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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

# HELLO, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS!

As we enjoy the final days of golden aspens, I am excited to bring you the October edition of your neighborhood magazine!

We start off with the story of two furry souls, Charlie and Titus, who successfully wiggled their way into the hearts of John Tyler and Mitch Perry. Never say never! Their rescue journey brought smiles and wagging tails to two Singletree families who *never* anticipated welcoming a new member to their households.

If cooler temperatures tempt your sense of wanderlust, you will love the opportunity to travel vicariously through Greece and Italy with Dave and Debbie Irwin on their voyage aboard the luxury cruise ship, Star Pride. Highlights of their best-ever vacation included experiencing local cultures, fine wine and dining, shore excursions, and nightly entertainment.

We shine the spotlight on Lauren Bonati and Bob Brown who took to the stage paired with professional dancers to support YouthPower365 youth education initiatives at the 2023 Star Dancing Gala. And the Edwards Rotary Club hosted its inaugural Community Dinner for more than 80 people featuring the theme "Connecting Neighbors" with proceeds going to a variety of community projects.

Singletree continues to evolve year over year and updates and improvements are seen in every corner of the

neighborhood. The dedicated team of John Paolucci and Jeff Douglas successfully transformed the island garden at Persimmon Woods from an overgrown tangle of ground cover, shrubs, and trees into a well-tended oasis of blooming flowers and flourishing greenery. And Meg and Kyle Lyons share the experience of remodeling their 1980 home at 544 Charolais, rumored to be one of the first, if not THE first house built in the neighborhood.

Congratulations to Alice Plain! Alice was the first woman to receive the PGA Colorado Section Warren Smith Award and we are thrilled to recognize her for her contributions to golf in the Vail Valley and Colorado.

Finally, we take a quick glance back at the fun memories created this summer and look forward to more opportunities to connect at our upcoming events. I hope to see you soon!



With regards,

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# TAILS OF FATE AND FURRY BONDS: CHARLIE & TITUS FIND HOME IN SINGLETREE

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN TYLER AND MITCH PERRY, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS

In the heart of our neighborhood, there live two dogs whose journeys intertwined to create a remarkable tale of love, family, and destiny. Meet Charlie and Titus – siblings bound by blood and brought together by the serendipitous efforts of Mitch Perry and John Tyler, with a little divine intervention, and good-hearted service, from Janet Boeser and Annie Henson on behalf of Team Leo Animal Rescue.

About 7 years ago, Mitch and John were both real estate brokers in separate offices at Slifer, Smith & Frampton. Enter Annie, another Slifer colleague, who happened to be in the practice of fostering dogs from Team Leo. One day, she casually walked past Mitch's office at the Park Hyatt in Beaver Creek with Charlie in her arms. Mitch's heart jumped immediately at the sight of the scruffy pup. Minutes later, Mitch found himself saying, "Why don't you let Teddy (who came to be renamed Charlie) come home with me for the night?"

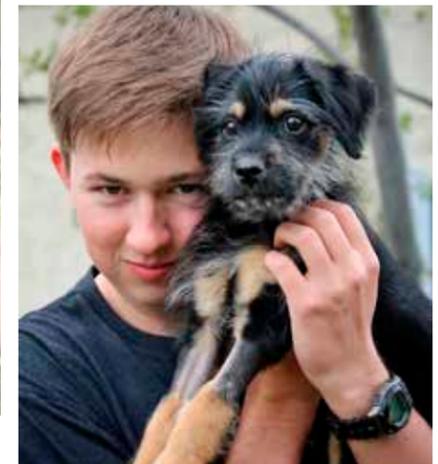
Having recently lost a family dog, Mitch arrived home and pronounced, "We are not keeping him.



Mitch and Charlie; Photo by Family Heirloom Photography



John and Titus; Photo by Family Heirloom Photography



He's a foster and he's not going to stay." Famous last words. But it was too late; the unbreakable bond had been formed. What was meant to be a one-night stand, er, stay, transformed into a forever home, and Charlie, in all his scruffy glory, had found the place where he truly belonged.

At the time, the Tyler household maintained a strict policy of "No puppies. No puppies. No puppies. We have 2 cats and that is it." In his quest to learn about dog training outside his home, John's son, Luke, had been working at the Canine Country School in Dotsero. Simultaneously, he was studying Jiu Jitsu at Hybrid Nation MMA under the guidance of black belt Hayward Charles, the owner of the dojo.

Knowing that Hayward was looking for a dog to adopt, John had heard about a puppy up for adoption and he referred Hayward to Annie and the match was made. Despite his excitement to have a young pup to keep him company, Hayward quickly discovered that managing a puppy amidst dojo discipline was a challenge beyond his capacity.

Distraught over his realization, Hayward appealed to John for a solution. When Luke learned about this development, he was adamant. "NO! You CAN'T give him back!" Luke's resolute refusal to part with Titus, albeit while training Jiu Jitsu, marked the beginning of a new chapter for the young dog... and the rest is history.

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Charlie is "Mr. Friendly" and thinks every person and dog should be his pal. He keeps busy with multiple hikes and walks each day with his best friend and housemate, Lily. Additionally, there are prolific amounts of belly rubs, lots of squirrel and chipmunk chasing, antler chewing, and trips to his toy box for the favorite stuffed toy of the day.

So fate played its hand as the Team Leo Animal Rescue network led Charlie and Titus to their perfect homes in Singletree, both testament to the power of family, compassion, and the unexpected turns life takes, like winning the dog rescue lottery in Vail, CO. The story of these two siblings, Charlie and Titus, born in adversity, and connected by destiny, reminds us that most profound connections are formed when hearts are open.

As a side note but an integral part of the story, Janet Boeser has fostered more than 300 cats and dogs following their rescues from high kill shelters located in states including Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Texas. Sadly, puppies and kittens are euthanized all the time in these local shelters. Those states lack the strict protocol of Colorado where more aggressive laws concerning spays and neuters are enforced.

Through Team Leo Animal Rescue, Janet works with a list of people to identify and "tag" dogs and cats to be transported to Colorado after they have been taken to a veterinarian

for rabies shots, vaccinations, and a spay or neuter. Janet routinely makes the trip to Aurora on the Front Range to pick up the dogs and cats she has selected and immediately puts out the word that she has pets available for foster and/or adoption. Without Janet's involvement, Charlie and Titus may well have been destined to be euthanized. While John had previously adopted two cats from Janet, she shares her recollection of John's heartfelt emotion toward Titus when

he said, "I never ever thought I would have a dog like this". And that is a happy tail!

To learn more about Team Leo Animal Rescue, please visit [teamleoanimalrescue.org](http://teamleoanimalrescue.org) or contact Holly Walthers at 970-949-0922 or email [info@teamleoanimalrescue.org](mailto:info@teamleoanimalrescue.org).

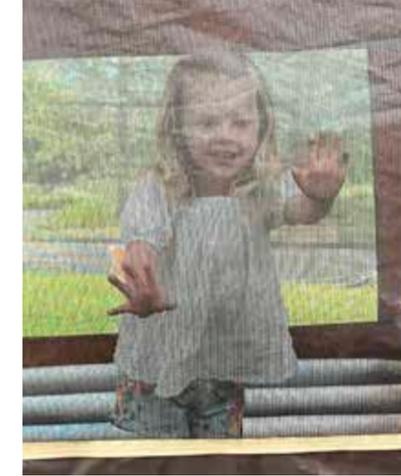
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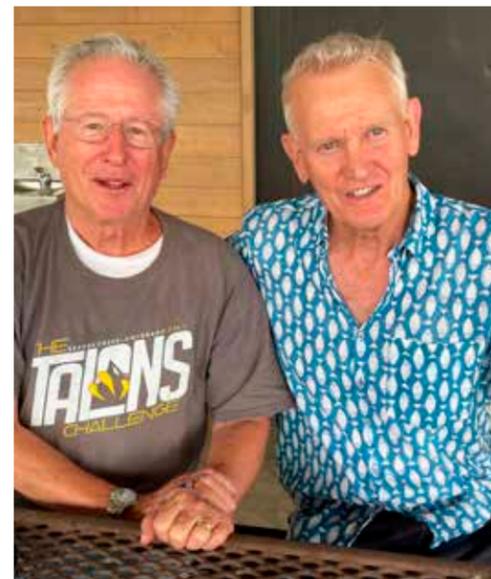
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How do I, David Irwin, write about the best vacation one has ever had? Starts off by being asked to go on a cruise with some best friends, TJ and Marlene, on a Windstar Cruise. I had never been on a cruise, yet Debbie had been on a couple of the big cruise ships. The maximum number of people would be 300, which ended up being 240, and the ship had just been remodeled. So we say yes and here we go on a new adventure.

Of course, packing for a two-week cruise starts the challenges ahead, yet is accomplished with each other's help. We left on June 3rd for Athens, Greece,

to board our Windstar Ship called the Star Pride. The day starts off at 6 am and we get there the next day at 10 am. It was a beautiful day of sunshine and 75 degrees which held up for the entire cruise. We will be immersed in the local cultures, offering unique experiences through specially designed shore excursions and entertainment on board the ship.

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Now we begin to sail north and by the next morning, we go through the Corinth Canal where you felt you could touch the cliffs on each side of the ship. We then dock at Delphi, Greece for the excursion to the Mythology ruins of Delphi. We visited the Temple of Apollo and the Amphitheatre, the best-preserved stadium in Greece. The Delphi museum was at the base of the mountain to see such treasures as the Omphalos, which marked the center of the world.

Then the day progressed into the evening of fine food and nightly entertainment which included dancing. We did get to know the bartender and waiter so well that they reserved the same wonderful table for us every evening. There was no end to the variety of food to choose from along with great wine. We ended the day with *Songs from the Movies* performed by the band on board. The next day we sailed to Kerkyra/Corfu, Greece.

The shores of Corfu are known as the Capri of Greece for their rocky promontories cloaked in pine and cypress trees extending out into the sea. We took a boat ride to the famous sea caves of the area. We then drove up to Lakones where they filmed the famous car chase from the James Bond movie, *For Your Eyes Only*. Then off for snacks and wine tasting at Cafe Bella Vista with breathtaking views of Paleokastritsa city and bay. We ended the day with a signature deck BBQ and line dancing. Now off to Argostoli, Greece.

From the quayside at Argostoli, we proceeded toward the Drogarati Cave. We went down many flights of steps to a cavern of yellow stalactites. Then on to the subterranean lake of Melissani for a breathtaking boat trip with a 100 foot hole above your head as you cruise through the spectacular blue waters. We then returned to dinner at Candles and were entertained by *Beatles Night*. Looking forward to Messina, Sicily tomorrow.

After we arrived in Messina, it was a drive to Savoca, one of the most attractive and unknown places of Taormina, Bar Vitelli," where photographs were taken when Frances Ford Coppola shot scenes for *Godfather II*. From there, on to the Arab-Norman castle of Capo Sant'Alessio when in 1990, they shot scenes for *Godfather III*. Returning to the boat for an 80's night of food and entertainment. Now on to Trapani, Sicily.

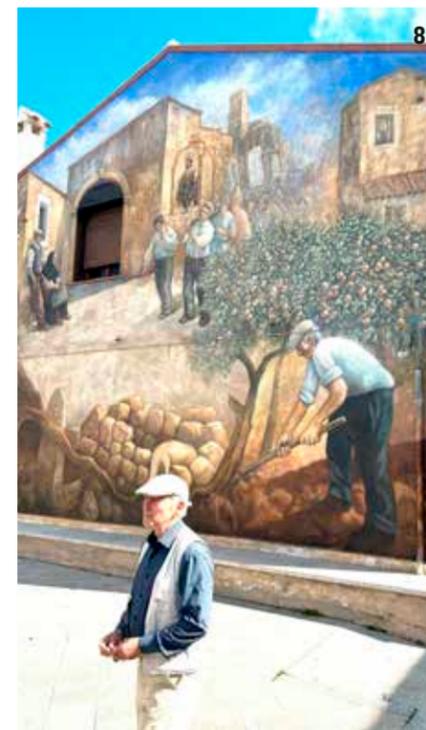
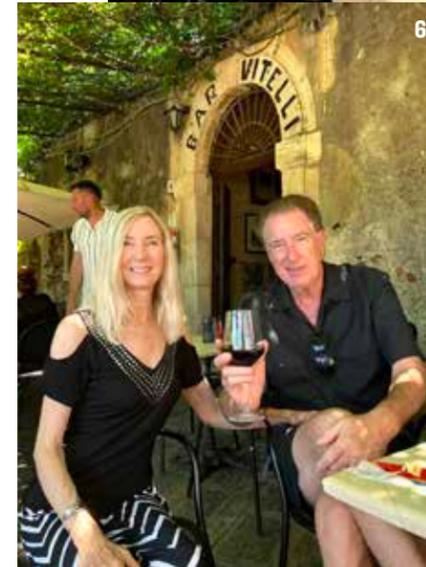
In Trapani, we visited the Four Seasons Hotel where *The White Lotus* was filmed. When we arrived, they told us we couldn't go in, but Marlene, being a travel agent, convinced them to give us a tour. We eventually sat in the bar cabana, next to the pool, for a drink looking down at the cliffs to the turquoise bay. The formal gardens were beyond description as we bathed in the sun shining through the elegant flowers hanging from the trestles. Upon leaving, we meandered through the ancient city of Marsala visiting the Cathedral, which was built on the foundations of a pre-existing Norman castle, with an organ with 4,317 pipes. That night, after dinner it was an evening of Death by Chocolate.

The following day in Trapani, we took a cable car up to the top of the mountain to the Town of Erice which looks over the turquoise sea and all the way to Egadi Islands. In the medieval town, we visited the Mother Church that has stood for more than 700 years and admired the Castle of Venus, where the son of Athena, goddess of love, built a temple in his mother's honor. Also along the way, we were enchanted by the gorgeous Balio Gardens. That night, it was live Name That Tune + Blues while dancing the night away. The next morning we docked in Cagliari, Sardinia.

Cagliari is known for Il Carello, a hilltop medieval walled quarter majestically watching over the town. We then headed off to the San Sperate Art Village. In 1967, it hosted many works of important Italian and foreign artists who painted on the village walls. On to Dolianova, to an old mill that produces olive oil. Next to Serdiana where we visited the Argiolas vineyards, visited the cellars excavated underground, and delighted with a tasting of red and white wines accompanied by cheese and



1 / Lake Melissani in Argostoli 2 / Poolside at the Four Seasons in Trapani, Sicily 3 / The Four Seasons in Trapani 4 / Trapani, Italy



5 / Another fabulous dinner aboard the ship 6 / Bar Vitelli in Messina, Sicily 7 / The Castle of Venus in Erice, Sicily 8 / The San Sperate Art Village 9 / The Sagrada Familia in Barcelona



sausages typical of the area. This was all enjoyed at a magnificent long table that sat 30 visitors. That evening we laughed all night with the Crew Show. By now we knew most of the crew and now we saw how talented they were. The next day off to Barcelona.

This was a full day at sea to get to Barcelona. The day at sea was the Captain's Farewell Events, which included special foods, live music, and relaxing in the beauty and warm sunshine of the Mediterranean. As we arrived, the next morning, one is taken back by old meets new in this sunny Catalan metropolis, where narrow alleyways contrast with grand boulevards.

We decided on a Barcelona Highlights Tour and stayed at a Windstar Hotel. The guide pointed out many highlights as we drove up Vià Laietana to view the Cathedral de la Santa Creu, also known as the Barcelona Cathedral, along with many buildings designed by architect Antoni Gaudi. Watch for Casa Batllo landmark and Gaudi's masterpiece, the Sagrada Familia (Holy Family) Church, which started in 1882. This is the most visited building in Barcelona and immediately identifies the city around the world. From here, we headed up to the gardens of Mirador de Alcalde with the most exceptional views of Barcelona and its impressive harbor. We strolled the elegant boulevards to a romantic outside cafe for a delicious dinner and wine tasting. As usual, we were treated like kings and queens as this entire trip made us feel like royalty.

It was a trip that explored far-flung remote ports and meeting new friends; it was an amazing adventure. It was an unforgettable voyage that is 180 degrees from the ordinary. We thank Windstar, the crew, and our friends for the invite to an experience that felt like being on your own private yacht. The following morning it was back to reality, yet not so tough living in the beautiful Vail Valley.

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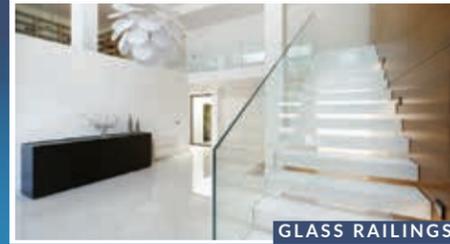
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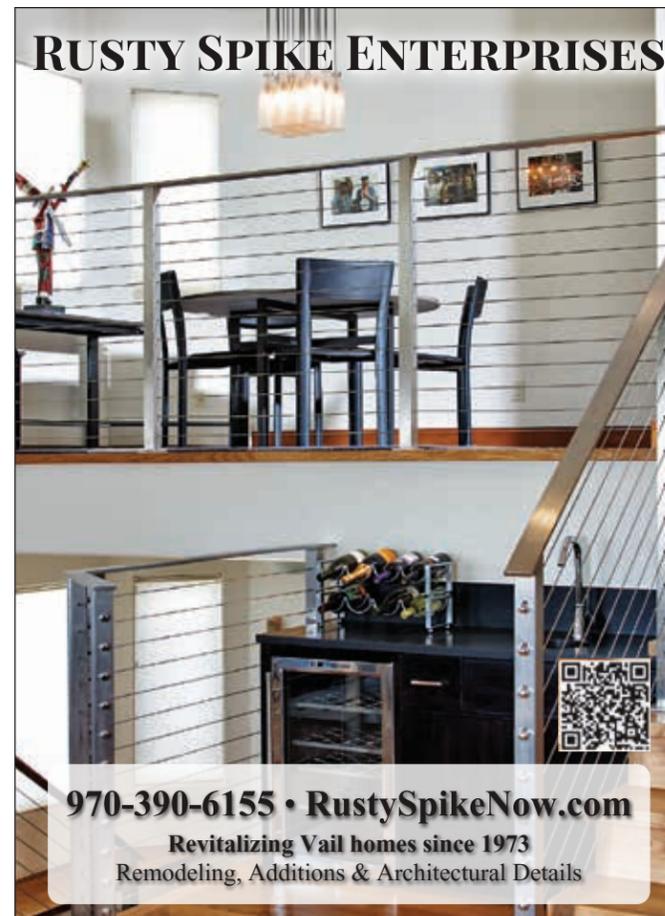
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# Dazzling Steps for a Cause: Lauren Bonati and Bob Brown Shine in Star Dancing Gala

CONTRIBUTED BY LAUREN BONATI AND BOB BROWN, SINGLETREE RESIDENTS



The Star Dancing Gala is a community-wide event benefiting the Vail Valley Foundation's education nonprofit, YouthPower365, which offers programs to inspire, educate, and empower youth and families. The fundraiser returned this year after a three-year hiatus to host 800 guests and featured an inspiring show presenting local celebrities partnered with professional dancers. Here, Lauren Bonati and Bob share their experience participating in the 2023 Star Dancing Gala:

**What inspired you to dance in the Star Dancing Gala?**

**Lauren:** YouthPower365 is such a wide-reaching program for our community youth and I was happy to do anything to support them. I also love performance so the fact that it included dancing was a huge plus!

**Bob:** I have been a board member of Youth Power365 (formerly the Youth Foundation) for 21 years and am very committed to serving youth in our community. With my recent

retirement, it allowed me to invest the time to practice so I could actually pull off a dance in front of 800 locals!!

**What was the theme and style of your performance?**

**Lauren:** My particular dance was "Smooth" ballroom dance, a combination of waltz and foxtrot. It is beautiful, expressive, and technically challenging.

**Bob:** My song was "Might As Well Be Me" by Brothers Osborne. My dance partner/instructor was Maria Barry and we danced a collection of country swing moves.

**Did you choose your partner and your music?**

**Lauren:** My partner, Greg, was chosen for me, as he has 20 years of experience teaching and competing in ballroom dance. Our choreographer provided 5-6 different music options to choose from and we ultimately chose the song, "Pure Imagination", in a beautiful open arrangement written for the TV show, *Glee!*

**Bob:** Yes and no. I chose the music and Maria was paired with me as she has been an instructor in all the YP 365 Star Dancing Gala events.

**What stands out as the highlight of the experience for you?**

**Lauren:** As an adult, we rarely get to learn a new skill, so this was the perfect opportunity to up my dance skills with a professional! Combine that love of performance with the overall goal of fundraising for a great cause, and it's the perfect combination!

**Bob:** There were some very talented community members and getting to work with them (pre-event) and see all the performances prior to the event was motivating. All the professionals were so encouraging it just made the event and performance relaxed and fun. Maria was just the right person to help me pull off something that was outside my wheelhouse.

**How much practice time was involved?**

**Lauren:** Over a 5-week period, we practiced 3-4 times per week for 2-3

hours at a time. It was a lot, but I loved every minute! I told my partner from the start that I'm a bit of an over-achiever, so we probably practiced more than we had to.

**Bob:** I started practicing the first of June (the performance was July 11) and had 14 one-hour practices along with two pre-event rehearsals.

**What was your greatest challenge in preparing for your performance?**

**Lauren:** Our routine included an over-the-shoulder lift. It required a lot of practice in balance and body awareness. We worked on it for 2 weeks, starting low to the ground with gymnastics mats below in case I fell. Luckily, we never needed them!

**Bob:** Well, as I have mentioned previously, my instructor was great at designing our dance and making me feel at ease. So, I would have thought it would have been nerves, but I was very relaxed thanks to our practice and support. I will say I did struggle with the two-step rhythm as we circled the dance floor.

**How did it feel going out there in front of an audience of 800 people?**

**Lauren:** Exhilarating! The nerves are always there, but you have to trust

the muscle memory and hours of practice. Once I'm on stage and feel the connection with the audience, it's thrilling to show off your hard work and dedication.

**Bob:** I loved it and I had a blast.

**What was the most rewarding part of participating in the Star Dancing Gala?**

**Lauren:** Of course, raising money for YouthPower365. I was thrilled to be invited and get the chance to support them in such a fun way. I also must mention the camaraderie and new friendships forged with the other dancers. There's nothing quite like the bond of performance!

**Bob:** This was the first YP365 Star Dancing Gala since the disruption from COVID. So returning to the airport as a venue and being one of the performers for the return was special but most rewarding was the record fundraising that occurred that evening for the youth in Eagle County.

**What are your reasons for supporting Vail Valley Foundation Youth Power365?**

**Lauren:** Investing in the youth of Eagle County is so important. YouthPower365 offers so many different programs for youth of all

ages, including the Magic School Bus for preschool-age kids, tutoring, sports, and school supplies for grade school kids, specialized mentorship for girls, and of course, "Celebrate the Beat," which teaches young people the joy and positive health benefits of dance!

**Bob:** I have experienced firsthand the joy, appreciation, and gratitude that children provide when they experience support, hope, and opportunity. YouthPower365 has done a remarkable job filling a gap in our system to support the academic, athletic, artistic, and career pursuits of our youth.

**If someone was considering participating in a future Gala, what would you tell them?**

**Lauren:** Do it! When given the chance to do something new and stretch outside your comfort zone, don't let those chances pass you by. When it additionally supports such wide-reaching philanthropy in our community, it's a no-brainer.

**Bob:** Just Do It!

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## 50 YEARS LATER: A SINGLETREE ORIGINAL IS RENOVATED FOR MODERN DAY

Meg and Kyle Lyons transform an ‘interesting’ house built in 1980 into a stunning new home at 544 Charolais

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As Singletree upgrades itself to the 21st century, new homeowners are leading the charge to modernize and re-beautify the existing homes. It's been 50 years since the first few homes were built and the 80s are back in style! Curved lines with highlights of chrome and brass are making way towards matte black and gold fixtures and thick white marble, and fresh highlight walls pop with over-the-top turquoise wallpaper with gold filigree to refresh once boring powder rooms.

The modern family wants beauty and grace, easy care, and wash and wear home basics like pressure-treated white oak wood floors - sometimes tile that looks like wood - and built-in curio cabinets to hide the clutter, while simultaneously celebrating the original architectural highlights of the late 1900s that defined the “Me Decade”. Meg and Kyle Lyons accomplished just that in their home at 544 Charolais Circle. “I wanted a single family, and I wanted something that wasn't a boring 90s home that was all white with old granite countertops,” Meg says definitively. “I wanted something interesting, and this was immediately interesting.”

Rumored to be one of the first homes in Singletree, if not THE first home, the house was originally built by Chupa Nelson in 1980, featuring



a design inspired by the old Taos Pueblo style, but with more of a modern adobe flair. Instead of climbing a ladder to access the home as the Pueblo do, Chupa built a covered brick staircase into the earth to enter the house. “I just love that it's inspired by a Spanish flair, where I have a lot of dark and light contrast. Looking back, Meg recalls, “The ceilings are what got me, honestly. So much wood and done so well that they just needed staining. We have always been attracted to walnut, and trying to find walnut that didn't break the bank was tough.”

The Lyons' goal was to complete the renovation bootstrap style, with Kyle serving as the primary laborer. “The roof had leaks; it wasn't past saving, but the house was definitely in disrepair,” gestures Kyle around the room. “There are things I know not to do myself, like the walls, because skip troweling is truly an art form. But I did do the electrical; I learned it all on *YouTube!*” he laughs.

Kyle also ripped up the original old tile flooring. “When I first got the permits to start demolition, I thought a 20-yard dumpster would be enough,” Kyle shakes his head. “But I ended up going through five 40-yard dumpsters!” The one item they did manage to save was the original dining room table built for the house by Chupa himself. Kyle resurfaced and restained it, and its

simple yet elegant southwest design helped inspire the rest of the house's aesthetic.

“We love that the original floorplan was open, yet still provided separation of spaces with certain walls and stairs to give it a feel of privacy,” says Meg. “I can tell you confidently that this house is inspired by Pinterest!” she laughs. “We are not into the mountain home thing, big stones and antler chandeliers and large round pieces of wood - no thank you! It didn't matter what house we bought, I was going to have a gray and walnut kitchen with gold accents.”

Meg recalls it was definitely a challenge to do the project themselves, with a lot of decisions needing to be made in each individual area - and often without much warning from her GC, Kyle. “It was stressful, we didn't plan out anything. Once we closed, we just started, and items had to be ordered right away for them to come within a certain time frame because we did all this through COVID and the global supply chain issues.”

Besides the extensive surface upgrades, the Lyons also upgraded the flooring with Network Interiors out of Glenwood, who did a fantastic job of laying the floor perfectly since the family didn't want baseboards to break up the flow of wall to flooring. “It took them a whole day just to do the dining room, and it's all glued





down because it's on a concrete floor over the radiant heating system that we retrofitted with the original gas furnace," Kyle says proudly. "It's magically engineered so we didn't lose any ceiling height with a higher floor." The overall effect is stunning.

Meg and Kyle bought the house in June of 2020, signing paperwork to put it under contract while in the hospital for Dax's birth on May 14th. While under construction, they lived in the garage apartment at Meg's parents' house in Lake Creek. "I would have gone crazy if we didn't have my parents there, with our newborn and our renovation simultaneously," Meg sighs. "We moved here from San Francisco to be closer to my family as we started our own; we left an 800 square foot apartment only to move into another 800 square foot apartment for 19 months!" she laughs.

Their second son, Bates, was born right after construction was complete and the family moved into 544 Charolais. "Looking back, it was crazy! We moved into the home in October 2021 and I was pregnant with our second, but it was completely worth it. I have a garden and a house right here on the pond with a park for the boys," Meg expresses appreciatively. Kyle realized his vision for installing the most amazing electrical architectural lights to retrofit our home, and I have the kitchen of my dreams - and the walnut wood of my dreams, in the neighborhood where I've always wanted to raise our family and in the valley I call home."



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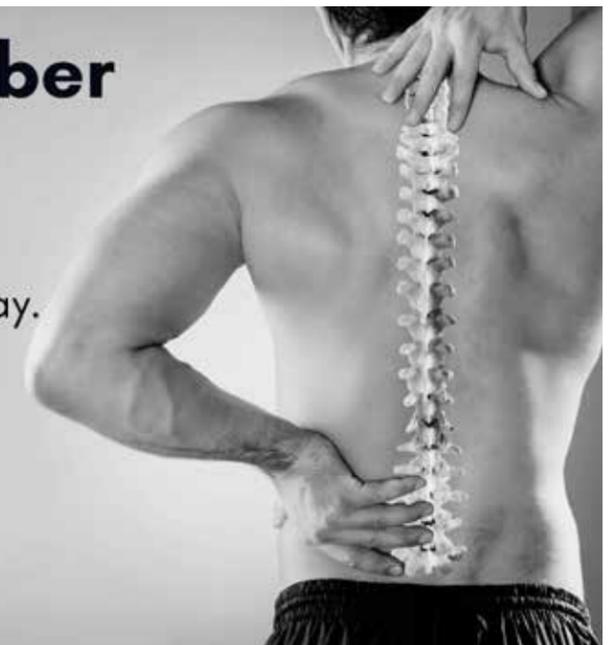
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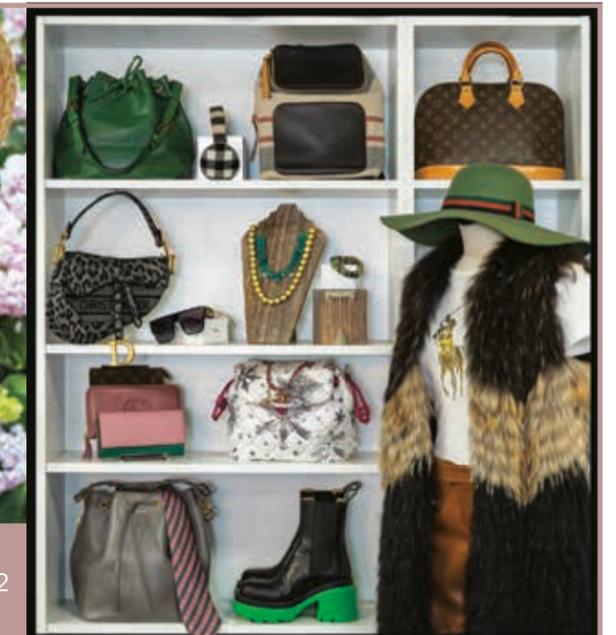
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## FROM NEGLECT TO NURTURE: TRANSFORMING A GARDEN ISLAND INTO AN OASIS OF SERENITY

John Paolucci and Jeff Douglas revitalize the centerpiece of Persimmon Woods

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN PAOLUCCI, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

In 2017, John Paolucci and Nicole Ehrhart found their perfect mountain home within the heart of Singletree. Persimmon Woods, one of the original townhome communities of Singletree, was the ideal place to settle as it provided ready access to skiing, mountain biking, and the Holy Cross Wilderness backcountry - all the ways they loved to connect with nature.

Over the ensuing years, John witnessed the ebb and flow of life within the 33 units that comprise a wonderful, diverse community surrounded by Sonnenalp golfers. In particular, he took note of the continued decline in the once vibrant and well-tended landscaping that adorned the grounds. Built in the 1980s, the townhome community has seen its fair share of change, yet the center island stood as a nostalgic testament of time, untouched and untended.

One day, John was chatting with some neighbors and decided it was time - time to bring back a centerpiece

feature of the community and discover what lay beneath the island's riot of untended greenery. Armed with his previous landscaping experience and a zest for what might be, he resolved to transform the neglected space into an asset for the neighborhood to enjoy once more. He saw the massive endeavor not as a chore, but as a way to enhance the natural space in the heart of Persimmon Woods.

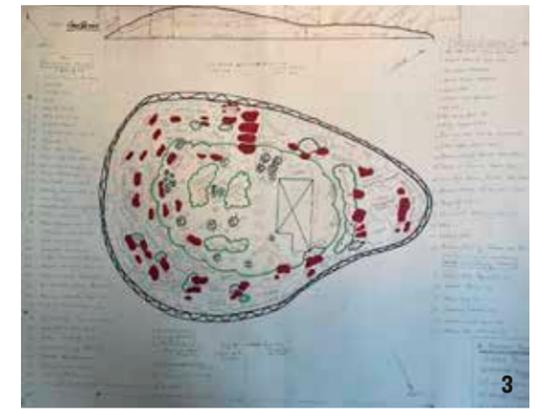
With the support of the HOA and another passionate Persimmon Woods resident, Jeff Douglas, the team got to work laboring tirelessly to trim the branches of the aspen trees and clear the tangle of old growth and overgrown shrubs. Then came a surprise! After removing the overdeveloped trees, shrubs, and decades of untended ground cover, he saw that beneath the soil and hidden from view were dozens of flagstone boulders. The beginning of a plan began to emerge. After weeks of resurfacing the sunken boulders, a clear vision of what the center island could become, among its ring of beautiful, mature aspen trees, took shape.

John then delved into the research, consulting resources from Colorado State University's extension services and other

horticulture experts. He carefully selected plants that would thrive in the alpine environment, meticulously mapping out a garden that would awaken with color in the spring and continue to delight the Persimmon Woods community with ever-changing blossoms and textures and yet still be hardy and drought-resistant enough to return year after year.

Next was time to prepare the soil and rearrange the numerous boulders to highlight the new greenery and flowers. Then, following the landscape plan John had designed, they carefully nestled each new perennial in its place. As a final step, they spread a blanket of mulch to keep the soil moist and protect the tender plants through the winter months.

What was once a tangled thicket now stands a symphony of color and form, a true testament to what vision, hard work, and community spirit can achieve. The center island has become a reflection of John's passion and the splendor of nature, allowing residents to enjoy the beauty that had been there all along, silently waiting to be uncovered and embraced once more.



3 / An intentional plan for new perennials, grasses, and shrubs  
4 / A day in the dirt 5 / John and Jeff 6 / A big grin from John as the Persimmon Woods island project nears completion



1 / An overgrown thicket of plants and shrubs  
2 / The discovery of once hidden flagstone boulders

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# Alice Plain is Livin' the Dream

Director of Golf at the Vail Golf Club, Alice Plain, wins the prestigious Colorado Section PGA Warren Smith Award for 2023

CONTRIBUTED BY ALICE PLAIN, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

Alice Plain has lived in Singletree since 2008 with her wife, Shelli Fullhart, and their dog, Indy. She has been the Director of Golf at the Vail Golf Club since 2007. Alice followed her dream of working at the Vail Golf Club, a dream she had as a child growing up in South Bend, Indiana.

This August, Alice was named the recipient of the highly esteemed PGA Colorado Section Warren Smith Award. The Warren Smith Award is bestowed annually to a PGA Professional for outstanding contributions to the game of golf, the Colorado Section, junior golf, and their facility.

Alice is especially honored to be the first woman to be recognized as the winner of the Warren Smith Award.

"Winning this award is a tremendous honor! I want to thank my fellow PGA Professionals and the Colorado Section awards committee for this amazing honor. All the PGA professionals in the Vail Valley and our Colorado Section are incredibly supportive of my staff and me at the Vail Golf Club. We accomplish more together than we do as individuals.

"I have had so many amazing young men and women working for me over the past several years who have contributed to my success and the success of the Vail Golf Club. I could not do what I do without them. I am extremely proud of each one of these individuals who have become successful in their own right at golf courses and clubs all over the country.

"Living in Singletree is a dream as well! We love our neighborhood and our neighbors!"



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## Active SINGLETREE REAL ESTATE ACTIVITY

### Active

- 141 Chaparral Road | Single-family**  
4 bd | 5 ba | 3,898 sf | \$3,465,000
- 8 Charolais Circle | Duplex**  
3 bd | 3 ba | 2,094 sf | \$1,450,000
- 767 Charolais Circle | Single-family**  
4 bd | 3 ba | 2,770 sf | \$2,750,000
- 931 Singletree Road 31 | Townhome**  
2 bd | 2 ba | 1,422 sf | \$899,000
- 73 Mission Place | Single-family**  
5 bd | 5 ba | 3,538 sf | \$2,595,000
- 41 Shotgun Circle | Single-family**  
5 bd | 5 ba | 4,586 sf | \$4,995,000
- 78 Mission Place | Townhome**  
4 bd | 4 ba | 2,655 sf | \$2,095,000
- 361 Longhorn Road | Single-family**  
3 bd | 3 ba | 3,898 sf | \$2,495,000
- 81 Lariat Road B | Duplex**  
4 bd | 3 ba | 2,005 sf | \$1,500,000
- 40 Miller Place | Single-family**  
5 bd | 5 ba | 3,863 sf | \$2,525,000
- 751 Singletree Road 3 | Townhome**  
3 bd | 5 ba | 2,686 sf | \$1,515,000

### Under Contract

- 1471 Singletree Road | Single-family**  
4 bd | 3 ba | 3,427 sf | \$2,350,000
- 171 Stagecoach Road | Single-family**  
4 bd | 4 ba | 3,229 sf | \$2,650,000
- 170 Mesquite Drive | Single-family**  
5 bd | 6 ba | 5,616 sf | \$3,895,000
- 150 Saddle E | Duplex**  
3 bd | 4 ba | 2,058 sf | \$1,995,000
- 311 Foal | Duplex**  
4 bd | 3 ba | 3,445 sf | \$2,495,000
- 161 Stagecoach Road | Single-family**  
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- 240 June Creek E | Duplex**  
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- 1020 June Creek Road | Single-family**  
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- 92 Chaparral Road | Duplex**  
3 bd | 4 ba | 2,468 sf | \$1,800,000
- 94 Mission Place | Townhome**  
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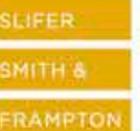
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# SUMMER PARTY 2023

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## CONNECTING NEIGHBORS: A POTLUCK STORY

The Edwards Rotary Club hosts its inaugural community dinner to benefit a multitude of community projects

What happens when a Rotary Club decides it's time to get the community together? The inaugural Edwards Rotary Club Community Dinner was born. Held on August 16th at Riverwalk in Edwards, the event with the theme, "Connecting Neighbors", drew a diverse crowd of 80+ people with businesses and individuals alike joining the fun evening. Prizes were awarded for Best Decorated Table, Best Costume, and Best Food Presentation. Table decorations abounded with themes that included Mission Ridge Barbie, USA Red, White, and Blue, Tail Gate, Clue (the game), Singletree West Fest, Sweet Colorado, and more.

Attendees came from all over Edwards and the Valley. While all Edwards neighborhoods were represented, we spotted many Singletree participants amongst the winners:

**BEST THEME:** Alida Zwaan and Berkshire Hathaway team for Tail Gate including tail gate food, great jerseys, and blowup goal posts.

**BEST FOOD PREPARATION:** Mission Ridge Barbies for their pink lasagna, not to mention the pink attire donned by Jim and Bobbie Ruh, Joe Gibbons, Beth Levine, and John Cullen, to name a few.

**BEST COSTUME:** Chris Romer and the Vail Valley Partnership team for Clue - and a prize for who solved the mystery!

Other Singletree residents joining the fun included Melinda and Tom Gladitsch, Carrie Benway, Tricia Swenson, Jeff Koch, Janet Hill, and Mike and Traci Wodlinger.

All proceeds from the event will go to supporting the Edwards Rotary Club projects including youth scholarships and Rotary youth exchange, Teen Driving Education, support for local non-profits and Rotary International programs focusing on literacy, education, clean water and the eradication of polio.

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# RECENT SPOA POLICY CHANGES

As of July 15, 2023, Singletree has revised Rules & Regulations as well as a new Violations and Collections Policies and Procedures. These changes were made in accordance with recent changes to the Colorado Common Interest Ownership Act (CCIOA). The changes were generally:

- o Clarifying terms and making SPOA documents internally consistent,
- o Conforming with Eagle County regulations, where there were conflicts,
- o Landscaping requirements recognizing water conservation efforts,
- o Permitting trash cans only be out from sunup to sundown on trash collection day,
- o Re-affirming Singletree's residential character and prohibition on tourist accommodations, and
- o Adding specificity to the processes associated with assuring compliance with adopted rules, regulations, and policies.

You can find these documents, along with more information, on our website:  
**[Singletreetoday.com](http://Singletreetoday.com) under SPOA Documents**

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