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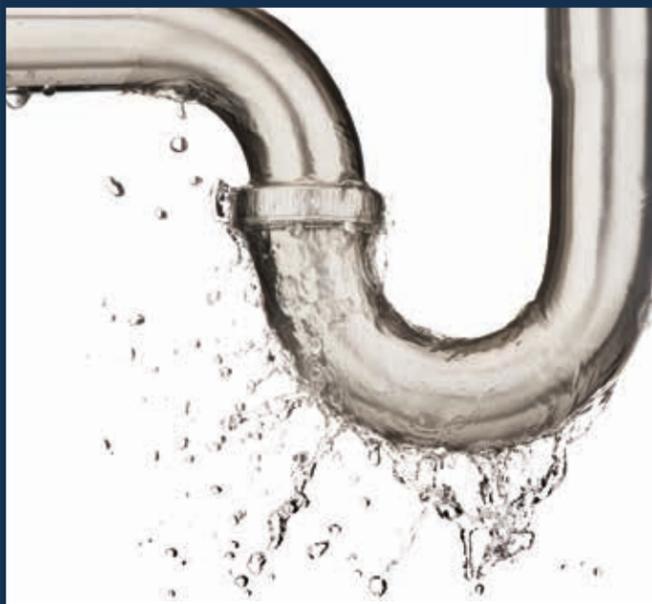
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publisher's note

Happy St. Patrick's Day! The luck of the Irish has befallen Singletree and I am so excited to introduce the March issue of *Inside Singletree* to you in full color! Not luck actually, but your enthusiastic participation and the generous support of our business sponsors, has made a full-color publication a reality for the neighborhood. Much better than a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

I am thrilled to celebrate our move to color by introducing the Cotton and Benway families to you. Familiar faces as residents in the neighborhood for many years, the tale of two sisters actually began when the girls visited Colorado from Florida in elementary school. Who would have guessed then, that years later, they would both live in Singletree and raise their families here? Here they share their personal and professional paths as well as the accomplishments of their five children. The Cottons and Benways have made their mark on the Vail Valley and we appreciate everything they do for the community.

For this issue, I had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful Singletree people. Talking football with Jameson Gregg right before the Super Bowl was so

much fun ... this guy **really** likes football and is rooting for the Rams! The Planksters inspire us with their commitment to building strength and fitness three days a week at the Singletree Pilates class and are celebrating reaching their 2018 year-end goal of holding a plank pose for two minutes. And Morley gets so excited for a treat that he dances in circles paddling his front paws as fast as he can ... I was dizzy watching him!

This issue is full of stories about people doing great things in the neighborhood and beyond. Doris Dewton, Volunteer Extraordinaire, for CMC, the Vail Symposium, Bravo! and the Castle Peak Senior Care Community, to name a few. Judi Whetstine volunteering as a Foresight Blind Skiers Guide. Bobbie Ruh leading the Women's March. Clint Janssen dedicating the new fire station in Edwards. Tom Boyd and his crew of Singletree dads building not one, but two ice rinks for the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have so many people who are committed to contributing their time and energy to accomplishing so much for Singletree and the Vail Valley.

And if you are contemplating your next adventure, you will enjoy Rohn Robbins' travelogue of his journey through Japan. Speaking as the only man in Japan with a beard, his *Travel Tales* will enlighten and entertain you at the same time.



I hope you enjoy the new look for *Inside Singletree!* Many thanks to you and to our business partners for making it possible!

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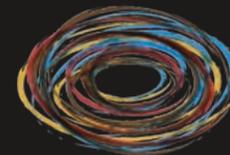
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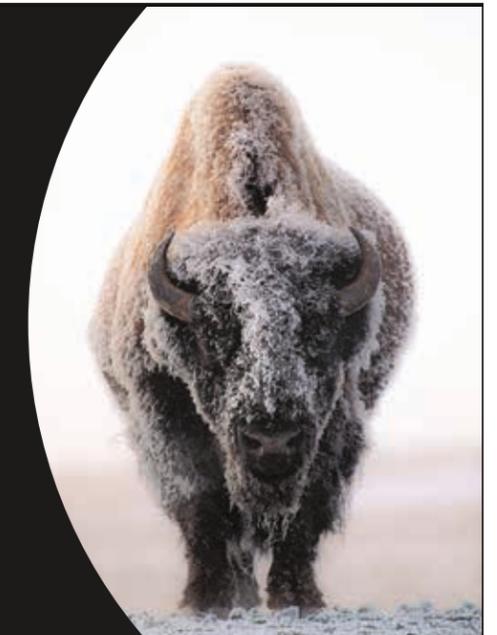


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Soon after Zino opened, Nick Haley, a young, talented chef with whom Giuseppe had worked closely with in the past, took over as executive chef and partner. Having lived and cooked in Northern Italy, Haley was the obvious choice.

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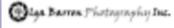
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Before opening Law for Locals, LLC in early 2010, Melissa was a litigator for seven years and clerked for Justice Nancy Rice on the Colorado Supreme Court. She holds a law degree from the University of Colorado Law School (1997), and M.A. from Stanford University (1993) and a B.A. from Yale University (1991). Melissa lives in Minturn with her husband, children and beloved yellow lab, Ruby.

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Lillian, Rebecca, Carrie, Mary, Bill, Ethan, Sarah and Chapin



Sisters Carrie Benway and Mary Cotton feel fortunate to have raised their children in Singletree. Mary and Carrie grew up in Ft. Pierce, FL. and began vacationing in Vail when they were in elementary school. While most of her siblings attended college in the Southeast, Mary ventured West to Colorado College and moved to Vail after graduation. When Mary needed a roommate in East Vail, Carrie left Charlotte, NC, for "one" ski season – over 25 years ago!

Carrie and Mary have valued living on the "sunny side" of the valley since the days when they spent countless hours at the Singletree Park with their young children. Mary's three children (Rebecca: 24 years old; Ethan: 22 years old; Sarah: 20 years old) and Carrie's two daughters (Chapin: 20 years old; Lillian 17 years old) have grown up to be closer than typical cousins because they live less than a mile apart. Sarah Cotton and Chapin Benway are affectionately known as the "twin cousins" since Sarah was born 48 hours before Chapin at the Vail Valley Medical Center. Chapin and Lillian referred to Mary as Aunt Mommy for years. Carrie says the biggest joke in her house is she can have dinner almost ready to serve, yet if she receives a call or text with a dinner invite to the Cottons, her family heads right out the door, a true testament to Mary's culinary skills.

Carrie moved to Singletree in 2002 and she and her significant other, Jonathan Shamis, love being able to access hiking trails from her front door. The neighborhood's close proximity to Battle Mountain High School (BMHS) is an extra bonus because the Benway/Cotton cousins were educated in Eagle County Schools and graduated from Battle Mountain High School. The cousins took full advantage of the high school's AP and DE classes and valued the high caliber of their teachers.

Chapin graduated from Battle Mountain High School in 2017. She is currently a sophomore at the University of Washington (Seattle), in the Honors Program, majoring in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. At UW, Chapin participates in the COPE Health Scholars program at Swedish Medical and volunteers with the Dream Project to help Seattle's at-risk high school students complete their college applications.

Lillian is a senior at Battle Mountain and is excited to have great colleges to select from to attend in the fall of 2019 and plans to study kinesiology. Both Benway girls benefitted from The Steadman Clinic and the Steadman Philippon Research Institute's (SPRI) support of BMHS. During Chapin's junior year of high school, she participated in a yearlong internship at SPRI.

Lillian is currently interning with the high school's athletic trainer, Brooke Rey, of Vail Health & the Steadman Clinic. This internship is allowing Lillian to complete over 30 clinical hours; a unique hands-on experience for a high school student.

Carrie is the Director of Development for YouthPower365, the education arm of the Vail Valley Foundation. Carrie says, "Raising funds to provide critical programming for our community's students is the ideal career for me. I believe education is an equalizer and the best investment for the future success of our community. I welcome the opportunity to engage with community members who want to learn more about YouthPower365's mission to provide year-round extended learning that inspires, educates and empowers the youth and families of Eagle County from cradle to career-readiness. I also love being a part of the Vail Valley Foundation team!"

I attended the Vail Dance Festival for the first time when I was in my twenties; thus, being able to support events at the Vilar Center of the Performing Arts, the Vail Dance Festival, the GoPro Mountain Games, and Birds of Prey, allows me to connect, on an in-depth level, with this community I care so much about." Carrie also serves on the board of Early Childhood Partners and The Hope Center of the Eagle River Valley, and is a member of Colorado Mountain College (Edwards campus) Advisory Council. She is also known to be a bit competitive on the tennis court!

Mary met her husband, Bill, in Vail and they bought their first home in Singletree when they married 25 years ago. One of their wedding gifts was a membership to the Sonnenalp Golf Club, and they have enjoyed the camaraderie, golf, fitness facility and restaurant as a family over the years. "The 2016 renovation has given us even more reasons to enjoy our membership at the Sonnenalp," said Mary. "When our children were young, I was at the Sonnenalp pool with them almost every day during the summer. Now, Bill attends fitness classes and works out with a personal trainer, and I regularly practice yoga. We also love playing golf in the summer." Harvest, the Sonnenalp Golf Club restaurant, is another bonus. The Benways and Cottons

enjoy their meals together, by the fire in the winter and out on the deck in the summer where they love the incredible views of the Gore Range and Arrowhead.

After graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Bill moved to Vail to enjoy the powder and outdoor lifestyle. Bill was fortunate to work for the local Mountain Shades Distributing Company which evolved into Optic Nerve Eyewear. Bill is the owner of Optic Nerve, and the company is a proud supporter of several non-profits and is the sunglasses partner of the Colorado Rockies. Bill is a long-time board member of SOS Outreach, supporting youth while snowboarding every week on Beaver Creek Mountain.

After working with Bill at Optic Nerve for years, Mary became the Director of Children's Ministries for the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration (ECOT) in 2014. She volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and the Director of Mission and Outreach for over 20 years before joining the church's staff. Mary is thrilled to offer programs for kids from infants to 5th graders and loves the family atmosphere of her church. "So many people don't have extended family living in the valley. At our church we have "church grandmas," "church cousins" – you name it! And just like a real family, we celebrate the happy events like new babies and support each other through the tough times."

Graduating from Battle Mountain High School, the Cotton kids – Sarah ('17), Ethan ('14), and Rebecca ('13) – are grateful for their high school educations and experiences. Sarah followed in her father's footsteps and is a sophomore at the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts. In high school she was a regular volunteer for the local non-profit Children's Global Alliance, participating in service trips to Cambodia, Tanzania, Morocco, Nepal and Nicaragua. Her passion for global service is inspiring her to double major in Public Health and Political Science.

Ethan graduated from the Honors College at Portland State University in Oregon with a double major in Marketing and Supply and Logistics Management. After running cross-country at Battle Mountain, he fulfilled his dream of running distance for



The Benway Family: Lillian, Carrie and Chapin



The Cotton Family: Rebecca, Mary, Ethan, Sarah and Bill



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a Division 1 school by competing for Portland State. The research he started during his Honors thesis is being presented as part of the American Marketing Association's **Research Spotlight** next month in Austin, TX. Ethan loves visiting his home and friends in Singletree and is staying in Portland to work at The Good, a consulting agency specializing in increasing e-commerce website conversion rates.

Rebecca graduated from the LSA Honors Program at the University of Michigan with Distinction and High Honors in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; she also



studied classical Hebrew and Aramaic. Rebecca currently works as the Youth Minister for the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, revitalizing the church's middle school and high school programs. She is also giving back to kids in the valley by serving on Eagle County Schools' Board of Education and by volunteering at Walking Mountains.

With all five cousins benefitting from Eagle County Public Schools, it is not a surprise that both Mary and Carrie have been very involved in supporting education in our community. Carrie served on Eagle County Schools' Board of Education from 2007-2015, ending her board term as President. Carrie inspired Mary to serve on the board of the Eagle County Charter Academy where the Cotton children attended Kindergarten-8th grade. Mary served as Board President from 2010 to 2016, overseeing the construction of the school's State of Colorado BEST Grant funded new facility. Because of their work on their respective boards, Carrie and Mary are named together on the dedication plaque at the Eagle County Charter Academy.

Singletree is a great place for sisters and families. Look for the Benways and the Cottons the next time you're outside on the tennis courts, the golf course, the hiking trails, or the deck at Harvest!



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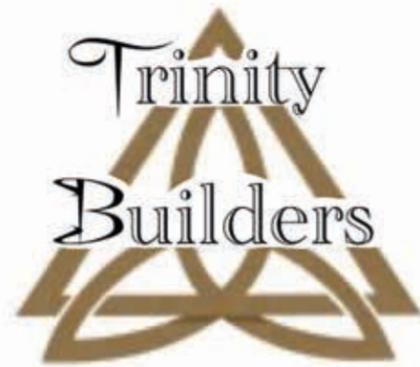
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Exterior Maintenance

Homes and lots shall be maintained in good repair and in a neat, attractive and safe manner.

Design Review Committee approval is required, prior to exterior work being completed.



Roofing

There are a number of approved roofing materials in Singletree and there is a re-roofing application online. Asphalt shingles are prohibited.



Repainting

Repainting with or without color changes shall be approved prior to the repainting taking place.



Door, Window, Deck or Garage Door Replacement

All door, window, deck and garage door replacements shall be approved prior to the commencement of the work.



Air Conditioning Units

All mechanical equipment and air-conditioning condensers installed on the exterior of the home shall be installed as close to the home as possible and screened from view with evergreen landscaping.



Fences

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



Vegetable Gardens

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



Exterior Lighting

All exterior lighting should direct light downward, and the light source should not be visible from your neighbor's property. Dark sky compliant fixtures are requested.

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The Singletree real estate market was hot in 2019 and the neighborhood posted approximately 70 closings ... meaning lots of hellos and goodbyes in the community.

Inside Singletree hosted a number of new residents at a **New to the Neighborhood Welcome Party** where connections were discovered and friendships were sparked.

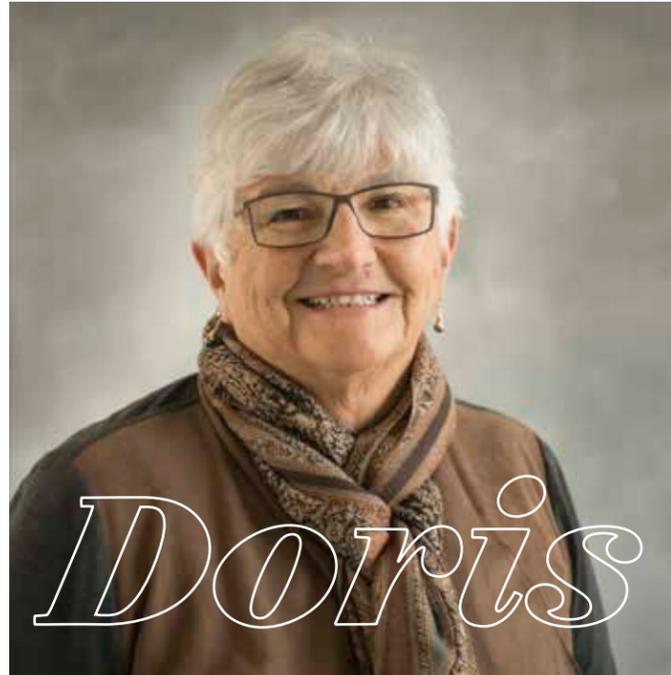
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singletree tribute

Contributed by **Doris Dewton**, Singletree Resident
Article Written by **Barbara Goldy**, Singletree Resident

Living Her Life with Passion and Purpose ... Thank You,



When Doris Dewton and her husband, Dick Gretz, decided to leave successful careers in Washington, DC, and retire to Colorado in 1994, it became one of the brightest days for Singletree and the surrounding community. Since that lucky day, Doris has worked tirelessly, with the same passion and dedication exhibited by her success as an energy regulator for the US Department of Energy and a lobbyist for the petroleum industry.

Choosing Singletree as home, Doris began volunteering, and dedicated herself with that same passion and purpose these past 25 years, resulting in the recognition and admiration of neighbors and community leaders.

That same year, 1994, Doris became President of the Singletree Property Owner's Association where she served until 2001. She was elected to the Berry Creek Metropolitan District and appointed to be Singletree's representative to the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority, serving as president from 2007-2009.

Quoted as saying "I've always been a big advocate for higher education," Doris was elected to the Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees in 2001, and reelected to a second term in 2005 serving as Board President for six years. She was a director on the CMC Foundation Board from 2009-2017 and was then re-elected to the Board of Trustees where she served until 2018. True to her word and her passion to help those eager to learn, Doris has chaired the Eagle County HERO scholarship committee for financial awards for students at CMC Edwards since 2005. Doris says "People have dreams who don't always have means" and these scholarships make a huge difference in achieving dreams.

Reading just these selected, elected positions and tremendous accomplishments, one could easily forget these are volunteer positions, but Doris is recognized for the same energies and enthusiasm that catapulted her to impressive success in the oil business years ago.

In responding to questions about her impressive list of volunteer positions, Doris talks about her six years on the Board of the Vail Symposium, again providing educational opportunities for the public in the areas of hot topics, arts and culture, adventure, travel, films and special programs. Doris presently serves on their Advisory Council and on their Program Committee.

Doris has been a volunteer for the Vail Valley Foundation since she moved here, for many events ranging from the World Cup Ski Races held annually at Vail/Beaver Creek, the American Enterprise Institute World Forum held at Beaver Creek, the American Ski Classic at Vail, the Vail International Dance Festival, and the GoPro Summer Mountain Games. Doris served on the Volunteer Committee for the 2015 FIS World Championships held in Beaver Creek and was named 'Volunteer of the Year' for the Vail Valley Foundation in 2010. **One doesn't have to guess why!**

Doris ushers for the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival each year and has done so since 1994. She ushers at the Vilar Performing Arts Center and has since it opened its doors 20 years ago. She served in various capacities in Vail Club 50 and was the group's President for two years. The group of 900 enthusiasts serves as volunteers to lead others in pursuit of hiking, biking, tennis, skiing, snowshoeing and social activities.

Her newest passion is the Castle Peak Senior Care Community where Doris served on the Citizen's Advisory Council and the Capital Campaign Committee, helping to get it built. She now serves on the Castle Peak Board of Directors, with three other locals and four people from Minnesota, working diligently to continue excellent services at the two-year-old facility.

Doris has a "real job," sort of. In the ski season, she works at Beaver Creek as a part-time ticket seller and reservation agent in Adult Ski School, and is in her 22nd year of that.

In her spare time (!) Doris skis, snowshoes, and plays pickleball. Her golf game is impressive and I hear she is recognized for her 'long ball!' **It motivates me to see the drive, energy and use of time Doris shows. It makes the average 'retiree' wonder.** Doris relaxes with participation in three book clubs (and gets the books read) and loves her Great Books group, a favorite for 23 years.

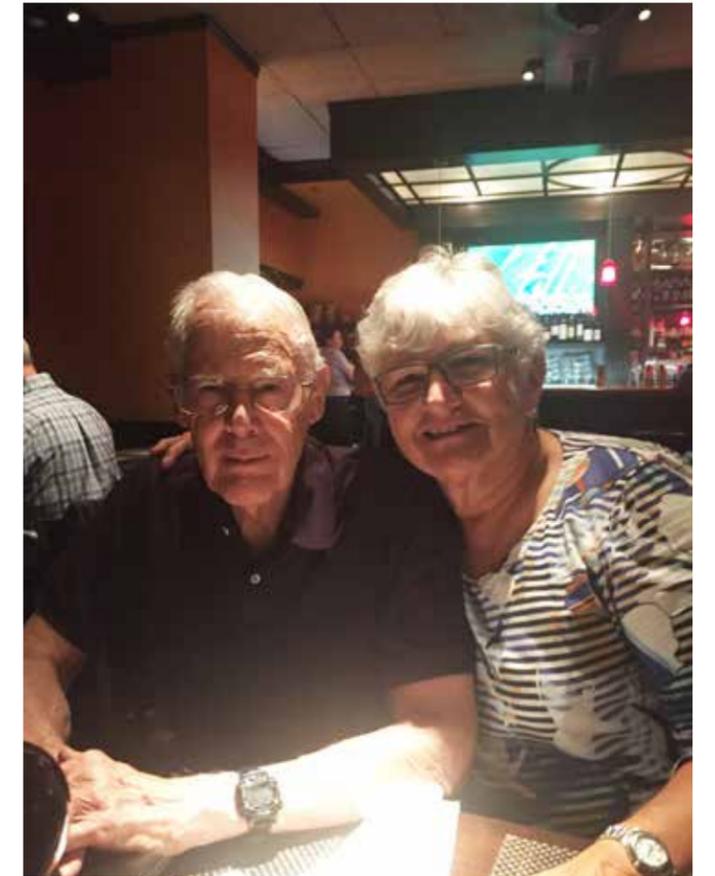
Doris is surrounded by people who admire and love her for she is quick-witted, quick to laugh and very quick to become serious when asked about her devotion to the growth and direction of her beloved Singletree.

As a part-time resident of Singletree, I noticed the neighbors who crowd her at social events, but until a few years ago, just waved as she drove by. Getting to know Doris and her husband, I've learned their extensive backgrounds, their love of travel throughout the world and their passion for hiking while traveling. They possess an extensive art collection (many of the exquisite paintings by husband Dick), and we've heard the beautiful piano music coming from their home on many a stunning summer evening. Doris tells me they purchased in 1993 the second lot sold in Singletree (in 1981) and chose their lot as it allowed the beauty and sunshine of our area to filter their home. They built their home atop the hill with room to house Dick's baby grand. They love their life.

Doris and Dick have been married for 34 years; they adore their three children and their families, including six adult grandchildren.

One can readily see that Doris was destined for her 'volunteer' work when time permitted and graciously gives back to her community with all her heart.

Barbara Goldy is a part-time resident of Singletree and lives in the Village of Castle Pines, CO.





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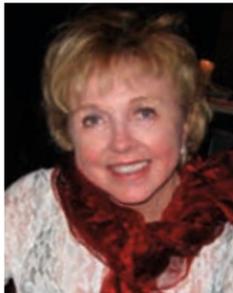
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JAMESON GREGG



REALLY Likes Football!



kids' corner

Contributed by Jameson Gregg, Singletree Resident

Hello, my name is Jameson! I am in 4th grade. I go to St. Clare of Assisi and I am 10 years old. I like to be famous. I like signing autographs. I haven't signed any autographs yet but I want to become a football player so I can; I really like football.

Who are your favorite teams? The Broncos and the Rams. My dad knows someone on the team, Whitworth (the left tackle), and he's a nice guy. Plus I like Goff.

Did you watch the Rams game (NFC Championship)? Yes. It was crazy. I was celebrating ... but the Saints should have won, I think.

What is your prediction for the Super Bowl? I think the Rams are going to win. They are a good team, and have played great all season.

What do you think about the Broncos? I think they did okay. I think they are going to do great next year because of their new coach.

What is your favorite position to play? Wide receiver.

Does St. Clare have a football team? Yes. They play with Vail Christian. You have to be in 6th grade and up to play. I am playing flag.

What is your plan to play football? I am thinking about going to Battle Mountain and then CU.

What is your favorite part of school? I like P.E.

What is your favorite part of P.E.? That you get to run around.

Are you fast? Yea. I am fast.

What others sports are you doing? Baseball, swimming, skiing, basketball and golf. I am a fast guy.

Is there a subject in school you like besides P.E.? I like science. I like experiments and learning about stuff.

What is the most interesting experiment you have done? A volcano explosion. I got newspaper and other stuff and baking soda and I put it in there and it came out in a big explosion.

What is your favorite vacation? Florida. Siesta Key. My grandparents own a house down there so we go there to have fun with them. And our cousins are also down there. They are way older - they are done with college.

What is your favorite movie? Oh, boy. I see a lot of movies. I think my favorite movie is ... hmm ... I like, uh, that's hard. I like *Incredibles 2*. I like *Harry Potter*. And I like football movies. I like *The Blind Side*. I also like baseball movies. I like *The Rookie*. It's like this dad, he's old, he's trying out to be a baseball player in the professionals.

Do you have a pet? No. We had fish but they all died.

If you had \$50, what would you do with it? Save it up for college!

If you want to be famous, and you could change one thing in the world, what would it be? To be no war.

If you were President, what would be the first thing you would do? That one's a hard one ... I would make school one day a year. But I am not going to be President.

If you could give one piece of advice to adults, what would it be? My one piece of advice for adults is don't drink too much.

What is your favorite thing about living in Singletree? I really like Sonnenalp. And my friends live really close. I like the neighbors.

Anything else you would like to share with the people of Singletree? I like football!

Jameson

Gregg



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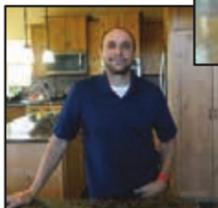
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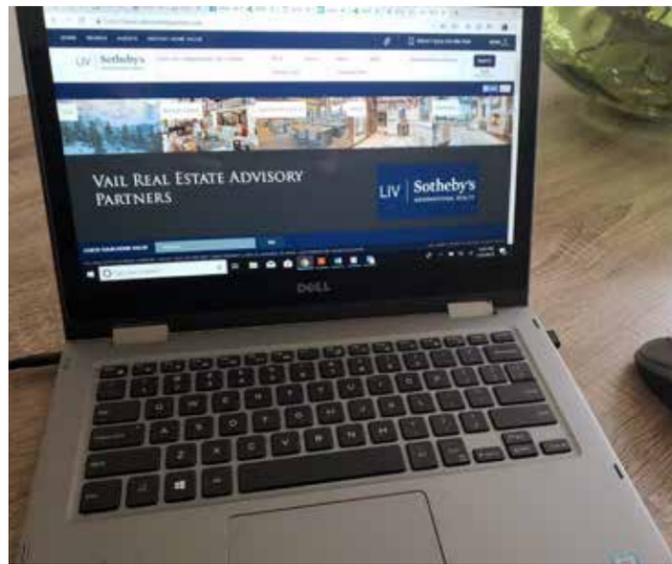
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Active	161 Bronco Dr	\$1,595,000	N/A	N/A	\$377	N/A	6	6 (5 0 1)	4,236	Unfurnished
UC*	68 Hackamore Rd	\$815,000	N/A	N/A	\$324	N/A	3	4 (3 0 1)	2,516	Unfurnished
UC	326 Hackamore Rd #B	\$895,000	N/A	N/A	\$379	N/A	3	3 (2 0 1)	2,359	Partial
UC	11 Concho Dr	\$1,195,000	N/A	N/A	\$332	N/A	4	5 (4 0 1)	3,596	Unfurnished
Sold	777 Charolais Cir	\$1,675,000	\$1,672,000	01/08/19	\$528	\$527	4	5 (4 0 1)	3,170	Unfurnished
Sold	221 June Creek Rd	\$1,135,000	\$1,070,000	01/09/19	\$378	\$356	3	4 (1 2 1)	3,004	Unfurnished
Sold	102 Mission Pl	\$920,000	\$920,000	01/10/19	\$501	\$501	3	3 (2 0 1)	1,837	Unfurnished

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And she is eager to describe in detail the work she puts into her website to set her presence apart from the rest. “Every month I write a blog,” says Andie. “I talk to people: economists, locals, business owners, my buyers. I am really listening and paying attention and trying to connect the community. It’s not just about selling real estate. It’s about selling the lifestyle. That’s how I am different and that is what the website is all about.”

Andie is thrilled about the launch of her new website, particularly the level of detail available on the site. “Buyers and sellers can now search both neighborhoods and complexes. Many competitive sites do not offer such a high level of detail,” she adds.

Andie also takes the time to provide detailed information that goes well beyond the properties and basic home search. Featuring community spotlight videos, she personally conducts interviews with community members as well as visitors. She explains further, “I am a connector. I am not just selling houses. I am selling myself so people trust me. First I have to sell myself to show how I bring value to my clients. There are a lot of great brokers in



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the valley and I love working with them. We have a lot of mutual respect for each other. But I am passionate about differentiating myself so people understand the value I can provide for them when it comes to becoming part of the community.”

With respect to Facebook, Andie maintains both a personal page and business page, with a little crossover between the two. “It’s all about the content and that is something I take great pride in. I have a formula that is really a secret recipe for how everything is combined. I need to get those ‘Likes’ and I am really trying to show people what the lifestyle in Vail, Colorado, is all about.” Andie consistently posts on Facebook, as well as Instagram, to stay connected with her followers, both here and across the country.

Recognizing the value of the LIV Sotheby’s International Realty name, Andie is intent on creating her own personal brand as well. By introducing her new website and diligently maintaining an effective social media program, Andie is successfully using technology to create an identity for herself that highlights her unique ability to connect people with the community and the lifestyle here. Clearly, it’s working. Congratulations to Andie for finishing 2018 among the top 5% of brokers in the Vail Valley! We wish Andie continued success in 2019 ...

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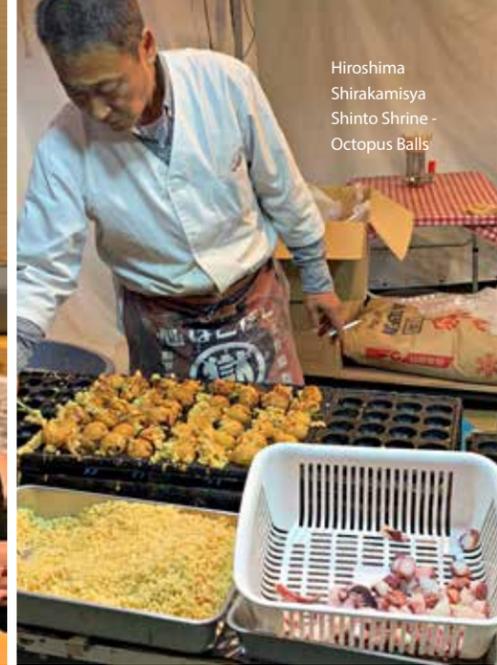
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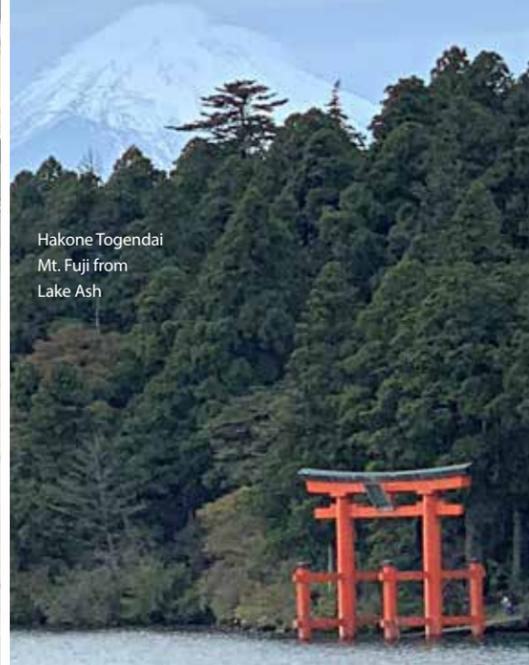
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Hakone Togendai
Mt. Fuji from
Lake Ashi

Hakone

A slow train from Tokyo's teeming Sinjuku Station carried us to Hakone, hard beside Lake Ashi in the in Kanagawa Prefecture, and a world away from Tokyo. If Tokyo is bustle, Hakone is serenity. It is known for its hot springs, its mountains, Mt. Fuji winking in the distance, and — above all other earthly things, its Ryokans. Ours was Kowakien-Tenyu which was, in a word, “perfect.”

Technically, a Ryokan is a country inn. Yawn. What it really is is a spa from head-to-toe on low-key steroids. The grounds are idyllic. The lobby and other common spaces are bliss. The dining room is just-so. And the rooms with traditional tatami mat floors, the knee-high chairs and tables, the ultra-high-end futon beds, and the copper soaking tub on your balcony that fills with straight-from-the-volcano hot springs are, well ... perfect.

The Ryokans are casual with a capital C. You are provided gowns, PJs and slippers to wear willy-nilly wherever you want. Most guests come to dinner in them. Each day, you are served breakfast and dinner, which is high art in an eight- or nine-course chef-d'œuvre.

And then there are the onsen.

An “onsen” is a Japanese hot spring and bath which, at the Ryokan, is whatever the Japanese word is for hoity-toity. Men and women are separated into their own separate onsen because clothes are strictly prohibited. You bathe, you soak, you bathe some more, you slither over to another pool — some of which are the size of swimming pools — and you then repeat. Once you are noodled to perfection, you slip into your Ryokan-provided jammies, grab a cup of matcha or something stronger and look out at the picture-perfect grounds. Do you ever have to leave?

OKayaking in HIROSHIMA

Tokyo

You begin by taking off your socks and shoes and rolling your pants up past your knees. Lockers are provided. A door opens to a dark hall, the walls of which — when you reach out to steady yourself — are velvet, and you start up a sharp incline down which warm water is powerfully coursing. You have the thrilling sense of climbing up a falls. Indiana Jones has found his way to Tokyo! Well, sorta.

At the top of the cataract awaits a pretty girl who bows and offers you a towel. The Japanese are so clever and oh, so polite. In the most respectful way possible, they have helped you wash your feet.

You dry and drop your towel into the laundry bin then are swept into the next room, which is as dark as a cavern and best described as walking knee-deep through memory foam. To either side of the main “course” through the squishy Silly Putty floor, couples — most of them young and all of them Japanese (except for us, of course) — are lounging on foam “bunkers” on either side of the path through which we are trudging with freshly cleaned feet.

The memory foam room — half the size of a football field — leads to a room that feels as large as the whole universe. Music drums. It is lined in

mirrors, dark, probably fifty feet tall and from the ceiling high above are strung thousands of strings of LED lights, which change colors to the drumbeat in a blinking phantasmagoria, like a billion fireflies on LSD. It is thrilling and disorienting. Once you find your way out of the LED/LSD room then down another murky velvet-lined hall, you find yourself knee-deep in an infinity “lagoon” swimming with virtual fish and other brightly-colored critters. After oohing-aahing and then sloshing your way through the lagoon, you find yourself in a “fitball” room with mirrored floors and fitballs the size of elephants stacked tusk-to-tail to the 30-foot ceiling and glowing in ever-changing rainbow colors.

Then there is the next room, the next dark hall, the next room, and then more.

Welcome to Team Lab, an interactive “art museum” and one of Tokyo's new but little-known attractions. Unknown, at least to Westerners.

Toyko is ultramodern, crowded, ancient, reverent and dizzying. From the Sky Tree tower — the second tallest man-made structure in the world (yes, Dubai's Burj Khalifa tower is tallest) from which Toyko sprawls like an octopus in all directions and from which the view is spectacular (for a modest admission, you can ride to the top and spend an hour or more gawking at the views), to the Meiji Shrine — the oldest in Toyko — you whiplash from new to old then back again.

The shrines and temples throughout Japan are fascinating. But more on that in Kyoto.

Speaking of octopus, however, it seems every street corner throughout Toyko and most of the other major cities on the main island of Honshu, is claimed by a vendor cooking and selling, of all things, octopus balls. No, no, not those kinds of balls. Octopus balls — the Japanese variety anyway — are sort of round pancakes the size of a squash ball with an octopus meat surprise

inside. Yum! No really, yum! They are napalm-hot and utterly delicious.

One would be remiss to not at mention a few “peculiarities” — at least to Western eyes— of Toyko itself and Japan more generally. First, the populace — or at least a significant portion of it — is obsessed with anime and pachinko parlors. Anime cartoons are everywhere – on the sides of buildings, on buses, and in every sort of advertisement one can imagine. In enormous shopping malls from Tokyo to Kyoto to Osaka, teen girls can be found (usually in pairs or threesomes) dressed up as their favorite characters.

Pachinko parlors are another thing. In the cities, they are as ubiquitous as “begats” in the book of Genesis. They are gaming parlors cum video parlors cum olde-timey-but-newfangled crane-and-claw games (the kind where you try to grasp a prize with a mechanical claw) and, yes, they even have pachinko. They are loud beyond description, bright beyond what your eyes can bear, smoke-filled, throbbing with Western music, and packed like sardines at a cannery.

Forgive me for the indelicacy, but I must also share a word or two

about toilets, trash receptacles, and the apparent national phobia of paper towels. In the main, toilets in Japan are ... is the word “luxurious” too much to say about a commode? Bear with me. Not all — but most — even in public restrooms — have heated seats. Ahhh. They also have a choice of music, built in bidets that spray however suits your fancy (front-to-back, side-to-side, gentle or more vigorous). The toilet lids pop up just because you say so. Public trash receptacles are anathema in Japan. As ubiquitous as are the pachinko parlors is how scarce a public trash can is. Instead, the Japanese carry plastic trash bags in their pockets, collect their this-and-that throughout the day, and, presumably, dispose of the collection at home.

My kingdom for a paper towel!

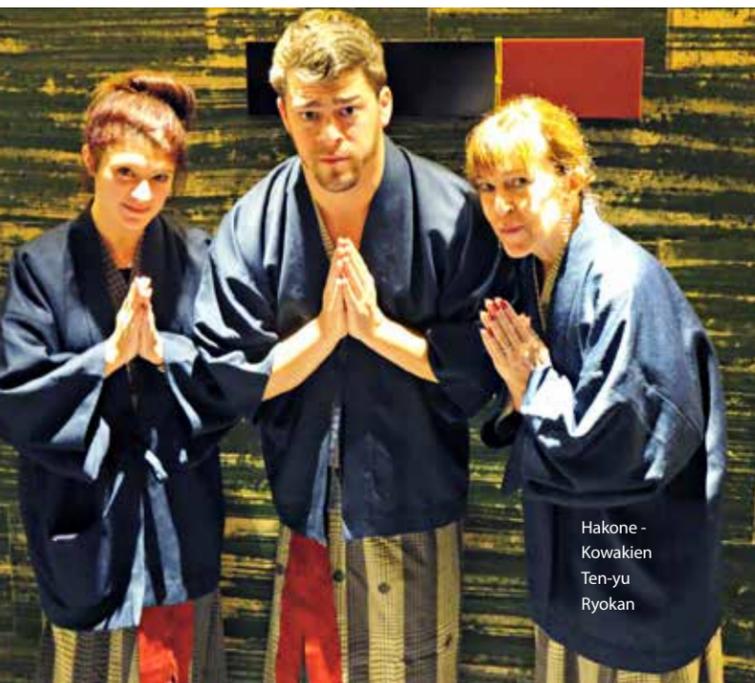
After you have enjoyed having warmed your buns on the oh-so-sophisticated toilet and washed and soaped your hands, “Hey, where are the darn paper towels? Or the blow dryer, or ...” In the main, there are none. Don't ask me why. All I know is that most peeps carry their own towel, pluck it from their pocket when the need arises, then fold it neatly away until it is called for again.

I could go on and on about Toyko. Shibuya crossing (the busiest pedestrian intersection in the whole blikin' world), the Robot Café, the full-sized Godzilla towering over the Toho Building in the Shinjuku Ward, the glitzy Ginza shopping district.

If you can't find something to like in Toyko, you simply can't find something to like.



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Hakone -
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Ten-yu
Ryokan



Kyoto -
Fushimi
Inari Shrine

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But leave we did on a day trip up the funicular, onto the gondola, over the active sulfur-spewing volcano, on to another gondola and to Lake Ashi for a ride across the lake on a real live pirate ship and lunch at a ramshackle but utterly delicious ramen restaurant.

Two last things about Hakone. First, is the Hakone Open Air Museum which is filled in the most beautiful grounds your dreams could conjure with hundreds of spectacular sculptures and other “creations.” It is a veritable feast for eyes and soul.

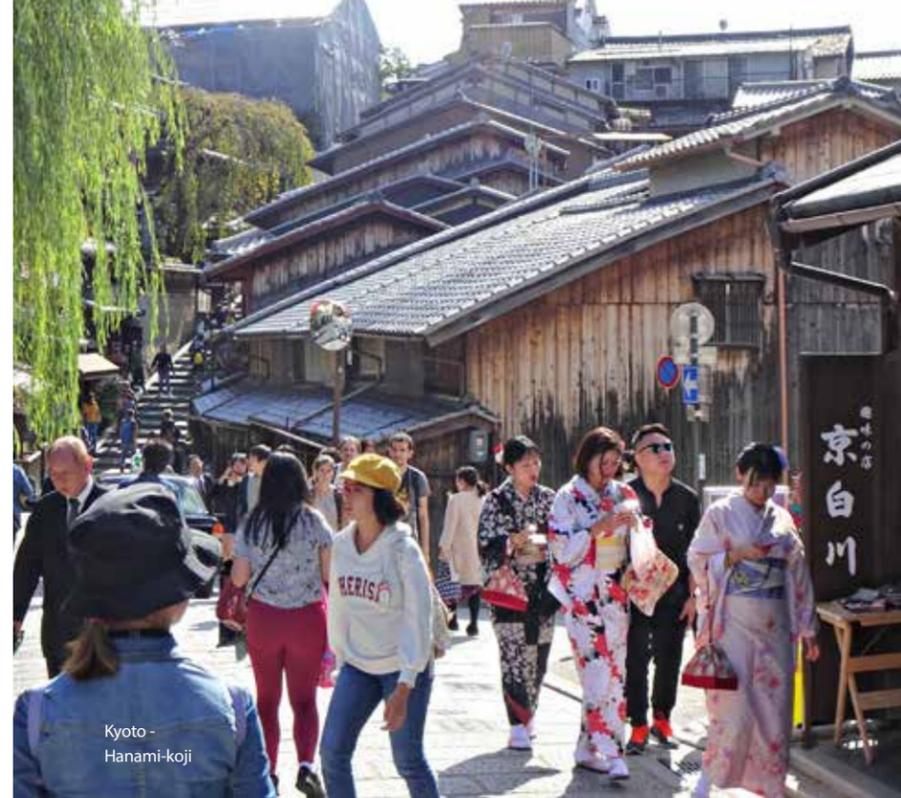
Second, go there. Claw, scratch, scrimp, save, swim if you have to. Hakone must be experienced with every pore of your senses open wide.

Kyoto

The bullet trains are faster than a speeding bullet. And besides the speed (200 mph), they are ungodly slick. First trick: we were waiting at the station for the train to pull in. It pulls in, stops, and the trains looking like a space age blue-and-white sausage, look the same coming and going. That’s because they don’t turn around. When they get to the last stop, the passengers deboard and before the next group is loaded in, the rows of seats do a do-si-do; the seats that just a moment ago were facing forward engage in an elaborate choreography and, presto-chango, what was facing forward is now backward; back is front and front is back and, lickety-split off you go from where the train just came. And even through it is hurtling along at twice the speed of the fastest Nolan Ryan fastball, it is nearly as steady as sitting in your living room. The seats are comfortable, the legroom ample and, yes, the spacious bathrooms boast heated toilets. On a train ripping along at half the speed of sound.

Kyoto is the ancient capital of Japan and is home to more than 3,000 shrines and temples, including the beyond-description Fushimi-Inari Shrine, home to, among other things, the Thousand Torii. A “torii” is a traditional Japanese gate that looks something like the letter “H” but with the cross hatch of the H hoisted like Todd Lubner’s belt up to its throat with another cross hatch on top of that for good measure. They are usually quite tall — sometimes up to 30 feet or more, and almost always, pumpkin orange. Toris mark the transition from the mundane to the sacred. And in Fushimi-Inari, there is a nearly endless colonnade of them. Plunging through them — one after the next — you have the sense of flying.

Gion is the traditional old town of Kyoto with its fish market, narrow streets, dark recesses and corners. Have you seen *Memoirs of a Geisha*? Yeah, like that. And if Gion is a throwback to times **aciens**, you ain’t seen nothing until you’ve seen Hamami-koji, climbed its narrow stairs, and felt like you were transported back to a time long before the Land of the Rising Sun permitted foreigners to share their sunrises.



Kyoto -
Hamami-koji

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Again, the old and new — there are rickshaws here and there — not just to lug the relatively few tourists, and many, many more women in kimonos than we imagined. They are everywhere, particularly in Kyoto. They are old and young and, invariably, the young ones to the last one, are posing for selfies.

In addition to the dizzying number of shrines, the luscious gardens of Eikando Temple, the thousand forty-two armed standing bronze Buddhas and hulking seated Buddha at Sanjūsangen-do Temple, the Golden Temple and its lovely grounds, the Shogun’s castle (Nijo-jo) with its “nightingale floors” (yes, the floors sing like nightingales when you cross them), and the Imperial Palace, are not to be missed.

Treat yourself to a traditional tea ceremony in a traditional tea house while you’re there.

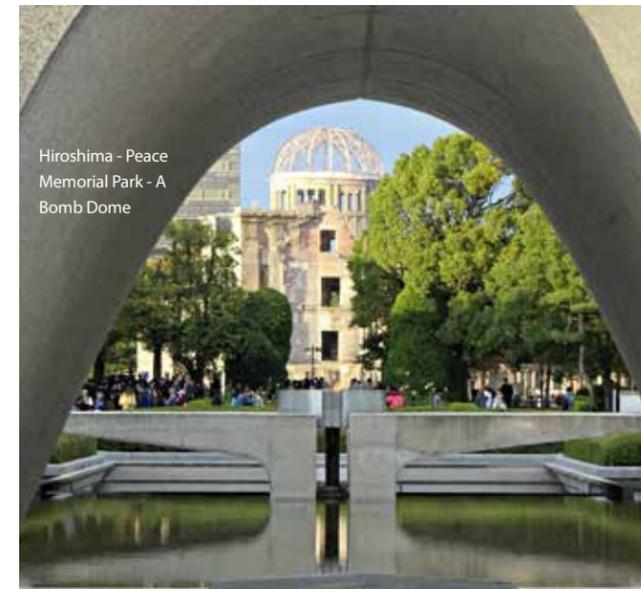
One last thing. Sushi. But not like you have ever had it.

In Toyko and Kyoto, we experience “sushi-go-rounds,” which are cool enough all by themselves. You belly up to a bar around which a conveyor belt with small dishes of sushi whirl like the toy train set you had as a kid. Pick what you want, stack up your dishes and, at the end of the night, a pretty girl who doesn’t speak a lick of English, counts up the stack — this many green plates, that many blue and so on, each color signifying a different price. Add ‘em up and please pay this.

But the sushi-go-round in Kyoto was even cooler. Same concept but now add a computer screen at each bar stool station. Order from the screen and when your order is rounding the corner towards you, bells and whistles go off — sushi a’comin! — and a picture of your order pops on the screen. “This is what you ordered. Remember?”



Kyoto - Fushimi Inari Shrine



Hiroshima - Peace
Memorial Park - A
Bomb Dome

Hiroshima

Another faster than a speeding bullet train and we were in Hiroshima. Once off the train, we grabbed a cab and, by the way, although the cabbies wear suits, ties, captains hats, white gloves and are faultlessly nice, not a one of them speaks a syllable of English. Prepare your pantomime in advance and have your finger ready on your map, showing where you want to go.

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Hiroshima is a truly lovely city, full of vibrancy, energy, and the echo of death. It is famous for two things; the site where the first atomic bomb ever deployed in combat was dropped, and okonomiyaki. More on the latter in just a sec.

The A-bomb Dome is the structure above which “Little Boy,” the A-bomb hit. Although all within it perished, the skeleton of the structure itself has survived. Little else in Hiroshima did. It is eerie in the extreme to stand before the Dome and imagine Little Boy dropping from the sky. Within moments, the first of 150,000 were dead.

Hiroshima which touts nuclear disarmament and world peace as only it has the preeminent right to do, has created the Peace Memorial Museum and, in a straight line from the A-bomb Dome, a long reflecting pool, broken in its middle by a not-eternal flame. No – the flame is meant to be extinguished when the last nuclear weapon is destroyed. Following the line of sight, the pool ends at the arched cenotaph, a tomblike monument to those who were vaporized, turned to dust, or buried elsewhere. Looking through the cenotaph are the pool, the flame and the Dome. It is deeply moving.

That sadness shared, Hiroshima has the prettiest manhole covers I have

ever seen and a weird dish known as **okonomiyaki**, which is sort of a Japanese soul food scramble, cooked and eaten off a hot-as-the-surface-of-the-sun grill and made up of a thin crepe, noodles, eggs, cabbage, your choice of yummy fillings, and everything else but the kitchen sink. Move over teppanyaki, okonomiyaki is the real show.

Osaka

Another bullet train. Osaka. Which is a muscular city. Osaka must mean business in Japanese. The downtown reaches for the sky and the “burbs” are hotels, restaurants and sprawling shopping malls.

We had dinner with an old Japanese friend at a traditional horigotatsu restaurant in a private room with rice paper walls. A **horigotatsu** is a type of traditional Japanese table that’s low to the ground and has a recessed floor beneath it so that people can stretch out their legs. This allows diners to sit in a tatami area the same way they sit in a Western style chair. The waiters slink in with the course-after-course meal and serve you from their knees.

Fish, fish, and then more fish. And sake if you like to tipple.

Last thoughts

A few last things. I was the only man in all of Japan with a beard. Or at least I think I was. You can buy a can of coffee from the same vending machine that will sell you a Coke. The first will come out piping hot, the latter frosty cold. At any moment, fifteen percent of the population in any city is covering their nose and mouth with a surgical mask because they: are sick, might be getting sick, don't want to breath your germs, or have an important school final in the morning and it would be so inconvenient to wake up with a bug. The people are scrupulously polite and thoughtful. Even if you can't understand a thing they're saying, they say it very nicely and with a smile. There is no tipping. And yet I have never anywhere in the world seen such attentive service. Everyone from the busboy you don't tip, to the taxi driver you don't tip, to the bellmen you don't tip, simply cannot do enough for you. Did I mention that every last inch of Japan — even Piss Alley in Tokyo — is scrupulously clean? No one would ever think of imposing on someone else. And Japan is safe. There is virtually no crime; violent crime is what other people do. No one even jaywalks or crosses on red. Ever.

Oh, yeah, we did, in fact, kayak in Hiroshima. From Hiroshima across the broad Hiroshima Bay, with our cockpit covers fastened tight, we paddled beneath the Giant Torii which stands out in the bay with its arms spread to the Island of the Gods, Myajima, considered to be one of the most beautiful spots in all of Japan. It is populated by tiny Nara deer, and is known for Mount Misen and its stunning sights.

*Japan.
Go.
Go now.*

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Hiroshima - Okonomiyaki Restaurant



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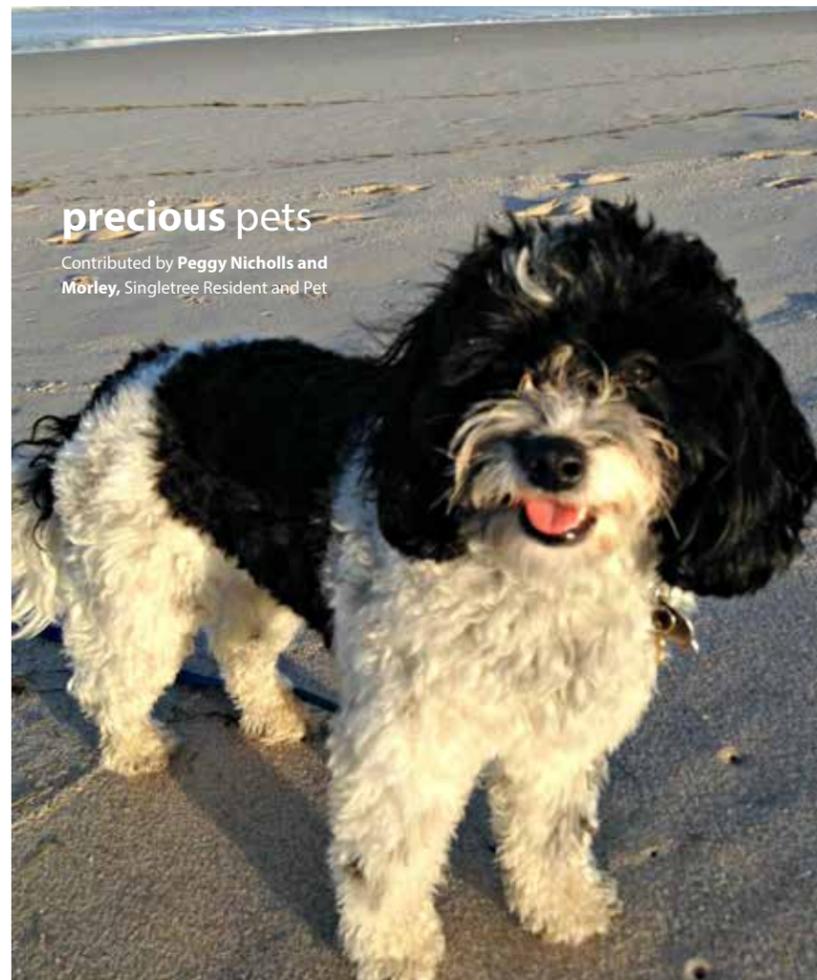
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precious pets

Contributed by Peggy Nicholls and Morley, Singletree Resident and Pet



I am Morley! I am a Cavalier St. Charles Spaniel Poodle Mix, aka a "Cavapoo," and I never stop moving. About seven years ago, my mom was looking for a new dog. She had seen other dogs like me in Denver and so she googled Cavapoos, found my breeder and ended up with two new dogs!

I came here from Kansas with my brother, but after Mom picked us both up at the airport, she learned that it would be very tough to train two of us at the same time. So my sister (well, Mom's daughter), found a home for my brother with her co-worker at Eagle County Charter School. We both ended up in great homes and it's really nice to have him here in the Vail Valley near me.

I love attention! And to get attention, I know how to sit, shake, roll over and dance. I **love** to dance! When I get excited, I stand on my hind legs, and I paddle my front paws as fast as I can and I turn in circles at the same time. For treats, of course. I can do it again and again when Mom is handing out treats. I heard her say she was going to teach me a new trick – something about putting my toys away. I don't think **that** is going to happen.

Mom loves to hike and I love to go with her. She even takes me to her interval

training classes with Ellen Miller. Those are lots of fun, too! When I was a puppy, Mom would take me to Axels' with her when she went to work and I would hang out on my bed under her desk. Now, Mom takes me with her almost everywhere she goes – to stores and even on airplanes.

If you are out and about in Singletree and you see Mom and me in the neighborhood, please stop to pet me and say hello! If you have a treat in your pocket, I will even do my dance for you!



Board Chair Clint Janssen presents Fire Chief Karl Bauer with a plaque recognizing his leadership and commitment to the Fire District during the Grand Opening of Station 12 in Edwards. (Photo courtesy Antonio Archuleta/5280 Fire (c))



Lieutenant Micah Rader and Board Chair Clint Janssen uncoupling the fire hose, a tradition in the fire service that replaces a ribbon cutting ceremony

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Dedicates Fire Station 12

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The Singletree Planksters:

INSPIRING STRENGTH, CONSISTENCY AND COMMITMENT

Three days a week, the students of the Singletree Pilates class show up at the Community Center to work hard in building and maintaining their strength. Last July, the group embarked on the 'Plank Challenge,' starting with a 60-second hold and increasing the pose by five seconds every month. year-endend, the entire group was maintaining the plank position for two minutes. Instructor Ann Evans is so proud of each and every participant for their commitment to accepting and meeting the challenge. Now many are moving on to conquer, among other things, handstands and extended wall squats.

Not only do the Planksters embrace the benefits of the physical workout, they have come to enjoy the

added bonus of great camaraderie where everyone knows and supports each other. Many have attended classes for several years and the participants have truly become fast friends within their Pilates family. Ann explains her personal rewards as well in saying, "These students inspire me; they inspire me to keep teaching and to keep supporting them to be the best they can be."

Ann notes Sandy's increasing strength, Judy's back relief, and Jill's consistency over the years. But the best way to understand what this class and this experience mean to each member of the group is to hear it from them. And this is what the Planksters have to say:

"I've always been thin, but I have never been as fit as I am now. I was always that skinny girl, but now I am fit." – Debbie Robbins

"I have been taking this class with Ann for 10 years. I am now in my mid-80s, and I would not be in this kind of shape if I had not started it 10 years ago. And I plan to keep it up until I am 90." – Sandy Gaylord

"I have been doing it for five or more years and I am 81. I think it has helped me a great deal – to feel 78 or 79 or something like that. Wonderful instructors. Wonderful people. It is an elixir for the soul." – Peter Bergh

"Ann inspires us all because she is always stretching some part that you never knew needed stretching. It's really good. The strength and flexibility that we get here really help me in all my other sports – the skiing, the back country skiing, the mountain biking, the climbing, all the outdoor things that most people do here." – Donna MacParlan

"I have been doing it since it started in about mid-2005 – even before Ann was here. I don't think I have missed a class if I have been in town. It's just part of my lifestyle. Three days a week – Monday, Wednesday, Friday. It's on my phone on my auto wake up." – Jill Harrison

"What does this class mean? It means that my back works. And I was told I could only



fix it with surgery until I started coming about five years ago and it has really made a huge difference. For a while, I could not twist to the left and now I can twist. It means everything. And Ann especially. It's just fabulous." – Judy Carson

"It's an asset to Singletree and it's so easy for me to get here, because I am so close, and I think they should have more classes. Ann is an excellent teacher and they need to advertise what they do here more than they do." – Jean Peterson

"The thing that we have all talked about over these last 10 years, Sandy and I especially, is how much good it does that we don't even know. Because it keeps us flexible. Most of us do some form of exercise or adventure kind of thing, and we don't have any idea how much good it's doing unless we stop. It touches so many little parts and keeps us flexible. And I can tell you if I did not do this, I would not do the things I do actively. It really is so subtle how good it is for us." – Abby Dixon

"Consistency and commitment to your physical health can increase your longevity and your quality of life," Ann reminds us, "these women and men are an inspiration to me."

For additional information about the weekly exercise classes at the Singletree Community Center, go to www.singletreetoday.com.



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The Planksters: (Front) Sandy Gaylord and Debbie Robbins; (Back) Judy Carson, Nancy Sherowski, Jill Harrison, Peter Bergh, Abby Dixon, Donna MacParlan, Instructor Ann Evans and Jean Peterson



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**Judi Whetstine
LIVES for her LOVES ..**

Pairing Skiing and Visually Impaired Programs

The bright orange vests that pepper the ski slopes at Golden Peak on Vail Mountain have nothing to do with construction zones. Those vests belong to nonprofit Foresight Ski Guides' blind skiers and volunteers like Singletree resident Judi Whetstine who uses her skills to bring the freedom of skiing to blind and visually impaired youth and adults.

Judi became interested in assisting people with eyesight issues because of her experiences with family members who overcame vision problems. Her husband, Bob Rush, had his second of six corneal transplants just after meeting Judi. The surgeries have successfully treated his rare eye disease, Keratokonus, which distorts the cornea into a cone shape, affecting vision.

Judi again shared the experience of a loved one losing eyesight when her father began suffering from macular degeneration in his 80s. G.A. "Doc" Whetstine managed the disease until he was 97 years old with the help of members from his small hometown in Iowa, a walking cane, his sharp memory and acute hearing.

"It was amazing to watch someone, even at that age, adjust to something like that when they are able to exist in a loving environment," Judi said. "I saw what my husband went through as he learned to adjust after his second surgery and now my sister has developed the early stages of macular degeneration ...This is why

I tell people that visually impaired programs are my first love."

Judi paired her first love with her love of skiing and volunteered with Foresight Ski Guides. As a guide for Foresight VIPs (Visually Impaired Participants), she provides safe direction for blind skiers as they navigate a ski slope without the benefit of eyesight. Judi learned to ski in high school on a small Iowa hill in a public park with long wooden skis and rubber boots. "My teacher was an old piano tuner from Austria," she recalls.

Judi skied Vail the first winter it opened and also skied Lake Tahoe while she lived in San Francisco for a time, but she says she never had an official lesson until she trained at an adaptive ski program at Beaver Creek. "They told us, we can teach you to ski, but you need to be able to relate to people," she said.

The additional safety training and mentoring program with Foresight have been top-notch, according to Judi. "The guests (blind skiers) have been marvelous because they volunteer their experiences and share what they're feeling while they're skiing," she said.

The VIPs inspire Judi and have taught her what humans are capable of beyond what their vision provides. The blind skiers have spatial awareness of their body and excellent balance because they don't have visual acuity to rely on like sighted skiers, she explains. "They have an



Judi and Foresight Ski Guides Founder Mark G. Davis

under-appreciated awareness of the world," Judi said. "They are courageous and brave. I'm not sure if I lost my sight I would be as adventuresome."

Judi encourages other Singletree residents to volunteer because of the personal rewards. Bobbie and Jim Ruh, of Singletree, have already started the guide training process with Foresight to share in this gratifying experience.

"I learn so much myself, from being around all the people at Foresight, but mostly from the kids and adult VIPs," she said. "I'm sure I take away more from the relationship."

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Judi with VIP Victor Jiron and fellow blind skier senior guide Bill Murphy



BOBBIE RUH HEADS UP THE *2019 Vail Women's March*

Contributed by **Bobbie Ruh**, Singletree Resident
Photos courtesy of **Norm Vogel**

This year, I was thrilled to see how many locals and visitors joined me in the Second Annual Vail Women's March. This was the third march I attended, beginning with the 2017 March in Denver. Last year, I was delighted that Vail was holding its own March, but when I looked for one this year, there was nothing listed on the website, so I decided to organize one myself. It was heartwarming to march in solidarity with others across the US and around the world. Men, children and dogs joined with us in chanting and sign-carrying as we marched from the Covered Bridge through the pedestrian areas of Vail Village.

In my organizing messages, I encouraged marchers to carry signs announcing issues of importance to them, and the topics included gun control, school safety, reproductive freedom, environmental issues and the shutdown over funding for the wall. At a time when "crisis-fatigue" threatens our spirit, my hope was to encourage participants to carry the spirit of the march forward into their daily lives to achieve the goals so ardently expressed by their many signs.



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A Small Group of Dads Bands Together to Create a Skating Rink in Singletree

Strange things were afoot on the corner of Rawhide and Stetson this January. Anyone who drove past in the night might have seen lights bobbing up and down, men pulling firehoses around in the snow, and water shooting up in the air almost like a snow-making operation gone haywire. Weirdest of all, the men would only show up on the coldest of nights, in the darkness, dressed as though they were on their way to Everest Base Camp.

To any curious passerby, the whole scene must have seemed pretty confusing. And, in fact, an Eagle County Sheriff's deputy even showed up one night to inquire what was the purpose of all this.

Fortunately, we had a darn good answer: We were building an ice skating rink!

Actually, we built two rinks. One is for free skating and it's located at the end of the community pavilion parking lot. The other is a hockey rink and it's located in "the bowl" just to the south of the community playground. The rinks have quickly become a place for community gathering, good times, and family-friendly fun.

Building this rink made us all feel like kids again. In the winter of 17-18, I developed a strong desire



Paul Golden (L) provided the knowledge to build the rinks, provided the goals and did a ton of the work. Tom Boyd (R) helped build the rinks and is organizing the community to keep the project going into the future. To volunteer, contact Tom at tom@tlrboyd.com. Photo by Matt Inden.



David Viele, in blue, operates the "Russian" Zamboni with help from Men's League hockey sensation Lance Matus.



Tom Boyd (L) uses the "Russian Zamboni" to resurface the ice on the big rink while Paul Golden shovels away excess snow. It will take support from the entire community to ensure that the rink project is a success now and into the future. Photo by Matt Inden.



to build a skating rink for my boys, 4 and 6 at the time. Ice time is hard to come by, and to really get the joy out of skating, I knew my boys needed more ice time.

But there's a lot more to it than that. As a kid growing up in Vail, skating on the pond was one of the most pure forms of joy I ever experienced (I always liked it more than skiing). It had a feel to it that no indoor arena could ever furnish. I wanted to provide that same joy to my kids – and any other families in the area. Driving to the pond ain't the same – you gotta be able to throw your skates over your shoulder and walk a mile down to the rink.

I had no idea where to begin, but by a stroke of incredible fortune, Paul Golden turned out to be my next-door neighbor. Paul is the guy who used to build, each year, one of those ponds that I enjoyed so much as a kid (known as On Golden Pond for those of you who remember the Henry Fonda movie.)

Together with Paul, David Viele, and Alex Coleman, we set about planning to build a rink this winter. It was a big undertaking, and we required a lot of help. Support from the Berry Creek Metro District was essential (thank you!), together with some training and instruction from the Eagle River Water and Sanitation District and, yes, the Eagle River Fire Protection District. With their encouragement, the four of us, plus a few friends who came to help out from time to time, went about the arduous, late-night and very early-morning rink-building process that Alex dubbed "Operation Frozen Hands."

We had a couple obstacles and mishaps along the way, included frozen hoses, inconvenient warm spells (it has to be about 10F or colder to create the rink), mismatched couplings, and other such issues, but we persevered and had a lot of laughs about it all the way through.

The community started to really get behind it. We even got a warming pit from the Godecs, and Paul donated the hockey nets and procured a bench or two for resting or putting on skates. The Metro District helped us get some backstop nets to avoid flying pucks, and has been an amazing partner in all ways.

Now we need your help. Maintaining a rink takes a bit of work. Shared among the neighborhood it's simple, easy, and fun. They do it in Eagle and it's become a decades-long tradition.

This year was a "proof of concept" and in my opinion it worked great. Next season we are committed to building the rink once again (with some improvements), but to maintain it for the neighborhood, we all need to come together. All it takes is a bit of time shoveling or running our "hand-held" Zamboni. It feels great to get out and know that you are doing something that is 100% pure good for the community.

Please email me to sign up to be on the rink maintenance crew next year: tom@tlrboyd.com. In the meantime, see you on the rink!

Tom Boyd grew up in West Vail and now lives on Stagecoach Rd with his wife, Renee, and their two sons Alex and Tyler. He is the former editor of the Vail Trail newspaper, and is now Director of Communications for the Vail Valley Foundation.



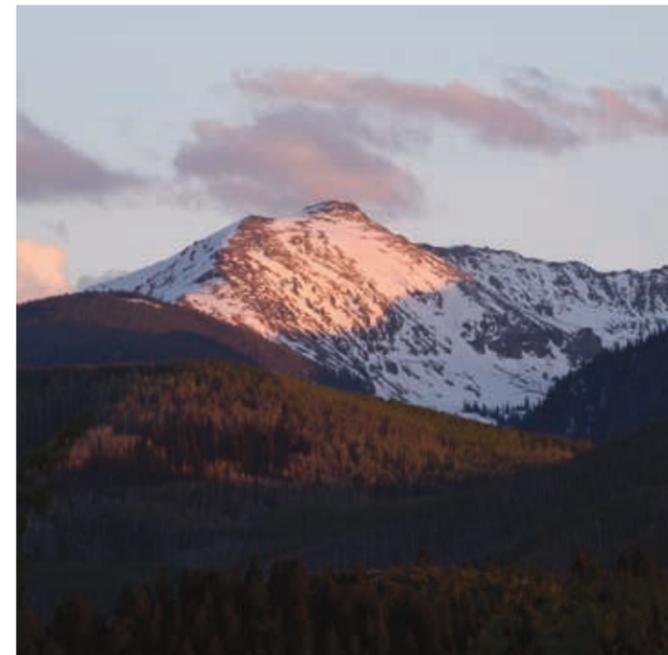
Singletree residents took to the dance floor to try out “rock steps,” “triple steps” and lots of turns and spins at the complimentary East Coast Swing lesson offered by the Singletree Community Center in January. Maria Berry led the

adventurous group in step-by-step fashion until most couples had it down and could make their way around the room with style. Thank you SPOA and Maria for a fun-filled evening!

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