

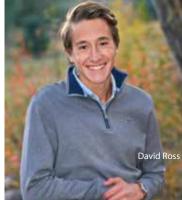
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publisher's note

FFETTO Singletree residents!

I hope this finds you all safe and healthy. With the arrival of the coronavirus, the world, the country, the Vail Valley and our neighborhood have experienced such unprecedented times since our last issue of the magazine. Choosing the right words is difficult, as it impossible to know what will happen between now and the time you read this note in a month.

Despite a most unusual ending to their senior year, the Class of 2020 leaves high school with fond memories, notable accomplishments and great aspirations for the future. It is our honor to recognize our outstanding students and to wish them well on the path to follow.

Dave and Linda Wilson have checked another one off their Bucket List! A three-week adventure in Israel, Egypt and Jordan afforded the couple the opportunity to experience three very different countries with diverse cultures, history, and people within a

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short period of time and distance. Be sure to read all about their fascinating journey!

An avid cyclist himself, Brendan Addis shares with us how his passion for the bike led him to become involved with the Cycle Effect, the not-for-profit organization that empowers young women through mountain biking to create brighter futures and builds stronger communities.

At 4 years old, Annabelle Bahney is about as beguiling as little girls can be! Her world is filled with the simple joys of games at Rumpelstiltskin, tag with her brother, Spencer, and chocolate cookies and cotton candy ice cream. And when it comes to adorable, here you will meet Cary Grant and Jack, the cutest Odd Couple imaginable... right here in Singletree! While they missed their chance at stardom in the world of dog shows, they left Austin with Carolyn Garvie and Greg Gunter and have happily adapted to their new mountain lifestyle.

I am thrilled to introduce to you two of our newest sponsors for *INSIDE Singletree*: Lisa Potter at Vail Valley Pet Groomers and David aka Bobcat Smith of Inyodo Martial Arts. Please be sure to visit each of these businesses as they are looking forward to meeting you!

I want to assure you that *INSIDE Singletree* will continue to be published. I am calling on each of you to consider using this time to participate in *your* neighborhood publication. Please show your support for the neighborhood by sharing a story about your family, your kids, your travel adventures, your involvement in a charitable organization, or something else that is meaningful to you. Your contributions will ultimately ensure the sustainability of the magazine.

While difficult to predict where physical and economic recovery from COVID-19 will take us, now is the time for Singletree to carefully unite and embrace its strength and vibrancy as a neighborhood. I am honored to be part of this amazing community and look forward to seeing you all again soon when this too, has passed.



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THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to the 2020 graduates who contributed to this year's graduation issue. We appreciate your participation and are thrilled to recognize your accomplishments and plans for the future!



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CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE CLASS OF 2020

The Singletree Class of 2020 is passionate, accomplished and motivated. This outstanding group of graduates leaves their high school days with lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories of growing up in Singletree, as well as recognized achievements, high aspirations for the future and departing words of advice for the Class of 2021. We wish them all the best as they leave high school with optimism and excitement to pursue their dreams!

KATE MITCHELL

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Family: Pat Mitchell (dad), Jean Mitchell (mom),
Kamryn Mitchell (sister), Ian Mitchell (brother),
Peter (a bichon frise) and Riva (a mini golden doodle)
Most Memorable Experience: The A.P Art
History trip to Italy.

Greatest Accomplishment: My junior year high school soccer season coming back from an ACL injury. **Post-Graduation Plans:** I am attending CU Boulder in the fall (Go Buffs!) as an Integrative Physiology major.

Aspirations: To become a Physicians' Assistant. I want to come back to Vail and work for the best orthopedic clinics in the world!!

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The beautiful community; it has been nothing but amazing growing up here. I love living very close to school!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Do not stress about college or what you are going to major in. You have time! Although, do not procrastinate on applications or scholarships, or it will be super stressful. Enjoy your senior year; you only get it once!





LUKE GRIMALDI

High School: Battle Mountain High School **Family:** My two parents are Mark and Cheryl, I have an older brother named Max, and we have the best dog in the world named Rocco.

Most Memorable Experience: My most memorable moments in high school came when I played

hockey for Battle Mountain. From all the bus rides to the overnights, I will forever remember the fun times I had with my teammates. If it weren't for BMHS hockey, I wouldn't have half the memorable experiences that I did. I want to thank my parents, teammates, and coaches for giving me the opportunity to play this awesome sport.

Greatest Accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment in high school was when I was given the Academic First Team All-State award from CHSSA for both football and hockey in my junior year. I really cherished this award because it showed I could handle sports and academics together.

Post-Graduation Plans: Next year I plan on attending either The University of Oklahoma, The University of Alabama, or The University of Tennessee. I hope to major in finance

or entrepreneurship. This summer, I am hoping to work at the Sonnenalp Golf Club again as outside staff. **Aspirations:** Once I graduate from Battle Mountain, I hope to get a four-year degree in business at any of the three colleges on my list, I hope to travel for a semester abroad and see the world, and I hope to meet as many people as I can for the next four years to expand my connections.

Favorite Part of Living in Single-tree: My favorite part about growing up in Singletree was the people. I always loved catching up with neighbors and hanging out with neighbor-hood friends. I feel we have a great community in Singletree. I also loved how close we are to the rest of the community and my high school.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Wash your hands so senior year doesn't end early.



SOFI PETROVSKI

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Pete and Nikki Petrovski (parents), Sadi and Kitz Petrovski (siblings), and Gunner (dog) Most Memorable High School Experience: Senior volleyball season Greatest Accomplishment: Held the #1 middle hitter title in 4A for the entire season

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to attend the University of Kansas to study journalism.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Singletree has been home for my entire life so I love it by nature. Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Compassion is far more productive than hatred.

MADILYNN ELISE RAICHART

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Mom (Shelly Raichart), Dad (Patric Raichart), Sister (Alexandra Raichart), Dogs (Elsa and Brutus) and Snake (Persephone)

Most Memorable High School Experience: Performing in the spring musicals with my friends.

Greatest Accomplishment:Being accepted into the Colorado
Allstate Choir

Post-Graduation Plans: I hope to travel to Europe this summer and attend college in the fall.

Aspirations: I want to receive a Masters Degree in Fine Arts for acting and theatrical performance. My dream is to be on a Broadway stage someday.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: All the friendly people and dogs!

Words of Advice for the Class of
2021: Try to view your surroundings as if you were a tourist in your town. Take your last year to visit new restaurants, shops, and drive around the backroads with friends. You probably won't live here forever, so take it in while you still do.



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EMMA JUDGE

High School: Battle Mountain High School **Family:** Dad, Brian Judge. Mom, Nicole Judge. Step-mom, Sarah Siegel. Brother (16), Thomas. Dog, Skipper.

Most Memorable Experience: Beating Glenwood High School in volleyball in 5 sets in their gym.

Greatest Accomplishment: Being one of the first of my cousins to graduate and earn a High School diploma.

Post-Graduation Plans: I'll be spending time with family over the summer and attending a 4-year university in the fall, as of now undecided.

Aspirations: I'm majoring in Biological Sciences and plan to use my degree to go to Medical School or pursue a career in the medical field. I will definitely continue to play volleyball either on an intermural or a club team in college.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: My favorite part is not having to wake up early to get to school on time, which I still rarely do.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Don't wish for it to be over because it will be soon enough; enjoy every last minute.



QUINN HILGARTNER

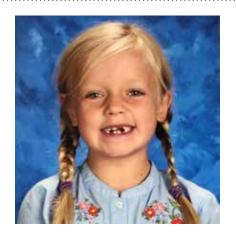
High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Stacy Knox and Rife Hilgartner, sister Annie Hilgartner, grandmother Joanie Schoening

Most Memorable Experience: Sports, making friends, and going to sporting events

Greatest Accomplishment: Playing varsity all four years in lacrosse and lettering in both basketball and lacrosse

Post-Graduation Plans: Attending the University of Kansas (Mom's alma mater) **Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Being close to school and The Club

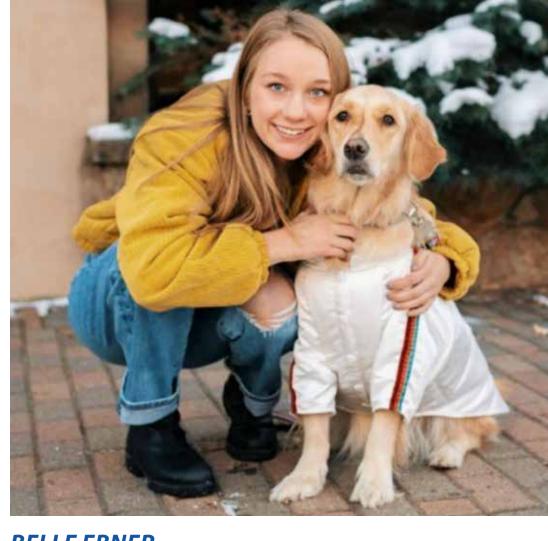




CARSON DIETZ

High School: Battle Mountain High School **Family:** Matt and Cari Dietz, Sister Sydney, Dog Gus and Cat Herbie **Post-Graduation Plans:** Attending Washington State University in August

Aspirations: Business, music, and hockey
Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Being close to school and in
between both rinks



BELLE EBNER

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: I am a fraternal twin to my brother Nick, and I have two other older siblings named Alec and Jordan. My family is widespread and numerous, including my step-mom Jennifer, father Tom, mother Esther, and step-dad Daniel. I have grown up with dogs my whole life, including Chloe - who recently passed away, Alaia - a 3-year-old golden retriever, and 3 chihuahuas.

Most Memorable Experience: My most memorable high school experience is switching from Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy to Vail Mountain School my junior year and meeting a new group of friends. I exposed myself to a new high school culture that was more focused on academics rather than skiing, which was a substantial change from what I was used to. It was fairly different from my old school in many ways, but I gained a lot of friends and experiences from the switch.

Greatest Accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment was balancing ski racing with my academics. I maintained a healthy social life, good grades, and competed in ski racing for the first two years of high school. I injured my leg, which prompted me to switch to VMS, but stayed motivated in my recovery and maintained the same academic rigor throughout my recovery.

Post-Graduation Plans: My post-graduation plans include traveling with my family during

plans include traveling with my family during the summer and working at Camp Timberline, a Christian kids' camp, for 5 weeks. After that, I will be heading off to college. I have not reached a final decision on where, but am considering Baylor, CU, Point Loma, Chapman, Providence, Colgate, Boston College, and Syracuse.

Aspirations: My aspirations are to find a college that's right for me and focus on academics. I will be studying International Business and Journalism, so I hope to figure out how to incorporate this into my life after college in the most fitting way possible. I

college and find a vocation that I enjoy. Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The best part of living in Singletree was the close proximity to friends, the Sonnenalp clubhouse, and the beautiful views of the mountains. I always had something to do whether it was to go to the pool, workout, go on a hike, hang out with friends or walk my dog outside. It really prompted a more outdoorsy culture and was a fun place to live. **Words of Advice for** the Class of 2021: My words of advice are to not stress about the application process and being the "perfect student" for colleges because you will find the right fit for you. You don't need to apply to all Ivy Leagues to be sufficient because there are plenty of amazing schools that are equally as rigorous that just don't hold the same title of prestige. Another important thing is to go where you want to go, and not where others are prompting you to. It is your decision.

hope to travel a lot after

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would like to thank
Belle for sharing her
writing talent with the
residents of the neighborhood. We appreciate your contributions
and wish you well on
your path to a career in
international business
and journalism!



LELAND MCINERNY

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: My mother and father, Heather and J.P., and my brother Reed.

Most Memorable Experience: I would say our interterm trips are the most memorable parts of high school. From Baja California and Thailand to the small island of Curaçao. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom and I will never forget these trips.

Greatest Accomplishment: On a school cultural immersion trip my junior year, we climbed one of the tallest mountains in Thailand. Ultimately, my greatest accomplishment is getting to senior year of high school in this good of condition.

Post-Graduation Plans: Over the summer we plan on traveling to Europe. Afterwards, I will be attending Southern Methodist University (SMU) in Dallas.

Aspirations: I hope to continue fashion design throughout college and work in the industry later on.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: I love going on runs and seeing people sledding on the golf course and walking their dogs around the neighborhood. The people in the neighborhood are so welcoming and it is a wonderful community of great people and families.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Don't take high school too seriously, just take it day by day. Fill your time with good people and with things that truly bring you joy.

DAVID ROSS

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Family: Michael and Veronica Ross (parents), Kyle Ross (brother), Gus and Hilde (two Bernese Mountain Dogs), and Fuzz the cat

Most Memorable Experience: Learning to Nordic ski on a

Greatest Accomplishment: Earning my Eagle Scout

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be studying Biology on a pre-med track at Baylor University in Waco, TX. **Aspirations:** I would like to study to become an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Proximity to skiing and school

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Find a college you really love, apply and commit early. Committing early to a school will mean you can stress less about it later in senior year when you're applying for scholarships and trying to keep your grades up. It will take a lot off your plate.



NICK EBNER

powder day

High School: Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy Family: Tom Ebner - Father, Jennifer Ebner - Step-mother, Belle Ebner - Twin Sister, Alec Ebner - Older Brother, Jordan Ebner - Oldest Brother, Alaia Ebner - Golden Retriever, Chanel - Yorkie, Benz - Chihuahua and Mischka - Chihuahua.

Most Memorable Experience: Skiing in Chile and Austria.

Traveling around Colorado for basketball, skiing, and lacrosse.

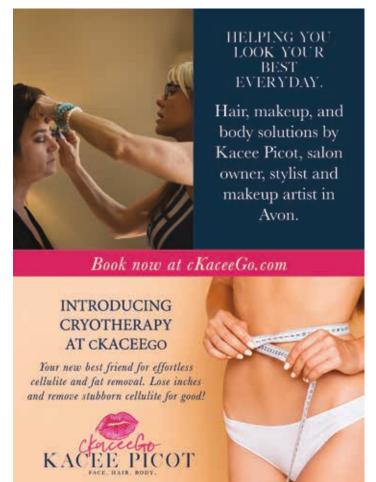
Greatest Accomplishment:#1 on Vail Ski and Snowboard Honor Roll. Basketball Championship. Skiing as a whole.

Post-Graduation Plans: Travel to Mexico and Greece. Attending a TBD college.

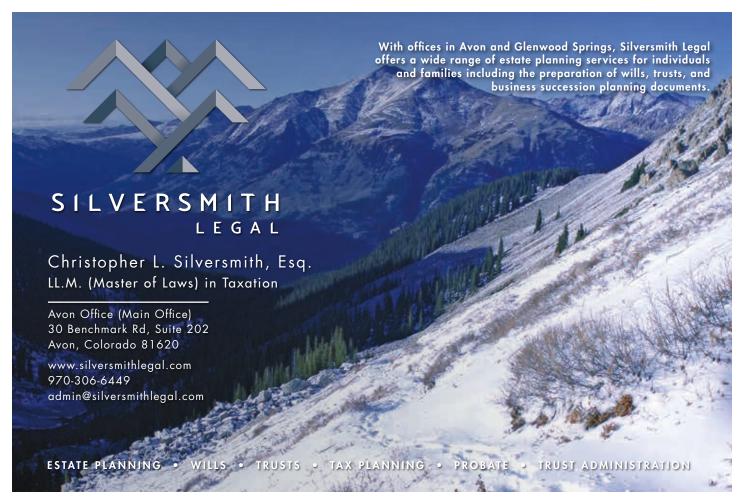
Aspirations: Club skiing and basketball for college. Economics Degree and possibly will pursue a law degree. Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The community and environment. The open spaces and golf

Words of Advice for the Class of 2021: Enjoy it while it lasts!











LISA POTTER was Bornto Groom

PET GROOMERS

Welcome, Lisa, to INSIDE Singletree! We are thrilled to get to know you and to welcome you to the neighborhood.

How did you first get into pet grooming? I was basically born into this business. My mom was a dog show groomer so my first experience was with show dogs. It all started with my mother and her friends; I naturally got into it and started grooming dogs when I was about 12. I learned all the dog show hairstyles first and was professionally grooming by 17 or 18 years old.



Where did you grow up? I am a Minnesota native but I moved to California when my family relocated and I stayed there through my adolescence and into my mid-20's. My parents started a mobile pet-grooming service in southern California. It was the biggest fleet that ever existed. Most everyone now is solo and they have their own mobile units but we had a fleet of them. We serviced all the celebrities and a lot of the Angels baseball players.

What celebrities did you work for? Jose Feliciano was one of my regulars. You know, he was blind. But he knew my footsteps and every time I would go to groom his dogs, he would sing "Mona Lisa, Mona Lisa...." So he was quite a character and his wife was one of the kindest people I ever met in my life. In the early days, my mother was the one who ran the business. She was a great talker. She got to talk to James Stewart, she talked to Sally Struthers all the time, and she would talk to Joan Rivers' servants a LOT. Remember the little teeny Yorkie she used to carry around with her all the time? My career has been quite interesting and very fun.

What services are included with a haircut?

A bath, nails clipped, ears are cleaned, teeth are brushed - IF they will let me do it, and of course, my signature sauce, I call it, makes them nice and soft. It's all-natural, really good for their skin and it moisturizes for a week.

How do you charge for your services? The cost is based on how much a dog weighs and what kind of haircut we are doing, so it's really based on the time, not the style. Everyone gets the same deal. Small dogs are \$65 - \$75, and a big dog can be anywhere from \$85 - \$130. I can do anything. Long scissor clips can take 2 or 3 hours. I will say Doodles are one of the high maintenance dogs out there, but I love them and I get along with them.

What would you say differentiates you from other dog groomers in the Vail Valley? I do my animals start to finish. I don't do any cage drying. Eventually I will hire more qualified groomers but they have to be able to do a dog from start to finish as well. That way, I don't have a lot of animals here at one time so it is a very peaceful environment. I think that's important for the dogs. It's like a salon and I want it to feel like that. I like to play nice mellow music; sometimes I just turn on the bird music. I want to feel good while I work and I want the dogs to feel good too. They have a good time here; there are toys to play with and chairs to sit on.

Anything else you would like to share with the residents of Singletree? I would encourage anyone who wants to come by and see the shop and take a tour to do so. Anytime. Everything's out in the open and then they know what's going on in here. And I do pet sitting for clients only. I do not take several accounts at a time, but as part of being in the magazine, I consider the residents of Singletree as clients. My mother used to have a sign over the door of her shop. It said, "This is our shop, the door opens wide, and welcomes you to all inside!" I wish I could find that sign today but it's truly how I feel.

Vail Valley Pet Groomers is located at 34500 Highway 6, Unit B9 in Edwards above the Wags & Whiskers store. You can contact Lisa Potter at Vail Valley Pet Groomers at 970-471-5478 or lisa@vailvalleypetgroomers.com. You and your pet will be happy you did!







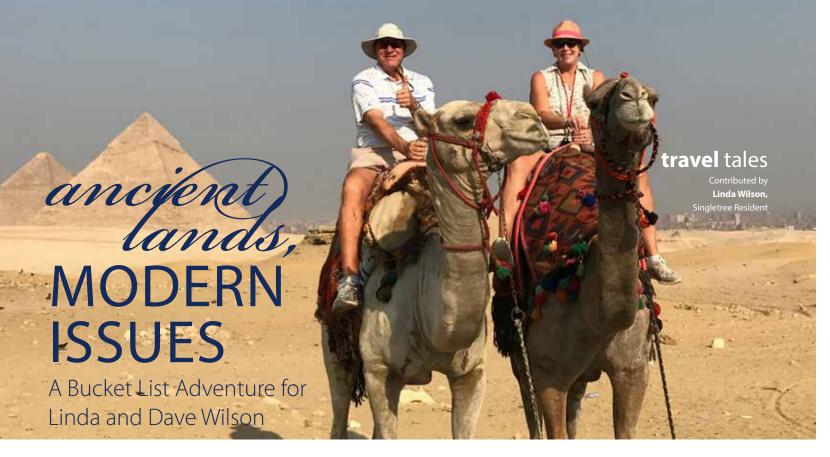
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onslaught of the modern world. And don't forget Jordan.
What fan of Lawrence of Arabia or Indiana Jones hasn't dreamed
of Petra? However, due to apprehensions about safety, the trip
didn't rise to the top of our post-retirement bucket list for five
years. After hearing from two friends on separate trips that they
had felt very safe while touring the sights, I was able to convince
Dave to go on a tour of Israel, Egypt, and Jordan for three weeks.

We went last October when the weather was hot but not too hot and almost all the tourists were adults. We flew to Tel Aviv where we were met by our driver to take us to our home for four nights, the famous King David Hotel in Jerusalem. This segment of the trip was only a small group of three couples so we hopped around Jerusalem in a van with our guide, who was a trained archaeologist as well as a retired Colonel in the Israeli Army. Unlike Israel-centric trips to see the entire Holy Land, often done by church groups, this was only an overview of Jerusalem's major Christian, Jewish, and Muslim sights. While Christians were not allowed inside the holy Muslim areas, we did get to visit the Muslim Quarter and of course the Dome of the Rock Mosque complex dominates the skyline from the Temple Mount.

For us, as Christians, the most fascinating and moving experience of being in Jerusalem, and later in Bethlehem, was literally walking in the footsteps of Jesus in places such as the Mount of Olives, Gethsemane, the Palm Sunday walk, the site of the Last Supper, the "jail" where Jesus was held overnight, the walk of the Stations of the Cross, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, an

immense holy site which contains the rock of Golgotha and the tomb of Jesus. At almost every stop, groups and individuals were praying or giving impromptu choir concerts.

One day we went to Bethlehem, which is in the Palestinian-controlled sector, where we had to change vehicles just inside the heavily-fortified border and continue with a Palestinian archaeologist/guide. The highlight was the Grotto of the Nativity, preserved under a Basilica built by early Christians, expanded by Crusaders, and now run jointly by Franciscans, and Greek and Ethiopian Orthodox Orders.

We also greatly appreciated seeing the main Jewish and Israe-li sights including the Western Wall, the Israeli Museum, the old City of David, ongoing archaeological work around the Old City, and the beautiful city itself, all made of golden Jerusalem stone. The city was humming, because we had the good luck to be visiting during Sukkoth. It was a jam-packed and thought-provoking four days, but now it was time to head to the Main Event, Egypt.

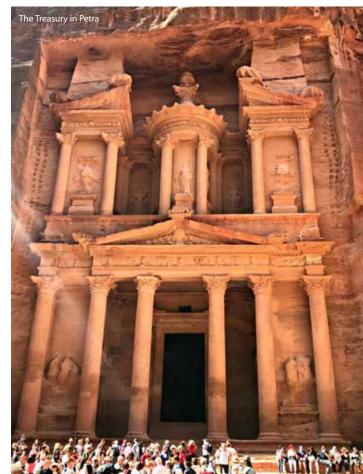
In Egypt, our group expanded to about 55 people, or the capacity of our Nile River cruise ship. The first three days were spent in a luxury hotel in Cairo, from which we could easily see the sights in the city as well as the famous monuments in Giza. We had the same Egyptian archaelogist/guide for our entire almost two weeks in Egypt, a delightful woman named Hana. In Cairo, we visited the original Egyptian Museum, stunning due to the immense number of Pharaonic artifacts. Priceless antiquities, including perhaps hundreds of mummies and the contents of numerous royal and noble tombs were everywhere stacked to the ceiling.



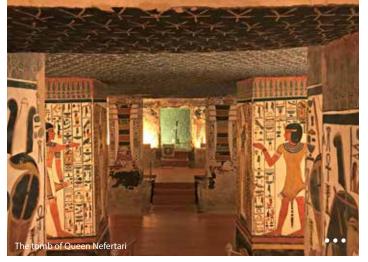
Another highlight was the Crusader-era Citadel of Saladin with its huge Mosque. Dave and I also had plenty of time to walk around the downtown area, where we felt perfectly safe venturing in all directions from our hotel on the Nile promenade, and where we visited the fascinating Palace of one of the last members Egyptian royal family who were in power until the last King was deposed in 1959 and the modern country of Egypt began.

Although we felt safe walking alone in the downtown dominated by museums, luxury/business hotels, commercial establishments, parks, universities, and hospitals, once you go beyond that area the city quickly becomes an unending sprawl of densely populated, mud-brick mid-rise buildings in various states of decay and disrepair, all surrounded by ridiculously overcrowded roads and highways. Los Angeles is a motorist's dream compared to Cairo. The city is in such bad shape that the current government is building an entirely new city (New Cairo) located about 20 miles away. Every vehicle we rode in was checked by bomb-sniffing dogs, we had armed escorts at every historic site, and every building had metal detectors and armed guards.

Once separate from Cairo, but now engulfed by its sprawl, is the amazing ancient city of Giza, known for its famous Pyramids, the Sphinx, and the new Grand Egyptian Museum set to open in the near future. One cannot describe the feeling of seeing the three Great Pyramids for the first time looming over the metropolis, yet somehow still part of the Desert. In order to appreciate the actual timeline of the Pharaohs' quest for immortality, we first visited the earliest tombs and temples in Saqqara. Just as in an Indiana Jones movie, we crept down a short, narrow tunnel at a 45 degree angle into our first tomb, circa 3000BC. The famous Step Pyramid of King Zoser in Saqqara is the first known use of







an above-ground, pyramid-shaped tomb with an adjacent temple. Since most sites have only been unearthed from the sands of the desert in the last 100 years, most carvings and original paint or frescoes are in remarkable condition, with brilliant colors and incredible detail.

The three Great Pyramids are from the Fourth Dynasty, around 2500 BC. Up close, they are not as smooth as you think and the enormity of the blocks becomes apparent. We of course had to take the obligatory camel ride near the base of the pyramids. The beasts were surprisingly endearing but it sure feels like you are a long way up in the air on the back of a camel! The next awe-inspiring sight was the Sphinx, which did not disappoint.

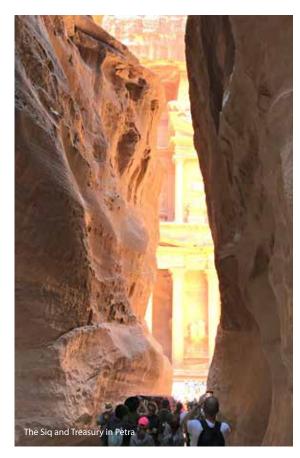
From Cairo, our group flew to Luxor, a modern city of about 400,000 people which weaves in and amongst the amazing Temples of Luxor and Karnak. The two locations are connected by a vast avenue of sphinxes. The Temple of Karnak is the largest in Egypt, and every Pharaoh from the Middle Kingdom to the time of the Romans contributed to its glory. Our group was able to view the Temples in both the daytime and evening. Again, one cannot describe the feeling of seeing these remarkable monuments to vanity, religion, and power.

Near Luxor are the twin Valley of the Kings and Valley of the Queens where the majority of discovered and excavated Royal Tombs lie. Absolutely astonishing was the recently excavated and rarely open Tomb of Queen Nefertari, as fresh and colorful as the day it was finished. The highlight of the entire trip for me was our dawn hot air balloon ride above the two Valleys, where you could put the immensity of the projects into perspective and where you could also see the stark contrast between irrigated farmland near the Nile and the barren expanse of the desert.

Over the next week, we cruised the Nile between Luxor and the Aswan Dam, stopping at the major



Temples of Edfu, Kom Ombo, Queen Hatshepsut, Dendera, and Esna. Every Pharaoh seemed to have a different favorite god and built the most awe-inspiring places of worship to ensure their everlasting favor. We have to admit they all began to run together but each had incredible carved and painted columns and unique features. One of the most beautiful temples was the Temple of Isis on the Island of Philae, which we visited by small boat and enjoyed an evening light show highlighting the structures. Not far from the Aswan Dam, we visited a Nubian village and had tea with a fam-



ily in a typical open-air four-generation household compound. The handicrafts and spices in the Nubian shops were the best souvenirs of the trip.

Back in Cairo, we were able to gain entrance to the very interesting preservation labs in the not-yet open Grand Egyptian Museum (GEM) in Giza before flying on to Jordan. Our group dropped to about twenty people as we began our tour of three main areas of Jordan, with hotel stays at Petra, on the Dead Sea, and in the capital, Amman. Our first stop on the coach journey to Petra was Mount Nebo, where Moses is thought to have died, and where we happened to be visiting at the same time as George and Laura Bush on a personal vacation. For the next four days we were one step behind them. Stopping for a view of an enormous Crusader fortress, we arrived at Petra at sunset.

Based on Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade, one would think the ancient Nabatean City of Petra is down a narrow canyon and was lost to the world for two thousand years in a giant cave. In reality, the slot canyon (Al Siq) is just as fantastic as imagined and the first glimpse of the Treasury is just as awe-inspiring, but what you don't realize is that the city is actually quite large with many examples of the famous tombs cut into the cliff sides, Roman-style temples, an amphitheater, a market area, and many other buildings. The valley was inaccessible to the outside world due to many miles of badlands-type mountains, gullies, and dead ends surrounding it in all directions.

The Siq, or slot canyon, was developed by the Nabatean civilization as a grand entrance to their enclosed valley and as a toll road for the spice trade. They were master stone carvers and engineers who developed a very sophisticated water system and became rich through their overland spice route before the Romans conquered them and moved it to a port- and ship-based route to Europe. The site is jointly administered by the local Bedouin tribe which owns the land and the Jordanian government. The





colorful Bedouins (think Johnny Depp and you will be right) are everywhere, selling jewelry, textiles, drinks, and camel or donkey rides.

From Petra we journeyed through inhospitable rocky desert to a Dead Sea resort where we indulged in mud and salt scrubs before bobbing in the incredibly dense saltwater. Although no life can survive in the water, our skin felt great for days. The last two days of our adventure were in the very modern, very



beautiful, yet
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capital of Amman. Similar to
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local stone. Although it is growing fast and is very modern, it maintains its charm, beauty, and friendliness.

Our archaeologist/guide gave us fascinating insights into the Bedouin tribal culture which still exists in concert with the overall jurisdiction of the Royal Hashemite King. It is very hilly and there are many examples of Roman and even Greek architecture amongst the modern buildings, including an outstanding large amphitheater still used for concerts and plays. A few miles outside of Amman in Jerash is one of the world's best preserved examples of a Roman city and definitely worth a visit.

One of the best things about our trip was that we got to see three very different counties with very different cultures, history, and people within a short period of time and distance. Our guides were trained archaeologists who also gave us a very frank glimpse into modern life, religion, and politics in a region still and always grappling with overlapping and competing interests.



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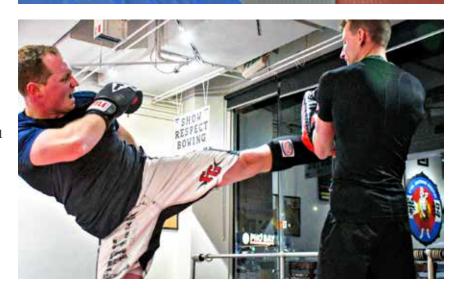
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nyodo Martial Arts started in the Vail Valley in 2002. Since its beginning, the academy or "dojo" has seen people of all ages and abilities. In 2015, the student became the Master. David Smith aka "Bobcat" has trained in Martial Arts since 2002 and shares his passion with all that choose Martial Arts as their lifestyle and fitness regimen. Inyodo Martial Arts offers a welcoming atmosphere. The dojo focuses on a "no judgment" philosophy. Here, no matter what age, gender, or fitness level, each instructor and member is here to help and advance everyone.

Bobcat has a wealth of knowledge in the Martial Arts industry. His experience in the business of professional Mixed Martial Arts is well respected. He was responsible for the promotion and production of several events in the Vail Valley: Battle Quest, Ring of Fire and Prime Mixed Martial Arts. He was instrumental with promotion and development with the RFA - Resurrection Fighting Alliance. The RFA is now the Legacy Fighting Alliance where Bobcat was an integral part of the transition. The LFA is the 3rd largest fight-league in the United States.









From the beginning, Inyodo Martial Arts has held to their student creed and mission statement: "To build true confidence through knowledge in the mind, honesty in the heart and strength in the body. To keep friendship with one another and to build a strong community. Never fight to achieve selfish ends, but to develop might for right". Martial Arts aims to promote a more enjoyable and healthier lifestyle and instill respect, diligence, and confidence within the individual. This is gained

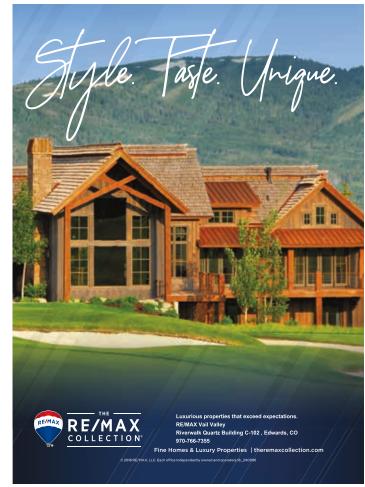
through the practice of Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and Muay Thai Kickboxing.

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The growth Inyodo Martial Arts has experienced over the years has allowed the academy to relocate from its founding home in Edwards to its new location in Avon. Many dedicated and knowledgeable instructors moved with the gym: Bobcat Smith, Paul Massei, Dawn Nelson, Alex Hyde, Nick Mahaffey, Paul Surridge, and Nicholas Dale. This group of instructors has studied in Martial Arts for an average of 10^+ years. All of them are actively engaged in the dojo's mission and focus on every athlete's success.

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who's making a difference

Contributed by Brendan Addis, Singletree Resident and Brett Donelson, Founder and Executive Director of The Cycle Effect

The Cycle Effect:



What started off as a localized reach to the Latina population of Eagle County has now expanded into Summit and Mesa counties with the help of Singletree local Brendan Addis and his savvy business strat-

egies. Founded in 2013 by Brett Donelson and his wife Tamara, the couple launched the organization as a local non-profit to introduce young girls to mountain biking. "Our focus is making sure that girls are equipped and ready to go with their futures, on and off the trails. We want to create athletes, but more importantly we want to create self-sustaining women who understand that grit and determination is what it takes to succeed in all of their life pursuits," Brett says passionately.

Beginning with 10 girls, The Cycle Effect has grown to over 200participants, with the organization providing everything needed to ride and race mountain bikes. In addition, they provide the money for race entries, nutritional race food, and the opportu-

nity to work with a coach between 80 and 120 days a year. "We want to emphasize quality over quantity. Our organization's unique ability is creating a super deep connection with the girls," says Brett. "Tam and I started with just us volunteering and now we have 25 coaches assisting this year."

Many of the girls involved in The Cycle Effect are not at all interested in cycling initially. The organization

offers education for the families about the benefits of cycling and what it will bring to their lives beyond health. "We offer a full-blown mentorship," Brett explains, "not just training for mountain bike races. We help them with college admissions and finding jobs. Our message is 'you belong where you want to be, not where you are *told* to be'."

This focused mission is what interested Brendan Addis. "I have always been drawn to charitable organizations that have

a community impact with focus on youth development," he states. After serving in Denver at the Boys and Girls Club, he moved here full-time in 2012 and joined The Vail Rotary Club. When Brett and The Cycle Effect presented to the group, Brendan was impressed with the proven impact they were having with local girls. "Having a daughter, of course, there's a soft spot in my heart for helping young



women to grow and develop and have opportunities. It was a really unique organization, and when I stepped off the board of the Rotary Club, Brett asked me if I would like to be involved on the broader scale of the Cycle Effect, helping them figure out how to continue on their path and grow, so I accepted."

When he first became involved with the organization, Brendan found the girls who participate to be incredibly inspiring and driven. Brendan shares his experience, "It is one of the most rewarding things to be able to give back through The Cycle Effect. It's just incredible to listen to the girls tell their stories and to learn how much this means to them. Brendan believed he could help the organization two-fold: first, to help them grow strategically so their program could expand without losing quality, and second, to assist them in building their fundraising



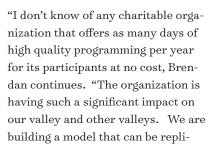


efforts by gaining a foothold with charitable individuals and companies who share the same vision. His business background in providing companies with proper growth strategies and implementing those building blocks towards specific goals has proven to be highly effective in moving the organization toward realizing its mission.

The Cycle Effect has impacted nearly 1,000 girls from 5th -12th grade and their families with quality programming and life coaching. While traditional youth programming offers a valuable experience for attendees, The Cycle Effect provides life coach training to help girls understand that reaching their dreams is a marathon, not a sprint. Instilling the reality that long-term persistence towards goals is a life skill, Brett explains, "The same nervous energy a girl feels at the starting line is the same nervous energy that she will feel before an interview, before anything big. If we give them opportunities like that over and over, it becomes easier for them to realize that they can make those leaps, they can land that job, they can overcome obstacles, just like on the trail."

Brendan echoes Brett's thoughts. "The Cycle Effect is not about biking. Biking is the tool, but The Cycle Effect is really about providing young women what they need to develop the personal skills, drive, and grit to succeed and overcome challenges in

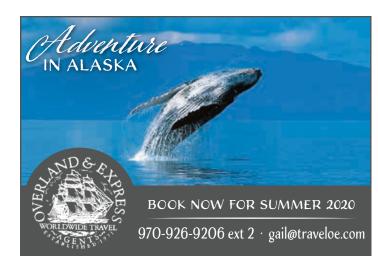
pursuit of the futures that they want to create. These young people are our leaders in the future and in where we are going."



cated and taken to other communities around the country. I am proud to be part of their next chapter in expansion."

Please visit thecycleeffect.org to learn more about how you can support these inspiring young women and The Cycle Effect.









ANNABELLE'S WORLD OF HAPPINESS

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Welcome to Kids' Corner! This month, we meet Annabelle Bahney, who lives on June Creek Road with her mom and dad, Chelsea and Tim Bahney, and big brother, Spencer.

Can you tell me your name and how old you are? My name is Annabelle Bahney and I am 4.

Do you go to school? I go to school at Rumpelstiltskin.

And what is your favorite thing to do at Rumpelstiltskin? Um... play games.

What's your favorite game? Animal games.

What do you do when you're in a circle? Just do boring stuff.

What's your favorite animal?

If you could be an animal, is that

what you would want to be? Yeah,

but I also want to be an eagle. Because

Besides animal games, what else

do you do at Rumplestiltskin?

Well, we just sit in a circle mostly.

A unicorn.

it can fly!

Like what kind of boring stuff?

Draw stuff, which is boring. And sit there and talk.

What do you do on Fridays? I get to go Nordic skiing with the biggest skis and poles.

Are they taller than you? No. They're both shorter than me.

Do you downhill ski too? Yes.

Which do you like better? Nordic.

What do you like to do in the summer? I like to play and I like Tag.

Who do you play tag with? Spencer.

Who usually wins? Um... Spencer. Sometimes I beat him. I beat him for ice cream and cookies.

What's your favorite kind of cookie? A chocolate cookie. And cotton candy ice cream.

What's your favorite food? I like the best cheese.

What's the best cheese? Yellow.

What's the best thing that your Mom makes? My mom sometimes makes scrambled eggs.

What else does she make? I don't know.

In the summer, where do you like to go swimming? Some



places like at the Club. The swimming pool is deep. There is a deep pool and a not deep pool.

What are your other favorite things to do? I like to ride my bike. It's blue.

Who are your best friends in the neighborhood? June. And well, there's Willow who's a neighbor but she is from over there.

Who's your best friend at school? Sage. We like to ski together. And Adeline. She's across. They are also my friends at school. And Kash. Willow goes to the older school.

Where will you go to kindergarten next year? Homestake Peak.

What is your dog's name? Cosmo.

And what kind of dog is he? A Newfoundland Poodle.

What is your favorite color? Rainbow sparkles and gold sparkles. And plain gold.

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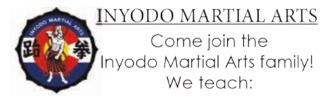
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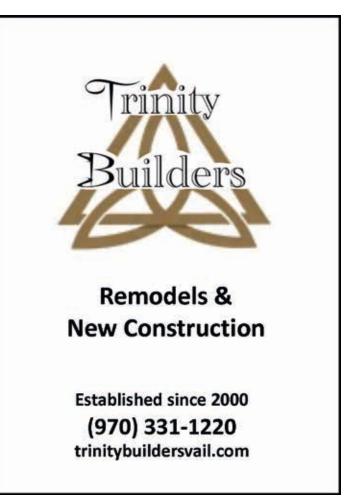
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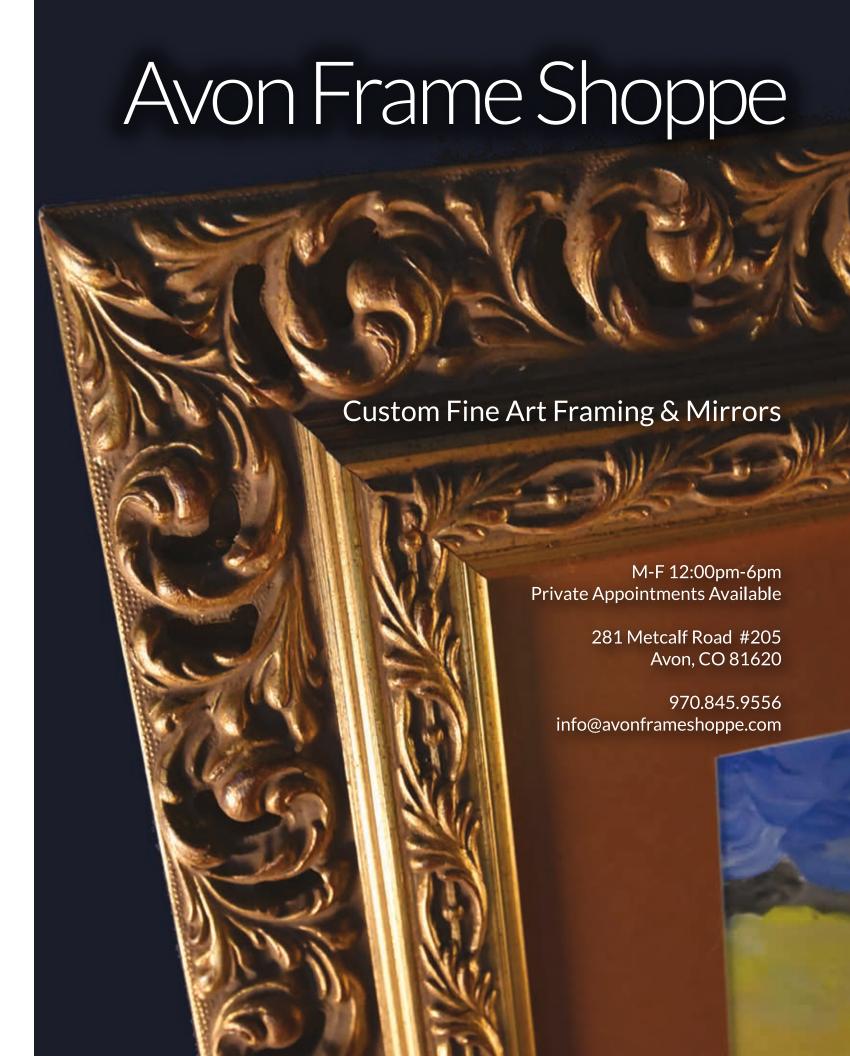
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had the pleasure of having one of his Secret Service agents live in our house before we moved in full time. It was really sort of fun. Who would have ever guessed that? It was a unique way to start our experience in Singletree."

When asked what was especially appealing about the house on June Creek Road, Mark is first to mention its southern exposure and the benefit of having a driveway that mostly melts itself. He also found the over-sized 2 car garage particularly attractive as a place for him to enjoy his passion for woodworking. He goes on to point out that the front deck affords amazing views of one of the 14'ers and is just a great place to sit, read and relax.

Karen is quick to identify the huge back deck with its views up the first fairway as Mark explains that the house was one of the last built on that part of June Creek Road. The builder was careful to position the house so the deck extended out over the back yard with a meadow separating their yard from the 1st tee, ultimately providing a very spacious feel to their outside living area. Karen adds with a laugh, "And we don't get any golf balls!" Mark attributes the lack of impact from the highway to the way in which the house is situated. Having minimal awareness of the potential for highway noise at the time they purchased the home, both agree on the pleasure of such a quiet space, "even with the windows open, it is quiet and calming," according to Karen.

Mark was drawn to the Bavarian style architecture of the house. He points out that the open space of the living room, dining room and kitchen bring in plenty of sunshine with the soaring ceilings and over-sized windows. The bedrooms also feature peaked ceilings that enable guests to enjoy privacy and a quiet sanctuary.

Outdoor living is a priority for this couple and 332 June Creek absolutely fits the bill. The back deck offers ample space for relaxing or entertaining. Karen's favorite part of their outside space is the flowers. "We have ground cover, lilacs, roses and a lot of flowering plants like lupines," she says, "the lilacs between the houses are 10 feet tall with amazing fragrances." The landscaping around the house allows for long views while at the same tiproviding an enjoyable private outdoor experience.

Mark concludes by sharing that their builder said this was the best house he ever built. Coincidentally, it was his last. To this day, Karen and Mark are truly thankful that his final accomplishment proved to be their ultimate mountain retreat.



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Karen Lechner and Mark Murphy bought their home at 332 June Creek Road in 2004. At that time, they were living in Newport, RI and decided they wanted to move to Vail to explore semi-retirement and have an opportunity to be actively involved in the community. Mark and Karen

immediately became engaged in volunteerism. Over time, they have devoted countless hours to VPAC, the United Way of Eagle River Valley and Karen is currently on the board of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund. Karen says enthusiastically, "Our experience has just been amazing. We love Singletree so much!"

Mark chimes in to share his thoughts his thoughts. "Singletree has such a great sense of community. We walk around a lot and everybody is so friendly, everyone waves. Singletree is just the right size for us and has the best in and out of any community in the valley. You don't have to drive too far to get to our home and we're close to everything." Karen adds the fact that they are just a few minutes from the Sonnenalp Club which is really ideal because she is an avid swimmer.



When Mark and Karen first moved here, they split their time between Newport and Singletree. Karen recalls their early days. "While we were still part time residents, Gerald Ford was living here during the summer. We





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precious pets

Contributed by **Greg Gunter**, **Carolyn Garvie**, **Cary Grant and Jack**, Singletree Residents and Pets

Having met in Austin, Carolyn Garvie and Greg Gunter brought their dogs to their relationship: Carolyn with her Corgi and Greg with his Boston Terrier. Now they all live together at the top of Singletree. Here we get to know the cutest odd couple you will ever meet!

Carolyn: Cary Grant is 7 years old and is a Pembrook Welch Corgi. He's really big for a Corgi; we work on his diet to keep him under 35 pounds, which is the top end of the standard. He was bred by a Corgi dog show judge and breeder who lives outside

of Houston. His brother is Gregory Peck.

I had always had German Shepherds but it got to a point where I couldn't handle a big dog anymore. I had always wanted a Corgi. They are in the same herding family as the shepherds; they have similar coats and similar dispositions. They're really just a big dog with short legs.

Greg: Jack is a Boston Terrier. A long time ago my son brought one home. What I like about the breed is that they are hyper

when you want them to be hyper and laid back when you want them to be laid back. Most dogs are one way or the other. Anyway, once I decided I really liked this breed, my plan was to get a reject show dog because I knew they would have really good health, except for a minor flaw preventing them from being a show dog.

I went to a dog show in Houston to find Jack. He is pretty small (14 pounds) for a Boston Terrier. He's about 3 ½ years old and is very friendly. He likes all dogs and is not intimidated by big ones. Jack is very alert for a Boston Terrier. He sees rabbits and squirrels and watches TV. He loves to find any spot of sunshine in the house to hang out. He destroys all toys; we don't buy stuffed animals anymore because they are pelts in about 2 hours.





Let me tell you a little bit about the breed. The Boston Terrier was the first dog to be bred in the United States. They were bred to be fighting dogs as a cross between a White Terrier (now extinct) and an English Bulldog, but when placed in the ring they just looked at each other. Since that did not work out and they had no other useful dog traits, the remaining choice was for them to become companions. They were then bred additionally with French Bulldogs to become a smaller more manageable size.

They don't bark much, but let's see if we can get them to do their best trick.

Carolyn: TED LIGETY! TED LIGETY! TED LIGETY! Here, both Cary Grant and Jack start barking and howling with excitement.

Carolyn: When I first got Cary Grant, it was the year of the Winter Olympics. I would be yelling TED LIGETY! TED LIGETY! TED LIGETY! as I watched the skiing. Cary would just go wild!

Greg: Now Jack chimes in throwing back his head making a little sissy howl like a coyote!

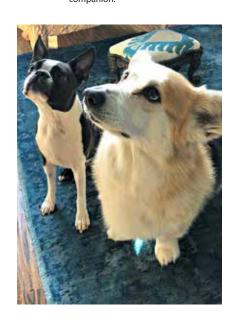
Carolyn: They don't bark for Mikaela Shiffrin or any other skier... just Ted Ligety! I co-own Cary Grant on paper. I am supposed to train him and keep him in show-shape. I took him to a place in Austin where they train dogs. The trainer attempted to teach me how to show him. Well, Cary was terrible! He's not fixed so, of course, he wants to mark everything, especially in a place like the training facility where there are numerous scents. During the training session, he even marked my foot! I got so tickled laughing because we were SO bad. It got so bad that even the strict trainer lost it!

I was a failure as a handler. Cary was well behaved when I got him and perfectly put together. He didn't bark at anyone. He did not even know how to play with a toy. Then he got fat and started barking at the door. My daughter said, "Mom, he looks and acts like a movie star who let it all go."

So there you have it... the most adorable odd couple as best friends!
Be sure to say hello to Cary Grant and Jack when you see them out and about in the neighborhood!



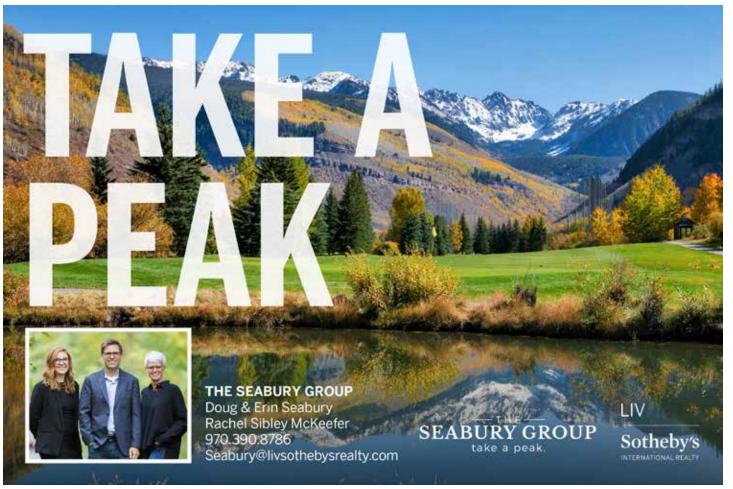
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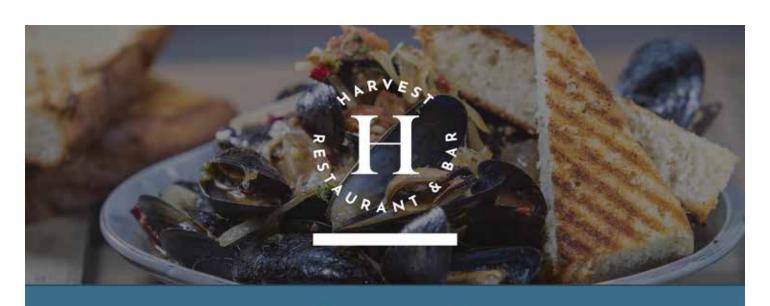
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Under Contract		Duplex	\$996,000	\$368						
Under Contract			\$1,100,000	\$294						
Under Contract		Duplex	\$1,125,000	\$321					3,504	
Under Contract			\$1,495,000	\$334					4,471	
Under Contract			\$1,495,000	\$444						
Under Contract			\$1,699,000	\$229					7,434	
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Sold		Duplex	\$980,000	\$436	\$980,000	\$436				1/16/2020
Sold			\$1,295,000	\$386	\$1,295,000	\$386				1/10/2020
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