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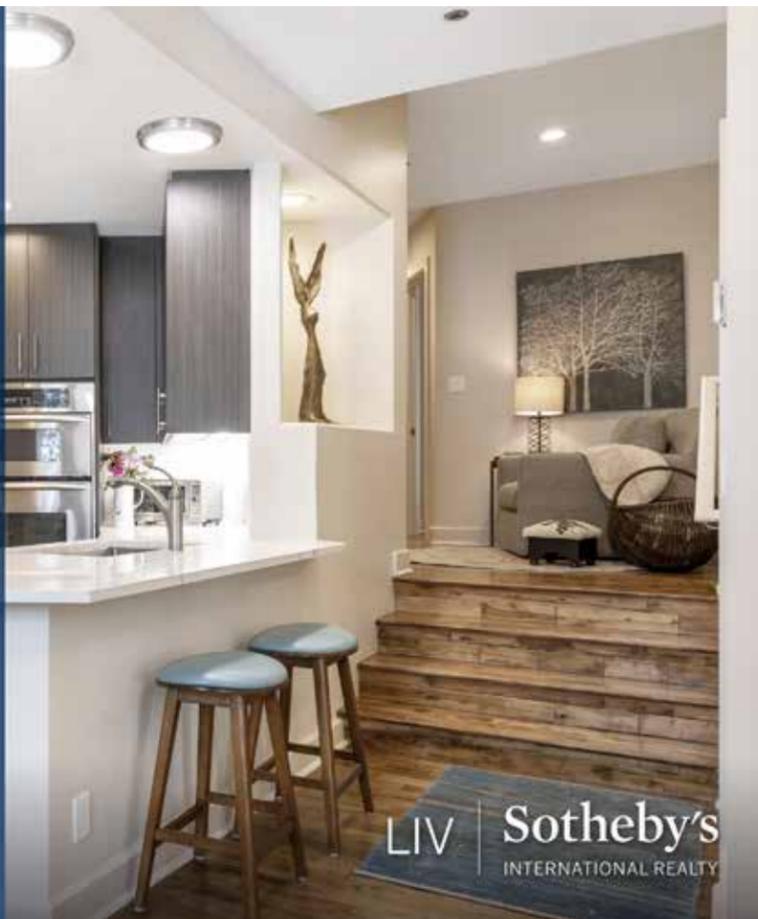
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publisher's note

"It's spring fever... You don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!" – Mark Twain

Isn't that the truth? May is the month we all eagerly anticipate long days outside enjoying warm temperatures and sunny skies, but know we may still encounter yet another snow storm! Be it sun or snow, this issue of *INSIDE Singletree* brings you plenty to enjoy... June is just around the corner!

First and foremost, it's time for graduation and our traditional recognition of the Class of 2019 in Singletree. They have worked hard, played hard and accomplished plenty. Join us in congratulating our graduates as they head off on to embark on the next phase of their journey.

In honor of Memorial Day, we pay tribute to those we have lost in Singletree: Herb Rubenstein, Dick Dirkes, Larry Trotter, Alan Aarons, Dick Froberg and Roy Lawler. We thank you sincerely for your service to our country. Please be sure to join us at Freedom Park to honor to our deceased veterans on Memorial Day.

Jennifer Ebner shares her personal experience with family and friends who have fought or are fighting cancer, a story that inspires she and husband, Tom, to participate wholeheartedly in Pink Vail. Their team, "Don't Go it Alone," raised more than \$26,000 this year, with Tom and Jennifer responsible for about \$7,000 of the total. Their commitment will surely motivate you for Pink Vail 2020!

Not entirely surprising with an October 31 birthday, Maggie Tedesco has always been intrigued by vampires, werewolves and all things Halloween. Maggie's dream of visiting the far, far away, made-up land became a reality when she and her husband, George, celebrated her birthday last year at the Bran Castle in Transylvania.

Nick Hahn shares his on mountain experiences with the Vail/Beaver Creek Junior Ski Patrol, Captain Marble (a.k.a. "Cappy") entertains us with his antics, and Wes and Brooke Weaver enthusiastically share with us their life as exuberant 5-year-old twins.

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.



Have faith... June will be here soon. But in the meantime, take a little time to enjoy May – be it sunny or snowy!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2019! A huge thank you to our Singletree graduates for participating in *INSIDE Singletree*. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!



Happy 86th birthday to our favorite ski bunny, Sandy Gaylord!
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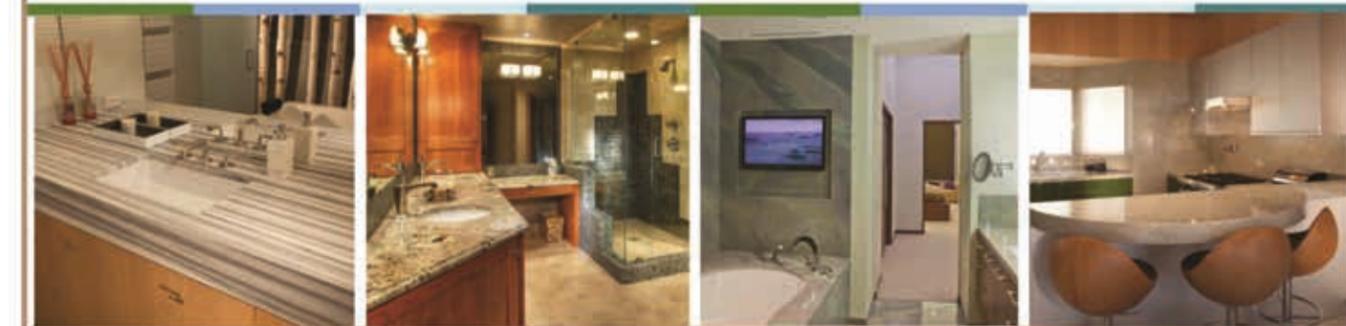
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THE SINGLETREE GRADUATES

Congratulations and Good Luck to the Members of the Class of 2019

The Singletree Class of 2019 is small in numbers but mighty in passion and achievement. Clearly accomplished and motivated, this group of graduates is headed off to college with memories of high school days in the Valley and optimism and excitement for what lies ahead in their journey. Here, they share the the highlights of their past four years and look to

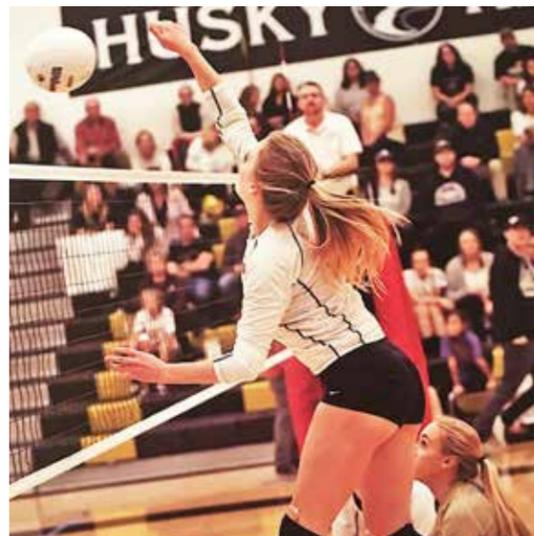
the future with post-graduation plans and long term aspirations. We wish them all the best as they leave high school to pursue their dreams!



LILLIAN BENWAY

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Family: Mother, Carrie Benway; father, Larry Benway; sister, Chapin; dogs, Lola and Monk
Most Memorable Experience: Going on the roof of the school with the volleyball team my junior year after a drive-in movie.
Greatest Accomplishment: Playing the Colorado All State volleyball game
Post-Graduation Plans: I am deciding between four schools as of right now. My choices are Cal Poly,

the University of Wisconsin, the University of Oregon, and the University of Arizona.
Aspirations: As of right now, I want to pursue a career in the sports-medicine world. I am deciding whether to go into physical therapy or to be an athletic trainer.
Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: We love our neighbors and the close proximity to BMHS.
Words of Advice for the Class of 2020: "Enjoy life when things are happening. I don't care if it's good things or bad things. That means you're alive." – Unknown



TYLER PERRY

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Family: Mitch (father), LeAnne (mother), Jordan (sister), Lily and Charlie (dogs)
Most Memorable Experience: Learning how to Nordic ski while being part of an awesome team for two years.
Greatest Accomplishment: I have been in the top 10 percent of my class all four years of high school and have had a 4.00 or higher GPA all four years.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Montana State University in Bozeman, MT, this fall, and study environmental engineering or conservation biology and ecology, and I also plan to join their Air Force ROTC.
Aspirations: I hope to be a fighter pilot in either the Air Force or Navy after graduating college.
Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Having the direct access to all the trails and BLM right out of my backyard.
Words of Advice for the Class of 2020: Work hard, play hard!



SAMANTHA HAHN

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Family: Mother (Sunny), Father (Erik), and little brother (Nicholas)
Pets: Cats: Simba and Sheila. Dogs: Sophie and Charlie. Birds: Stumpy and Pancho, and one single fish: no name.
Most Memorable Experience: My most memorable high school moments came from performing and competing with my school's dance team while being a captain this year. I have also enjoyed developing new friendships during dance and hanging out with my three best friends.
Greatest Accomplishment: One of my greatest accomplishments was being accepted to college and achieving All American Dancer Award from The National Dance Association during my senior year.
Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to attend University of Colorado at Boulder to study molecular and cellular biology, and hopefully dance on their dance team. During the summer, I anticipate working, and spending time with my family and friends hiking, rafting, dancing and enjoying my time with them.
Aspirations: After college, I plan to follow in my mom's footsteps and take part in something in the medical field. I will hopefully go to nursing school, but my plans are still up in the air.
Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: My favorite parts about living in Singletree is firstly being so close to school and the friendliness of everyone I have met so far. I have developed such great relationships here with so many families, and it will be something I will dearly miss next year.
Words of Advice for the Class of 2020: As cliché as it sounds, take your time, build memories, try new things, and enjoy every second of living here.



Most Memorable Experience: Going to Thailand for inter-term and being able to immerse myself in the Thai culture.
Greatest Accomplishment: Being awarded the Student Athlete Award as a junior.
Post-Graduation Plans: I have committed to the University of Arizona, and I plan on attending there in the fall. As for the summer, I am going to soak in the Colorado sun and spend as much time as I can with friends and family.
Aspirations: I have been accepted to the film program at U of A, and I am hoping after this, I will become a producer working on blockbuster movies.
Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The location and the community. I have lived in Singletree since the day I was born, and I can't imagine a better place to have grown up in!
Words of Advice for the Class of 2019: Remember that high school truly is just high school. And although it seems like such a big part in your life at that time, it is only a small stepping stone into the greater proportion of your life.

CHLOE MORGAN TAYLOR PESSO

High School: Vail Mountain School
Family: Gary Pesso (dad), Tracy Pesso (mom), Oliver Pesso (brother), and Bayla Pesso (dog)



DYLAN STUEBER

High School: Vail Christian High School

Family: (Dad) David Stueber, (Mom) Mary Wansley, and (dog) Bomber

Most Memorable Experience: Going to school and skiing in Park City, UT, my sophomore year

Greatest Accomplishment: Getting into college.

Post-Graduation Plans: College in California.

Aspirations: MBA in business.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The small community of Singletree.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2020: Our experiences are our greatest lessons.



AVA SPANGLER

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Father, Rob Spangler; mother, Kathy Spangler; sister, Coco Spangler

Most Memorable Experience: Beating Eagle Valley at home and right after they started to play "Sweet Caroline" and everyone flooded the floor and we all sang.

Greatest Accomplishment: Getting the coaches award at the end of the volleyball season.

Post-Graduation Plans: Working and hanging out with friends. I'm still deciding where I'm going to college, but it's between CU Boulder and Colorado State University.

Aspirations: Travel a bunch and to do well in college.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: It's always quiet.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2020: ALWAYS stay curious, seek new adventure, and think creatively.

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Don't Go It Alone – our team name, brought about by our friend and awe-inspiring Pink Vail team leader, Bill Schane. Bill was diagnosed with Stage Four Mesothelioma and given a grim prognosis. However, he continues to defy the odds and lives life to the fullest. In part, because of the care and community that he has amassed here in the Vail Valley and the Shaw Cancer Center. Bill is also the creator of one of the programs at Shaw called “Skimotherapy.” It has benefitted hundreds of patients and survivors in amazing ways. You see, Bill would get his chemo treatment in the morning, and that afternoon he would go out and ski. It was his personal therapy and a way to keep moving ... and that is how Skimotherapy began.

Three years ago we started actively participating in Pink Vail. Our whys are strong and significant. Cancer has affected me since I was young. When I was 9 years old, I lost a cousin to brain cancer. He was only 12. It was the first time I remember hearing and experiencing what cancer is; it was devastating. My grandmother passed away not to many years later, and one of my aunts died several years ago from it as well. My mother entered her second battle with cancer when Tom and I got engaged in 2011. Unfortunately, we lost her after a brave fight in September of 2015. Recently, my father has had two bouts with this terrible disease. We're happy and grateful to report that he is in remission.



2019: The King and Queen of Hearts take second place in the costume contest.



The "Don't Go It Alone" team raised \$26,030 in 2019.



Miss Congeniality – a.k.a. Aliah – joins the spirit of Pink Vail.

In addition, we've had several family members and friends that have been diagnosed, in years past and recently, that are either in remission or currently undergoing treatment. These stories, we know, are not limited to us. Like many of you, cancer has made a mark in our lives, and because of that, Pink Vail has a lot of meaning. To Tom and me, Pink Vail is an opportunity to celebrate those who have beat it, always remember and keep the memory alive of the ones we've lost, and encourage those that are fighting. It's also a great day of camaraderie, fun, and a wonderful opportunity for us to make a difference in the lives of others here in the valley.

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Jennifer's sister spreads the word: "Make America Cancer Free Again"

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 On with the detail of Pink Vail 2019 ... another success! While we weren't the top fundraising team, as in 2017, we did come in fifth overall with \$26,030. Tom and I are proud to report that we raised \$7,000 of our team total. Costumes are also a big part of what we do and a great deal of the fun! I enjoy putting in the time and effort creating them and seeing the end result bring smiles to others. Notably, my costume was awarded second place in this year's contest. As the King and Queen of Hearts, we were literally wearing our hearts on our sleeves (or at least on our



2018: Jake and Elway (Tom and his brother) with the Mad Hatter

costumes): "In Memory of," "In Honor of," and "Fighting with." Each donation received earned a heart with one of those designations or a special message of encouragement. We wanted to honor our team name – because at any stage, as a patient, caregiver, family or friend, physically and emotionally, you should never have to go it alone!

We already have some ideas brewing, so please keep your eye out for special fundraising events for Pink Vail 2020. Lastly, if you would like more information and the recipe for Bill's success, visit his website at www.dontgoitalone.com.



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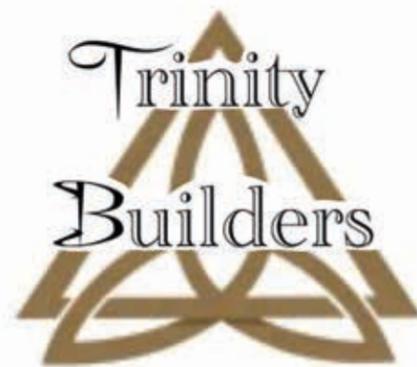
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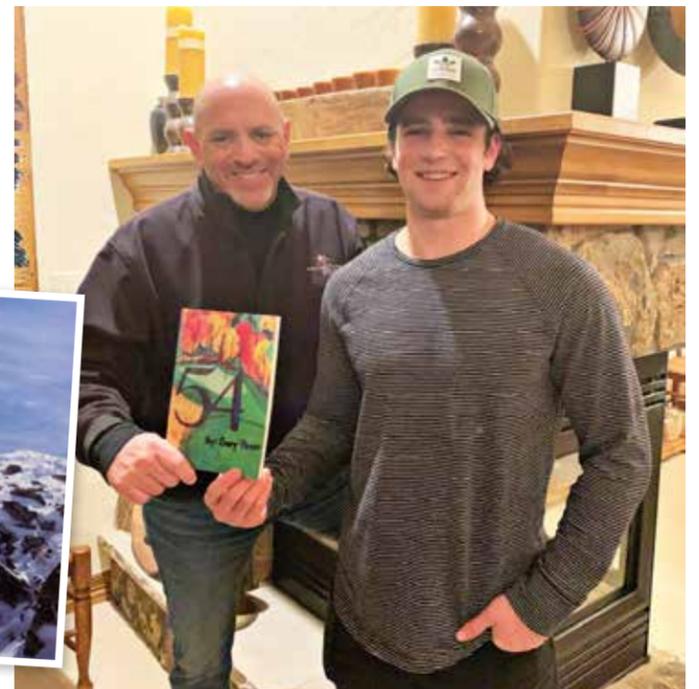
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The story behind
The Story of 54

*Authored by Singletree
resident Gary Pessa*

Contributed by **Gary Pessa**, Singletree resident



My addiction to the game of golf began in Connecticut during the late 1970s; it was the perfect summer complement to chasing moguls down the icy slopes of New England during the winter. How I came to write a story called *54* is something I felt an incredible desire to do, and having never had that desire before or written a book previously, this created numerous challenges for me. It turned out to be a very fun project, and I have enjoyed the process and outcome. This started out as a story which kept playing over and over in my mind, and the challenge of completing it on paper ultimately became the goal. Once it was finished in its raw form, I let some close family members and friends read it. It was through their encouragement that I began to think this is perhaps something others might enjoy reading, and I started the journey of making the story into the book it is today.

There isn't any real secret to the title "*54*." Everyone asks if it has anything to do with my age, and although in 2016, when the book was first released, I was 54 years old, but that was just the motivation to get it completed. For my 54th birthday, my artistic son, Oliver, said he would design the cover for the book, and that was the last piece I needed to get it into a book format. *54* comes from the idea that if a golfer were to make a birdie, one under par, on every hole on a golf course with a par 72, they would shoot *54*. It has never been done, but that fantasy is there for every golfer when they step onto the first tee.

I have been a Vail Valley resident for 40 years, moving here in 1979 to go skiing for a winter and stayed, and, yes, that is a very local common theme. I was raised in Manchester, CT, and South Florida, attended the University of Connecticut and moved to Vail. I spent most of the 1980s and '90s competing and traveling the country on the World Professional Mogul Ski Tour. The back cover of the book is a photo of me shot at Copper Mountain in the late 1980's.

I have an instrument-rated commercial pilot's license, and I am an original member of the World-Renowned Vail Precision Lawn Chair Demonstration Team, a comedy marching group which began in 1984; I still perform with them today alongside my son, Oliver. My wife, Tracy, and I married in 1995, and we

bought our first home in Singletree on Rawhide Road. Three years later, we built our home on Longhorn Road, and we've been there for 20 years raising Oliver and our daughter, Chloe. We owned and operated several retail stores in Colorado, including The Vail Valley Golf Studio in Edwards, where I began teaching golf and writing this book.

For many years, our family was a member here at the Sonnenalp Golf Club in Singletree. Many of the golf holes in this story have similarities to the holes on this course. Although it is a fictional story played out on a fictional golf course, if you've played the Sonnenalp Golf Course, you might be able to recognize some of these comparisons.

The story of *54* takes place on a beautiful golf course just north of Boston, during fall foliage at its peak, creating a spectacular backdrop for this contemporary romantic golf adventure. The story spans 10 years and culminates in a competitive golf tournament with Jim Peters challenging the demanding course alongside his best friend, Max Johnson. Their journey takes you through their golf adventures with the women in their lives and an exciting suspenseful twist, all the while chasing golf's ultimate goal. *54* is a fictitious golf story and a love story both the golf enthusiast and the non-golfer alike will enjoy.

I continue to teach skiing at Vail and Beaver Creek, I have been the Vail Mountain High School head golf coach for the last four years, and I work full time as a real estate advisor for Engel & Volker's Real Estate in Vail.

54 is available locally at the Bookworm in Edwards and online at <http://thebp.site/90001>, but if you would like a signed copy by both myself and Oliver, please contact me at pessa@comcast.net or 970-331-6927, and I will be happy to get you a copy - retail price is \$14.95.



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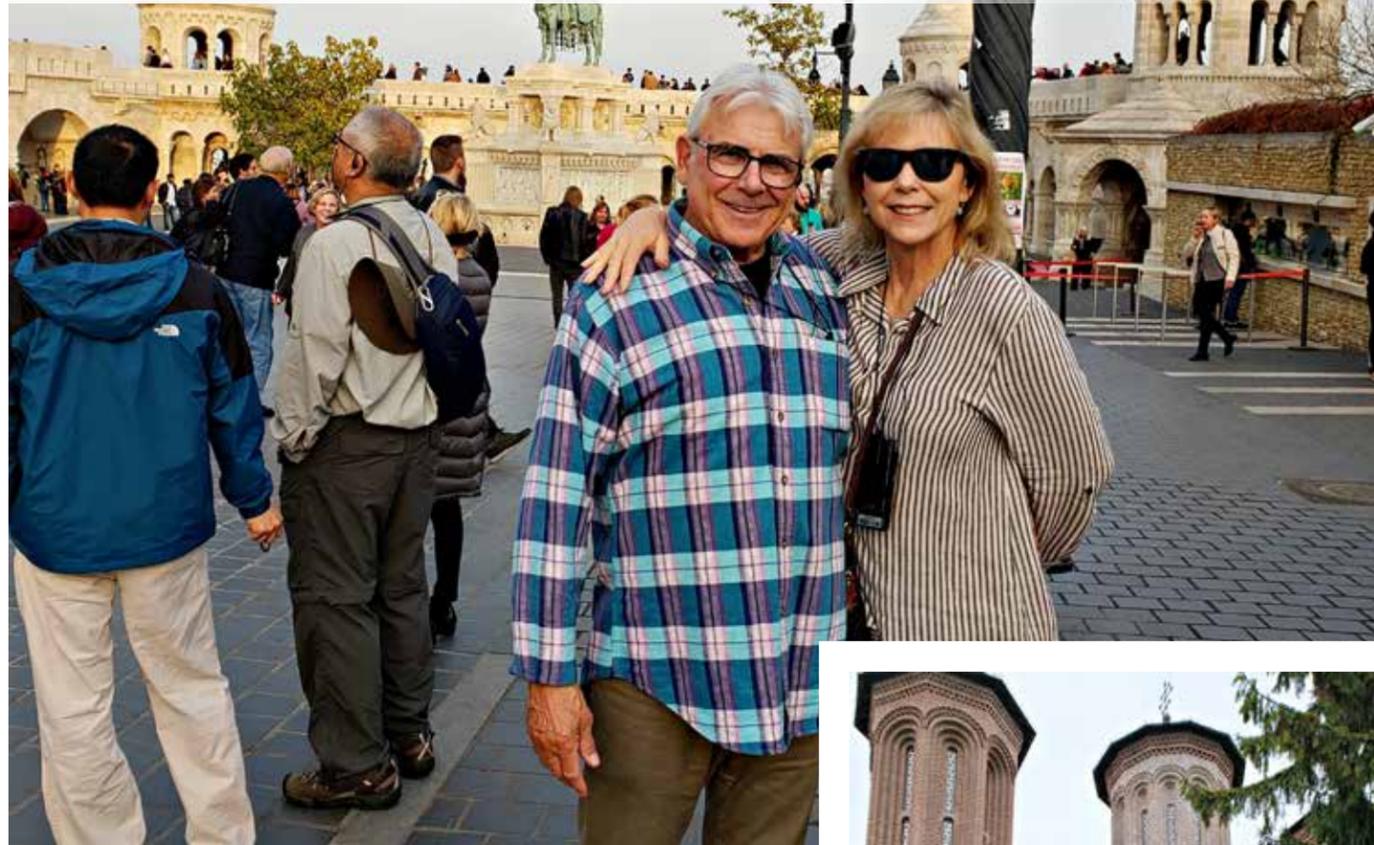
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Where Better to CELEBRATE a Halloween Birthday?

Maggie and George Tedesco Experience the Magic of Transylvania



George and Maggie at Fisherman's Bastion in Budapest, Hungary

Having been born on October 31 (year not important!), I've been fascinated for as long as I can remember by all things Halloween. Horror movies, ghost stories, and, of course, vampires! This past summer, my husband, George, and I were researching taking our first river cruise and stumbled upon a "Passage to Eastern Europe" trip. The itinerary itself was not the usual "castles and windmills" type of cruise; instead, it seemed more like a step back in time to a part of Europe less traveled and less well-known. The cruise would depart from a port near the Black Sea in Bucharest, Romania, travel west along the Danube, stopping in Bulgaria, Serbia, and Croatia, before ending in Budapest, Hungary. But the real draw to me was the advertised pre-excursion to, of all places, Transylvania! Every child knows Transylvania is where vampires come from. This booking would take us to the Bran Castle on Halloween Day. I immediately put down a deposit and started packing.



Snagov Monastery, Prince Vlad's final resting place



Legend of the Vampire

Of course, I know there are no such things as vampires and werewolves, but the mystery of Transylvania and the images it conjured in my head had been with me since I was a little girl. And the legend surrounding the most famous vampire of all, Count Dracula, from Bram Stoker's 1897 novel, did have some basis in fact, right?

We arrived in Bucharest late in the evening and in the morning boarded a bus headed north towards our destination. Once we had left the city of Bucharest, with its French-style boulevards, cobblestone alleys, grand architecture, and so-called "commie condos," we began our ascent into the heavily forested Carpathian Mountains. The narrow, steep and winding road even took us past Transylvanian ski resorts. While driving by small villages and farmhouses, and the occasional horse-drawn buggy, our guide relayed stories of how the area became associated with Count Dracula.

Vlad Dracula was an actual Romanian prince in the 15th century, who had been trained by the Turkish Army in the practice of "impaling" his enemies. At some point during his reign of terror, he was imprisoned in the basement of another fortress (not the Bran Castle) where he was left in total darkness and forced to eat live animals and drink their blood. His captors hung bushels of garlic around, attempting to cover the smell (does any of this sound familiar?).

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The view from the Castle



Bran Castle

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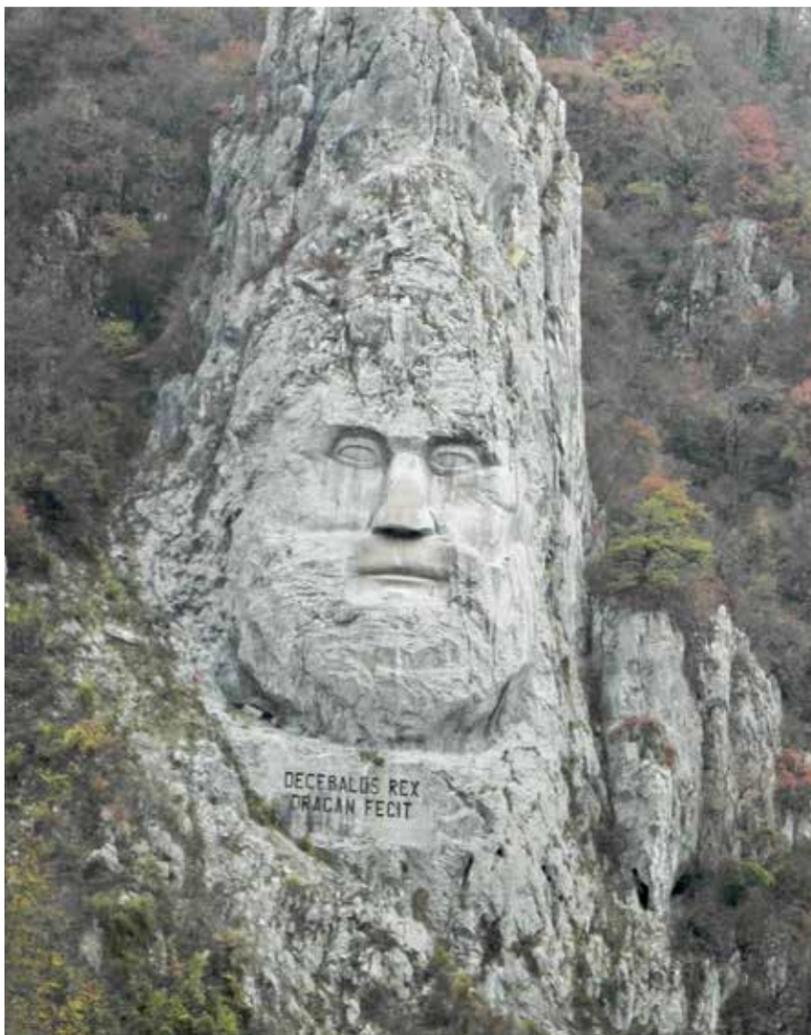
The brutal, medieval practice of impaling left wounds in the side of a victim's neck. Rural, uneducated villagers who saw the wounds could reach only one conclusion...their blood had been sucked out by something supernatural!

Vlad the Impaler had spent a couple of nights at the Bran Castle but had never lived there, as implied by Stoker's novel. Nonetheless, the surrounding area has embraced the legend, and offers Castle tours year around, decorating the rooms in spooky spider webs and skeletons only during the Halloween season. There were restaurants outside the gates, along with a few shops selling souvenirs, but honestly, it was not as touristy or "cheesy" as I had been expecting. We visited on a warm and pleasant autumn day and I reveled in finally having traveled to this wondrous and mythical place I had been haunted by for so many years.

Interestingly, Vlad the Impaler is considered a hero to the Romanian people because at one point, the sight of 20,000 Turkish soldiers he had impaled upon a high mountain ridge stopped further invaders from entering and conquering the country. Upon his death, Vlad was buried in a 14th century ornately-decorated Monastery on a small nearby island.

Today, modern "vampires" exist within the local governing bodies, where corruption is rampant. Communists no more after the overthrow of Nicolae Ceaucescu in 1989, the new regime is called the "Social Democrat" party. According to our guide, the new leader was recently caught stealing what would translate to about \$40K in US dollars, so he passed a law which makes it okay to embezzle, so long as the embezzled amount is less than \$50K! Romanian residents have government-provided health care and education, for which a sum is taken from their paychecks. If the patient cannot or doesn't want to wait to see a doctor, they can pay for private care. However, private doctors are not always trusted, because patients cannot be certain those who went to private schools graduated due to diligence and hard work, or simply paid for their diplomas.

While Romania officially joined the European Union in 2007, their economy still cannot support the Euro. Instead, the currency is the Leu, which translates to about \$0.24, making everything dirt cheap. It's illegal for many Romanian (also, as we later found out, Serbian) merchants to accept



A rock carving at the Iron Gates, Danube River



The interior of the Castle decorated for Halloween



A souvenir shop outside the Bran Castle

US dollars or Euros. Young Romanians stage frequent protests against the corruption and mismanagement, while a certain percentage of the elderly population, who remembers the days of Communism, yearns for its return. Under Communist rule, everyone was guaranteed a job and a place to live. The factory you worked in dictated where you and your fellow workers vacationed; workers all received the same pay, regardless of the effort one expended. To some, it seems, Communism was easier than Capitalism, although obviously not sustainable in the long run.

Our guide went on to tell us that Nicolae Ceaucescu had only a third-grade education, as did his vain and cruel wife, Elena. Practically illiterate, she paid off those in charge and cheated her way to being awarded a Ph.D. in chemistry. She conducted hundreds of experiments on living persons; thus, earning her the locals' nickname of "The Mengele of Romania." When the couple was caught and executed via firing squad following the revolution (on Christmas Day in 1989), more bullets were found in the body of the hated Elena than her husband.

Eastern Europe, while George says he would not necessarily recommend for anyone's bucket list, was certainly a fascinating and educational experience. And being in Transylvania, an area I once thought was just a far, far away, made-up land, was truly magical!



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singletree tribute

Content compiled by **Bill Welch and Buddy Sims**, Singletree residents, and **Pat Hammon**, Eagle County Veteran Service Officer
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Memorial Day 2019

Singletree Honors Those We Have Lost

"We all grow up with the weight of history on us. Our ancestors dwell in the attics of our brains as they do in the spiraling chains of knowledge hidden in every cell of our bodies." — Shirley Abbott.

No matter how many times I interview veterans and write articles about their accomplishments and their lives, the sheer magnitude of human history and complexities overwhelm my thoughts. Though these men have passed on, I sift through the maze of lovingly saved articles, photographs, and memories, awaiting the sonder to sink in. No, that's not a typo. Sonder is essentially a realization that each person is unique in a way you will never understand. The following short synopsis of the lives of our Singletree VFW's attempt to recreate my experience for you, my readers. — Allie Decent



Sergeant Herb Rubenstein, U.S. Army, 89th Infantry Division, WWII

What more to say about Herb than what has already been said? Colliding history and fan fiction, I imagine his military story mirrors that in George Clooney's famous movie *Inglorious Bastards*, which would be epically cool. Born in Brooklyn on Flag Day 1922, this Jewish all-American kid liberated concentration camps and fought the true bad guys

of the 20th century: the Nazis. Herb particularly enjoyed his visits to the Eagle County classrooms where he could share his war experience with the students in a way they could understand it.

Herb loved to share the fact that he did not smoke while he was in the service; in fact, he sold his allotment of cigarettes to save money. In his words, "You save money. You get a car. You get a car. You get a girl." And sure enough, he met Thelma at a gas station in Levittown, NY, upon returning from war. He was married to Thelma for 70 years, had two children and five grandchildren, and retired from his successful dental supply business to move to Vail at 65 years of age and lived the next 31 and a half years skiing, golfing and hiking, and enjoying all that life had to offer.

Herb was a man who truly embodied a happy love for life and thirst for experiences. To quote Hunter S. Thompson, Herb must have pulled up to those pearly white gates in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming "Wow! What a ride!"



2019 Memorial Day Ceremony

The Freedom Park Memorial Committee and Minturn VFW Post 10721 will be conducting its annual Memorial Day ceremony in memory of all Veterans of the Armed Forces who have served our country, and especially to those from Eagle County who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Join us at Freedom Park on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. to honor our fallen military and first-responder heroes.

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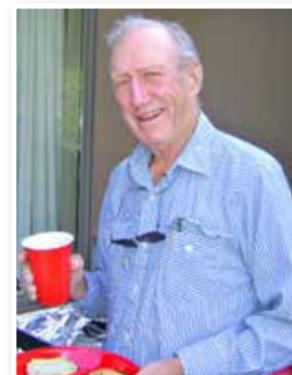


Sergeant Dick Dirkes, U.S. Army, 10th Mountain Division, Infantry, WWII

"Can you imagine that, after 70 years?" exclaimed Dick at the award ceremony performed by Senator Michael Bennet, where Dick was being honored for and finally awarded his POW and

European Occupation Medal of Honor for his service in the 10th Mountain Division in World War II. His huge grin shows how excited the 91-year-old was to receive recognition for bravely having been captured by the German SS troopers while serving on the famous jeep patrol of the 261st Infantry Regiment and the 65th Infantry Division, who were tasked with stopping the German forces from blowing up bridges to keep the Allies from tracking them on their cowardly scamper into the Alps just three days before Germany's surrender.

Dick learned to ski and trained at the famous Camp Hale, near Leadville. He was part of the 10th Mountain Division who surprised the Germans and took Mt. Belvedere and Riva Ridge in Gogalesco, a vital set of mountains in Italy only passable by foot. The Germans never saw them coming. They celebrated their victory by bussing in the 10th Mountain Division veterans to ski Riva Ridge in Vail. Dick remarked in 2015 that there were less and less of them every year. "We're a fine group of men, those of us who are left and those of us who are passed, we have pleasant memories of them," said Dirkes. Mr. Dirkes, with every powder turn, we thank you for your service and the 50 years of pleasant memories you have given our valley.



Sergeant Larry Trotter, U.S. Air Force, Strategic Air Command, Korean War

Larry always loved to ski. That love brought him with his wife, Bette, to this little valley in 1990 to teach skiing at Beaver Creek. That particular feather was just one more in the cap of a very extraordinary man who was committed to public service

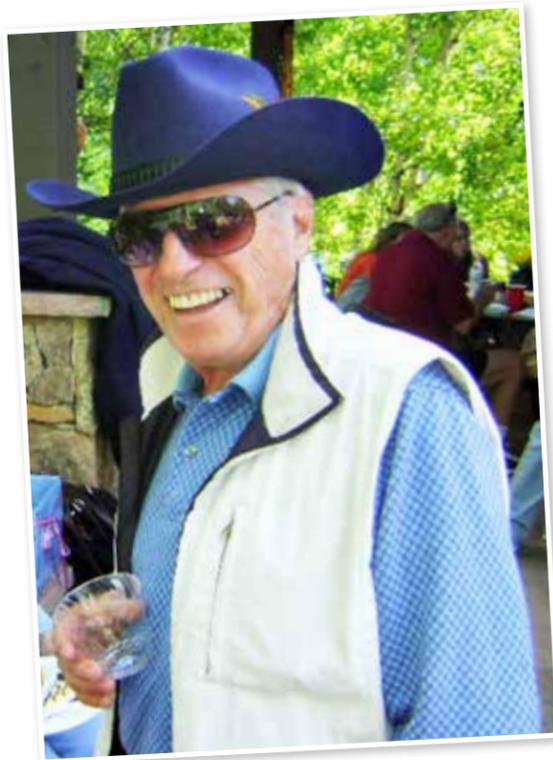
throughout his life. After bravely serving in the Strategic Air Command in Guam during the Korean War, and a successful career founding and selling the Colonial Container Corp., the Trotters threw themselves into a rich life in the Vail Valley. His friends and family remember him as a master storyteller and gracious host.

At varying resorts around the country before coming to Vail, Larry was a scout master, a ski patroller, and a ski school director. Here he was a member of Vail Club 50, a lifetime donor

to Ducks Unlimited, a 33-degree Mason and a member of three different Mason Lodges, a Vail Rotary Club member, a member of the Minturn VFW, and later in life, an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Edwards. Larry was also a dedicated donor to the scholarship program with the VFW.

Of course, he may be best known for the 2006 edition of the *The Vail Undressed Calendar*, where he, Dick Froberg and a few other members of the VFW took it all off at Larry's ranch to support the Vail Valley Charitable Fund.





Petty Officer 3rd Class Alan Aarons, U.S. Navy, Korean War

Alan Aarons served seven years in the U.S. Navy as an Aviation Electronicsman 3rd class from 1947 to 1954. He served in the Korean War out of Pearl Harbor on the *USS Badoeng Straits* (CVE-116) and *USS Valley Forge* (CV-45). He maintained radio and electronics equipment on the F8 and F4U fighter bombers, and served as an air controller at Barbers' Point, Oahu, Naval Air Station. After his time fighting, he returned to the United States and eventually took residence in Edwards. In his later years, Alan spent hours painting, and especially enjoyed painting people and their pets. He never requested compensation for his work, and his paintings endeared him to many a pet owner.

Alan Aarons' legacy includes his involvement with the "Buddy Poppy" program in Eagle County. The Buddy Poppy program was launched nationwide prior to Memorial Day in 1922. The "Buddy Poppies" were, and still are today, assembled by disabled and needy veterans who are paid for their work to provide them with financial assistance. Alan took responsibility for the program in the Eagle Valley, including recruiting volunteers to sell the poppies outside of local grocery stores. The poppy has been adopted as the official flower of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and happens to be one of the first flowers to bloom in Singletree near Memorial Day.

Lieutenant Commander Richard "Dick" Froberg, U.S. Navy Ret, Gunnery Officer On Navy Destroyer DDR-878, Korean War

During his military career, Lieutenant Commander Dick Froberg served in the U.S. Navy for 23 and a half years. During the Korean War from 1952-1954, he was a Gunnery Officer in charge of a fleet of destroyers at Sasebo, Japan, and re-supplied all Navy ships. He sustained major hearing loss when the gun went off when his earphones were not on at the time. He was later assigned to the DDR-878, a Navy Destroyer, as the Gunnery Officer and deployed three times as a show of force to Beirut, Lebanon.

Having moved to the Vail Valley from Illinois in 1982, Dick formed R.A. Froberg & Associates and is probably best known as the contractor who built the Chateau at Beaver Creek. He started his career with the build of the Elk Track Court Townhomes, for which he received the Home Builders Association "Beam" Award for Outstanding Craftsmanship and interior Design Finish. Between 1991 to 2008, Dick constructed 23 homes in the Vail Valley including his home in Singletree. He and his wife, Mary Jo, bought a corner lot on which to build their residence back when Singletree didn't have one tree in it! A true visionary, he told his son, "John, you'll see, this place will just fill up."

Dick and Mary Jo loved to throw parties, and along with Alan Aarons, founded Vail Club 50. Additionally, Dick was an active member of many affiliations: Eagle Valley Home Builders Association; National Association of Home Builders; VASA Order of America; Island Goats Sailing Society; *USS Vesole* DD/DDR-878 Association and the Sonnenalp Golf Club. The couple met on the shores of Lake Michigan, where he is now laid to rest.



Major Roy Lawler, U.S. Air Force Ret, Forward Air Controller O-2A AND B52D Bomber Pilot, Vietnam War

Roy always wanted to fly airplanes, so he started learning at the ripe old age of 12! That love took him through his decorated career as an Air Force veteran, with a Distinguished

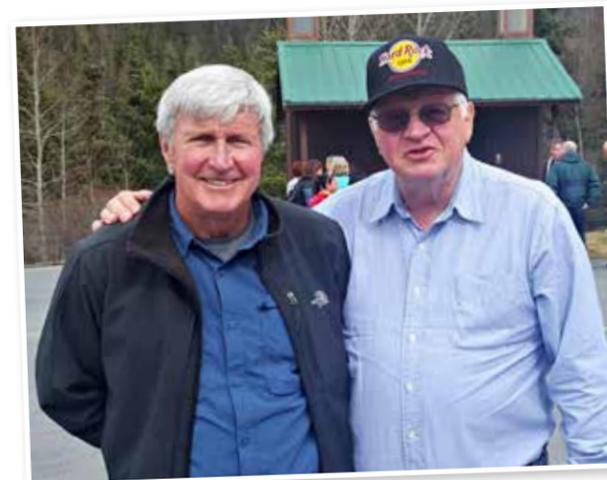
Flying Cross and a 21-Oakleaf Cluster Air Medal adorning his blues. After 24 years and 300 combat missions in the USAF as a pilot and staff officer, including two tours in the Vietnam War as a Forward Air Controller in 1965 in the O-1A Birdog and as a B-52 Bomber Pilot in 1970.

VFW Post 10721, Minturn, CO

These men we have lost played starring roles at the local VFW Post 10721, Minturn, CO. Through attending and participating in the programs for Veterans offered here in the Valley, they found solace and camaraderie that is so vital to veteran mental health and re-integration. Local member Bill Welch, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam, emphasizes the goals of the VFW. "We want to reach the younger guys and gals, who are veterans, if they served in peace time or war time, and encourage participation." The group has recently begun talking about their experiences to our youngest generation, and that has really helped the veterans reconnect with each other and with the community. "I was speaking at Stone Creek Charter School, and there was a little second-grader singing the Marine Corp Hymn, and that was just so wonderfully special. It's great to be able to give these kids our stories, and to have them appreciate their lives in the here and now," muses Bill.

The VFW also hosts social and athletic events, and encourages all vets to participate. To that end, the group meets on Friday

Roy and his wife, Phyllis, moved to Vail in 1976. Roy is remembered as a Broncos superfan, an outgoing trickster and joke-teller, and a man who lived life without setting limits. A famous story his wife recounts is when she sent him to the grocery store for provisions and he came home with two snowmobiles! Well, his report card from primary school did say that he "disturbs others." I like to think that he just wanted everyone to relax and have fun!



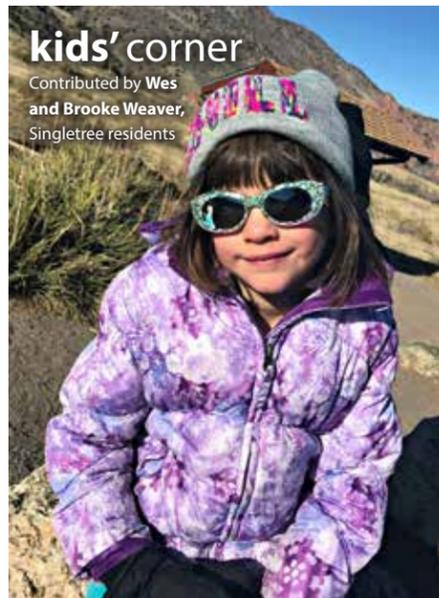
nights at 5:00 p.m. at Zino in Edwards, CO, for drinks and swapping stories. At 9:30 am every Monday, the group meets at CMC to do a veterans' yoga class, taught by Terry Copeland and sponsored by Comeback Yoga. This program is a nonprofit founded in Denver that offers yoga classes at no charge to help military personnel, their families and supporters develop resiliency in response to what they experienced during their service. We encourage everyone

who has served our country to meet the group and "young it up," Bill jokes. "We are a bunch of old guys. Out of the 120 members here in the valley, about 100 are over 65. It's really important that we reach out to young veterans who will need our support."

In the words of Buddy Sims, U.S. Air Force, Vietnam and Desert Storm, "The military bonding and long ago times serving in combat together have an impact that few others ever get to enjoy or experience. Military comradeship is forever." The VFW facilitates and encourages all veterans to capitalize on the opportunity to form relationship with those who have shared the honor and experience of serving our country.

MEET THE TWiNS!

Brooke and Wes Weaver ... BUBBLING with Personality



kids' corner

Contributed by Wes and Brooke Weaver, Singletree residents



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Wes and Brooke Weaver go to school and live south of Denver with their parents, Kiran and Kyle, and as a family, they enjoy most weekends in Singletree. The 5-year-old twins bubble over with cuteness, energy and giggles galore. They are adamant in not allowing their parents to enter the room to distract them from their interview as they excitedly nearly clamber over each other to share their lives as twins.

What is the best part of being twins?

Wes: We get to play together!

Brooke: Sometimes we are silly and like to make silly faces like this!

What's your favorite toy?

Brooke: I can go get it to show to you! I just got a bunny from Build-A-Bear Workshop. This is my bunny. First we put stuffing in it and then put the heart in, and then we dressed her up. She is so pretty!

Wes: My bear. I don't dress my bear up.

Do you like to watch movies?

Wes: Mhmm. *Masha the Bear*.

Brooke: Umm... it's *Masha*. You know, it's on Netflix, and Wessy likes *Word Girl* on PBS Kids.

Brooke (as Mom enters the room): **Don't** distract our interview, please!

What do you like to do in Denver?

Wes: Umm... I like to go to museums.

Brooke: Sometimes we go to the pancake restaurant in the morning with our daddy in the morning. And sometimes we just stay here, at home, and sometimes we go to school, and then it's a **stay-home day!**

Brooke: We have our own cars. They're just play cars. They have batteries instead of gas. Most cars take gas. He has a Mini-Cooper, and I have a convertible.

Wes: Mine is orange and black. And it goes fast and slow. If you push BUNNY, it goes fast and if you push TURTLE, it goes slow.

Brooke: My convertible. It's red. Bunnies hop like this [demonstration to follow]!

What's your favorite thing at school?

Wes: Coloring.

Brooke: I like coloring too and sometimes play kitchen.

So what are your nicknames?

Brooke: I call him "Wessy Dessy" because sometimes he calls me "Brookey Dookey."

Have you gone on any vacations with your mom and dad?

Brooke: Yeah, like California, New Orleans, Alaska. I haven't been to Hawaii, but I'm going to Hawaii to see all the beautiful fish, and I'm going to do snorkeling. In Alaska I liked seeing the humpback whales, and I liked eating the fish and crab. Did you know we went to a yummy crab restaurant in Alaska? And I saw a lot of icicles.

Wes: New Orleans. I liked the fire movie. (Parent note: The fire movie was actually in Seattle at a museum!)

Wes: (to Mom crossing the room again): **Don't** distract our story time!

Brooke: If we see you get out again ... then you're done!

What is your dog's name?

Brooke and Wes: Scarlett.

Brooke: She doesn't woof. She's quiet. She just woofs when visitors come, and she's overexcited.

Wes: She's 7.

What do you like to do with Scarlett?

Brooke: I like to pet her sometimes on the head. She has brown eyes, and she's a girl. She's cute, and she has a white tummy tummy and a lot of white fur on that tummy tummy.

Wes: I like to give her a scratch. I like to touch her nose. She has an arrow pointing this way (pointing to the white markings on the back of her neck).

Who's your favorite superhero?

Wes: I like Spiderman because he has webs, and I have a Spiderman book. It's a sticker book.



Do you have other books?

Wes: And I have *Cat in the Hat*.

Brooke: I don't know how to read books. I like those books, you know, those *Bob's Books* you can read, and I know the words, "mat," "cat," we're learning to read, but not yet.

Is pink your favorite color?

Brooke: I like purple too. And I like light blue too. I tell you what. I like this blue [on the cover of a book] but not this kind of blue [another book], it's too dark.

Wes: I like light and dark blue. Whichever one.

What is your favorite game?

Wes: Maybe the dog one. Doggie Doo.

Brooke: Yeti in my Spaghetti. Do you want to play right now?

Not today! But maybe another time. It was a delight getting to know Wes and Brooke, and we look forward to seeing them around the neighborhood!



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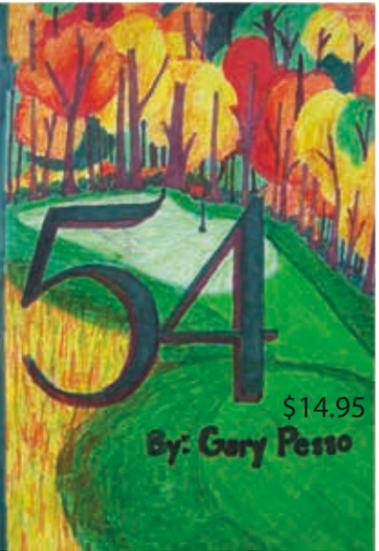
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Skiing and Helping People

Junior Ski Patrol Offers the Best of All Worlds for Nick Hahn

Can you describe the Beaver Creek and Vail Ski Junior Ski Patrol program?

It's a five-week program starting in February. We switched mountains every weekend: Vail, Beaver Creek, Vail, Beaver Creek, Vail. Helly Hanson sponsors it, and this is the second year of the program.

How did you become part of it?

I had a safety class because I got caught speeding on the hill by the Yellow Jackets; I got my pass suspended for two weeks, but they said they would reduce it to one week if I took a class. So I did, and the Yellow Coat that was running the class told me about the junior ski patrol and asked me if I wanted to apply. I did a video outside explaining why I wanted to be a ski patrol, and then dad and I went up to get some footage of me skiing. We sent them a short clip of me skiing.

How many is the group?

Around 25. It's for eighth-graders through sophomore year.

Tell me about your typical day on the hill.

We met at the base of the hill, and then they matched us up with ski patrollers. We had three or four people in each group with a ski patroller, and we would follow them around for the day. He or she would take us up to PHQ, we'd look around there, then go skiing, and shadow them if there was a 1050 (an injury). At the end of the day, around 3:40, we would do back-side sweeps, and then around 4:20, we would do the front side.

How do they really know if everyone is off the hill?



There's a big team of patrollers. There are some that pull the ropes to close the run and then others go down every single run on the back side and

every single run on the front side. It's skiing side to side to the trees on each run. We call out "clearing" or "closing"; if anyone calls back, we know they are there. If there was someone on the hill with a

broken leg, you would not want to leave them there overnight, so we have to be really thorough.

What kind of training did you get? We did avalanche training. We did stations, like digging pits properly and efficiently, so you know how to get someone out quickly, and learning how to use a beacon. We got CPR. And normal skiing stuff, what to do in case of an injury, put a leg in a splint, put someone in the toboggan, and how to drive that toboggan.

Did you see a lot of injuries?

Most of our stuff is minor injuries, but they can't get down the mountain, like someone dislocating their shoulder. Ski patrollers are not technically allowed to pop it back in, so they have medic people who are not ski patrollers (they wear black jackets) who are there to give drugs on the mountain if you can't get them to the hospital quickly. A lot of our calls aren't that bad, but one day, it was really windy, and you couldn't see that well; there was an old man who was scared and didn't want to keep going, so he called us and we took him down in a toboggan. We get a lot of little kids; sometimes they get tired, or they fall and lose their ski, and you have to go help them.

Did you witness any particularly interesting incidents?

One day, we got some time to free ski for an hour and went to the park because we love the park. I stopped with one of my buddies, and we see a guy fly off a jump, and he lands on his back; he gets up and is kind of hunched over so we didn't know if he had broken something or what. We skied up to him and did our full diagnostics, a concussion test, and felt the rest of his body to see if he had any broken bones. He was spitting up blood, and we could see he had bitten his tongue. We had no patrollers with us, but luckily a doctor came over and told him some side effects that could come from a concussion. It was pretty cool to be right there.

Can you share a personal highlight of your ski patrol experience?

One day we had to hike about an hour and a half to a helicopter by some random route on the back side near lift 9. We were out of bounds and so far out there. Morale was down as the ski patrollers rode by on the snowmobile and

yelling "Come on guys! You got it!" Our reward was twofold: We got a full tour of a helicopter, and we skied an area where no one else was skiing, with powder up to your waist. To be honest, we didn't really pay attention to the tour of the helicopter because we needed to pee, needed water, and we were very hungry. But the skiing was worth it!

What did you learn from a life perspective?

After hiking for an hour and a half and then getting to ski that amazing powder for 10 minutes, you really have to work for something that you want. And when you see a kid tumbling down and you help the kid, you feel a lot better after something like that.

How are the dogs?

The dogs are so calm, but as soon as a ski patroller opens the door, they bolt out because they think they are going on a mission. They love riding on the snowmobiles and even helicopters. They're having the time of their life!

What would you say to other kids who are interested in joining the junior ski patrol?

It's a great experience, and you get to ski some out-of-bounds stuff, closed runs, you get first tracks because you have to be there so early. You build friendships. It's just a good experience.

Besides skiing, what do you love to do?

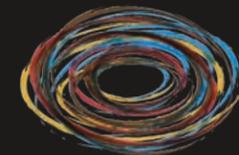
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Bounding through snow drifts, romping with canine playmates of all varieties, pulling off Houdini-like tricks, and pouncing on his stuffed animal toys like a cougar, Cappy – the 7-year-old, 30-plus-pound, gray, black and white, blue merle “Aussie-doodle” – offers a never-ending mix of intrigue and amusement!

To begin ... one early October morning, we received a call from my partner Paul’s adult daughter at the Denver Dumb Friends League telling us that they had found an older “rescue” dog for her to adopt. Regan’s wish for a faithful, furry companion had been met. In a matter of days, however, it was clear Regan’s theatrical career and frequent travel plans would not

accommodate this new responsibility. As longtime dog lovers, Paul and I decided then and there that this rescue dog with expressive, hopeful eyes would not return to a shelter, but instead that we would adopt him! So began our life with “Captain Marble,” aptly named by a passerby for his curly coat, which resembled marble. We nicknamed him “Cappy,” the name proudly displayed on his bright green collar.

Cappy is a joy, who loves dogs and perks up, standing at attention, when spotting an approaching canine, and intrigued when he encounters deer and other wildlife. He crouches and

waits to see if a dog is a potential playmate, then races forward to play. It could be “Otto,” “Wheez-ie,” “Dooley” or “Moose”; “Shamus,” without his frisbee, is a favorite.

Inside our home, Cappy is full of curiosity and surprises, where he checks out every nook and cranny and has discovered baskets of assorted stuffed animal toys. During the course of a long day, Cappy will secretly and silently escort his toy animals from place to place. When he thinks we are not looking, he will toss the stuffer across the room or off the couch, eye it and then pounce atop his rattled “friend” and play with gusto. As his gift to us, he will quietly “sleep in” until we grab our coffee and dress for the long morning trek around the golf course or park. On leash, he will prance like a show dog.



Cappy seldom barked and still jumps at loud noises, but will now bark when we leave him at the house, as if to inquire when will we be back? He will wait for our return and greet us with a bow with outstretched paws, a wagging stub of a tail, a happy dance and generous licks for us. Companionship and affection are his forté.

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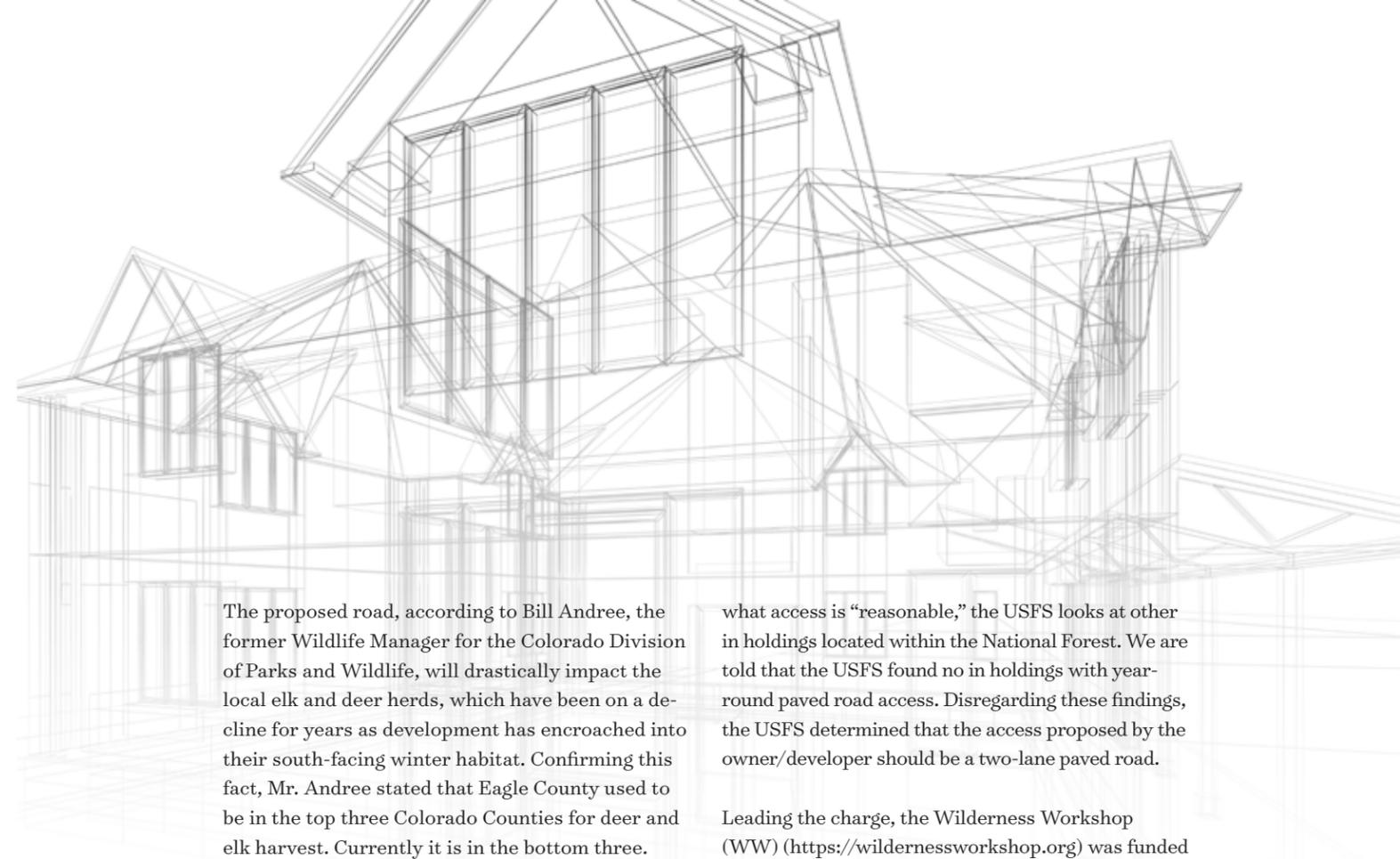
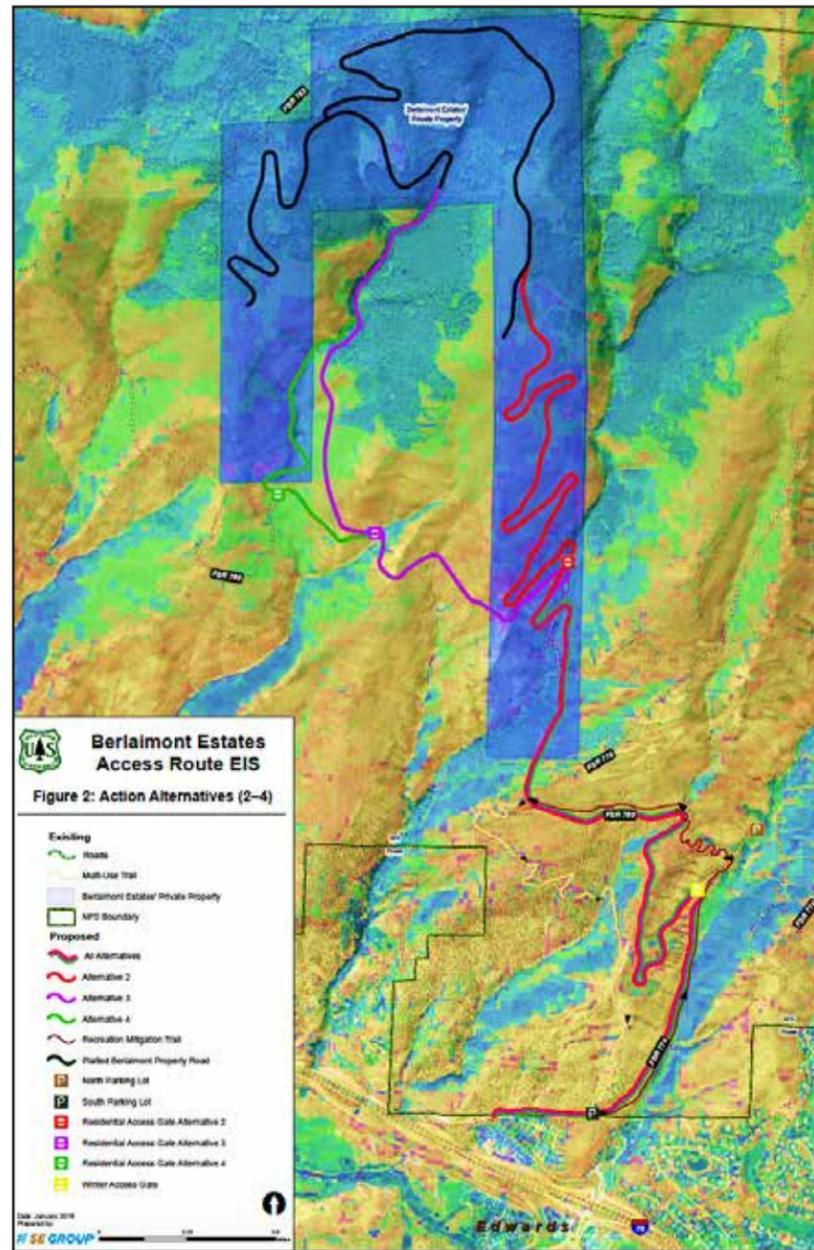
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WHY IS BERLAIMONT a Concern For SINGLETREE?

Berlaimont is a 680-acre privately owned “in holding” surrounded by the National Forest to the north and west of Singletree. The owners propose to build 19 homes with nine accessory units on the parcel. No infrastructure exists for water, sewage, natural gas or electricity, and, most importantly, there is limited access by a one-lane dirt road that is suitable for four-wheel drive vehicles. This is the same access that existed when the current owners acquired the parcel. The owners are proposing to construct a two-lane all weather road to the property so it can be developed for prospective buyers of the large homes and accessory units.



The proposed road, according to Bill Andree, the former Wildlife Manager for the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife, will drastically impact the local elk and deer herds, which have been on a decline for years as development has encroached into their south-facing winter habitat. Confirming this fact, Mr. Andree stated that Eagle County used to be in the top three Colorado Counties for deer and elk harvest. Currently it is in the bottom three.

The issue pared down to its essence is what is “reasonable access” as defined in the Alaska National Interest Lands Conversation Act at U.S. C. Section 3210 (a). The pertinent language reads: “... the Secretary shall provide such access to nonfederally owned land (read private) within the boundaries of the National Forest system as the Secretary deems adequate to secure to the owner the reasonable use and enjoyment thereof.” The reasonable use (access) for the Berlaimont property, which one would expect to be similar in nature to Fulford or Piney Ranch, is limited access for summer or fall hunting cabins. This is distinctly different from the development of 19 large homes with accessory units in a parcel totally surrounded by National Forest. The owners seem to be arguing that their “...reasonable use and enjoyment ...” includes the development and sale of luxury homes to others while taking the proceeds elsewhere as opposed to any considerations for the decimation of existing wildlife who have survived for thousands of years in that winter habitat.

Clearly, Section 3210 (a) requires the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to grant access. In order to determine

what access is “reasonable,” the USFS looks at other in holdings located within the National Forest. We are told that the USFS found no in holdings with year-round paved road access. Disregarding these findings, the USFS determined that the access proposed by the owner/developer should be a two-lane paved road.

Leading the charge, the Wilderness Workshop (WW) (<https://wildernessworkshop.org>) was funded in 1967 as a nonprofit to advance conservation with a focus on the White River National Forest. Peter Hart, attorney for the WW, said the USFS has compared the requested access to the Berlaimont in holding to Singletree. Such a comparison by the USFS is absurd. Singletree abuts I-70 and has dual ingress, egress with complete infrastructure for all basics services, including nearby fire protection services. The proposed road to Berlaimont will be miles long and require a 2,000-foot gain in elevation from the valley floor with no water or sewer service. Simply stated, there is no basis for a logical comparison.

On March 16, WW hosted a meeting at Battle Mountain High School featuring a panel consisting of Sen. Kerry Donovan, State Representative Dylan Roberts, Bill Andree, one lifelong Eagle County resident and one Beaver Creek resident. Many Singletree residents participated in the meeting at Battle Mountain High School regarding the requested paved road access to the Berlaimont in holding. Their presence, questions and comments indicated that the road proposed by the owners/developers continues to be a significant issue for our community. Please continue to contact the U.S. Forest Service to register your concerns.

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