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HELLO

Singletree residents!

Welcome to March! How quickly the winter does fly ...

This month we meet John and Carri Tedstrom and their beloved four-legged companion, Bo. Having met at The Meet Market 35 years ago, (yes, you read that right), John and Carri have raised their three children in the Vail Valley and love their family time together be it skiing, hiking, attending Avs games, Christmas tree hunting or sailing the Caribbean.

Ingrid and Craig Dampier cruised Alaska last summer with Ingrid's niece and family. Highlights included sighting birds of prey, Grizzly bears, an exhilarating train ride through the wilderness, panning for gold, and the grand finale, Juneau's Glacier Garden Rainforest, where Ingrid discovered her new favorite tree, the Upside-Down Flower Tower. What an amazing adventure was had by all!

Don't let Roxy Beaudin fool you! She really is a cat but according to mom, Pam, she really thinks she is a dog. Getting to know Roxy will surely bring a smile and a giggle to your day! And Dena Raitman shares the trials and tribulations of her remodel project at 110 Howard Drive - which ultimately results in her forever home!!

The Singletree Boy Scouts return this month to share their many accomplishments including raising funds for camp, earning multiple

merit badges, and completing community projects. These young achievers - Phillip D'Andrea, Stuart Howard, David Ross, and Kyle Ross - demonstrate their tremendous commitment to the path to Eagle Scout. No doubt these boys will someday prove to be great leaders in their communities and beyond, joining the ranks of former Scouts including Steven Spielberg, Michael Jordan, Neil Armstrong, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Jimmy Buffet, to name a few.

This month, we get to know more about some of the businesses that support *INSIDE Singletree* - Elevated Dental, Overland Express Travel, and Maximum Comfort Pool & Spa. We also welcome two new partners: KaceeGo and the Alpine Area RSVP. Without their generous support, your neighborhood magazine would not be possible.

Wishing you a wonderful month! Spring is on its way!



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Signed, Ms Private

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- Leslie



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Carri and John TEDSTROM

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“Yeah, right!” That’s what Carri said when I told her we’d met before. I saw her at a party called The Meet Market and said, “Hey I know you.” We had, in fact, met six months earlier at an ice skating party on Lake of The Isles in Minneapolis, MN. That was in 1985, before the internet, before Facebook and before a lot of things we have now. So The Meet Market was the best thing going. We married in Minneapolis and 32 years later have three adult children and we’ve created a lifetime of memories together.

Carri and I have been loving life in the Vail Valley for 22 years, raising our kids, Charlie, Connor, and Anna, in Homestead before officially downsizing and moving to Singletree four years ago. Today, we love living in Las Vistas with our 2-year-old Cocker-Golden Retriever mix, Bo, and have a whole new perspective on the sunny side of the valley.

Bo is a Cocker Spaniel Golden Retriever mix who wants to be everyone’s friend. He has his own Instagram page (you can follow him at @Bo_Sacki). He

loves to play ball and tug-o-war and is really the sweetest, most loyal and loving dog we’ve ever seen (and we had two wonderful dogs before him).

Carri works at Select Surfaces in Avon as a Design Consultant helping people up and down the valley choose flooring, tile, and carpet to make their homes amazing. She also works at Beaver Creek Nordic Center during the winter season, teaching Nordic skiing and guiding snowshoe tours. Carri has been PTA President at Edwards Elementary and at Battle Mountain, served on the Eagle County School Board, and on the Council at Eagle River Presbyterian Church.

John is a senior executive at a Dallas-based advertising agency that is part of the Publicis Worldwide

Groupe. With an office in Vail, John splits time between the valley and travel to clients all over the U.S., definitely leaving tracks up and down I-70 for the last 20 years. He’s also been very active in local theater groups. You may have seen him on stage as Billy Flynn in Chicago with the Vail Valley Theater Company, or as Rod in Avenue Q with Porchlight Players in Eagle.

The kids have put their Battle Mountain and Charter School educations, and their amazing growing up years, to good use. Charlie is now married to his lovely bride, Christine, living in Oakland, CA, and applying his Cal Poly education to working as an architect. Anna also lives in Oakland with her boyfriend, Chris, and is a Technical Designer for the cool start-up Marine Layer. Connor lives with



The Tedstroms (L to R): Anna, Christine, Charlie, John, Carri, and Connor





his girlfriend, Molly, in the frozen North of Minneapolis working as a sales director for tech startup Sezzle.

We love to ski as often as we can and we're out there almost every weekend, whether it's alpine, cross country, tele, or our new favorite: uphill with our new AT gear. It's fantastic to be able to grab Bo and our gear and be on Arrowhead Mountain for an evening after work or run over to Meadow Mountain on the weekend. When it's not snowing, we are mountain or road biking, hiking with Bo, or taking our stand-up paddleboards for a spin on the upper or lower C. Sometimes Bo even gets to go along, although he has been known to fall asleep and slip into the river.

We've also enjoyed spending a chunk of our summers in Wisconsin with the kids where they were members of the Min-Aqua Bats, the oldest amateur waterski show in the world for several years. All our kids can do amazing things on water skis, including the boys skiing with girls on their

shoulders, and Anna climbing two stories high in waterski pyramids.

John grew up in Australia and Brazil. Carri grew up in Wisconsin and Minnesota. And we love to travel. Our number one destination is visiting our kids or when our kids come to see us.

Our favorite family traditions include Christmas tree hunting in the White River National Forest. We love our family ski days and hikes with Bo. We are huge Avs fans and are quick to run down to Denver for a game and we look forward to watching both the Avs and Broncos games.

Our kids love coming back to the Vail Valley to do all the amazing activities we get to do here. They grew up skiing - Wednesdays were PE class for all the Charter kids, playing hockey for Battle Mountain - Charlie and Connor were both on the State Champion runner up team in 2008 that lost in double overtime to Lewis-Palmer, and playing soccer. All the kids grew up on Vail Valley Soccer Club teams and played in high school. The life-long friends they made on those teams are an incredible benefit.

One of the many great things about growing up in a small mountain town is the kids got to do lots of

things, rather than the specialization they may have been forced to do in larger cities. Anna performed in musical theater from when she was 8 through all her high school years. She was also involved in speech and debate, dance, and show choir through her high school years. The boys also got involved with high school musicals when they realized it was fun and a good way to meet girls. Today, we are all lovers of all kinds of music; some of our favorite moments are Anna and John singing together while he plays the guitar.

We always look forward to the next fun opportunity to be together as a family. At the top of our list are our sailing vacations. Our favorite destinations include bareboat charters in the Caribbean when John skips the boat while the family drinks. Last year we ventured to Australia for the first time in 40 years and this year, we are looking forward to a family sailing trip in Croatia. Later in the fall, Carri and I are headed to Africa. Be it travel afar, summer time in Wisconsin or at home in Singletree, spending time with the kids is always special for us.



Get to know your neighbors by featuring your family in the next available issue! Email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to share your family story with your community.



My name is Maddy Moses and I am the Office Manager at Elevated Dental in Vail. I grew up in a town of about 600 people in northeast Nebraska (Go, Big Red!). As a kid, my fondest memories are of horsing around on my grandparents' Angus cattle ranch and watching Husker football. I would have laughed if you'd told me I would wind up running a dental office in the Rocky Mountains. Like so many others, I moved to Vail as a pretty clueless 22-year-old and taught snowboarding for a couple of winters before finding a "real job."

While I've tested the waters in a few different industries, my passion for dentistry didn't take off until I met my now-husband, Dr. Justin Moses. Justin is a third-generation dentist, born and raised in Philadelphia, who fell in love with the Rocky Mountains after completing a surgical residency at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. We were introduced by a friend who met Justin on the chairlift shortly after moving to Eagle County. I invited him to play on our VRD soccer team and the rest is history. Little did I know that Justin had some pretty big dreams for us.

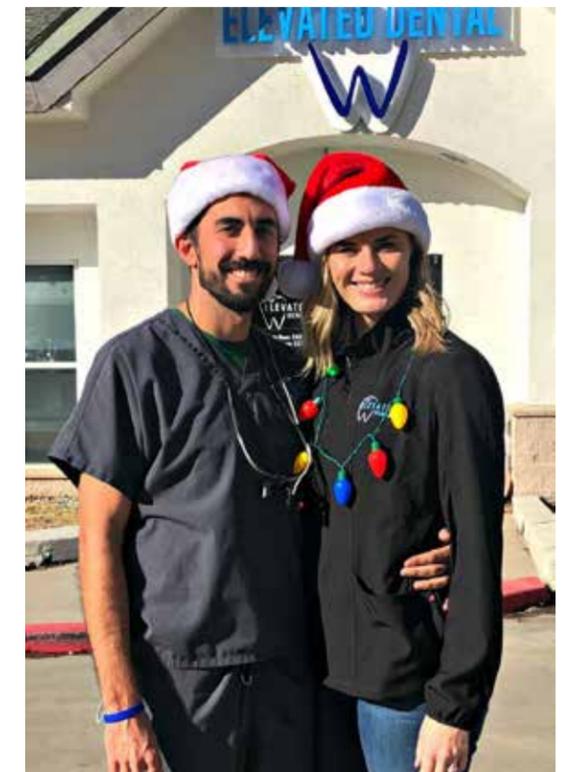
In 2017, we met Dr. Paul Corcoran and his wife, Jean, and I got my first glimpse at what it takes to run a dental office. Suddenly, the dentistry seemed like the easy part! I quit my bookkeeping job and Justin left his position with

Gypsum Dental and we both dove into dental office ownership headfirst.

With a long-term lease unavailable at the prior South Frontage Road location, we were presented with the opportunity and challenge of building a new dental office. Justin and I spent the better part of 12 months designing and building our new space. Finally, in October 2018, Elevated Dental moved into our new home in West Vail!

With the help of the Corcorans, family, and friends, and a lot of learning the hard way, we've truly grown as business owners. In the last two and a half years, I've developed a whole new respect for the HR professionals out there - I've learned that dental insurance is not our friend, and if you're looking for a new challenge, try going into business with your spouse. I am endlessly in awe of the incredible things my husband and dentistry can do and I thoroughly enjoy helping people understand their treatment options and make informed decisions.

Justin and I were drawn to Eagle County for the opportunity for adventure. What we didn't expect was the sense of community we have found and we are so grateful for the opportunity to help keep this incredibly special community smiling.





travel tales
Contributed by **Ingrid Dampier**,
Singletree Resident

Ingrid and Craig on top of White Pass – the border between Canada and the USA



A Bald Eagle with a mighty wing span – Bald Eagles were seen sitting on top of the street lights in Juneau.

Ingrid and Craig Explore THE WONDER OF ALASKA ... *And Discover The Upside Down Flower Tower!*

Early in the spring of 2019, my niece, Johanna, asked us to arrange a Disney cruise to Alaska for her family since we have done a lot of Disney cruises with our kids and grandkids. And, of course, we were invited to join them. So, even though we only had about five months to plan, all the travel-related plans fell neatly into place and we departed on August 17 for our adventure.

The Disney Wonder left from Vancouver, so we opted to spend two days there first. We hiked around Lynn Canyon Park in North Vancouver, over a suspension bridge, and up a semi-dry rocky stream bed. Then we took the Skyride Aerial Tramway up Grouse Mountain (a ski resort in the winter) where, in the summer, they had fun activities (just like Epic Adventure on Vail Mountain, but with an Alaskan flavor.). There were lots of hiking trails, a lumberjack show, and a fantastic birds of prey exhibit. The wingspans of the birds were so impressive. Some of the birds could fly around freely – we were warned not to have any food available and to keep our snacks in our backpacks. And sure enough, the birds flew over and around us and then between my grandnephew Nate and myself – we could feel the whoosh of the wings!

Grouse Mountain is also home to two Grizzly bears – Grinder and Coola. Each bear has its own story of how they were found as small orphan cubs. The cubs were sent to the Grouse Mountain Refuge for Endangered Wildlife in 2001, which set up a winter hibernation habitat and a 5 1/2 acre summer habitat. We discovered the habitat a bit by accident – as we were finishing our hike, we came alongside a fence and then I noticed a bear – who was quite close and quite big – separated from us only by a wire fence!

Then it was time to get on our Disney ship and explore Alaska. The first day of sailing through the inside passage and up the Endicott Arm Fjord made us appreciate how big and wild Alaska is. A short distance from Vancouver and we were in the sparsely inhabited (if at all) wilderness. It is such a contrast to the more populated states and areas. Traveling up Endicott Arm Fjord,

we passed soaring cliffs, cascading waterfalls and sea lions lounging on little ice floes – truly breathtaking.

From there we traveled to Skagway, where we boarded the White Pass Railway over the historic White Pass and Yukon Route. Against all odds, this train trail was carved through some of the North's most rugged terrain in 1898. This engineering wonder is something to see – being built with basic equipment in some icy and snowy climates, in a wilderness. I really have to appreciate what these pioneers accomplished. The track climbs nearly 3,000 feet over 20 miles of steep grades and cliffhanging turns on its way to Fraser, British Columbia. Our grandnephews loved it – there were open-air cars where they could stand as the train went through the dark tunnels. We could hear them whoop and holler at the fun.

At the top of the pass, we then traveled by motorcoach down the spectacular Klondike Highway – more modern than the train track, but an equally impressive engineering feat. We ended the day at Liarville Gold Rush Trail Camp. This camp was named for the journalists dispatched to Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush, who fabricated many tall tales from this location. We got to learn how to pan for gold – and even found a few specs of gold!

We then headed to Juneau, to see the grand Mendenhall Glacier, part of the 1,500-square mile Juneau icefield. Craig and I were there when our kids were young, around 1986, and we were amazed at how different the Glacier looked now. The new to us visitor's center provided a lot of data and pictures documenting the recession of the glacier.

Next was Juneau's Glacier Gardens Rainforest – my favorite of the entire trip, where botanical gardens meld with the natural temperate rainforest. The Glacier Gardens were built by Steve and Cindy Bowhay, literally by their own hands. Steve owned a nursery in Juneau and strove to provide the highest quality plants in Juneau. In 1984, a huge storm caused a massive landslide of tons of organic material from the 1,500-foot elevation on Thunder Mountain, depositing it in the acreage around the nursery.

Steve and Cindy were able to purchase 6 1/2 acres of this storm-damaged property in hopes of rehabilitating the property to safeguard their greenhouses. One of the main issues during the reclamation process was the eroding stream which had the potential to cause future devastating landslides. During the reclamation process, numerous settling ponds were designed throughout the stream to direct water flow and slow the rate of erosion to the hillside. This included adding a series of waterfalls cascading through the Glacier Gardens property.

During the land rehabilitation process, Steve was developing the lower landscaped gardens using a large piece of rented equipment to arrange the masses of soil, roots, plants, trees, and rocks dragged down the mountain from the 1984 landslide. It was in the last few hours of equipment rental that the brand new excavator became damaged while Steve was negotiating a large boulder into place. This boulder is now known as "Steve's Rock" and is the centerpiece of one of

the many waterfalls flowing through Glacier Gardens.

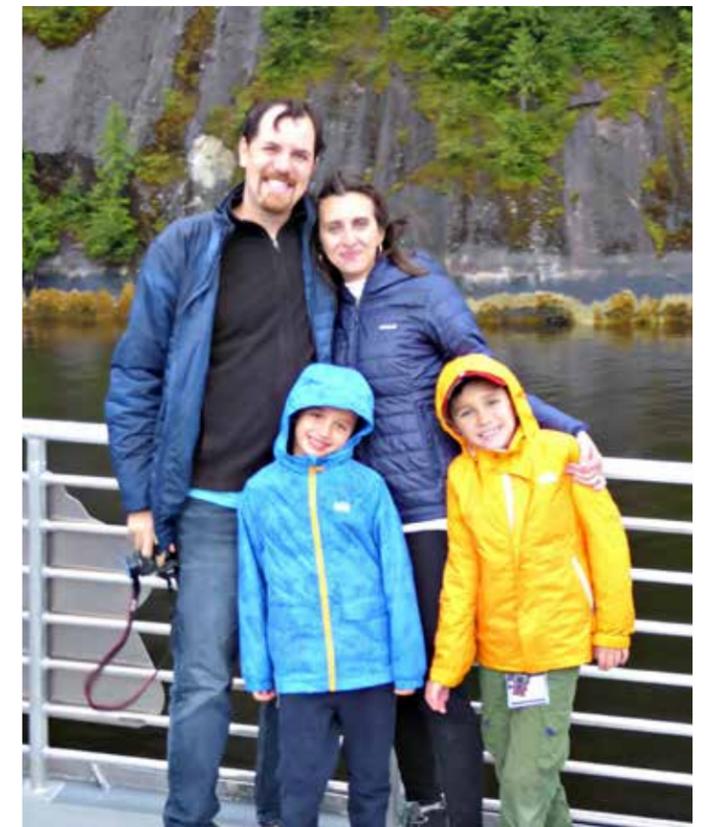
Full of frustration about the large repair bill he was sure to see, he used the equipment arm to pick up a large tree by the root ball. He swung the excavator's arm and slammed the inverted tree into the ground trunk first. The tree did not splinter and break,



Grinder in his habitat – the fence does not look very protective of him or us!



Upside Down Flower Tower – indescribably beautiful and so creative!



My niece, Johanna, with husband, Keith, and tykes, Nate and Sammy, at Misty Fjords

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but instead stuck into the soft mud upside down. Steve's temper subsided as he sat in the machine and watched as the roots hung from the root ball like the vines on a petunia basket. It only took moments before Steve had a vision of how to recycle the trees cleared from the development of the property: the design is called the Upside-Down "Flower Tower."

Each "Flower Tower" is made by inverting a spruce or hemlock tree with the root ball pointing towards the sky. The tree is placed trunk first into the ground and buried five to seven feet. Fish netting is placed inside the top of the root ball to collect soils, and mosses are laid down over the netting to provide nutrients and water base. Each year, Steve personally plants each "Flower Tower" with roughly 75-100 flowering plants. It was by far the most wonderful place I have visited.



The train over White Pass on wooden braced tracks

Our cruise ended with an unhurried exploration aboard a small boat exploring the Misty Fjords National Monument. We sailed through Rudyerd Bay, an ice-carved narrow fjord, gliding quietly beneath 3,000-foot vertical cliffs and feeling the mist of glistening waterfalls. We learned so much about the history and culture of the area from a Tlingit storyteller.

So we left Alaska with our heads filled with the amazing engineering it took to habitate just a small part of a vast wilderness and a calendar with glorious pictures of the amazing Glacier Gardens – my absolutely favorite.



Next to just one of my favorite Upside Down Flower Towers ... wonder if Singletree would allow me to add one to my garden?

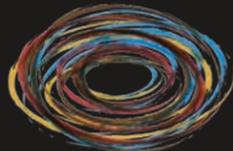


Waterfall over Steve's Rock in Glacier Gardens



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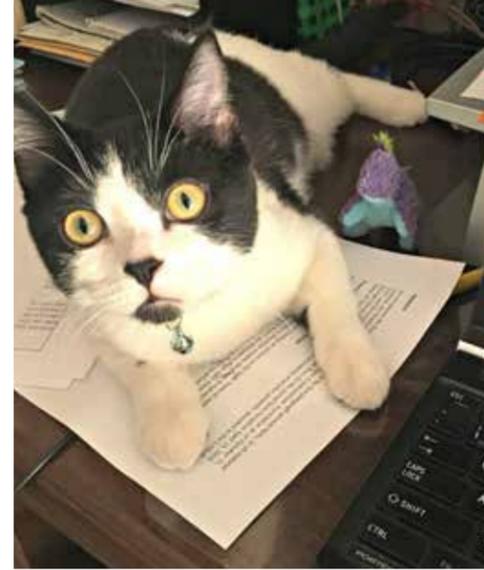
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Roxy's Debut



Roxy looks like a cat, right? I agree. She is soft like a cat, gets on the counters like a (bad) cat and faithfully uses a litter box (thank goodness!). But ... as you may see in some of the pictures, she tends to act like a dog.

Some furry animals believe they are human. Some humans believe their pets should be treated like a human (Some humans are a little too furry themselves, but that's another article.). Pets are most oftentimes a huge part of the family. Not this little furball, nope. She doesn't think she is human, although she is a huge part of the family. I'm thinking she believes she is a dog. To my knowledge, she has not had interactions with any though.

She loves people. She rolls over for tummy scratches when she greets you at the door. She seems to really enjoy other animals, although she has had limited exposure in person. I know she would love to romp with the deer and the bunnies that go by the windows.

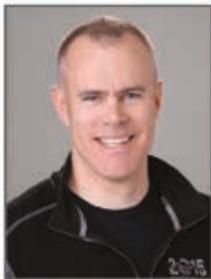
When it is time to play (on her terms, of course), she will walk up and paw at your leg and then run. That is what she does when she wants to play chase. She will run around after a human, or a human runs after her until the human is "over it." She rarely stops first. If she wants to play fetch, she will drop the toy of choice at your feet (our socks are fair game when a laundry basket is around). If she is ignored, then she finds material to claw (sofa!), or counter to jump on, until you do as she wishes.

This sweet little stinker was rescued from the shelter in Rifle in December 2018. She is about 2½ years old. We love her to pieces. You just might, too ... if you knew her. If you see her around the neighborhood, scoop her up and please bring her home. She is not allowed to go outside due to wildlife and we like her safe and sound at home!

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Renovations Don't Have to Be Boring!

As I arrive at the comfortably nestled house on this secret street in Singletree, I am greeted by the little female powerhouse, Dena Raitman herself, and her adorably excited dogs, Riley and Booker. I settle into the sunken living room and I have a chance to look around and appreciate all the work that has been done in this home since I saw it last for sale in 2018.

Where there once was a very heavy wood-dominated space with terracotta tiles and beige-yellow Venetian plaster walls, it is now illuminated and airy. White columns and warm grey-scale flooring keep everything simple to the eye, so you can finally appreciate the beauty of the living room ceiling. The biggest surprise is the removal of the kitchen wall to create an open-concept home.

“Our main goal here was to find a property at lower elevation, on flatter land that had enough space to add a physical fence in the backyard for the dogs,” explains Dena. “I was so focused on that task that by the time we closed on the house and I realized what I had bought, I almost died,” she laughs.

Dena likes her homes to be as unique as her galleries. The Raitmans own Raitman Art Galleries in Breckenridge and Vail. Their contemporary gallery style reflects Dena’s artistic taste for individuality, and she certainly brought that personality into this home. “The bathrooms, really, were my main focus,” she states. She wanted each bathroom to have its own personality, and her main touchstone for the entire renovation was her favorite color: blue. The master bathroom is a work of art, and this author is inspired to place tiles all the way to the ceiling in her soon-to-be-updated master bath!

It took quite some time to get this house to the place Dena and her husband Mike wanted it to be, and she was ready for the challenge. “I just knew I had to tear it apart limb from limb, and I needed every single

option placed in front of me to make decisions, like with the tile choices throughout the home,” she laughs. “I must have had 35 full-sized samples of tiles for each area laying around!” She recalls how she traveled to her home of New Jersey to fly back with tile choices. “I went everywhere and anywhere, I made friends all over during this process.”

“I approached this the way I approach art with clients; take your time and make sure it’s something that represents you, something that you love; there’s no substitute for kindness and making shopping a positive and fun experience.” The renovation took place between closing on the house on October 5, 2018 and completion on July 5, 2019. Dena made the process as fun as possible, but the details were a typical renovation horror story.

never enough manpower on the job and while the guest bathrooms turned out gorgeous, they took twice as long as he quoted! We talked about removing posts but the general contractor, structural engineers and foundation specialists could not see eye to eye and delayed the project even more without anything getting done,” she exclaims with exasperation.

Luckily her son, Ross, has a background in architectural engineering and brought his own expertise to the situation, helping find a way to retain the posts and incorporate them with the new home design. Dena was thrilled that Ross was able to help create the interior space around her precious pieces of art she has collected over the years. “We had so much fun just designing, changing wall colors and art and furniture locations within each room and space. I’m so visual, it was great to be on the side that our clients usually get to be for a change!”

In hindsight, the entire renovation wasn’t all bad, and Dena lists off the best sources she used. “Select Surfaces with Tamara was just an awesome company to work with; they have installers!” which she says is a must. She also loved Native Electric, Urban Lighting in Denver, Brad Wyatt with Accent Painting, and John from Highland Glass. American Plumbing and Heating delivered “unbelievable service”, Arizona Tile and Colorado Slab and Tile was just wonderful. “I had a specific vision of installing Blue Fantasy granite in my kitchen. When Arizona tile informed me that the quarry that mined this particular light blue color of Blue Fantasy was closed and only had one more piece coming in,” she relays breathlessly as she caresses the granite in question. “I told them that I would buy it all, no matter what, and they were able to accommodate us wonderfully.” Colorado Slab and Tile did a wonderful job installing all my counter tops especially the kitchen counter top.

“Our contractor kept pushing out the completion date and he kept going on vacation every other week. There was

Dena’s home is a true testament to the dedication and persistent patience of a woman from a long lineage of strong women. “My great-grandmother had her own business. My grandmother and my mother both worked and raised families as well. I worked in the education sector for years while raising my boys with my husband. One day in 2007 we started the gallery on a whim, and now we’re up to three locations. My sons Brian and Ross are now partners in the galleries and we love adding beauty to homes. I’ve conquered so many home renovations and this one was the most difficult but my proudest. We’ve learned from years of owning and running galleries what works great in mountain homes and were able to incorporate it into our new home.”



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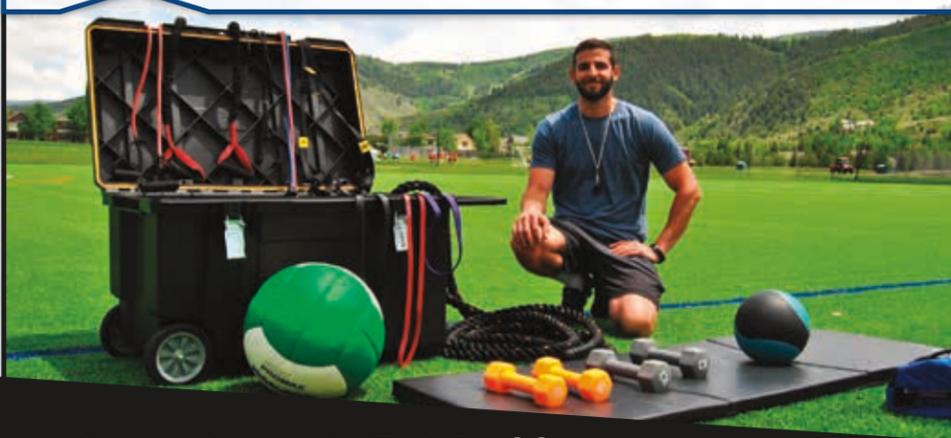
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In the March issue of *Inside Singletree*, we had the opportunity to get to know four outstanding Boy Scouts in the neighborhood: David Ross, Stuart Howard, Kyle Ross, and Phillip D'Andrea. The boys were eager to share their adventures as a Scout with the community. This month, we learn more about their fundraising efforts, the meaning behind the merit badges, and the path to Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Boy Scouts.



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IS: What kind of fundraising do you do with the Boy Scouts?

DR: We have a bunch of fundraising events that we do. Every year we help with the rummage sale; we don't make as much money as we used to because it's a lot smaller now. That used to be the big, big fundraiser. I think I used to bring in like two grand to pay for Scout camp.

And then we do a chair lift challenge. We go door to door and get sponsorships. It's an amount of money per chairlift that you can ride on at Vail. You can only ride each chair once.

PA: So you ride every chairlift in Vail that's open. Some of them are closed in the spring, but it's usually around 20 to 22 rides starting at the Cascade. Someone brought in about a thousand dollars last year.

SH: All of our fundraising activities are around outdoor activities. And every July 4 we do parking on July 3. First Bank donates their parking lot and we sell the spots. Parking is in high demand.

IS: Can you share with me the difference between what is on your shirt and what is on your sash?

SH: So with the uniform, there's a kind of a standard format for where you put the patches. Usually, you put your council patch here, but since I went to Jamboree, you get a special patch for that. So these two patches are from the National Jamboree and World Jamboree. And then everyone gets a Unit patch. And this emblem right here, if you were in Scouts in 2010, is for the 100th Anniversary.

PA: That fleur-de-lis in the middle is the World Scouting emblem and everyone has that one.

SH: Then over here you have your Patrol patch. That's how you break up the scouts in the troop. So you have different patrols that have different things that they do sometimes or different cooking arrangements at camp.

IS: So what is your Patrol patch?

SH: This is a flying yeti. And everybody has an American flag. And everybody has epaulets, but you get special ones if you go to World Jamboree.

PA: Also, there's this thing called National Youth Leadership Training. So it's a week camp and it gets you like officially trained.

KR: And you can go to the advanced version of that and it's called NAYLE, which means National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience; that's in Mexico.

SH: For the sash, all of the badges with a silver rim around them are required Eagle merit badges. So in order to get your Eagle Scout, there are 13 different merit badges that you need to get. And all of the light green-rimmed badges are elective merit badges that you get to choose at summer camps or other events. You need 10 elective badges.

IS: Please tell me about a couple of your badges: why you picked a particular one and why it's important to you.

SH: Veterinary Medicine. So that was one of the first merit badges I got. One of the requirements was to go to a vet and see an operation on a dog or a cat. I went with another friend from our troop and we saw an operation that was pretty memorable. A lot of these I got at summer camp, like Space Exploration, Robotics, and Archery.

DR: My favorite one. Hmm ... Maybe Wilderness Survival. You have to create a survival kit and you have to build a shelter that you stay in overnight.

SH: So you can do any of these anywhere at summer camps or at merit badge rallies. All these merit badge counselors are there and you can knock out three or four merit badges in a day. But the Eagle-required ones take more than a day. Those are harder to get – like Cooking and Personal Management. Those are very time extensive; they take three or four months because you have to keep a log. Camping is like six months. You have to get all your camping nights. Family Life. You have to keep a log of chores that you do. There are three Citizenship merit badges – Nation, World, and Community. For Community, you have to go to a town council meeting or you can go to a school board meeting. Personal Fitness. So that takes three months and you have to log your fitness every single day. Swimming. You can get that done at a summer camp but that's pretty extensive because you have to do certain swimming requirements to prove that you can actually swim. First Aid. That took a lot of time because there was a lot of instruction about your first aid kit and how you can treat minor injuries. Cooking. That takes a while, too. You need to make different prepared meals for different camps. So those are the labor-intensive ones that can take years to get all of them done.

DR: Rifle Shooting and Archery take the longest because you have to get a certain score for them.

PD: The point of these fun merit badges is so you can branch out and learn new things and maybe it will lead to a career in the future. My favorite? Maybe Snow Sports because I like to ski and you should have it if you live here.

KR: My favorites are probably the ones that take a while because there's a sense of achievement when you finish them. Like Personal Fitness. And Camping. Spending nights in the wilderness. And Lifesaving. Because you swim to the bottom of the ocean to get a water jug of sand. It was like 15' deep.

IS: What it means for you to have your dad as a Scout leader?

PD: You know, like it's cool that they're involved with what I do so they can be involved with the memories that I have when I am a kid.



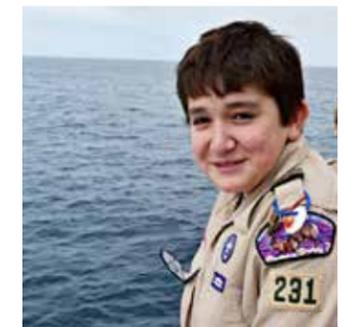
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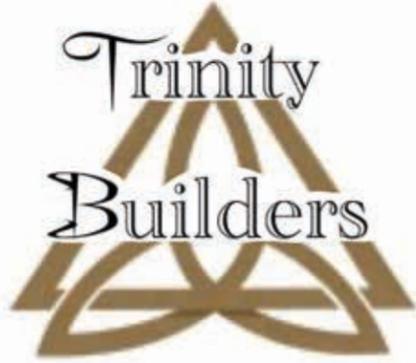


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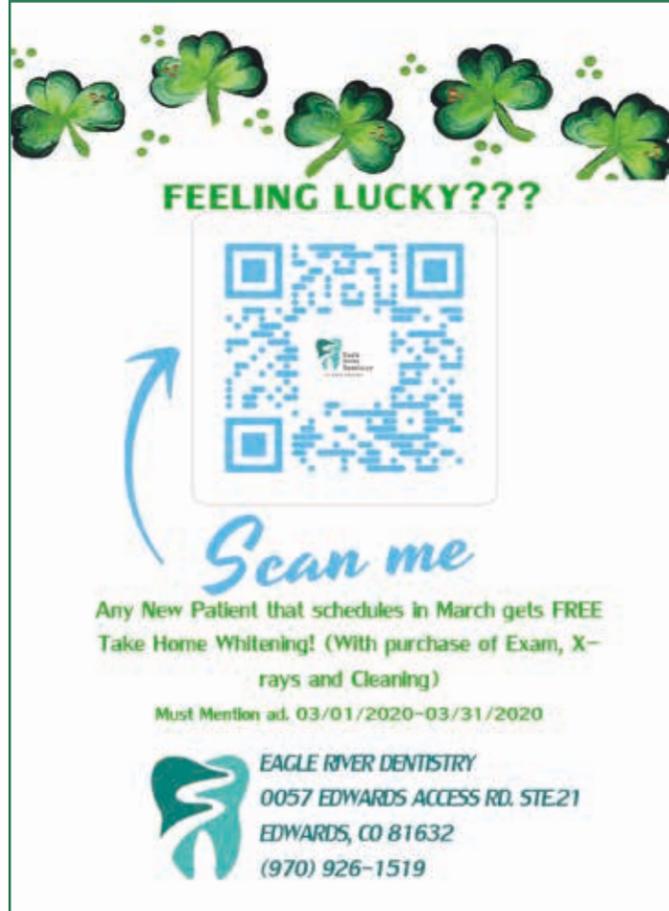
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SH: And scouting, it's supposed to be boy-led. And boy-led is the main thing that you're really going for because you're trying to teach leadership skills. But the troop can't function if it's just boys since we have limited experience. That's when the adults have been really helpful because they have been able to come in and give their leadership and their guidance. They help us and we grow from that.

KR: It's also very convenient to have a dad who gets it. Because if there's somewhere you have to go, then he'll take you to the place. If you are going camping, he'll take you. Summer camps and he'll take you. So it's really convenient.

IS: Where you are on your path to Eagle Scout?

DR: The Board of Review is the last step which is an interview with the people from the council and some community members after you're finished with your project. For my project, I built a memorial for Sue Wolf, who was a church member of the Trinity Church. She passed away from breast cancer in 2015 so I built a little gathering area up there in her memory for the church. And there's a picnic table, a couple of benches and a little shade that gets hung up in the summer.

At the Board of Review, they ask you a bunch of questions and grill you and then they decide if you are ready to become an Eagle Scout. I passed my Board of Review in November and I will be recognized at my Eagle Court of Honor in March.

SH: I completed my project on November 2. I built 14 dog beds for the Humane Society. I made them out of canvas and PVC pipe. There's a PVC pipe frame and then you wrap the canvas around and then you screw on the canvassing. They're pretty simple beds but they stand up and they're really sturdy. And I donated them to the Eagle County Humane Society,



Stuart with the dog beds he built and donated to the Eagle County Humane Society



Stuart and Phillip on the way to World Jamboree in West Virginia

who is my beneficiary. I passed my Board of Review in January.

PD: I am a little further back. I just got Life like last week. I am just getting started looking for project ideas and I'll probably have it in like a year and a half.

KR: I am on the same path at about the same stage as Phillip.

SH: Eagle is just like any other rank but the project is just an extra step. It's like, oh, crap. You have to do a project. You have to get the merit badges. You have to show that you're a good scout. You have to get your project done.

DR: You have to get letters of recommendation from different people that you know. You have to get one from a religious leader, one from a teacher, two adult friends, a parent, and an employer.

IS: What does it mean to be an Eagle Scout?

DR: It's the highest rank. I think only three to four percent of all scouts become Eagle Scouts. It takes a lot of communication and leadership throughout the entire thing. A lot of commitment. That's the hardest part of it.

IS: What would you say is the most important life lesson that you have learned in your career as a Scout?

PD: Be prepared!

SH: Honestly, though, with "be prepared," it's for your whole life really. Like there's a lot of in your life, right? You get leadership experience, outdoor experience, camping experience, fellowship experi-

ence; you get all this merit badge experience like little tastes of whatever you do in your life.

DR: I would probably say the best thing that I've gotten from scouting is the leadership aspect. I've gone to both National Youth Leadership Training and National Advanced Youth Leadership Training. And both of those give you leadership skills and a time to apply them. So I think those were really cool and pretty valuable. You need it in your everyday life. You kind of learn how to be a team player even when people get on your nerves

KR: Just the experiences you get from scouting. Like how to do first aid and all the other kind of stuff you can get and friendships that you can make from it. And the camping experience.

IS: Anything else you guys want to add?

DR: There's an honor society called the Order of the Arrow. You have to be elected by the scouts. There are more opportunities for leadership and a lot more camping opportunities. I have so many friends from the Order of the Arrow, from all over the state and all over the nation, from different events. And that's been really cool. That's been one of the things that has kept me going.

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Under Contract	21 Snaffle Rd	Single Family	\$1,495,000	\$334	--	--	4	5 (4 0 1)	4,471	--
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Maximum Comfort Pool & Spa (MCPS) is a local, family-owned business founded nearly 40 years ago by Michael Charles who originally came to the valley from Minneapolis to ski. After working in construction, property management, and hot tub maintenance, he saw the need for dependable and knowledgeable hot tub service for both locals and second homeowners. As a result, a business that began with one hard-working man and a truck has flourished into the most respected hot tub dealer in the surrounding counties.

Michael, and his wife, Sara, met after she had been living abroad and decided to spend a winter in Vail. They have raised their children, Erica and Nicholas, in the valley, and are deeply committed to the valley community. Their desire to give back is evident in their community participation, sponsorships, and philanthropy. Since the inception of MCPS, many groups, individuals and nonprofits have benefited from their generosity, which is quickly nearing the million-dollar mark.

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The growth MCPS has experienced over the years has allowed the company to expand its premier service department to more than 30 trained employees. "Four customer service representatives are available to answer your phone calls and questions," explains Sara. "The route technicians keep your spas sparkling clean and regulated while the service technicians keep your spa operating at optimum performance. She continues,

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