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Despite a most unusual senior year, the Class of 2021 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 their journey ahead.

Meet Tim and Diane Covello. With family already in the neighborhood, Singletree was the natural choice to land while going back and forth to Connecticut. Tim and Diane are a welcome addition to our community of Super Seconds!

Andie Bombard, the former Board Chair of the Eagle Valley Land Trust, and Christina Lautenberg, the current Board Chair, share a deep, sincere, and long-standing dedication to protecting nature. On the occasion of the EVLT celebrating its 40th year of this important work, they took time to talk with Tim Swift about the past and the future of this vital organization.

#### publisher's note

We meet Sadie, Abby Dixon's *perfect* companion, who won the puppy lottery when Abby brought her home from the Eagle Shelter. And we try to keep up with Tucker, who energetically jumps from skiing to mountain biking to soccer and camping.

Who isn't tired of cooking after so many months in the kitchen? Sally Austen lets us in on the new cooking trend which not only minimizes prep and cleanup but offers the opportunity for new combinations of flavors every night! And as we bid goodbye to our cherished Pink Vail, Gretchen Babcock offers us a look back at an event that has meant so much to this community for many years.



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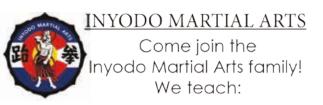
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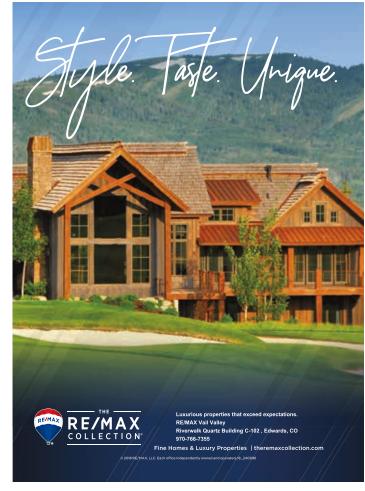
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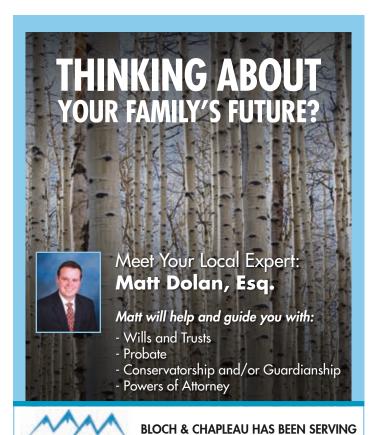
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Congratulations on Your Graduation and Best Wishes for Your Next Adventure!



The Singletree Class of 2021 is an impressive group of graduates who are accomplished and inspired. Leaving behind their high school days with lifelong friendships and unforgettable memories, here they share their achievements, aspirations for the future and departing words of advice for the Class of 2022.

#### KATE DEKANICH

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** Elizabeth and Joel; two younger brothers – Thomas and Joseph, dog (Jazz), and cat (Kramer)

#### **Most Memorable Experience:**

When we found out we were out of school for 3 weeks due to Covid-19. It was such an odd day, most of my classes were empty and no one knew what to expect. We thought we were just getting an extra spring break and everyone was pumped. Little did we know what was to come.

#### **Greatest Accomplishment:**

Running at Nike Cross Regionals in Arizona two years in a row with cross country.

#### Post-Graduation Plans: Hopefully

have a fun summer full of traveling and work and then I will attend college, probably the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Aspirations: Work hard and play hard and live life to the fullest! Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Definitely the club. I loved hanging out at the pool and working out in the gym. Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Enjoy every part of high school and living in this beautiful place. Everyone says it, but it really does go by so fast.



High School: Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** My parents are Eric and Melinda Fitzcharles. I have a twin brother named Ethan Fitzcharles and an older brother named Evan Fitzcharles. My dog is named Opal.

Most Memorable Experience: Going to an honor band class for a weekend in Aspen my freshman year with many of my friends. **Greatest Accomplishment:** Finishing on the podium of mountain bike races my junior year of high school.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I plan to enroll in the school of engineering at the University of Kansas.

**Aspirations:** I want to complete college and succeed in whatever I do afterward. Hopefully I can start my own business someday. **Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** Having the park as a

place to play basketball, soccer, and football with my friends. Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Finish high school on a positive note. Focus on schoolwork and

having fun!



#### **BECKER DIENST**

High School: Vail Mountain School

Family: Ryan (Dad), Georgi (Mom), Alex (sister), Mac (brother), Boone & Levi (dogs)

Most Memorable Experience: Winning the Basketball district championship my junior year.

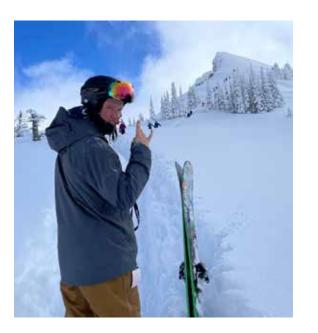
**Greatest Accomplishment:** Buying a lawn mowing business after 8th grade and running it every summer for the past 4 years

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Graduation trip with friends and then college in the fall (undecided) and major in Economics.

**Aspirations:** I aspire to work in the business world and be able to move to a small mountain town like Vail.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** How friendly so many people are and the access to all the hiking and biking trails.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Work hard and things will go your way.



#### **GRACE MORGAN**

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School **Family:** Jana, Matt, Jack, Rozzy, and Rudy

**Most Memorable High School Experience:** Going to states with my dance team, making the playoffs with my lacrosse team, and going to practice the sports I love on a daily basis.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** Being invited to work with CGA every year for the past five years, three of which I served as a student mentor. **Post-Graduation Plans:** Travel to Morocco on a service trip just after graduation and attend college in the fall to study business management and psychology.

**Aspirations:** I will become a restauranteur and work in the valley in addition to some sort of non-profit management, but most of all, I want to be happy.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** How close it is to everything and the overall atmosphere of the neighborhood.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Be open and willing to experience new things.



#### ETHAN FITZCHARLES

High School: Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** My family consists of Mel and Eric (my parents), Adam and Evan (my brothers), and Opal (our bulldog).

**Most Memorable Experience**: My most memorable high school experience is running the Battle Mountain track meet in a snowstorm.

**Greatest Accomplishment:** My greatest accomplishment is winning some of the VRD Mountains Bike races this summer.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I plan to attend the University of Kansas and study mechanical engineering.

**Aspirations**: During my four years at college, I would love to study abroad. My other future plans include working as an engineer and living in the mountains.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** My favorite part about living in Singletree is the scenery and proximity to the rest of the valley.

**Words of Advice for the Class of 2022:** My advice for the class of 2022 is to enjoy senior year as much as possible!



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High School: The Greenwood School

Family: Matt, Jana, Grace, Rudy (Pet) and Rozzy (Pet)

Most Memorable High School Experience: One of my favorite

parts of high school is being part of the Battle Mountain Future Business Leaders of America. In FBLA we went to fun places like New Orleans and Chicago for National conventions and I even presented at the state competition in Denver.

Greatest Accomplishment: My go-kart.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** I'm going to go to Texas and visit a few buddies down there for a few days, then hopefully I will be going to Michigan.

**Aspirations:** I want to go on a road trip with a few friends; I'm unsure of where though.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** The atmosphere and distance to everything.



## GRETA GREMS

**High School:** Vail Christian High School **Family:** Rob, Kristi and Oliver

Most Memorable Experience: My most memorable experience is riding the soccer bus with my teammates and friends!

Greatest accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment is being an executive board member for Mountain Youth.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** To study biochemistry on the premed track at either the University of Wisconsin – Madison, Penn State or University of Miami.

**Aspirations:** I aspire to go to med school to become a physician. **Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** My favorite part about living in Singletree is the community and the close proximity to school, the mountain, and so much more!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Always look for the good in things because there is always some sort of good!

#### **LUCAS KLUENDER**

My name is Lucas Kluender. I am a senior at Battle Mountain High School. My family includes my mom Joanna, my dad Timm, my little sister Sophia, and our dog Quill. My most memorable moment while in high school was traveling to Minnesota in the summer with my friends through the Young Life camp. Following that I think my greatest accomplishment is getting into my first pick for college, Denver University (DU). After graduating high school, I have plans to continue my studies at DU and travel to new areas with new people. Living in Singletree has a lot of perks, my favorite of which being the very central location within the valley that allows me to do various activities with little travel time. Advice for the Class of 2022 is to not sleep on what you want to do or accomplish while in high school, because it will be over before you know it.





#### **ALDEN PENNINGTON**

**High School**: Battle Mountain High School **Family**: My parents are Pam and Dan, my two sisters are Crosby and Nell, and my dogs are Juniper and Tulip.

Most Memorable Experience: Being on the track team when we got 2nd at state.

**Greatest accomplishment:** Winning League for basketball my sophomore year.

**Post-Graduation Plans:** Next year I will be attending the University of Kansas.

**Aspirations:** I hope to be able to get a degree in Pediatric Occupational Therapy.

**Favorite Part of Living in Singletree:** I have loved being so close to the park to play basketball and spend more time outside.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Get involved and take everything in because it goes fast.

#### **STUART HOWARD**

**High School:** Battle Mountain High School

**Family:** My mom and dad are Beth and Rich Howard, I do not have any siblings, and we have a one-year-old Welsh Terrier named Riva.

**Most Memorable Experience:** It is hard to point to one thing specific, but I have really enjoyed my time at Battle Mountain. I have made lasting friendships and have had amazing teachers that have been so important in my life.

Greatest Accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment is achieving my Eagle Scout rank. I have been involved in the Scouting program since I was in Kindergarten, so that rank represents years of hard work and dedication.

Post-Graduation Plans: After graduation, I plan to go to a four-year college. However, at the time I am writing this, I have not heard any decisions from the

colleges to which I have applied. **Aspirations:** I do not have any concrete plans or ideas on where I want my life to take me, but I do have a blanket concept of success. I would like to be

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: I love playing basketball with my

financially stable and live a life that is exciting and meaningful so that when I

friends on the court by the Community Center. It is a great recreational area to have fun.

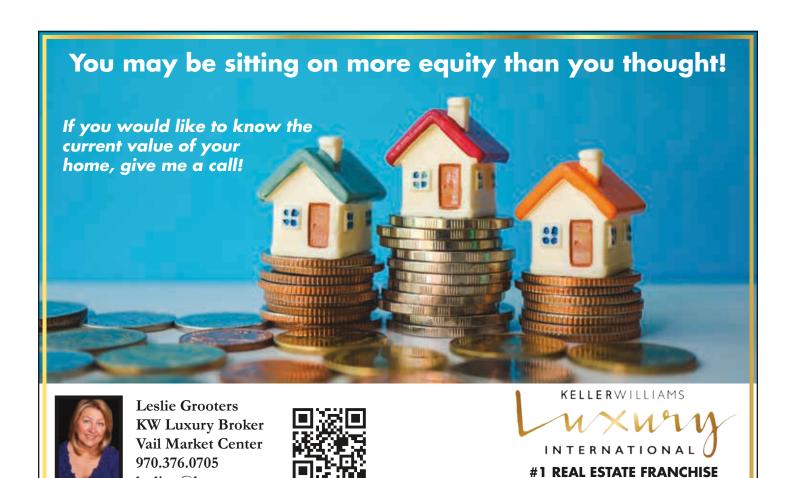
am lying on my deathbed, I have no regrets.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: I know it may seem like high school is hard and you are ready to move on, but you will only be in high school once in your entire life. Your senior year especially will fly by. It feels like yesterday was the beginning of the school year, but now my class is almost graduating! So enjoy the time you have with your friends and your family so that when you get older, you can look back on your high school memories with great fondness.



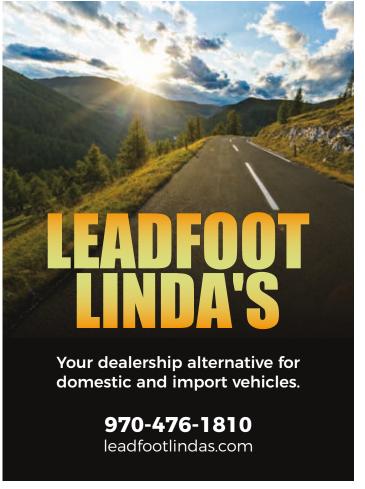


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# Meet the COVEILOS: Tim, Diane, Matt & Ally

## **super** seconds

Contributed by **Tim and Diane Covello,**Singletree Residents

We are so pleased to have the opportunity to tell you a little bit about ourselves and how we came to call Singletree our second home. We are Tim and Diane Covello from West Hartford, Connecticut. We met in law school at Duke, and Tim somehow convinced Diane to marry him and settle in West Hartford, where Tim grew up.

We have two children, Ally and Matt. Ally will be graduating from NYU Medical School this spring and starting a 3-year residency in internal medicine at NYU in June. Matt is currently working as a clinical research coordinator in the cardiology department at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Matt will be starting his first year at a med school, still to be determined, this fall.

After a brief career as a real estate lawyer for a large firm in Hartford, Tim left the law for a career in insurance from which he retired at the end of 2018. Tim has recently started a wine company with Ally, and Tim and Ally just launched their first product, Amarose, a Provence-style rosé made in California.

Diane is currently a professor at The University of Connecticut School of Law where she runs the Intellectual Property Law Clinic. Diane also is counsel with a boutique intellectual property law firm in Hartford.

Tim is a pilot and loves to fly his Beech Bonanza around New England and the east coast. Tim's plane is based at Brainard Airport in Hartford. His typical "flying around" flight is down the Connecticut River to Long Island Sound where he can explore the beauty of the shores of Connecticut and the north

fork of Long Island. Favorite New England destinations for Tim and Diane include Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket, both of which are short flights from Hartford. Tim is a big hockey fan and still plays hockey in the winter. He recently started rooting for the Colorado Avalanche after finally getting over the 1997 departure of the Whalers from Hartford. Tim and Diane love to play golf together and do so often at home in Connecticut, down in Naples, Florida, and here in Colorado.

Our first encounter with Edwards was in 2008. After skiing New England ski areas when Ally and Matt were younger, we were making their first ski trip to Colorado, at Aspen where Tim's dad had rented a house. Driving from Denver, our clan was tired and hungry and stopped at Edward's Station for a break at Wendy's. Little did we know that eight years later we would be purchasing a home, just up the road.

Diane's brother and his wife moved with their 3 boys to Singletree in 2011. We were fortunate to have annual ski outings for several years starting in 2012 during which we stayed at our brother and sister-in-law's place in Singletree. We loved Singletree so much, we decided to buy a house here ourselves. Working with fellow Singletree resident, John Tyler, we found our beautiful home on Rawhide Road in 2016.

Our home has exceeded our expectations in every way. It has been so fun seeing our brother and



Ally enjoying a hike

sister-in-law more often and watching their boys grow. We have incredible neighbors who have warmly welcomed us, and we love every aspect of life in the Vail Valley. The disruption of the pandemic has caused us to use our house more, allowing Ally to spend two months here last fall studying for her medical boards and allowing us to spend two months here this past winter while Diane was teaching remotely.



Ally and Dad enjoying their new rosé

We anticipate being back and forth between Colorado and Connecticut for the foresee-able future, as Diane continues her teaching in Connecticut and given the proximity of our children to our home there. Our plan is to make our home here a bigger part of our life after Diane winds down and our children are more settled. We look forward to meeting more neighbors and sharing in this incredible place!



Mike at a familiar place in Vail for skiers

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And when did you join the business? My name is Mike Mahin and I have been a 50% owner since 2016.

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roofing is very spe-

What are your greatest challenges in the **business?** The greatest challenge is to overcome the stigma that "all contractors are bad or there to rip you off."

Mike Mahin (L) and Chase

Johnson: Owners of Johnson Roofing & Restoration



ifying part of your business? Building relationships and helping people.

Please tell us a little about yourself outside the business world. I love traveling, going to Colorado sporting events, concerts, snowboarding, and martial arts. I take care of my mind by reading a lot to better myself and my role in our business. I take care of my body by going to the gym regularly and kickboxing.

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| Status as<br>of 3.24.21 | Property Address      | Property Type | Beds | Baths | Square<br>Feet | Furnished   | List Price  | List Price/<br>SqFt | Days On<br>Market | Sold Price  | Sold<br>Price/SqFt | Date Sold |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------|-------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Active                  | 751 Singletree 3Q     | Condo         | 2    | 2     | 1,140          | Unfurnished | \$769,000   | \$675               | 27                |             |                    |           |
| Active                  | 21 Hackamore Road E   | Duplex        | 3    | 3     | 2,387          | Unfurnished | \$999,500   | \$419               | 68                |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 931 Singletree Road 9 | Townhome      | 2    | 2     | 1,394          | Unfurnished | \$768,000   | \$551               | 8                 |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 510 Rawhide Road      | Duplex        | 3    | 3     | 2,367          | Unfurnished | \$1,100,000 | \$465               | 5                 |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 40 Rawhide Road E     | Duplex        | 5    | 5     | 3,504          | Unfurnished | \$1,225,000 | \$350               | 1                 |             | -                  |           |
| Under Contract          | 380 Mission Place     | Townhome      | 3    | 4     | 2,640          | Unfurnished | \$1,275,000 | \$483               | 0                 |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 641 Singletree Road   | Single Family | 6    | 6     | 4,477          | Unfurnished | \$2,127,000 | \$475               | 8                 |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 491 Charolais Circle  | Single Family | 5    | 7     | 5,422          | Unfurnished | \$2,200,000 | \$406               | 818               |             |                    |           |
| Under Contract          | 261 Foal Circle       | Single Family | 5    | 8     | 7,434          | Unfurnished | \$4,725,000 | \$636               | 164               |             |                    |           |
| Closed                  | 1111 June Creek Road  | Duplex        | 4    | 4     | 2,200          | Unfurnished | \$1,650,000 | \$750               | 5                 | \$1,700,000 | \$773              | 3/2/1921  |
| Closed                  | 61 Chaparral Road     | Single Family | 4    | 4     | 3,071          | Unfurnished | \$1,750,000 | \$570               | 16                | \$1,525,000 | \$497              | 3/18/1921 |

<sup>\*</sup>Properties Under Contract and Sold February 17 - March 23, 2021.

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#### Sadie and Abby's Special Connection

very few months, I would call down to the Eagle shelter and say, "Do you have any small dogs?" And they would always say no. So last February, I called and said, "I know you never have any small dogs, but—." And before I could complete my sentence, the woman said, "Oh! We just got a dog back!" Well, the last thing you want to hear is the word 'back'. If someone brought a dog 'back', I thought, am I going to want this dog that is 'back' at the shelter?

"Oh really?" I said. "How small is she?"

And she said, "Well, she is about 7 pounds."

"Well, okay, what kind of a dog is she?"

She replied, "We think she's part poodle."

We continued to talk a bit, and since I could never find small dogs, I told her I was going to ski the next day and that I would come to see the dog at 2:00. As I was hanging up the phone, the woman said, "I will text you a couple of pictures," and I immediately got a text with these three pictures.



I looked at these three pictures and thought, "Oh... I don't think so. I really don't think so."



After Becca, who was such a fluffy little whatever... I am not super picky, but that thing looked a little like a large rat. But I have never said I would do something and then not done it. So I skied and went down there. I sat on a chair waiting and they brought out a scrawny little thing on a blanket and put her on my lap.



And there I am, petting her, and I don't know how long I was there before my brain finally said, "How much longer do you think you need

to stay here before you tell them this is not the dog for you?"

The other side of my brain said, "Give it 5 more minutes."

So she's on my lap, this 7 pounds of whatever, when I looked down and she looked me right in the eye.

You know, it's dogs' eyes. It's people's eyes. It's anyone's eyes. And that was it. It was eyeball to eyeball, and I thought, "Oh my God, I am going to be taking this dog home." We had just connected.

So I brought her home, and for the past year, I have said, "I swear she knew she was brought back and she made a determination that she was going to be as near perfect as possible so that I would not have an excuse to take her back." And she has been nearly perfect!

I take her downstairs and she pees and poops almost on command. I take her out 4 or 5 times every day. And if I am going to leave for a couple of hours, we will go upstairs and I will say, "Let's go to your crate!" and she's in her crate before I get there! Someone had clearly trained her because when I took her for her first walk, she walked right next to my left heel and has done so since Day One. If I take her off the leash on the golf course and she starts to run off, I say, "Sadie! With me!" And she comes right back!

Two weeks ago, I watched CBS Sunday Morning, and it was about rescue dogs. There was a story about a German Shephard, coincidentally also named Sadie, whose owner fainted, and he managed to grab his Sadie by the collar and she dragged him to his cell phone on the counter so he could call for help. He had saved her, but she had saved him as well!

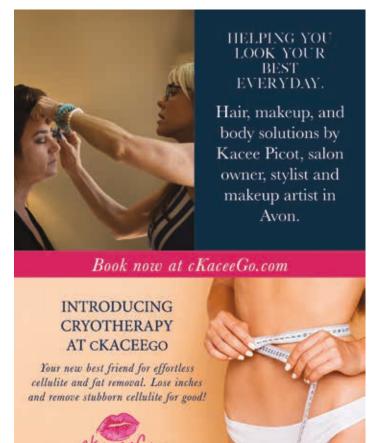
They say that many rescue dogs, if not most, have a tendency to be even more devoted to their owners. They have been left by someone they loved, or left on the streets, and they don't want that to happen again. In the shortest period of time, my Sadie has decided to be the perfect dog. And she agrees with everything I say!

She is an unusual-looking dog, but she has definitely grown into her cuteness. She is so cute, that when we go to bed she will get on the bed and snuggle for a certain amount of time. I get into bed with my bathrobe on, and when it is time to go to sleep, I put my bathrobe on the floor and she has taken to sleeping on the bathrobe. In the morning, she will still be sleeping on my bathrobe and she will not do a thing until I get out of bed. She doesn't make a sound before she knows I am awake.

She is so perfect. And it's because she thinks to herself, "I have to be perfect because I don't want her to take me back." And there is no reason I would!



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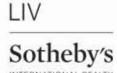






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Andie Bombard (L) and Christina Lautenberg

## Preserving the Good Life

## Andie and Christina Share Their Passion and Dedication to Protecting Nature

Andie Bombard, the former Board Chair of the Eagle Valley Land Trust, and Christina Lautenberg, the current Board Chair, share more than the fact they are both Singletree residents. They share a deep, sincere, and long-standing dedication to protecting nature. That affinity led them both to the top leadership position in the Eagle Valley Land Trust, the nonprofit organization at the forefront of the effort to protect what may be our most valuable resource, Eagle County's magnificent open spaces. On the occasion of the EVLT celebrating its 40th year of this important work, they both took some time to talk about the past and the future of this vital organization.

Andie came to the Valley in 2008 with Masters and Doctorate degrees from the University of California, Berkeley in land conservation and public land grazing and immediately set about getting involved with the EVLT. She began by volunteering and ended up serving six years as the most recent board chair.

Christina is a long-time local and community activist who was elected board chair in 2020. They both build on the legacy of another Singletree resident, Dan Godec, who chaired EVLT for the six years prior to Andie. During Dan's productive leadership

Singletree was lucky to be next door to the new West Avon Preserve and Miller Ranch Open Space. "What incredible assets right outside our doors. And protected forever with conservation easements held by EVLT," says Andie.

Between them, and the dedication of the staff and volunteers that make EVLT's work possible, EVLT is at the forefront of the efforts to protect our open spaces.

For many years EVLT has been operating under the principle of "Community Conservation". In the broadest sense, that means that the organization is committed to partnering with a diversity of conservation and non-conservation-focused stakeholders in both the public and private sectors to promote conservation. It also means that the EVLT works incredibly hard to educate our community about why conservation is critical for our quality of life. One of their most important community initiatives is Future Conservationists, a program that promotes a strong sense of stewardship of the land in our valley's kids. They have also created a family-focused series of hikes conducted in Spanish called "Serie de Conexion".



Andie is presented with an award by the Board of EVLT



The Board celebrates Andie's award

In addition, also actively engages in partnerships with other local like-minded organizations. These include the Eagle River Watershed Council, Walking Mountains Science Center, and the Eagle County Open Space Department, not to mention the myriad donors and volunteers that contribute so much to the future of the EVLT. Andie is particularly proud of the EVLT-Watershed Council collaboration called the "Land and Rivers Fund" which was based on similar programs she saw in Tahoe and Crested Butte. Be sure to support our local business partners in this exciting endeavor: www.landandrivers.org.

One of the most telling examples of strong valley-wide public support for the protection of our valley's natural environment came in 2018 when over 80% of Eagle County voters cast their ballots in favor of extending the \$1.5 million levy open space property tax until 2040! EVLT worked tirelessly to promote the benefits of the tax and commends Eagle County's Open Space Department for its success.

To Christina, that fact, above all else, indicates the incredible level of commitment the Valley residents have towards protecting open space. When given the opportunity to end a tax, an overwhelming majority of our neighbors chose to do the opposite. They choose to continue a tax originally agreed to in 2002 for the next 15 years! "This fact alone reveals the excitement and passion we have for the outdoors," said Christina. And, "Never more so than this past year has the importance of having access to open space been more relevant and necessary to help us all recharge, heal, and reconnect with nature."

Historically, EVLT's main conservation tool has been the conservation easement. This tool is a voluntary contract that landowners use to either sell or donate the development rights of their property to EVLT. This contract, or easement, lasts forever and enables the landowner to retain control over his or her land while ensuring that it will be safe from development forever, even after

it sells to a new owner or is passed on to the next generation. EVLT has been using this valuable tool since its beginnings and, along with its many landowner partners, currently protects much of what we see and enjoy today in our community.

An exciting new direction for EVLT is exemplified by its efforts to protect Sweetwater Lake. In partnership with The



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Conservation Fund, the EVLT lead a campaign to raise funds to purchase the property and transfer it to the US Forest Service. Local support of the project has been so strong that it has ranked as one of the US Forest Service's top 10 funding priorities in the country, a distinction that is helping to leverage over \$8M from the federal government's Land and Water Conservation Fund for the purchase. The partners are working diligently to move forward with the transfer to the US Forest Service raising additional funds to activate the property so that it is ready for the public to enjoy in the near future.

The successes of the EVLT are truly legion. Through the efforts of their dedicated leaders, their many volunteers, and their community partners, they have conserved over 13,000 acres of open space in Eagle County and have protected 38 properties and over 10 miles of the Eagle River corridor ... forever. 60% of this land is open to the public for recreation giving us all security in the



West Avon Preserve Open Space; Photo courtesy of Todd Winslow Pierce





The award: a 3D topo map of Eagle County with all the acres conserved by EVLT

knowledge that we will forever be able to enjoy the 35 miles of public hiking trails on these properties. Andie is especially grateful for the three spectacular multi-generational working ranch families who partnered with EVLT to protect their ranches forever.

Andie and Christina are

both eagerly looking forward to the future work of the Eagle Valley Land Trust. They are currently in the throes of developing a new strategic plan that will take them well into the future. The goal of the strategic plan is to ensure that the EVLT will continue to conserve the lands we all love, as they have done for 40 years, forever. They would love for you to join them.



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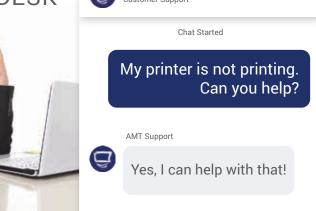
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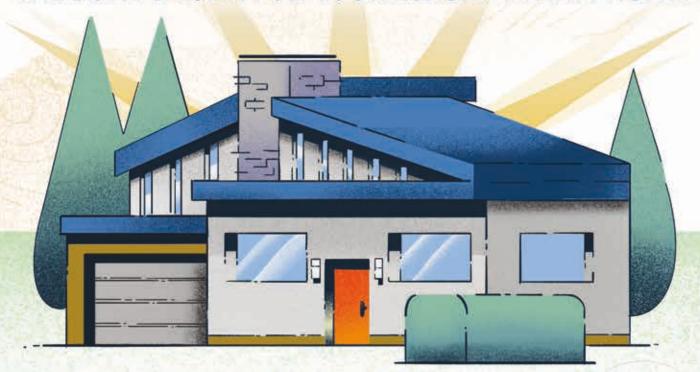


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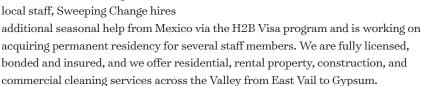
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Sweeping Change has been proactive in training our staff in protocols and standards in the face of the pandemic. Sweeping Change participated and was certified in the 2020 CIRI Science Symposium on COVID-19 and pandemic preparedness. This information was presented by the Cleaning Industry Research Institute. Topics included risk assessment, effective disinfection, effective training strategies for our frontline workers and preparation for the future. While certainly none of us have all the answers, we are staying on top of information as rapidly as it is coming out to keep our clients and our staff safe in these challenging times.

Sweeping Change also participated in a week-long webinar specifically designed for the cleaning and restoration industry. This virtual seminar provided by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council focused on responding to and recovering from biohazards in the workplace. Frontline cleaning workers are essential first responders to the coronavirus and other infectious agents and it is our goal to ensure they are professionally trained and apply industry best practices to protect themselves, each of you, and the facilities we serve. We are proud of the role we have played in ensuring the safety and health of Valley residents and visitors this past year.

I am grateful to my family who has been so supportive through this journey. My kids and parents have been part of the process since day one when needed. My parents have helped with cleaning and transportation as have my son and daughter. My son has assisted in cleaning the amphitheater with

me on many occasions, and everyone in the family has helped me with laundry or running supplies to teams or the little crazy needs that arise in this demanding environment. What started as a small adventure has turned into over 650 clients and a business I am extremely proud of. My kids have learned invaluable lessons being part of this journey. I am grateful to my staff of 35 and my clients who continue to support us and my family. That is the best I could ask for!

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## **GETTING TO KNOW ALL ABOUT** tucker larson

In this issue, we meet Tucker Larson. Tucker's family includes his sister, Madison, mother, Alvssa, and father, Burke, as well as TJ, the golden retriever puppy and Sophie, the 14-year-old cat. Tucker is 6 years old and attends Stone Creek School.

What grade are you in? 1st grade.

What's your favorite thing about 1st grade? Math.

What do you like to do when you are not in school? Skiing and biking. I just do mountain biking mostly.

Where do you go mountain biking? Fruita.

Do you go with your family? Yes.

Where else do you go as a family? Camping.

Where do you go camping? All over Colorado.

#### What do you like to do when you go camping? Play.

In the dirt. We have army shovels and dig in the dirt. One time at camping, we were rock climbing up this steep hill with just our hands and feet.

Was it scary? A little bit because it was really steep and all the rocks slided, but we got to the top.

What else do you like to do in the summer? Go to the lake. In Idaho. We play and we have a board, so I run and

#### What else is fun to do at the lake? We

jump off it and I dive.

like to throw rocks at the water. We skip the rocks over the waves and everything. And I like to jet ski. I can drive it and turn it, and Daddy does the pedals and everything.

What are your favorite games or toys? Legos.

What's the best thing you have ever **built?** A house. Maybe like that big [12" off the table]. And my car collection. Of Legos.

How many cars have you made? I have no clue. Maybe 5? 10?

If you could be an animal in the jungle, what would you be? I'd be a dog.

What would be the best thing about being a dog? Being with a person.

What is your favorite thing to do with TJ? He chases balls and sticks. We wrestle and race.

What is your favorite animal in the **zoo?** Hmm.... The lion. Because they look cool. Cheetas are pretty fast. Even black cheetahs.

#### Who is your favorite superhero?

Flash. He is really fast and he saves people and he runs around really fast.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Ice powers. You just freeze anything you want to freeze.

How do you unfreeze them? Uh. I don't know. Just let them sit in the sun for a while.

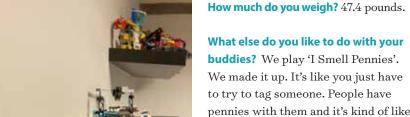
What's your favorite color? Blue. And Green. Because of the grass and the sky.

Who are your best friends? Mathias, Dylan, Zander, Stephan and Simi. I think Simi is moving back to Czech, and Stephan came from Russia.

What are your favorite things when you get together? Play soccer. We play at school. And it's so funny because a lot of people just miss it and everything. Because Freddy's team misses it a lot and Blue team misses it a lot. I am on Freddy's team with Stephan and Simi. Stephan is, like, two-heads taller than me. He is 7. He is really tall. He weighs like 55 pounds or something.







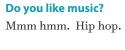
Do you have a favorite movie? Flash.

you are a robber. You just tag them,

sometimes you get the pennies from

them. Like invisible pennies.

Do you like books? I have lots of favorites. Like Pig the Pug. He's a pug!



Do you and **Madison do Hip Hop** together? Sometimes.

When is your birthday? March 17. [aka St. Tucker's Day!]

What are you going to do for it? A sledding party.

#### Do you wear green? Only a green tie.

What is coming up that you are really excited about? Mexico! Going to Mexico. We are going to Punta Mita.

Have you ever been there before? No.



What are you looking

Swimming on the beach and going on the lazy river. And boogie board. And we're going to make sandcastles.

Well, that sounds like a ton of fun, Tucker! I hope you have a great time with your family and Happy Birthday to You on March 17!





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#### what's cooking in singletree

Contributed by Sally Austen, Singletree Resident

## Confessions of a SHEET PAN ADDICT



Voila! Chicken Thighs with Spring Peas and Leeks

362 dinners and counting... planning, sourcing, shopping, preparing, serving, eating, CLEANING: rinse, repeat.

As much as I love my family, delight in presenting a healthy beautifully plated meal, and enjoy the aromas of blended spices, cooking steadily for 3 men for the last year almost undid me. Enter the previously underrated sheet pan! Before you laugh, if you already rely on this ubiquitous and unassuming implement, then you are privately cheering for its newly spotlighted fame. If not, you are going to love the introduction.

#### **SHEET PAN COOKING 101**

The star: A rimmed baking sheet (approx. 12 x 18), usually less than \$10, is your best friend, EVER. It holds enough ingredients for a substantial dinner for 4, can with stand heat up to  $450\,$ degrees with aplomb, fits in most dishwashers, and only needs a little olive oil to keep your meal from sticking (spray organic oil, PAM, aluminum foil, or a Silpat baking mat work too). If you mistreat it, it recycles as a drip pan, a starter for spring seeds, dog food mat, boot valet, etc.

The best-kept secret: The entire meal can be created, seasoned, and cooked, with little or no intervention, in a conventional oven in 15 - 45 minutes. That means meat, veggies, potatoes, dinner with all the fixings, is on one platter delightfully gurgling while you enjoy that 1st glass of wine.

The 2nd best-kept secret: You can cook anything, and the recipe really doesn't matter. Improvise. Substitute. Clear the leftovers. Sheet pan dinners are a testament to relaxed food prep and insane creativity. Chicken, sausage, brats, salmon, pork chops, tofu, broccoli, asparagus, potatoes, zucchini are all a breeze. Pasta takes another pot for boiling, but all the goodies, fresh sauce from scratch in 10 minutes, is just too much to resist.

Why bother? Well, I got tired of the usual food rotation. The line for takeout was too long. My boys like leftovers. It's fun to play with good food (so long as clean up is 1 pan). I can whip up dinner for my family or even dinner guests in less than 30 minutes and be proud of the result. Everything looks colorful and fresh. Final tip: If you line the sheet pan with aluminum foil, you can wrap up leftovers instantly.

Saluting my favorites:

#### **CHICKEN THIGHS WITH SPRING PEAS AND LEEKS**

- · 4-6 bone-in skin-on chicken thighs (depending on size)
- Package frozen peas
- Leek, white part cut in 1/4" rounds
- Salt, pepper, poultry seasoning as desired (thyme, rosemary, etc)
- · Olive oil
- Sweet vermouth

Season thighs on both sides with your favorite spices and



Chicken Thighs in Progress

set aside. Scatter frozen peas on baking sheet in single layer. Immediately, nestle thighs on top, intersperse leeks, drizzle with olive oil to taste. Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup vermouth. Bake  $350^{\circ}$  for 20 minutes. Check. Cook until done, approximately 15 minutes more. If you want it crispier, add a tiny pat of butter to each piece of chicken & put under broiler 2-3 minutes. Note: The frozen peas keep the meal moist. The vermouth caramelizes peas.

#### **CARNIVORE FANTASIES**

This is a great recipe for cold days and a hungry family. It takes 5-10 minutes prep and 10-12 minutes to cook and reheats well.



Carnivore Fantasies

- Pint of cherry tomatoes
- Any combination of sausages/brats you have on hand. I like 1 spicy Italian style and another milder. Last night we had portobello mushroom & swiss cheese smoked chicken
- Any combination of peppers, veggies you choose
- · Seasonings of choice: salt, pepper, olive oil, garlic, cumin, hot pepper flakes and/or smoked paprika
- Pasta of your choice. I prefer bowtie or small tubes.
- · Cheese of your choice. I like either parmesan or feta.

Put pasta water on to boil and follow package instructions. Spray sheet pan with olive oil. On pan or in bowl, mix pint of cherry tomatoes (cut in half if you have time) with salt, pepper, your choice of spices and 2T olive oil, spread in single layer on sheet pan. Sausages can be whole or bite-size. (I usually cut 4 sausages in bite-size circles and cut 2 - 4 more of the alternate flavor in half, then score without cutting through.) Nestle these and chopped bite-size handfuls of any peppers or vegetables you like among tomatoes. If you forgot spices, you can sprinkle some here. Place under the broiler about 10 minutes. Turn the sausages once so they brown on both sides. Serve over pasta with all the pan juices and scatter parmesan or feta on top.

#### **FETA CHEESE PASTA**

- Feta Cheese
- Cherry tomatoes
- · Salt, pepper, Italian spices, hot pepper flakes
- Olive Oil
- · Favorite pasta

Using a sheet pan or large casserole, place an 8 oz wedge of feta



Feta Cheese Pasta

cheese in the center, surrounded by a pint of cherry tomatoes tossed with salt, pepper, and olive oil. Experiment with a sprinkling of Italian spices, hot pepper flakes, and garlic for fun. Drizzle with some more olive oil. Bake at  $375^{\circ}$  for 30 minutes. Stir until creamy. Add in your favorite pasta cooked according to package directions (reserving a little pasta water in case you need some more liquid) and stir to coat. Garnish with basil.

Intrigued? Check out the New York Times Cooking app for inspiration. Subscribing gives you a year of recipes, daily emails, good gossip for \$40. Google has lots of options. Or, call me. I'm always cooking and now, training two 24-year-old boys too.



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## retrospect

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When The Shaw Cancer center announced that this would be the

last Pink Vail event after 10 wildly successful years, I was imme-

diately reminded of how my friends and family all came together

six years ago in honor of my husband, Judd, to form our "Rebel

Yell" team. Judd and I, along with daughters Isabel, Ashley, and

Polly, were so touched by the outpouring of support and cama-

raderie. In each of the following years, in Judd's memory, our

family continued to be humbled and amazed by the spirit and

100% of Pink Vail donations and registration fees benefit all

generosity in support of valuable programs for cancer patients

patients at Shaw Cancer Center through enhancements to patient

care and patient programming. All Shaw patients, whether male





and their families.



Judd Babcock

Gretchen Babcock at the leader board or female, no matter their cancer diagnosis, have the opportunity

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