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# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY *Singletree Residents!*

While we are currently living in unbelievably unsettling times, I want to wish the neighborhood a Happy Anniversary as this issue represents the 4th Anniversary of **INSIDE Singletree!** It is hard to believe that 48 months ago, I took on publishing a magazine in a community where I knew no one. Fast forward to today, I am honored to have been embraced by you, the residents of Singletree, with incredible warmth and gratitude.

When I wrote my Publisher's Note for the May issue of **INSIDE Singletree**, I had no idea what I would be writing for the June issue. Amidst the unprecedented coronavirus world crisis, our lives on a local, national, and global basis have forever changed in ways that we still do not know. While struggling with uncertainty, longing for contact, and yearning for a sense of normalcy, these past weeks have been a challenge for all of us personally and professionally. In times like these, holding on to a sense of community (and humor) is more important than ever – I am thrilled to contribute to that effort by continuing to bring your neighborhood publication to you each month.

The strength and vibrancy of Singletree are certainly evidenced by the outstanding residents who have participated in this issue. Starting on the cover, we are pleased to announce Brooke Weaver, age 6, as the Winner of our Earth Day Contest. Followed by the 13 Singletree residents who are members of the Edwards Rotary Club, these dedicated volunteers live by the motto "Service Before Self" to make a difference locally and beyond.

Many of our residents have stepped up to respond to the needs of those most directly impacted by COVID-19. Karen Lechner shares her role with the United Way in putting together a comprehensive response fund designed to confront the COVID-19 crisis in the Eagle River Valley. Michael Slevin acted quickly at the early signs of the coronavirus to lead his Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices team to generate a donation of \$8,350 to the Eagle Valley Community Foundation's Community Market in one day! An avid cook and volunteer for the Community Market, Nicole Lucido has been cooking up a storm and offers us a taste of comfort food exactly when we need it most. Check out her

recipe for a mouth-watering Chicken Parmesan Stuffed Garlic Bread!

Other residents have had to adjust plans unexpectedly to accommodate the introduction of the coronavirus into our world. Buddy and Bonnie Sims share their cruise vacation turned quarantine on the Grand Princess for eight days outside the San Francisco Bay followed by a bonus eight days at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miramar, CA. And ever-cheerful Ingrid Dampier, a Navy wife herself, reclaims her Crown of Change and is now eagerly anticipating an Easter celebration with family on June 14.

On the lighter side, the cycling season is upon us and Mike Norvell and Tricia Swenson encourage us to get outside and enjoy our amazing Vail Valley with the assistance of Mike's guidebook, "Road Biking in the Vail Valley." Felicia shares her success as an award recipient for her sculpture, "Attending Sheep" at the American Plains Artist group show in Texas. And meanwhile, Dusty Barry is just looking for his next game of fetch.

Please be sure to support our local businesses who make this publication possible for Singletree. Most of our partners continue to operate at some level and **now** is the time to frequent these businesses when you are in need of their products or services.

Be healthy! Be safe. I look forward to seeing positive changes in the Vail Valley, our country, and our world over the coming months. Here's to the next four years of **INSIDE Singletree** and beyond!



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## AN APOLOGY FROM THE PUBLISHER

On behalf of N2 Publishing, the parent company who designs and prints our magazine, I would like to sincerely apologize for the misprint that appeared in the article, *Singletree Tribute*, in the April issue of **INSIDE Singletree**. The N2 production team mistakenly transposed two columns of text on pages 31 and 32.

For clarity, the last line on the left side of page 31 should read "The next day we left on my first mission and within the first hour we were ambushed by the Viet Cong." The sentence is completed on the left column on page 32. Likewise, the last line on the left side of page 32 should read "I was quite lucky, as radiomen were prime targets for the enemy in their effort to break our lines of communication." Had this sentence been correctly placed on the right side

of page 31, its conclusion would have been found at the top of page 32.

To Jim and Scott, please accept my deep apology for the "swapping" of columns – I will be delivering copies with the correct version to you. The residents of Singletree appreciate your contribution in recognition of the end of the Vietnam War on April 30, 1975, and we thank you for your service.



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# meet your neighbors Community Is Our Middle Name

Singletree Members Of The Edwards Rotary Club Live By The Motto “Service Above Self”

Contributed by Dana Walker and Linda Hill, Singletree Residents



The Edwards Rotary Street Survival Driving Program

When you hear “Rotary,” what images do you conjure? Does the Rotary Key spring to mind? Have you heard of the Four-Way Test? Are you aware that your neighbors are Rotarians? Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change. Worldwide there are over 1.2 million members working on projects including clean water, education, literacy, and eradicating diseases such as polio. Rotary’s Four-Way Test guides personal and business life: Is it the **truth**? Is it **fair** to all concerned? Will it build **goodwill and better friendships**? Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

In Singletree alone, there are thirteen of us out of Edwards’ 42 members. We meet weekly to share a cup of Joe, chat about our families, and gain better insights on our community happenings through our diverse

array of guest speakers. People will tell you that our Edwards club has a fun, positive energy that spills over endlessly and everywhere. A Rotarian will greet you with a heart-warming smile, a hug, and celebratory inquiries about you. So, grab your breakfast beverage and read on about who we are and why we’d like for you to come be with us!

Jeff Koch, one of our founders, describes us as a place where you can come together with other like-minded individuals and make a difference, locally and beyond. Whether it be at a meeting, trail clean up, Labor Day duck race on the Gore, the Alzheimer’s Walk in Eagle, or coaching teenage drivers through an obstacle course at the Eagle airport. As a “Band of Merry Do Good-ers,” we give out positive energy not only to the club but the community as well. There are many fun ways Edwards



Golfing for a cause: Edwards Rotary Members Chris Rowberry, Linda Hill, Jeff Koch, and Rob Bruce

Rotary congregates to help out others. You choose the place, we’ll bring the fun!

Mike Wodlinger and his wife, Tracy, moved to Edwards in 2004 and joined Rotary so he could connect with volunteerism in the community. Being new to the area, he was also looking for a way to meet people socially, as well as professionally. Edwards Rotary provides not only financial support to a whole list of local charities and local students but also the manpower to assist the community and additional non-profits in a wide variety of functions



Tom Gladitsch and Buddy Sims with the 2019 student scholarship recipients

and events. Mike is our master of a three-part harmony and leads us in song at breakfast. For some, it’s truly the only place you’ll find us singing in public.

Seven years ago, Gregg Cohen relocated his family from New Jersey to live out their dream. He joined Rotary immediately as he believed it would be a great way to meet some nice people and it hasn’t disappointed! Gregg is the Edwards Club Sergeant-at-Arms helping to run the meetings as well as overseeing and helping with numerous fundraisers including our Trivia nights and Rotary projects such as highway and trail clean up.

For Tom Gladitsch, it started with a Minneapolis recruiting business for fellow businesses whose owner was an avid Rotarian, both in character and action. In 1985, Tom Gladitsch bought this business. Along with the sale came such a deep and profound influence of Rotarian positivity that Tom could not help but join himself. Tom was immediately drawn to this service organization that thrived on assisting others. The countless influx of new contacts, in turn, propelled his business prosperity. Bonus! Rotary showed Tom how charitable avenues directly benefited communities, his as well as others. During his Minneapolis years, Tom aided in establishing student scholarships whilst building relationships between students and local businesses. He also championed Junior Achievement. Unbe-



Buddy Sims ringing the Salvation Army Bell at the Edwards Village Market

knownst to him at the time, Rotary would pave a pathway to teaching.

Fast forward to 1994, Tom and his family moved to Singletree, joined the Vail Club, and then Edwards when it started in 2004. Shortly thereafter, Tom joined the Red Canyon teaching community. Quickly his passion be-

came guiding students to college and careers through what he learned from Rotary. One such endeavor included George Broden, a Vail Rotarian and owner of the Lionshead Amoco and Leadfoot Linda’s. Tom and George cultivated and taught auto mechanics at Red Canyon, exposing students to one of many vocational career opportunities. For his tireless contributions, Tom recently earned the Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition Award and the Educator Foundation of Eagle County’s Apple Award – all

brought about through a little club called Rotary. These days Tom enjoys weekly Thursday breakfast meetings at the Sonnenalp’s Harvest within walking distance of home, a routine that continuously fosters quiet moments of philanthropic contemplation.

In the summer of 2004, Buddy Sims discovered Rotary through Sandy Treat and Jan Strauch. Sandy and Buddy were both VFW Post members and had participated in similar non-profit service projects – especially high school scholarships. Rotarians’ belief



Greeting exchange student Marvin Hofbauer at the Eagle County airport

in the Four-Way Test reminded Buddy of his Boy Scout oath. He spent many years in the Scouts, eventually becoming a Scout Master. The Four-Way Test is Rotary’s moral code for personal and business relationships, more specifically how they can help others instead of thinking of themselves.

The motto, “Service Above Self,” drives all Rotarians. Duck sales for the annual Vail race are one such selfless activity Buddy enjoys. But the most fun has always been the weekly breakfast meetings to gather and plan projects and just enjoy each other’s company. Buddy and his wife, Bonnie, eventually joined the snowbird movement, spending time in Texas and Arizona. Both local Rotary Clubs embraced him like Buddy had been a lifer. Next came the International Rotary Clubs, where he coincidentally met Bob Ticer who was to become the Chief of Police in Avon.





Linda Hill ringing the Salvation Army bell with Linnea Genitz, exchange student from Sweden

What else makes Rotary tick? Rotary is always there to step in where a need arises, both locally and worldwide. The Edwards Club focuses on the youth of our valley by providing scholarships for graduating seniors, dictionaries for Eagle County 3rd graders, teen driving programs, funding for many local charities such as the Cycle Effect and Foresight Ski Guides and offering volunteer support. The camaraderie for members and Singletree residents is an added bonus.

For Richard Dangler, Rotary is based upon ideology, morality, and international efforts. Over his 50-year engineering career, he visited almost 130 countries and worked in 34. This exposure revealed split community gaps between those barely treading water above poverty and the extravagant. Countries Richard has traveled to include Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Kenya, Sudan, Burkina Faso, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Columbia. As a senior-level, U.S. foreign service officer, Richard attended head of state gatherings serving gourmet culinary feasts, while also traveling through villages witnessing firsthand hungry children and families weathering the harsh elements while huddled in makeshift houses.

Richard is a working example of how Rotarians strive to improve the lives of people, often anonymously. On an international stage, Rotary works to foster local co-operation when designing and delivering Rotary-sponsored programs. The organization focuses on the need for people to identify and agree on issues that need to be solved collectively and on solutions that can be sustained through local capacity. Richard raised \$50,000 for Bibliobus, a mobile book library in Kosovo serving 44 villages. He also jump-started projects in the Himalayas of India, and now Guatemala. Rotary International's matching grant program has leveraged Edwards Rotary Club funds of \$18,000 to develop and install projects valued at almost \$800,000. Rotary makes a difference.

Who knew when Linda Hill joined the Vail Rotary Club in 2007 as a guest of John McMurtry that she would get so hooked? At the time of joining, Linda was immersed in the marketing of the hospitality and tourism industries and wanted to meet other business owners from the Vail community. It was an



3rd graders at St. Clare of Assisi receive dictionaries from the Edwards Rotary

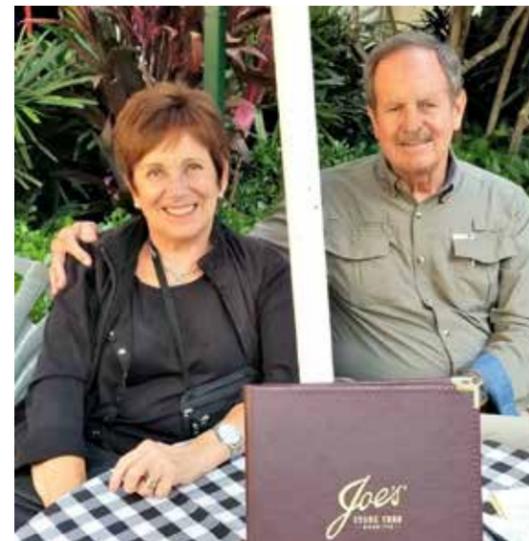
With over 30 years in Rotary, Bobbie Ruh will tell you she's never done anything as rewarding as working with the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Years ago, she was that traveling student traipsing around Europe and Mexico, meeting wonderful people who took her in. Bobbie's first host experience was when her husband's Denver Rotary Club housed a talented, young, musician and STEM genius from Sweden. He now has a Ph.D. in physics. Their next students were Petra, from the Czech Republic, and Tioma, from Siberia. Through Bobbie's Rotary connections, both students received scholarships to Denver University and successfully graduated. Within Rotary, Bobbie is also fully vested with Youth Exchange and has served as a District Board Chairman and liaison to our State Department on Youth Exchange policies and requirements.



Richard Dangler in Paris



Jennie Longville May and Jeff Koch at the Sandy Treat Memorial Bowling Tournament Fundraiser



Bobbie and Jim Ruh

incredible experience to walk into the room and know so many people that she had no idea were members. Linda was equally thrilled to be one of the first members after Jan Strauch and others helped launch the Edwards Rotary Club to meet the demand for a mid-valley club. She moved on to become a Club President, thereby increasing her knowledge of Rotary, regionally and globally.



JP and Happy Power

Rotary not only brings camaraderie – it also expands your horizons through fellowship and learning. There is a common desire to help among Rotarians that transcends nationalities and differences. “From the work of bringing solar to electricity to a village in Tibet, to the Edwards Club local teen driving and youth exchange programs, we are making a difference and changing the lives of youth one person at a time,” explains Linda. She moved to Vail in '76, met her husband, Bruce Gillie, and together they raised their two children, Kimberly and Kevin.

JP and Happy Power are among our many permanent smiling faces within Singletree. JP joined Rotary to help out in the community and he has delivered for years. JP is very active with trail maintenance, scholarships, and helping local charities through the Edwards Club programs.

Jennie Longville May lives in Singletree with her husband, Steve, and two daughters, Savina and Vivian. She joined Rotary after being a guest at an Edwards Rotary meeting where the Educational Foundation of Eagle County members were speaking and advocating for education. She saw the power of Rotary and wanted to be a part of the Club, a part of this group of people who inspire, advocate, and are just great people. She is constantly in awe of the Rotarians in our community and worldwide who give, who educate, who serve and help others, simply for the sake of serving. It's amazing to see people just living the motto of Rotary on a daily basis. “Service above self.” Jennie is quick to share her personal thoughts, “What Rotary means to me is giving, and helping others without expecting anything in return.”

As for myself, giving to others has always been a staunch trait of mine. It's my family's merry-go-round, if you would. Reggie O'Brien, my aunt and past president of Vail Rotary, mentored my joining. I'm not very adept at receiving compliments or taking credit. My biggest reward is seeing others smile and feel that they are appreciated and valued. I also thrive on bringing people together, for just about any cause – social, athletic, charitable. Instigating and/or supporting a good cause can also be super fun. This is what keeps me in Rotary. This is what we do and genuinely believe. And the fact that laughter and camaraderie never run dry with us.



Jennie Longville-May with Rotary Scholarship students

Join us on Thursday mornings at 8:00 am at the Harvest Restaurant in Edwards. During the COVID-19 self-isolation, we meet on ZOOM. Over the years, it has seemed like a very expanded, dedicated, and fun Rotary world to us, one that makes a person a better community citizen. That is what Rotary is all about – the friendships that last forever! We'd enjoy having you come join us!



Dana Walker with Phil Bennett and George and Genevieve Peirce



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## singletree stars

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# MICHAEL SLEVIN Leads The BHHS Fundraising Effort To Benefit The Community Market

In mid-March, at the start of heightened awareness about COVID-19's health and economic effects, our company began daily meetings (rallies) to stay connected and informed when the county and Governor Polis began issuing orders for limited gatherings and ultimately the "Stay-at-Home" order. In one of our early meetings, we learned from a *Vail Daily* article that the Eagle Valley Community Foundation's Community Market had seen a 300 percent increase in traffic due to business closings.

Historically our company has conducted food drives during the holidays but further research told us that money was the most important gift we could give. The Community Market has unique relationships with grocery stores around the valley that enables them to purchase pantry items and fresh produce at a discount - our money could go further if it was donated to them versus shopping in the stores.

On Friday, March 20, we announced a Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices matching fund to double the donations of our brokers and staff - and they really came through. In less than 24-hours, we raised \$8,350 for The Community Market and were delighted to make the donation, knowing that in the first few days of business closings and jobs being lost, we could help our community in a meaningful way.



The hardest part is that we know real challenges will continue. We will continue to seek out opportunities to volunteer and give back and my encouragement is that everyone who has the capacity to give their time, expertise, or financial resources



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# A Vacation Cruise Becomes A Quarantine Experience...

## BUDDY AND BONNIE SIMS' ADVENTURE TAKES AN UNEXPECTED TURN

Buddy Sims and his wife, Bonnie, Singletree, spent eight days in Federal Quarantine on the Grand Princess cruise ship outside the San Francisco Bay and eight days at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station, CA, after they were exposed to the coronavirus on the ship in March. Buddy is the Adjutant in the local Minturn Mt. Holy Cross VFW Post 10721 and a three-time combat veteran in the VFW. He served in Vietnam and OIF/OEF as a Forward Air Controller, B-52 bombers, and as a Targeting Officer at Prince Sultan and Al Udeid in the Combined Air Operations Center. Their Miramar housing was close to the flight line and every day Buddy got to enjoy the roar of transports (MV-22s) and fighter (F/A-18s) aircraft flying out of the base.

Their extended travel adventure including an extra 15 days was paid for by the U.S. Government and proved to be even more challenging than a combat tour as the "enemy" was invisible. At Miramar, there were 40 military veterans out of the 489 housed there. Mr. Sherman Patterson, Long Beach, CA, Office of Emergency Management, was our VA Case Manager and made the difference for us many senior citizens confined by the CDC under HHS. Most of the 40 veterans had received POW and Survival Training during their military service, but the other passengers had difficulty in being confined to their 10' x 15' cabins with no fresh air, inside cabins with no windows or balconies, no outside exercise, for 6 to 8 days depending on when disembarking the



ship, not to mention the anxiety of the virus spreading through the ship's vents and delivered food. Both my wife and my COVID-19 tests were negative like most of the other 2,008 passengers on the ship.

Princess Cruise Line refunded all our money and is providing a free cruise through 2021 to all passengers. Much thanks to our Colorado Governor Jared Polis for flying 36 of us on a chartered flight back to our state on Mar 20. The HHS and CDC should be able to extract valuable COVID-19 test data from our quarantined group where 98 percent of 2,008 passengers had no symptoms but were exposed for over 20 days on the ship.

Thank you to the Singletree Community for all the texts, e-mails, and phone calls to support our time away from home - that made the time go by much faster! Bonnie says she is getting a dog and for me to enjoy on my next solo cruise on Princess.

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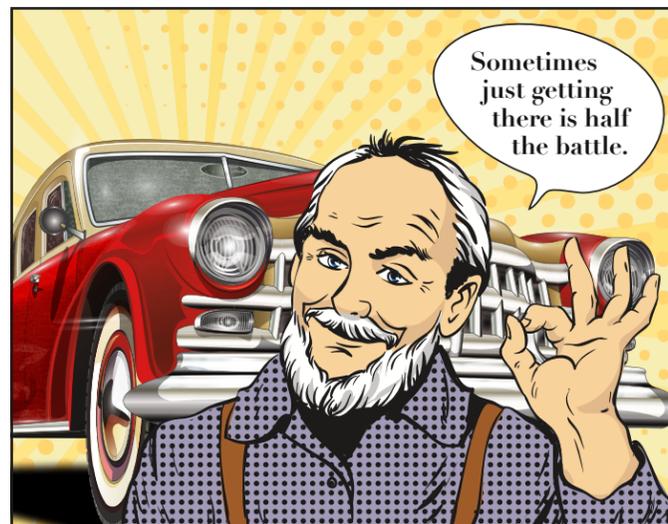


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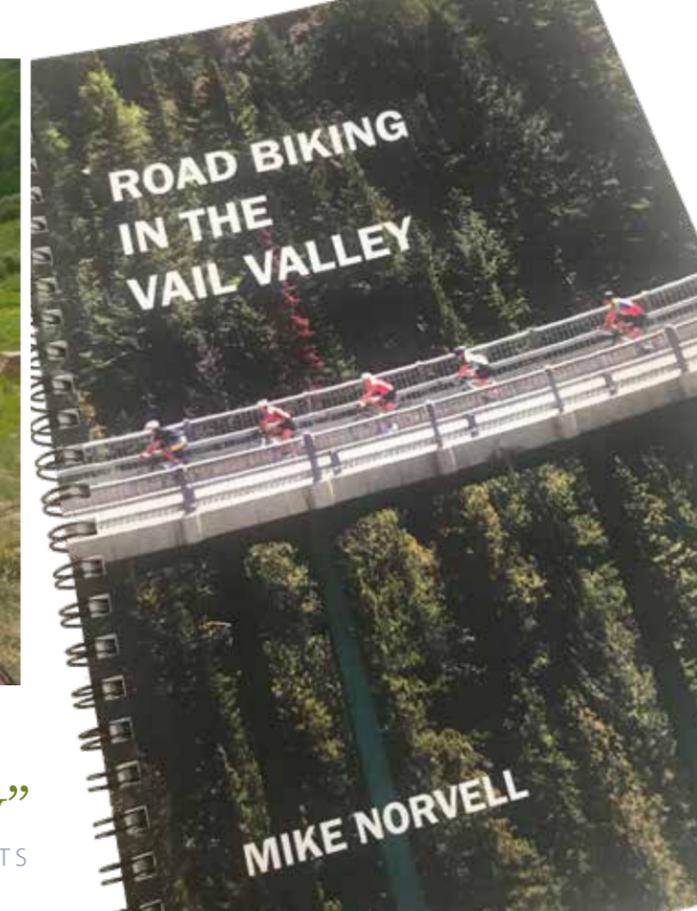
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## athlete spotlight

Contributed by Mike Norvell and Tricia Swenson, Singletree Residents



## “Road Biking In The Vail Valley”

MIKE NORVELL AUTHORS A GUIDEBOOK FOR CYCLISTS

Many people associate mountain biking with the Vail Valley, but road biking is also extremely popular, especially early in the season before the dirt trails dry out. Vail Pass and Tennessee Pass may be popular, but there are several more road bike rides out there throughout Eagle County.

Singletree resident Mike Norvell has been an avid cyclist for nearly 20 years. Mike splits his time between the Vail Valley and Boulder – he knows the road rides in both communities very well and has logged every mile. “For eight years, I rode over 4,000 miles and climbed close to 450,000 vertical feet on my bike,” Mike recalls. After each ride, he would chart the mileage and vertical feet via Google Maps on his computer and then post the ride in his trip journal.

This data collection spurred the idea to write a book about road biking. “I always knew there were books about where to mountain bike around here, but I never found one about road rides. If there had been one, I would have bought it,” explains Mike. Prompted by this lack of resources, Mike authored a spiral-bound book, simply titled “Road Biking in the Vail Valley,” which came out in the spring of 2014.

The guidebook details 20 rides including the iconic Vail Pass, the scenic Colorado River Road, and the challenging Leadville Loop. While describing each route, Mike breaks down the ride mile-by-mile, letting you know the gradient, number of switchbacks, base and summit elevations, and landmarks. Did you know that the Strawberry Park side of the Bachelor Gulch ride is the steepest road bike ride in Eagle County? Or that Bachelor Gulch is a good ride on a windy day? Mike lists the most difficult rides, least difficult rides, and even

rides that are good for warm days, cold days, and windy days so you can still get your ride in despite the weather.

“I think that Eagle County has the best neighborhood riding in Colorado,” Mike says. “Some of the best road biking climbs are in Bachelor Gulch, Strawberry Park, Mountain Star, Wildridge, Cordillera, and Bellyache Ridge,” he shares with us.

The book is sold at area bike shops and at The Bookworm in Edwards. Mike did this as a hobby and used photos from friends and family and wants it to be used as something that excites and educates riders who are looking for routes. He expresses with sincerity, “I just hope that road bike riders find it helpful in planning their next ride”.



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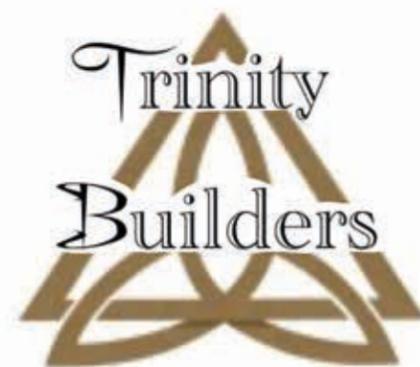
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## Congratulations, FELICIA!

“Attending Sheep” Wins Award At  
The American Plains Artists Show



As a bronze sculptor, Felicia had the opportunity to be included in the American Plains Artists, a group show held at the Pearce Museum in November through January in Corsicana, Texas. Felicia won Second Prize for her sculpture, “Attending Sheep.”

Measuring 22.5”h x 6”w x 6”d, edition, 18. on a walnut turn base, this bronze sculpture portrays a Navajo Shepherdess attending her flock of sheep. “The sheep, you will notice, is designed as a relief around the image to show the closeness (the love) they have for the animal,” Felicia explains. “You will also notice different patinas (acid washes) applied to enhance the design of the image, along with some high-polish areas, and a touch of a turquoise stone on her hat, which has been a signature of mine for the last 32 years.”

An equal, if not bigger honor, the museum bought the piece for their permanent collection. Additionally, she won an exhibition award, which means, as Felicia explains, “In the near future, the museum will do a one-woman show of my work. This is big!”

Congratulations and thank you, Felicia, for sharing your accomplishments with your neighborhood! To see more of Felicia’s work, please visit her website at [www.feliciasculpture.com](http://www.feliciasculpture.com).



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## who's making a difference

Contributed by **Karen Lechner**, Singletree Resident  
and **Rebecca Kanaly**, United Way Executive Director  
Article Written by **Tim Swift**, Singletree Resident



Rebecca Kanaly – holding the “I” – and her daughter (on a lap in the front row) with volunteers at the United Way Day of Service

## A LOCAL RESPONSE TO A WORLDWIDE CRISIS:



### The United Way Of Eagle River Valley Creates Fund To Confront The COVID-19 Crisis



**R**ebecca Kanaly, Executive Director and CEO of United Way of Eagle River Valley, and Karen Lechner, her predecessor in that role, have joined forces with local community leaders from diverse fields and other nonprofit agencies to put together a comprehensive response fund designed to confront the COVID-19 crisis in the Eagle River Valley. Dubbed the Local COVID Response Philanthropy Fund, by early April it had already raised over \$55,000 from local donors and commitments from the Board of Directors of the United Way of Eagle River Valley, which will be used to blunt the local economic damage wreaked by COVID-19.

The funds are being used to provide food assistance, help with hospital and doctor bills, prescription and medical supplies, mortgage, rent, and

utility bill assistance, as well as relief from lost employment income.

Rebecca and the Board of Directors of UWERV acted quickly to craft a local response to the economic havoc created by COVID-19 and the business shutdown ordered by Gov. Polis. The leadership of the United Way immediately realized that the shutdown would have a devastating effect on our workers, so they met to craft a response to meet this need. First, they decided to divert \$20,000 from the United Way's Innovation Grant program to create the COVID fund. Then, they pledged to underwrite the cost of the fund's administration. Now, 100 percent of donations received in the fund will help our local Eagle River Valley neighbors.

The fund will be administered by United Way of Eagle River Valley, however, it will be informed by a task force made up of experienced local leaders: Kendra

Kleinschmidt from the Eagle County Dept. of Human Services, Sara Amberg and Jeff Corn from the United Way Board, Rebecca Kanaly and Hannah Conoley, United Way staff members, Brooke Skjonsby from the Vail Valley Charitable Fund, Christine Miller from the Vail Valley Foundation, Pastor Dan Matney of the Vail Pastors' Network, Erik Williams from the Vail Valley Partnership and Emily Sessler from Vail Health and Eagle Valley Behavioral Health. This select group will decide on the methodology used to award the funds. Then the Board of the United Way of Eagle River Valley will award grants specifically designed to blunt the effect of the COVID-19 virus on our local economy.

Early on in this effort, Rebecca enlisted the help of Karen Lechner, whom she succeeded as the CEO of the United Way. Karen is a Singletree resident and has an extensive marketing background with Fortune 100 companies and is currently serving on the Board of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund

Today, Rebecca and Karen are partnering to get the word out about the COVID-19 Fund to support locals. The media campaign has launched through newspaper advertising, local radio, TV-8 public



service announcements, and a strong Internet presence to solicit both donations and applications. That effort paid off almost immediately. The Vail Valley Foundation, the Vail Valley Partnership, the Vail Valley Charitable Fund, Vail Health, the Vail Pastors' Network, Eagle County government, Eagle County Gives, and Eagle Valley Behavioral Health all quickly realized the depth of the challenge the virus created and jumped aboard to lend a hand.

Rebecca and Karen also saw the need to reassure local donors that 100 percent of their donations would stay in Eagle County and go towards the effort to assist local residents affected by the economic devastation created by COVID-19. The response by our local donors has been both enthusiastic and unprecedented. In addition to having 100 percent of every donation stay right here, donors have been pleased with the United Way's pledge to expedite the application and approval process. Under normal circumstances, the United Way takes up to three months to review, vet, and finally approve a grant application. The COVID-19 fund has reduced this process to a matter of weeks, assuring that the most money gets to the most critical needs in the shortest time, while still maintaining the necessary controls and protections to ensure that the funds are spent properly and where they do the most good.

There is no question that the COVID-19 pandemic presents a crisis that none of us have experienced in our lifetimes. The toll

on our nation's and our county's health has been unprecedented and the death toll has been staggering. As tragic as those statistics are, they will eventually be brought to heel as the most brilliant scientific minds on the planet are working non-stop to develop both a cure and a vaccine to end this virulent disease. Jobs might be permanently lost, recovery might be painfully slow, financial resources will be stretched to the

limit, and families will be emotionally stressed like never before. That's where partnerships like the one created by Rebecca and Karen are so important.

Since 1996, the United Way of Eagle River Valley has been a leader in addressing the economic and emotional needs of all of us, and in putting together the Local COVID-19 Response Philanthropy Fund, the leadership of the United Way of Eagle River Valley has shown us what it means to be both nimble and creative in responding to the extraordinary need brought on by this devastating pandemic. Those of us fortunate enough to live in this beautiful place owe a debt of thanks to the selfless and dedicated leaders working tirelessly to help those affected by COVID-19.

The United Way of Eagle River Valley hopes to raise \$250,000 in order to meet the needs of our community. One-hundred percent of the donations will be distributed to our friends and neighbors during this pandemic. Here's how you can help – make a donation to [www.unitedwayeagle.org](http://www.unitedwayeagle.org). or text AID to 243725. You can make a difference by bringing our community together and helping those in need!



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## holiday happiness

Contributed by **Ingrid Dampier**,  
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# The QUEEN Of Change Reclaims HER CROWN!

INGRID DAMPIER EAGERLY  
AWAITS EASTER ON JUNE 14

Easter was right around the corner. Every year we spend Easter with our kids and grandkids. We make some crafts and Easter dessert, and we celebrate together. In late March, my husband, Craig, and my eldest son, Paul, gently, oh, so ever gently, told me that this year the Easter visit would not be happening. I was crushed. COVID-19 restrictions precluded any family get-together. But then I remembered my roots. I am a Navy wife after all, and this is no different than Craig deploying over Christmas, or Craig not coming home as advertised (like 8 months late) – so I have experience in changing dates – birthdays, Father’s Day, Christmas (at least part of it), etc. I was the queen of changing dates – now I need to reclaim my crown. So with new restrictions in place, our family’s Easter get-together is going to be **June 14**.

And I am heartened that my sons have learned from this. Paul – who is the Master Brewer and Owner of Bent Barley Brewery in Southlands, Aurora, told me that after these restrictions are lifted, he is planning a major festival at the brewery – starting with St. Patrick’s Day and moving through all that was missed. Yes – perfect.

So that gives me some time to plan decorations. I thought you all might be interested in some craft projects so here are some ideas using mostly stuff you probably have at home.

I made a centerpiece out of egg cartons and cupcake papers. I cut the egg cartons into groups of 4 cups and spray painted them

white. But if you have crayons or finger paints – this would be perfect for the little ones to decorate the cups.

The next step is making the flowers out of cupcake papers. I was pleased to find such colorful ones at Walmart last year (and surely they would be deemed essential this year?). I just free form cut the papers so that the edges resembled flower leaves – some spiky,

some rounded. For the flower centers, I ordered faux stamen from Amazon – and learned that one needs a lot of stamens. I ordered a couple hundred – but they were so tiny, my flowers were a little sparse on the stamens. But ordering stamen now would take a while to get here since Amazon is prioritizing essential goods for shipping. So, for the flower centers, you might try drawing a center or find something thin but sturdy to accentuate the center of the flowers.

To assemble the flowers, I arranged several stacks of the cut papers so they looked pretty. I then poked a hole in the middle with an awl (be careful on this step). I had some very flexible wire, which I threaded through the papers. On the top of the stack, I put my stamen and secured them with the wire and a dab of glue and then threaded the rest of the wire back through the stack of papers. On the other end, I twisted the two ends of the wire to secure the papers. I

had some floral tape so I wound that around the wire for a short stem. I arranged the “flowers” in some of the cups and filled the empty egg cups with Easter eggs and jelly beans. It was a fun little project.

Last year, we decided to make deviled egg bunnies. I had seen a picture of them in the City Market flyer right before Easter. For me, the scariest part of making deviled eggs was hard boiling the eggs at altitude. I learned that the hard way my first Easter in Colorado, and at that time we were living at 8,500 feet. But after reading some tips in the Denver Post, this time the eggs turned out wonderfully and perfectly hard-boiled. The ears were supposed to be made from Icicle Radishes which we could not find, so we used sliced little carrots. The eyes are capers and the tails are broccolini tops.

And Betsy made this amazing Classic Fresh Fruit Tart with Pastry Cream. You can find the recipe here: [https://](https://www.kcet.org/food/weekend-recipe-classic-fresh-fruit-tart-with-pastry-cream)

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So, while my family, like so many others, cannot be together on the real Easter, I am looking forward to our “new” date of June 14. And just remember, be the Queen of Change and work around whatever comes our way in our new COVID-19 normal ...



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## what's cooking in singletree

Contributed by **Nicole Lucido**, Singletree Resident

# For The Love Of Cooking...

## NICOLE LUCIDO SERVES UP CHICKEN PARMESAN STUFFED GARLIC BREAD

I love to cook and with the kids gone, someone always watching their weight, and today's many dietary restrictions, I am limited to what and for whom I can cook. That said, I have done a couple of things. One is a food blog you can visit at <https://athomeonmyrange.wordpress.com/>. I am a healthy vegetarian with a sweet tooth and always conscientious of ingredients and calories. No one else in my clan is a non-meat eater so I do cook meat and depend on honesty from my husband for taste testing!

I have also been cooking and baking up a storm for the Eagle Valley Community Kitchen. They have a daily free food pantry in Gypsum and weekly in Eagle, Edwards, and Avon. I was volunteering weekly in Edwards yet with the current health concerns, volunteers are only able to fill bags in Gypsum. Previously, clients could come into the weekly markets and choose whatever and as much as they wanted. Now that has been restructured to address social distancing and germ control. Locals in-need stay in their cars and simply drive up to an area where a filled bag is handed to them – add-ins like milk and other supplies are available. The market has gone from serving 800 residents a week to now over 2,000. Clearly the need is enormous.

So my cooking barely touches a few but it lets me do what I enjoy and is a place where I find peace and calm. The Community Kitchen greatly appreciates cash donations as the Eagle Valley Community Fund carries a non-profit status and thereby can get wholesale or even better pricing from our generous grocery stores and purveyors. Please visit <https://eaglevalleycf.org/the-community-market/> additional information.

### CHICKEN PARMESAN STUFFED GARLIC BREAD

#### Ingredients:

- 1 long loaf French bread
- 6 organic chicken nuggets cooked until brown and crisp or make your own\*
- 6-8 slices mozzarella or slices provolone cheese
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1-2 tbs. grated Parmesan
- 1 tbs. parsley, basil or oregano
- 3 cloves chopped garlic
- A favorite marinara sauce or make your own

#### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the French bread into quarters and hollow out each section and save the inside bread for another use (or slather with butter and consume immediately!). Reassemble the loaf into its original shape on a foil-lined cookie sheet. Wrap a chicken nugget in a slice of cheese and place that nugget in a hollowed section of the French bread. Continue this process with each section of the bread. Cut each section into thirds and reassemble them back in proper order on a piece of foil large enough to wrap the entire loaf.



Melt the butter and garlic in a small dish and add parsley, basil or oregano, and the grated Parmesan cheese. Using a teaspoon or pastry brush, spread some of the butter mixture over the top of each slice. Wrap your loaf well in foil and bake for 20 minutes.

Remove the bread from the oven and serve with warm marinara. **Enjoy!**

#### \*TO MAKE YOUR OWN CHICKEN NUGGETS:

- Oil for frying
- Flour for dredging
- Seasoned bread crumbs
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- Chicken breasts sliced crosswise into chicken finger portions

Heat oil in a large skillet to medium. Dip your sliced chicken breast fingers first in flour, then beaten eggs, and lastly the seasoned bread crumbs. Fry in hot oil until well browned on each side – 3-5 minutes per side. Drain the nuggets on paper towels.



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Under Contract	211 Rawhide Rd	Single Family	\$2,100,000	\$432	--	--	6	6	4,860	--
Sold	260 Singletree Rd #B	Duplex	\$695,000	\$299	\$695,000	\$299	3	3	2,323	3/19/2020
Sold	51 Prairie Cir	Duplex	\$820,000	\$377	\$760,000	\$349	3	3	2,177	3/3/2020
Sold	961 June Creek Rd	Duplex	\$919,000	\$289	\$892,500	\$281	4	4	3,180	2/14/2020
Sold	240 June Creek Rd #E	Duplex	\$980,000	\$436	\$980,000	\$436	4	4	2,250	1/16/2020
Sold	1140 Winslow Rd	Single Family	\$1,295,000	\$386	\$1,295,000	\$386	5	5	3,358	1/10/2020
Sold	21 Snaffle Rd	Single Family	\$1,495,000	\$334	\$1,425,000	\$319	4	4	4,471	3/11/2020
Sold	141 Corral Rd	Duplex	\$1,795,000	\$294	\$1,660,000	\$272	6	6	6,103	2/4/2020

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