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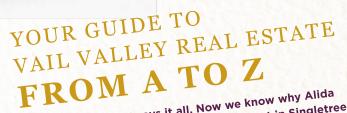
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publisher's note HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

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Having each grown-up vacationing with their families in Vail, sharing their love of the mountains was a natural connection when Fritz and Kristie met in college. After starting their life together in the Valley, the couple rescued first Hannah and then Titan, and then welcomed little Greta to their family 18 months ago. And Suzanne Kemmerer, a new resident to the neighborhood, is thrilled to have find found her beautiful house in Singletree and the friendliest community she has ever known!

Kristi and Greta Grems form a formidable mother-daughter team by dedicating their time and talent to support Mountain Youth. On behalf of the community, we thank this dynamic pair for their commitment to supporting our youth in the Valley. And when it comes to a committed team, have you seen Baci and Bisoux fishing at Freedom Park? These girls don't give up!

So much to celebrate this July! Graduation from Vail Christian High School for Tristen Mullin and Jaden Webster. Patriotic messages from Alden Pennington and Grace Morgan celebrating Independence Day. The launch of 'Vail Daily Live' with Tricia Swenson. Spelling achievements for Adaline Eguarte. Birthdays from 1 to 88! And more....

I wish you all a happy and safe Independence Day celebration with friends and family!



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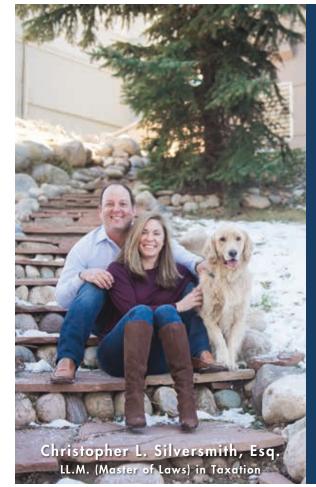


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Celebrating Singletree Birthdays... From 1 to 88!



Olivia Branson turns 1 year old!



Sandy Gaylord celebrates her 88th birthday

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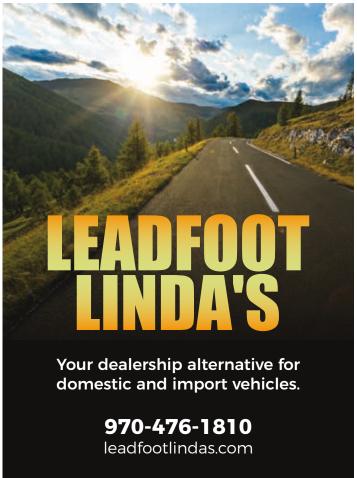




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| Pending | 131 Stetson Drive #E | Duplex | 3 | 3 | 2,322 | Unfurnished | \$1,100,000 | \$474 | 3 | | | |
| Pending | 781 June Creek Road | Duplex | 3 | 4 | 2,422 | Unfurnished | \$1,100,000 | \$454 | 0 | | | |
| Pending | 922 Winslow Road | Duplex | 3 | 4 | 2,409 | Unfurnished | \$1,100,000 | \$457 | 7 | | | |
| Pending | 880 June Creek Road | Duplex | 4 | 3 | 2,406 | Unfurnished | \$1,200,000 | \$499 | 31 | | | |
| Pending | 1581 Winslow Road B | Duplex | 3 | 4 | 2,588 | Unfurnished | \$1,475,000 | \$570 | 4 | | | |
| Pending | 641 Singletree Road | Single Family | 6 | 6 | 4,477 | Unfurnished | \$1,900,000 | \$424 | 48 | | | |
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The Bratschies moved to Singletree in March of 2019 but have built on their love of the Vail Valley since both of them can remember. They live on Hackamore Road with their two dogs, Hannah and Titan, and their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Greta.

Kristie was born in Madison, Wisconsin but grew up in Maryland outside of Washington, D.C. Her mom lived in Vail for several years, and that love of the mountains brought Kristie's family to Vail a handful of times while growing up. Her childhood was full of horses, rescued pets, travel soccer, and ski and snowboard trips.

Fritz grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and also vacationed in Vail and other parts of Colorado throughout this childhood. Fritz took to any sport he tried, including ski racing, football, and playing the occasional hooky to water-ski during lunch on the lake next to his high school.

Kristie almost returned to Wisconsin for college, where all of her extended family resides, but made a last-minute decision to attend Colorado State University. Fritz had a well-laid-out plan to be a full-time ski bum but compromised with his parents and decided to attend Colorado State University where he was just close enough to the mountains to ski, but also far enough away to ensure at least some class attendance.

The two met in their early college years at a fateful party, bonding over their love of the mountains and midwest roots. Fritz graduated with a Natural Resources Recreation Tourism and Business degree and landed an internship with Vail Resorts in December of 2008. Kristie finished up her final semester as a Journalism and Specialized Communications major, while Fritz interned in various operations departments at Vail Mountain. Kristie graduated and quickly moved up to the mountains in





May of 2009, and the two lived in West Vail for a year before moving to Eagle-Vail.

At the first available opportunity, the couple sought out their first dog, and Hannah was rescued from Colorado Animal Rescue in Glenwood Springs. Hannah loves nothing more than fetch and swimming. Titan was rescued a year later from deplorable conditions in Texas, through Summit Dog Rescue, and absolutely loves to snuggle and hang out with his family.

Over a couple of years and lots of hand-picking through recycling at Vail Mountain, Fritz worked his way into the Environmental Manager role for Beaver Creek. He has continued to grow the environmental and sustainability efforts for Vail Resorts, currently managing the company's Commitment to Zero sustainability goals for the Colorado resorts, and is leading the company's Renewable Energy development. His passion is leaving a more sustainable future for our community and the next generation.

Kristie enjoyed working in marketing and events for several years before following a calling and going back to school for nursing. She felt a strong pull to serve her community, never looked back, and has worked on the Patient Care Unit at Vail Health Hospital for several years now. She appreciates the busy days and flexibility, loves taking care of patients that are both local and visiting, and finds the science of nursing endlessly interesting.





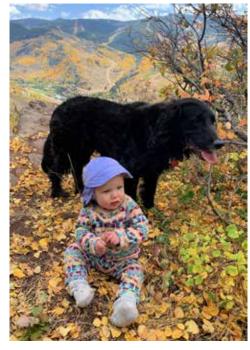




Together, Fritz and Kristie love making the most of their beautiful life in the mountains, by skiing and snowboarding in the winter, and mountain biking, boating, hiking, hunting, and camping the rest of the time. They enjoy heading to the desert in the off-season and spend lots of time at Wolford Reservoir in the summers. Throughout their relationship they have prioritized travel including road-tripping throughout the western United States, volunteering in Thailand, and traveling to Costa Rica, Belize, Mexico, the Pacific Northwest, and British Columbia. They also love going back to the Midwest and the East Coast to see family and friends.

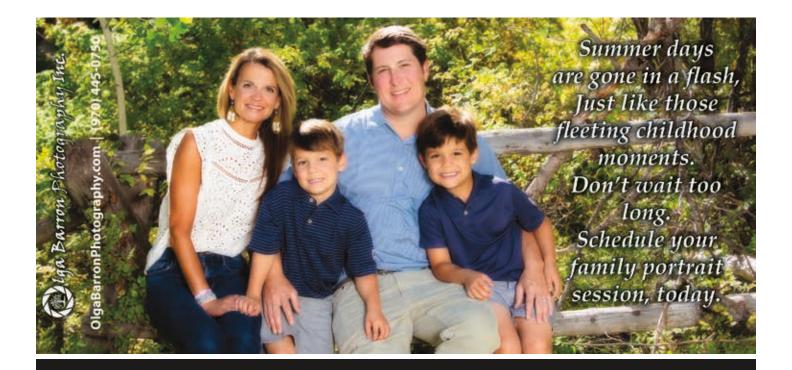
In the midst of career-building, skiing, and a fun life in the mountains, Fritz and Kristie welcomed daughter, Greta, on New Year's Day, 2020. Now a year and a half old, she is full of smiles, loves her dogs, and is always on the go. She loves hanging out with her local cousins and exploring the world around her. A favorite saying in the house is that she has no idea how lucky she is to be growing up in a place like this.

The Bratschies absolutely love living in Singletree because of the close proximity to wonderful trail systems, and the sun always shining in through their windows. They can often be found on the Mesquite Trail with the dogs and Greta in tow, so don't hesitate to say hello!











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Most Memorable High School Experience: Senior Skip/

Greatest Accomplishment: For my first 3 years of High School I felt like I really missed out, so I managed to experience all that I missed in just this past semester.

Post-Graduation Plans: Attending Cal Poly SLO -

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Aspirations: My summer aspirations are to lift weights and create more YouTube videos. As for later on, I want to have a great time in college and learn how to surf.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: People and places are always in close proximity.

Words of Advice for the Class of

2022: Do everything, go to all the school events, try everything at least once, even if it doesn't seem fun at first you might enjoy some part of it.





JADEN WEBSTER

High School: Vail Christian High School Family: JD & Kirsten Webster, Zion (brother) and Aria (sister), Josie (Bernadoodle) & Aspen (Malamute) Most Memorable Experience: My most memorable high school experience would be the hang time with my friends. Greatest Accomplishment: My greatest accomplishment this year would be graduating and getting accepted to college.

Post-Graduation Plans: Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona

Aspirations: I will be studying Computer Programing with an emphasis in Game Design. I would love to eventually design my own video game.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Easy to get places. It is close to everything. Words of Advice for the Class of 2022: Have fun and laugh a lot.





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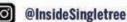


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Four-time Singletree Resident Andie Ohde is passionate about connecting lifestyle with community. She is an avid golfer, skier, cyclist and mom to the happiest special needs daughter in the county! If you are ready for an innovative approach to buying and selling real estate or have a business or non-profit that deserves some love, reach out to start a conversation!



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A majority of RMCL's managers have been with the company for over 10 years, with some over 15 years. Many of our seasonal laborers return year after year and contribute heavily to the culture Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes strives to embody. Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes prides itself on the staff that make the company so successful. From laborers to management, all employees are working towards the same goal: to provide an excellent product with superior service.

Our mission at Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes is to set the standard of excellence by providing the best in landscape construction and maintenance. We pride ourselves on our core values which allow us to exceed expectations every step of the way. Our core values are professionalism, reliability, innovation, detail, and efficiency. Our vision is to be known by all as Colorado's premier full-service landscape company.

It is our attention to detail — like carefully cleaning up after ourselves or taking the extra time to ask just the right questions and effective communication that sets us apart. Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes operates an extensive maintenance program in all our branches: with over 300 hundred properties in the Vail Valley alone. Our construction projects range from petit patios to full outdoor installations on new construction and remodels. Our employees are not the only ones with serious tenure, many of our clients have been with us from the beginning.

When Bobby is not managing the day-to-day operations of the company, he and his family enjoy skiing and spending time outdoors with their two Labradors.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you. Our project scope ranges from simple gardening to expansive outdoor environments. Rocky Mountain Custom Landscapes has the resources and skills to bring your landscape ideas to life!

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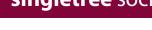




NEW TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Welcome Party

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Hillary and Abe Antine generously hosted the first

Singletree event of the season to welcome our new-

est residents to the neighborhood – including two newborns! After a long winter, a long year even, the residents of Singletree braved the May elements to socialize with friends and neighbors – new and old.

With lots of new residents in the community, we look forward to seeing these fresh faces around Singletree!





















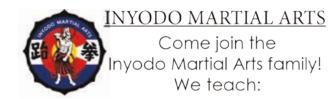








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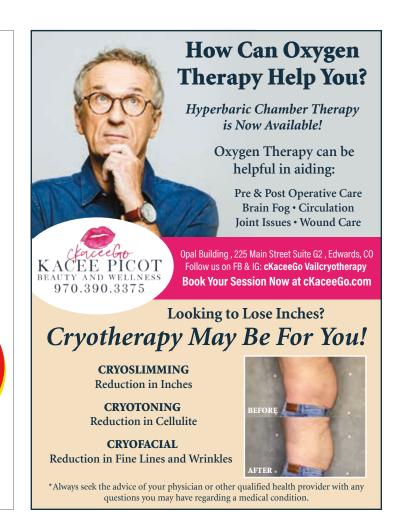


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who's making a difference

MOUNTAIN YOUTH

Contributed by **Kristi and Greta Grems**, Singletree Residents Article Written by **Tim Swift**, Singletree Resident



Mother-daughter teams from Singletree who are involved with local not-for-profits are having a moment. You may recall that we recently featured the mother-daughter team of Andie and Jade Odhie and the wonderful work they are doing with the adaptive skiing organization, Access Unbound. Well, this month we are featuring another mother-daughter duo, Kristie and Greta Grems, and their contribution to another important local not-forprofit, Mountain Youth. I recently zoomed with both of them and Michelle Stecher, the executive director of Mountain Youth, to find out about the organization and their involvement. What I discovered was another example of why our community is so special. Kristi and Greta are an example of what can be accomplished to help a large swath of our community merely by selflessly giving a bit of time and a great deal of wisdom.

In the case of Kristi and Greta, the slice of our community they are focused on is our youth, and helping them negotiate an ever-changing world fraught with



distractions, temptations, and pitfalls, all of which can make the school-age years so perilous.

What is now Mountain Youth was founded as the Eagle River Youth Coalition in 2001 by a group of concerned parents, coaches, educators, elected officials, and not-for-profit leaders determined to make every effort to keep their young charges on the rails. The founding board of directors represented all of the various sectors and agencies in the Valley that dealt with youth issues. We have been fortunate to have many different entities focusing on our youth, so the primary focus of the Coalition was to set up a comprehensive, cooperative organization that could maximize its impact using sophisticated data collection and lots of effective communication.

Kristi is a licensed professional counselor and addiction counselor who currently works at the Shaw Cancer Center helping patients and their families cope with all the challenges presented by a cancer diagnosis. She joined the board in 2013 and served two, three-year terms recently

rejoining the board in 2019. Her daughter, Greta, is a senior at Vail Christian High School, where she is a member of the soccer and volleyball teams as well as a member of the student council, the drama department, and the yearbook committee. She joined the board in 2019, and is off to the University of Wisconsin in the fall. Go Badgers!

The Mountain Youth board started inviting kids to join the board 13 years ago when they realized that

it might help their success if they actually had representatives of the age groups they were trying to help in the room when the decisions were made. It worked! There are currently six students from local schools serving on the board out of a total membership of 19, and they have the same duties and responsibilities as the adult members as well as an equal vote. The board itself is made up of representatives of the education, health, religious, business, mental health, volunteer, law enforcement, and youth services sectors of our community. In short, Mountain Youth truly has all bases covered.



Eat Chat Parent RSS

Just as the board of Mountain Youth represents every facet of Valley youth, so do they serve every facet of Valley youth (and parents) through their many programs.

But all this good work needs to start with sophisticated data collection to identify needs. Mountain Youth has accomplished this by participating in the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey for the last 12 years. In a partnership with area public and private schools, over 3700 students in grades 6-12 are surveyed about their attitudes, experiences, challenges, and successes. The



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Greta Grems (R) and Anabel Johnson



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survey is always anonymous and covers everything from drug use to academics to mental health issues and everything in between that presents a challenge to our students. In addition to measuring the challenges students face, the survey also measures their strengths in order to develop programs to support those strengths. Using the data collected allows Mountain Youth to expend its limited resources and programs where they are needed most and keeps the entire organization focused on the greatest needs. In addition, the data collected is effectively used to bring in millions of dollars annually for community partners to address identified needs.

One of Mountain Youth's most important projects is Valley's Voice. Valley's Voice is unique because, while it is a part of Mountain Youth, it has its own board comprised entirely of young people between the ages of 10 and 25, and Greta Grems, as if she didn't already have enough to do, serves on that board. Valley's Voice hosts events throughout the Valley with the express purpose of listening to the needs, concerns, and challenges that our kids face. What they glean from these events is the information needed to focus projects toward where there is the greatest need. In addition to data collection, youth leadership, and advising, Mountain Youth is a leader in family education including their signature Eat Chat Parent series, as well as safe driving and advocacy work.

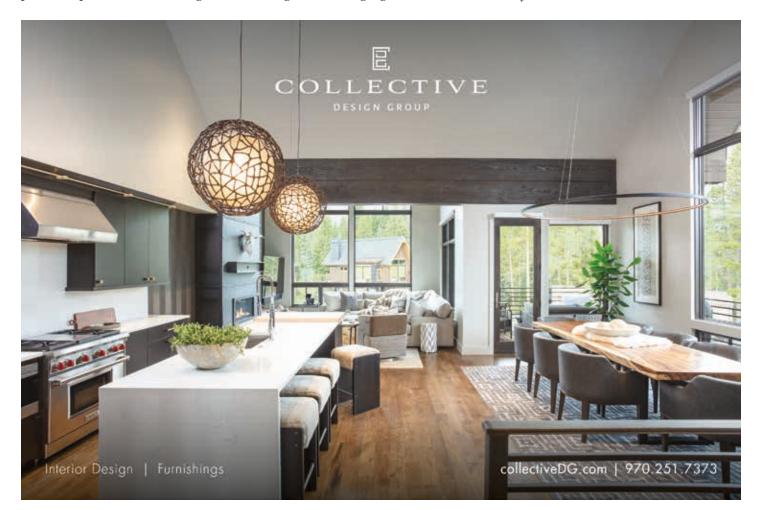
Kristi, Greta, and Michelle are a part of a unique organization. Rather than focus on one aspect of need in our community, Mountain Youth has been able to effectively bring every organization that we have serving youth —both public and private—into their big tent, facilitating their working together to



Middle School Valleys Voice

maximize resources and results. We are fortunate to have Mountain Youth working to help our kids, and Mountain Youth is fortunate to have the mother-daughter team of Kristi and Greta Grems on their board.

Give their website a look-see at www.mountainyouth.org and I'm sure you will be impressed with all that they do.





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Bisoux was born in June of 2010 at Whispering Pines Labrador in Burlington, CO. I picked her up in September and she has been the calmest yellow lab I have ever seen. My dog trainer suggested I have her trained as a service animal to help me with my CRPS (complex regional pain syndrome) so we did that. She can pick up anything I drop, including my car keys and cell phone. Until she was injured a year ago, she would travel with me to Stanford and anywhere else I needed to go. When she tore both of her ACLs last May, instead of surgery, we opted for acupuncture, laser, and swimming therapy. She has taken up fishing and it has improved her mobility immensely. She will be 11 in June and is going strong and still loves her walks and fishing time.

Baci, my chocolate lab, was born at Whispering Pines Labs as well. She was born February 20 of 2016. It has taken 5 years for Baci to settle down, and even still she sometimes has a mind of her own. She started fishing two years ago at the park: when she was standing on a rock, she saw a fish, grabbed it, threw it in the air, and swallowed it whole all in a matter of three seconds. Baci likes to chase shadows. As a pup she would chase birds, squirrels, bunnies. In the mountains, she is all over trying to hunt the voles. If you need any eradicated just ask Baci, she will take care of it for you.

Both the girls love going to Freedom Park or any trail in the valley. They love the outdoors and enjoy their daily walks regardless of the weather. If you see them they will greet you with kisses, which is what Bisoux and Baci mean in French and Italian.





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VAIL DAILY CELEBRATES LAUNCH FOR THE NEW LIVE STREAM SHOW

The Vail Valley has a morning show again! The Vail Daily launched "Vail Daily Live" on May 29. but it's not like traditional morning shows of the past. Instead of broadcasting on one television channel that airs the show only at a certain time, "Vail Daily Live" will be streamed and can be watched any time of the day.

"We're really excited to meet people where they are. Even though the show will be live from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m. every day, fans can watch it whenever they want, wherever they want," said Singletree resident Tricia Swenson, who will be one of the familiar faces hosting the show.

"Vail Daily Live" streams on vaildaily.com, vaildailylive.com, the Vail Daily's Facebook and YouTube channel as well as on a variety of apps like Roku, AppleTV, Amazon FireTV, and Twitch.tv. "Vail Daily Live" is also available on-demand and as a podcast on Spotify.

The show is aimed at locals and second homeowners as well as visitors who are here and those who plan to come to Vail. "We'll have live reports from hosts that are out in the community and from the Vail Daily newsroom. We're also here for guests coming to Vail this weekend or a few months down the road. We'll help them plan their day," Tricia explains.

In addition to Tricia, who hosted TV8's "Good Morning Vail" program for 19 years, Ken Hoeve, Ashley Prill, and Ti Diaz, who were also on-air personalities at TV8 for several years, will be on camera. There will also be



Tricia Swenson (R) interviews Olympic Gold Medalist in Slopestyle, Jamie Anderson at the Burton U.S. Open in Vail

new faces like Bratzo Horruitiner and Charli Kennedy.

"I can't wait to get the band back together. To work with familiar faces and new faces and deliver the information to the viewers in a fun and innovative way with a production team out of L.A. backing us is so exciting!" says Tricia.

Scott Sternberg, of Scott Sternberg Productions and an avid fan of the slopes of Vail for the past few decades, came up with the idea to keep a morning show going in Vail. After hearing that Vail Resorts had closed the doors on its resort television station, TV8, after nearly 30 years, he figured out a way to bring back a morning show, but with a modern twist. He reached out to Lindy Phannenstiel, who worked for TV8 throughout its



Singletree resident Tricia Swenson has hosted segments that have aired on The Weather Channel, Universal Sports, and CBS College Sports

business manager, and they decided it would be best to partner up with the Vail Daily.

can showcase your prod-

ucts, goods, or services in print, digital media, our vast selection of magazines, and on an innovative live-streamed show," Swenson said. "The marketing reach of the Vail Daily is really the power behind this new venture."

Look for reports on the weather, mountain activities, dining, shopping, events, and more, but you can also be a part of it by sending in your photos, videos, and hopping on the live chat feature that will be used during the show. Interviews will feature local athletes, entertainers, chefs, sports shops, real estate agents, and a few surprise guests. Advertisers have an opportunity to reach viewers in the Vail Valley and beyond with interviews, commercials, and sponsorships.

Scott Sternberg Productions (ssprods.com) specializes in unscripted video content coupled with digital live streaming to

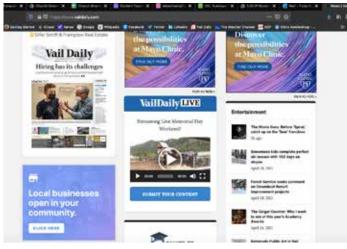
entire existence as the

"The addition of "Vail Daily Live" really positions the Vail Daily as a one-stop-shop for advertisers. Now you

reach audiences. The productions range from game shows, house flipping shows, crime drama programs, interviews with musicians, and more.

"Vail Daily Live" will air from now until October 3. It will then fire back up on Vail's Opening Day and run throughout the ski season.

"Having a show like this allows connection throughout the community. It will help visitors feel like locals and locals feel like visitors. We want to inspire people to get out there and enjoy every minute of the various offerings we have around here, no matter how long you've lived here. We want you to get out and play!" Tricia exclaims.



Announcing Vail Daily Live





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Wonder what patriotism looks like to the leaders of tomorrow? These two articulate graduating seniors, Alden Pennington and Grace Morgan, share their personal views on a concept that should unify us all as Americans.

Pretty powerful stuff. The country will be a better place in their capable and compassionate hands.



ALDEN PENNINGTON

In the film, Saving Private Ryan, set during World War II, a young man who goes by the name James Ryan, and his three brothers, Daniel, Sean, and Peter, serve at different stations during World War II. Early in the film, you find out that James Ryan's three brothers have all been killed in battle very early on, which leaves

James Ryan as the only son his mother has left. One General hears of this news and "orders Ryan found and brought home" so that his mother doesn't lose all of her children to the war.

There are Americans all over the country that know the story of Private Ryan all too well, my family included. My grandfather served as a Corporal in the Marine Corps, during World War II, he served as a tank driver stationed in Okinawa Japan. While he was away serving, his mother grew ill with terminal cancer. My grandfather's dad called generals and government leaders to try and get him home before his mother died but had no luck. His mother passed while he was gone, and did not return home until a year later. When he arrived he was informed of his mothers passing and was struck by this horrifying news. He received none of the letters or messages that his father tried to get to him. As he mourned the loss of his mother, his family and closest friends had already done their mourning, and although still sad that she was gone, had been able to move forward.

This story of my family is not one of a kind, many military families deal with death whether it be on the battlefield or at home. But those who serve our country are putting other citizens' lives and security above their own. This to me is the true definition of patriotism, sacrificing, and protecting your country's honor, even though there are hardships that come with it. I believe that those who serve our country are the epitome of patriotism, whether they are stationed overseas or not because they show true honor to our country. It is those people with unwavering bravery who make sacrifices to enlist in the military and leave their families behind that allow the rest of Americans to enjoy the freedoms that the United States has to offer.



GRACE MORGAN

Veterans in my direct family:

- ★ Benjamin Miller: first cousin, retired marine, fought in both Afghanistan and Iraq
- ★ Paul Miller: first cousin, retired marine & airforce, fought in both Afghanistan and Iraq Patriotism.

I was five years old when I started attending a summer camp in Northern Michigan. This quickly became a tradition and was something I was involved with until I was fifteen. Club began every day with the oldest campers marching the flag out to the pole and attaching it to the wires used to hoist it to the flagpole's top. The older campers were careful when unfolding the flag as it was being lifted to the sky, ensuring that it would never touch the ground. I later learned the symbolism behind each fold of the flag. The first fold is a symbol of life. The second signifies the belief in eternal life. The third is a tribute in honor of all the veterans who gave a portion of their lives to defend the United States of America and maintain peace. Little did I know that standing beneath the American flag with my hand over my heart, proud to be an American, would be my first introduction to patriotism. Since being introduced to patriotism, I look forward to and am grateful to hear the National Anthem before sports games, attend Fourth of July parades, and watch the members of each branch marching with fellow servicemen.

Several of my family members fought in the Revolutionary War, and despite it being long ago, it is a proud fact in my family. Growing up, my grandmother told me stories of knitting squares with her mother that would be made into blankets for soldiers fighting in World War II. Although her contribution was small, it deepened her pride for being an American and for being a supporter of the troops overseas. I also have two cousins who served in the military, one of whom later served in the Air Force. When I was little, they taught me what it meant to protect our country and be proud of where I am from. This has been something that has helped shape me as a person.

In my teenage years, I have been heavily involved with non-profit organizations. I volunteer weekly with the Salvation Army and have gone on service trips in three developing countries. After returning, I have more gratitude for where I live and the freedoms I am guaranteed as a result of those who have fought for my freedom. I am a representative for our country wherever I go.

A patriot is more than words. It is taking action as an American to respect our country and have an awareness of the privilege it is to serve and support our country. I believe in being a patriot, I am honored to be an American, and I support the values the original patriots built our country upon.

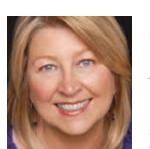


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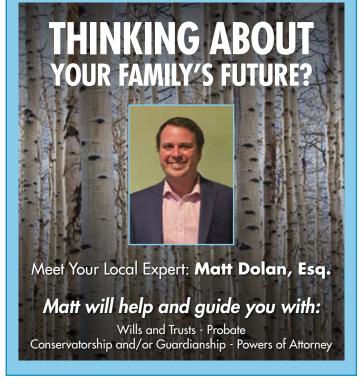
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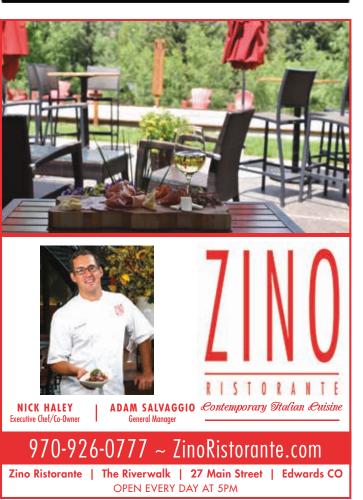






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Where did 2020 go? What will the rest of 2021 bring? If you can answer either of these questions with one, possibly two haikus at most, then you're welcome to come work with us at Silversmith Legal. The honest truth is that we will —hopefully— never see a year like 2020 again. But if we do, we know one thing is for sure —we'll theoretically be prepared for it...maybe.

As my wife, Stephanie, and I close on our sixth year in the Valley, we've been so fortunate to have the support of many long-time residents, as well as those who are relatively new to full-time mountain living. During these six years since we moved from Miami, we've experienced ups and downs:

- 1) We moved from Miami—up;
- 2) We started a new business—up; and
- 3) We got married—down (kidding).





Joking aside, moving across the country and establishing ourselves here has been the best decision of our lives. As many of you who have met us know, Stephanie and I moved from South Florida to support my best friend who was diagnosed with esophageal cancer on his honeymoon. After he passed away, we had the opportunity to move back to Miami, rejoin the law firm that I worked for, and generally meander through life in a big city enjoying the bounty of two to three weeks of vacation time per year. While looking down the barrel at this fantastic opportunity we made the following decision —hard pass!

After we made the difficult decision to give up a guaranteed income for our own vision of how we wanted life to progress, things quickly started to fall in place —primarily, Silversmith Legal was born. As with any new business, there are growing pains, but sticking to it and not giving up in the face of adversity has yielded many rewards. What is the most important reward? You, the client and potential client being pleased with the services that we provide.

During 2020 we found ways to reinvent the way that law is typically practiced in light of the needs of our clients. We leaned heavily on remote notarization of documents, communicated through video calls, and delivered documents to the doorsteps of clients' homes while Stephanie recorded the signings and had witnesses watch via FaceTime. We did all of this, creating our own hoops and jumping through them because we care.

As we begin to re-emerge from the storm brought on by COVID-19, we feel privileged to announce that we are stronger than before and have grown by adding a new attorney to our firm, Ruth Borne. Ruth and I first connected at the end of last year, and she has been a tremendous asset since joining our firm. As the level of demand increased for our services, Ruth stepped in and hit the ground running to make sure that we met all of our deadlines, not to mention that she is an incredible resource in the realm of real estate and business transactions.



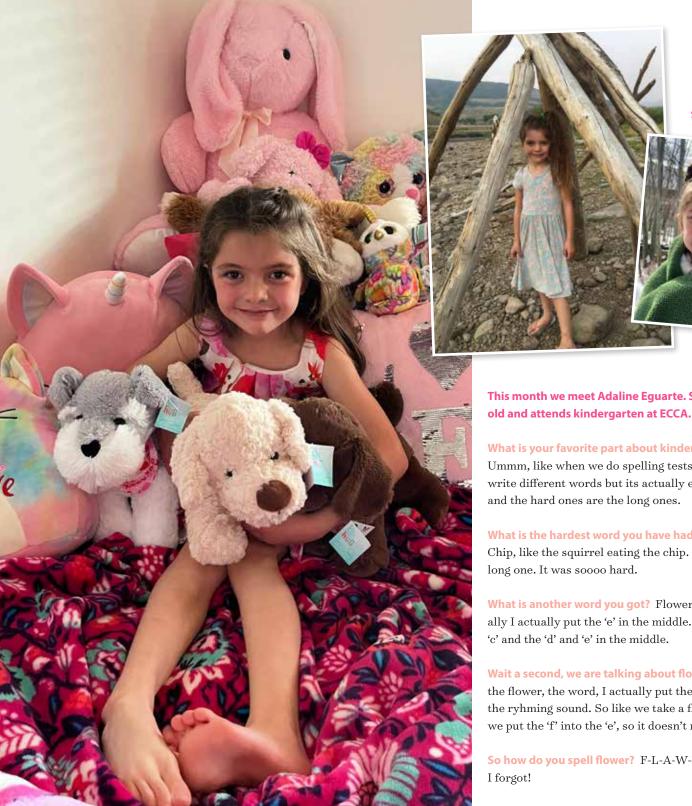
While Ruth has her specialties, Stephanie and I focus on estate planning (Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney documents, and Living Wills), tax law (domestic and international), estate administration (probate), and business planning. As was first mentioned in the May 2021 edition of *Inside Singletree*, I had the honor of being anonymously voted into Super Lawyers (Rising Stars) by my peers in the legal community for 2021. This recognition is something that I'm quite proud of, as it represents being in the top 2.5% of all attorneys in the State of Colorado for my particular field. I say this not to boast, but to stress the importance of working with someone who has established experience in the realm of estate planning. While there are many lawyers who have "forms," not many have a Masters in Tax Law, nor do they travel internationally to speak on issues such as foreign investment in the United States, and the tax ramifications tied to it.

If it's been a while since you've had your estate documents reviewed, it may be time for a check-up. There are many proposed tax changes on the horizon, and an estate plan should be far more than merely having a Last Will and Testament dictating who you want your assets to go to.

Stephanie, Ruth, and I wish all residents of Singletree the very best, and we are here to be a resource for you whenever you need us. To contact us, please call **970-306-6449** or visit silversmithlegal.com.



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This month we meet Adaline Eguarte. She is 5 years

kids'

corner Contributed by Adaline Eguarte, naletree Resident

What is your favorite part about kindergarten?

Ummm, like when we do spelling tests, we get to write different words but its actually easy and hard and the hard ones are the long ones.

What is the hardest word you have had to spell?

Chip, like the squirrel eating the chip. That one is a long one. It was soooo hard.

What is another word you got? Flowers. Well actually I actually put the 'e' in the middle. And I put the 'c' and the 'd' and 'e' in the middle.

Wait a second, we are talking about flowers. Well in the flower, the word, I actually put the flower into the ryhming sound. So like we take a flower away, we put the 'f' into the 'e', so it doesn't make sense.

So how do you spell flower? F-L-A-W-R...(laughing) I forgot!

Do you do gymnastics? I'm going to do ballet and my mom is looking for a class for gymnastics.

So what else you like about kindergarten? I love

kindergarten because when it's recess time and it's raining and snowing, we go in and actually when we are done with that we actually do art work and movies. And after that is spelling. That's the hard part. Not as much as fun as movies and artwork. And actually we do the spelling more harder, harder and harder.











But that's because you're getting smarter and smarter. YEAH! So it's getting harder! And actually this is the hardest one. It's going be a long one.

That's good! What is it? I don't remember the name.

So can you tell me what your favorite thing to do in artwork is?

Making cards for Mother's Day and Father's day. I actually made one for Mother's Day, and actually tomorrow Daddy is going to get a gift for Mommy.

Do you know what he's going to get? No. I'm going to get something for her. I'm going to get her makeup.

What is your favorite movie? Elsa!

Is she the princess in Frozen? Yeah.

Do you like princesses? Princesses and this is the movie that I watch in my school. Reindeer Olaf. Like the reindeer try to smush the Olaf but the Olaf actually gets not dead. He actually gets on his back to do something but I don't know.

What are your favorite games to play? I love to play tag, hide and seek, and I don't remember another one.

What's your favorite toy? Ummmm. Just let me go get it.

Who's that? Ariel.

So is Ariel in a movie? She's in a movie but they actually have Ariel in a toyset. With Ariel toys and Ariel movies. And at school we are making Ariel cards.

Who is your teacher? Well my teacher's name is Miss Hazeman. She actually makes me have hard books. She's making me smarter.

You're going to be in first grade next year? Yes! She's getting me ready. I love drawing but actually there is another thing!

What things do you like to draw? Hearts, reindeer, rainbows, flowers, and suns. This one is a tricky one because it starts with a hard name.

What's the other favorite thing you love to do? I don't remember.

You remember... we talked about artwork and drawing. Oh yea, I love to play with friends!

And who are your best friends? June, Georgina and Scarlett.

What do you want to be when you grow up? When I'm a grown up, I'm going to be a teacher. And I have a baby and when I'm a teacher, I'm going to bring the baby to school.

What is your favorite book? Fancy Nancy! And this is for my project at school!

What is your project at school? Um Eleanor Roosevelt. So I'm making a project. She was beautiful and had a beautiful dress, didn't she?

You have lots of stuffed animals! What is your favorite? I have

two bunnies, one here and one here. And this is a princess house over here! And these are cry babies. When you put water in here, they actually squeeze the head and water comes out of the eyes and they cry. Oh yeah. And these are my little ponies and I have Polly Pockets.

Wow Adaline! Lots of fun toys! It is so great to get to know you. **Good luck in your spelling!**

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new to the neighborhood

Contributed by **Suzanne Kemmerer**, Singletree Resident

Suzanne Kemmerer Begins a New Life on Winslow Road

When you're new to the neighborhood most people ask: "So where are you from?" Hummm... where do I start?

I was born in the once beautiful and fun city of Los Angeles where having siblings of movie stars was rather common. We lived in an incredible neighborhood not too far from Westwood Village and the beach. It was a kind of childhood one dreams about. My senior year I yearned to go abroad, so I attended a Swiss Boarding School in Gstaad, to ski of course! After some difficulty trying to get into college with my bizarre French transcripts, I chose the University of Arizona just to appease my parents. But I soon left and went back to Switzerland for two more years, to ski of course (and study).

Eventually, I met my husband in Sun Valley, Idaho, skiing of course, but we moved east to New Jersey, so he could get a serious New York City job. Shell shocked for seven years, things got better when I was able to horseback ride in the lovely countryside, enjoy New York and especially Nantucket Island, still my favorite place to visit. We raised three girls there, and now they are grown and living in Vermont, New York, and Wyoming.

In 2006, I moved to Jackson Hole, where we had a second home, and one of my daughters lives. After 11 years, for various reasons, I spent about four years looking for a new place to begin a new life. Denver seemed nice. However, I missed the mountains too much and it was too crowded and HOT (I'm a polar bear). I still loved Colorado (always have), and three years ago I rented a condo in Arrowhead for the summer, and fell in love with the Vail Valley. When I moved to Avon in November before the pandemic, my first year was a bit challenging socially, yet I was so happy to be back in the mountains! What better place to be on lockdown!





After what seemed like an endless life of moving, I found my beautiful house in Singletree and the friendliest community I have ever known. I still love to ski, but it's cross country for me now and hiking in the summer. I keep a horse at the Cordillera equestrian center and spend a lot of time there, but I hope to take up golf again this summer. Reading, cooking, and entertaining are my passions, as well as ministry work, which has been put on hold due to COVID restrictions. No virtual church/Zoom stuff for me. The less time I spend in front of a computer the better.

So far, the few people I have met here are amazingly fun, and I hope to host a Singletree party soon to meet more of you!

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