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**W**elcome to 2021! I believe I can say with certainty that we are all looking forward to leaving behind the past year and looking forward to a safe, healthy and happy new year!

At the risk of stating the obvious, 2020 has been a year of extreme challenge, be it Covid-19, drought, wildfires, riots or politics, to name a few...The past 12 months have been riddled with doubt and uncertainty. Through it all, the residents of Singletree have demonstrated incredible strength, courage and resilience. And with your support of your neighborhood magazine, we have continued to enjoy connection each month by meeting families, kids and pets, giving back through volunteer efforts and sharing travel adventures in every issue!

While it is difficult to know what 2021 will bring, it is times like these that truly bond us together as a neighborhood. Singletree is a dynamic community of

amazing people – permanent residents, second home owners, long timers and newcomers – all bringing their individual backgrounds, experiences and passions to the neighborhood. No matter what diverse paths brought our residents to this destination, EVERYBODY loves living in Singletree!

I would like to thank all those in the community who have participated in making *INSIDE Singletree* what it is today. With close to 125 residents enthusiastically contributing to the magazine last year, I feel so very fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of such an engaging community.

Please keep in mind that *INSIDE Singletree* is not possible without

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With my sincere appreciation for your participation and support, I wish you all a New Year blessed with peace, love, and joy...Here's to 2021!



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I would like to take a moment to acknowledge how fortunate I am to have a team who consistently helps fill this magazine with new and fresh content every month. Thank you, Olga Barron, for creating our dynamic covers as well as a collection of keepsake photos for our feature families every month. I am grateful for the best of the best when it comes to resident writers: Tim Swift, Bobbie Ruh, Allie Decent and Jim Ruh generously share their time and talent to expertly pen a wide variety of articles on behalf of many of our resident contributors. I cannot thank Debbie Robbins enough for her never ending lists of new ideas for feature articles, as well as Dana Walker for her creative brainstorming when it comes to event concepts for the community!

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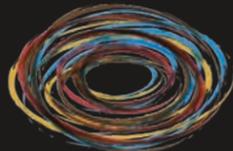
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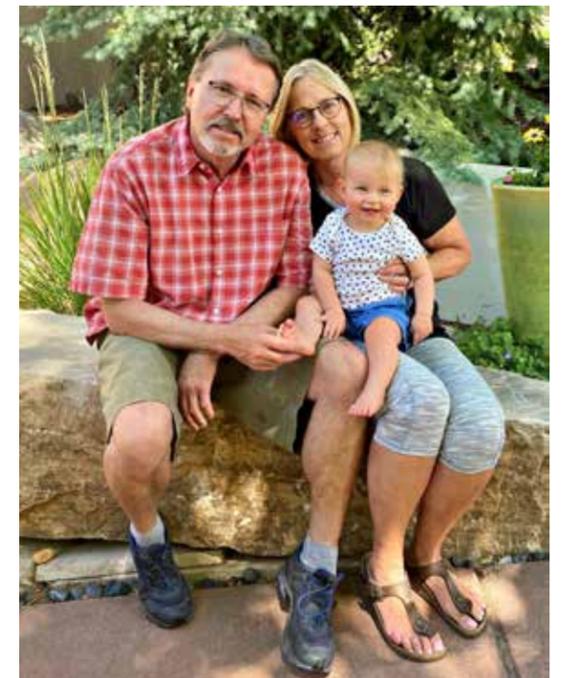
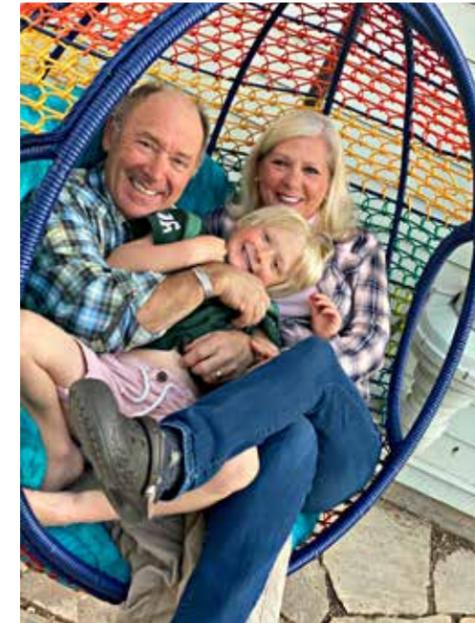
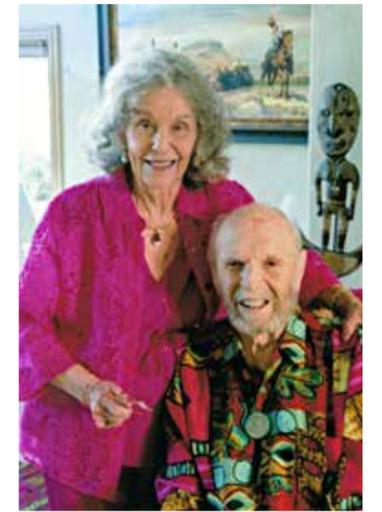
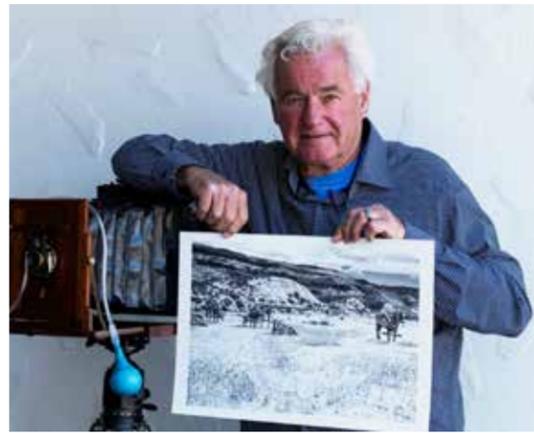
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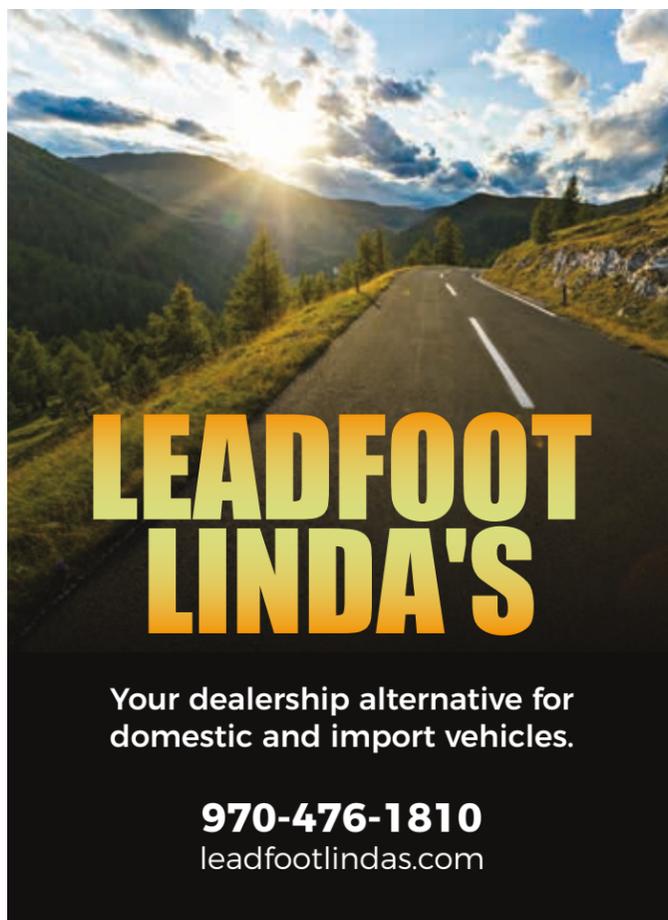


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who's making a difference

# Singletree Residents STEP UP to Support LOCAL NONPROFITS

Each month in *INSIDE Singletree*, we recognize a resident's involvement with a nonprofit organization, be it as a volunteer, board member or in some other capacity. We are honored to be able to acknowledge their contributions and to heighten awareness of the diverse range of our local organizations. Our community gives back in a BIG way! With COVID-19 reeking havoc on so many aspects of life in the Vail Valley, our nonprofits' need for support has been greater than ever. Many thanks to these outstanding residents for their contributions to the nonprofit community!



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Last February 8 marked the 110th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Kyle Ross, Stuart Howard, David Ross and Philip D'Andrea are proof that scouting is alive and well in the Vail Valley. Having founded the Boy Scouts organization in Eagle County, Nate Free is proud of these four young Singletree men and the leadership skills they have developed through their experience with the Scouts. Surely living by the motto "**BE PREPARED**" will serve these super achievers throughout their lives.



## THE LITERACY PROJECT

The mission of the The Literacy Project is to assure that everyone has the opportunity to READ WELL. SPEAK WELL. LIVE WELL. Four Singletree volunteers dedicate their time and energy to helping to fulfill this mission: Judy Carson, Jane Linstroth, Jody Talbot and Karen Zavis work to young participants in the Literacy Project to improve graduation rates, increase test scores, decrease poverty and ensure that books are in the hands of every child in our county.



## EDWARDS ROTARY

In Singletree, there are 13 residents out of the 42 members of the Edwards Rotary Club. This local chapter reaches far beyond the Annual Duck Race! Dana Walker and Linda Hill let us in on what compels our residents to actively engage in providing scholarships for graduating seniors, dictionaries for Eagle County third-graders, teen driving programs, funding for many local charities, and much more. At the end of the day, these outstanding residents are driven by the motto, "Service Above Self."



## THE CYCLE EFFECT

Brendan Addis has worked closely with the founders of The Cycle Effect to introduce young



girls to mountain biking. Having a daughter himself, Brendan naturally has a soft spot in his heart for helping young women to grow. He is genuinely inspired by the young participants and says, "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."



## THE COMMUNITY MARKET

Shortly after the onset of Covid-19, Michael Slevin was motivated by a *Vail Daily News* article reporting that the Eagle Valley Community Foundation's Community Market had seen a 300% increase in traffic due to business closings. On March 20, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices announced a matching fund to double the donations of its brokers and staff and in less than 24 hours, BHHS raised \$8,350 to donate to the Community Market.



## UNITED WAY OF EAGLE RIVER VALLEY and THE LOCAL COVID RESPONSE PHILANTHROPY FUND

Singletree resident Karen Lechner did not hesitate when called upon by Rebecca Kanaly, Executive Director and CEO of United Way of Eagle River Valley, to help get the word out about the newly established Covid-19 fund created to support locals. As predecessor in that role, Karen understood well the importance of generating funds 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. Together, this dynamic pair was highly effective in expediting the application and approval process and assuring donors that 100% of every donation stayed in the Vail Valley.



## SMALL CHAMPIONS

Singletree is home to several children who have benefited from the programs of Small Champions as well as Steve Holden who serves as a board member and Treasurer of the organization. Small Champions was founded in 1996 in response to the

question, "What do you do if you are the parent of a local child whose



disabilities prevent them from participating in any of the traditional recreational opportunities for children in Eagle County?" Since then, this wonderful grass roots program has continued to fulfill its mission to provide these children with the opportunity to thrive both physically and emotionally.



## SWIFT EAGLE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Cathy Dockery helped a dream become a reality. Literally. Having had a dream about creating a nimble, generous charitable foundation to respond to the financial needs of

families and individuals in the Valley, David Haakenson shared his nocturnal imaginings with a group of friends and Cathy jumped in and said "Let's Do It!" Fast forward 16 years, and Cathy and her husband, Ralph, are still on the board and Cathy serves as Board Secretary. For the past 12 years, Swift Eagle's primary fundraising event has been the much anticipated annual bocce tournament – we look forward to the return of the tournament in 2021!



## EAGLE VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

Having spent four years as the Director of Development for the Humane Society of Vero Beach and Indian River County, Tim Swift was eager



for the opportunity to interview Singletree volunteer, Donna Griffin, and Char Gonsenica, the Executive Director of the Eagle Valley Humane Society. Donna estimates that she has fostered as many as 50 dogs since 2007. When asked why she has taken on the role of foster mom to these dogs for over 13 years, her answer came without hesitation, "When you're an animal lover, it's just FUN!"



**VAIL VALLEY VOTES**

Having both volunteered for many organizations through the years, Marci McCalley and Wendy Rudolph were very excited to help found Vail Valley Votes this year. Both women were compelled to get involved with the VVV as they share the belief as to how important it is to amplify the voices of Eagle County through voter registration and education. This was particularly appealing as the non-partisan group promotes its values without being identified with, or tied to, any political party.



**HOPE CENTER EAGLE RIVER VALLEY**

In early 2020, Carrie Benway enthusiastically accepted the position of Program Director of the Hope Center of the Eagle River Valley. Recognizing the need for additional mental-health support for both local students and their families, Carrie was intrigued by the program. "Being part of the Eagle Hope Center team is inspiring," she says a year into her new role, "from providing immediate



support to community members who are experiencing an emotional crisis to offering counseling to students, our Hope Center clinicians are providing critical support to community members on a daily basis."



**SOS OUTREACH**

Bill Cotton and Claus Tjaden are two Singletree residents committed to the mission of SOS Outreach: "to change young lives, building character and leadership in underserved kids through mentoring" using a proven curriculum that combines the support of committed adults, outdoor opportunities, service, and

leadership development needed to become caring and contributing adults. SOS Outreach was founded 26 years ago by Arn Menconi and today, the organization today has a bright outlook for the future thanks to the tireless efforts of Bill Cotton and Claus Tjaden.

**VAIL HEALTH FOUNDATION AND EAGLE VALLEY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

Dan Pennington, Vail Health chief of External Affairs and Vail Health Foundation president, is among the many people in our neighborhood dedicated to improving the health and wellness of the community. Dan moved to Singletree five years ago to take on the role of president of Vail Health Foundation. In his role, Dan, along with his team of professional fundraisers, are spearheading *It Takes a Valley: Transforming Behavioral Health*, in collaboration with Eagle Valley Behavioral Health (EVBH). Dan finds helping benefactors make a match with what they're most passionate about to be the most rewarding part of his job. "There is a certain joy in helping someone find a meaningful way to help someone else," he says.



**VAIL VALLEY PARTNERSHIP**

There are a few organizations in the valley that help keep businesses informed and supported. One of those is the Vail Valley Partnership (VVP). As a member, Linda Hill has had the opportunity to value the resources they bring to our Valley. In an exclusive interview with Erik Williams and Anna Robinson, Linda shares with us the commitment the VVP has made to strengthen Eagle County's current and future workforce by recently unveiling *Vail Valley Works* as the



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<b>117 Charolais Circle</b>	<b>Duplex</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>Furnished</b>	<b>\$915,000</b>	<b>\$366</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$880,000</b>	<b>\$352</b>	<b>10/2/20</b>
141 Corral Road East	Duplex	6	6	4,887	Unfurnished	\$975,000	\$200	18	\$925,000	\$189	10/1/20
11 Shotgun Circle E	Duplex	3	4	2,105	Partially	\$935,000	\$444	2	\$955,000	\$454	10/28/20
1671 Winslow Road	Single Family	4	5	3,740	Unfurnished	\$1,100,000	\$294	1,114	\$1,040,000	\$278	10/21/20
<b>50 Singletree Road</b>	<b>Duplex</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,267</b>	<b>Partially</b>	<b>\$1,095,000</b>	<b>\$483</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$1,100,000</b>	<b>\$485</b>	<b>10/29/20</b>
1071 June Creek Road	Single Family	4	5	3,103	Unfurnished	\$1,200,000	\$387	0	\$1,200,000	\$387	10/5/20
45 Latigo Circle	Single Family	4	4	2,840	Partially	\$1,300,000	\$458	0	\$1,300,000	\$458	11/5/20
1581 Winslow A	Duplex	4	4	2,544	Unfurnished	\$1,350,000	\$531	4	\$1,325,000	\$521	11/6/20
461 Winslow Road	Single Family	4	4	3,133	Unfurnished	\$1,685,000	\$538	6	\$1,575,000	\$503	10/29/20
161 Pinto Drive B	Duplex	5	6	3,569	Unfurnished	\$1,600,000	\$448	4	\$1,600,000	\$448	10/5/20
211 Hackamore Road	Single Family	5	6	4,221	Unfurnished	\$1,695,000	\$402	230	\$1,725,000	\$409	10/15/20
31 Longhorn Road	Single Family	6	5	4,208	Partially	\$2,195,000	\$522	19	\$2,100,000	\$499	10/23/20
123 Howard Drive	Single Family	4	5	3,063	Partially	\$2,375,000	\$775	15	\$2,250,000	\$735	10/16/20
33 Latigo Circle	Single Family	5	5	6,032	Unfurnished	\$2,875,000	\$477	77	\$2,600,000	\$431	10/16/20

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Craig and Ingrid Dampier enjoy a trip to Alaska with family



Dave and Linda experience a new mode of travel in Egypt



Tricia Swenson celebrating sunshine and snow in St. Anton



Sally Austen checks Mongolia off the bucket list

# Oh, the Places We Did Go!

## travel tales

While 2020 was not a year for bucket-list journeys, we had the unique opportunity to live vicariously as our Singletree adventurers shared their experiences from previous years' travels. Perhaps these destinations will inspire future plans to enjoy exotic cuisine, fascinating cultures, and refreshing perspective. And when you return, be sure to share your *Travel Tales* with the neighborhood in future editions of **INSIDE Singletree!**



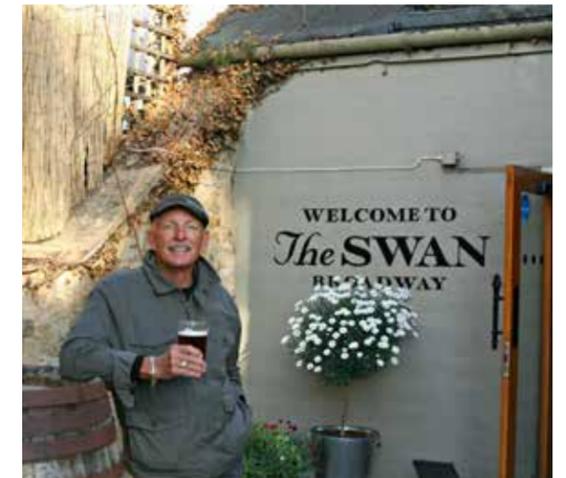
A vacation cruise becomes a quarantine experience for Buddy and Bonnie Sims



Natalia Kavanagh introduces her husband, Mike, to her native home in Russia.



Having visited 105 countries, the unexpected proves memorable for Andrea Eddy in Kurdistan



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## singletree social Singletree Residents *OUT AND ABOUT*

2020 began with great promise as Jerry and Sheila Katz kicked off the New Year by graciously hosting a welcome party for many of our new residents. Followed by Ladies' Night at the home of Stacy Knox and Joanie Schoening and a Valentine's Day celebration hosted by George and Genevieve Peirce, who knew the fun was soon to stop?

Outdoors was the place to be! Inyodo Martial Arts hosted a pop-up class for participants to learn the basics of martial arts

and release some pent-up energy. We caught another outside break with the third Annual Slide into Fall, hosted Covid-style by Craig and Ingrid Dampier. And squeezing in the last event of the year, the Raitman family hosted a lovely evening for Singletree at their art gallery in Vail. And then it went quiet again...

Stay strong, Singletree! The day will come when we can again connect with friends and neighbors to catch up, share a few laughs, and enjoy neighborhood camaraderie. We all look forward to that time...





ABOVE: Jim Knez and Lee Rimel with a load of old steps • RIGHT: A big smile from JP Power

## trails of singletree

Contributed by Jim Knez and Lee Rimel, Singletree Residents

# THANK YOU TO

## Our Singletree Volunteers and VVMTA

Late last fall, Singletree volunteers continued work maintaining our trail network, a very important community asset. The trails were especially busy this year as a welcomed outlet to escape the confinement the pandemic imposed on us. Singletree residents volunteered working with the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA.org) completing the rerouting of the Charolais Circle trailhead from a straight, uphill access to the Mesquite trail to a gentler, serpentine trail that is heavily used by hikers and mountain bikers.

The project was accomplished by a team of seven Singletree volunteers led by Jamie Malin and Casey Wyse, VVMTA leaders, also responsible for the West Avon Trails that we access from the Eastern side of Singletree. The volunteers relocated fencing, removed the stone steps, using them as retaining wall for the new trail, and built a sustainable trail tread. Lee Rimel and Jim Knez, our Singletree Trail Committee were instrumental in developing the overall plan in conjunction with VVMTA and Nina Timm. We are grateful for our community volunteers; so many of you who contribute make the many opportunities in Singletree happen. Thank you.



Ann Lauterback and Peggy Nicholls taking a break for a photo op



Lee Rimel closes down the old trail



Bill Welch and Bill Barker hard at work



The junior VVMTA crew



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