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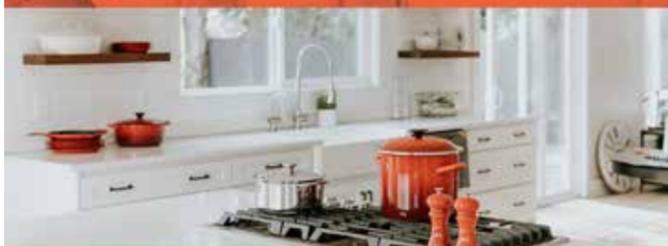
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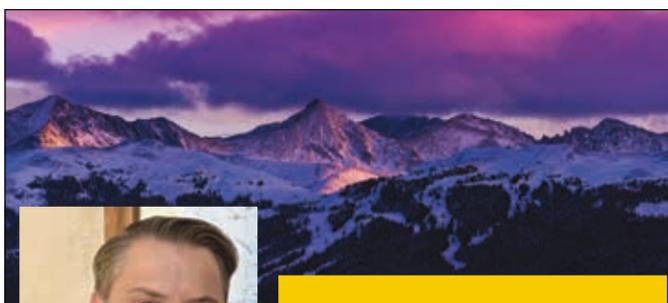
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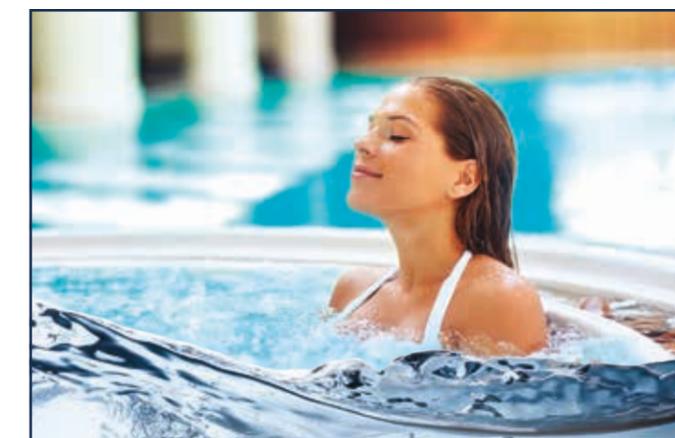
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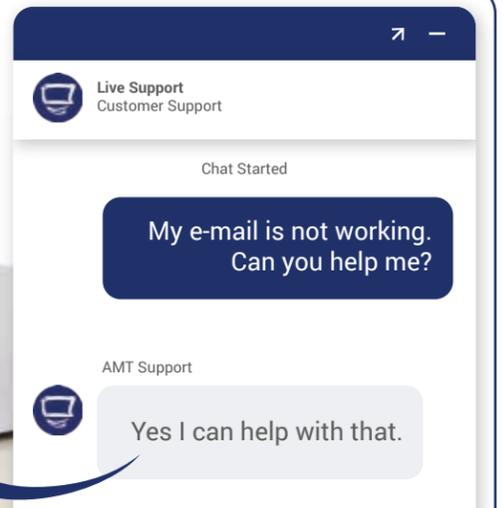
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Happy Holidays, Singletree Residents!

'Tis the season for celebrating holiday cheer with family and friends!

In this issue, we meet the Bricklins! Born in San Jose, CA, Heidi arrived in Colorado by way of Australia and Mark crossed the country until he landed in Vail at the age of 28. Today, they are thrilled to call "LoSi" - Lower Singletree - their home with Madison, Sawyer, and Lucky.

While far from the sea in Singletree, Ian Koblick has pursued his passion for oceanic exploration and research since the 1960s. Today, Ian dedicates 100% of his efforts to educating and training a new generation of aquanauts at his MarineLab in Key Largo. And on the home front, Kevin Shields enlightens us about the resources available to support behavioral health at All Points North Lodge.

Allie Decent welcomes us to Eager Beavers Work Space where she offers a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs to work in bright contemporary office space. Budding fashion designer Alana Polatty shares her busy life devoted to dance, music - the piano and the ukulele - and art. And Bijou Lucas is just thrilled the snow has arrived!



With the holidays upon us, shopping and entertaining quickly come to mind. In this issue, we meet three of our **INSIDE Singletree** Sponsors: Stephanie McCarthy, owner of Blitz Boutique, Michelle New, owner of Pine Mountain Grazing Co., and Kelly Newman, owner of 714 HOME. Please be sure to put these ladies on your lists for shopping and catering!

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Wishing you and your loved ones peace, love, and joy this holiday season and in the coming new year!

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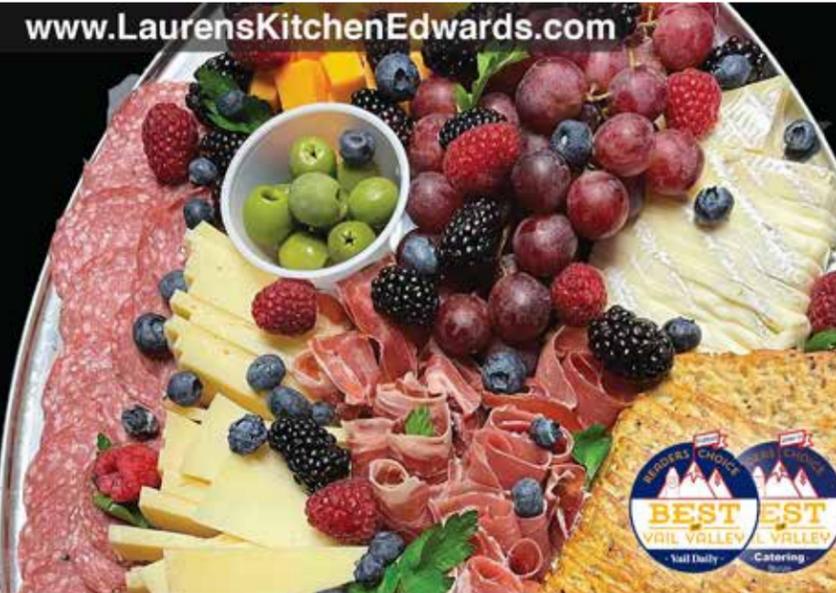


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Under Contract	Persimmon Woods 5	Townhome	2	2	1,422	Unfurnished	\$950,000	\$668	7	--	--	
Under Contract	280 Hackamore Road	Duplex	3	3	1,993	Furnished	\$1,050,000	\$527	1	--	--	
Under Contract	40 Lariat Road N	Duplex	4	3	2,206	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$589	12	--	--	
Under Contract	971 Winslow Road	Single Family	3	4	3,945	Unfurnished	\$1,495,000	\$379	38	--	--	
Under Contract	760 June Creek Road	Single Family	4	4	3,158	Unfurnished	\$1,895,000	\$600	53	--	--	
Under Contract	341 Foal Circle	Single Family	5	4	5,040	Partially	\$2,995,000	\$594	36	--	--	
Closed	The Villas at Singletree C-3	Condominium	3	2	1,511	Unfurnished	\$925,000	\$612	7	\$875,000	\$579	10/8/21
Closed	11 Hereford Road	Duplex	3	3	2,245	Unfurnished	\$1,300,000	\$579	4	\$1,252,750	\$558	10/18/21
Closed	661 Singletree Road W	Duplex	3	3	2,276	Unfurnished	\$1,450,000	\$637	5	\$1,450,000	\$637	9/28/21
Closed	61 Hereford Road	Single Family	4	4	3,050	Unfurnished	\$1,900,000	\$623	3	\$1,800,000	\$590	9/24/21
Closed	320 Singletree Road	Single Family	3	3	3,161	Unfurnished	\$1,950,000	\$617	60	\$1,850,000	\$585	10/14/21

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Mark, Heidi, Madison, Sawyer & Lucky

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**Denver has LoDo — We are Living La Vida LoSí!
Say Hey to the Bricklins:
Heidi, Mark, Madison, Sawyer and Lucky**

Heidi: I was born in San Jose, CA... my Dad's job brought us to Alice Springs, Australia for two years when I was little. Back to San Jose and then a move to Colorado Springs when I was 10. I grew up with three younger brothers, two of them twins. Attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins and moved to Vail after college.

Mark: Born in Winter Park, FL (Orlando), moved to suburban Philly, Scottsdale, AZ before it was the place to be... Palos Verdes, CA, Rockville, MD and D.C., Tampa, Upper Saddle River, NJ and finally moved to Vail when I was 28. I was introduced to Vail by my Mom whose best friend, Nancy Lipsky, had moved here years earlier from Philly.

Heidi: My roommate at CSU, Caramie Schnell, grew up in Vail and after college she let me know about a job opportunity in advertising at the Vail Trail where she worked at the time. I was a business marketing major, loved the mountains and snowboarding — so it

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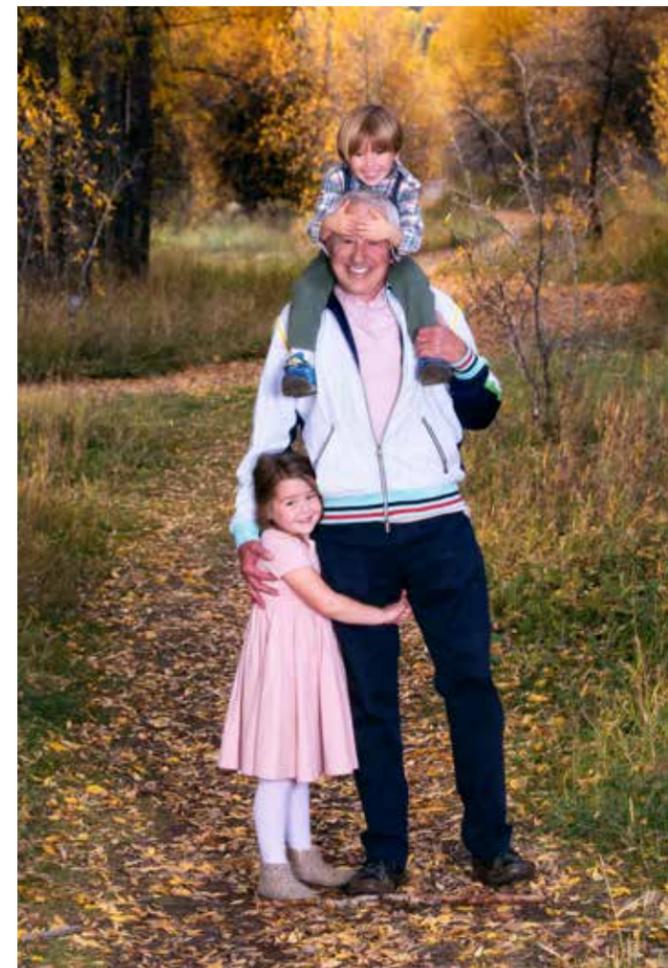
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was the perfect fit. I lived in Avon, EagleVail, Minturn, and Miller Ranch before landing in Singletree.

Mark: I started out in East Vail, moved to EagleVail and then Avon. Patti and John Staber are very good friends. They built a number of homes in Edwards and at least three in Singletree. They were building a duplex in Singletree and insisted I go from being a renter to a homeowner — thank goodness! That's how I came to be in 'LoSi'... Lower Singletree.

Heidi: Now we both work at the Vail Daily. But in those early days, I worked at the Trail and Mark worked across the hall in the Vail Daily offices. There were a lot of people working at the newspapers and many of us were friends outside of work too. I left the Trail and took a job at Slifer Designs for a number of years before returning to the Vail Daily. I had been friends with Mark throughout but we found ourselves hanging out more often. The Daily sponsors lots of events and part of Mark's job had him attending a lot of them. We found ourselves going to many of them together.

Mark: One of the events the Daily supported from the beginning was the Vail Film Festival. Sean & Scott Cross founded the festival



and their Mom lives in Singletree. They co-founded the Los Cabos International Film Festival in San Jose del Cabo and invited a contingent of folks from Vail to attend in November 2012. I proposed to Heidi on our last day on the beach in Cabo and we were married a year later at the resort next door.

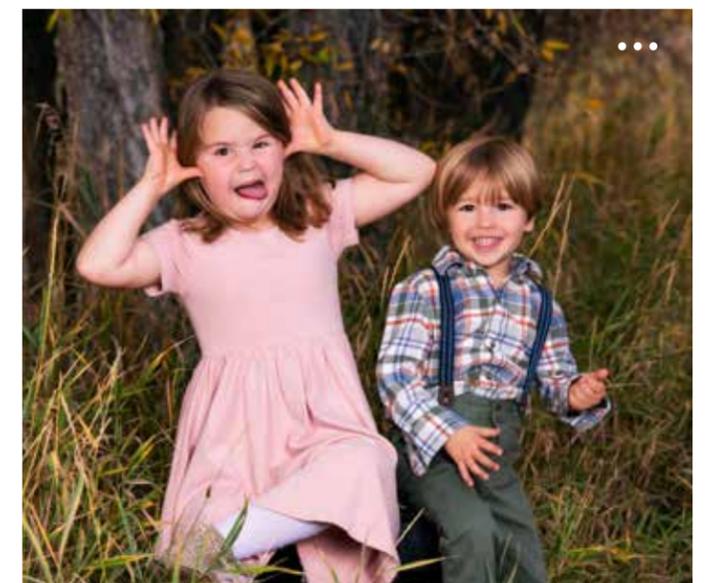
Heidi: Our daughter, Madison, was born in 2016. She started kindergarten at Edwards Elementary School in August and loves it. She just wrapped her second season of soccer, enjoys ballet and tap dance and loves to create art. She is also very happy in the swimming pool. Sawyer was born in 2018. He adores his older sister and has recently been finding his voice and is becoming quite the character. They both love the Singletree park and the beach at the pond at the top of Charolais.

Mark: We are very lucky to have both sets of grandparents be a big part of our kids' upbringing. Heidi's parents, Paula and Dave, are not too far away in Castle Rock. Dave spent his career with



Lockheed Martin, I suspect he may have been a secret agent, 007-style. My Mom and Step-Dad, Brenda and Alan Himelfarb, live in EagleVail. Brenda co-founded the Vail Breast Cancer Awareness Group with Singletree rez, Patti Weinstein, and can out-hike me any day of the week. Alan is the Executive Director for Starting Hearts and is determined to save the world from cardiac arrest. Madison and Sawyer adore them. My job at the Vail Daily has me working with most of the non-profit organizations in Eagle County. And I am fortunate to be on the board of the Vail Valley Charitable Fund with a number of other Singletree residents. My Dad, Malcolm, is the third grandpa in the mix and visits each summer for a week and sees the kids at other times of the year and on Facetime.

Heidi: We lost our best buddy, Rocket, a little over a year ago at the age of thirteen. Rocket was a cavadoodle and just the



...

sweetest puppy ever. In August, we welcomed Lucky to the family. He is a Lhasapoo from Kentucky. We may have forgotten how much energy a puppy has going on and he is awfully smart. It will be a battle to see who is potty trained first: Sawyer or Lucky! Let's hope for both by the time you are reading this!

Mark: I love cars and have been around cars all my life — but not in that mechanically savvy way. My Dad was the first to import several cars to the US — Subaru in 1968 and the Yugo in the mid-80s. And he created and built an 'American' safety sports car in Canada in the mid-1970s called the Bricklin SVL. He founded the Electric Bicycle Company in 1995 (about 25 years ahead of its time), almost brought in the first Chinese-built cars in the mid-2000s and is working on a niche electric car project now... at the age of 82.

Heidi: With a little bit of luck, Mark might have his own Bricklin car driving around Singletree next summer. And the kids may be learning to drive a Mini-Brick Go Kart at about the same time... oy! When I can get any time to myself, I love yoga and have started to run around the neighborhood a bit. I'm a snowboarder and Mark is a skier. Madison is starting out as a skier and I may learn too. She will be in DEVO this season and we are looking forward to skiing with her more this season. Sawyer will

learn to ski a little this season. With reservations in the mix and 'form your own team' suspended last season — last year wasn't the smoothest time to learn.

Mark: Little known fact: last December Heidi was filmed on her phone on the corner of Charolais & Hackamore in a national T-Mobile commercial. She was literally in the 30- second spot for one second. But if you know her, you knew it was her. She received emails and texts from folks all over the country as the spot ran heavily for two months. And it paid handsomely!

Heidi: We shot that one second of footage over two cold days! It's not all glamour being in showbiz. We have so many friends and co-workers living in Singletree, many of them have been featured in this magazine. It's fun to bump into them at the park or in the 'neighborhood.' Last year when I was mostly working from home I saw so many people from all over walking up Charolais to hike the Berry Creek Trail — it was fun to see so many familiar faces!

Mark: We love where we live! And we love hanging out with our neighbors in our LoSi hood; Kade, Kai, Kash, Kerri, Carter, Christi, Kameron, Greta, Oliver, Greg, Amy, Dakota, Tracy and Madi Suz.



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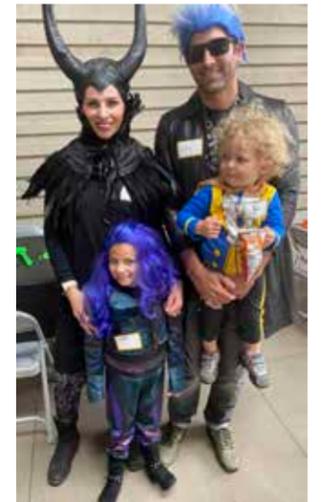
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Blitz Boutique, located on East Meadow Drive in Vail, offers the discerning shopper a memorable shopping experience when it comes to achieving the fine balance between classic and edgy. The team at Blitz, Stephanie McCarthy and Kate Manley, enthusiastically offer their customers guidance and new ideas as well as a fireside seat for male companions. Who could ask for more in a shopping experience? Here we get to know the owner Stephanie, the brilliance behind Blitz!

When were you first inspired by fashion? That would be sophomore in high school. Most likely my art teacher, Berneil Bannon, was the start of it. We did Fashion Club, which she helped us form. It was a short-lived club but it definitely inspired me!

And when did you start working at Blitz? I started here during my senior year of high school in 2005 and then I purchased the business in October 2020.

How would you describe your target demographic? We cater primarily to the mid-'20s to mid-'50s but with outliers on either side. We have a customer from Texas who is 84 and she crushes it here; she just loves the store.

What do you love most to buy for the store? My favorite thing to buy is shoes. And accessories. But I really love buying all of it!

What's the most fun part of owning Blitz Boutique? My connections with clients and the buying.

How often do you go on buying trips and where do you go? About every 6-8 weeks. I travel to Dallas, LA, and Las Vegas and, of course, the regional shows in Denver.

What drives your buying decisions? I am not a trend-driven person. I like to skew on classic and special



novelty pieces and am less dictated by trends specifically. I like to offer classic femininity with little edgy touches. Hats are huge right now. Western-inspired is big right now. Combat boots are still huge. Mixing that hard and soft – there's a juxtaposition – you get to play around with it and that is really fun.

What kind of guidance do you offer your customers? I like to help my customers find where it is safe to branch out, where it is still going to be in their comfort zone and where it is practical for their lifestyle. We have accessible price points but they are still going to be quality pieces that will last and they are not going to age themselves out necessarily.

How do you differentiate Blitz Boutique from other shops in the Vail Valley? We definitely tend to be more contemporary. I would say we are also more accessible from a price point perspective. We still bring in European lines but it is a different look from the very classic style that is very specific to particular regions. Most of our clients are tourists so we want to offer pieces that are



relevant when they go home. We are here for your everyday wardrobe wherever you live. It's a testament to quality where you find something that you can wear as a practical addition to your wardrobe, and there are also pop pieces that are fun so we offer more than just the staples.

Can you share a little bit about your family? My husband and I have three children: two boys and a girl between the ages of 6 and 10.

What are your favorite things to do as a family? We do family game night. We have family movie night. Very chill. They all love mountain biking. Swimming. Trips. They love everything!

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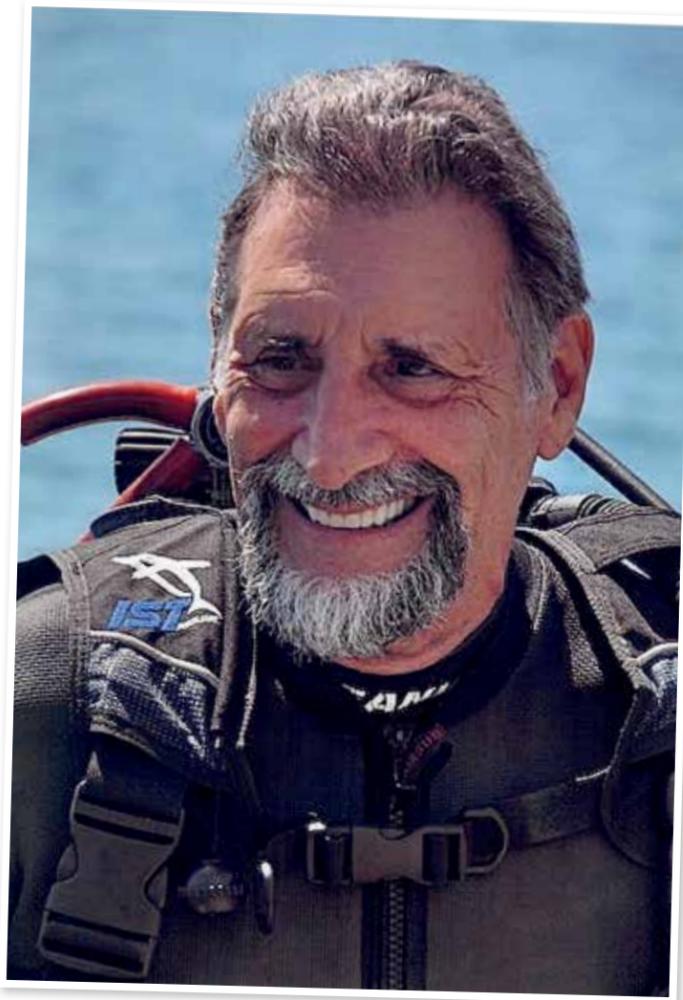
Contributed by **Ian Koblick**, Singletree Resident
Article written by **Tim Swift**, Singletree Resident

The year was 1964, and Ian Koblick was enrolled in a post-graduate course at the Stanford University Marine Lab. Ian, who had been diving since 1960, was criticized by his professor for collecting samples by diving rather than the more scientifically accepted method of combing the beach. Ian was struck dumb by his professor's reaction, thinking how can we possibly understand the oceans if we never venture farther into them than the coastline!

From that moment on, Ian Koblick, who divides his time between Singletree and Key Largo, FL, was determined to make it his life's work to not only understand the oceans but to do all he could to advance the cause of protecting them. Not only did he want to explore the world's oceans he wanted to live in them. Over the course of his still-active career, Ian has fulfilled all these goals in a lifetime of aquatic advocacy, activism, study, and innovation. His accomplishments are legion, and his contributions immeasurable.

In 1964, Ian and his wife Tonya, also a marine biologist, moved to the Virgin Islands to pursue their dreams of ocean exploration and study. As fate would have it, Ian was in the right place at the right time. The director of the newly formed Caribbean Research Institute was looking for a talented (but affordable) person to build and run the institute's first facility. Ian was that person. He had the skills and was willing to work cheap!

Shortly after the facility was finished, a group of government, military, and corporate leaders came to the Virgin Islands looking for a site to carry out an underwater living project to be known as Tektite, and Ian was asked to host the group. Tektite was to be an advanced underwater habitat designed to house a team of aquanauts conducting research as well as a NASA facility for training astronauts to live and work in a confined, weightless, and difficult environment. Because of Ian's impassioned sales pitch, or, in his words, "Maybe the availability of cheap rum," the site of the new



Ian and Tonya returning from the Explorers Club dinner in New York after Ian was awarded the Lowell Thomas Award for Ocean Exploration



MarineLab lagoon



MarineLab mangrove critters

Caribbean Research Institute facility was chosen for the habitat. In addition to selling the team on the site, Ian applied for and was chosen to be one of the aquanauts who would occupy the new project.

Fast forward a number of years and a number of iterations of the Tektite project, including an all-woman team headed by renowned ocean explorer Dr. Sylvia Earle that occupied Tektite II, and Ian was becoming increasingly frustrated by what he saw as a number of technical shortcomings that plagued the Tektite program, not the least of which was a toilet that refused to do what toilets are supposed to do best.

Because of another serendipitous twist of fate, Ian was approached by the governor of Puerto Rico with an offer to design and build a state-of-the-art underwater habitat in the island's waters.

He accepted the offer and partnered with John Perry, a successful submarine builder in Florida. The pair went on to build the habitat that they christened *La Chalupa*. *La Chalupa* was a fully submersible, yet fully portable facility that had the ability to not only house divers, but house them in water-free rooms. Oh, and the toilet actually worked.

La Chalupa was launched in 1972 and continued to operate as a research facility off the coast of Puerto Rico on the edge of the continental shelf until 1976. The habitat was then moved to the Miami River where it sat idle until 1986 when Ian and his partner bought it and moved it to the seafloor of the Emerald Lagoon in Key Largo Florida, rechristened it the Jules Undersea Lodge, and opened it to the public as the only underwater hotel in the world. The lodge is still in operation today, and if you have either PADI, NAUI, or SSI dive certification, you are welcome to book your stay! By the way, the Yelp reviews are off the charts.

After a decades-long career in ocean research, today Ian is dedicating 100% of

his efforts to educating and training a new generation of aquanauts committed to combating the ravages of climate change on the world's oceans and protecting a resource without which life on earth would be unsustainable.

Ian is especially proud of the Marine Resource Development Foundation that he created in 1970 to develop *La Chalupa*. In 1976 he moved the foundation from Puerto Rico to Broward County Florida and began to focus on undersea education and research. From 1985 until now, he has operated the foundation's marine education facility in Key Largo, which has housed and taught up to 5,000 students a year the importance of ocean conservation and management. About a year ago, he partnered with renowned Florida artist Guy Harvey who also had a foundation committed to protecting the ocean and the species that depend on its health for survival. Guy Harvey's artistic career has focused on his uniquely dramatic depictions of sea life, notably sharks, so starting his foundation, the Ocean Research Foundation, was a natural extension of his artistic milieu.

The goal of the Koblick/Harvey partnership is to develop an immersive educational program known as MarineLab that combines classroom



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MarineLab thumbs-up snorkeler

instruction with practical undersea experiences with the ultimate goal of creating a new cadre of Ocean Ambassadors committed and prepared to battle climate change and save the world's oceans. The Koblick/Harvey team is raising funds to provide scholarships to train teachers and support deserving students. Many of the teachers will be from Caribbean Island nations and will go back to

their homes and participate in country-wide marine conservation programs coordinated by the team.

In three years, their goal is to have 20 percent of the world's youth connected to the MarineLab program either on-site in Florida or virtually via the World Wide Web. Given Ian's drive and track record, he will no doubt reach that goal. To find out more about Ian's dream, please visit the website: www.MarineLab.org.

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Bijou Lucas in Her Own Words

Hi! My name is Bijou Lucas. Mommy says I am her jewel, and that's what Bijou means in French. I live on June Creek Road with my mom, MaryLamb Lucas. I have some two-legged siblings, too, but they are big and live somewhere else. I was born on April 24, 2014, in Peyton, Colorado. My four-legged mom is Kate. She's a grey Standard Poodle. My four-legged dad is George, a Wheaton Terrier. I don't remember him at all. Mom says he looked like he had dreadlocks and must have been a bit of a badass. Isn't that funny? My breed mix is called Whoodle. When I was eight weeks old, mom brought me here to our house. Soon after, I met my two-legged brother, Trip, and two of my two-legged sisters, Antoinette and Dana. Then, Sophie, my first best doggie friend, moved in up the street. We played and played for a few years until she and her family moved away.

I love life with mom. We do all kinds of fun things like take walks with my best doggie friend Chloe and her mom Connie. We 'specially like the walk along the river in Miller Ranch open space. We run around and around, meet other dogs and their people. It's fun. Mom complains about my wet feet from the river, but she always brings a towel and wipes them — and me — off before she lets me run inside the house.

Mom tells me all the time that she loves me. She says, "Your mommy loves you." That's when my skin gets all goosebumpy and my heart goes pitty-pat 'cause I know she loves me. I love her too. I like to be



Puppy me in game hunter pose



Me riding down the gondola from hiking Berry Picker

with her wherever she is. But when she has to leave, she puts me in charge of the castle — that's what she says — gives me a going away treat, turns on the music, and kisses me goodbye. When she gets back, she says, "There's my girl," and tells me she's so glad to see me and that she missed me. I knew that but it's nice when she says it.

When mom is gone, I like to sit on the bench next to the front door where I can see the road through the long narrow window on the side of the door. If I see a chipmunk I —quick—slip out the doggie door and try to catch it. Sigh. I never do, though.



Me on Mom's therapy couch



When Mom and I picked each other at the puppy farm



Me and my dog groomer

Oh, oh, another thing I really like is to look around from our front stoop before I go inside. I check out everything I can see — what's happening, cars, sounds. What's moving — the two sneaky snakes who live in our plants near the house, or chipmunks, or people walking, or riding bikes.

I just love people, all of them — my faves are the ones who stop to talk to me. Larry is the best. I start to cry if he goes by and doesn't stop. Carol, Larry's wife, same thing. There's Kurt across the street. He's super nice. Susan and Paul, omg, they slip me treats. Can you believe that?



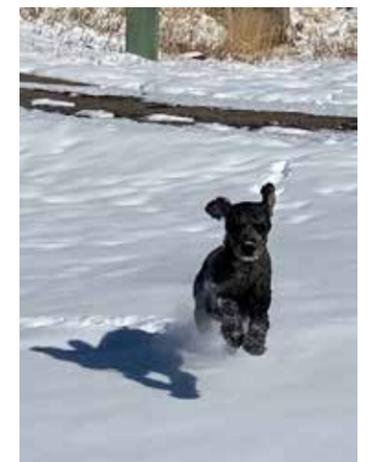
Me at my friend Sophie's house

Oh, oh, and lots of other dogs. Some I like — like Bode from next door. I think I like him a lot more than he likes

We meet new people and their dogs, too. Ha, one year, I found a marmot in a drainpipe. Can you believe that? Now, I always look for them. One time, one squawked at me from a different drainpipe, right in my face. Hee hee.

My absolute favorite thing ever is playing in the snow. I like to cool off in it, roll over in it, even stick my head in it.

And, and there's the groomer. I like being fussed over, getting my hair washed, cut, dried, and all that beauty stuff. I like having my hair short 'cause I get too hot when it's long. Well, that's it for me. See ya around the 'hood!



Did I say I like snow?

me. There's Pilot from up the street, too. He's fun. Some I don't know. I want them to get away from our property. I tell them, "This is my house, go away." That's when mom calls me a loudmouth for barking at them.

Sometimes, we do serious hikes — our favorite Berry Picker. I really think it's cool riding down on the gondola.



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We live in a valley that loves to gather and entertain, and even though we fade in and out of COVID precautions right now, our grazing options are a wonderful way to share the love and friendships we all need. Learning to pivot during these days is key to survival and that's what we have done here at Mountain Pine Grazing Co. The very best part of this new little business though is seeing the smiles and joy this new business is giving people in my community. I love that part the most!

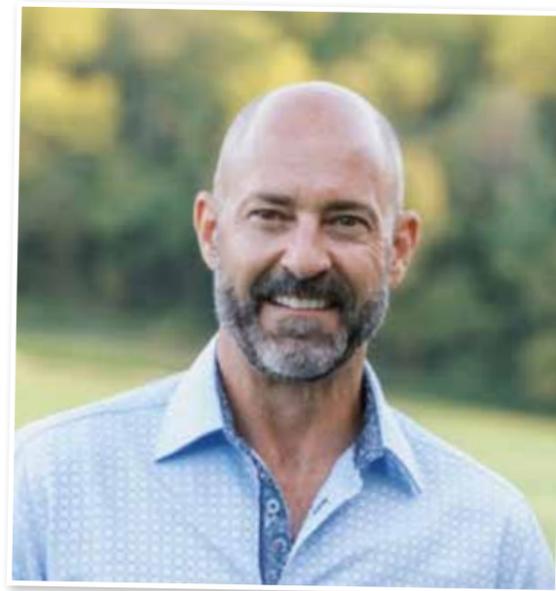
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Contributed by **Kevin Shields**, Singletree Resident

KEVIN SHIELDS Leads Clients on the Way to Recovery at ALL POINTS NORTH LODGE



We are all fortunate enough to live in this beautiful valley and to do what we love to do. Work or play, we are truly blessed. I feel that way more so than ever, as the Director of Hospitality Operations at All Points North Lodge (APN), located just down the road from our wonderful community. Recently there has been a tremendous focus on health and wellness with a special emphasis on behavioral health. The past 18 months have added additional anxiety, and the holiday season tends to elevate challenging emotions and behaviors that need attention. We have all been touched in one way or another by the effects of an acquaintance, friend, or loved one who has been affected by life's challenges.

How did I have the good fortune to find my way to All Points North Lodge? By way of background, I graduated from the Purdue University School of Engineering and worked in various roles in hotels while attending college. I was initially drawn to auto engineering and still pursue that love with classic car restoration but my true passion was the hospitality industry and I ended up taking additional classes at Purdue in their hotel and restaurant division. I enjoyed the creativity of the culinary arts and over the past 30 years, I have managed amazing resorts in Chicago, San Diego, Las Vegas, Park City, Lake Placid and now in Colorado.



and Wellness have been of utmost importance to my lifestyle and the combination of treatment programming with the emphasis on high-end quality and service is the perfect combination to my

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With a limited budget and only three months, she and her team of contractors had transformed the place from a convoluted brown mess to an artsy fun set of 7 offices and a conference room. “I really wanted to make the space feel like a home, with black doors and trim and bright white walls,” she recalls. “With help from P. Furniture & Design II in Avon, the lighting and furnishings really completed the vision.” A private office started as low as \$350/month and included high-speed internet, a conference room, bathrooms, kitchens, and a large printer. “I really wanted to have it all set up for anyone, to make it as easy as possible to be successful.”

Committed to keeping costs for budding businesses as low as possible, Allie priced the offices with just enough room to spare for her own bills. “My goal is not to profit from this business, but to bring much-needed revitalization of the Avon downtown and making the path from a kitchen countertop business to a full-fledged office a realized dream for men and women in the Vail Valley.”

With so many commercial spaces for lease around Avon, yet none for just small spaces without overhead, Eager Beavers was full within a month of opening. “My leases are not traditional, it’s just month-to-month for an office so people can really just try it out and not risk their entire lives over starting a business with a front.”

Though Allie has a website for her shared office spaces, it’s still a little bit of a secret. “You can’t really find me online, and my

Back in the August of 2018, local Singletree resident and realtor Allie Decent purchased a run-down set of commercial spaces in the heart of Avon, with the intention of converting it to a glittery masterpiece of shared office spaces for local entrepreneurs who wanted to get out of the house. Tired of seeing that there were limited options for nice private offices in a shared space, and far too many of them outdated and masculine in taste, Allie decided to focus on what she herself would want in a co-working space. “I wanted the idea of white, black, chrome, and comfort within the offices,” she says. “I wanted the spaces to call out to female entrepreneurs to fill the void I found in our valley; a pretty and safe space for community and growth of all these small women-owned businesses.”



sign is simply a pin location, but that’s on purpose,” says Allie. “It’s not about Eager Beavers. It’s about the small businesses within it. Then they can make a Google location for their customers to find, and their work shines.”

From 2018 to early 2020, Allie’s plan was working out for those businesses: Green Valley Landscaping, Majestic Cleaning Services, and M.E. Design Studios all shifted within the space to larger offices as they grew in clientele and success.

Like everyone else with a small business in the Valley and around the world, 2020 was a tough year. “Because I am a bare-bones operation without employees, I was able to keep the doors open throughout the pandemic for my businesses. I reduced rent and started pulling out of the business savings just to pay for heat, and I managed to keep everyone in there until August 2020,” she says. “Then, when it looked like this wasn’t going away anytime soon, people struggled to justify an office outside of their home, so I lost a few in the last half of the year.”

Determined to keep the dream alive, Allie just kept plunging into her savings. That struggle was a real eye-opener, and Allie realized that she would have

to pivot and adapt to what businesses wanted and could afford. Local Artist Jami Nix took over the conference room space for her painting, and luckily Allie was able to accommodate her needs and still have a conference space. “It’s not like anyone was really holding conferences until a few months ago,” she jokes. “But it’s nice that Jami can hang her beautiful art and we all appreciate her energy in the space.”

Eager Beavers is still open for operation, with two offices available at

the moment of this interview. “I rode through the pandemic and kept the space alive, and so now I know that I can do anything and grow this business model anywhere,” says Allie. “I want Eager Beavers to continue to be a space for the little home office growth and a first step, and also as a space for that larger office that needs an Avon satellite.”

“Actually, Eager Beavers can become anything and transform for almost any need, and I’m excited to see what 2022 can bring in terms of opportunity and growth.”

Interested in a co-working office space? Call Allie at **970-445-8144** or e-mail **admin@eagerbeaverswork.com**. And be sure to check out her website at **www.eagerbeavers.com**. Eager Beavers is located at **110 E. Beaver Creek Blvd.** just above Beaver Liquors in Avon.





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MEET ALANA POLATTY: GIRL ON THE GO!

kids' corner Contributed by Alana Polatty, Singletree Resident



Since we met in October, Alana Polatty celebrated her 11th birthday on November 17! She is in the 5th grade at Red Sandstone and is one of the busiest young girls I have ever met!

What is your favorite thing to do in school? My favorite special class is art. I just finished this thing using oil pastel and watercolor paint. I

drew a landscape. We had to use our other hand; I am right-handed so I had to draw with my left hand.

How did that feel? It felt weird but it wasn't bad. It was kind of fun. After that, I did it with the ocean which I drew some sea creatures and used some white oil pastel for the bubbles and they stood out pretty good. It looked really cool.

Do you like the ocean? I love the ocean. I was born in Florida so I was basically born at the ocean. I remember playing in the ocean, collecting shells, and playing with the hermit crabs. When they pinch it doesn't hurt!



What do you love to do here in the mountains? I do dance. I have it every day of the week at Vail Valley Dance Academy. I do ballet, jazz, tap, agro [floor gymnastics], hip hop, and contemporary. Hip hop is my favorite.

Do you do performances? I am doing *The Nutcracker*. I am a party girl and a soldier. I get this purple dress for the party girl and for the soldier, I get this soldier's outfit with these shoulder things. I am also performing in theater [with the Vail Performing Arts Academy]. It's a 70s thing there [*70s Fever*]. I get to say a 70s poem - it's called "Stop Thief!" [by Shel Silverstein]. We get to sing and dance to The Beatles and *Mamma Mia*. We get mad at the boys. And also "Over the

Rainbow" too. It's a lot of fun. We all get a part and I get to do the poem.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I want to be a fashion designer. I have a sewing kit and I sew sometimes. I have sewn outfits for my dolls. I am very creative so I just wanted to do something creative and I thought like interior design and then I started sewing and I asked my mom what that would mean and she said fashion design.

What is your favorite movie? It's kind of hard to decide. My favorite Disney movie is *Beauty and the Beast*. Her name is Belle and my middle name is Belle and also I just like the movie a lot. I just watched a new movie that is a different *Cinderella* and she is a fashion designer. It's good and I like it a lot. It kind of inspires me a little bit. I like making costumes; I already have designed some costumes and I also drew some dresses too.

You like Cinderella. Do you like any other princesses? I like Jasmine in *Aladdin*. I like the people movies, I think it's called "live-action" movies (i.e., not the animated movies). I love Cruella in *101 Dalmations* too. She is a fashion designer. It's really good and I like it a lot.

It sounds like you don't have a lot of free time, but is there else you like to do that I am missing? I like to draw and sometimes play on my Ipad. I like playing a game called *Toca Boca* and also this game called *Roblox* and I like watching shows on Disney Plus, Hulu, and Netflix. I also have some drawing apps on it and I have the app *Simply Piano* because I play the piano. I have a keyboard in my room but it sounds like a piano. And also I am learning how to play the ukulele at Music. I just felt like I wanted to play it because I have never played it before and I was inspired because it looked fun.

What do you like to do with your family? My older brother is Brenner and he is 12 and Ryland is 9. I like hiking and watching movies and going out to dinner. We have hiked up Berry Creek and also up to chair 4 and 3 on Vail Mountain and then we rode the gondola down. Mea always goes with us because she loves to hike! We also went up Arrowhead there is a hike there.

Whew! What a busy life! Thank you for taking time to chat with us, Alana! We will look for you in the *Nutcracker* and *70s Fever!* Good luck!

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Where are you from originally and how did you land in the Vail Valley? I was born in Texas on an Air Force Base and moved to about 14 states prior to landing in Colorado. My husband was a ski bum in the '80s; we met, he introduced me to his "happy place," Vail, and we have been visiting ever since. We bought a home in 2011 and moved here full-time to open the shop in early 2019.

What was your inspiration for 714 Home? My inspiration for 714 HOME originated with my mother who, although not a designer, always had a love for beautiful houses. She made sure our family lived in homes with pretty and comfortable décor. We moved every 2 - 3 years, so that was no small feat.



What is the story behind the name 714 Home? The name 714 HOME was inspired by my family numerology. My husband and I were married on July 14 and our daughter was

born on July 14 four years later. We have a very special celebration every year on July 14!

How would you describe the variety of home decor products you sell? 714 HOME is filled with an amazing variety of home décor furnishings and gifts and a specialty section dedicated to pet items. When 714 HOME opened, the idea was to provide the Vail Valley with an affordable home shop. The concept quickly evolved to expand our gift offerings. Our customers were looking for a place to buy holiday, bridal, birthday, and thank you gifts and we were happy to fill that niche!



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What is your design philosophy that drives your buying decisions? My design philosophy has been steadfast throughout my life when it comes to decorating my own homes. I truly believe that the most interesting homes are filled with both vintage and new décor pieces. New to keep up on trends and vintage to provide history. History is always interesting because of the stories behind heirloom pieces. That being said, at the end of the day, it really comes down to a homeowner buying and decorating for what he or she loves...your home is a reflection of you!

What differentiates 714 Home from other boutique specialty stores in the Vail Valley?

714 HOME is unique from most shops primarily as a result of its unique style but also from an affordability perspective. The shop offers an inviting, earthy, neutral, textural and warm environment. It's not unusual to have a customer say, "I could just move in here." That's the best compliment I could ever hear!



What is the most rewarding part of owning and operating your own business? Honestly, the most rewarding part of owning my own business in the Vail Valley is satisfying customers by filling a much-needed niche. I am not much of an online shopper and have found out there are so many like me; after the pandemic, customers are tired of the online experience and eager to shop 'live' again. I am a strong believer in the human senses. Small shops offer the opportunity to meet the human need and desire to use the senses. Smell that candle. Touch that pillow. See the actual color of the wood table. Listen to the conversation, and yes, taste the wine we are happy to pour!

What are your greatest challenges in running a business? The business part of it. My background is in medical speech pathology. Business was a turn in my life. When others my age are retiring, I am happy to be pursuing my new adventure! I am so fortunate to have Nadine Shapera working beside



me every day. She has really helped me organize the business part of this business to take it to the next level. Not to mention she, too, has an eye for design and loves helping customers in the shop.

Where do you find support for yourself personally? My husband, Bob, and my daughter, Allie, are amazingly supportive. My friends and family are the rocks of my life. When I am not working, spending time with them is my greatest joy.

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Singletree Residents

Melissa Nelson & Raymond Blesz:
Side by Side



Old Edwards Cemetery and Dead End / View from the Edwards Cemetery

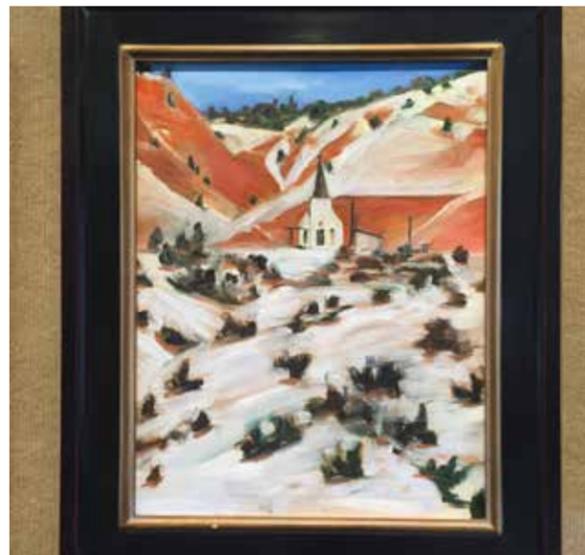
Hosted by the Vail Valley Art Guild, *Side by Side* is a special exhibit that entails the pairing of a photographer and an artist working on a “common subject matter” of their choice. Here we showcase the work of Melissa Nelson, the painter, and Raymond Blesz, the photographer.

Raymond’s photographic style is to hop in his truck and head out looking for interesting or historic sites around Eagle County and beyond. Once he finds something of interest, he may revisit the site for days to get exactly the right lighting or perspective. He feels that his photo should have something to convey that is perhaps ironic, humorous, stoic, or familiar. He prefers black and white images because they show the strength of his composition and message without the distraction of color. I, on the other hand, love color and can change the lighting or perspective with the stroke of a brush.

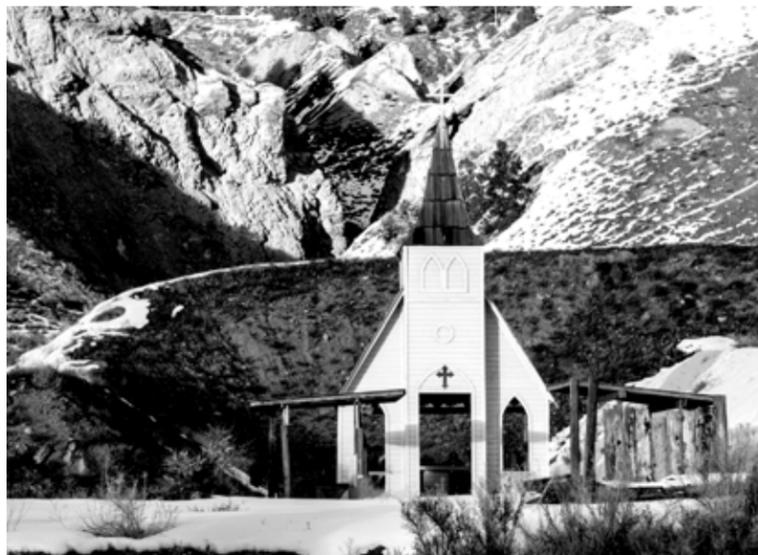
A few years ago, I was paired with Raymond as a painter in the Vail Valley Art Guild’s Side by Side show. I hopped into his truck

and off we went in search of something interesting to photograph and paint. After visiting several places I’d never before seen, or rather noticed, we settled on a view of the Gypsum Gun Club from I-70, a rather odd view of a gun club because it appeared to be a church. Indeed there is a facade of a church in the middle of a gun club — suggesting perhaps the Old West town of Tombstone. Raymond hauled out a 15’ ladder to obtain the best angle on the photo and that’s what we photographed and painted. My oil painting was later purchased by the former director of the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.

This year I suggested that we photograph/paint the small cemetery Raymond had shown me years earlier. Most people do not know it exists — directly across I-70 from Singletree to the west of the charter school. The cemetery originally overlooked the Eagle River to the east and west with tall mountains to the south. Today’s views are Beaver Creek’s ski runs and I-70. I had wandered amid the neglected graves, most dating from the early 1900s with occupants born in the late 1800s.



Church in a Gypsum Gun Club



Gypsum Gun Range Church



Raymond at work



Gravestones at the Cemetery



Model at the Cemetery

Raymond again loaded his 15’ ladder onto his truck and off we went. He turned onto a small dirt spur off the paved road to the school and we were back in time amid remains of ancient farm equipment with the sagging cemetery fence ahead. Raymond’s photo contains what he calls an old manure spreader and several axles and tires in the foreground with Beaver Creek ski runs visible in the background. If you look closely, you can see a few of the grave markers behind the simple fence.

I titled my painting “Dead End” since it contains the end of the dirt road, the end of the farm equipment, and the end of various

Eagle County souls of all ages. I started by dripping bands of colors down my canvas, then brought the details out of the under-painting, keeping colors I liked and painting over others. I chose to emphasize the grave markers which were picking up the light in the distance.

All art is first about seeing. As you photograph or paint, you notice details that may escape the casual observer. The details you choose to include give meaning and life to your work. So perhaps the remains of this neglected cemetery again sprout life.

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Beware the Challenges of Baking at Altitude...

Ingrid Dampier Offers Valuable Tips to Assure Success!

Contributed by **Ingrid Dampier**, Singletree Resident

I used to bake. Cakes, bread, cookies...then I moved to Colorado. My first major mishap was a few months after we moved into Woodland Park, CO at 8500 ft. elevation. I found the most adorable Easter bunny cake molds at Williams Sonoma, where you bake two halves of a bunny, then glue them together with icing, stand the bunny up, cover with chocolate ganache, and voila — typical chocolate Easter bunny except it's a cake. I even bought the bunny cake mix from Williams Sonoma — so what could go wrong?

Well, the cake batter rose very quickly to an amazing height, and then to my horror, the dough collapsed and spilled out over the cake mold onto the bottom of the oven. So I was left with a hollowed-out bunny — a bunny without any innards. I tried to fill the hole with icing and then glue it together, but the bunny did not have enough physical structure to stand. So I laid it on its side on the cake platter. My grandkids said it was the dead Easter bunny. Devastated. I am including photos here of the perfect bunny — my bunny didn't have a basket, but it was designed to stand up like this — and the molds.



I promptly gave away all my cake pans — and gifted my beautiful-in-law Betsy with the bunny pans. No more family Puffers, studded with either raisins or chocolate chips (or both, each having their own half) — a Sunday tradition growing up.

So I did some research about baking at elevation. The first thing I learned was that elevation means 3,500 ft. to a lot of the baking world. To learn more, I had to dig a lot deeper and consult cooking guides from Colorado State University Extension and New Mexico State University.

This is what I have learned and now apply to my baking endeavors in Edwards, which stands at an altitude of 7,200 ft. These numbers are specific to the 7,200 ft. elevation, which needs to be adjusted for lower or higher elevations. I used these algorithms to adjust the recipe for the apple focaccia for *Sliding Into Fall 2021*. I can see this for Christmas decorated with a wreath of airy greens and cranberries!

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1. Increase the flour called for in your recipe by 5 Tbsp. The additional flour helps to slow the rise of your baked good and adds structure. When doing this, keep in mind my structure-less bunny.

2. Decrease the sugar by 1 Tbsp per cup. As we can all attest, liquids evaporate faster at altitude, so the sugar concentration goes up, resulting not only in overly sweet baked goods, but also the tendency for collapse under the weight of the condensed sugar.

Note: I suggest doing this only if the recipe calls for at least 1 cup. The focaccia recipe only needed 1 Tbsp so I did not decrease by .00625 Tbsp!

3. Increase liquids 3 to 4 Tbsps. It's all about compensating for faster evaporation at altitude to keep things from drying out and crisping up before they can rise (and we are also managing the rate of the rise, so this works hand in hand with that adjustment). Additional liquids can be water, milk, oil, or eggs, depending on your recipe. For the Focaccia, I increased the warm water amount.

4. Decrease the leavening to reduce the amount of rise. At altitude, leavening causes dough to rise more rapidly and then collapse. Remember the poor bunny rising so high that the batter spilt out over the pan.

If using baking powder or baking soda, decrease by 75%
If using yeast, decrease by 25%

Note: If less than 1 tsp of baking powder, baking soda, or yeast is required to begin with, I do not decrease it very much.

5. Raise the Oven Temperature 15 – 25°F because of the more rapid evaporation of liquids, you want to bake a bit faster.

6. Decrease the baking time by 5 – 8 minutes per 30 minutes baking time because you are baking at a higher temperature.

I also learned that flours with higher protein content could be better at altitude, but I don't yet understand that piece as to why. A friend suggested using King Arthur's flour, which happily is sold at City Market, so that is an easy fix. I would love to hear about your baking experiences.

Decorated Focaccia Bread At 7,200 Ft.

Makes one 17" x 11" half-sheet pan

Ingredients calculated for 7,200 ft elevation:

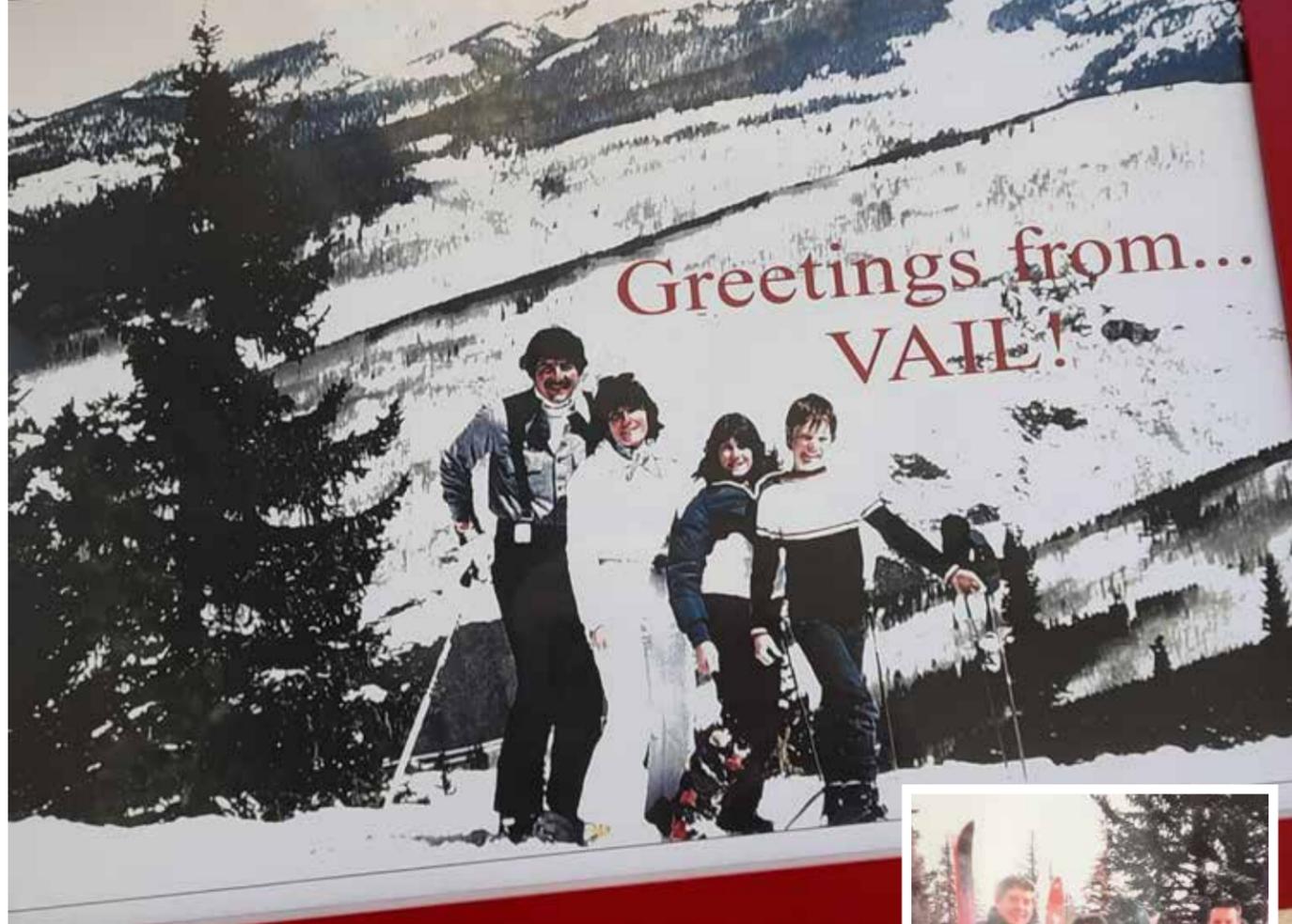
- 2 cups warm water
- Slightly less than 1 package active dry yeast
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 5 cups plus 3.5 Tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup grated apple, excess water removed
- 1 tablespoon kosher salt
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil, divided

Decoration suggestions:

- Assorted apple slices
- A few green onions with green stems
- Fresh herbs, such as sorrel, thyme, chives, and dill
- Dried cranberries
- Curly Parsley
- Chopped nuts
- Flake salt for sprinkling

Directions:

1. In a small bowl, combine warm water, yeast, and sugar. Set aside for 10 minutes or until yeast is bubbling and aromatic.
2. In the large bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a dough hook, combine the flour, grated apple, salt, ½ cup of olive oil, and the yeast mixture. Mix on low speed. Once the dough comes together, continue to mix for 5 minutes on medium speed until the mixture is smooth and soft.
3. Transfer dough to a lightly floured surface. Knead by hand 3-4 times. Coat the inside of a bowl with a little olive oil and return the dough to the bowl. Cover with plastic wrap. Let sit in a warm place until doubled in size, about 60 minutes.
4. Coat a 17-inch x 11-inch sheet pan with the remaining ½ cup of olive oil and place the dough in the pan. Press the dough out to the edges. Flip the dough, coat the other side with olive oil, and continue to stretch the dough to fill the pan by pushing your fingers into the dough causing divots or holes.
5. Place the pan in a warm place until doubled in size for a second time, about 1 hour.
6. Preheat oven to 430°F degrees.
7. Decorate the focaccia with any of the items above — or with anything that will represent the occasion.
8. Sprinkle with flake salt. Drizzle with olive oil. Bake for about 22 - 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oven and let cool. Cut into squares. Serve warm.



The Gilles family: John, Linda, Robinette, and Brent

a look back

Kansas City Boy **John Gilles**

TURNS SKIER IN 1962

Contributed by **John and Linda Gilles**, Singletree Residents

It was Christmas break 1962, and my fraternity brother, who was head of the Kansas University Ski Club, asked me to join them for a ski trip to Breckenridge and Vail. I said, "Hey, I'm from Kansas City; I don't ski!" He said he had 11 ladies and four guys on the trip so far. I said, "Count me in!"



John and Linda today in Singletree

So off we went to the Ski Ball Lodge in Breckenridge for lessons with Ski School Director Trygve Berge at Breck and two days at Vail. At the time, the only lifts open in Vail were gondola 1, chairs 3, 4, and 5, and, of course, Bridge Street. It was the same gig when I returned in 1963.

I moved to Denver in 1965 and bought a season pass to Vail for only \$150. I could have bought a lifetime pass for \$500 but I did not know then if Vail would actually make

it. I often stayed the night at Poor Richards Dorm or Short Swing Dorm on Meadow Drive for \$10 per night. Of course, I would frequently make it to Donavon's Copper Bar for apres ski on Bridge Street.

Later in 1972, my wife, Linda, and I bought a condo at the Lodge at Lionshead as a second home and then swapped it in 1999 for a townhome in Las Vistas. Singletree then became our permanent home in 2011. Linda and I started our kids, Robinette and Brent, skiing at ages 4 and 6. They became competitive freestyle mogul skiers in the 1990s mostly on Look Ma run at Mid Vail. There's no doubt: Vail's the best!



The Gilles family in 1990

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