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Do you recall...? Five years ago, this magazine was first delivered to your address — be it a local PO box or an out-of-town location. With humble beginnings, *INSIDE Singletree* began as a mere 24-page magazine in black and white. With your engagement and the generous sponsorship of our partners that love doing business with you, your personal publication has grown to be more than just a magazine. It is a source for providing insight, fostering connection, and building community — for residents and business partners alike.

So this month is a time for celebration! We start by getting to know Pamela Lessing and Judith Landau. A one-sentence introduction does not do their tale justice, so I will simply encourage you to read their fascinating story of love, family, pets, travel, and world-renowned achievement.

Alice Feagan announces the debut of her latest children's book in collaboration with Nicole Magistro. We thank Fritz Bratschie, Lee Rimel, and Ernest Saeger for their dedication and hard work

in building and maintaining the network of trails throughout the Vail Valley that provide us our world class hiking and biking. And we share a fond look back with Peter and Riva Mitchell as they were the first pets to grace the cover of *INSIDE Singletree*. Over the past five years, they have grown to enjoy quite the two dogs' life! This and more in this issue!

Words cannot express my gratitude for your support and for welcoming *INSIDE Singletree* into your homes. I thank you for being an essential part of the success of *your* neighborhood magazine and I look forward to another thriving five years...and beyond.



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INSIDE Singletree is all about getting to know our neighbors! It's June! Summer is here and it's a perfect time to celebrate the new season and to share your story in *your* neighborhood magazine. Your personal publication is not possible without

your participation. Contribute your story or nominate a friend or neighbor to be featured in an upcoming issue. Who do you know? What do you know? Families. Kids. Pets. Travels. Volunteers. The possibilities are endless. Please email holly.proctor@n2pub.com to be part of *INSIDE Singletree*!



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what's happening inside singletree

The Last Hurrah for Pink Vail

Contributed by **Terry Mutter**, Singletree Resident

On March 27, the ladies of Singletree gathered in the neighborhood to celebrate the final day of Pink Vail. For the past 10 years, this annual event, the world's biggest ski day to conquer cancer, has provided locals, cancer survivors, staff, and visitors from around the world the opportunity to raise funds for Vail Health

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singletree obituary

we say goodbye to **Thelma Rubenstein**

Singletree has lost a wonderful woman and a good friend with the recent passing of Thelma Rubenstein on April 13. Thelma was born in Brooklyn, NY in 1924 and made her way to Singletree in 1997 where she and her husband Herb put down roots and became a vital part of our community. Herb preceded her in death in 2018.

Thelma was profiled in the September 2020 issue of this publication telling her unique story in her own words. Thelma was a journalist, a teacher, an accomplished tennis player and golfer, and the mother of two children, Andrea and Jan, five grandchildren, Derek, Aaron, Sarah, and Sam, and two great-grandchildren, Mason and Fiona. She was thoroughly delightful, fun-loving, vibrant, and dynamic in a way that belied her 96 years. Truly one of the characters that make our neighborhood so special. She will be sorely missed.



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Summer means patio season in the Vail Valley, and Zino Ristorante is excited to welcome new and familiar guests.

Zino's history in Edwards runs deep as it originally opened in the 1990s as the town's first upscale dining option. The restaurant took a seven-year reprieve before returning in 2010, at the helm of Vail restaurant pioneer Kevin Clair, of Sweet Basil and Mountain Standard, and Giuseppe Bosco, whose restaurant life began in a dish pit in Naples, Italy. Soon after Zino opened, Chef Nick Haley, a talented young chef who had spent time cooking in Northern Italy, took over as Executive Chef and partner.

Eleven years later, Zino continues to thrive as an inviting and authentic place to dine as co-owners Clair and Haley are ensuring that the restaurant's legacy continues. With a lively atmosphere and a menu that features delicious Italian dishes that are both traditional and creative, Zino continues to evolve with their seasonal ingredients and innovative wine and cocktail lists.

"As always, we're excited for our summer season because the menu is different, people are dining both outside and inside, and customers can get back on the bocce ball court," says Haley. "We're also happy to welcome two new members to the Zino family."

General Manager Adam Salvaggio (who started as a food runner at Zino) and Dining Room Manager Aly Swansen are both long-time Vail Valley residents who bring many years of fine dining experience. While Salvaggio comes from Italian roots – both parents are from Italy – and has worked in restaurants since the age of fourteen, Swansen hails from the East Coast and spent several years working at fine dining establishments in Vail.

With a growing staff, a creative menu, and robust wine and cocktail lists, the Zino family is looking forward to a fun and fruitful summer season. Guests can look forward to the exceptional service they're accustomed to, as well as seeing exciting new choices and old favorites on the menu.



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Aly Swansen, Chef Nick Haley, & Adam Salvaggio

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Judith Landau and Pamela Lessing

When Pamela Lessing and Judith Landau meet new people, there are the usual back and forth pleasantries. Very soon after that, they are asked, “How did the two of you meet?” This is a very reasonable question, and it is of special interest to people because Pam and Judith are two women in their 70s who are married to each other. Between them, they have seven children (plus spouses), six grandchildren, and have raised a variety of pets.

The simple answer is that they met during a reception at the University of Rochester, where Pam was on the Trustees’ Council and Judith was a professor in the Medical School and Chair of the Division of Marriage and Family Therapy, which she developed into one of the top programs for family therapists in the United States.

Their individual stories start on different Continents. Judith was born in S. Africa, and following in her father’s footsteps, she started Medical School when she was 16. As a med student, she worked with Christian Barnard on the first heart transplants performed on dogs. She was later part of his team for the first heart transplants in humans, and later as a neuropsychiatrist.

While she originally wanted to be a surgeon, her interest in families and communities led her into the fields of neurology and psychiatry.

Judith was one of the founders of Family Therapy, and as such, traveled outside of Africa quite a bit. After working and consulting in the US, she was recruited by the University of Pennsylvania, and that is what brought her to the United States permanently.



Christmas with some of the family



Pam and Judith's wedding day

Pam grew up in Scarsdale, NY, and during the usual academic career, she became involved in a variety of activities. Pam started skiing when she was four years old, and with European parents, she spent a great deal of time in Europe —especially enjoying her passion for skiing. She also loved sailing, scuba diving, travel, opera, and flying. While in graduate school, she got her private pilot’s license and learned how to fly sailplanes and seaplanes. She moved to Washington, D.C., with her husband, and this is when her “crooked path” of interests and work began. Of most interest was the 10 years that she spent at the then new National Air and Space Museum giving VIP tours.

She also started collecting Chinese art seriously. Her primary collection was antique Chinese snuff bottles which were exhibited at the Denver Art Museum and then went on a national tour. Her catalog of snuff bottles became an exciting book on the metaphors and rebuses of Chinese art as told through this exquisite, tiny medium. She has also accumulated a wonderful collection of modern Chinese scrolls which cover many walls in their home.

Two years after the birth of her daughter, Beth, the family moved to Boulder, CO, and this was where her son, Paul, was born.

After Judith and Pam met at the university, they started to learn more about each other’s work and interests. They exchanged some of their books and articles. Judith came to visit in Vail which reignited her interest in skiing and kept them happily on the slopes together. Judith invited Pam to attend The International Conference on HIV/AIDS in Vancouver, BC. Judith was presenting, and it was a life-changing experience for both of them.

Pam was particularly interested in Judith’s work with addiction, her award-winning book on HIV/AIDS, as well as family and community trauma and resilience. Judith had witnessed many of these problems



Judith with sons, Scott and Sean Cross in Durban, S. Africa at an event honoring her father and his work to bring community services, including health and education services, to non-whites around S. Africa

as a child. During Apartheid and race riots, she heard the screams of people as they were burned in their houses: at the age of six, she witnessed African friends being dragged out of a car, and one of them was beaten to death by police in front of her. As a result of these experiences, she became active in the anti-apartheid movement at an early age. At 16, she hitch-hiked from Cape Town to Johannesburg to hear Mandela talk and later marched with Albert Luthuli (Nobel Laureate) and other leaders to protest the suppression of non-whites.

The trauma of the non-white population in S. Africa affected her in many ways. Judith saw how the disease of addiction and mental health problems developed because of the trauma in peoples' lives. Most of all, she recognized the importance of families and communities to overcome many problems. This multi-cultural background inspired Judith to develop several protocols that are now used around the world.

Twenty-five years ago, Judith was considering early retirement from the University of Rochester, and Pam suggested that they start a business together to disseminate her protocols. Judith's primary consideration was not only thinking about interesting opportunities and where her friends lived, but also where her three sons and two daughters might visit her the most! As Judith and Pam look back on the decision, it was no surprise that her children decided that they wanted her to move to Boulder and Vail!

Together they started a parent company called Linking Human Systems and the LINC Foundation. One of the protocols helps individuals and families overcome the challenges of addiction and mental health issues. Another works within communities and countries to help these places recover after mass trauma.

All this has taken them to six continents. But Pam will never allow



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Judith to have just a work trip! They often add side-trips to places like monasteries in Bhutan before it opened to tourist travel; bouncing over the rough roads of Madagascar to canoe around islands and have ringtail lemurs join them on board, and sailing in New Zealand. While working in Argentina, helping with the problems of "the Disappeared," they were able to visit the waterfalls of Iguazu with all its magical birds. A trip to Hudson Bay allowed them to be on Kodiak Island and as close as they dared to polar bears, Judith had to pull Pam to safety as she walked down a path to greet a brown bear with his freshly caught salmon. (The only out-of-focus photograph of the trip!)

They skied wherever possible, but they always looked forward to returning to Singletree and home. It may seem that Judith and Pam are never home, but they are always home for ski season! Their neighbors also know they are home when they see Judith and Pam walking with the grandchildren and/or the dogs and "welcome flags" are flying for visitors.

So, what brought them to Singletree and this wonderful community? While Judith and Pam had been part of the "winter" Vail community for many years, they had many friends who lived in Singletree. Sixteen years ago, their friends decided that it was ridiculous for them to live anywhere else!



Judith with Albert Luthuli (Nobel Peace Prize winner) as they prepare for a march



A handful of lemurs

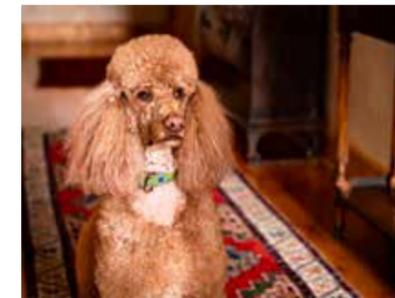
After a weekend of visiting with friends in 2004, everyone piled into cars and started helping them look for their new home. In addition, it was meaningful to live here because Judith's twins, Scott and Sean Cross, had started the Vail Film Festival that year and were attached to the Vail Valley and our friends in Singletree.

All of the children love Singletree and especially Charolais Circle with the pond across the street and the hiking trails behind the house. Beth

(Pam's oldest daughter) and her husband Matt taught their daughter to control her skis along the side of the road on Charolais. They used Patty and Ron Weinstein's snow-covered driveway as Emmaline's first ski slope. Teddy, their son, who loves sledding in our little park, will be the next to start his skiing career on Charolais. Everyone loves sledding, playing on the swings, and snowshoeing. The oldest grandchildren learned to drive and handle slippery roads by going to the parking lot of the truck stop — when it was empty of course. Many wheelies later, Allie and Jason were pros at handling Pam's little sports car.

There is so much to do here year-round. Judith loves gardening, while Pam is attracted to interesting rocks. (She says they need less water!) This is the year for a renewal of all the garden plants.

Pam is thinking of training their poodle, Danielle, in agility work. Not that Dan-Dan needs more exercise. She and her best friend, Shelby —Brendan and Melanie's border collie— chase each other around the park whenever possible.



Danielle (Dan-Dan) • Photography by Olga Barron Photography, Inc.

Finally, when asked the question, "What has been the most meaningful experience of living here in Singletree?" there is no hesitation. For the past year of COVID-19, the quarantine has meant really getting to know almost all of the neighbors on Charolais Circle. Everyone met in the park with dogs, walked along the street and introduced themselves, or stopped the car to say, "Hi, how is it going? I'm going to City Market —do you need anything?" We even had social distancing Friday Night Happy Hour at the beach and outside neighbor's homes.

What a joy to live on this circle. It makes for a cozy, safe environment to really get to know people. Judith and Pam are very happy to have such special neighbors and to be part of Singletree. What a special place in which to live.



The authors, Augustus Dragon, the main character in Pamela's children's stories, and P. Bear on safari in S. Africa - World Traveler



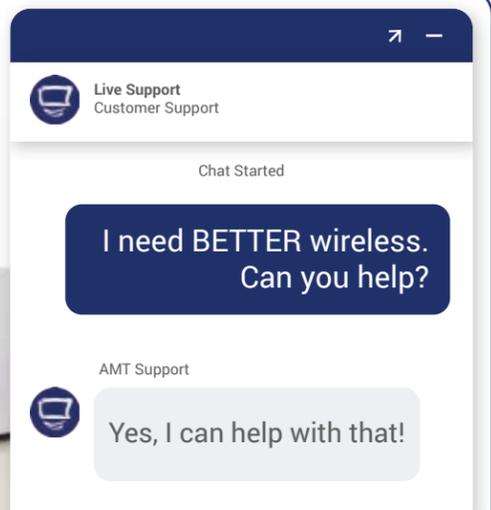
A few of Pamela's Chinese snuff bottles

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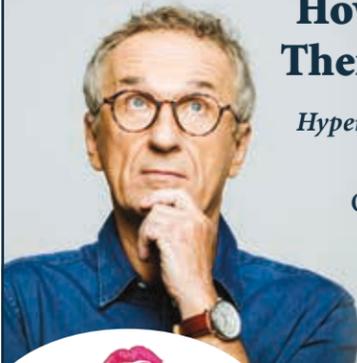
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Growing up, I was always close to my older brother. I watched him in finance and how he later moved into the mortgage business. It was my introduction to the industry. I saw that I was able to control my own destiny, dependent solely on dedication and hard work.

I moved to Colorado from Virginia and graduated from Colorado State University. I later moved to the Vail Valley in 2002 and shortly after had the good fortune to work as an assistant in the mortgage industry with a local broker.

Years later I was a producing loan officer at a large retail bank and was there throughout the recession and housing bubble of 2008. As a mother of two boys, I began to appreciate the work-life balance that my profession could offer.



After eight years, I left the bank and am presently with Security National Mortgage Company. Now with 18 years of mortgage experience, I am blessed to be at the right company, at the right time, and with the right people. I have



an amazing team of professionals, and together we provide a smooth, transparent, stress-free experience for my clients.

The majority of my business is helping locals: hard-working families who are making their dreams come true. It does sound cliché, but helping people buy a home is very rewarding. They refer me to their friends and family and it connects me to my community. This last year I helped 70 families refinance their homes to save hundreds of dollars a month on their payments, and I provided purchase loans for 50 new homeowners. I'm grateful to my clients and partners for choosing to work with me and keep their businesses local. I really do custom tailor my process for each client. Some like to meet and hand me their paperwork, while other clients complete the entire process online with me.

Whether it's a first-time home buyer, a second-home owner, or investor, I love helping buyers invest in real estate in Colorado.

Both of my children are born and raised here and attend Eagle Valley High School. We are so blessed to live here and spend our weekends all over Colorado skiing, playing soccer, and camping.

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Singletree Illustrator

Alice Feagan

LAUNCHES A NEW BOOK FOR KIDS!

A Busy Mother Still Finds Time for the Creative Process

Back in 2015 when my husband, Campbell, was hired at an architecture firm in Edwards, we picked up our lives in the Bay Area and made the move to Colorado. Prior to this move, I had never set foot in the Vail Valley. Despite all of the changes —new place, new people, new home— I was no stranger to life in the mountains. Having grown up in western North Carolina, I was always outside as a child hiking in the woods, splashing in creeks, and collecting treasures to store in our treehouse. Now, after settling down in the Valley, getting married, and having two children, I find myself on new but similar adventures here with our boys, Toby and Llewyn.

The work I do as an illustrator for children’s books, magazines, products, and advertising reflects this love of all things outdoors. I work both traditionally and digitally to create cut-paper collage illustrations for local organizations like the Vail Valley Foundation and national clients like National Geographic Kids Magazine. Since much of my work focuses on animals, plants, or outdoor adventures, the beauty of this valley has become a great source of inspiration in my new work.

Since receiving my MFA in Illustration at Savannah College of Art and Design, I focused on making pictures to tell a story. However, when a children’s book editor expressed an interest in one of my illustrations, inspired by my childhood adventures, I began to write. From this, my newest picture book, *The Collectors*, emerged.

The Collectors, just released last month, is an adventurous quest about two brave and clever girls who head into the forest in search of something extraordinary to complete their collection of natural wonders. On their journey they discover the perfect thing is harder to find than first expected. While I have illustrated other books, delving into the writing process has been a challenging but inspiring new adventure.



Read Island toddler socks.

Another exciting project I’m involved with is creating the images for Read Island, the new children’s collection started by longtime local Nicole Magistro. Greeting cards, gift wrap, socks, puzzles, and masks all came from a single illustration I made for her inspired by books and reading, set against the beautiful backdrop of the Vail Valley.

And as creative projects go, we continue to collaborate —now on another picture book written by Nicole, which will be released in September.

“The theme of Read Island is that books can take you anywhere,” says Nicole. “No one can visualize that more than Alice. She has



Read Island socks, masks, and greeting cards.



Llewyn finds his book.



Read Island Puzzle

an amazing imagination and illustrates beautiful scenes and characters that just make you smile.”

In this new story, colorful animals, such as a studious fox and an enlightened spirit bear, gather for storytime on an imaginary island made of books. A curious girl at the center of the story must find her way across the ocean to get there.

Bringing this world and these characters to life through illustrations has been incredibly fun, and working with a network of graphic designers, veteran book editors, and industry leaders in picture book design that Nicole brought together has been enriching, for sure.

But none of the work gets done in a vacuum, of course. Toby (4) and Llewyn (18mo) keep me quite busy! Learning how to navigate

and balance motherhood and a creative career has been tricky at times, but the boys inspire my work and remind me daily what it’s like to experience the natural world for the first time. When I’m not in the studio you can find Cam, the boys, and me hiking trails in Singletree in search of new treasures to add to our ever-growing collection of natural wonders.

The Collectors and the Read Island products are available locally at The Bookworm of Edwards. I’ll be hosting storytimes and nature walks at Walking Mountains on Tuesday, June 29th and Saturday, July 3rd. Watch for more details about these events at www.walkingmountains.org. To learn more about my work and collaboration with Nicole, please visit www.alicefeagan.com and www.myreadisland.com.



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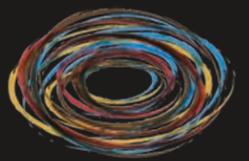
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high schools with the DAR Good Citizen awards, making face masks to send to active duty military and PPE items to local hospitals, sending homemade “teddy bears” to several Navy ships, handing out flags and red poppy pins at Veterans Day ceremonies, hundreds of holiday cards to the USS Abraham Lincoln, hosting a fireside chat with 10th Mountain Division veteran Sandy Treat to honor him for his service, donating baby gifts to support a baby shower for veterans, collecting socks, hats and gloves for homeless veterans.

To date, one of the chapter’s proudest events was the support of the national program Wreaths Across America. This is a separate organization that many years ago started a project to lay Christmas wreaths on the graves of veterans from all branches and wars. The national organization of DAR became a sponsor of this program and encouraged chapters to become sponsors of cemeteries across the country. The 10th Mountain chapter supported three cemeteries in the valley, laying over 250 wreaths in December 2020.

The chapter has grown almost completely by word of mouth to around 50 members, 4 members currently living in Singletree. Heidi Heltzel and Linda Van Vleck Hryckowian were both Charter members of the 10th Mountain Chapter as well as having ancestors that share their maiden names. Linda originally joined another chapter being a DAR member since October 7, 1982. Heidi shares her reasons for joining DAR: “My great aunt

inspired me to join the DAR. She had been a member for more than 75 years and was a wonderful family historian who provided great encouragement. I am proud to carry the surname of my patriotic ancestor, Nicholas Heltzel. His first name has been passed down over the generations within my family. I was thrilled to learn that a DAR chapter was starting right here in the Vail Valley and jumped at the chance to finally join.”

Sunny Hahn joined DAR in 2013 and transferred her membership to the 10th Mountain Chapter. Susan Kaemmerlen is one of the newer members. As Susan states, “I had been aware of DAR for about 50 years before joining but didn’t know where or how to join. My mother indicated that I had ancestors who fought in the Revolution and, after seeing an ad in the Vail Daily, reached out to the chapter.

After two years working on research to find proof of relationships, I became Member #1010930. My happiest memory since joining was being part of a group who placed wreaths on graves at the Minturn Cemetery. I feel proud to be able to express my love of our country and support this wonderful group.”



DAR’s missions of historic preservation and education starts right from the application process. Because you are required to show your family lineage back to a Revolutionary ancestor, this is the beginning of documenting your family history. It could be that you only find a name and date of service, but there are other times you learn how

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DAR is a service organization of women who have ancestors that served or supported the American Revolution. Each member completes an application that proves direct lineage from herself to her ancestor. When the application is approved that member becomes part of a national organization that was founded in 1890 by four amazing women. Their desire was that the organization support three areas of importance to them: historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

On November 11, 2017, the Vail Valley was proud to begin a new chapter of the DAR, the 10th Mountain Chapter. Thirty

organizing members were sworn in and the 46th chapter in the state of Colorado was started. The members chose the name, 10th Mountain and were so pleased when the national organization approved it. The name and start date were chosen to honor those veterans that served in the 10th Mountain Division during WWII and the chapter started on Veteran’s Day, showing the members’ commitment to honoring our veterans and founders of Vail.

The 10th Mountain Chapter has organized or supported a number of things: from sending 300 pocket flags to Navy sailors, care packages at Christmas to active duty military, presenting flag display boxes and flags flown over the US Capitol to Army ROTC cadets from the Golden Buffalo Battalion when they commission, presenting Valentine treats to first responders, marching in the Vail America Days July 4th parade, supporting Constitution week by giving out pocket constitutions and posters in local libraries, attending Naturalization Ceremonies, honoring seniors at area



Singletree DAR members Sunny Hahn (L) and Heidi Hetzel (2nd from R) celebrate the 4th of July

... your ancestor served. Perhaps you have a female ancestor that gave a cow to the Continental Army, or a 16-year-old that joined as a fife player. Either way, it connects our current generation to historical events during the time of the American Revolution. "I believe that history is important for each generation to know how our country came to exist and continues to evolve. In essence, the DAR's missions of historic preservation, patriotism, and education are intertwined. By joining, I have developed an even greater understanding of, and appreciation for how our revolutionary soldiers set in motion this country's continuing evolution, and I feel privileged to help educate the public about its significance," Heidi commented.

If you have an interest in finding out more about our chapter, please contact our Organizing Regent, Wendy Becker at membership.10thmountaindar@gmail.com or 970-376-7512.



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HAPPY TRAILS TO You!

Contributed by **Fritz Bratschie** and **Lee Rimel**, Singletree Residents
Article Written by **Tim Swift**, Singletree Resident

The effort to create and maintain the Valley's web of recreation trails has had Singletree blood coursing through its not-for-profit veins since 2000 when the story begins. That was when the Berry Creek Metro District and the Singletree Property Owners Association made the decision to build the first two trails on our open space: the June Creek and Mesquite. Since creating them, the effort has grown under the guidance leadership of many Singletree volunteers and evolved into the committed organization it is today, the Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance (VVMTA).

The VVMTA board currently enjoys the talents of two Singletree residents, Fritz Bratschie and Lee Rimel, who serves as a Board Member Emeritus. In addition to Fritz and Lee, Ernest Sager serves as Executive Director. While Ernest is not currently a Singletree resident, he did live here from 2014-2016 and serves our community admirably and with obvious enthusiasm. Fritz and Lee also represent the generational continuity that makes Singletree so vibrant. Lee was one of the original movers and shakers who put together the VVMTA. Fritz moved to the Valley from Michigan in the late 2000's and brought his love of mountain bike racing with him. He soon got involved with VVMTA and was elected to the board in 2018. He moved into Singletree in 2019.

The VVMTA traces its roots to when Peter Berg and Chuck Powers led the Berry Creek Metro District's efforts to acquire vacant lots for open space. One of the most important of these acquisitions was the lot on June Creek Road that ultimately became the trailhead for the Avon Singletree Connector and, eventually, the West Avon Preserve. In 2005, following this breakthrough, things really started to cook. Lee Rimel and Chuck Powers led a team that secured a decision memorandum from the Forest Service in 2007 that led to the building of the Knob Hill Trail, the Singletree Connector, and the Saddleridge and Beaver Point Trails in Wildridge. VVMTA formally came into being in 2011 when it was created by Jamie Malin and received its EIN from the Feds. In April they celebrated their 10th anniversary.

One of the most endearing facets of our trail system is that they were all built by and are currently maintained by a huge cadre of volunteers. Lee and

Fritz, as well as the other pioneers and current board members, do all the work and not just sit in the boardroom. They have invested countless hours of sweat equity, pick and shovel in hand, in creating and maintaining the trails network. Primarily because of this incredible personal commitment, the VVMTA was recently awarded a \$166,000 grant from Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) to hire a six-person, full-time trail maintenance crew for the first time. GOCO's funds come from money raised by the Colorado Lottery and are earmarked for outdoor recreation projects like those proposed by VVMTA. In addition to the GOGO grant, VVMTA has received funding from the National Forest Foundation and the White River National Forest via the Great American Outdoors Act.

From the very beginning, the successes realized by VVMTA depended on a high degree of cooperation from many diverse agencies and organizations. The US Forest Service, the Federal Bureau of Land Management, the governments of Eagle County, the Town of Avon, the Singletree Property Owners Association, the Berry Creek Metro District, and Vail Resorts have all been on board with the goal of expanding and developing the trail system that we all have come to love and depend on for recreation, and they all came together again to support VVMTA and their application for the GOCO grant.

If you want to join the VVMTA efforts, there are plenty of opportunities and tasks that need doing. You can join a trail crew and help maintain the system by contacting Jim Knez, the leader of the Singletree Adopt-A-Trail program. You can reach Jim at jamesknez@hotmail.com



or give him a call, **779-475-4414**. You can put your own crew together and join the Adopt-A-Trail program. If

actual trail maintenance does not exactly light your candle, perhaps the Wildlife Trail Ambassador program will. This program needs folks to remind trail users of the spring and winter trail closures for wildlife protection as well as educating trail users about leave-no-trace principles. All of these

opportunities to help can be found on the VVMTA website: www.vvmta.org. Check them out.

Whether it be trail running, mountain biking, dog walking, cross country skiing, or snowshoeing, the work of many Singletree residents, including Lee Rimel, Fritz Bratschie, and Executive Director Ernest Sager, are all owed our sincere thanks for their efforts over the years.

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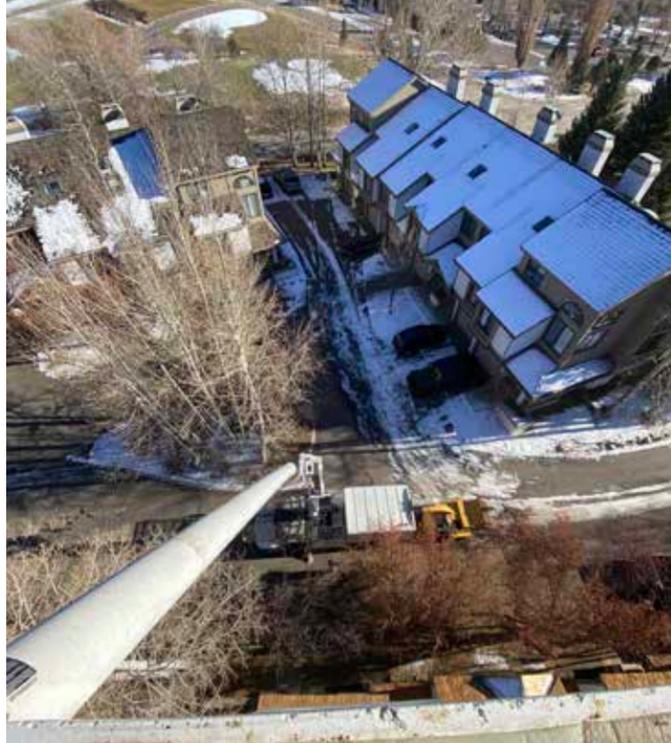
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Why I Walk...

Carri Tedstrom Joins the Fight to End Alzheimer's Disease

When I first saw my mom's "dorm room" in her memory care, I commented on how nice it was, how friendly the staff was, how beautiful the setting on a small lake in Minnesota was. Then, after I got in my car to leave, I broke down sobbing. How did it come to this? All of the above was true - it was a nice place and the staff was wonderful. But I did not want to see my mom as a memory care resident and more importantly, I know she would not have wanted to be there if she knew any better.

My mom, who was super organized and in charge of everything (including my dad), was now a different person. She had been a top-selling realtor in Rochester, MN and the president at one time or another of every organization she belonged to. She was always dressed impeccably, always put together and now she needed help going to the bathroom and brushing her teeth. I wished they would wash her hair more than the once a week dip she got by a lift into a hot tub. It was all so surreal.

Because I lived 1,000 miles away, my only brother and his wife had the responsibility to research and visit memory care facilities and make the decision to move her. Like 16 million other caregivers in the country, their lives changed drastically, too. My dad was also dealing with his own ailments and feeling guilty that he could not take care of her anymore.



I was sort of "dropped" into this new reality for my parents. I did not have a lot of legwork to do besides dealing with the long-term care insurance company that my mom had thankfully bought a policy from 10 years prior. The average cost for a private room in a nursing home is \$280 per day or \$102,200 per year, and the average

cost of a semi-private room is \$247 per day or \$90,155 per year. Without insurance, every bit of their savings would have been drained. So, in some ways, I felt very useless. I couldn't visit very often and when I did, my mom did not say much. She would just listen to my dad and I make conversation. As it progressed, she did not know who I was. My mom has since passed away. It was almost a year to the day we admitted her to the memory care facility.



Tricia Swenson and Tricia's Trekkers



Patricia Aubel joins the walk



Nancy Knowlten walks with her daughter



Linda Hill and Nancy Bellingrath and friends



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A beautiful day for the 2019 walk

It is for her that I walk to end Alzheimer's disease. This is a horrible disease that affects over 5.8 million people in the United States. According to the Alzheimer's Association, by 2050, that number is expected to rise to nearly 14 million people. With statistics like that, it is very likely that one of your own loved ones will be moving back into a "college dorm setting" with twin bed sheets and a roommate but it will be in a nursing home. I think I cried more placing my mom into a nursing home than my mom cried when she dropped me off at college! Alzheimer's disease takes our loved ones long before they are actually gone. It changes their personality so they are not even recognizable.

There are too many families that are going through these challenging circumstances and they also need the resources that the Alzheimer's Association can provide. Please consider supporting this important cause.

June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and this year, we are walking on September 25 to help fight Alzheimer's disease. The annual Walk to End Alzheimer's Vail Valley fundraising event will take place at the Brush Creek Pavilion in Eagle Ranch. After not walking together last year due to the pandemic, we are excited to gather and support each other to walk in person. Please join us!

How can you support the Vail Valley Walk to End Alzheimer's? Join a team, start your own, make a donation or volunteer!

To start your team, join a team or make a donation, please visit <http://act.alz.org/vailvalleywalk>

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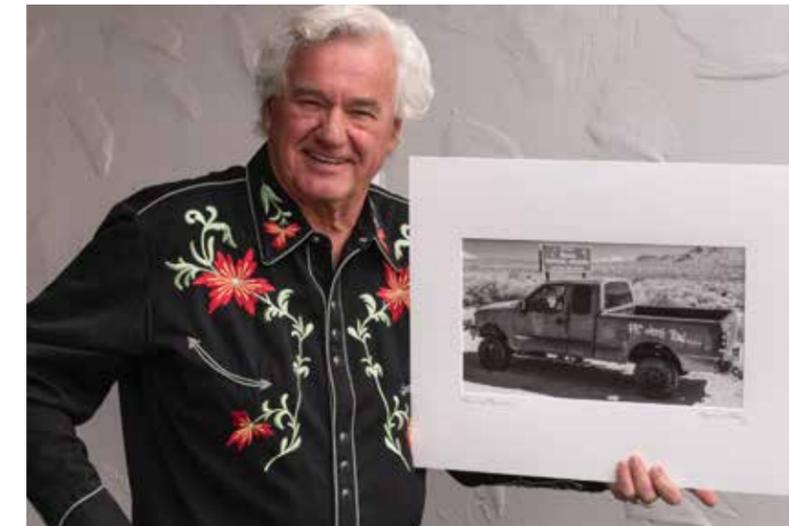
Singletree Year-to-Date Real Estate Activity

Status as of 4.18.21	Property Address	Property Type	Beds	Baths	Square Feet	Garage	List Price	List Price/SqFt	Days On Market	Sold Price	Sold Price/SqFt	Date Sold
Active	880 June Creek Road	Duplex	4	3	2,406	Yes	\$1,200,000	\$499	3	--	--	--
Active	641 Singletree Road	Single-Family	6	6	4,477	Yes	\$1,997,000	\$446	31	--	--	--
Under Contract	12 June Creek Road	Duplex	3	3	2,020	Yes	\$995,000	\$493	2	--	--	--
Under Contract	751 Singletree 3Q	Condominium	2	2	1,140	Yes	\$769,000	\$675	29	--	--	--
Under Contract	21 Hackamore Road E	Duplex	3	3	2,387	Yes	\$999,500	\$419	76	--	--	--
Closed	655 Charolais Circle	Single-Family	3	3	2,740	Yes	\$1,195,000	\$436	7	\$1,000,000	\$365	3/25/1921
Closed	380 Mission Place	Townhome	3	4	2,640	Yes	\$1,275,000	\$483	0	\$1,275,000	\$483	4/9/1921
Closed	70 Corral Road	Single-Family	3	4	4,986	Yes	\$2,750,000	\$552	191	\$2,600,000	\$521	4/15/1921
Closed	261 Foal Circle	Single-Family	5	8	7,434	Yes	\$4,725,000	\$636	164	\$3,900,000	\$525	5/15/1921

*Properties Under Contract and March 24 - April 18, 2021
**Bolded properties listed or sold by Happy Power.

Plz dont tow

Raymond Blesz Recognized at the North Colorado Regional Photographic Show



Fine art photographer and Co-founder of the Vail Valley Art Guild photographers group, Raymond A. Blesz, was selected to participate in the 2021 North Colorado Regional Photographic Show at the Lincoln Gallery in Loveland, Co during the month of April.

The Lincoln Gallery and the Thompson Valley Art League hosted a photographic exhibition from selected photographers who reside in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and Utah. Submissions were numerous in the categories of Color Nature, Color Urban, Black & White Nature, Black and White Urban, and Open.

Blesz's image was selected as part of the Black and White Urban category, which included the following characteristics: architectural exterior and interior, street photography, and photojournalistic photography. Blesz entitled his entry, "Plz dont tow," a graphic statement depicting a signature trait of the photographer.

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Checking in with RIVA AND PETER....

FIVE YEARS LATER!

Five years ago, Riva and Peter Mitchell debuted on the cover of the first issue of *INSIDE Singletree*. Fast forward, and these furry four-legged companions enjoy a rather wonderful life here in the neighborhood. We took this anniversary opportunity to check in on the last five years.

Peter, now a 13-year-old Bijon, was rescued from the Humane Society by the Mitchell family in 2010. At twelve pounds, he immediately settled into his new surroundings, and to this day, announces himself with authority in the neighborhood every morning by barking on the deck.

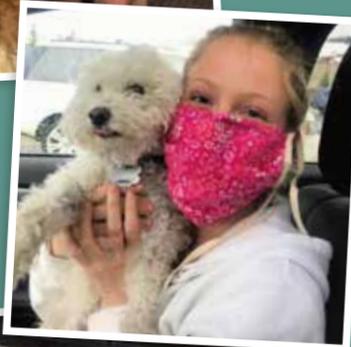
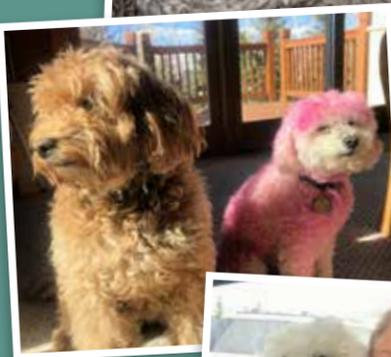
Just a puppy in 2016, Riva arrived in Singletree by the flip of a coin. Literally. The Mitchells made the mistake of going into a pet store in Denver, only to be greeted by those big brown eyes. As Jean was reticent to take on the responsibility of another dog, they agreed to flip a coin. Heads, no dog. Tails, a new dog. The rest is history, and today, the lovable mini Goldendoodle weighs in at 25 pounds and is the social creature of the pair.

Not only are they best friends and great companions for each other, Peter and Riva are amazing friends to their big sisters, Kate and Kamryn. Their days, weeks, and years are filled with daily walks as well as longer hikes; the Mesquite Trail is a favorite. Neither likes to be alone so they seek constant connection with each other or with the girls and Mom. While Jean admits she never thought she would be a fan of small dogs, she confesses to the fact that they are easier to take care of and, in fact, give her an excuse to get out and connect with other dog-Moms. Ava Swift and Bailey Slevin are among Peter and Riva's best canine buddies!

So here we are five years later! We are all happy, strong, flourishing, and looking forward to more adventure to come!



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