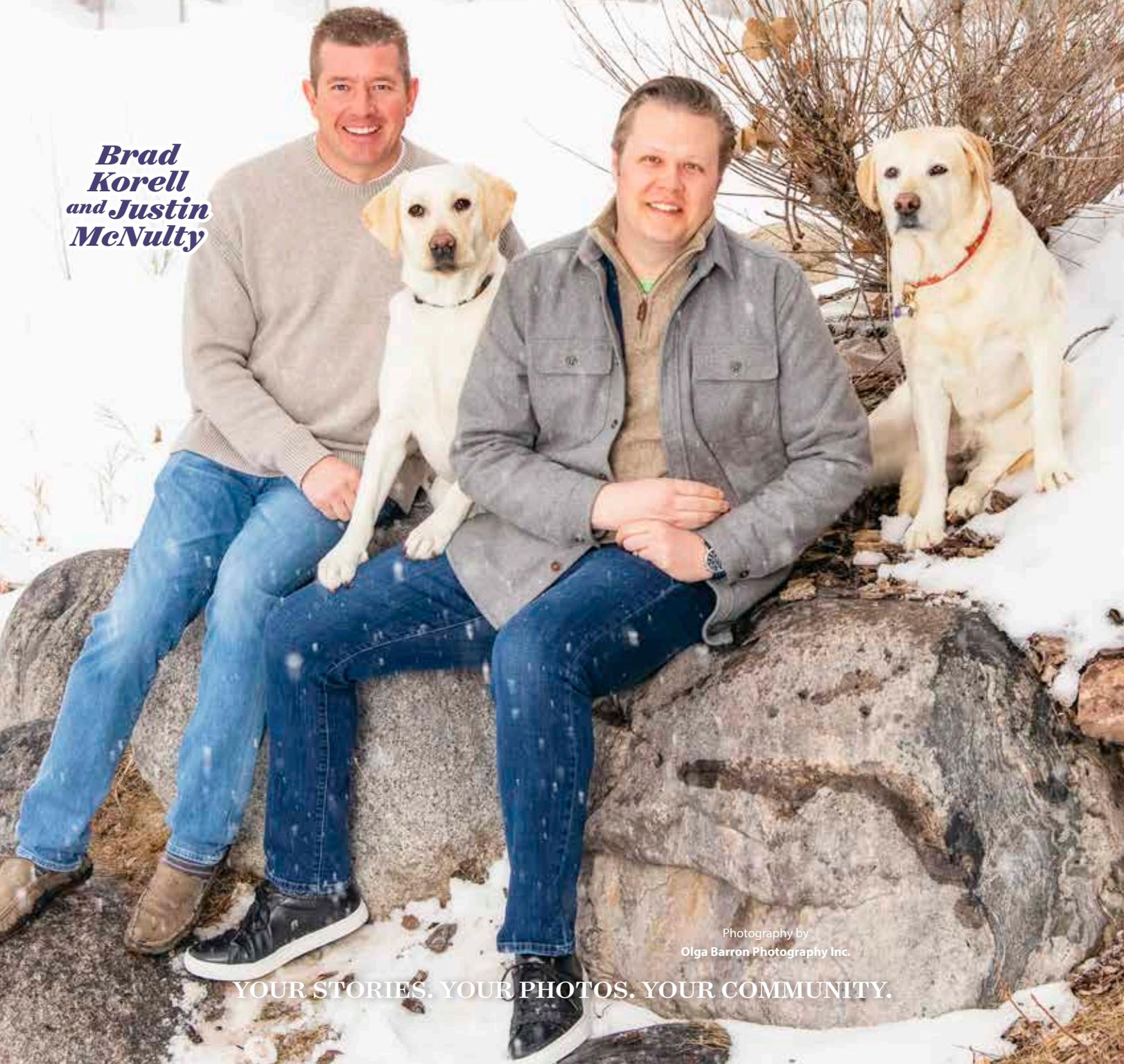


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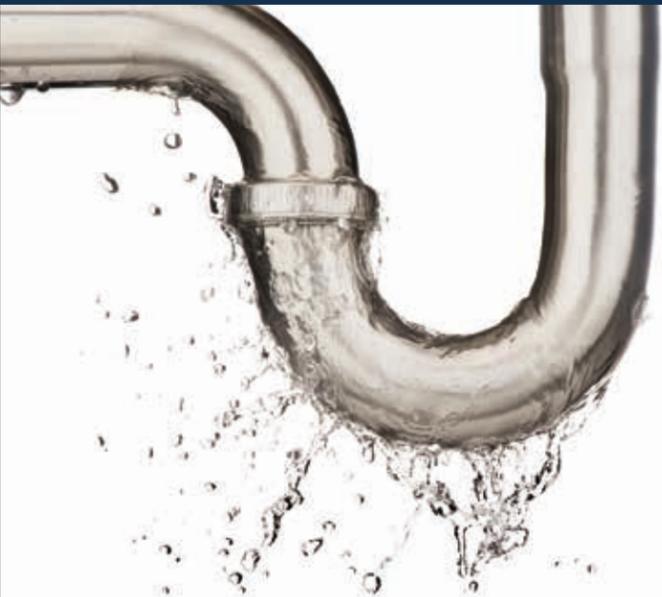
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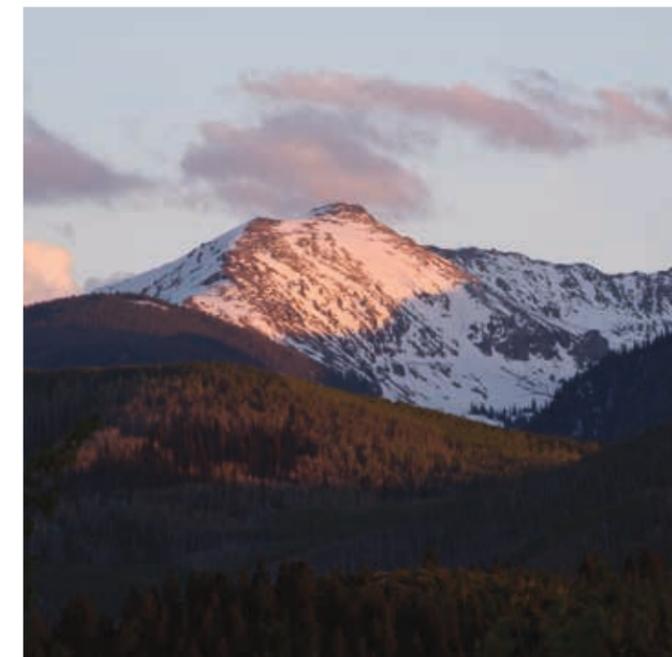
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It's hard to believe, but here we are in April! With three weeks remaining in the ski season, somehow it is hard to envision those May flowers ... but we know they are sleeping beneath the snow just waiting to emerge!

This month, we are thrilled to meet Brad Korell and Justin McNulty and their beautiful yellow labs, Casey and CJ. Dividing their time between Singletree and Austin, TX, the foursome happily travels back and forth between the best of both worlds.

Fresh off States, we celebrate the achievements of the Battle Mountain High School Nordic Ski Team, where the girls won the championship and the boys took podium for the fourth time in four years. In this issue, Tyler Perry, Kate Mitchell, Andrew Olmsted, David Ross and Luke Olmsted share their passion for the pain and the rewards of their hard work – even before they knew what was going to happen in Durango!

As we approach the close of the 2018-19 ski season, it is also the perfect time to recognize the time and commitment of the Singletree Red Jackets

on Beaver Creek. Be they full-time or part-time residents, this energetic group enjoys meeting skiers from around the world while giving back to the community. They encourage you to join them next year!

Spring is here, and it's a great time to take advantage of the shoulder season by cleaning out those closets and donating to the Vail Valley Cares Thrifty Shops. Patty Cuny enlightens us as to the value of the role played by this outstanding organization in the Vail Valley – did you know their impact extends far beyond simply accepting donated items for resale in the Thrifty Shops?

Piper Sassi shares her Christmas dream come true with the arrival of Moxie! Who knew that an innocent trip to Starbucks would bring home a true “nugget of joy?” And Gabriella Gregg is such a happy budding artist in so many ways – be it painting white bears, singing songs from *The Greatest Showman* or baking cupcakes!

I hope you will enjoy these stories and more for April... This issue was so much fun to put together! Many thanks to you and to our sponsors for making *Inside Singletree* possible for the neighborhood. Please be sure to call on these businesses when you are in need of their products or services.



After a wonderfully cold and snowy winter, we look forward to seeing those flowers blooming brightly in May...

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Thank you, BMHS Nordic Skiers!

A huge thank you to Tyler Perry, Kate Mitchell, Andrew Olmsted, David Ross and Luke Olmsted for participating in *Inside Singletree* this month by sharing your effort and experiences on the Nordic track this winter. Congratulations on a successful season!



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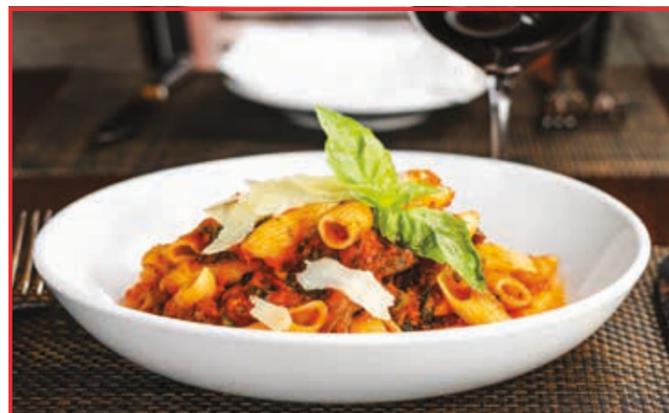


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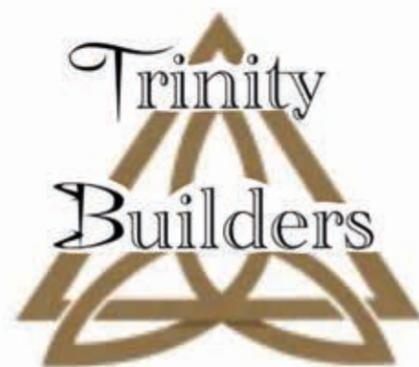


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Brad, Justin, Casey and CJ

Since first purchasing a second residence in the Vail Valley in 2012, Brad Korell and Justin McNulty have had an ongoing connection with Singletree. When they finally decided to relocate from their Avon condominium to a single-family home last summer, there was really only one neighborhood on their radar screen. The property search culminated with the purchase of new construction at the east end of Rawhide Road in September 2018, a home they both knew was the perfect location upon first entry.

An original native of the Kansas City area, Brad was a frequent visitor to Vail with family and friends since the mid-1980s. Brad attended the University of Missouri in Columbia where he graduated with an accounting degree in 1994. He then moved 160 miles west on Interstate 70 to the University of Kansas and graduated from the KU Law School in 1997. During those years, summer weekends and ski trips to Vail became frequent excursions. Following law school, Brad joined a firm in Dallas where he practiced in the areas of estate and trust planning. He continued south to Austin in 2002 where he became partner in a regional estate planning firm. In 2006, he and a longtime friend and colleague formed the law firm of Korell & Frohlin, LLP, which recently celebrated its 13th successful year.

Today, Brad continues his law practice specializing in estate, trust, and closely held business planning. He is licensed to practice in Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa and is also Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Brad is also a past national board member of the KU Alumni Association and currently serves as a trustee for the Kansas University Endowment Association.

Justin grew up in suburban Seattle and attended the University of Washington. He graduated in 2004 with degrees in biology and psychology. From there, he moved to the Lone Star State to serve as a research assistant at The University of Texas in Austin studying primate behavior. Justin then accepted a position as the coordinator of ethical compliance at UT-Austin for all of the animal research on the university campus and its statewide facilities. While serving in this role, Justin earned a master's degree in lab animal science from Drexel University in Philadelphia in 2014. He finally made the jump from academia to private industry in 2017 becoming the project manager for a-tune, a specialty animal research compliance software firm headquartered in Germany with its U.S. operations based in Austin.

Brad and Justin met in Austin in 2006. They are both avid fans of the exploding restaurant scene in this rapidly growing city that today is unrecognizable from when they both arrived more than 15 years ago. They also love the energy of the downtown area, especially the Roy and Ann Butler Hike and Bike Trail that surrounds Lady Bird Lake in the heart of the city. They built their primary residence in 2010 just a short distance from the Central Business District with a rooftop terrace that has sweeping 360-degree views of the city.

No story about Brad and Justin is complete without the introduction of their four-legged yellow Labrador companions who have been part of their history since the very beginning. Other than the Vail Valley, one of Brad's favorite vacation destinations in the world is the Cayman Islands. Therefore, when a yellow lab puppy first entered his life in 2003, it was only

natural to name her Cayman. Brad and Justin then decided in 2007 that Cayman needed a sister, and Casey became the new puppy on the block.

With all that Austin has to offer, it also has one glaring negative that is all but impossible to overcome: summer. As non-Texas natives, Brad and Justin decided in 2010 that it was finally time to look to Colorado for an escape from the relentless heat and humidity. For the next three summers, they made the drive with Cayman and Casey to rentals first in Vail and then at the Westin in Avon. That led to a condominium purchase at the Ascent in Avon where Brad eventually served as the HOA board president for more than four years. Summer hiking with the dogs, biking, subpar golf, along with skiing (for Brad) and snowboarding (for Justin) all became the new way of life in their adopted second home.

Then, on October 1, 2016, their lives took a new turn as Justin and Brad were married in Singletree at the home of their longtime friends Cynthia and Greg Nelson on a spectacular fall day. They were surrounded by a close group of friends and family who made the journey from across the Vail Valley and across the nation to celebrate the occasion.

Brad, Justin, and Casey experienced the full circle of life in February 2018 when they had to say a very sad farewell to Cayman at the age of 15. The memories Cayman continues to bring to them will last a lifetime. Her spirit also brought something else that provides a direct impact on a daily basis – Cayman Junior – who is better known around both Singletree and Austin as “CJ.” This 1-year-old yellow Labrador fireball is already a legend with her own Instagram page (“@cjtheruppy”), and she is the mascot

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of the July 4 parade float of The Red Lion in Vail. She mostly idolizes her sister Casey, who is now 11.

With all of that history, it seemed only natural for Justin, Brad, Casey, and CJ to find their way to a permanent second home in Singletree, and they could not be happier with their new location on Rawhide. They are enjoying the community social activities, meeting neighbors nearby and throughout Singletree, and participating in events at the Sonnenalp Club, the Arrowhead Alpine Club, and the Vail Valley Foundation.

When not in the neighborhood or on the mountain, Justin and Brad can typically be found with good friends at The Red Lion, Mirabelle, the Ritz-Carlton Bachelor Gulch, or on weekends at the Vail Chophouse mutually taunting legendary local entertainer Phil Long (their longtime friend and wedding singer). If a Kansas Jayhawks sporting event can be thrown into the mix, that's a bonus, at least for Brad. They are also both avid travelers who continually aspire to fill their passports with stamps from across the world.

However, at the end of the day, for Brad and Justin it's still really all about the dogs.



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Dr. Shelly S. Raichart



The Eagle River Dentistry team: (front) Ciara Cruz, Amanda DeLeon and Leesa Kovacik; (back) Cassie Ervin, Dr. Raichart and Cheryl Green

On February 14, Dr. Shelly Raichart, DDS, celebrated 22 years in the Vail Valley. At the time, Eagle River Dentistry was the first dental practice founded in Edwards; Dr. Raichart did all the dentistry with the assistance of only one employee. Today, the practice has five employees, and her husband, Patric, does the bookkeeping for the business.

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Dr. Raichart for 20 years, a dental assistant recently new to the practice for three weeks, and another who has been there for two years. Regardless of their tenure, each staff member is highly cognizant of the attention to patient care and benefits from a full day of training once a quarter, where the team focuses on service issues and how better to address the needs of their patients.

Leading by example, Dr. Raichart herself attends continuing education courses two or three times each year. "We touch on a lot of different topics so there are courses I will go to where we just look at treatment planning, and most recently in November was my implant replacement course. I am heading back to the Kois Center in Seattle tomorrow, and this will be on the flow of digital dentistry, taking patients into the future with the digital capabilities of dentistry."

Dr. Raichart takes great pride in giving back to the community through their involvement with the not-for-profit organization, Eagle County Smiles. For the past eleven years, Eagle River Dentistry has offered dental services to approximately 30-40 underserved youth in the Valley annually, providing teeth cleaning, extractions or other services needed.



Madi, Patric, Alex and Shelly Raichart at their ranch in McCoy

Dr. Raichart and Patric live with their family in Singletree. Their oldest daughter, Alex, is studying chemical engineering as a freshman at the Colorado School of Mines, and Madi is a junior at Battle Mountain High School with an avid interest in musical theater. Outside the practice, the Raicharts enjoy time at their ranch in McCoy where Dr. Raichart raises bees. Last year, her four beehives produced six gallons of honey!

"We welcome all new patients," Dr. Raichart says. Eagle River Dentistry is located at 0057 Edwards Access Rd., Suite 21, in Edwards. To arrange an appointment, visit eagleriverdds@yahoo.com or call 970-926-1519.

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ENJOYING THE PAIN

BMHS Nordic Skiers Persevere to Reap the Rewards of Hard Work

The Battle Mountain High School Nordic team showed up in Durango in late February to demonstrate their true Huskie grit on the track. The girls' ski team came home with the State Championship, marking the first win since 1998, preceded by winning years in 1990 and 1987. The boys finished strong in second place for the third consecutive year, having previously won the state title in 2016.

In his fourth year as Coach, Innes Isom is especially proud of this team,

numbering 50 and the largest in Colorado, for their accomplishments this season. While other high schools may find it difficult to field a team, the Battle Mountain Nordic skiers have created an atmosphere of tremendous support for each other. "These athletes work really hard and have a lot of fun at the same time," he says. "They are really committed, and it has been fun to watch their progress."

Coach Isom observes the diversity on the team, ranging from first-

year skiers to state qualifiers to even exchange students on the snow for the first time. Regardless of whether a skier is new or a veteran, Coach Isom and assistant coaches Jeff Apps, Sage Smith, and John Kruger, are clearly admired and appreciated by every skier on the team, regardless of their level.

While the season finished on a high note, these athletes don't rest for long. Many moved right into the next season on the following Monday. While temporarily focused on track or golf or whatever the next endeavor, if you see these skiers training on roller skis this summer in the neighborhood, be sure to give them a wave!

TYLER PERRY

BMHS Senior; Second Year on the Nordic Team

How and when did you start Nordic skiing?

I started Nordic skiing my junior year of high school. I had a bunch of friends who did it, and they encouraged me to try it. I'd never done it before and decided I wanted to join the team.

What is your favorite part of the sport?

My favorite part about the sport is my team. Everyone on my team gets along, and we are all friends. It's always fun training with my friends and going to different places around the state to compete. Also Nordic has kept me in shape and strong throughout the winter.

What events have you competed in with the team?

I've only competed in the regular season races around the Western Slope in both divisions: skate and classic.

How has the team done this year, and what have been your personal best results?

Our team has done pretty good this season. Girls have done really good and place either first or second in every race and should have a good chance in Durango for states. Guys have also done pretty good this year. I had a bit of a rough season with a minor knee injury early in the season and illness in the middle that kept me from competing in a couple races.

What do you enjoy most about skiing for BMHS?

Everyone is so nice, and we have a great opportunity for training at the Vail Nordic Center and Maloit Park.

Who do you idolize/who inspires you in Nordic skiing?

Jessie Diggins

What life lessons have you learned from your involvement in Nordic skiing?

Never give up and keep pushing till you've finished.

What is your favorite memory of skiing so far?

My favorite memory skiing is having some free days to mess around at practice and hit jumps and trying to powder ski on Nordic skis (which does not work very well).

What other activities or sports do you participate in?

For BMHS, I played golf the past two years in the fall. Outside of school, I enjoy getting out and going hunting, fly fishing, camping, hiking, etc.

What piece of advice would you offer to young aspiring Nordic skiers?

Don't wait and get into the sport late. It is so much fun when you can compete at a higher level. The sport also keeps you in amazing shape. I wish I had gotten into the sport earlier than my junior year.



Tyler Perry (145); photo courtesy of Rex Keep

KATE MITCHELL

BMHS Junior; First Year on the Nordic Team



I started Nordic skiing just this year! I tore my ACL last October so I wasn't able to ski last season, as that was when I was planning on joining the BMHS Nordic team. My favorite part of the sport is the races because I love the competing aspect and the cool Nordic trails we get to race on. Jeff Apps and Innes Isom are such incredible coaches and have helped me so much throughout the season. I have raced in both 5K classic and skate races in Carbondale, Minturn, Snow Mountain Ranch and Aspen.

The team has done amazing this season as girls are first and boys are around third place! My personal best results have been 21 minutes for skate and I believe around 28 minutes for classic. I am proud of my results this year after coming back from a knee injury and this being my first year of Nordic. I idolize Grace Johnson, who is on my team, as for she wins basically every race and is a superstar in Nordic and Cross Country!



Kate Mitchell (284); photo courtesy of Rex Keep

Life lessons I have learned is that you should take life as a marathon, not a sprint. My favorite memory of skiing so far is when we skied in Minturn over Christmas break one day, and my friends and I made our coach, Mr. Isom, take a picture of us jumping in the air. That was super fun. I also participate in Vail Valley Soccer Club, BMHS Girls Soccer, and Student Council.

Advice I would give is that Nordic may seem impossible to start and become good at, but it is a very rewarding sport that takes a lot of practice and effort to get good at it.

ANDREW OLMSTEAD

BMHS Freshman; First Year on the Nordic Team

I started Nordic two years ago with the HPS program. This is my first year with Battle Mountain as I am a freshman. Skiing for BMHS is so great because everyone on the team is so kind, fun, and supportive, which makes this challenging sport a lot more bearable. In my time in Nordic, I have learned that I prefer skate over classic because skate is much more agile, and it feels smoother, and that no matter how hard it gets, you just got to power through. To future skiers: It's only going to get harder. Oh, and I also participate in cross country and track.



Andrew Olmsted (left) with brother Luke

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DAVID ROSS

BMHS Junior; Third Year on the Nordic Team

I started Nordic skiing in 2016 as a freshman in high school. I actually started because one of the coaches who is a family friend encouraged me to start skiing and invited me to start practicing with the team. I liked the sport and especially the team. My favorite part of the sport is the sense of accomplishment after a hard race or hard practice. I love spending time with the team and becoming a better skier.

I have skied with the Battle Mountain team for three years now. We have had a couple amazing coaches throughout the year, but our current coach is Innes Isom, who is also a science teacher at Battle Mountain. Isom is our head coach, but he has Jeff Apps and Sage Smith who are assistant coaches that help with managing the team at races and practices. As a team, we compete in both classic and skate techniques, and in the winter we have a race almost every weekend.

In the past two years, I have been on the Battle Mountain State team, and it has been a great experience. The team has done pretty good this year, and the girls especially are doing amazing. We are competing at the state meet pretty soon, and we will see how we do!



David Ross (65); photo courtesy of Rex Keep

The thing I enjoy most about skiing with Battle Mountain on the Nordic team is the fellowship and close-knit team. I also enjoy getting better and seeing my progress throughout the seasons. There are a few Nordic skiers that inspire me, including Johannesburg Klaebo and Martin Fourcade, two successful Olympic athletes who have won in Nordic. I've really learned that in life, just as in Nordic, you have to persevere in order to succeed. Nordic is by no means an easy sport, and it teaches you to push through challenges.

My favorite memory of Nordic is one day the whole team was practicing at Maloit Park near Minturn. There was about a foot and a half of fresh snow and our practice could not really go on, so we decided to

build a jump at the end of the steepest hill we could find. After the jump was built, we took turns coming down the trail and hitting the jump. It was both entertaining and fun, and is my favorite memory of Nordic so far. Outside of Nordic, I run cross country in the fall.

For young aspiring Nordic skiers, I would say, stick with it, and when it comes time, join a high school Nordic team. You'll build relationships and meet brand-new people and will have so much fun. Nordic is as fun as you make it.

LUKE OLMSTED

BMHS Freshman; First Year on the Nordic Team

How and when did you start Nordic skiing?

I started Nordic skiing three or four years ago when I just went out for enrichment at the Vail Nordic Center for middle school. I enjoyed it so my brother, Andrew, and I joined the Nordic program at HPS. We did that for two years (seventh grade and eighth grade), and now both of us are skiing for Battle Mountain.

What is your favorite part of the sport?

There isn't a "favorite" part of the sport for me. I enjoy it, yes, but it is challenging, and it requires lots of effort and time to be successful. And when you put that hard work in during practice, it makes the races easier and just more fun. So I guess because I put lots of effort into it during practice, my favorite part would be the races.

What events have you competed in with the team?

I have competed in every race except the home race at Maloit Park. These include Carbondale, Winter Park, Aspen, and Steamboat.

How has the team done this year and what have been your personal best results?

The team is very close to being in first place; I think the difference is under 10 points between the top five. My personal bests just keep getting better, but as of right now, my best time for Skate is 17 minutes 36 seconds and for Classic, my best time is 22 minutes and 1 second. Both of these times are my qualifying times for states.

What do you enjoy most about skiing for BMHS?

As a freshman, I would say meeting new people and feeling like I can contribute to the school.

Who do you idolize or who inspires you in Nordic Skiing?

The people who inspire me most are the coaches, and my friends. Without the coaches, I probably wouldn't have made it for states in Classic, but most of that was my work ethic to achieve my goal.

What life lessons have you learned from your involvement in Nordic Skiing?

There is a "joke" that floats around one of the coaches, Coach Apps, that in able to enjoy Nordic Skiing, you have to learn to enjoy the pain. And that "joke" is true, and I am starting to "enjoy" the pain, or at least the pain brought by Nordic Skiing. So I think that that would be a life lesson that I have learned, to enjoy the pain.

What is your favorite memory of skiing so far?

My favorite memory, I have multiple, is finishing my first-ever race. It was an accomplishment that meant a lot to me. Every race, just finishing it is the best feeling in the world. You get a sense of accomplishment and pride. The best race was Aspen, and although it was the hardest so far, I enjoyed it, unlike the rest of the team; and afterward, I looked at the results and did



Luke Olmsted (543) with brother Andrew

the math of 45 percent and saw that I might have made states for classic. The rest of the day I waited in anticipation to see the final results. They came out and I looked at the cutoff line, and there I was the last person to qualify. My goal since the start of the season was to qualify for states, hopefully for both. And for me, being the last person to qualify was so astonishing, and I was so happy that I was one step closer to achieving my goal. The next skate race I also qualified, but nothing can beat that classic race.

What other activities or sports do you participate in?

I did golf for BMHS in the fall, and I am going to participate in Track and Field for BMHS in the spring.

What piece of advice would you offer to young aspiring Nordic skiers?

The first piece of advice I would give is to learn to enjoy the pain as soon as possible; it really makes the hard work worth it and makes the sport so much better. The second piece of advice is to work hard in practice, go harder than expected of you, ask for advice on how to improve. This won't just make races better, but it will show to your coaches that you care, and you want to improve.

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My name is Gabriella. I am 8 years old. I am in second grade, and I go to St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School.

What are your favorite things at school?

Art and math. I love math.

What are your favorite things to do in art?

Acrylic paints. And also my art teacher.

What do you like to paint?

I like painting mountains on canvases, and I like painting on wood. I painted pink, like a gray white background, kind of looks like blue too, and I painted a white bear on the wood.

What kind of sports do you do?

Golf sometimes. I don't like it. I do tennis a lot. Also, I do swimming. And also I do basketball. I have a game tonight. I kind of want to play hockey like my brother. We have to watch him do hockey, and I get so bored. So I say, I want to skate! I want to learn how to play hockey!

What was your favorite part of your vacation in Florida?

Disney World. But I got so tired! I was like, I want to go back to the apartment. I am so tired.

What was the best part of Disney World?

Hanging out with my family.

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

The Bahamas. Or to hang out with my godmother and godfather. They live in Denver, but we don't get to see them that much. All of my cousins live down there. Oh! And I have four pen pals. One lives somewhere. The other one lives in Cleveland, I think.

How did you meet your pen pals?

I saw two when we were skiing. I forget how I met the other ones. One of them is in college. Three of them are all sisters. One is 22. She is in college. The other is 20-something. The oldest is Erin. She has a cute boyfriend. I haven't seen her in so long. She might move to Denver.

Do you have a favorite book?

Yes! I like *Ivy & Bean* and also *Pinkalicious*. It's where these two friends never met each other, and then Ivy came down the street and Bean's mom said, "Hey, do you want to play with Ivy?" And they never knew each other, and Bean did not want to play with Ivy; she said, "I already have a lot of friends, but they actually made friends. And in *Pinkalicious*, there's this little girl and a little boy, and she loves pink."

Do you have a favorite song?

I have a LOT of favorite songs. I love to sing! I like singing *The Greatest Showman* songs. That's one of my favorite movies! And I also like T Swift songs.

Where do you sing?

I just like to sing at home.

Do you like to dance?

Yes! I do hip-hop. At VVAD. Vail Valley Academy of Dance.

Do you do dance shows there?

Yes. We have a show in March. It's at the Vilar Center. We do one every year.

What's the best thing about being a kid?

You get to... I don't know. I have to ask my mom that.

What makes you the happiest as a kid?

Singing and art. And baking.

What's your favorite thing to bake?

The other day I made chocolate whoopee pies. But I like making cupcakes. And also cakes. And cookies.

What's your favorite thing about living in Singletree?

I don't know ... maybe having friends around. My neighbors are incredibly nice. Their names are Hudson and Judith. And their mom and dad are really nice.



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Patty Cuny with Greg Osteen, Executive Director (L) and Jeff Apps, Fellow Board Member (R)

who's making a difference

Contributed by **Patty Cuny**, Singletree resident



A Mutually Beneficial Relationship of 20 Years Continues

Sometimes destiny just evolves, as did my 20-year relationship with the Vail Valley Cares Thrifty Shops. When I moved to the Vail Valley 24 years ago from the Palm Desert area, I was no stranger to consignment and gently used, quality goods. The Palm Desert market is a mecca for consignment stores and quality thrift stores because of its affluent, gated community population; that is where I originally discovered the consignment/thrift store resale market.

In the Palm Desert market, the goods were very high quality, as the demographic was wealthy and working class, and the items were wonderful pieces that were cast away as they no longer suited the tastes of an owner. I found it to be fun and intriguing shopping, and ended up decorating my home with items found on my weekend shopping sprees.

In 1995, I moved to the Vail Valley and recognized the similarities between the two communities: Both had the wealthy and middle-class demographics with many gated neighborhoods. My conclusion: The same great quality resale

items would be available here. And so I opened my first consignment store, Treasures, and hence, my relationship with the Vail Valley Cares Thrifty Shops began.

Treasures needed an outlet for items that did not sell within their contract term and that owners did not want returned to them; the Thrifty Shops became that place. The team there worked really well with us and even accommodated us by picking up the expired items. It proved to be a mutually productive relationship, as Treasures was able to provide the unsold goods another chance of selling at the Thrifty Shops.

Today, I own Nest Furnishings & Consignment in Avon, and my wonderful relationship with the Thrifty Shops continues. Every week, they send their truck to Nest to pick up expired furnishings and home accessories that we have not been able to sell. Over the years, I have come to know their staff on a first-name basis and have great respect for what they do in the Valley. I was beyond thrilled when last year they asked me to become a part of their Board of Directors.



The 2019 Benefactors, Board Members and Staff of the Vail Valley Cares Thrifty Shops

Like me, most people see the Thrifty Shops as a place to donate the items they no longer need, and they are that, but as I have learned they are so much more. Most people don't realize how much is actually recycled and kept out of our landfill by the Thrifty Shops; some items may ultimately end up in the landfill, but the Thrifty Shops diligently try to

move items on to the nonprofit ministries we work with whenever possible. The Thrifty Shops are also a great place to find bargains – as I can attest with my two new ski jackets – and unfortunately no additional discounts for board members.

Most people also are not aware that the revenue we generate through the stores goes back into our community in the form of grants and scholarships. Last year, I was fortunate to be a part of the grant process for the first time; it was amazing to see all of the organization and to learn what they do.

We were able to give \$309,000 to 37 nonprofit help organizations and \$20,000 in scholarships to CMC, which brings our total to over \$4,000,000 given since the year 2000, and this doesn't include the gift cards that they give to the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. The grant applications for 2019 are going out at the end of February, and we will do it again! I have been friends with Greg Osteen, the Director of Vail Valley Cares, for many years, and he has told me again and again that our caring community is what makes it possible for the Thrifty Shops to give back so much.

As I have shared with you, I have worked with the Vail Valley Cares Thrifty Shops for many years, originally through Treasures and now Nest, but since joining the Board, I have learned so much about Vail Valley Cares, the importance of their role in the valley, and how they better the lives of people in our

community. As a result, I have become an even greater advocate for the organization.

The season for spring cleaning has arrived! The Thrifty Shops accept clothing, household items, toys, furniture and more. Please drop off your donation items at 34510 US-6 in Edwards (across from Starbucks) or 1160 Chambers Ave. in Eagle (one mile east of the post office) location or the Eagle location or call for a free pick up for larger items – 970-926-7134 in Edwards or 970-328-1444 in Eagle. Enjoy the de-cluttered space in your home, the tax benefits of donating, and the gratification of assisting families and individuals in the Vail Valley.



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Okay, let me set the stage... We are in our living room with my whole family, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, and my dad just left to go to get “drinks from Starbucks.” After a long five to 10 minutes at “Starbucks,” I hear the back door open. We are all still in the living room. I feel a suspense build up, I didn’t know what to think, is he going to walk in with a tray of Starbucks drinks or a puppy?

First came my dad, who sauntered into the room, and around the corner leaps in my new puppy, named Moxie. I was totally in shock, and I started bawling my eyes out. I remember not even petting or saying “hi” to Moxie for close to three minutes, because I stood there not knowing if this was fake or if we actually just got a puppy. There was no way this could be true, I thought, but yes it was, I have my own puppy, and it was the best Christmas ever!

As Moxie adjusts to her new fur-ever home, we are adjusting also. She is such a good fit for our family. We all have so much fun with her, and she responds with pure and organic love. At school during our free time, I wrote persuasive letters, hoping that would click into my parents heads, and then they would make the move. Through the three years, I waited and waited for them to finally do it; the only animal that we got that can come close to a puppy was a gross tarantula named Clarice.

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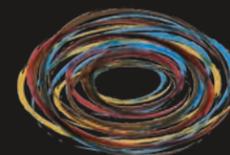
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volunteer spotlight

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This season marks the 25th year of the volunteer program for Vail and Beaver Creek! Initially started as “Community Guest Services,” CGS was renamed the “National Ski Patrol Mountain Host Volunteer” program five years ago. Today, there are about 120 hosts that have become an integral piece of the day-to-day operations of the mountain. Acting as the eyes and ears of the Ski Patrol, the hosts’ mission is to personalize each encounter and interaction they have on the mountain and to make each and every guest feel a connection to both the town and the mountain. Here, our Singletree Red Jackets share their individual and unique experiences at Beaver Creek.

ERIC JOHNSON

My primary interest in the Red Coats was to become part of the Ski Patrol, which I did at Winter Park and Copper Mountain before moving here. Being an on-mountain first responder and helping guests in general is very satisfying. Also as a Ski Tour leader, meeting new people from all walks and parts of the planet makes me appreciate how skiing brings us all together. Anyone who enjoys making our guests smile and help make memories will love this. I do.

I have been involved in many community volunteer organizations since building my Singletree home in 1998. Besides the BC Mountain Host for the last nine years, I have been a Start Referee on the World Cup Talons Crew, on the SPOA Board and Vail Mountain Rescue Team.

Being an Architect, these activities have added depth and involvement to my community interests and I look forward to many more years here.

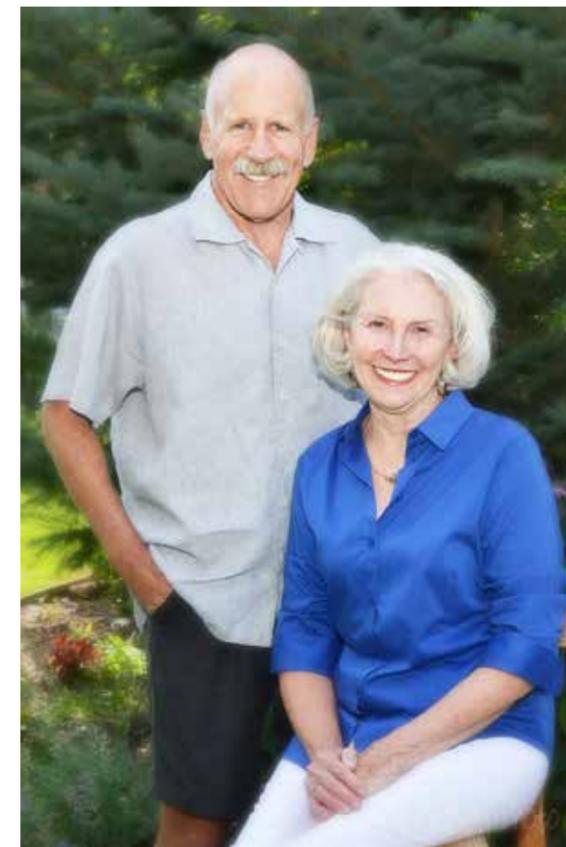


MARY KAY AND KEN BUCKIUS

We have been a part of the Singletree community since 2002. Ken’s brother and I bought our duplex on June Creek as our family has been skiing Beaver Creek since it opened in the ’80s. (Our family also shared a condo in Stone Creek Meadows before we moved down valley to Singletree.) We live in Denver now but did make the commute on the weekends originally from Parker.

I became a Red Jacket after retiring from 28 years of teaching middle school social studies in the Denver metro area. Ken and I had met a Red Jacket during ski season 2003-2004, and he recommended it, and we took his advice (Dave later became our sprinkler system person at the duplex). Ken was still working full time, so we could come up on Saturday and I would work on Sunday. The following year, 2005-2006, Ken became a Red Jacket, and we moved to Saturday and have been there ever since.

Ken and I do tours on the mountain on Saturdays. We truly enjoy meeting guests from all over the world and sharing Beaver Creek with them. It is such a great way to share the beauty of Beaver Creek with our guests. Helping people is also a great part of our job!



GREG YUNG

My parents started my brother, Dan, and me skiing at Buck Hill in Minnesota 60 years ago. While in college at the University of Akron (Ohio), I joined the National Ski Patrol, which was fueled by my need for a free season pass. That was the beginning of an 18-year meaningful relationship with the NSP, including three years serving as Patrol Director at Boston Mills Ski Resort in Peninsula, Ohio. I married my wife, Judy, in 1975, and introduced her to skiing. Our twin daughters, Jonnelle and Jennifer, began skiing when they were 3 years old. I was forced to resign from the NSP when Medtronic Inc. transferred our family to Minnesota. Judy, Jonnelle, Jennifer and I continued to ski on our annual Colorado ski vacations.

Following 35 years in the medical device industry, I retired in 2006. In 2014, Judy and I purchased our home in Singletree, and we are now living the dream. Our daughters, sons-in-law and four grandchildren spend their annual ski vacations with us in the Vail Valley.

During the 2014 season, I met Skip, a National Ski Patrol Mountain Host member on the mountain at the Spruce Saddle Restaurant. By the time Skip finished telling me about the Mountain Host program here, I was hooked and joined. Skip and I are now ski partners with the BC Saturday’s Mountain Host team.

I find this volunteer experience so life enriching with everyday interactions, assisting, guiding and helping Beaver Creek guests here on vacation. We are representing the resort to people from all over the world, whether on the gondola, on the lifts, during lunch and skiing on the mountain.

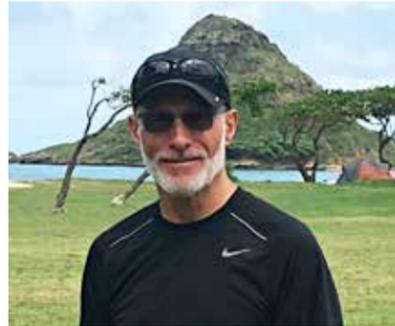
If you have the time and a desire to kick your life experiences up another notch, I wholeheartedly recommend involvement with the NSP Mountain Host program here in the Vail Valley. You get to make new, close friendships while participating in one of the greatest winter sports on earth.

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LOU PALEFSKY

This is my fourth year participating in the Mountain Host Program at Beaver Creek. Originally from New York City, I would come here on skiing vacations and would ride the chairlift with Red Jackets and would ask questions about the program. Once my wife and I retired and moved to Edwards, I knew I wanted to participate in the program. It's a great way to meet interesting, fun people and has established some lifelong friendships.

Some of my most gratifying experiences are watching the faces of the children light up when you are giving out cookies and being told by the adults that you have made their day. The most entertaining was helping a guest pick up his ski equipment after having fallen down several times. I suggested that maybe it was time to invest in ski lessons. His response still makes me laugh when I think of it. He stated that there was no need for lessons because he had learned how to ski on **YouTube**.



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MARK AND DIANE SMOOKE

Mark and I retired to Edwards, CO, in October 2012. We had been visiting the Vail area for skiing since 1982. We joined Guest Services at Beaver Creek the 2013-14 ski season. We were so excited to meet so many other retired people who loved skiing, loved the mountains, and wanted to share the mountains with others.



We celebrated our five-year anniversary last year. We love this program as we have met really incredible people, shared laughs with them and many good times. We enjoy meeting our guests and giving them information on how to navigate Beaver Creek.



When all the skiing is over, we spend our time biking and hiking. Our son and daughter-in-law have moved to Homestead. So now we are very active grandparents to our granddaughter. Life is very special here!

FRED GRETSCH, SR.

I volunteer for the fun of it. I like the social interaction. I get the ski pass, food discounts and a locker. I do the tours of BC and enjoy the mountain. My two sons are both skiers and boarders and learned on the mountain. One is a certified ski instructor and worked for BC for 5 years. I also learned to snowboard with my boys. I have been doing Guest Services for 10 years and am a NSP Mountain Host. I have skied a large part of the NW and the NE, Utah, Canada and Germany/Austria.

I grew up in Newtown, CT. My mom became a medical doctor at 54 after eight children. We were both attending Columbia University at the same time – me at Columbia Graduate School of Business for my MBA, and she was taking pre-med classes in the next building. We would have lunch together once a week. I lived on campus, and she would commute from Danbury, CT. While I was doing guest services at Centennial Station, a lady and her husband came up to me saying she was treated by a woman doctor in Newtown after noticing my name tag. I told her it was my mother. Small world!

I would encourage anyone to join us on the Guest Service Team. It is fun, social (happy hour as a group), educational – you meet skiers from around the country and the world, the skiing is great, and you partner up with other interesting people.



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TOM RAHN

Hi! I am a first year Red Coat. I retired this past spring, and this program gives me the opportunity to help people and enjoy meeting new people all the while doing what I love to do which is ... **ski!**

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We have found that being a Red Coat is a very rewarding and gratifying "job." We receive an Epic Pass as well as a discount at the on-mountain cafeterias. But that is not the best part. We are able to ski at all Vail Resorts, but our favorite is Beaver Creek. After 50-plus years of skiing, we are asked why we chose Beaver Creek – it is because the mountain has everything we want and like to ski. We have been Red Coats on Fridays since we started and we have made several good friends as a result. Our boss, Sammy, also makes the job fun. He is very fair, understanding and considerate. Probably the best boss we have had even when we worked for pay.

Another fun part of our job is handing out chocolate chip cookies at 3:00 p.m. The smiles on peoples' faces is priceless – especially the kids. It is fun to have someone come up and ask for a cookie with chocolate all over their mouth. My response is, "How are the cookies?" At the end of the day it is a sense of accomplishment knowing that you have answered a lot of questions, helped people find their way around the mountain, called for ski patrol when needed, and most of all, helped make someone's vacation at Beaver Creek be a real positive experience, such that they want to return.



AL AND NANCY MEYER

We arrived in Vail Valley in 2014 when we rented a condo for four months to see if we liked living away from home for more than three weeks. What a leap of faith that was! After about a month, we started to get homesick when a friend suggested we look into working. Our response was, "We're retired, we don't need a job." He said, "No, I mean a volunteer job." We started asking several Red Coats what their job entailed, and it sounded very interesting, so we asked what we had to do to apply.

We were given Keith "Sammy" Samuelson's name who is the Ski Hosts Supervisor. We interviewed one Friday and started the next Friday. That was six years ago, and we enjoy our winters here so much that in 2015 we bought a duplex in Singletree. Our daughter lives in the duplex year around, and we come back for four months in the winter just to be a "Red Coat." When the mountain closes, we go back to Ohio where we live three blocks from Lake Erie and have a 30-foot sailboat. We feel we have the best of both worlds.



Share your volunteer activities or those of your neighbors with the community! Email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to contribute to a future Volunteer Spotlight.

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2019 TEDXYOUTH AT VAIL: RISE UP

A short drive down the hill, under the highway and to the right, you'll find Battle Mountain High School, the site of the **Third TEDxYouth@Vail 2019: Rise Up**. Hundreds of teens from Vail Valley have imagined, designed, spoke at, connected with local business leaders and cultural organizations, produced, filmed/edited/uploaded to YouTube TEDxYouth@Vail Talks. Are you a pro event producer itching to reconnect with the young, brave, and curious, discovering that you'd like to mentor youth?

Students assemble their teams and work throughout the school year for the end of the year Xpression of their most compelling ideas. The team chooses the speakers and performers. The team dreamed up this year's theme Rise Up. The team invites local businesses to interact with attendees in social spaces that are fun, tasty, and creative. The team is grateful for local funding from Eagle County School District and local businesses. Do you work at or own a business that is rising up? The young and restless down the road thank Singletree residents over the years for your support, guidance, and joy!

This year's Talks (<http://tedxvail.com/tedxvailand-defy/speakers/>) cover sexual assault, chemo and cancer, opening doors in nontraditional art, language acquisition clues, social media narcissism, mental health stigma, travel and art, protective running, Artificial Intelligence. Past speakers are coaching and mentoring these brave young ideators. From last year's survey, a dad claimed, "These kids are going to succeed in doing what my generation only dreamed of." Brennecke Gale, a past speaker, was accepted to Stanford using her Talk in her application. Do you have a talent in speaking that you'd like to coach their big ideas? Warning: growing and rewarding Xperiences ahead!



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The Ladies of Morgan Drive. (front): Mindy Cooper, Dana Addis, Linda Giordano, and Lisa Delafield; (back) Dana Walker, Julie Herr, Leslie Grooters and Jackie Dagneau



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