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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

# HELLO, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS!



Welcome to Spring! This month, I am excited to officially welcome Celynn, Mary, and Scott McClarrinon to the neighborhood. A local family with deep roots, Celynn was raised in the Vail Valley, Scott left Arkansas for a job on Vail Mountain 33 years ago, and Mary was born here. Today, the family enjoys the outside lifestyle to its fullest and is happy to call Singletree home.

Love your views? Love the neighborhood? Need a fresh look? Todd Biekkola provides a sneak peak into the transformation he achieved in his 1980s condo and offers insight for the many homeowners who are talking remodel but don't know how to undertake what can initially appear as a daunting task.

Addie Halacheva can't resist following her big sister, Kaya, into the spotlight in *Kids' Corner* and is eager to share *her* story. And Dutch, the 'laziest wiem ever seen', is content to live a life of leisure as long as he can join Trevor and Mary Ellen in the jeep or on the river on weekends.

While indeed wonderful in many ways, we are all too aware that life in the valley does not come without its challenges. Mark Wurzer shares with us the significant initiatives the Vail Valley Community Foundation has launched to address three primary areas of concern for

many local residents: food insecurity, health care, and community leadership for people of color.

And finally, as winter comes to an end, we would like to express our appreciation for the team that keeps our resort mountains operating smoothly to assure a safe and enjoyable experience for guests and locals alike. We thank Singletree residents Anand Kasbekar, Bruce Crow, Helen Burton, Steve Holden, Brad Crow, Marty Dvorkin, and Bob Allstadt for their weekly commitment on the hill as Red Jackets.



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter and a glorious April!

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## Singletree CELEBRATIONS



**PAT HAMMON MARCHES IN THE VAIL LEGACY PARADE**

Pat (2nd from right) joined the parade of military veterans in Vail honoring the 10th Mountain Division Ski Troopers.



**A BIRTHDAY FOR GENEVIEVE PEIRCE**

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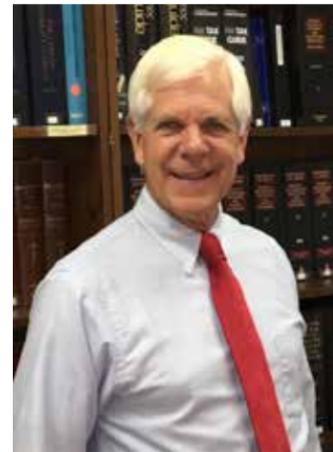
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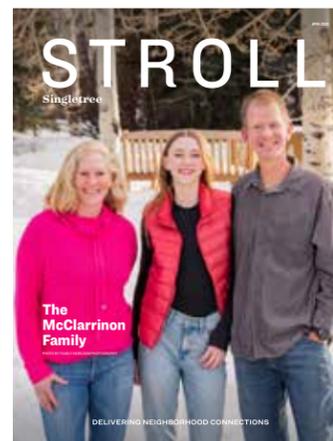
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# McClarrinon

## CELYNN, MARY, AND SCOTT

**W** With long-time roots in the valley, Celynn, Mary and Scott McClarrinon recently moved into Singletree. Here they share their paths to the neighborhood and their lives today.

### HOW DID EACH OF YOU LAND IN THE VALLEY?

**Scott:** I moved here in the fall of 1993 from Fayetteville, Arkansas, after getting out of college from the University of Arkansas. I was loitering around not having any sense of direction and I had always wanted to move to the mountains. I sent out applications to all the ski areas, not knowing one from the other: Steamboat, Aspen, Winter Park, Vail. Vail had a phone number for a deaf line, a TDD [Telecommunication Device for the Deaf] number, so I talked directly with someone at Vail Associates (VA at the time). They told me “We have housing for you. We have a job for you. So just show up!” Bye Mom! Bye Dad! I loaded up my car and knew I could always go back home if things didn’t work out.

**Celynn:** My parents, Ben and Celine Krueger, landed here in 1967. Mom and Dad were from the Midwest and they loved skiing so they moved to Colorado. They were living in Denver but that just wasn’t close enough. So they were on their way to Aspen to look for a job and stopped in Vail just to see what was here. They interviewed with Slifer and all

the big wigs at the Town of Vail and my dad was hired on the spot to work at Vail Rec. He built and maintained the Vail Golf Course for 25 years.

I grew up in West Vail on Davos Trail and then we moved to the Vail Golf course area when I was about 10 or 11 and then my parents built a house in Eagle Vail when I was about 18. I went to Red Sandstone Elementary, Minturn Middle and then Battle Mountain. After high school, I left for college to live in Oregon and work on a service program called the Holy Cross Associates, a program through Notre Dame. I lived with seven other people who worked service jobs and worked in a homeless shelter. That experience led me to work in the mental health realm for another five years. I received my master’s degree in Social Work from PSU in 2000. I have been back in the valley for 22 years; it is home.

### HOW DID THE TWO OF YOU MEET?

**Celynn:** We met in 2003. We have a fun story about being on Match.com. I was on Match going out with a few guys. My sister, Pavan, was always looking for guys for me. One day she called and said I have 2 options for you but I really like this one named Scott: he’s deaf, he mountain bikes. And he was 95% my match. BUT he had accidentally marked “Divorced” and I just didn’t even read the profile as I was hesitant to date someone who was divorced.

**Scott:** Being deaf, it’s always been hard to hear in bars, restaurants, or anywhere that it’s generally loud. Makes for many awkward moments when the conversation doesn’t flow smoothly. When Celynn and I met online, we wrote each other via email for 3 or so weeks, getting to know each other before my future sister-in-law set us up on a date. Then we met, dated a year, I proposed, got married 9 months later, and the rest is history...

### HOW DID YOU LOSE YOUR HEARING?

**Scott:** I lost my hearing at 3 years old from spinal meningitis. I learned enough vocabulary and speaking skills by the time I was 3 and then got through a big chunk of my life with hearing aids. I am completely deaf in my left ear and I got a cochlear implant in my right ear when I was 40, which was 13 years ago. I can’t say it’s perfect but nothing is... it’s as good as I can get and it’s been a good thing.

### WHERE HAVE YOU WORKED IN THE VALLEY?

**Scott:** When I arrived for the first time in October of 1993, my first job was at Mid-Vail. I worked in the pasta station, which was a very individual station where I could meet and interact with customers one-on-one. That started my networking and friendship base and helped establish my footing for being in Vail long-term. I loved the experience of being on the mountain so much that first season that I returned for the next several years in different capacities and locations, including working at the original Two Elk

before that burned down in October of 1998. I continued working in food and beverage at the new Two Elk until two years ago, when I moved on to work at Vail Mountain Coffee and Tea. Now I do production in the back, filling orders, bagging coffee, grinding, inventory, etc. You can see signs of coffee grinds on my fingers!

**Celynn:** He smells really good every day when he comes home before he takes a shower...

**Scott:** And in the summers, I was working as the landscaper at the Sonnenalp Hotel when Celynn and I met. In 2005, we combined our love for landscaping and started a landscaping business focusing on mowing and flowers.

**Celynn:** I grew up working on the golf course for my dad and have always loved being out in the early mornings, mowing the greens. The company is called Grand Traverse Landscaping, named after one of our favorite peaks in the valley.

### A BRIEF PAUSE IN THE CONVERSATION HERE... RING RING!

Celynn answers a phone call from Scott’s brother’s daughter; Scott lost his brother in a house fire in Arkansas five years ago. This call from Serena is a pleasant surprise.

**Serena:** I am getting married July 2 and I would like you to walk me down the aisle!

**Scott:** Oh my gosh. I would love to do that... I would be honored. Oh my gosh. Of course!

### EVERYONE IN THE ROOM WIPES THEIR EYES A BIT AND WE GET BACK TO BUSINESS...





**Mary:** Oh yea. The trains. That was *your* favorite! The culture was cool. Everyone was really nice. They spoke English and were really helpful. They helped show us where to go. It was cool to see how people in other places act.

And going to Alaska on a cruise ship with my grandfather in kindergarten. I remember the kids' club thing, that was so fun, there were video games and I met a best friend or two and we went to dinner a lot and we went to the pool. It's like a different world. We did whale watching and we saw the seals.

**WHAT IS YOUR LIFE LIKE DAY TO DAY?**

**Celynn:** I feel like getting Mary everywhere is what ties everything together. I have had my grief recovery counseling business for almost 11 years but that has always been part time. It's a program that helps you move

**Celynn:** And in 2008, Mary comes along. Today, she is in the 8th grade at St. Clare.

**TURNING TO MARY... WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES GROWING UP?**

**Mary:** We have gone to Arkansas a lot. And we went to Costa Rica when I was in the 5th grade. We travelled a lot there and the zipline was cool. And we went to Japan. My favorite memory was summiting Mt. Fuji.

**Scott:** Mt. Fuji is 5,000 vertical feet in 5 miles.

**Celynn:** It's like a stairmaster. Mt. Fuji was Scott's goal for his 50th birthday in 2019.

**ANY OTHER FAVORITE MEMORIES?**

**Scott:** The trains.



beyond the pain caused by loss. It's a wonderful program that is 6 – 8 weeks long and helps you to say goodbye to what has been unresolved after a loss. And I am very involved with the Vail Valley Vixens club. I have been on the board since its inception 8 years ago and have loved connecting women on their bikes. I ride with the gals every Tuesday and a lot on the weekends. Anyone can come and try it out!

**Mary:** I go to school and I really like writing. I also really like art because we have a really fun teacher I really like. I have done VPAA (Vail Performing Arts Academy) since I was 8. I really like to do that. My favorite show was *Singing in the Rain* because it was my first one. I was like a celebrity and I stepped out and I had this sparkly dress and the light hit my face and I LOVED it!

And I do volleyball, 3 days per week, plus clinics and I love that! I am in Club right now and we are a travelling team; we are going to Denver, Salt Lake City, Florida, and maybe Chicago in June.

**Celynn:** From November through April, volleyball is kind of our weekend thing instead of skiing. But we love hiking and being outdoors without being on the hill.

**ARE YOU A CYCLIST AS WELL?**

**Scott:** Not as much as I was. When our relationship was long-distance, I would ride to Glenwood to visit Celynn and then ride back the next day.

**Celynn:** Our first bike together is the tandem bike we bought for our wedding present to each other. Over the years, I have continued to ride **Scott:** Today I am

more into running, hiking, and camping. I haven't skied in a long time but I will break out my snowshoes or run in the snow. Since we have lived here, I have spent a lot of time hiking around in the hills right here. It's so close and there are so many options. Hiking and reaching summits are my favorite recreational activities these days. I love the sense of adventure that hiking brings, being in nature, getting exercise, and never quite knowing what I may see along the way. Summits are a part of things as well, and hiking is part of the trip to get there.

A number of years ago while training for a big mountain race, I was heading up towards Grouse Mountain, an obscure mountain that's just a bit above 12,700' directly south of Beaver Creek Ski Area. Because it is "only" 12,700'+, I was not expecting to see anyone else. But sure enough, I ran into a middle-aged lady all by herself who was hiking down from the summit of Grouse Mountain. After the



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initial surprise of actually seeing someone else way out in the boondocks, so to speak, I asked her motivation on going for this particular mountain. She replied that it was her 782nd official Colorado summit out of the top 1,000 in the state.

It practically floored me, as it takes an incredible amount of time and commitment to go for these unique summits. Since that meet, I've gone for isolated, unique, far away, see no people, challenging summits all over the state. It doesn't have to be a 14er to be special in my mind.

**WHO IS THIS?**

This is Joseph. His name is Joey Anthony McClarrinon. He is 7. He is very much part of the family. We have had him since he was a kitten. (Joey declines to respond to Celynn's encouragement to speak in response to the offer of tuna or chicken.)

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT LIVING IN SINGLETREE?**

**Mary:** I can walk under the tunnel to the Bookworm or something. I like the tuna appetizer at E-town and I just love the Bookworm for the crepes. And it's warm here.

**Celynn:** Our life has always been in Edwards. With Mary at St. Clare, we drove every day and I would wait in a coffee shop for a couple of hours rather than driving back and forth to Eagle Vail. Living in Singletree has just made life easier by being close to school and Riverwalk and the businesses there we love. It's been a nice transition.

**Scott:** I love being close to public land and everything that offers. Walking through the tunnel, I do enjoy getting a bagel once a week at Village Bagel and I can be there and back in 20 minutes.



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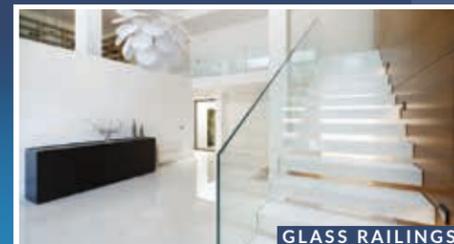
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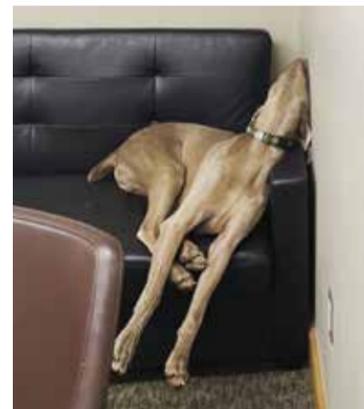
# A HAPPY DOG IN A JEEP

Living the life of leisure, Dutch loves his adventures across Colorado

CONTRIBUTED BY DUTCH AND TREVOR BROERSMA, SINGLETREE PET AND RESIDENT

We got Dutch on June 21st, 2018. His arrival in itself marked quite the experience. I went to Connecticut to get him, and when I was going through TSA, his head popped out of the bag like a telescope. Ahead of me, there was a whole bunch of Girl Scouts on their way to a convention and the entire line started a commotion because they all wanted to pet him. TSA walked over to me and said, “follow me”, and Dutch and I got the royal treatment through security as well as on the plane.

My heritage is Dutch and we recently had visited the Netherlands, so we thought Dutch



was fitting for a name. He is a full breed Weimaraner, weighs 82 pounds, and is the laziest weim we have ever owned or have ever seen! Dutch does not understand the concept of running on trails with you, he prefers hiking at a leisurely pace. He lives a life most dogs dream of... he goes to work with me every day and spends most weekends either camping or floating on the river with us.

Dutch will not hesitate to let you know when there are large animals nearby on your hike. We were on the Wild West trail above Singletree two years ago and saw him sniffing out something. All of a sudden, a large bobcat jumped over the trail and him. The bobcat landed on the other side of the trail, looked at me, looked at Dutch, and vanished. It was one of the coolest things I have seen in a long time.

The photo in the crate is a funny story. Dutch hated being crate trained so he tore up his bed and he would break out of his cage. As we pulled into the garage upon returning home, we would watch him on the camera as he tried to get back into his cage with no success. You could just see his body language change to say, “Oh man, I am busted”. To this day, when he knows he has been bad, he puts himself in time-out in our powder room. Funniest thing you will ever see!

As long as Dutch is in the car and going somewhere, he is a HAPPY dog! He spends a lot of time jeeping with Mary Ellen and me. I swear this dog has seen more of Colorado than most humans. We look forward to many more adventures together...

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# DELIVERING THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

Mountain Hosts and Special Ops provide safety and enjoyment for mountain guests

CONTRIBUTED BY (FRONT) BRUCE CROW, STEVE HOLDEN, (BACK) ANAND KASBEKAR, HELEN BURTON, BRAD CONDO, MARTY DVORKIN, AND (NOT PICTURED) BOB ALLSTADT, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS



In February 2018, *Inside Singletree* first ran an article to introduce the Red Jackets on Vail at the time, followed by a second article in April 2019, to feature the volunteer hosts on Beaver Creek. Not only has the roster of hosts evolved since then, but Vail's commitment to delivering a first-class guest experience has transitioned to provide for distinct roles and responsibilities on the hill.

The Mountain Hosts serve as on-skis volunteers devoted to improving the quality and safety of the Vail and Beaver Creek guest experiences. Hosts conduct the tours on the mountain, help with crowd control, and are that "Guest Services on the Hill". Each Mountain Host works a different assignment every week and coordinates with Ski Patrol to

handle on-mountain issues. Vail Hosts work individually, carrying a radio; BC Hosts work in pairs. All are a part of the National Ski Patrol and receive season passes in exchange for committing one day per week.

Special Ops is relatively new and unique to Vail. Requiring previous experience as a Host, the role requires added duties assisting Lift Services and Ski Patrol with opening, managing, and closing the mountain each day. And to make it easy to spot who is who, the Hosts wear red pants and the Special Ops crew wears black pants!

Here we introduce several Singletree residents who have dedicated time and energy this season to assure the safety and enjoyment of the guests on Vail and Beaver Creek.

## HELEN BURTON

This is my sixth year as a Mountain Host at Vail and I absolutely love it! My initial motivation for becoming a Host was for social interaction (I had just retired), but it's the pleasure and satisfaction I get from helping our guests on the mountain that keeps me coming back.

No two days are ever alike when you're a Mountain Host. You never know what you're going to encounter. The day may be completely uneventful, other than the usual interactions of helping guests find their way around the mountain or



helping them get back onto their skis after a fall. But then on your last run of the day, you may find a guest who is physically and/or emotionally exhausted and at a loss for how to get down the mountain. And you'll help them - whether it be by personally guiding them down the mountain or by calling Ski Patrol for assistance and waiting with them until they arrive. Either way, the guest is so relieved and appreciative of the help you provided - you made their day.

My most memorable experience occurred when I found two women with their skis off and walking down Swingsville. They were beginner skiers and the run was a bit too difficult for them. I offered to call Ski Patrol for them to see if Ski Patrol could take them off the run in a toboggan. The women were a little hesitant at first but then agreed. So Ski Patrol brought down a toboggan and then both women were seated together - in the single toboggan! They were laughing their heads off - both while getting into the toboggan and during the ride down. They had so much fun in that toboggan. I bet that ride became their most memorable experience at Vail. And I even took some pictures for them so they could brag about it to their friends!

Besides skiing around on the lookout for guests who may need assistance, one of our other responsibilities as a Mountain Host is to lead Blue Sky Basin tours. As I tell our guests, if you don't experience the Back Bowls, you're missing out on much of the best of what Vail has to offer. But the Back Bowls can be scary and intimidating for first-time guests or those who just want to ski blue groomed runs. Our tours allow them to experience areas of the mountain they otherwise may not ski. On these tours, I'll have guests tell me those runs are some of the best or most enjoyable runs they've ever skied! Oh, and they love the spectacular views at Belle's Camp.

If you love skiing and want to help visitors from all over the world enjoy our mountains as much as we do, then you should consider becoming a Mountain Host. It is a truly unique and highly rewarding experience.

(And that's me on the back of our tandem on the Mt. Evans Hill Climb with my husband Dave. You might see us on our tandem riding through Singletree.)



## ANAND KASBEKAR

The opportunity to join the Vail Special Ops Team has allowed me to learn more about the operations side of Vail Mountain while still working closely with our Mountain Hosts. We are expected to be on the mountain both in sunny and stormy weather, and I enjoy both conditions. The SOP's position and the chance to help our guests while working with other departments to ensure the mountain operates smoothly and safely has been very rewarding.

I enjoy trying to make sure my coworkers and our guests are happy and successful in their endeavors. The Mountain Host team has a significant impact on our guest experience and is a great way to learn more about Vail in addition to a unique opportunity to make friends along the way. If you are a strong intermediate skier or above, then please consider joining the team.



## BRAD CONDO

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**MARTY DVORKIN**

I joined the Mountain Host Program at Vail six years ago after relocating to the Valley from Connecticut. Since my wife Terri no longer skis, it was an opportunity for me to get out and meet new people, learn the mountain first-hand and have a group of new friends to always ski with. I have been hosting on Mondays which can be a busy day - particularly at the tail end of a three-day weekend or holiday.

Our team consists of a group of individuals with diverse work experiences who, like me, came to the Valley from all over the country to be closer to kids and family and to enjoy all that the mountains have to offer. My favorite role as a Host is as a Mountain Tour Guide. Exploring the mountain with newcomers, and sharing the folklore and magnificent scenery never gets old. Looking down valley - west toward Edwards from the top of Game Creek early in the morning - is always a winner. And when a guest from New York asks where I live and I casually tell them, 'Oh, I'm a local', their expression of amazement and jealousy says it all!

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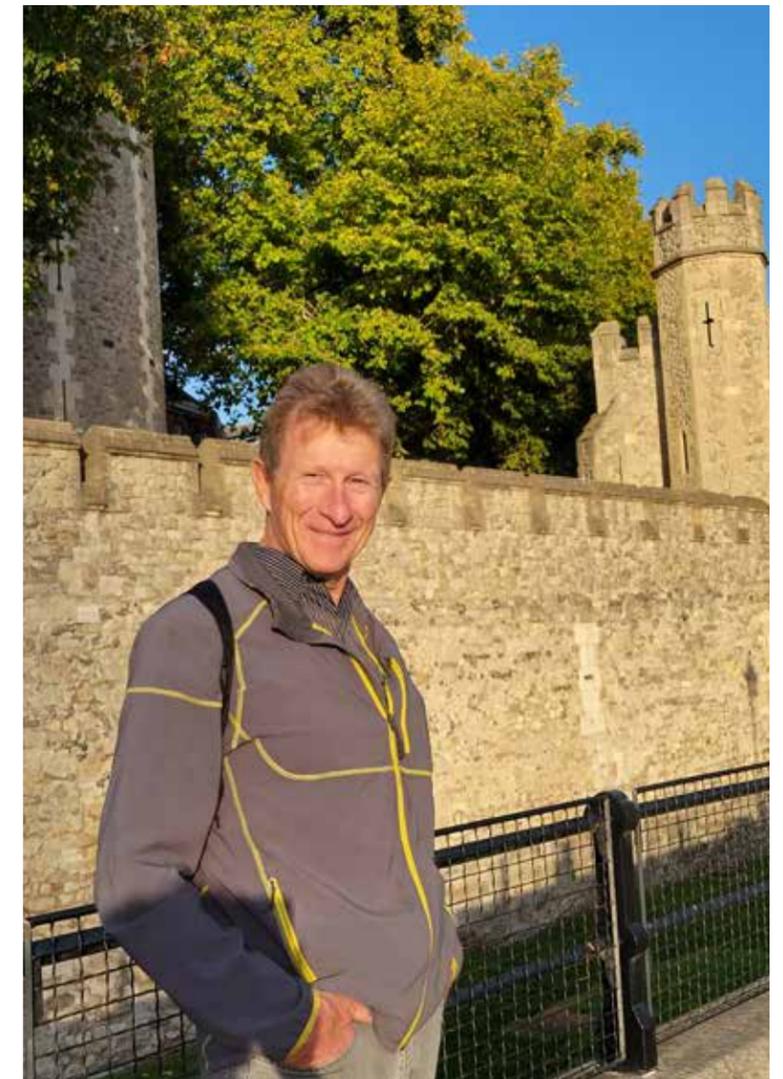
**STEVE HOLDEN**

I started as a Mountain Host in 2013 to get me out on the hill on Saturdays. I switched over to Special Ops in 2021. Over the years, I have worked Friday-Tuesday and have made a lot of friends through the folks on the crew each of those days. Every week offers different assignments, conditions, guests you meet or events that occur.

Skiers tend to be interesting folks, whether local or visiting from out of town. It is always fun introducing first-timers to the mountain and fun to share new runs and routes with those who have been here before. Once in a while, I even learn something new, like the instructor I rode with last week who told me about cabins on Vail Mountain that I didn't know had ever existed.

**"It is always fun introducing first-timers to the mountain and fun to share new runs and routes with those who have been here before."**

- STEVE HOLDEN





**BRUCE CROW**

I am a relatively new resident of Singletree, having moved here last May, from St Louis. I am loving the area as it fits the small community environment that I like. I decided to volunteer as a Mountain Host at Beaver Creek as I was looking for activities that would get me out and involved in the community. I have volunteered at other Vail-related venues and this opportunity seemed a great fit for me based on input I received from friends who had also been Red Jackets in the past.

The Mountain Host experience has met my expectations, not only in meeting other like-minded people, but also in preparing myself through first aid training to assist on-mountain as needed. It has been a great experience and I look forward to continuing to help visitors enjoy a positive on-mountain experience.

*“I look forward to continuing to help visitors enjoy a positive on-mountain experience..”*

- BRUCE CROW

**BOB ALLSTADT**

The Mountain Host and Special Operations teams provide significant services to Vail’s skiing guests in a very helpful way by assisting guests as to how to get around the mountain and to access their preferred terrain for the experience they are seeking while recognizing skill level, fitness level or elevation acclimation – all to provide an ‘Experience of a Lifetime’. Additionally, we provide front-side and back-bowl tours as well as history (‘Legacy’) tours.

For me, providing a ski service to enhance the guest experience is a ‘feel-good’ opportunity that fits comfortably into my ‘skier-DNA’. I truly enjoy assisting anyone, anywhere on the mountain, in having a wonderful day, to help them find a missing buddy, retrieve a lost ski pole, or simply pick up pieces of trash on the mountain.

I have dedicated over 5 decades to this industry (professionally) and as a member of the Special Ops team, I appreciate the simple rewards that I often receive from the guest – whether a ‘thank-you’ from those in the singles’ line who recognize how the Ops crew efficiently keeps the 6-pack chairs at full capacity during busy times, or the first-timers ever at Vail who appreciate the recommendations as to where to ski and to then see them later in the day when they let me know I helped to “make their day”.

The most significant duty for Special Ops is to be at-the-assist to the Ski Patrol by traffic-blocking to assure they have a safe environment to attend to their important role. Early in my tenure on the Special Ops crew, while monitoring the Patrol radio and hearing of a medical emergency, I learned the patrol had 4 sleds ganged-up (outrigger sleds for patrollers to take turns administering life-saving actions) while lead and tail patrollers kept the sleds under control. The Ops crew monitored the prescribed sled path and went into action to block any intersecting trails and to prevent anyone from proceeding from behind in order to get the injured guest down to a waiting transport vehicle.

What truly makes this special to me is the camaraderie and cordiality extended throughout the entire Host and Ops staff.



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Todd Biekkola modernizes a 1980's condo for updated aesthetics and enhanced functionality

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The kitchen prior to renovation



As an architect, I have often heard the phrase, "I have wanted to remodel our home for years, but I don't know where to begin," from friends and neighbors. Many people have purchased new homes over the last couple of years or have been in their current homes for several years and would like to make some modifications or updates. Sometimes the changes can be small: some new furniture, new paint or new appliances. A more involved remodel could include removing an interior wall(s) that enclose the kitchen to open up the floor plan to the dining area and great room, often called an open concept.

If your home checks most of your wish list boxes: great views, plentiful sunshine, wonderful neighbors, and the occasional wildlife passing through your yard, but your house seems to be bursting at its seams or is simply not functioning optimally, a more extensive remodel to modernize the existing floor plan and potentially add square footage might be in order.

Over my 30 years in the business, I have advised clients that it is often best practice to engage with a design professional (an architect or interior designer) as soon as they decide they want to begin planning their project. You may be concerned that an architect will contribute additional costs to your project. While it's true that hiring a design

professional does include an additional project cost, hiring an architect can actually save you money.

During the design process, an architect listens to the homeowner's dreams and translates those words into construction drawings. The construction drawings are a set of instructions used by a contractor to ensure that your project will become a reality. In addition, and maybe more importantly, successful construction drawings and extensive project planning by an architect can help avoid potential costly changes and schedule delays once construction begins.

My husband and I recently completed a remodel of our Singletree home. As an architect, we were fortunate to know where to start and how to navigate the process to make our wish list come to reality. Our remodel included some small changes that had major impacts on the finished product. Our place was a dated 1980's condo that had the original finishes throughout: worn carpeting, an inefficient kitchen layout, mismatching appliances, an original dishwasher, and dated bathrooms, including a shower that we called the 'car wash' because it had so many water nozzles sending water into all corners of the tile shower. There wasn't a coat closet at the entry and the openings between rooms were small and narrow.

Our first priority was to create an efficient kitchen layout. We found the existing floor plans and I was able to draw the rooms to scale. An architect will study the relationships between different rooms as a whole, including circulation and how each space works individually. Our existing kitchen had a corner sink, a refrigerator that blocked the circulation into the space when the doors were open, and only a small counter for food prep. Once we had the existing drawings, we were able to sketch out (many, many) many options to study the kitchen separately and how it would relate to the dining area and living room beyond.

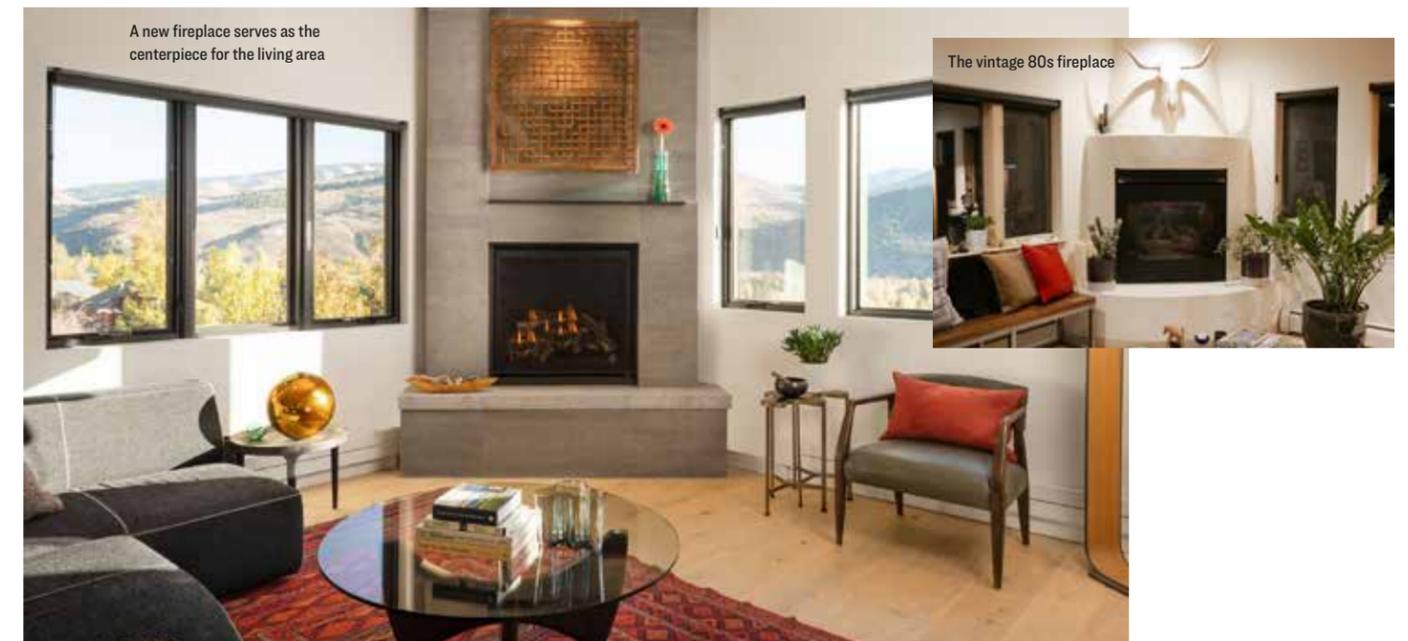
We had one corner bump into the kitchen from our bedroom that seemed to interrupt the back countertop. This corner from the bedroom side didn't provide any significant advantages, so we removed six square feet from our bedroom and enlarged our kitchen. This is an example of a 'small' move that had a large impact on the kitchen. Now the refrigerator and range are on the back wall and the sink is in the peninsula with seating, resulting in a more efficient layout and more counter prep space. New cabinets, appliances, countertops, tile backsplash and pendant lighting created a new kitchen that allows the two of us to prepare meals at the same time. We also added a pantry for additional storage with a coat closet on the back side of the pantry.

Another small change that had a significant impact on the circulation and feel of the space included enlarging the opening from the kitchen to the guest bedroom, guest bath and laundry. Previously there was an arched opening to squeeze through to get to these rooms. We widened the existing opening and increased the height of the new opening as well. Now these spaces feel much more accessible and integrated into the main spaces. We replaced all the finishes in the primary and guest bathrooms, adding a second sink and a steam shower to our primary bathroom to enjoy after those cold days skiing.

The old worn carpet was replaced with White Oak wood floors. The original heavy textured walls were sanded and smoothed to create a more modern look next to the new single-panel doors. Finally, because we were investing in the remodel and knew that we wouldn't likely do another remodel here in the future, we replaced all the windows and exterior doors, installed new LED lighting throughout, and added a new gas fireplace and air conditioning as well.

So, once we had the design drawings with our intended scope of work, how did we navigate the next steps in the process? An architect can help identify and interview potential contractors based on how closely their work experience on past projects correlates to your project. Fortunately, we found a contractor that was interested in our project and had time available in their schedule. The contractor helped create a budget for the work we envisioned. As the construction documents progressed and more details and finish selections were finalized (flooring, tile, cabinets, appliances, plumbing fixtures, etc), the budget became more specific and accurate.

Because our scope of work included moving plumbing and replacing windows and doors, we needed to submit our drawings to the Singletree Property Owners Association ("SPOA"), followed by the Singletree Design Review Committee ("DRC"). The DRC reviews any proposed changes to the exterior, including but not limited to, impacts to the site coverage, building height, new exterior materials, including windows and doors, changes to the existing paint/stain colors and any major landscape modifications. The DRC has design regulations that "encourage the individual expression of the Singletree design philosophy by providing an outline of basic and simple criteria for good design." An architect is typically familiar with the Design Guidelines for each local Design Review Committee. This knowledge and familiarity with the



A new fireplace serves as the centerpiece for the living area

The vintage 80s fireplace



The new and improved bathroom



The bathroom of days past.



The original kitchen featuring the mismatched appliances



Another view of a new light bright kitchen

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To learn more about the remodel or new construction process and how Todd can assist you, please visit [www.sipesarchitects.com](http://www.sipesarchitects.com) or contact him at Sipes Architects at 970-315-0080.

Design Guidelines are critical to submitting drawings for DRC approval successfully.

Once the project obtains the required SPOA and DRC approvals, the contractor or architect will submit the approved construction documents to Eagle County for a building permit. The county will review the drawings for compliance with the applicable Building Codes and issue a building permit with compliance. Once you have a building permit, construction can finally begin!

When construction is complete, the final outcome represents the ultimate culmination of the design team's collaboration with the homeowner. If your dreams of a

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	40 Miller Place	Single Family	5	5	3863	Unfurnished	\$2,950,000.00	\$763.66	63	-	-	-
	140 Charolais Circle	Duplex	4	3	2543	Furnished	\$1,995,000.00	\$784.51	43	-	-	-
Closed	81 Lariat Road A	Duplex	4	3	2257	Unfurnished	\$1,395,000.00	\$618.08	135	\$1,310,000.00	\$580.42	2/9/2023
	110 Charolais Circle	Duplex	3	3	2120	Unfurnished	\$1,500,000.00	\$707.55	78	\$1,400,000.00	\$660.38	2/14/2023

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## Little Sister Addie Takes the Spotlight

CONTRIBUTED BY ADDIE KALACHEVA, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

Last month we had the pleasure of meeting Kaya Halacheva in *Kids' Corner*. Not to be outdone by her big sister, Addie Halacheva was more than ready to take the stage for her interview to share with us *her* story!

**Did I hear you are going to be 5 years old?** I am *ALREADY* 5!

**And where do you go to school?** ECCA. In kindergarten.

**What are your favorite things to do in kindergarten?** Recess, lunch, and math.

**What is your favorite thing to do at recess?** Go outside and build a snowman. Also I like to play monkey bars, and two slides, and a rainbow ladder, and also we like have a little ladder so we don't have to take the stairs and we can just go up the middle and go on the monkey bars. But I don't go on the monkey bars because they are too high.

**What's your favorite lunch?** Pasta and my most favorite snack is grapes, raspberries, strawberries, and mandarins... AND a BANANA!



**What's your favorite color?** ALL the colors of the rainbow. I can't pick. They're too beautiful.

**What is your favorite animal?** Bunnies, unicorns, puppies, kitties, *and* snakes and spiders.

**If you could be any animal, what would it be?** A bunny. Because it can hop really high and if something was trying to get me, I would just hop really high. I could have been a puppy, a bunny, a kittie, or maybe a baby fox, a baby turtle, or maybe a little spider or a baby snake. Any animal but a baby animal.

**Do you like jungle animals?** Jaguars, cheetahs, monkeys. And peacocks because they look like a rainbow. And bunnies. Also I don't think you believe but I believe it, zebras and giraffes.



**Do you do dance like Kaya?** Tap and dance and ballet. And ice skating. I also do ski. Ballet, tap, and dance, and also ice skating, gymnastics, and skis.

**What are your favorite memories from Mexico?** Going down the slide and the water park. And also when we got off the boat and we saw the really tiny fishes in the ocean.

**What did Santa Claus bring you this year?** I got a Barbie camper, a Gabby dollhouse, and 2 putties, and a walkie-talkie. And also I didn't get the Gabby dollhouse because I slept in my room, I got it because I just wanted it and I called Santa. I called Santa and he said, "Ho Ho Merry Christmas. Listen to your Mom and Dad."

**Did you make cookies for Santa?** Yes. Also, I helped decorate the cookies

but Kaya didn't let me cut the cookies. [To Kaya] And you didn't let me put frosting on.

**What's the best thing about being Kaya's little sister?** That I really get attention all the time and I like being 5 because when you are 5, you get to go to little cozy costumes, and little cozy stuff, and you can have more fun and you get to go outside for recess because I got to have pajama day [she says proudly in her unicorn pajamas].

**What's the best thing about having Kaya as a big sister?** She always gets things for me so I don't have to climb. When stuff is too high and I feel like I am going to fall, she helps me.

**What is the best thing about being a big sister to Max?** I got to be the boss of Maxie.



**Do you like being a younger sister or a big sister better?** Younger sister better. Not only because I get the attention but because you love me so much [to Kaya]. Mostly I love both of them the same and also he is so nice but she is nicer than he is. What I can do for my siblings... I kiss them and hug them, and I can call Mommie when they need help.

**What else would you like to share with us?** You haven't asked me what is my favorite part of winter. Ice skating, skiing, and being inside a snow globe. I like about winter when we make snowmans, go sledding, and make cupcakes out of snow. I can teach you one day when you come over. And also, my most *most MOST MOST MOST* favorite part is when you have like stuff, a sled and also, I fly down and it's really fun. And the last favorite

thing is having hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cookies around the fire.

**I do need to leave in about 15 minutes to let my dog out so what else would you like to tell me?** But I want to keep going on... Don't you have a husband who can take out the dog or take to dog camp or something?

**What do you want to be when you grow up?** Like to work? I can't pick, but mostly whatever she [Kaya] wants to do, I might not do. Maybe a dentist or a doctor.

**If you could say anything to adults, what piece of advice would you tell them?** I would say, "Why are you not in the room? You go upstairs in your room." Why don't they do it instead of staying downstairs and talking on the phone?



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# MARK WURZER JOINS FORCES WITH VVCF TO MAKE IT HAPPEN

The Vail Valley Community Foundation works to conquer the challenges of food insecurity, health care, and community leadership for people of color

CONTRIBUTED BY MARK WURZER, SINGLETREE RESIDENT  
ARTICLE WRITTEN BY TIM SWIFT, SINGLETREE RESIDENT



From L to R: Veyra Gamboa, Market Operations Manager, Melina Valsecia, EVCF Exec Director, and Mark Wurzer

In early 2015, Singletree resident and publisher of the *Vail Daily News*, Mark Wurzer, was invited along with other community leaders to a meeting at Red Sky Ranch. Mike Rushmore, a local entrepreneur, had convened the group with the express purpose of identifying the substantial challenges faced by many Eagle County residents and developing an organization and/or a plan to help those residents meet and conquer those challenges. The result of this daylong meeting was the creation of the Eagle Valley Community Foundation. The assembled group brainstormed all day and finally settled on three basic challenges and the means of addressing them: food insecurity, health care, and community leadership for people of color. Inspired and called to action, Mark joined the board of the newly established Community Foundation and remains an active member today.

I recently had the opportunity to meet with Mark and Melina Valsecia, the Executive Director of the Foundation and Veyra Gamboa, the operations manager of the Market at one of its most important assets, the Edwards Community Market. The market was established in 2018 as a means of directly addressing the food insecurity issue that is all too prevalent in our community. It is a totally free market that offers fresh and nourishing food to families in need. The Market's customers are offered barrier-free access to foods of their choosing and in this way differs markedly from the food banks that operate locally. Rather than getting a pre-boxed selection of canned or packaged foods, the Community Market offers the opportunity for customers to peruse the goods available and pick only what they need - all free of charge. This opportunity empowers our neighbors through choice.

Mark and Melina's commitment to and enthusiasm for the work of the Foundation became obvious from the moment we sat down to talk. The facts they presented about the needs of so many in our community were truly startling. Over 3,000 households representing 12,000 people, take advantage of the Community Market each month; more than 8,700 Eagle County residents are currently dealing with food insecurity. At the start of 2020, only 16.5% of the jobs in Eagle County actually paid a living wage which is one of the lowest percentages of any county in the country, and the local cost of health care is a burden that often means that too many of our residents receive no healthcare at all.

The Community Market does an incredible job of addressing the food insecurity issues faced by so many, but not without a lot of help from private businesses. Our local markets, including City Market and Safeway as well as Costco, and several local restaurants are part of a network of food suppliers that donate everything from fresh produce and bread to shelf-stable items. In addition to the local markets, ranchers provide 6,000 to

7,000 pounds of fresh ground beef to the Community Market every month. The cost of this generosity is offset by government programs that provide direct payments to the participating ranchers. The net result of this effort is a strong supply of healthy grocery items to feed our neighbors most in need, but they could always use more donations.

In addition to providing food at no cost, the Community Market makes a substantial contribution to reducing food waste in the Valley. Were it not for the Community Market, a lot of fresh food items that are approaching but not yet past their expiration date would end up in the dumpsters behind the markets and restaurants, and eventually, the landfill. It's truly a win-win situation. There is now a second location in Gypsum to provide maximum convenience for Community Market customers.

Beyond providing food through the Market, the EVCF also works with students who owe money to the local schools because of their inability to pay for their daily lunch at school. The Foundation provides financial support to these students so they can pay off their lunch debt.



The second area of focus identified at the 2017 meeting at Red Sky was the lack of affordable health care. The Foundation's solution to this issue was every bit as creative as the founding of the Community Market. They developed MIRA (Mobile Intercultural Resource Alliance), a 40' RV tricked out with all that is needed to literally bring health care to those who need it most. MIRA means "look" or "vision" in Spanish and it was developed through a strong partnership with Vail Health and Eagle County Government. This partnership put MIRA on the road.

MIRA is a rolling asset that provides culturally relevant health care screening and treatments as well as connects residents to health education programs all free of charge - thanks to the Community Health Programs of Vail Health.

The last, but not least, part of this community-focused troika is Elevar, a funding program designed to support not-for-profit leadership capacity for the Latinx community and people

of color. Elevar trains local leaders in the skills necessary to help their communities help themselves through grantmaking and community-focused investments. Elevar creates a connection point between the community and available financial resources and local not-for-profits. The ultimate goal of Elevar is to develop an effective, in the Foundation's words, "leadership pipeline", which will empower the community to stand on its collective feet and march forward together.



If you look around just a bit, it is easy to see that just below our picturesque landscape there are thousands of residents who keep our Valley humming yet struggle to afford to live, eat, or stay healthy here. It is the chosen role of the Eagle Valley Community Foundation to work tirelessly to alleviate these pressures and they are making great strides. Through the Community Market, MIRA, and Elevar as well as the extraordinary efforts of Melina Valsecia, Veyra Gamboa, Mark Wurzer and the entire EVCF staff and Board of Directors plus the strong partnership with Vail Health, real progress is being made every day.

If you want to help in any way from becoming a donor to volunteering, please access the Foundation's website: [www.eaglevalleycf.org](http://www.eaglevalleycf.org). At the very least, the website will provide you with the complete scope of the good work the Eagle Valley Community Foundation has been doing since that pivotal meeting in Red Sky not too many years ago.

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