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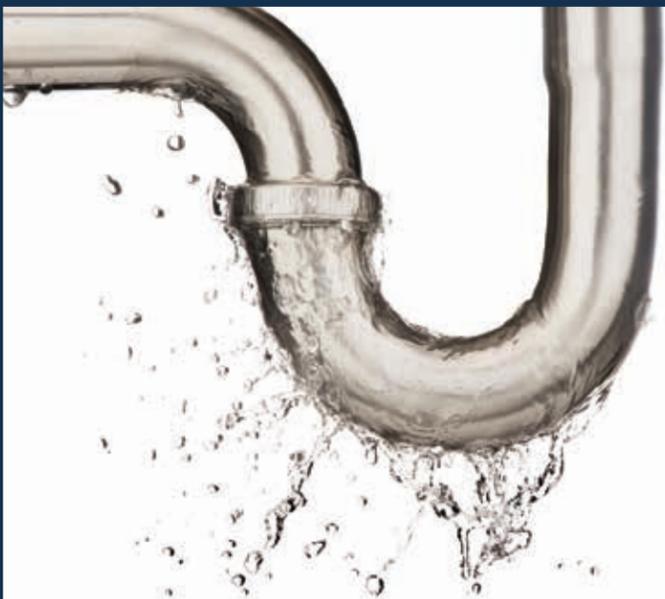
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Welcome to February! Despite being the shortest month of the year, February brings with it many obscure days to celebrate including, among others, Ice Cream for Breakfast Day (February 4), National Read in the Bath Tub Day (February 9), and National Margarita Day (February 22). So if you are beginning to experience the winter doldrums and are already looking forward to spring, there are lots of occasions to spice up what can otherwise be a cold and dark month!

And of course, we cannot forget Valentine's Day! This month, we get to know the Brown family, which in itself, is a story of love stories. Beginning in 1985 when Bob and Lori met in California, fast forward to today with 5 adults, a baby and 3 dogs living together on Rawhide Road, this big happy family is the epitome of love and fun adventure. And when it comes to love at first sight, there is no better puppy love story than that of Tracy Horn and her irresistible Goldendoodle, Moki, who was just waiting for Mom to find him in a Missouri pet store.

Be it a spouse, child, grandchild or pet, we hope you will be able to share the day with your beloved on February 14!

This issue also features the theatrical talent of Quinn Kelley, a 10th grader at Vail Mountain School, who took on 11 roles in the compelling production of "The Laramie Project", each demanding, emotional and often painful. Don't miss Quinn in her performance of Roxi Hart in "Chicago" in April! And having played the lead role in "Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type", John Slevin shares his enthusiasm from the audience for theater in New York as well as "Hamilton" in Denver, which happened to be a Valentine's Day thing.

Tricia Swenson shares with us the gratification of participating in the Habitat for Humanity International builds, along with fellow Singletree residents Nancy and Ben Broder and Brian Judge and Sarah Siegel. And here at home in Singletree, we take a peek at the transformational remodel George and Genevieve Peirce completed in the past year on Lariat Road which brings abundant sunshine and joy into their living space every day.



All this and more... I hope you enjoy this issue of *Inside Singletree!* And Happy National Pancake Day on February 28!

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UC	90 W Lariat Rd #B (DU)	\$785,000	N/A	N/A	\$396	N/A	3	3 (2 0 1)	1,984	No
UC	221 June Creek Rd (SF)	\$1,135,000	N/A	N/A	\$378	N/A	3	4 (1 2 1)	3,004	No
UC	16 Tack Rd (SF)	\$1,285,000	N/A	N/A	\$338	N/A	5	4 (3 0 1)	3,805	No
Sold	931 Singletree Rd #3 (TH)	\$599,000	\$575,000	11/15/18	\$421	\$404	2	2 (1 1 0)	1,422	No
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# Cody, Cameron, Lori, Bob, Matt, Avery AND Britney



## meet your neighbors

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### GREETINGS, SINGLETREE NEIGHBORS!

When Bob and I met in February of 1985, we had both recently graduated from college and we were working together in the Sacramento area of California. We discovered that both of our families were living in Colorado. His parents were in Fort Collins where he had grown up and mine had moved to Greeley from South Lake Tahoe during my third year of college. At the time we met, we were both involved with other people. As fate would have it, both relationships ended and in June of 1985, our journey began. Our competitive attitudes, common interest in sports and the outdoors made for a perfect match. We took our vows in July 1988 at the Valhalla Estate on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe and celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last summer. Fast and furious then and now, life never seems to slow down.

Following in my father's footsteps, Bob joined the Swift family's newspaper business in 1987, in Greeley, CO. In 1993 Bob was offered a minority ownership in the Swift family's purchase of the

Vail and Summit Daily newspapers, we were living in Grass Valley, CA at the time. Bob's acceptance of the role of Publisher and minority owner of the two papers is what brought us to Vail and Bob back to his home state. We moved into our newly built home on Rawhide Road in April of 1995, just weeks after our third child Cody was born at Vail Valley Medical Center.

Cody is now 23; he graduated from BMHS in 2013, attended High Point University (NC) for one year, Metro State University for one year and graduated in December 2017 from Colorado Mesa University with a degree in Sports Management. To complete his degree, in January 2018, Cody did a semester-long internship with the Colorado Eagles (the minor league hockey team affiliated with the Colorado Avalanche) in Loveland.

In May of 2018, Cody and his dog Major moved back home to the "Brown Palace" on Rawhide Road. Cody would love to work for an NBA franchise, but doesn't really like "city living." In his spare time, Cody loves to play basketball and has a new passion for golf. This past summer Cody worked at the Cordillera Valley Club golf course and at the fitness center at the Sonnenalp Club where he continues to work this winter. Cody has brought much light and laughter to our home with his vivid imagination and incredible storytelling.

Our daughter Britney (29), her husband Matt, daughter Avery (19 months) and their two dogs Charlie and Ellie also moved in with us in December 2017. Britney and Matt purchased Novus Auto Glass from longtime locals Steve and Dennie Moore in March of 2018. Prior to moving to the valley, they had been living in Cheyenne, WY where Matt was an Operations Engineer at Holly Frontier Corp and Britney was a volleyball coach at Laramie County Community College. Britney was a 2007 graduate of BMHS and a 2012 graduate of Northeastern University in Boston. After her 4-year volleyball career at NEU and 1 year as a volunteer assistant coach, Britney played professional volleyball in Sweden. Coaching volleyball is Britney's passion and she continues to share her love of the game with young girls in the valley.

Matt, who is originally from Lander, WY has been an amazing addition to our family. He fits right in as a fierce competitor and this summer he took up golf and pickle ball and has always enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling. As a parent, it has been extremely rewarding to observe Britney and Matt as they navigate parenthood, business ownership and their life as a married couple with hard work, moral fortitude, kind and gentle love and endless dedication to family.

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Their daughter Avery has become our passion and waking up every morning to her adorable little face and precious little grin has been a gift to all of us. Bob and I are thrilled to be grandparents and feel extremely lucky to be a part of Avery's daily life and to have the opportunity to share our love with her and witness all of her growth and developments first hand. Don't get me wrong, it's really fun having Britney, Matt and Cody around too, but let's be serious. Imagine going from an "empty nest" for five years to three adults, a baby and three dogs! In all honesty, though, we really do enjoy the company of our adult children and all the fun adventures we are experiencing with them as one big happy family.

Our middle child Cameron (26) graduated from BMHS in 2010 and after a semester at Queens University in Charlotte, NC Cameron decided to move to Cave Creek, AZ to work with a golf coach and pursue his dream of becoming a professional golfer. Cameron spent five winters in Cave Creek and spent his summers back home in Edwards practicing golf and playing in state opens and various other golf tournaments. Fast forward to Britney and Matt's wedding in the summer of 2016, where Cameron fell in love with one of Britney's bridesmaids, Lexi Hockenberry. Cameron and Lexi live in Lakewood and Cameron works as a caddy at Cherry Hills golf course and Lexi works at the headquarters for the Shane Company.

Cameron is still an avid golfer, but now has to balance golf with work and his beautiful and fun loving girlfriend. Cameron loves to cook and spend time relaxing at home with Lexi watching a good movie or sports. Lexi fits right into our family too as she is a sports fanatic, competitive and is up for anything from board games to bowling, really just like the rest of us, anything that involves competition. We enjoy weekend visits from them or meeting them in Denver to attend a professional sporting event. We have let them know that Cameron's room is available if they are ever feeling left out.

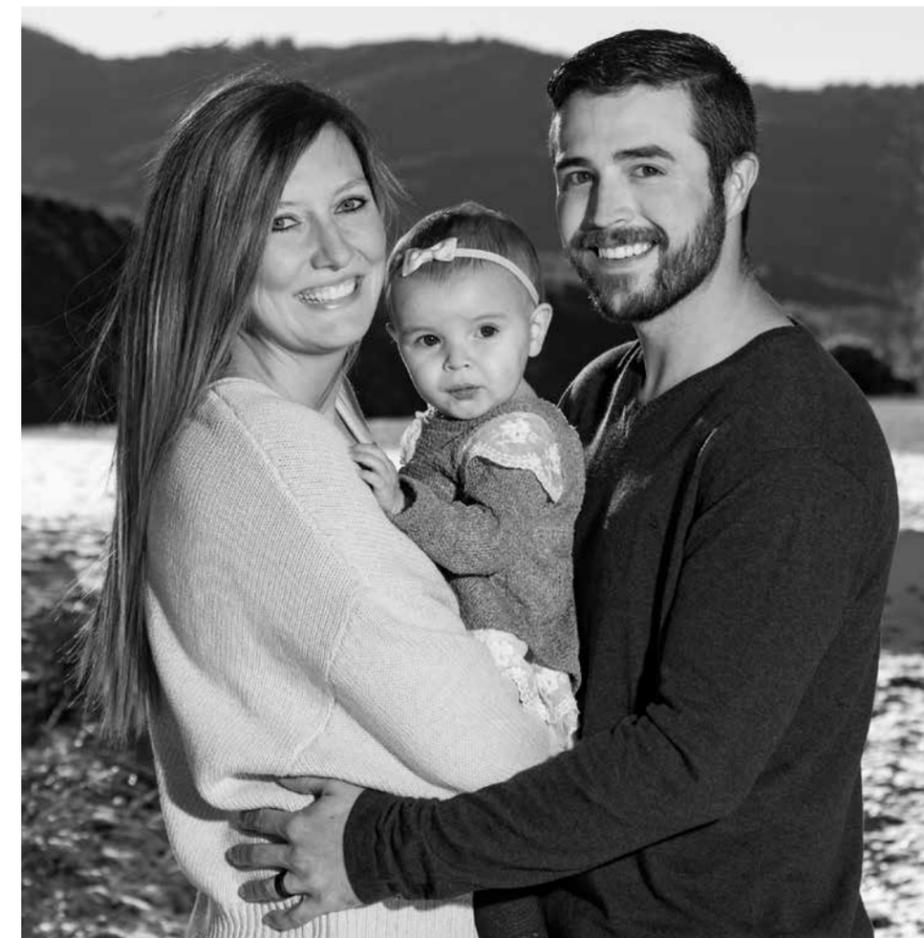
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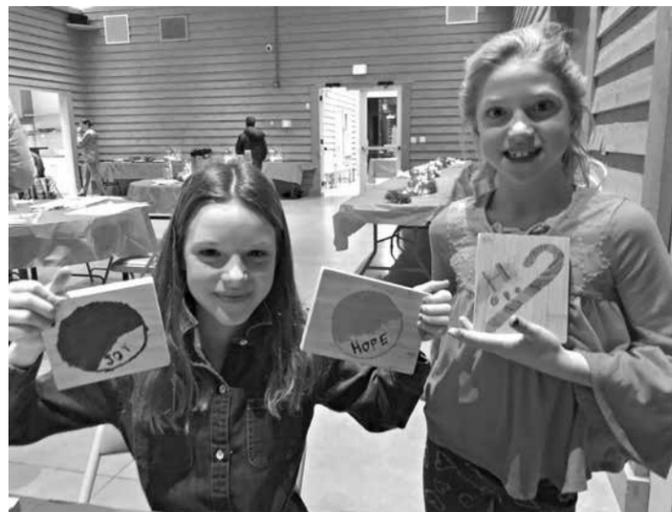
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Like most moms, my priority has always been my family. I approach each day with an "attitude of gratitude" for this beautiful community, friends that have been like family and for the family that I have been given and the love, adventures and laughter that we share. While Bob pursued a very busy career, I worked as an at home mom, took pride in school and community volunteer work and all the endless tasks that come with parenthood. I also took time for myself; over the years I've enjoyed playing softball, tennis, golf, skiing, hiking, biking, SUP, pickle ball and spending time with all of the friends we have made over the past 25 years living in the Vail Valley.

I can't think of a better place to raise a family and I am confident that Bob and I and the families that have touched our lives over the years have created memories and traditions in this valley that our children will cherish for the rest of their lives.



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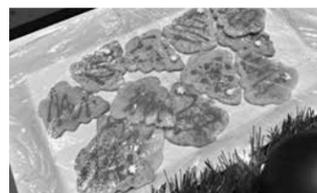
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Chris and his wife, Stephanie, have called the Vail Valley home for almost four years, and are thankful for so many residents who have trusted Silversmith Legal with their planning needs. Both hailing from Miami, Florida, the husband and wife team moved to the mountains to support a close friend who was battling a serious illness and ended up never wanting to leave.

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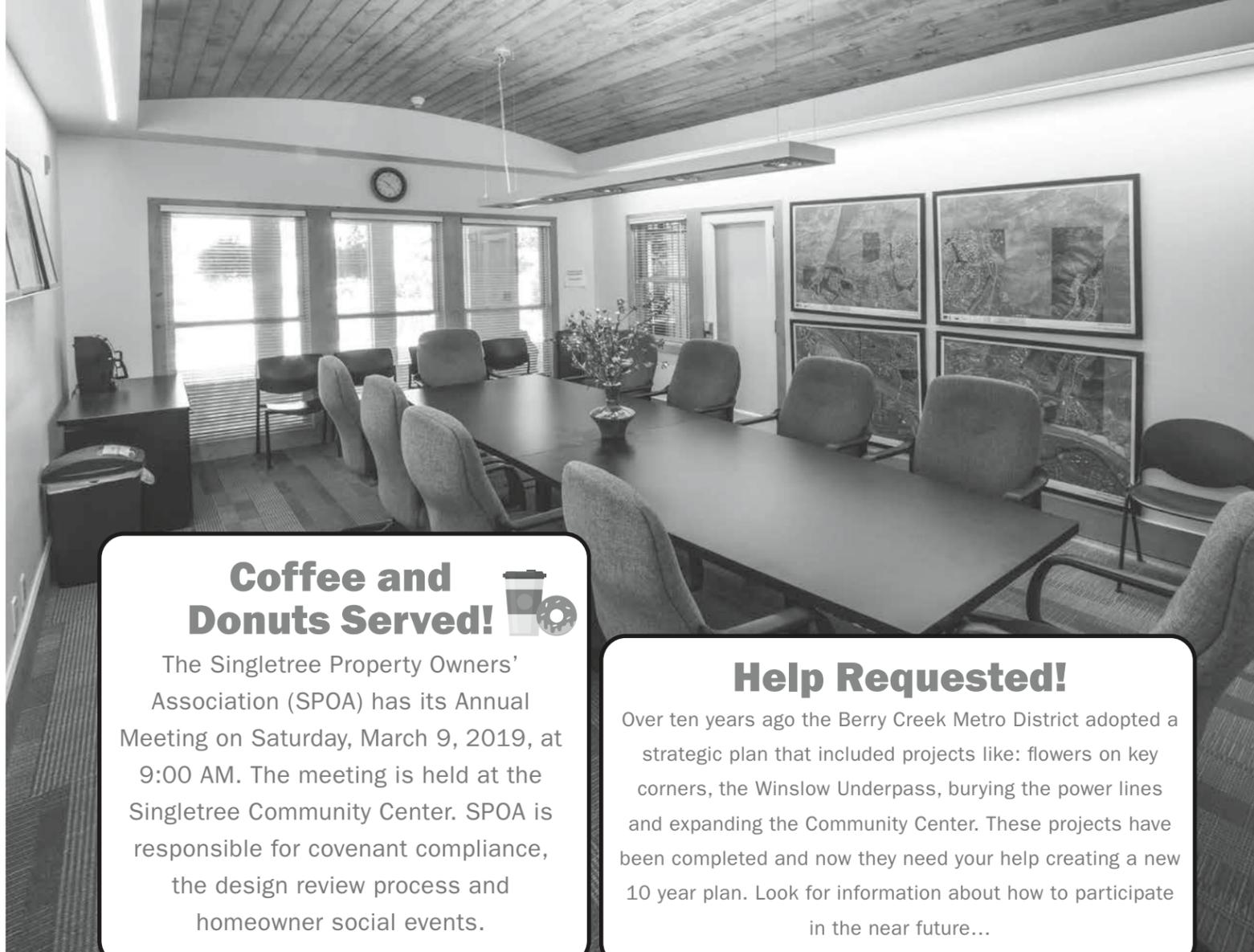
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The Singletree Property Owners' Association (SPOA) has its Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 9:00 AM. The meeting is held at the Singletree Community Center. SPOA is responsible for covenant compliance, the design review process and homeowner social events.

### Help Requested!

Over ten years ago the Berry Creek Metro District adopted a strategic plan that included projects like: flowers on key corners, the Winslow Underpass, burying the power lines and expanding the Community Center. These projects have been completed and now they need your help creating a new 10 year plan. Look for information about how to participate in the near future...

### SPOA Board Election!

There are two seats up for election on the SPOA Board. Interested in serving as a board member? Please submit a one page letter of interest and qualifications that will be shared with the community. You must be a Singletree property owner to serve. Your letter of interest and qualifications is due no later than February 28, 2019. It can be submitted to [manager@singletreetoday.com](mailto:manager@singletreetoday.com). A board member's term is three years and they are elected on a rolling basis at the Annual Meeting. Participate at the monthly board meetings on the fourth Thursday of each month at 3 PM. The meeting schedule is online at [www.singletreetoday.com](http://www.singletreetoday.com).

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L to R: Graham Spessard, Rachel Snyder (Singletree Resident) and Jacqueline Lazier



Quinn Kelly in "The Laramie Project"



Mel McCalley (Singletree Resident)



Quinn Kelly (Singletree Resident) and Cam Bill



Front: Quinn Kelley, Mel McCalley, Cam Bill, Cloe Cunningham, Hailey Bill and Devin Yard. Back: Graham Spessard and and Jingyang "Millie" Zhu

## celebrating the arts

Contributed by **Quinn Kelley**,  
Singletree Resident



# QUINN KELLEY

*Takes to the Stage for "The Laramie Project"*

Last fall, VMS presented "The Laramie Project", a show that was both academically and emotionally challenging. In October 1998, Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student became a victim of a terrible hate crime that left the town of Laramie, Wyoming, and the entire country reeling for answers. In the months following Matthew's death, members of the Tectonic Theatre Project traveled to Laramie and conducted over two hundred interviews with the residents. Their work became a reading, and eventually a play, "The Laramie Project", using these interviews, as well as journal entries from members of the company.

The characters in the play are based on real people, using real, often rough and homophobic language. The play authentically conveys as well the opinions on all sides of the conversation without additional commentary. Combining these artistic components makes for an extremely moving and emotional experience for the audience and cast members alike.

This tragic story marked a legislative turning point in the United States with the institution of the Federal Hate Crime Prevention Act of 2009. Further, the recent twentieth anniversary of Matthew's death offers a "teachable moment" for the students of VMS to examine the issues of inclusion, diversity, the changing norms of our times, and the historic significance of this unfortunate event.

In an interview with Quinn Kelley, a 10th grader at Vail Mountain School and actress in the show, she shares what it meant for her to be part of this important project. "Late last year, I participated in a show called "The Laramie Project" at my school. Now, this

story is not particularly light or uplifting as I thought our first play of the year may be. In fact, it was brutally honest, real, and painful; but I am so happy that I was able to be a part of it and touch as many people as I did with this emotional, true narrative. One man emailed me how touched he was by our performance and how well high school students were able to portray such a hard topic. Matthew was a gay university student who was brutally beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die by two fellow Laramie boys named Aaron McKinney and Russell Henderson. This hate crime and death left so many in pain, yet, so many more came together to protest this kind of hatred."

Quinn continues, "I questioned a lot why my director, Tony Bender, would choose to do such a dark show. His response was extremely touching. He said, 'When I first approached Mr. Imperi, the Head of School, and the school board, I told them what the play was about, and they said, 'Do you really think this is a lesson we need to learn?' And I said yes, this is a lesson everyone needs to learn; and all agreed, then do it.'"

"One of the specific characters, Sherry Johnson, was a part I had to play which took me out of my comfort zone from traditional roles I had played in the past. Her ideas were not those that I believed in, and a lot of the cast went through some of the same

challenges," Quinn shares honestly. "How do you play a character who you can't relate to at all? But we did it and with great pride. I was so proud to be a part of this performance and to share this powerful message with others. We had an amazing cast and each member put their heart into the performance."

Other Singletree residents that participated in "The Laramie Project" included Mel McCalley and Rachel Snyder. In total, 13 students played up to 11 roles each and every student delivered an outstanding performance.

*Vail Mountain School will be showcasing the play "Chicago" on April 5, 6, and 7. Come see Quinn Kelley as Roxie Hart and all these other tremendous kids as they take on this critically acclaimed musical in the spring!*



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# 'You and Me... Meant to Be' THE TALE OF MOKI AND TRACY



When Tracy Horn went into a pet store in Blue Springs, MO with Laurie, her best friend since kindergarten, little did she know she would leave lovestruck – with a Goldendoodle soon to be known as Moki. An innocent stop to pick up dog food took on a whole new meaning when Tracy first spotted Moki in a glass front cage at the back of the store. “Bring him to me!” demanded Tracy. Once in Tracy’s arms, Moki never left. In Tracy’s words, “it was just done.” There was something extra special about the chemistry that resulted in an instant bond and Tracy was hooked.

Moki had arrived at the pet local store from the breeder through the Petland’s Adopt-A-Pet program; how it came to be that he was still there nearly a month and a half is anybody’s guess. But there he was... just waiting for Tracy! Tracy explains that

she had been thinking about getting a dog but had not planned on doing it three hours before jumping on a plane to return home to Colorado. Determined to bring her new baby home, Tracy’s good luck continued when Frontier Airlines allowed Moki on board as the last dog to be permitted on the flight. He curled up under the seat in front of her and slept like an angel through the whole trip.

Moki is the perfect dog to fit the lifestyle Tracy shares with Greg Nash – filled with boating on Lake Powell, swimming and hiking. While on Loki, Greg was the one who voiced an idea for the puppy’s name. “How about Moki?” he asked. With that, Moki turned and looked at Tracy and Greg. That was it! He had picked his own name. And maybe more than coincidence that Moki’s coloring closely resembles the color of the walls of the canyons in Lake Powell...



Now totally at home in Singletree, Moki accompanies Tracy wherever she goes; he happily joins her as she gets her hair done or goes to the bank, where he particularly enjoys the treats offered by the staff at Wells Fargo. He prefers laps to seats in the car and Tracy laughs as she clarifies that “our purpose is to be his cushion.” He is happiest when he is touching someone, somehow, somewhere, knowing his people are there for him at all times.

Tracy takes the role of training Moki very seriously. While she understands the importance of consistency, she admits it’s not always easy to maintain with a young dog. He is not allowed to jump up on people who arrive at their house; he is learning to sit, shake and welcome guests into their home. He has learned to fetch, will sometimes actually bring the ball back, and is now working on agility. Tracy is working with him with the tubes and bars and is hoping to enter Moki in the Go Pro Dog Games next summer. He is so hungry to learn and to please, training has been a delight even during those moments of pure puppy-ness.

Tracy also notes that Moki is a devout Kansas City fan. Collar, leash and jersey. Always outfitted for a game and ready to cheer on the Chiefs!

“We bonded, we clicked, it was amazing,” Tracy says with a warm smile and true twinkle in her eye as she looks fondly at Moki. “What I can’t believe is that he was in that store for so long and no one else adopted this sweet little baby. What are the chances? I have an hour to waste before catching a flight home and next thing I know, I am adopting a dog!” Meant to be, indeed. The picture says it all!



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Dr. Justin Moses, DMD, and his team at **Elevated Dental** wholeheartedly joined in the spirit of Colorado Gives in early December by offering nearly 50 patients a dental cleaning, filling or extraction at no charge on its annual Free Day of Dentistry.

Nearly ten years ago, Dr. Paul Corcoran and his wife, Jean, hosted the first annual Free Day and have kept the custom going every year since then. Justin and Maddy, who purchased Dr. Corcoran's practice about a year and a half ago, are thrilled to carry on the tradition. Coming from Philadelphia, Dr. Moses has come to appreciate that practicing in a small community offers a much greater opportunity to connect with patients on a more personal basis.

Inspired by the close-knit feel of the Vail Valley, Justin expresses the gratification he feels in providing dental services to residents here at no cost to them on Free Day. "We get so many people who are so appreciative. It's awesome to give back to the community," he says. Maddy shares his enthusiastic generosity and says, "It's too easy to put off taking care of your teeth, especially if you are paying out of pocket, like so many of us do. If Free Day can help close to 50 patients prevent or relieve dental pain, it's pretty amazing!"

The team at **Elevated Dental** recently relocated its office to a new location in West Vail, next to City Market. This move allowed them to see just a few more patients this year on its annual Free Day of Dentistry than in years past. With Netflix offered for their viewing pleasure, every patient seemed pretty happy to relax in the dentist's chair!

**Elevated Dental** is also actively engaged in supporting other causes in the Vail Valley. Having participated in Pink Vail last year, the team is already looking forward to beating its prior fundraising goal of \$2,000... and having a blast doing it!!

Dr. Moses reminds us to be diligent in daily dental care and proactive in addressing problems. "If you catch it early, it's often an easy fix. If you wait until it hurts, it's usually a lot more expensive."

Thank you, Justin, Maddy and **Elevated Dental** for providing a Free Day of Dentistry for the Vail Valley. We look forward to your continued generosity in early December 2019!

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## home of the month

Contributed by George and Genevieve Peirce, Singletree Residents  
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# New Oven. New Windows. VOILA! NEW HOME!

When you walk into the living room at 110 Lariat Road, you are immediately captivated by the soaring windows, the views across the valley and the sun drenched warmth of the room. Upon first seeing the house in 2005, George and Genevieve Peirce were wowed by those views and delighted with the location on the Lariat Road cul de sac. Fast forward 13 years, the couple is ecstatic about their 'new' home, having taken their time in considering how exactly to go about updating the house to not only replace the dated finishes and improve the floor plan, but to truly create a home to fit their lifestyle.

As the chef in the house, George was initially concerned that the small kitchen would not accommodate his love of cooking. George chuckles as he confirms that it really was the stove that started it all; the previous range had no hood and it really only heated to one temperature: boiling. Not ideal for the cook. So if you need a new stove, you really need an entirely new kitchen!

Additionally, the couple knew that the south facing windows were ultimately in need of replacement. While already about 15 feet high, the windows were created by multiple smaller panes. The windows had not worn well over time and it was becoming

increasingly difficult to maintain them. Not surprisingly, replacing the wall of windows and increasing the size to reach the nearly 18 feet ceiling was no minor undertaking. Structural engineering and reinforcement involved installing a lot of steel and beams. George and Genevieve enthusiastically agree that the new windows were well worth the effort and expense as the result opened up the views even more to the Eagle River below, the top of Arrowhead, and even to the tip of the New York Mountain.



They then carried the window theme into the dining area and replaced three narrow windows with a three piece 9 foot

folding glass door that accordions open to the south facing deck. The deck was updated to a clean and simple look by eliminating bulky posts and installing horizontal iron railings to minimize any view obstructions. The result is additional living space that brings the outdoors in... be it January or June!

Formerly indeed small and dark, the kitchen today is a light and bright gathering spot where family and friends converge around a gleaming white quartz island which is complemented by adjacent countertops in a subtle shade of gray and all tied together with bright white cabinets and a stacked stone backsplash. Genevieve is quick to interject that she wanted a "white white" kitchen but credits Ken Jones from Thurston Kitchen and Bath, and Tim Trout, their contractor, for helping them complete the vision.

Ken drew a number of potential designs - down to the detail of where to put the silverware - which proved to be hugely helpful for George and Genevieve in their process. The couple openly admit to their challenge in making decisions, but knew they were on the right track when they each, *independently*, selected the same quartz pattern for the countertop! From there, the pieces started to fall into place, even though they laugh together as they recall many nerve wracking decisions coming down to the last minute.

Tim Trout was extraordinarily helpful with many design ideas and particularly with respect to the fireplace: at 7 feet high, the massive fireplace is a breathtaking work of stone with a custom wood mantel which serves as the focal point for the living room, second only to the views.

In the end, there was a lot more to the project than just appliances and windows as there were many opportunities to modify the house to better meet the Peirce's needs. So, like many remodels, the scope 'creeped' to include a few modifications here and there: take 4 feet out of the garage, relocate a powder room, create a proper mud room and install a wall of kitchen storage. Additionally, the look of the late 80's was modernized by replacing dark finishes with white, removing crown molding, installing matching trim, upgrading wooden stair



railings to iron, creating an upstairs landing and reworking the master bath with a steam shower and updated tile.

Genevieve and George did an impeccable job of blending their personal taste with the look of a light and bright mountain home. With roots on the east coast, it was important to the couple that they not lose sight of that influence in their background. After much deliberation and 8 months of construction, they could not be more pleased with the outcome. A new stove, new windows, and a whole lot more make home for the Peirce family a very happy place to be!

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While walking his dog around dusk on a chilly evening, Tom heard water gushing from a burst pipe and called the Eagle County Sheriff because he knew it would quickly go from bad to worse. Soon after, he witnessed a golf ball break a window of his neighbor's home and knew that the temperature was dropping and they were out of town. Buddy and Bonnie Sims were deeply grateful for Tom for going

above and beyond by tracking down and identifying the offender on the 4th fairway.

Good neighbors make a great community. We are lucky to have someone so selfless living on our block. When you see him and his dog on their walk, please take a minute to say "Thank you, Tom!" And he just might share a fishing story or two with you!



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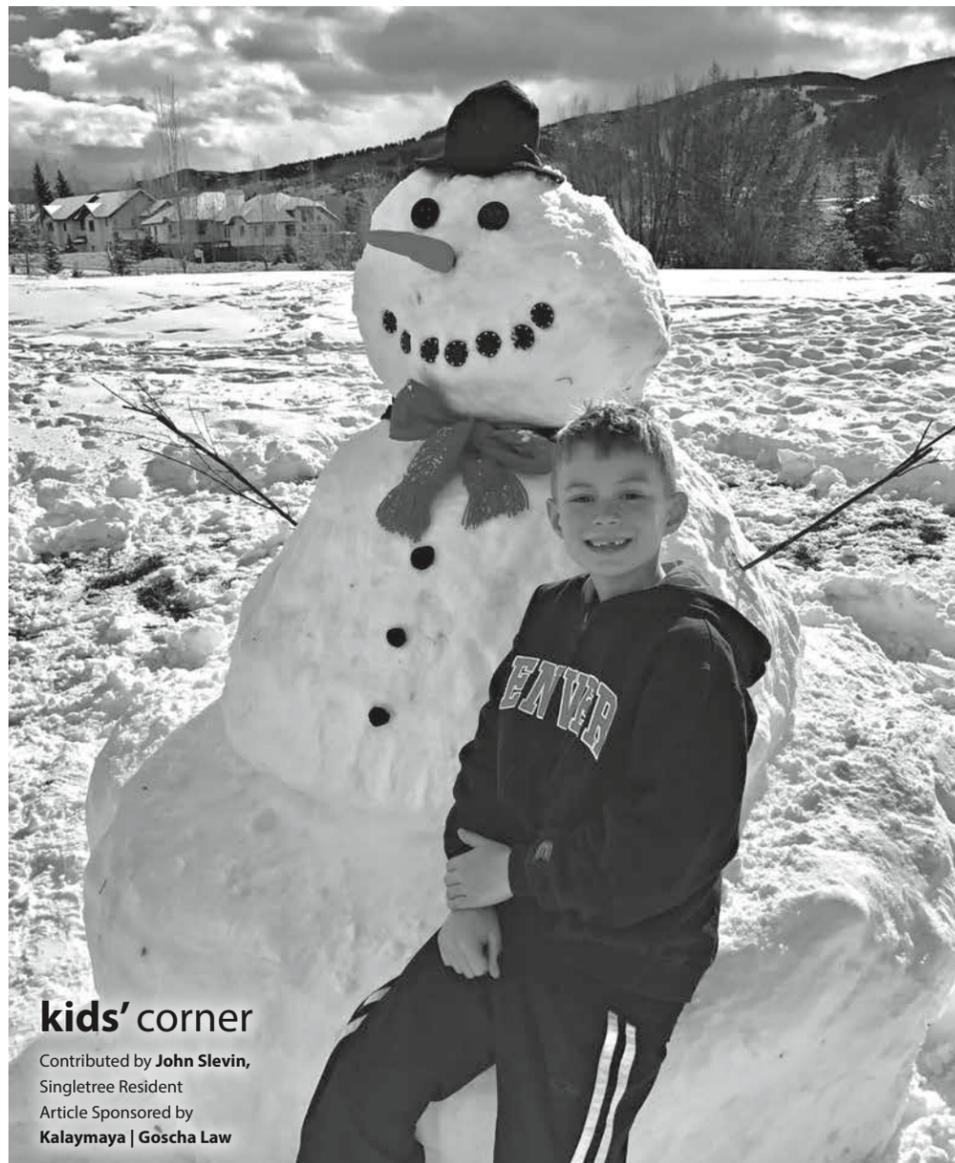
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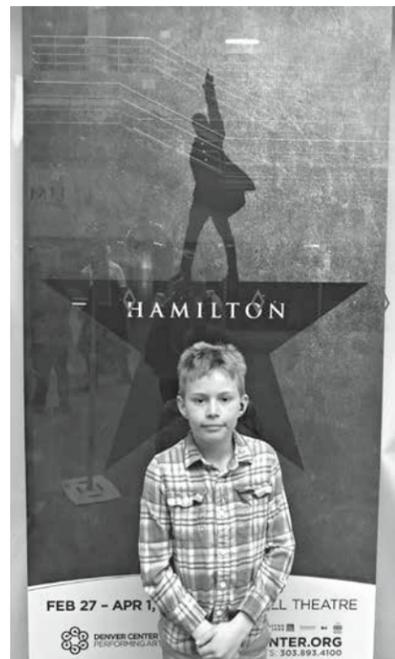
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## kids' corner

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mom and I, just the two of us, went to New York. And that was like the best trip ever. We saw two Broadway musicals: *Aladdin* and *Matilda*. They were both awesome. We went to the World Trade Center. We did a lot. The World Trade Center was so cool. The elevator went up two floors per second. We also went to the Top of the Rock. It was at night so you could see the Empire State Building all lit up. I actually have a picture in my room of my mom and me at the highest point of New York City.

**Have you seen any other Broadway shows?** My mom and I went to see *Hamilton*. In Denver. It was a Valentine's Day thing.

**Have you ever performed in a show?** We do theater in school. I was the lead in a book typewriter thing: *Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type*.

**What is your favorite movie?** I loved *Searching*, it was, I think, the best movie ever. I also liked *The Death Cure* - it was a *Maze Runner* series book. And I liked *Game Night!* It was so out there but it was so good.

**And your favorite book?** In 3rd and 4th grade, I liked the *Harry Potter* series. I read the *Maze Runner* series and I like the *Spy School* series.

**What's your favorite thing about living in Singletree?** I like how I am so close to all my friends.

**If you could give a piece of advice to grown-ups, what would it be?** Don't give up. Don't stop.



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# John Slevin

## VENTURES FROM New York to Hawaii...

*And Loves Life at Home in Colorado*

**Not to be outdone by his younger brother,** we now have the opportunity to meet John Slevin! John celebrated his 10th birthday in January and he is in the 5th grade at Vail Mountain School.

**What are your favorite classes in school?** I like math. I like just how there is only one an-

swer. You get it right or you get it wrong. We are working on exponents and we are starting to get into pre-algebra.

**What else do you like at school?** I like PE. I like writing. Like narratives. Right now we are doing fiction. We are doing personification. I just like writing in general.

**What do you like to do outside of school?** I like to play video games. My favorite video games are Fort-night, and I play Minecraft.

**Do you play any sports?** I play soccer. I did lacrosse for a bit. I like basketball.

**What do you like to do with your family?** I like to go to the pool and go to Denver and go shopping. I like Elitch's.

**What's your favorite thing to do with Bailey?** I like it when she jumps up on my bed and I just like to pet her.

**You had a great vacation with your family in Hawaii. What was your favorite part?** Well it I was all amazing. I think my biggest takeaway was the fruit. They have pineapple and I love pineapple.

**What other trips have you taken?** When I was about to turn 8, my

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TO BUILD HOPE FOR OTHERS

Sometimes friendships sprout up where you least expect them. Several of your neighbors in Singletree either met or became closer friends after traveling miles and miles away on Habitat for Humanity International build trips.

Nancy Broder was volunteering for Habitat for Humanity at Fox Hollow in Edwards every Thursday for two years and heard about a build trip to Paraguay from the construction manager. She went home and told her husband, Ben, about it and they were both game to fly down to South America to help others. That was in 2010 and since then, the Broders have been on two more Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI) builds in Nepal and El Salvador.

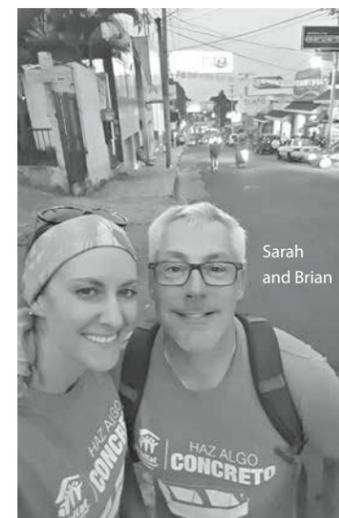
“For me it was a life changing experience. To be able to travel across the world, help build a home for such a wonderful family, and work with people from here who are now lifelong friends is just amazing,” Nancy says.

Brian Judge first took a Habitat for Humanity International Build trip to Paraguay in 2009. It was the first time the local Habitat for Humanity chapter took a team on an international build. That experience stuck with Brian and six years later, he and his girlfriend, Sarah Siegel, both of Singletree, decided to travel to El Salvador on another build.

“Sarah and I talk about that trip all the time. The entire International Build experience from preparing here in Vail to meeting our El Salvadorian team



Ben



Sarah and Brian



Tricia

members is just remarkable, the process is so well planned and is very exciting,” says Brian.

The Habitat for Humanity International Builds have been a big part of Tricia Swenson’s past decade. “I went on my first build in 2010 to Paraguay, followed by a trip to Malawi, Africa in 2014 and a build trip to El Salvador in 2015,” Tricia shares. “All three trips gave me a different perspective about travel. I got to experience the people and culture in a different way than just going on a vacation.”

When a team arrives on site, they never know what stage the house will be in. Some houses are being built literally from the ground up. Volunteers may be tasked with digging trenches or working with unusual materials. “Nepal was an assault on the senses,” recalls Nancy, who went on a large HFHI build with hundreds of volunteers from around the world. “Here, the houses were made of brick, cow dung and hay. There was lots of traffic, cows in streets, mobs of people. Such a totally different culture from anything we’ve experienced,” she continues. Even though the work days were long, she said the drive from Kathmandu to the job site was worth it. “We could see glimpses of Everest on the bus ride,” Nancy marvels.

*Traveling to areas in need brings the hardships up close.* “In Malawi, we were building a home for a woman whose husband died and she had a few kids of her own and was taking care of a few more. Their house was tiny and the thatched roof was dilapidated. During the rainy season, one of the daughters said that trying to do her homework was hard because everything would get wet,” Tricia remembers. “They had no beds and their mom, who was around my age but looked about 15-20 years older, slept on a burlap bag on the floor. It really hit me when I thought about how old she was and the hardships she and her family endured.”

*But through it all, there is also an amazing display of hope.* “One of our favorite parts of the trip itself was meeting and interacting with the children of the community and the promise of a better life for them,” Brian says warmly. “Their pure innocence, spirit and joy just lit up our days while they visited our build site. Their interest to learn more about us and our team’s desire to share will never be forgotten.”



Nancy



Brian and Sarah

Ben and Nancy, Brian, Sarah and Tricia, along with other locals who have been on HFHI builds, get together on a regular basis. “You do more than build a home on these trips, you share a lot with the people you are shoulder to shoulder with digging foundations or laying rows and rows of bricks,” Tricia concludes. “You build lifelong friendships.”



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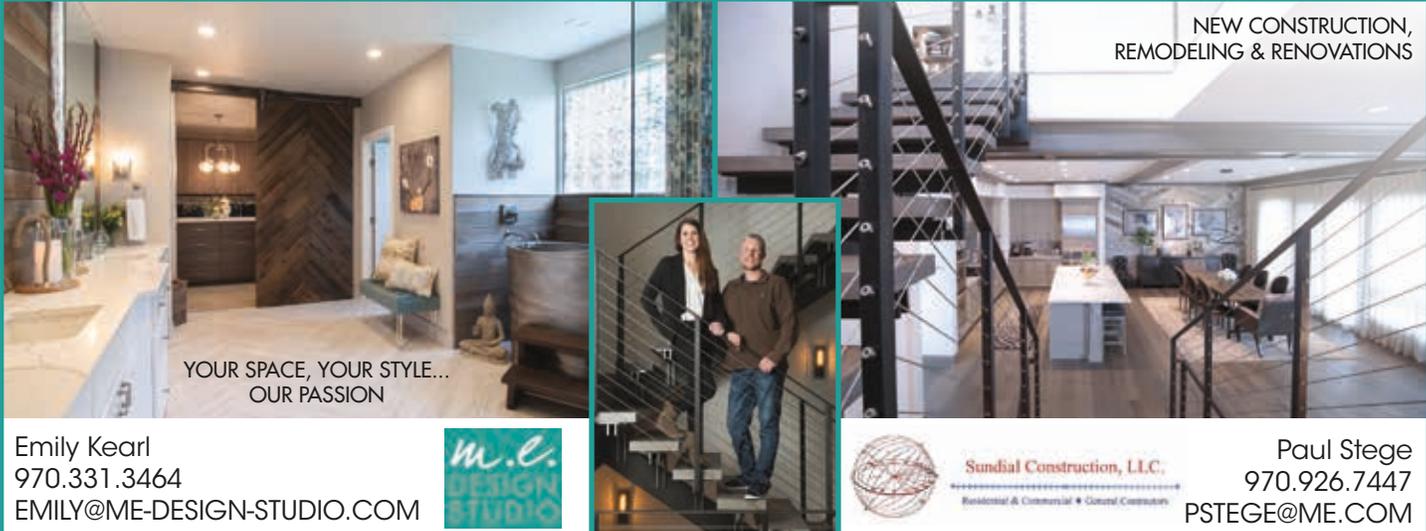
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A collage of images showcasing interior design and construction. On the left, a modern kitchen with a white countertop and a large island. In the center, a man and a woman standing on a staircase with a metal railing. On the right, a large open-plan living and dining area with a white dining table and a staircase leading to an upper level.