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publisher's note

Hello, Singletree Residents!

Happy, October! Do you remember when this month offered us a few quiet moments after the last of the aspen leaves had fallen and before the snow started to stick to the ground? That window of downtime used to be called “off-season,” but as we all know, that has nearly become a thing of the past for this bustling valley. Ah, how times change...

What I discovered about this October issue is what a joy it is to meet some of the remarkable women in the neighborhood! Pure coincidence, but I am excited to celebrate the notable achievements of our women residents.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Doris Dewton, one of Singletree’s “transformational leaders,” who initiated or participated in most of the significant decisions that made Singletree the unique and desirable community it has become. She will be missed by many.

We are thrilled to welcome Julia Knight to the neighborhood! A self-professed serial entrepreneur originally from Minnesota, Julia is the proud founder and owner of The Julia Knight Collection. Having sought the perfect home for herself in Singletree, she is happy to finally be calling June Creek Road home.

Congratulations to Alice Plain for her award recognizing the 2021 Golf Professional of the Year! The highest honor given annually by the Colorado PGA goes to a member for their overall performance including leadership, service, and promotion of the game of golf; it is evident that Alice embodies each and every one of those pieces.

Additionally, we join Cynthia Kruse to celebrate the acquisition of RE/MAX Vail Valley by RE/MAX Elevate. After 30+ years as a licensed real estate broker, Cynthia is eager to have reached this milestone in her career... and to enjoy time on the road with Cammie Jean in her new camper van!



Happy Reading! May you find that sliver of downtime to enjoy all this and more in the October issue of *INSIDE Singletree!*

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I've always been a lover of nature and the beauty that surrounds us. Schooled in Providence and Paris, raised in New York, it was only a matter of time before I visited Colorado and fell immediately in love. In 2001, I bought a vacation home on the river in Minturn in 2001 and began splitting my time between my Minnesota home and my vacation home in Colorado. And a couple of years ago, I decided to take the plunge and live here full time. Colorado is in my blood now!

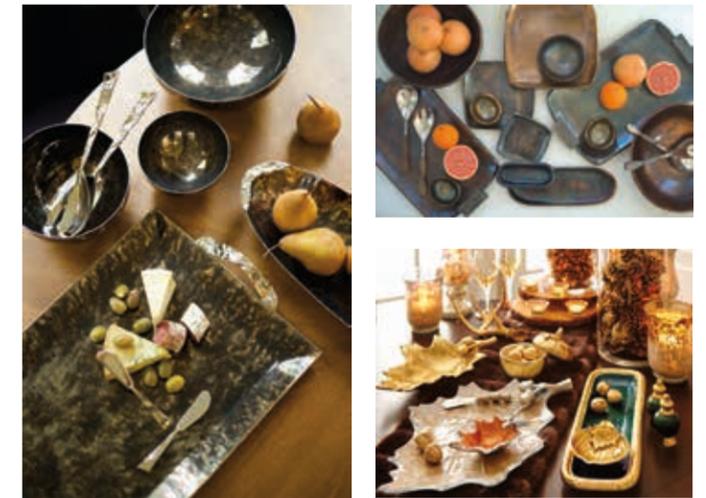
My career began in the cosmetic industry, starting behind the cosmetic counter at Bloomingdales and quickly moved into marketing with Estee Lauder International and Revlon, as well as executive posts with Minnetonka Inc. An entrepreneur at heart, I was longing to start my own business. After watching the movie *Baby Boom*, I realized there was a real need for fresher, better-tasting baby food and launched Growing Healthy Frozen Baby Food, the first of its kind. As founder and CEO, our primary focus was creating a curated line of more nutritious, better tasting, all-natural frozen baby food.

In 2001, after buying my first home in Minturn, I was inspired to start another company, and I broadened my horizons with luxury goods in the home décor industry with a company called Stampede, featuring leather barware and home accessories. Because of my life-long love of entertaining and food, Stampede evolved into my next company, the Julia Knight Collection. India captured another area of my imagination, and I began creating sand-cast aluminum pieces, hand-painted with white enamel that was infused with crushed mother of pearl.



As the name and creative force behind the Julia Knight Collection, I bring serveware, barware, home décor, and jewelry to homes around the world. I believe beauty should be an everyday accessory, even for the most ordinary events, like breakfast. It used to drive my kids crazy! I would put chocolate chip pancakes on a cake stand. And my daughter used to ask, "Why can't we be normal and just use paper plates?"

But truly, what are we waiting for? Why wouldn't we use beautiful things every day? It doesn't take any more effort. And to surround yourself with your grandmother's china, a teacup from Paris, or a delicate glass found in a flea market in Istanbul...this helps make everyday experiences, absolutely lovely!



The inspiration and design of the pieces in the Julia Knight Collection go back to my roots. From childhood vacations at the shore to the majestic mountain views I've experienced in Colorado and all the places I've been fortunate to travel to all over the world... The Julia Knight Collection is the epitome of my life-long experiences.

In my free time, I love to spend time with my daughter, Alex, and my son, Max. They bring the most joy to my world! Alex is working at Inspirato in Denver and Max is a chef in Santa Barbara.

I also love to embrace the outdoors. I've been an avid skier most of my life and truly enjoy the opportunity to get on the slopes whenever I can. I also enjoy hiking, exploring, and fly fishing... all the lovely things available in my Colorado life!

And as you might be able to tell from my career path, I have an affection for entertaining and cherish time spent with friends. My love of entertaining evolved when I was an undergraduate studying in Paris. I was really moved by the importance people placed on time spent at the table. A linen napkin or a special cup — found in even the humblest French homes — were used to mark everyday moments for families and friends who gathered to eat and drink together. Friends, food, and beauty go hand in hand. You can't have food without the presentation. Things shared in a beautiful way elevates the entire experience for everyone!



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One of my true passions is travel, and I take the opportunity to do so whenever I can. I agree with Audrey Hepburn's quote, "Paris is always a good idea!" Having spent many years living in Paris, it's my home away from home, and I make sure I spend time there a few times a year. I love Italy, especially the southern coast. I feel fortunate that I've been able to travel around the world and look forward to my next adventure!



warmer weather and the eclectic mix of the mountains and the high desert landscape. I'm also a big fan of the Sonnenalp Club as well as the *Inside Singletree* parties! Of all the places I've lived and traveled to, it's such a pleasure to be able to call Singletree my home.

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In Colorado, I absolutely love the mountain lifestyle, including the activities and the perfect weather. I had been looking at Singletree for quite a while and was thrilled when I found the ideal home for sale. I love my neighbors and the warm and inviting community feel. I really enjoy the

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Contributed by George Gregory and Chuck Powers, Singletree Residents

Singletree lost Doris Dewton, one of its “transformational leaders,” to cancer in July. We use the word “transformational” because Doris initiated or participated in most of the significant decisions that made Singletree the unique and desirable community it has become.

Doris and her late husband, Dick Gretz, moved to Singletree in 1994, when our community was about 40% built out and struggling with a variety of issues resulting in part from the developer's exit. Doris and Dick built their home on Saddle overlooking the 11th fairway. From that location, Doris could imagine how Singletree's development, anchored by the Sonnenalp Golf Course, could become a premier residential community in the mid valley.

In 1994, there was no homeowners association and little enforcement of Design Review Guidelines. Doris worked with a small group to revise the existing Covenants and Declarations and after the finalization of those revisions, the Singletree Property Owners Association (SPOA) was formed with Doris being elected as the first President of SPOA, a position she held for six years. Doris and SPOA members worked closely with the Berry Creek Metropolitan District (BCMD) Board in guiding the development and construction of our Community Center, a facility that has served Singletree's needs for over 25 years.

Doris, Chuck Powers, and their colleague, April Milam, at the BCMD, are personally responsible for the wider streets throughout Singletree which provide all of us walking space without impeding traffic. Doris, Chuck, and April approached the County Commissioners when the repaving was to occur in the early 2000s and obtained their agreement to support the widening of our streets by three feet on each shoulder. This alone helped transform Singletree as our residents felt safer walking and hiking, thus allowing residents to meet many of their neighbors they otherwise would not have known.

Doris had the vision and was instrumental in the formation of the SPOA Beautification Committee which interviewed four national firms, ultimately selecting EDAA, a world-class landscape firm that provided a multi-year plan to landscape our primary traffic



corners and the entrances to Singletree. Of course, there were many other Singletree residents involved, but Doris attended and participated in every meeting from the inception of the Committee over the next several years.

Doris also served as Chair of the BCMD and was appointed as the Metropolitan District's representative on the Upper Eagle Regional Water Authority (also becoming Chairperson of that Board), where she looked after our community's water rights and service while also working diligently to guard water rights for the entire Vail Valley.

One could continue: the construction of the bike path from the entrance of Singletree past the Community Center; urging cooperation with the County Commissioners and CDOT with SPOA's and BCMD's “shovel ready” project at the entrance of Singletree which resulted in the roundabout at our western entrance; supporting Peter Bergh's proposal for the installation of an alley of trees along both sides of Berry Creek Road; her work as a Trustee of Colorado Mountain College which has helped many Singletree youths and adults in continuing their educations; not to mention her work on the Castle Peak Senior Care Community, which has become a home for several of Singletree's residents while recovering from an injury or as an elder care facility.

In short, Doris was indeed a “transformational” force for Singletree as it has fully developed since 1994. We can all give thanks for our collective good fortune to have had Doris as a community leader, friend, neighbor, and visionary. She will be greatly missed.

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GOLF PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR IS ANYTHING BUT PLAIN AND SIMPLE

athlete spotlight

Contributed by
Alice Plain,
Singletree Resident



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Alice Plain, PGA, Director of Golf at Vail Golf Club in Vail, CO, has been selected as the 2021 Colorado PGA Golf Professional of the Year! The highest honor given annually by the Colorado PGA goes to a member for their overall performance including leadership, service, and promotion of the game of golf, and it's



Alice and her father, George Plain, after winning the Indiana State Amateur in 1988 at the Evansville Country Club in Evansville, Indiana

evident that Ms. Plain embodies each and every one of those pieces. "I'm so excited and honored to win this award. I've worked really hard in my career and it's incredibly rewarding to be recognized as Golf Professional of the Year."

Having grown up in South Bend, IN, Alice was exposed to golf at a young age, and as she would say, "I was the last hope within the family

to pick up the sport." Her father intentionally introduced her and her three other siblings to lifelong sports, and while Alice admitted to playing more soccer while growing up, she always came back to golf because it meant spending time with her dad. When asked who was an influential role model for her, she is quick to share the relationship she had with her father, George Plain, as he became a good friend and mentor while they spent a lot of time on the course.

Growing up as a member at South Bend Country Club, Alice remembers a conversation she had with the PGA Head Professional at the time, John Guyton, who echoed



Hanover golf team

Hanover College's golf team won the Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference championship during the 1986 season. The team, pictured here with trophies it won from meets throughout the year, included (from left): front — Chip Hannebald, Dave Allen, Alice Plain, Mike Schiavone and Jay Rae, back — Mark Lawrence, Steve Line, Matt Boyd, coach Wayne Perry, Mark McCallum and Jerry Deatherage. (Staff photo by Bob Demaree.)

Alice with the Hanover College Golf Team after winning the 1986 Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference Championship

her dad's philosophy of the importance of lifelong sports. "You can make a career out of this sport," he said, and that always stuck with me.

Entering her 25th year with the Colorado Section, Alice can admit that the challenges she faced while trying to play golf as a female in a male-dominated industry prepared her for her career today. She wasn't allowed to play on her high school golf team as they didn't have a women's team at the time. It wasn't until Alice organized a meeting with the President of Hanover College and the roster of the men's golf team that she was allowed to play competitively at a collegiate level.

"They (the members of the men's team) went to bat for me. It was huge – I wasn't alone in my fight, and they wanted me to be a part of the team. It set the

stage for me. They knew I could compete, and it gave me confidence on the course and in life to know that I could compete in a man's world." After two seasons with the men's team, Plain transferred to Oklahoma State University, where she helped lead the women's golf team to finish third in the 1989 National Championship.



Alice (right) after finishing third with the 1989 Oklahoma State Women's Golf Team at the Stanford University Gold Course NCAA Division 1 Tournament

Following graduation, Plain moved to Colorado to embrace the true beauty of The Centennial State and all it had to offer: golf and skiing, both of which she loved dearly. When Alice was working for Mike Steiner, the PGA Head Professional of Singletree Golf (today the Sonnenalp Club), the light bulb went off and she found herself enrolling in the PGA Apprentice (now Associate) Program. She immediately recognized her connection to teaching during her

first winter in Colorado – she taught skiing at Vail Resorts and was quick to see how what she was doing on the snow could translate to the fairways.

As the Director of Golf at Vail Golf Club, Alice wears many hats, but one of her favorite roles is the opportunity to mentor future PGA Professionals. "It helps us as an industry," she shared enthusiastically. "You have to challenge them, and you have to teach them. It's important to take the time to spend with them to expose them to everything we do on and off the golf course."

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It's clear that Alice's leadership has made a lasting impact and impression on the Club and her peers. Trey Johnson, PGA Assistant Professional at Vail Golf Club, can attest: "She gives you the space and operation to make it your own while providing guidance along the way. She's always great about checking in along the way." Nathan Mead, PGA Head Professional at Vail Golf Club,



Alice and Nathan Mead on Vail Pass

reiterated that through her leadership style, she has created a culture that allows for freedom, yet "she always has our backs — to the end, even to a fault. She supports us through and through, and you never feel alone with something or trapped in a box."

That's something Alice has continued to strive for at Vail Golf Club. George Hart, PGA Assistant Professional,

was quick to share that Alice "puts all of her staff in situations to succeed." The culture, impact, and environment she has created during her time is something she would like to be remembered for, as she sees their team, in her words, "as a family. We all chip in to help each other. It doesn't matter what your title is, we're in this together".

A true testament to Alice's leadership was how she and her fellow peers handled the 2020 COVID pandemic. Ms. Plain stepped up to the plate without being asked and led the "Eagle County Golf Council" through the navigation of how golf could be played safely through uncharted waters.

"We were able to agree all together, which was huge. It was important to be on the same page through all of this, and it was even better that we had the support of the Colorado Section as well." Alice and four of her colleagues met with Eagle



Alice and Heivan Garcia

County Health Officials regularly to determine the safest way for golfers to enjoy the sport while continuing to stay in compliance with CDC guidelines. At one point, Alice received a phone call from Health Officials informing her that five members of her staff

needed to be placed in a 10-day quarantine. "Our staff didn't skip a beat, and they never once complained," Alice recalls. "We had four members of our staff running golf operations for 10 days, and we were completely booked for those 10 days. Our guests didn't notice that we were so short-staffed, and all I could think of was how the culture we've created has prepared us for times like these. This is how we function."

While some might say that 2020 wasn't ideal with all the challenges it brought, Alice found light in the darkness that was 2020. Seven years ago, Alice met a young man by the name of Heivan Garcia, while playing hockey, as he worked at the Dobson Ice Arena in Vail through the Vail Recreation District. "He had such a great personality, he was a soccer player – he won the 2012 State Soccer tournament with Battle Mountain High School, but he had never played golf!" So Alice took it upon herself to introduce him to the world of golf and set him up with clubs, a bag, and, of course, her expertise in the game. As they became friends over the years, Alice learned that he was here on a resident card and didn't have his citizenship.

So Alice did what she does best. "Through working here, I met a retired attorney who was in town to play a few rounds of golf! He was able to connect me with an immigration attorney in Denver." The entire process for Heivan extended over the course of two years, and last September, he obtained his citizenship in a swearing-in ceremony in front of the Colorado National Monument in Grand Junction. "It was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life – so much so that Heivan and I want to start a non-profit that can help others obtain their citizenship." Alice deems this as her "retirement project" and hopes to have the opportunity to help others in The Valley like Heivan.

The power of golf can often be underestimated or forgotten, but when we meet PGA Professionals such as Alice, we are quickly reminded how incredibly rewarding, powerful, and impactful the sport and industry can be. "She's a role model for everyone – for the industry, Vail Golf Club, and future members of the PGA. She truly is a shining example of a PGA Professional."

Alice would like to give special thanks to all who have helped her get to where she is today. She would like to especially thank Ann Pitts – her Coach at Oklahoma State — "for giving me an opportunity to play and compete on the OSU Women's Golf Team."



Alice doing what she does best at Vail Valley Golf



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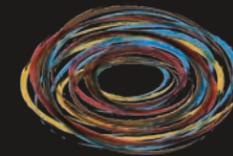
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Cynthia Kruse

Celebrates a Milestone in Her Real Estate Career

Cynthia Kruse earned her real estate license in 1999 and joined RE/MAX Vail Valley in 2001. That same year, she became a permanent resident of the Vail Valley, having owned property here since 1998. In October 2009 Cynthia took over the reins from Bill Wilto to become the new Broker/Owner for the office. She served as 2007/2008 Chair of the Vail Board of REALTORS and was awarded the honor of REALTOR of the year in 2012.

This year, Cynthia reached another milestone in her career as it was announced that RE/MAX Elevate, a company based in Boulder and Louisville, Colorado, would acquire RE/MAX Vail Valley. Maintaining its Edwards office space in the Riverwalk complex, RE/MAX Vail Valley has rebranded as RE/MAX Elevate Vail Valley while incorporating RE/MAX Elevate's elite marketing and technology solutions.

"We are very pleased that RE/MAX Vail Valley has become RE/MAX Elevate Vail Valley," said Cynthia, with regard to the acquisition. "This transition pairs the power of the RE/MAX Elevate network on the Front Range with our local team of experienced brokers in the Vail Valley. The depth of the RE/MAX Elevate organization brings a new level of marketing and support to the 30 years of local business presence and expertise of our brokers here."

A native of St. Clair Shores, MI, Cynthia is an over-achiever by nature. A pianist at age 5, a member of the National Honor Society, a National Merit Scholar, salutatorian for her graduating class, and the winner of the *Detroit News* spelling bee are but a few of the acknowledged awards of this Mensa member.



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Cynthia's career in real estate followed a highly successful stint in high-tech sales and support. Having graduated with a degree in Computer and Communication Science from the University of Michigan and attended graduate school specializing in Computer, Information and Control Engineering in UofM's College of Computer Science and Engineering, that was a natural place to start. "I had just fallen in love with computers and it was at the beginning of the high tech boom," Cynthia recalls, "I was in the right place at the right time."

Despite an interest in computers, she held a deep affinity for real estate as well. As Cynthia looks back at those early days, she says, "I bought my first house in 1974, a month after college, and it later was declared a historical landmark. When I sold it, I tripled my money. I have had confidence in real estate ever since. Years later that commitment to real estate would prove a wise one."

When not immersed in the real estate world, Cynthia dedicated her time to training Miss Tillie, her beloved Australian Shephard, to be a national conformation champion and an award-winning agility competitor whose rise to fame was somewhat meteoric, going from novice to expert within a year. Cynthia approached that hobby in much the same way she does most things in her life with vivacious determination and a plan. Today, she spends time with her 5-year-old Aussie, Cammie Jean, and enjoys time traveling in her newly acquired camper van. Having taken a maiden voyage to Grand Teton National Park with friends this summer, Cynthia is hooked on the mobile lifestyle!

To reach Cynthia, please call or text 970-376-3673, via email at cynthiakruse@remax.net or stop by the Riverwalk Office across from the Bookworm. She is ready to assist Singletree residents with all their real estate needs in today's active market.

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who's making a difference

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time that that would only worsen his symptoms. Again, Jimmie being Jimmie, he refused to accept that, so he founded The Jimmie Heuga Center for Multiple Sclerosis in 1984 in the Vail Valley with the express mission of improving the lives of people living with MS through physical activity, goal setting, and motivation.

And it worked! So well in fact that today, the program of treating the whole person through exercise and activity that Jimmie pioneered in 1984 is now the standard for MS care worldwide.

Fast forward to 2010 when the Heuga Center changed its name, but not its mission, to Can Do Multiple Sclerosis. Over the years, the Can Do MS group has expanded its reach from the Vail Valley to a now nationwide network of over 100 health-care professionals offering virtual and in-person education, coaching, and support to help families living with MS thrive. Just last year, over 77,000 people were impacted through Can Do MS programs on exercise, nutrition, symptom management, and motivation.

To fully understand the Can Do Multiple Sclerosis organization, some historical context is necessary. The 1964 men's Olympic ski team was made up of athletes who would go on to become legends in the sport. Buddy Werner, Bill Marlot, Billy Kidd, and Jimmie Heuga formed the nucleus of the squad, and Kidd and Heuga would become the first two Americans in history to win Olympic medals in alpine skiing at the games held in Innsbruck, Austria, that year. Kidd would win Silver and Heuga would win Bronze in Slalom, and both went on to further success in the 1966 World Championships and the 1970 Winter Olympics.

Not long after this triumph, Jimmie started experiencing vision problems and numbness. In 1970, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis at just 26 years old and the peak of his skiing career. But Jimmie being Jimmie, was not about to give in to MS without a fight. Sadly, in the '70s there was not much help available to either motivate or help anyone diagnosed with MS. In fact, the opposite was true. His doctors advised Jimmie to avoid exercise or any physical activity as it was felt at the

I spoke recently with Singletree residents Laura Allen, the Can-Do MS Associate Director of Programs, and Connie and Bill Welch, volunteers and participants in the annual Man Of The Cliff event, which benefits Can Do MS. Man Of The Cliff is a unique fundraising event that began in Red Cliff in 2009. It combines classic Highland Games events such as the caber toss and the keg toss with lumberjack and lumberjill competitions, including ax throwing, speed chopping, and two-person buck sawing. Add archery, spear throwing, and beer stein carrying to the list of contests, and you have an event with wide appeal, unique



opportunities, and a guaranteed good time for participants and spectators alike.

Connie and Bill have been participating in Man Of The Cliff since 2011 when the event was still held in Red Cliff and benefited First Descents. First Descents provides life-changing outdoor adventures for young adults impacted by cancer and other serious health conditions. In 2014, the event moved to Nottingham Park in Avon, and Can Do MS became the beneficiary in 2019. Connie and Bill made the switch as well. Today these two amazing mountain-skilled athletes happily don their flannel shirts, Carharts, and knit beanies each fall and continue to dominate their age groups in the event. It is important to note that all the Man Of The Cliff events have both men's and



women's divisions, so whether it's tossing the caber or an ax, there are no gender barriers at all.

You can compete as an individual or team of four for \$88 per person, and winners are determined by totaling up points earned in each event. If you can't put your hands on an ax, a caber, a spear, or a keg, don't despair; Can Do MS will provide all the hardware you need. So, if you want to find out what it feels like to compete in flannel, go to www.manofthecliff.com and click on the SIGN-UP button. Admission to the event as a spectator is free, but the good folks at Can Do MS would really appreciate your \$10 donation.

This year's event will take place on October 9 from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm at Nottingham Park in Avon. There will be craft brews available as well as local food trucks galore.

Since its inception, Man Of The Cliff has raised over \$150,000 for local charities, including Can Do MS. 100% of proceeds at this year's event will go directly to helping those with MS lead active and productive lives based on principles and programs developed almost 40 years ago by a Valley resident and remarkable athlete who was determined to not let MS rob him of the life and activities he so enjoyed.



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Connecting with Jeremy Lepore



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Where are you from originally and how did you land in the Vail Valley?

I was born in Boulder, CO. Shortly after, my family moved to Greeley, where I went to school K-12. I studied Political Science at Fort Lewis College in Durango, earned my BA degree in Political Science, and thought I was going to pursue a career in Environmental Politics, at some level. I did a lot of campaigning with nonprofit groups throughout Denver, but never landed anything that truly “paid the bills.” A couple of my siblings had tenure at the time, in the financial services, and wealth management industries, so with some insight, and a little bit of “big brother” influence, I tried my hand at banking.

I started with Wells Fargo in 2003 as a teller, and climbed the ropes there as I became a banker nine months later. And within a couple years, I became a licensed banker, selling an array of products and services from new accounts, retail and commercial loans and lines of credit to fixed annuities.

I always aspired to get back to the mountains, as I was passionate about living there as a child. Durango made an impression on me, and I think I literally spun the globe and landed on a Commercial Banking position with Bill Burns at the time, at Wells Fargo in Avon. He hired me, and through various roles and a few banks in between, it brought me to where I am today, in Edwards, at Edward Jones.

How long have you been an Financial Advisor?

I have been a Financial Advisor, in my role at Edward Jones, for three years.

Were you always fascinated by wealth management or was there something else that drew you to your profession?

It's not wealth management in and of itself that draws me to the industry, it's more delving deep into conversations with my

engaged clients that inspires me to be the best advisor I can be. True human connection draws me to the profession and allows me to provide the highest level of service and the highest quality of investments, so I can deliver on revealing what is truly possible for my clients when striving to achieve their financial goals and objectives.

What is the most challenging thing you encounter in your position as a Financial Advisor?

The ever changing market conditions and economic climate can be a challenge in my role. Case in point, in March 2020 the market was down 37% due to the pandemic, and on the flip side, until mid-July of 2021, it came back 97.6% (that's astounding). So with that comes a whole new array of market momentum in specific sectors and a landslide of ever changing conditions as the climate shifts through an economic recovery.

What is the most rewarding part of your role?

Genuine connection to people, realizing and understanding their dreams, and helping co-create tailored strategies with them, so we can meet and exceed their financial goals.

Who are your ideal clients?

Families, business owners, and individual investors who want to be engaged in the process of achieving their financial dreams

Is there ever “the perfect time” to evaluate your investment portfolio?

In terms of “evaluating” your investment portfolio, this depends, given the individuals’ or business’ circumstances. One thing I like to do is partner with your CPA or bookkeeper to ensure there is tax efficiency baked into your investment portfolio. Sometimes that requires evaluation or considerations at different times throughout the year. I always say we need to meet at least once



a year to talk about your accounts or overall portfolio performance. But sometimes, depending on the circumstances, we may talk more frequently.

What is one piece of advice you would offer our readers today?

Start young.

Can you tell us about your family?

My wife and I were high school sweethearts. We began dating in Junior High School, had time off from one another throughout our college years, but came back together and were married in September of 2006. We've owned homes in the Edwards area together since 2005. In 2011, our first child was born, and our second was born in 2015. We love living in the true “Heart of the Valley” in Edwards. We're beyond blessed to be where we are in life and we approach each day with gratitude.

What are your favorite interests and activities?

I love anything outside: riding bikes, skateboarding and snowboarding, camping. In the last several years, as my children picked up hockey, I've restored my love of the game which I played consistently throughout my childhood, and would drop at anything to play, whether it's a men's league game, or a standard stick and puck at Dobson, or a drop in game at the pond. Oh, and I'm also addicted to CNBC, and economic data!

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travel tales

Contributed by Kirk Smick, Singletree Resident



Visiting Sonoma AND THE WINE COUNTRY with Kirk Smick

I love to visit Sonoma the way I used to love to visit Napa. Napa has become very commercialized, particularly on weekends, and in the fall, it is far too busy for me. Sonoma, on the other hand, is the way Napa was 20 years ago. The roads are less traveled and everyone has a more “laid back” attitude. Oh sure, *Morimoto Napa* and *The French Laundry* (the most difficult restaurant reservation in America) both reside in Napa but for my money *The Girl and the Fig* in Sonoma and *Sante Restaurant* at the Sonoma Mission Inn are nearly as enjoyable.

Because the two famous wine districts are situated adjacent to each other, it is possible to criss-cross the mountain range separating them and visit wineries in each district. For the rookie wine country visitor, I offer this piece of advice: make your dinner restaurant reservations early and don't overdo it. I wouldn't visit more than 4-5 wineries in one day and take time to enjoy each winery and learn a little about each varietal that you taste.

California Hwy 101 is the main road through the Sonoma Valley. I typically divide my wine visits into two major geographic groups (lower Sonoma and upper Sonoma). Headquarters for the lower Sonoma region would be the city Sonoma itself, and from there, one can easily visit the sparkling wine house of Gloria Ferrer. And just next door, try Schug's Pinot Noir. After a relaxing lunch at Maya in Sonoma (Mayan food, of course), head out of town in the opposite direction and visit some of my very favorite wineries.

The cave at Deerfield Ranch is a must-see, and you should definitely allow an hour for that stop. In the same area are several wonderful possibilities: Ledson, with its castle-like appearance; Chateau St. Jean; Kenwood; and finally, the tram tour of Benzinger Family wine estate. Enjoy dinner that evening at *The Girl and the Fig*. My secret tip for this area is Robert Hunter Winery. This destination is not shown on most wine maps but the view and tour of their botanical gardens are wonderful. I



wouldn't miss it. A reservation is a must and you will want to have a mixed case of their wines sent to your home. You won't find RHW wines in any wine store or restaurant, there just aren't enough.

Now, let's head northwest. The town of Healdsburg is our camping out location for this end of the valley. Healdsburg is a little more sophisticated than Sonoma but just as relaxed. Splurge a little and stay at the Healdsburg Hotel. It is a very contemporary facility located smack in the middle of the town. *Spoonbar*, attached to the very modern H2 Hotel is very attractive and one of my favorites.

OK, time to get wine tasting. There are so many to choose from, I hesitate to suggest. Ferrari Carano is the most attractive and a good starting point. Rafanelli (not for looks, but incredible wines), Kendall Jackson for a great tour to really understand the winemaking process, and Rochioli for another small but amazing winery. Finally, the best winery at the end of the day is the small little farm tucked in the hills that you discover on your own. Keep me posted on your discoveries!

The food is just as important as the wine when it comes to visiting Wine Country. This is one of my favorite recipes: Pappardelle with Duck Ragu, courtesy of Mario Batali. If you love to spend a relaxing



Sunday afternoon in the kitchen enjoying a glass of wine and cooking up a storm, this is it.

Pappardelle With Duck Ragu

INGREDIENTS:

- A supply of pappardelle noodles (hopefully fresh but not necessary)
- 4 duck legs and thighs, skin removed
- 4 Tbsp. virgin olive oil
- 1 medium Spanish onion, chopped into ¼" dice
- 1 medium carrot, peeled and finely chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 stalk celery, chopped into ¼" dice
- 8 oz. red wine (preferably what you are going to drink with the meal)
- 1 pound canned tomatoes (I prefer San Marzano when I can get them)
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1 oz. dried Porcini mushrooms

DIRECTIONS:

Wash duck legs and remove all fat. Pat dry. In a thick bottom casserole or Dutch oven, heat olive oil until smoking. Add duck legs and cook until brown on all sides then remove, about 10-12

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minutes. Add onion, carrot, garlic, and celery and cook until softened, about 7-9 minutes. Add wine, tomatoes, chicken stock, and dried mushrooms and bring to a boil. Add duck legs and return to a boil, lower heat, cover and allow to simmer for 1 hour. Remove duck legs and allow to cool. Pull all meat off the bones and return to the pot without the bones. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes or until quite thick. Season with salt and pepper and set aside.

In a large pot, bring 6 quarts of water to boil and add 2 Tbsp. salt. Boil the pappardelle until cooked al dente and drain well. Place hot pappardelle into a pan with 2 cups of the ragu and toss well. Pour into serving bowls and serve immediately. I sometimes add just a little finely chopped Italian parsley for looks and freshly grated parmesan for flavor.

For the wine pairing, let's enjoy the 2010 Carneros Pinot Noir from Schug. This Sonoma favorite of mine is made in the tradition of the finest red Burgundies of France. When I retired from the SECO Board of Directors, I was presented with a magnum autographed by the winemaker. This is a complex wine with a rich bouquet of cherries, berries, and hints of spicy new oak. It has flavors reminiscent of black cherry, currant, and strawberry, followed by a rich, spicy texture and a long silky finish. Bon appetit!



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Under Contract	751 Singletree Road 7	Townhome	3	3	1,718	Partially	\$985,000	\$573	2	--	--	--
Under Contract	11 Hereford Road	Duplex	3	3	2,245	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$579	4	--	--	--
Under Contract	40 Lariat Road N	Duplex	4	3	2,206	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$589	5	--	--	--
Under Contract	661 Singletree Road E	Duplex	3	4	2,048	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$635	6	--	--	--
Under Contract	114 Mission Place	Townhome	3	3	2,614	Unfurnished	\$1,465,000	\$560	23	--	--	--
Under Contract	61 Hereford Road	Single Family	4	4	3,050	Unfurnished	\$1,900,000	\$623	3	--	--	--
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	15 Charolais Circle	Duplex	4	4	2,896	Unfurnished	\$1,395,000	\$482	7	\$1,375,000	\$475	8/17/21
Closed	751 Singletree Road	Duplex	3	4	2,305	Unfurnished	\$1,595,000	\$692	0	\$1,595,000	\$692	8/13/21
Closed	281 Foal Circle	Single Family	4	5	3,663	Unfurnished	\$2,595,000	\$708	5	\$2,300,000	\$628	7/29/21

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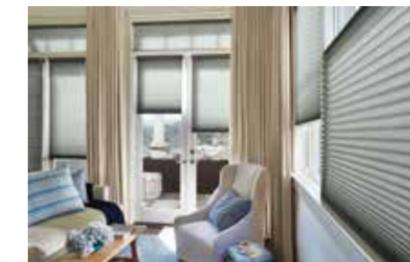
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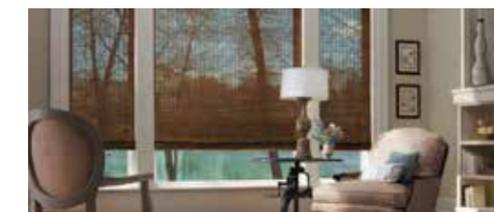
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Contributed by Ethan Eguarte, Singletree Resident

kids' corner



ETHAN EGUARTE: THE PHONE GUY

Ethan Eguarte was born in 2012. His birthday is June 25th and he celebrated his 9th birthday this year. He is in the 4th grade at ECCA.

What is your favorite part of school? Spanish and computers. In Spanish, we did a project for the end of the school year and it was about Spanish verbs. We can partner up. My partner is a girl. She is my friend. She's not my girlfriend. Her name is Ava.

So tell me about computers. What have you learned so far?

Well, mostly where you can make your own characters and backgrounds on a thing called Scratch.com. I just do it for fun to make things.

Who are your best buddies? Austin, Cash, Dominick. Austin lives in Singletree. Austin Bennett.

So when you're not in school, what are your favorite things to do? Jump and do flips on the trampoline. Climb trees. Play on my phone. I'm a phone guy.

Do you have favorite games on your phone? Yes, I have a couple. Roblox. Another game is called Colorette. And I have my own Lego app.

Do you build Legos? Yes, I have a lot in my room! I built my house. It had a door, a base, and a loft, and it had a second top. I tripped on the stairs and broke it! But I built another one. I build Legos so fast.

What else do you like to build? Boats.

Are there more games you like to play? What I'm wishing for is Optimus Quest. It's a VR game.

What other things do you like to do? I like to paint. I love to draw and paint. And do a lot of things. I made my mom a dinosaur for Mother's Day.

Do you do anything that she does not like you to do? I like to scare her. She screams super loud.



What's the funniest way you've scared her? A lot of times! The most funny was I jumped out and she fell down the stairs!

Do you ski? Yes, I'm a great skier.

Where do you ski? Beaver Creek and I take Bevo lessons.

Do you like superheroes? I love Black Widow, Batman, Spiderman, and my most favorite of all is creating my own superhero!

So what is your superpower? I'm a great fighter and I used to be in the Justice League and Avengers.

If you could have a superpower, what would it be? Mostly invisibility.

If you had the power to be invisible, what would you do? I would scare people! I would be quiet and then I would jump out and scare them.

What scares you? Creepy ghosts under the bed.

Do you have any under your bed? No. But I do have a secret love letter under my bed!

What's this? This is one of my drawings. It's a tent inside my tent. It's called "Unless." And this is the power beam and it's creating a bad guy. I'm inside the tent and the supercharger is killing

the earth. It's kind of like COVID.

So what did you do to fight it?

We got all of the superheroes and killed it. And this is my native American one. There's a deer, a woman, and it's from the Indian age.

Any last words?

One last favorite thing... is my favorite toy. It's a sword. I also have a huge spaceship.

I think we covered it all! Thank you, Ethan, for chatting today and sharing some of your favorite things.



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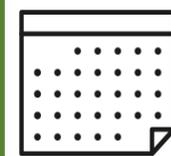


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- ✓ Make sure your roof is in good shape to keep it protecting your home
- ✓ Clean out gutters and downspouts
- ✓ Weather strip your garage door to prevent drafts and keep out small animals
- ✓ Put away hoses and make sure irrigation systems are blown out
- ✓ Ensure your heat system is in good working order
- ✓ Change the direction of your ceiling fan to create an upward draft that redistributes warm air from the ceiling
- ✓ Confirm carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are working properly



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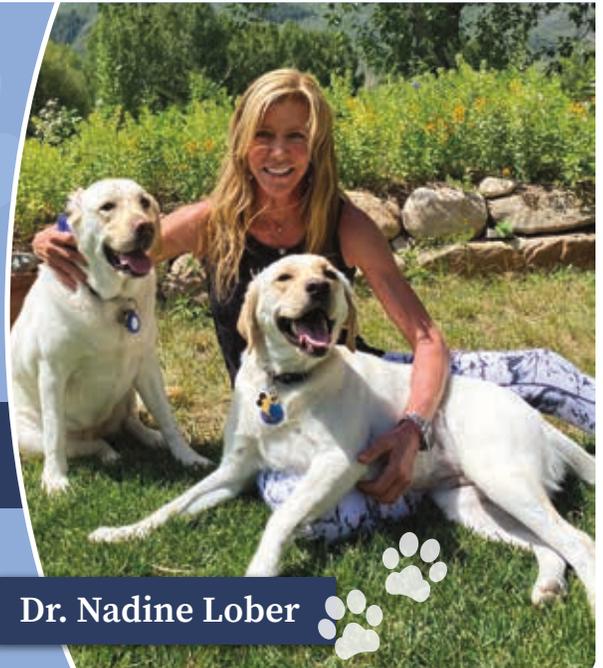
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