to our country's maritime first responders. Today, Gary heralds me with the tale of combat on February 29, 1968.

“It's like you are inside a tin can that's full of 5"/38's firing and the heavy boom is concussive in your skull. Your teeth shake and you can't stop them shaking, and when the enemy fire penetrates the steel of the hull, you just batten down and pray,” recalls Gary with glassy eyes. He and his fellow Coast Guard team on the CGC WINONA CIC were trained and ready in their respective duties for such an event, but no training can really prepare you for war. “It's like it suddenly becomes real, or surreal, as it's happening,” he says. “The real adrenaline kicks in and we had trained so much in our duties that it was rote.”

Gary was in the technical room with the direct line of communication between the commanding land force and the operational commander on the ship. “One enemy round entered Winona's Combat Information Center (CIC) space and we all hit the deck, but I had

to stay in my station with the radiotelephone and the cord was too short to crouch effectively; luckily that was all the enemy fire that entered that space.”

The Winona had enjoyed a relatively easy two months in offshore routine duties that “didn't feel much different from patrolling American waters.” In their boredom, they developed a low tech random generator to create unpredictable movements. “A die was tossed twice and the resultant two numbers dictated our next transit waypoint,” says Gary. “Most of what we encountered were small traditional junks with Vietnamese fisherman and a payload of fresh fish,” he laughs.

“That night, we had no idea that the trawler with weapons was just one of three other trawlers up and down the coast.” The trawler had an inbound track toward the Bo De River and did not respond to the three international flashing light challenge procedures. The Winona sent a warning shot, and the trawler's crew began uncovering weapons on the deck. After hours of surveillance tracking, the following exchanged gunfire concluded with the complete destruction of the trawler and victory for the Winona.

“Ultimate success was the result of many moving parts all working properly together,” concludes Gary. He is proud of what the Coast Guard and the Navy achieved that night. “We completely destroyed our trawler, but the others that were defeated showed significant weapons. 70 AK-47 rifles, 7 82 mm mortar tubes with 745 rounds of ammunition, 39 RPG-2 rocket launchers with 81 cases of rocket rounds, and 28 cases of 7.62 mm ammunition was all found on just one of the trawlers. Our combined efforts at sea played a pivotal role in shifting the primary supply lines for the Viet Cong guerrillas, effectively ending their easy transport of weapons.” Although Gary harbored serious doubts with respect to its premise, this knowledge helps Gary justify his role in a war in which he served and served proudly.

Gary took 12 more assignments during his Coast Guard career, most notably in Norfolk, Virginia as the Federal On-Scene Coordinator. He represented the press liaison between the EPA and the Coast Guard when there was shared responsibilities for oil spills. “It was also during the time of new Federal Safety and Regulations that I was responsible for and implemented, which was a Coast Guard brainchild so to speak,” Gary explains. The Coast Guard had the foresight to establish a program where selected officers took a six-month sabbatical designed to teach them everything about how the marine industry operated so that men like Gary could make the most informed decisions based on the sensitivities of Maritime and Federal needs.

All technical talk aside, Gary seems to be a man who lives a determined and purposed life. “I have been successful in my life because of what the Coast Guard taught me,” Gary remembers. “It taught me to trust and empower fellow team members whenever possible. It also taught me to aggressively embrace change and the many opportunities that come with it.”

kids' corner

Contributed by **Carter Pierce**, Singletree Resident;
Written by **Allie Decent**, Singletree Resident
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IN THE WORDS OF CARTER PIERCE: *Relax!*

Hello, Singletree! This month we interviewed Carter, an active 10 year old on the cusp of a highly anticipated winter ski season. He is in 5th grade at Vail Mountain School. He races with Ski Club



Vail and also participates in Nordic skiing after school. Carter is a super active and outgoing young man with parents, Genevieve and George, who are bursting with pride.

What is your coolest memory? I don't know. Oh, wait, yes I do! It was the Maroon 5 concert in Denver. We got tickets online and it was a good night. I loved when Adam (the lead singer) really rocked out during his solo. It was a great night. Can I add a second one? Yes, I really liked when we did the hut trip where we skinned up to Copper, near Leadville. That was neat.

Where was your last vacation? New York! Well, we went for the summer at Shelter Island where we go every summer, and I sail race Optis (aka Optimist sailboats). It's pretty fun.

What is your favorite pastime? Oh, right now it's watching TV. I mean, I don't watch it all the time at all; I'm always doing sports and other activities, but for relaxing I really am into some cool shows. I love the show *Brain Games*, it's on Netflix right now and it's neat to see the science about how our brains work. I like *Amazing Interiors* too; it's a show about people who turn rooms or extra spaces in their houses into things that are extraordinary. I also really like jumping on my trampoline and doing front flips on that. And this summer, I have had a lot of fun mountain biking with my dad and hiking with my mom.

What do you want to do when you grow up? Probably be like a scientist or do chemistry and make things explode. I like



science a lot. I also really like reading, so maybe a great reader? I read the book *Holes* for school reading and I finished it in one day; it was really really good.

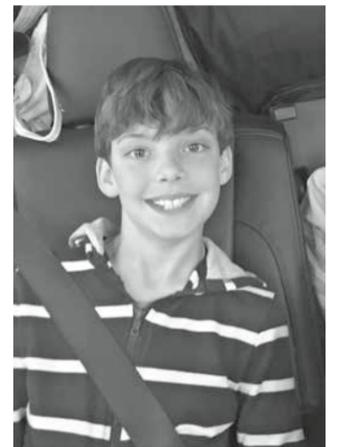
What advice would you give adults? I'd like to tell parents that everyone should just relax more. Living is not supposed to be so stressful and everyone makes mistakes, even your kids. And when we do make mistakes, it's okay, because we all forgive each other and it's okay when you mess up. Just tell your kids and they can learn it's okay to not be perfect and to always try to be better every day.

What is it like being an only child? It's pretty great, actually. No one touches my things because younger kids destroy their older kids' stuff all the time and that would be super annoying. Sometimes I'd love to have someone to play with all the time, and then I have my friends over, but then it's nice to have the quiet to work on things. I'm the youngest of all my cousins and we mostly FaceTime since two of them live in Holland and the other lives in Vermont. My aunt married a Dutchman and they live there; my cousins are all like 13, 20, and 22.

Thanks, Carter! It was great talking with you and we wish you a great ski season this coming winter!



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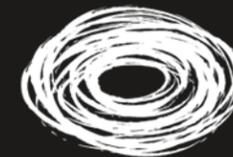


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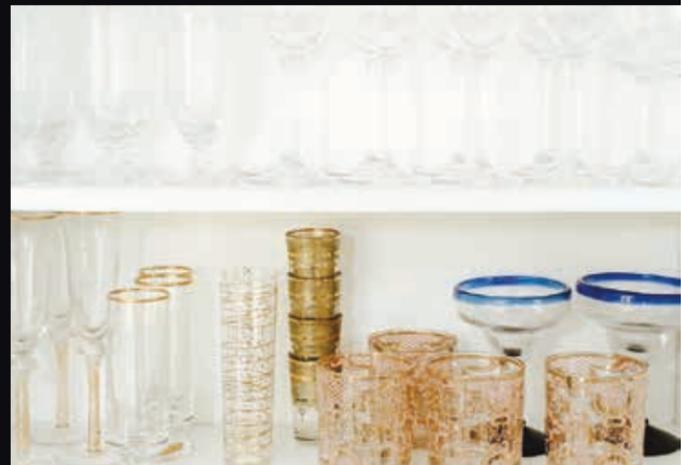
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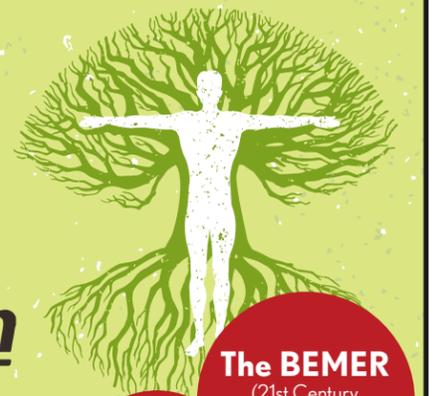


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home of the month

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the perfect shade of Taupe

With her expertise as a real estate broker in the Vail Valley, Kathy Bellamy knew the home at 77 Charolais was a deal she and her husband could not refuse. And although she also knew there were issues that needed to be addressed, the property offered the couple the perfect opportunity to downsize from their home

on Foal Circle. The house had previously been owned by a family with kids, so after closing, Kathy and Mike diligently set about modifying the home to meet their child free needs.

Kathy explains that the stone that had existed at the front door was great, but in a small house, it just chopped up the entrance. “The first thing we did was put in the glass door, cut down the walls around the stairs and put up the iron railing so we could bring the light from upstairs into the front hallway. Then we added the new LED lights to simplify the look.” As an accomplished DIY’er, Kathy installed the minimum touches needed to update the powder room at the entrance, including new lights, a solid mirror and wallpaper.

Because they had to do the floors, the baseboard had to go as well. Kathy and Mike replaced the baseboards and applied the perfect shade of taupe that runs throughout the first floor. “I love the color,” exudes Kathy, “I am a taupe person. This is taupe. It was really important it was taupe and not grey. I think it’s really warm. It’s one of the nicest colors I have ever found.” Another important choice was the white on the walls. The world of white paints can be overwhelming in itself, and finding just the right white to go with the taupe was important. In Kathy’s words, “this is a really good white”. Once again, Kathy’s applied her DIY skill and painted the lower portion of the walls and left the walls above her head to a painter.

Next came the fireplace, which according to Kathy, was “boring”. More specifically, it was too high and had a mantel and a hearth and it made the room appear small. Kathy hired Phillippe Courtois to lower the fireplace to be closer to the floor and reconfigure the walls on either side of the fireplace to accommodate functional shelving and cabinetry. Originally envisioning a somewhat traditional wood pattern above the fireplace, she excitedly shares the fact that she had seen a house in Pilgrim Downs that featured

a vertical pattern of wood and she decided to adopt a similar look. Kathy worked hand in hand with her installer and exclaims, “I love the vertical; and we had so much fun doing it!”

While many of the remodel elements at 77 Charolais are primarily cosmetic, the most impactful change to the flow of the space was removing the solid wall between the kitchen and the dining area. The original small doorway and built in hutch made for a very closed in feeling. When Kathy and Mike asked Phillippe to take down the wall, they were delighted to discover a pre-existing arch. The arch was restored, the chandelier and extraneous hanging light fixtures removed, and again, Kathy’s taste for simplicity created the open feeling she was seeking.

In the kitchen, Kathy’s new Quartzite counter is a favorite feature. The kitchen cabinets were in very good shape and just needed updated doors, so Kathy explains, “we spray painted the doors out on the porch”. Other kitchen improvements included a new refrigerator, two ovens, and replacing a window seat and breakfast table with Kathy’s office. “This is all I need,” she says, “I love sitting here and watching the world go by.”

Outside, the back deck had a pergola with a dilapidated and broken cover and lattice to create outdoor living space that is at once open, functional and comfortable. “We took all that down and extended the deck by four feet at the back,” says Kathy as she points out the intricate pattern in the wall surrounding the deck. “I had so much fun designing the wall,” she adds with pleasure.

Having completed most of the major pieces of the interior remodel, they put the stone on the front porch and removed a big pine tree to plant grass and a flower bed in the front yard this spring. Kathy laughs as she recalls, “it’s very welcoming but it was really ugly.” From the moment of arrival at the Bellamy home, it all flows to-



gether now in a style that is clearly Kathy’s signature: open space, simple lines, great light and warm tones. 77 Charolais has been forever transformed to the delight of Kathy and Mike.



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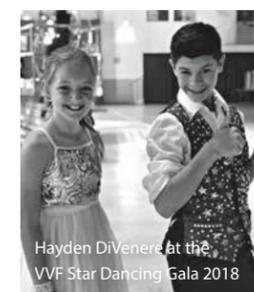
Vail Performing Arts Academy Brings the Valley Together



Hayden DiVenere and Vivian May and cast in "Madagascar"



Joseph Dekanich (2nd from right) in "A Tribute to Fosse"



Hayden DiVenere at the VVF Star Dancing Gala 2018



Savina May (right) in "Man of La Mancha"



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Lily Suman (left) and Vivian May (right) with co-cast member, Addie Moore

"I love VPAA because it gives me a chance to share my talent and passion for singing, dancing and acting. VPAA gives me the opportunity to have fun with what I love." – Vivian May

24 years ago, Annah Scully was simply trying to find a way to do something with her kids during the summer. Since then, her grassroots organization has evolved into one of the most popular and impactful programs in the Valley: the Vail Performing Arts Academy. Whether Annah really knew what she was getting into or not, her awareness of a huge need for an arts program has benefited the entire community as the program has evolved from its humble beginnings with "little classes for kids and a tiny play at Berry Creek Middle School" to a multi-faceted performing arts academy featuring year-round performances as well as school enrichment programs and instruction in cotillion, video production, and public speaking, to name a few.

"My favorite part about VPAA is all of the activities like the improv games and the fun warmups. It is a lot of fun and I enjoy meeting new friends and learning more about theatre!" – Lily Suman

The Vilar Performing Arts Center opened about two years after the inception of VPAA, and Annah was acutely aware of the fact that the venue was not garnering the support of the local community and was initially regarded as a destination for tourists and second homeowners. She strategically approached VPAC and suggested that the way to draw community was to pave the way

for parents to see their children perform by providing the amazing opportunity for them to appear on the stage of the Vilar.

The outcome speaks for itself. *Grease*, the initial production staged by VPAA at the Vilar, was a sell-out. Annah exclaims, "I could not believe the kids coming out of the woodwork! I thought we would have about 30 kids and we had about 75." Annah goes on to explain that every child, ages 8 – 18, is welcome at VPAA, regardless of geographic, economic or other demographic factors. "The big thing we do is integrate the entire valley. We don't turn anyone away." A teacher by background, Annah is a strong believer in mentoring. She continues, "I believe the older kids should be mentoring the younger kids, and it's really fun to watch the younger kids transition to becoming mentors themselves.

"Now when I go on stage compared to when I did four years ago, I feel a whole new comfort and confidence. Vail Performing Arts Academy has changed my life and I hope other people like me will take the same path and do their best and shine." – Joseph Dekanich

In addition to its intentional philosophy to include any and all students from across the Vail Valley, the quality of the instruction is key to the success of the Academy. Annah, in a modest self-deprecating way, professes that her greatest skill when it comes to the arts is playing the kazoo. That being said, having worked with a number of directors there came a point at which she became weary of trying to fill the position. At about that time, something cosmic happened. As a world champion ballroom

dancer, Colin Meiring boasted a resume deep in achievement on Broadway and in Los Angeles, with experiences ranging from working on cruise ships to choreographing for the Grammys. And he was burnt out. He wanted to come to Vail to teach snowboarding and maybe a little dance on the side. Annah hired him over the phone, heeding the inner voice that said, "Just do it!"

Annah goes on to explain that Colin's arrival changed the whole landscape of VPAA. "When you see his touch on things, there is nothing like it. His ability to teach children a complicated dance number in 20 minutes to 8 year olds will blow your mind." In addition to his role at VPAA, Colin choreographs the Star Dancing Gala hosted by the Vail Valley Foundation and teaches classes at the Vail Dance Academy, where he introduced hip-hop classes that are filled to capacity. "Colin has the midas touch. The kids love him. We all love him. I could not do it without him," Annah happily muses.

"VPAA gives me an opportunity to do everything I love, without being judged. This incredible program has helped me grow and become a more confident person." – Savina May

Annah looks back at the start of the organization with pride in its development and deep appreciation for its generous supporters. The first fundraiser, a karaoke party attended by notable members of the community who paid to see people get dressed up and perform, was actually held at the Singletree Community Center. Today, the generous contributions from donors allow VPAA to fulfill its pledge to serve every need, including providing need-based scholarships and a sliding scale of financial assistance.

"I would have to say that the most fun part of VPAA for me are the final performances. Getting on the stage and performing in costume after all the preparation and practice is really exciting! Through VPAA, I have learned how to work with others and how to express myself through the art of performance. Plus, my mom and dad say it will look really good on my resume, haha." – Hayden DiVenere

Since 1995, more than 7,000 students have benefited from their involvement with the Vail Valley Performing Arts Academy. 7,000 students with a variety of backgrounds and experiences, none of which matter when they all come together as a family at VPAA. Many return year after year to assist with productions and give back to their performing arts alma mater. Many go on to competitive art schools; several have launched performing arts careers from Hollywood to Broadway. Whatever their path, it is a testament to the quality and value of the experience they have enjoyed at VPAA.

Thank you, Annah Scully, for wanting to do something with your kids during the summer. And to you and your dream team for providing the youth of the Vail Valley the invaluable opportunity to participate in the arts by singing, dancing, acting or learning the behind-the-scenes mechanics, and to develop confidence and creativity as well as life skills that will serve them well wherever their journey leads them.

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GARRETT WILSON'S SOCCER PATH:

FROM WHITES TO BLUES TO NAVY & RED



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Contributed by Garrett Wilson, Singletree Resident

How old are you and where are you in school? I am 21 and a member of the Class of 2019 at Gonzaga University in Spokane, WA.

How/when did you first start playing soccer? Since I can remember we always had a soccer ball floating around the Wilson household.

When did you start playing competitively? Competitive is a funny word. Many times where I played against my own family just for fun, it turned more competitive than some club matches. I began playing club for VVSC in 3rd grade though.

What inspires you most about competitive soccer? Soccer, or I really should say football, is the world's game. I find it incredibly inspiring that I am competing against more players than you can in any other sport in this world.

Who has inspired or motivated you most throughout your soccer career? My parents have both been very inspiring over the years. I have to mostly tip my hat off to great coaches, though. That began in the Valley with people like Mike Feichtinger and Dave Cope. When I made the move to Denver, Coaches Sean Bushey, Erik Bushey, and Mike Piserchio all inspired me to play the way I do. That way is for my teammates. That is what motivates me the most is working for my teammates.

What teams have you participated on? I played for VVSC growing up with a group of very talented boys from the Valley. I then played in the whites of Battle Mountain High School for my freshman year before moving to Denver to play for Colorado Rush Academy, a member of the USSDA, the premier youth soccer league in the nation. I was on two successful teams that saw runs into the playoffs with Colorado Rush. I then traded in Rush blue for the navy and red of Gonzaga University, where I am now. All of my success at Gonzaga is yet to come.

What kind of training regime do you undergo? Our training is very intense, including lifting, practice, stretching, and recovery. Our plan and process is laid out for us year-round by our coaches and trainers.

Can you describe the commitment it takes to participate at the collegiate level? College Athletics is unique in that it takes both a tremendous amount of work on the field and in the classroom. At Gonzaga, we hold ourselves to an even higher standard of being incredibly involved in our community. The commitment is very overwhelming, but most Division I athletes would agree with me that I wouldn't trade it for the world.

What have been your best results in competition? I am a firm believer that my best results are yet to come. I have been on many successful teams, but I have never won a national title. That is my goal.

What have you learned from your involvement in soccer? I have to say I have learned two main things. First, hard work will always beat talent. Second, things that are hard or difficult are almost always the most rewarding things.

What do you like the most about soccer? I liked how it hangs in the balance of beauty and aggression. My game is based more on the aggressive side of the spectrum but I appreciate how the game moves in between these two qualities.

What is your favorite moment? My favorite moment in my soccer career thus far has been beating a nationally ranked Denver University team this past year. Not only did it feel good to best a really good opponent, but also one that was in my backyard as an Academy soccer player.

What has been your greatest challenge? Injuries. No question about it. I am not too considerate of my body when I play soccer, and it has taken its toll over the years. My body and I have a love-hate relationship.

What other activities or sports do you participate in? I love to ski and mountain bike, after all, I did grow up in the Vail Valley. I enjoy playing American football, and I have to mention that I am a member of an Intramural Softball dynasty at Gonzaga.



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Can you offer a piece of advice for someone who might want to pursue competitive soccer? Wherever you are, think bigger. There is a lot of young talent in the Valley. You cannot be content to compare yourself to other players in the Valley; you have to compare yourself to players in Denver. Then, you have to compare yourself to players from all across the nation. Then, you will have to compare yourself to players around the world. The moment you stop thinking bigger is the moment you will stop getting better.

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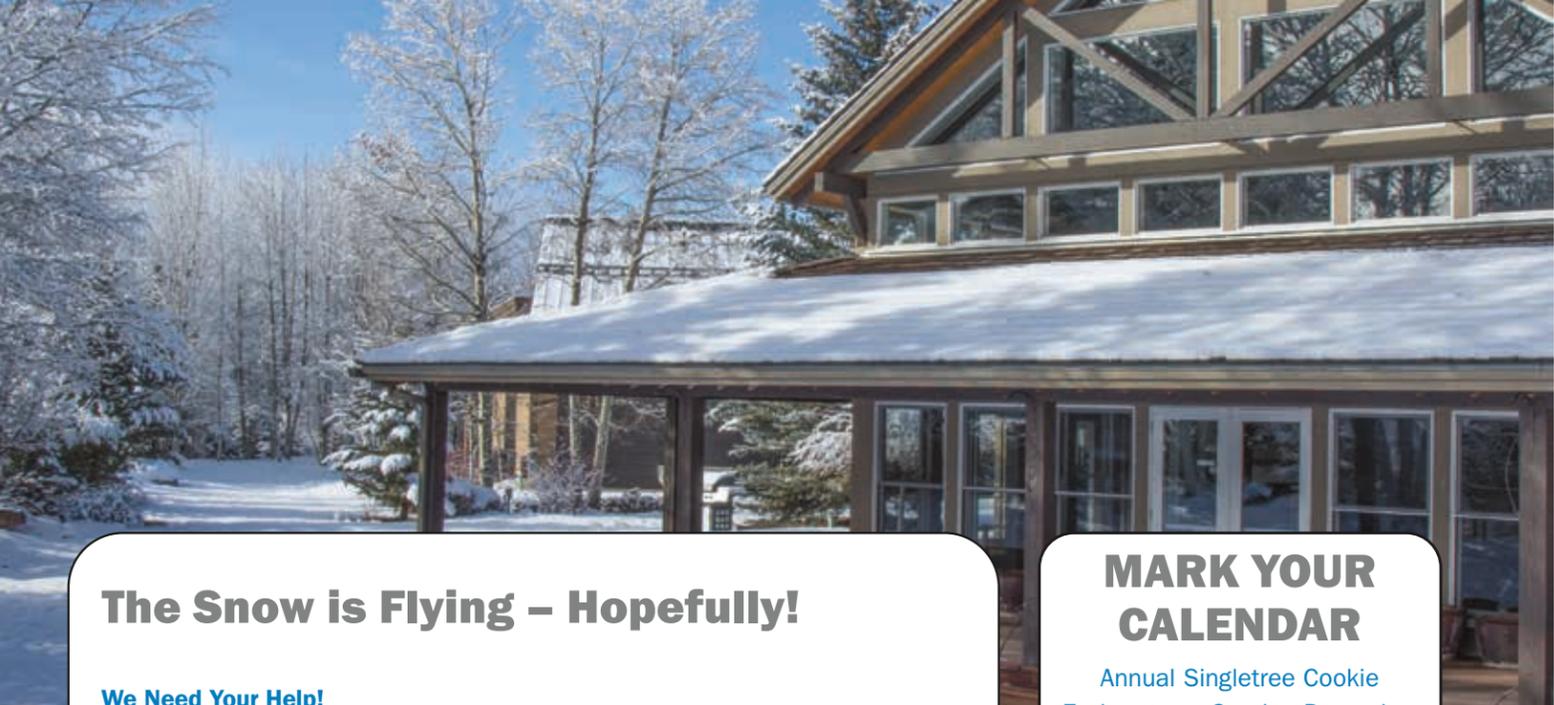
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Snail mail costs your POA money in printing, stamps and labor. SPOA is working towards 100% electronic communication with our homeowners. This includes official notifications, invitations to the Summer Party as well as community-based correspondence focused on Singletree. We currently have only 50% of resident's email addresses. Please take a moment to email manager@singletreetoday.com with your email address if you do not currently receive our periodic community emails. If in doubt, please send an email to manager@singletreetoday.com and it will be verified. We have your mailing addresses, but email is a cost effective and efficient approach to communication and another way to keep your Annual Dues affordable.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Annual Singletree Cookie Exchange on Sunday, December 9, from 4 pm to 6 pm, at the Singletree Community Center. Show off your baking skills and take home plates of your neighbor's best cookies too. Please bring a minimum of four dozen homemade cookies. The cookies should be arranged on a disposable plate, with one dozen cookies per plate and don't forget to include the recipe.

Important Winter Contact Information

-  Find road conditions before you head out. www.cotrip.org has current road information for Colorado Interstates and highways.
-  Check out the local ski conditions before you hit the slopes at www.snow.com.
-  See if your flight is departing on-time. Eagle County Regional Airport has its own website, www.flyvail.com.
-  Get alerts about emergencies and other important community news by signing up to receive Eagle County Alerts at www.ecalert.org.
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After working at a Hollywood studio in my 20s, I decided to move back to Colorado and make a career change. I always enjoyed using my hands as a kid, whether it be an art project, building a tree fort with my brothers or helping my dad build a deck in the backyard while wearing a tool belt with a hammer and pouch of nails. I took a job working for a local builder, literally pushing a broom through construction sites, and then working my way up learning all of the trades before starting my own business in 2002.

I am truly inspired by living in the mountains. I love it here, and it is fulfilling to be a part of making this lifestyle a reality for my clients. I'm in my element when I have a blank canvas of any medium — especially a new home build or remodel — and I have the opportunity to fill it full of life. I am always looking at something, anything, and asking myself how I can make it better.

“Hand holding” has become my specialty in the building business. *Trinity Builders* focuses on new home builds and residential remodels, and with each project, I walk my clients through every facet of their project to help them understand the process and their budget. We do this proactively in order to address any issues before they actually arise and to avoid problems during construction.

Building is not always an easy business, and sometimes it's a challenge to be in all places at one time. I am the type of business owner who always wants to be hands-on; I think of the movie *Multiplicity* when a man clones himself over and over to accomplish more. That's where my faith in the very competent people who work for me comes into play, and fortunately for my clients and me, my team never wants to let me down.

When I complete a project, my greatest reward really comes in watching the faces and feeling the genuine hugs of clients and their children when their home is complete. It's truly gratifying to see their happiness when what was a mere concept becomes reality.

On the personal side, I am originally from Lake Bluff, Chicago, and I spent my high school years in Littleton, CO. I met my wife, Lara, in Los Angeles, where we both worked for studios in the film industry. After years of long hours and stress, we both felt a



Founder and owner of Trinity Builders, Ryan Dunn, with wife, Lara and sons, Christopher and Trevor.

need for a change. We packed up and headed to Vail and became children's ski school instructors for a winter season. As the saying goes... you come for the winter and stay for the summers, which is exactly what happened to us.

We lived in Vail, then Eagle-Vail, and finally settled in Singletree in 2004. We love the people, the sunshine, being so close to everything for our kids and spending summers by the pool at the Sonnenalp Club. We spend a lot of our free time traveling, hiking and skiing and shuttling our kids to football, hockey, and lacrosse. As a personal outlet, I spend any time I can get on my own mountain biking, hunting, and fishing when I'm not working on site or coaching my boys in sports.

For additional information about Trinity Builders, visit trinity-buildersvail.com or contact **Ryan Dunn** at **970-331-1220**.

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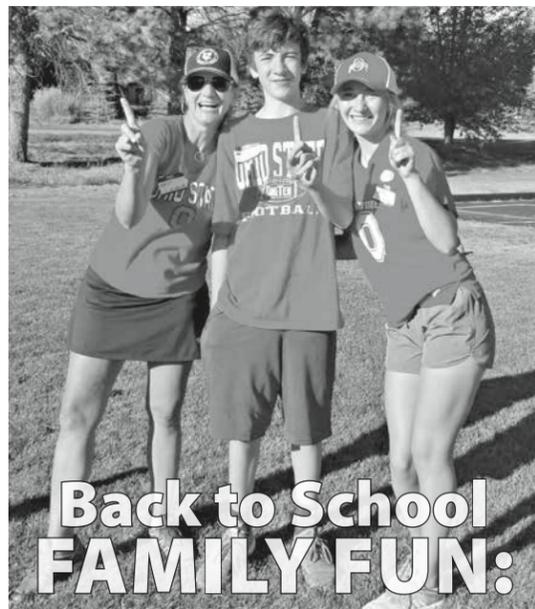
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Many thanks to Jeff and Ariana Burkley for their invaluable help in organizing the event, as well as to Mark Sassi for MC'ing the activities and awards. And most of all, thank you to all the families who came out to participate! See you next year!



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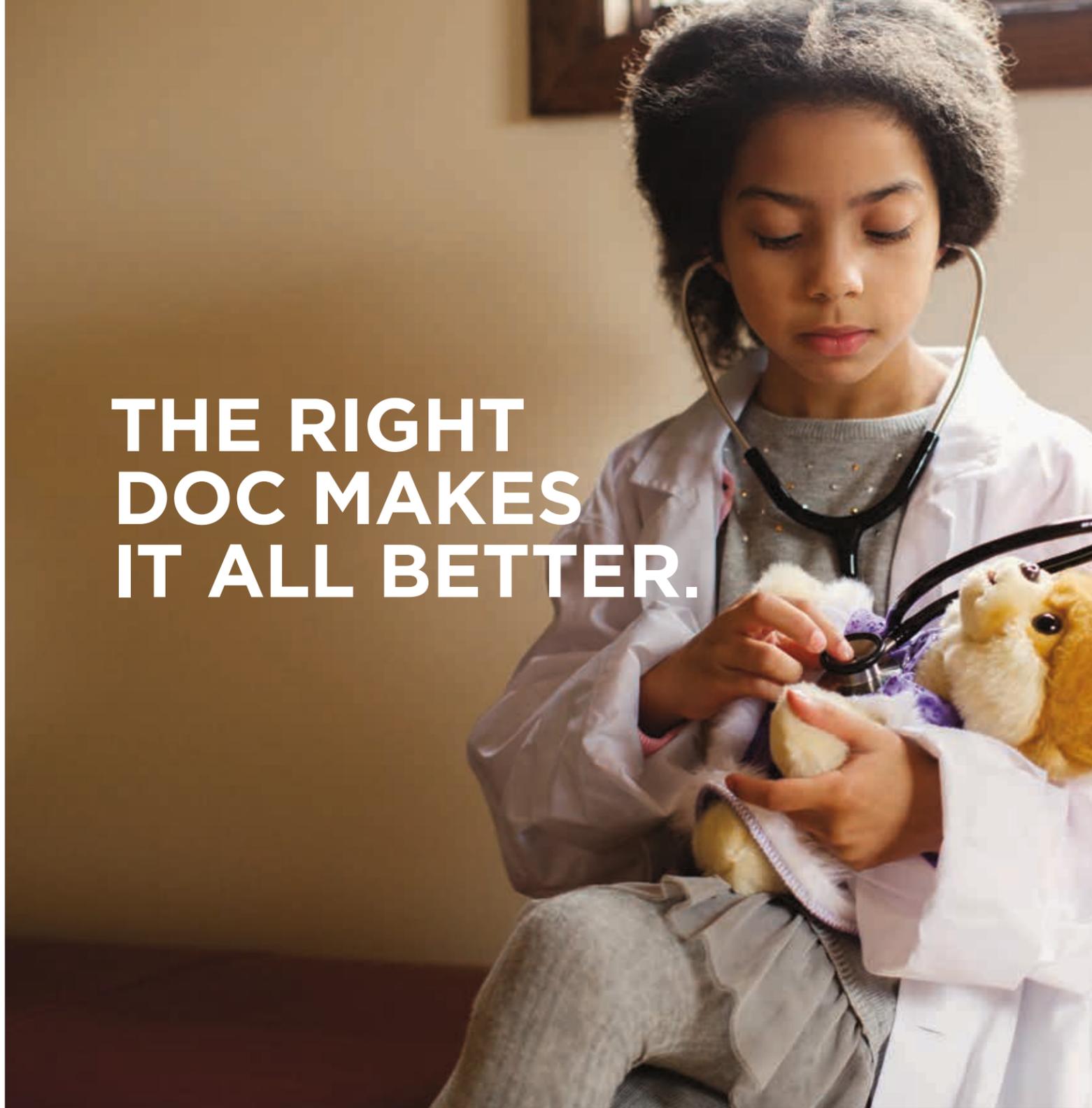
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