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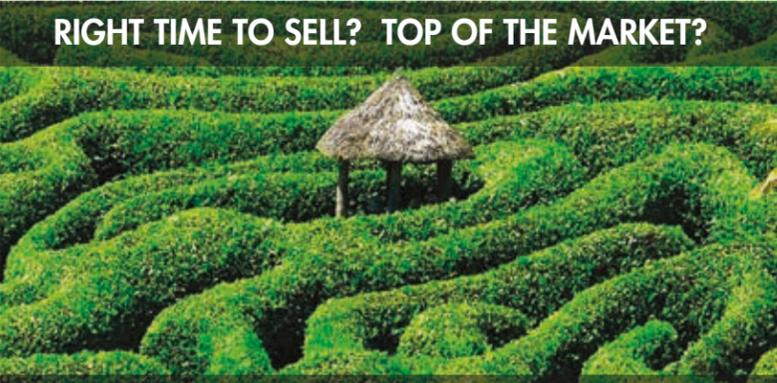
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HELLO SINGLETREE RESIDENTS!

It's here! September is truly my favorite month of the year with its bright blue skies and shimmering yellow leaves...always breathtaking no matter how many times I have enjoyed this season in the past.

Remember Sunday, September 12, is Grandparents Day! Celebrating three generations living in Singletree, we are thrilled to get to know Kathy Bellamy's family. Having moved to Vail in 2001, she married Mike Williams in 2007 and is thrilled to have her son, Michael Brownlee, and his wife, Taylor, and their three children living in the neighborhood. To this day, Thursday night dinners at Kathy and Mike's are cherished memories!

A picture is worth a thousand words, and this issue of *INSIDE Singletree* is a testament to that old adage. By the way, did you know that this quote is derived from its original version, "a thousand words leave not the same deep impression as does a single deed"? Coined by the Norwegian playwright and theatre director, Henrik Johan Ibsen, the commonly used expression was plagiarized and para-phrased into what we know now after his passing in 1906.

What pictures? The energy and spirit of our community comes shining through in the photo re-cap of two social events: the celebration of the 5th Anniversary of *INSIDE Singletree*, followed

by a celebration of summer and a preview of the **FACES OF FREEDOM** art exhibit. Eager to reunite with old friends and meet new acquaintances, Singletree residents were thrilled to be out and about enjoying the festivities!

Through photos, we recall past Vail Valley Walks to End Alzheimer's, and this month, Mike and Traci Wodlinger inspire us to join the effort to fight this devastating disease on Saturday, September 25. And having recently celebrated her 7th birthday, Evie Griffin shares her world of Rosy and Starr, recess and her personal kingdom of animals: from ants to elephants!



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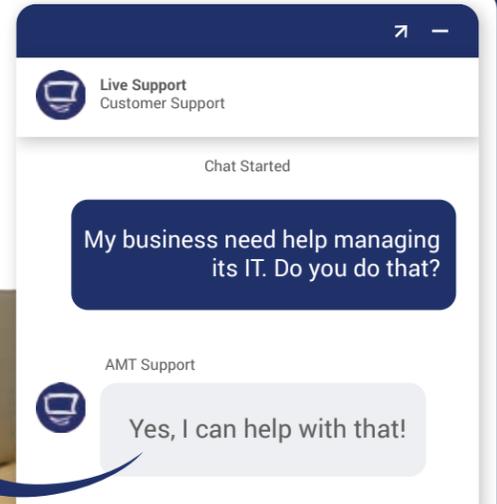
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We have all heard them. Those family stories that make you a little sick when you consider what could have been. The pragmatic decision that was sound at the time, but in hindsight seems so foolish. Singletree resident Kathy Bellamy has one of those stories. It happened back in 1978.

She was at her home in Dallas Texas listening to close family friend and then Vail Associates chairman Harry Bass tell her and her husband about a new development called Beaver Creek. Bass told the couple that he had studied the development of Aspen and Vail and intended to make Beaver Creek more profitable than either resort. His plan was to develop a mountain and sell off homesites and condominium sites, like Vail, but also to retain ownership of a large percentage of the commercial core.

With that, Bass cleared the dining room table, unrolled a map of the area that would become Beaver Creek, and invited the couple to be initial investors in the project. Still shell-shocked from the stagnate economy of the late '70s and skeptical of Bass's big plans given his poor performance at Vail, they politely declined the offer. Little did Kathy know that one day Beaver Creek would be her home. Fast forward 43 years and now three generations of Kathy and Mike's family are living and working in the area on Harry Bass's map. Kathy's two sons and five of her grandchildren all live work and play in the area.

Kathy Bellamy moved to the Valley in 2001. A native Texan, Kathy was living and working as a realtor in Atlanta when she decided to finally chase her dreams of the mountains. At the time of the move Kathy's three children,





Matt, Elizabeth, and Michael were off starting their own adult lives so it seemed like an appropriate time to load her dog in the car and set off for the mountains. She purchased a townhome in Mission Ridge that was a short drive from her oldest son, Matt Jones, a chef, who had moved to the Valley a few years earlier and was just starting a family. Soon thereafter she got a job selling real estate with Slifer Smith and Frampton, which she still continues and enjoys today.

A true Michigander at heart, Mike Williams followed a different path to Eagle County. Following a long Army career that covered multiple tours in Vietnam, Mike followed his passion for skiing to the mountains of California. Always a teacher, Mike started in the late 1970s as an instructor near Truckee where he raised his two daughters, Sarah and Suzannah. In the mid-1990s, when his girls were grown, Mike left the heavy snow of the Sierra and headed east for better slopes and dry powder. Taking a job with the Beaver Creek ski school, Mike settled into what he thought would be a peaceful bachelor's life in the mountains. Little did he know how short-lived this dream would be.

Kathy and Mike met in 2004 and were married in 2007. Immediately it became apparent that the Mission Ridge home wouldn't accommodate the constant flow of adult children,

so the couple moved to a bigger place on Foyal Circle. They never thought of leaving Singletree. Kathy, an outdoor enthusiast, makes use of the trails above Charolais Circle and June Creek during all times of the year. Mike, a retired PGA teaching professional, loves the convenient golf access. Content with their surroundings, Mike and Kathy live busy lives, involved with both their family and the surrounding community.

The couple moved one more time in 2017, this time to a home on Charolais Circle. In the community, Mike is a longtime volunteer with the Salvation Army, feeding and supplying countless firefighters over the years. In 2020, after three years of intensive study, Mike was ordained by the Episcopal Church. Mike currently works as the Deacon for the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, revitalizing the church's outreach to the community. Mike and Kathy also give back by serving people via the Eagle County Community Supper program.

Kathy's youngest son, Michael Brownlee, graduated from Auburn University before attending law school at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. During law school, Michael was introduced to his wife Taylor. Taylor, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, was raised in a small town in North Texas and was working as an



advertising executive in Dallas, Texas. Taylor was somewhat skeptical when, during their engagement, Michael suggested a move to the High Country. Concerns aside, in 2007 the couple decided to leave their

lives in Dallas and purchased half of a duplex on Charolais Circle. The couple married a year later at the Timberhearth in Cordillera and in 2011 had their first child. Today, Taylor works with Kathy selling real estate in Beaver Creek while Michael operates a small civil law practice out of their home.

The Brownlees now have three children (Trey: 10 years old; Margot: 7 years old; Ellen: 5 years old) who next year will all attend the Eagle County Charter Academy. Trey just finished his first two-week session at summer camp in Arkansas and is in the midst of very competitive baseball season. Both Trey and Margot have thoroughly enjoyed their participation in both golf and tennis programs at the Sonnenalp Club this summer. Beyond the sports, the Brownlee children look forward to spending as much time at the club pool as they can before school goes back next month.

Kathy's oldest son, Matt, now works as a chef at Spruce Saddle on Beaver Creek Mountain. Matt has two children (Caroline: 20 years old; Marshall: 17 years old). Caroline graduated from the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy in 2018 with a scholarship to join the University of Vermont where she still skis today as a junior. Marshall is a rising senior at Battle Mountain High School where he participates in both football and wrestling. The family



has enjoyed a "bonus" year with Caroline as she was able to remote learn and train right here at home.

This mixed family never misses an opportunity to spend time together. There is a standing dinner time on Thursday nights where the whole family gathers at Kathy's house for a meal. The memories are timeless. Whether they are gathering for a piece of Kaki's infamous chocolate cake for a birthday or all showing up for an 8-year-old's soccer game at Mountain Rec, this family appreciates the opportunity to live life as a unit - sharing in each others' ups and downs and making the best of every day.



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Under Contract	751 Singletree Road 7	Townhome	3	3	1,718	Partially	\$985,000	\$573	2	--	--	--
Under Contract	661 Singletree Road E	Duplex	3	4	2,048	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$635	6	--	--	--
Under Contract	15 Charolais Circle	Duplex	4	4	2,896	Unfurnished	\$1,395,000	\$482	7	--	--	--
Under Contract	114 Mission Place	Townhome	3	3	2,614	Unfurnished	\$1,495,000	\$560	23	--	--	--
Under Contract	751 Singletree Road	Duplex	3	4	2,305	Unfurnished	\$1,595,000	\$692	0	--	--	--
Under Contract	281 Foal Circle	Single Family	4	5	3,663	Unfurnished	\$2,595,000	\$708	5	--	--	--
Under Contract	30 Shotgun Circle	Single Family	4	5	4,332	Unfurnished	\$2,795,000	\$645	28	--	--	--
Under Contract	1820 Winslow Road	Single Family	5	6	5,758	Unfurnished	\$2,995,000	\$520	3	--	--	--
Under Contract	120 Mustang Road	Single Family	4	5	4,192	Unfurnished	\$3,595,000	\$858	4	--	--	--
Closed	880 June Creek Road	Duplex	4	3	2,406	Unfurnished	\$1,200,000	\$499	31	\$1,030,000	\$428	7/12/2021
Closed	922 Winslow Road	Duplex	3	4	2,409	Unfurnished	\$1,100,000	\$457	7	\$1,155,000	\$479	6/25/2021
Closed	410 June Creek Road A	Duplex	3	4	2,251	Furnished	\$1,450,000	\$644	3	\$1,500,000	\$666	7/1/2021
Closed	140 Charolais Circle	Duplex	4	3	2,543	Unfurnished	\$1,450,000	\$570	2	\$1,450,000	\$570	6/28/2021

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volunteer spotlight

Contributed by **Andrea Eddy and Jerry Katz**, Singletree Residents



seeking a **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?**

In the August issue of *INSIDE Singletree*, we had the pleasure of meeting Regina O'Brien who enlightened us as to her role as the Eagle County Clerk and Recorder and the role of the Election Judges when it comes time to vote. Here, two Singletree residents provide inspiration as to why you might consider volunteering as a judge in the upcoming election.

her team do an amazing job under high stress and 14 hour days and weekends for weeks leading up to the election and should be commended. I can't wait to be an Election Judge this year!

ANDREA EDDY



Being an Election Judge for the 2020 election was one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. I worked in the Back Office with Regina's full-time staff and learned all aspects of the process so I could answer questions from voters over the phone. There was so much excitement from first-time voters including college students that I talked to who wanted to make sure their ballots always work in bipartisan teams, and other duties included taking/picking up ballots from the Eagle County jail, the post office, and Castle Peak senior center (due to Covid restrictions).

To anyone who thinks there is fraud in our voting system, come be an Election Judge, and you will be able to explain to people what a provisional ballot is, curing signatures, and why vote by mail is secure. Regina and

JERRY KATZ



I've enjoyed several benefits in working as an Eagle County election judge. First, is the personal pleasure of offering a service to the county and those who live in Eagle County. Second, is the pleasure of working with Regina and her wonderful staff and the other election judges. Third, is the satisfaction I have in seeing, from the inside, how the county's election procedures help ensure the integrity of the election process. This is particularly important in these times.

Any one of these three benefits would be sufficient to maintain my interest in serving as an election judge. With all three, I have a bonanza.

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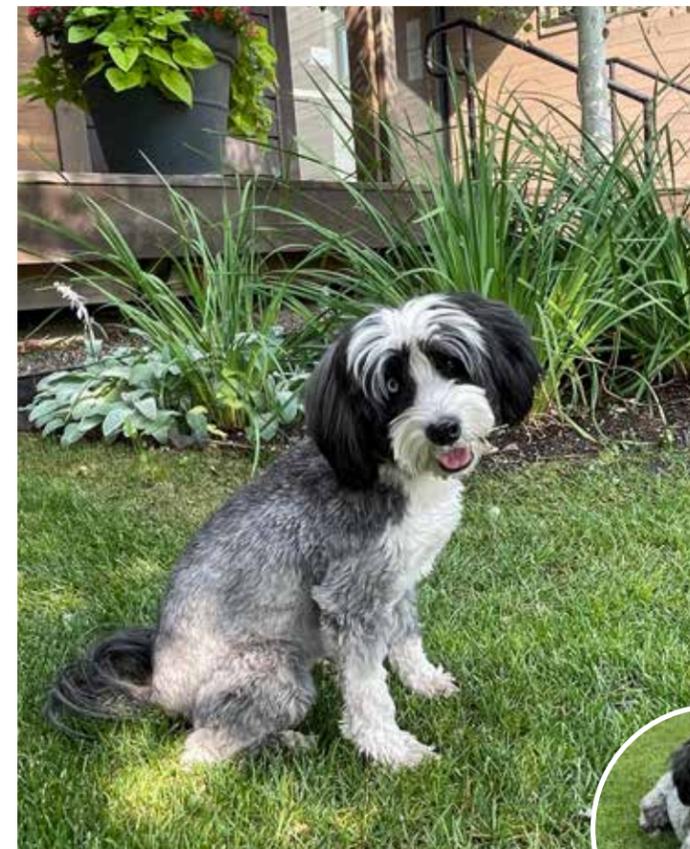
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precious pets

Contributed by **Connie, Throop** and **Chloe Bergh**, Singletree Residents and Pet

Meet

Chloe:

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Did you know a Tibetan Terrier is really *not* a terrier? In fact, the TT, as they are often affectionately called, originated in Tibet and belongs to the “non-sporting group” and is not related to true terriers, according to the AKC (American Kennel Club). The terrier breeds descended from dogs that were bred to hunt vermin, while the Tibetan Terrier was bred to be a companion, not a working dog. The breed received the name “terrier” because of its relatively small size.

Enter Chloe who lives up to every quality found in Tibetan Terriers: loyal, affectionate, sensitive, gentle and energetic. Chloe, like all Tibetans, thrives on human companionship and never leaves Mom’s side - be it taking a walk in the neighborhood

or faithfully sitting quietly while Mom chats with friends. She happily entertains herself with her toys and squeakers and loves to get outside to chase ANYTHING – especially balls and frisbees. As a sociable pup, she really loves to wrestle and play with other young dogs, including her best playmates in the neighborhood – Riley and Booker, Rio, Bijoux, Banner and another Riley!

Chloe definitely won the lucky dog lottery when Connie and Throop Bergh picked her up from the breeder in Golden. Having raised many Tibetans over the past 30 years, the new Singletree residents realized a year after losing the last one they needed another dog in their lives. Chloe was one year old and had been returned to the breeder after living with a family with a service dog. Chloe’s constant energy and desire to play was just not the best fit with the service dog, but it was love at first site for the Berghs and Chloe! She found a new family home in Singletree that was clearly meant to be.

Be sure to say hello the next time you see Chloe in the neighborhood!





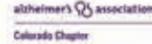
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ABOUT ANDIE

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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SEPTEMBER MEANS THE VAIL VALLEY WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

Mike and Traci Wodlinger Participate in the Effort to Advance Research

Since I started writing these articles about our neighbors who are making a difference, I have found myself asking one question. Does Singletree somehow attract generous and engaged neighbors, or does our environment create them? I prefer to think that the generosity of the folks in the Vail Valley extends far beyond the boundaries of Singletree. That said, however, Singletree certainly embraces many generous and caring residents.

Traci and Mike Wodlinger are another example of our neighbors committed to making a difference by giving back. Traci and Mike have lived in the Valley for 17 years and have been volunteering with the Alzheimer's



Traci and Mike Wodlinger

who's making a difference

Contributed by **Mike and Traci Wodlinger**,
Singletree Residents
Article Written
by **Tim Swift**,
Singletree
Resident

Association since 2018 when they became involved with the first Walk To End Alzheimer's in the Vail Valley. They have been committed advocates for the organization ever since.

Both of the Wodlingers are retired. Traci was the chief strategy officer for the Eagle County School District and Mike was an investment advisor at Raymond James Financial.

Generally, one of the first questions I ask when I interview folks for these articles is what drew them to the cause they are supporting. When I asked Traci and Mike this question I was, frankly, surprised by their answer. Most folks have experienced

or been affected by the issues they are supporting, but this was not the case with Traci and Mike. I fully expected them to recount a story about a loved one who suffered from the devastation that Alzheimer's wreaks on the person living with the disease and his or her family, but that is not what happened for the Wodlingers. While they both acknowledged that they knew families that have dealt with Alzheimer's, they said that, thankfully, it had not touched either of theirs. Instead, they pointed to an event at the Vilar Center they attended in 2018 that included a speaker who focused on brain health. That speaker piqued their interest in the subject and led to their involvement in the Alzheimer's Association.

Mike and Traci realized that anything affecting brain function was so devastating that it deserved their attention. They coupled that with a strong desire to give back to a community that had provided them with so much and a commitment was formed. In addition, Mike made a very interesting point when he said that, to him, Alzheimer's research today is where cancer research was 20 years ago, and he and Traci wanted to do whatever they could to move that research forward. They also realized that while our Valley is blessed with wonderful physicians capable of dealing with virtually any physical issue that might arise, Alzheimer's is essentially unfixable. They were determined to do all they could to change that.



So, also in 2018, they volunteered to help with the first Walk To End Alzheimer's in the Valley.

The Walk raises money by encouraging supportive people to form teams, use the internet to recruit teammates willing to both walk and make a pledge, and generally spread the word about the importance of the effort and the need to raise much-needed research funds. That formula, while not exactly revolutionary, had proved to be extremely effective in support of Alzheimer's research. What might be unique, however, about the Walk To End Alzheimer's, is that not all the money raised goes to research. A considerable portion is devoted to providing local support services to both patients and, perhaps more importantly, to their caregivers.



It's no secret that Alzheimer's caregivers are, more often than not, family members who are so blessed with incalculable reserves of love and empathy for their suffering loved ones that they labor, often to the point of both mental and physical exhaustion, to ease the suffering and provide for every need of those living with this terrible scourge. It's also no secret that the importance of support for these caregivers cannot be overstated. This is where the Alzheimer's Association makes perhaps its greatest day-to-day impact. By helping the caregivers to cope, by assuring them that they are not alone, and by constantly reminding them that the value of their sacrifices cannot be measured, the Alzheimer's Association makes it possible for many of these selfless caregivers to simply carry on.

That first Walk To End Alzheimer's in 2018 raised almost \$85,000 for the organization. In 2019, they raised over \$118,000, and although the 2020 walk was virtual due to the pandemic, they still managed to raise almost \$90,000. In 2020, participants

formed teams and solicited gifts, but rather than gather in Eagle, they were encouraged to walk in their own neighborhoods while sporting the very recognizable purple t-shirts, but with the addition of masks, preferably purple ones.

This year, the event again will take place in Eagle on September 25th and it WILL NOT be virtual! Their goal is ambitious: to raise \$130,000. With the help of Traci and Mike Wodlinger and many other committed team leaders, that goal will surely be within reach.

Teams are forming and sponsors are being solicited. If you want to help by starting a team or joining one, please go to www.act.alz.org/vailvalleywalk to visit the website of our local Walk To End Alzheimer's. Anyone who donates a minimum of \$100 will earn an official purple t-shirt and all participants will receive a mini lawn flag that will look great in your front yard! At the event, there will be sponsor booths offering swag as well as local entertainment. Be there; it will be fun and oh so important.



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EVIE'S ANIMAL KINGDOM

Contributed by **Evie Griffin**, Singletree Resident

This month, we meet 7-year-old Evie Griffin. She is in the 1st grade at ECCA. Her parents are Oliver and Molly and her brothers are Luke and Andrew.

And who are your pets? Starr and Rosy.

What is your favorite thing to do with Starr and Rosy? Play with them outside. They chase me.

Can you outrun them or do they catch up with you? They catch up.

Which one is better at fetch? Rosy.

Does she bring it back? Yep.

Does Starr like to chase the ball? She thinks about the ball taste. She likes a ball to be new. Or when she's at the dog park, she just doesn't care.

Where do Rosy and Starr sleep? Rosie and Starr cuddle up with me and then sleep with mom and dad.

What's your favorite thing about first grade? Recess.

What's your favorite thing to do at recess? Tackle boys. I did today.

Who did you tackle? Noah, who's my first friend.

How do you tackle them? We just chase him and we catch him and he runs towards us.

Do you have other games you play at recess? I play with my friends. And tackle boys.

Who's your best friend at school? Fiona. We play with her stuffed penguin. She got one from a treasure box. And today she found a worm in the rain.

Was it slimy or wet? No. It was really dirty though.

What's your favorite toy? Well... this is one way to answer your question (as she points to her collection of stuffed animals)!

What stuffed animals are your favorite? Lots of bears. A leopard, a wolf, a bunny, a dog. And elephant. He was my first toy. Another first toy I had is a blanket. I'm surrounded by animals.

If you could be an animal, what would it be? A coyote. I have another miniature wolf somewhere around here.

Why would you want to be a coyote? Because I studied them for my animal project this year and that's basically why I have so many. Sprinkle's the coyote.

Can you tell me something you learned about coyotes? Well, here is my whole project. "The coyote is an animal of the Colorado great outdoors. Coyotes eat fish, lizards, rabbits, and snakes. They are meat-eaters. They have a cream or grey or black coat. They are about the size of a little dog." That's why they are one of my favorites.

(Brief segue): Starr is 9. And Rosy is 3. Rosy was Luke's idea so he named her and I wanted to name her Belle. Which I think is a really silly idea. Because I don't want to name her Belle anymore.

What are your favorite books? *If You Want to Be a Groovicorn.*



What is the most interesting thing you have learned in that book?

Spiders eat their own webs. Ew. How gross is that? Cats can't taste sweets. Dogs can make about 100 facial expressions. A tiger can eat more than 80 pounds of food in one meal. French fries came from Belgium, not France. I'm going to Walmart on Thursday to get another animal. But my mom probably won't let me. There's a one in a trillion chance that a piece of space junk will land on your house today.

What do you like to do when you are outside? There are a bunch of dandelions and I put sugar all over them to feed the ants. And we have ladybugs. There are ten of them. I'm going to bring them to school and we are going to keep them there for 2-5 days and then release the top off so the ladybugs can go.

So if you had a superpower, what would it be? X-ray vision.

And what would that help you see? If my brother toots in his room.



Your dad said you were in a talent show today. What did you do? The piano. The Indian song. It was just a small one for my class.

Were you nervous? No, because I practiced the song in front of my neighbors.

Do you take piano lessons? Yes, Monday and Thursday. So I have dance and piano both on Thursday.

What kind of dance do you do? Ballet, tap, and jazz.

Which one is your favorite? Jazz. Because it's funner and faster and funner to dance to. Here's another one of my favorite books. *Unicorns Are the Worst.*

What did you learn about Morocco for your project? It's only 8 miles



from Europe. It has mountains and an ocean. And they make cous-cous. I think that is one of my favorite foods.

Do they have animals? Camels, turtles, and some animals in Morocco are dolphins and goats. Goats climb trees to eat fruit.

And what do you want to do when you grow up? A singer or a vet.

Can you think of anything else that I haven't asked you that you want to tell me? Um nope.





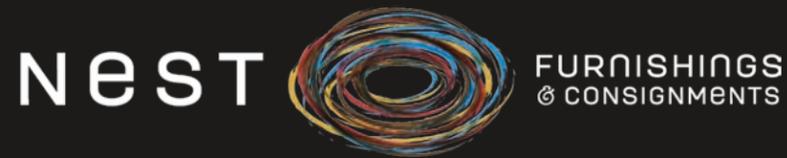
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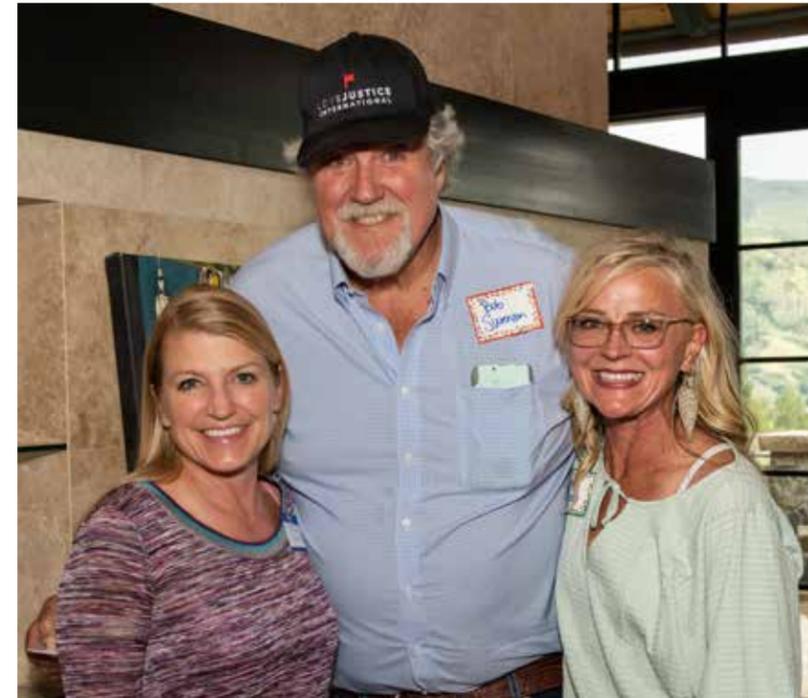
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Singletree Resident Tricia Swenson (L) with Bob and Libby Swenson

July 14 was indeed a day for celebration in Singletree! Suzanne Kemmerer graciously hosted a summer soiree to celebrate the height of the summer season, the spirit of community and the beauty of our valley. We even celebrated the rain!

And on this special evening, the celebration brought with it a much deeper meaning for us. By way of background, Love Justice International is a global organization dedicated to fighting the great injustice of human trafficking by ways of transit monitoring, a strategy that focuses on identifying and assisting potential victims of trafficking as they are being trafficked but before they reach the destination where they may be in danger of being exploited and enslaved. As a partner with LJI, the Freedom 58 Project was created to fight slavery and violent oppression through advocacy, education, and action in the name of justice.



Hostess Suzanne Kemmerer (L) with Singletree friends

Thanks to the amazing work of Libby Swenson, the Director of Donor Engagement with LJI, and Bob Swenson, the founder of the Freedom 58 Project, we celebrated the freedom enjoyed by the many faces of those portrayed in the art exhibit - **FACES OF FREEDOM: VOICES CALLING FOR THE END OF MODERN DAY SLAVERY.** This unique exhibit is designed to express awareness and compassion by telling the stories of actual survivors and highlighting the problem, scope, and organizations that are helping to abolish slavery in this generation.

Together, this dynamic husband and wife team, located here in Colorado, enlightened us as to the realities of global human trafficking and inspired us with the concept that one idea can take hold and truly make a difference. What began with one portrait eight years ago has evolved into a collection of 230 original oil paintings and will be on exhibit at Colorado Mountain College in Edwards in early 2022. To learn more, please visit www.lovejustice.ngo and freedom58project.com.

Thank you, Suzanne, for welcoming us into your home and to Libby and Bob for opening our eyes. The evening was a truly exceptional celebration! ...





Continuing the Conversation with BOB AND LIBBY...

Having enjoyed a lively night of conversation and celebration, the difficult topic of the fight against human trafficking raised a few follow up questions from our residents. Bob and Libby Swenson were happy to provide a response to many FAQ's...

What is the mission of Love Justice International ("LJI")? To fight against the world's greatest injustices.

What is the annual budget of LJI? \$4.8 million.

What differentiates LJI'S strategy against human trafficking? LJI deploys a unique strategy referred to as Transit Monitoring. LJI trains and places monitors at strategic transit points (airports, bus stations, train stations, and country borders) to identify and stop trafficking as it is occurring - BEFORE people are exploited. These monitors are highly vigilant to any suspicious behavior.

In the event a thorough interview with the potential victim has given the monitor reason to determine it is, in fact, a trafficking situation, the monitors are quick to call upon the local authorities to intervene. To date, the organization has intercepted more than 24,900 individuals to prevent them from being trafficked.

What is the relationship between LJI and FREEDOM 58? Freedom 58 collaborates with several anti-trafficking organizations and began working with LJI in 2014, due to LJI's scalable strategy of Transit Monitoring. Freedom 58 raises awareness of the strategy and mission of LJI through art events, fundraising endeavors and speaking engagements.

What is the mission of Freedom 58? The mission of Freedom 58 is to guide and strengthen anti-trafficking organizations in the pursuit of justice. As a collaborative movement, Freedom 58 works diligently to raise awareness and help end modern-day slavery and violent oppression around the world.

What is the purpose of the FACES OF FREEDOM art exhibit? FACES OF FREEDOM is an art exhibit that raises awareness about the realities and effects of human trafficking and other forms of violent oppression in the world today. By celebrating the survivors and highlighting their partner organizations who intercept and rescue, FACES OF FREEDOM presents opportunities for public and community leaders to engage.

What was the inspiration behind the FACES OF FREEDOM exhibit? When Bob Swenson discovered that 2 million children



are exploited in the global commercial sex slave trade each year, he began to ask himself some questions. "How deep does this horrific problem reach into our communities, schools, places of transit and tourism? How can the community respond to this injustice and violent oppression of the poor and vulnerable?"

Hence, the FACES OF FREEDOM art exhibit was created to change the conversation in communities by taking people on a justice journey through art to raise awareness of human trafficking and deepen their compassion for the poor and oppressed. Portraits are typically reserved for people of nobility around the world, and Freedom 58 wanted to convey dignity, honor and beauty to the most marginalized in the world through these paintings.

How is Freedom 58 funded? The project is funded through private donations from individuals, churches and the NFL Foundation.

How is Freedom 58 staffed? There are no paid staff members. Freedom 58 is comprised of volunteers, artists and Board members who are passionate about justice and ending modern-day slavery.

Where has the exhibit been shown? The exhibit has been displayed in universities, government facilities, hospitals, churches, First Friday art walks, rotary clubs, newspapers, television, and advertised on NPR local radio programs.

The FACES OF FREEDOM exhibit will be on display at Colorado Mountain College in Breckenridge from August – December 2021. It will then be moved to CMC in Edwards from January - July 2022. For more information about the art exhibit, you may contact Bob Swenson at fsland@gmail.com or Libby Swenson at lsvenson@lovejustice.ngo.

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A Visit with Raymond Bleesz at a Second Friday Eagle ARTwalk

Singletree fine art photographer, Raymond Bleesz, has been busy of recent. At a Second Friday Eagle ARTwalk, he displayed three of his images: "Believe On The Reservation", "Spirits & Faces" which was taken outside of Flagstaff on a fence line, and "Blue Bird On The Reservation". The imagery definitely offers stories and needed contemplation and is characteristic of the photographer's work ethos.

During the Exhibition, Raymond also delivered posits and demonstrations as to how early photographers used such a piece of equipment, i.e. his historic Scovill 6.5 x 8.5 Albion Field Camera (1880's) with its original Bausch & Lomb lens. This camera, a very rare beast due to its size and age, was acquired by Raymond at a local cattle rancher's auction several years ago and has since been undergoing a restoration project.

The local photographer enthusiastically offered "the curious and the inquisitive" an opportunity to "load" film into a 4x5 film holder. After a "customer" took an interest in doing so, Bleesz provided the basic instruction on how to handle and load 4x5 film into the film holder, which is normally done in a "dark room" on a workbench. Being outside, the "customer" either chose a bandana or closed one's eyes in making believe he or she was in the dark-room loading a film holder.



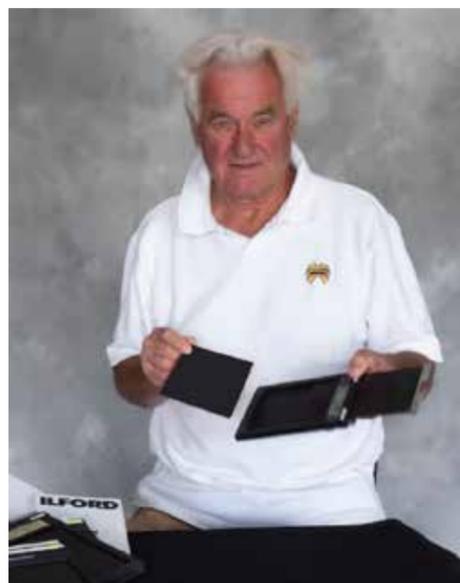
"Believe on the Reservation"



"Bluebird on the Reservation"



"Spirits & Faces"



A Self Portrait by the Photographer

Following the instructor's demonstration, he guided guests through the following task:

Part One (eyes closed): Open the box of 4x5 film - with both hands requiring finger dexterity- and select a single piece of film. Close the box of film, insert the sheet of film into the film holder properly as alignment is necessary, close the flap, and then close the dark slide.

Part Two: Turn over the film holder on the workbench and repeat the above maneuvers as there are 2 sheets of film in a film holder. Typically, camera men out in the field would have numerous film holders in a kit.

Those who partook of this activity were pleasantly pleased with their amateur attempts and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Raymond is now displaying his antique historic Scovill camera in his driveway at his Singletree residence, taking on questions as well as doing portraits on occasion with this very rare camera. Positive results are not always guaranteed due to the camera's idiosyncrasies, but the experience can be rewarding. Stop by and check it out!

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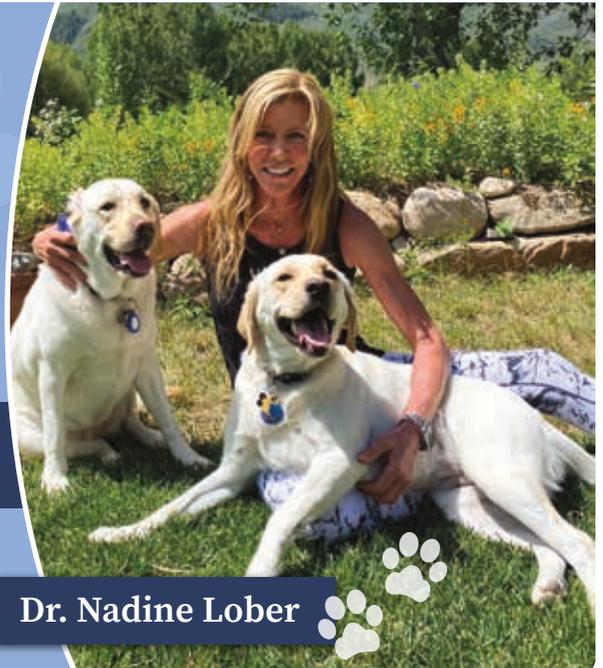


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