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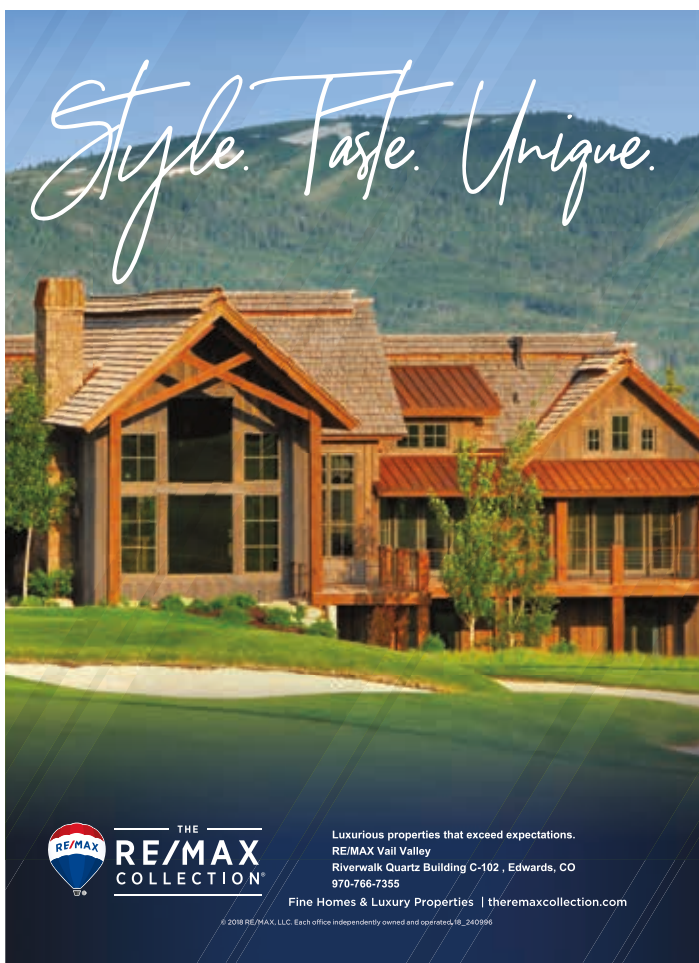


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publisher's note

Happy August! By now, the memories of a cold and wet June shall have passed, but in fact, the kick-off to summer offered many unforgettable events and activities in Singletree!

This issue recalls the 2nd Annual Great Singletree Rib-Off, graciously hosted by Tim and Lisa Swift at their home on Chapparral Road; the winning recipes are contributed here by Robert Grauer, JP Power and Kevin Calabrese.

What better way to welcome summer but with ice cream? A ribbon cutting and ice cream social was held to celebrate the grand re-opening of the pavilion in Chip Ramsay Park on June 13. A huge thank you to the Berry Creek Metro District for the enlarged pavilion AND the ice cream!

Singletree residents gathered at a wine release event in mid-June to taste the wines produced by The Storm Cellar, a new vineyard and winery on the Western Slope, at the home of Clint and Sarah Janssen. The evening featured not only white and rose wines, but a delicious array of paired appetizers expertly prepared by Second Nature Gourmet. Finally, the month wound down with the Riverfront Ramblers performing at the first of the annual summer Music in the Park series at the Singletree Community Center.

Jana Morgan shares with us the vital role of the Salvation Army in the Vail Valley and the rewards gleaned by the entire Morgan family as a result of giving their time, sweat and donations to

support this remarkable organization. Or in the words of the Salvation Army, "Doing the Most Good". Bob and Judy Holmes have also found a gratifying way to give back to the community by becoming deeply involved with Roundup River Ranch; the couple highly encourages others to volunteer their time and talents to help campers with serious illnesses feel like ordinary kids.

No doubt you will enjoy experiencing the world of 7-year-old Kai Young. As a first grader at June Creek Elementary, his imagination knows no bounds! And finally, we recognize and appreciate the volunteers who showed up on June 5 to work on the Knob Hill Trail so it would be ready for summer use.

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The Berry Creek Metro District hosted an ice cream social and a ribbon cutting in June to celebrate the grand re-opening of the newly expanded pavilion at Chip Ramsey Park. The pavilion was repaired and doubled in size to provide more shade for everyone enjoying the playground and field. Additional improvements included a more contemporary and durable steel beam design to replace the original logs as well as remodeled restrooms. While there wasn't much need for shade cover during the ice cream social, it was nice to be protected from the rain. Come on down and check it out!

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Contributed by **Karin and Joe Langereis**, Singletree Residents

# KARIN AND JOE LANGEREIS

## Find a Wonderful Life in the Banana Belt

Karin and I did not connect until later in life. I was in my 50's; she was much younger. Although I, of course, know about her younger life, I should let her tell that part of the story.

My childhood was in the city of Detroit. My family later moved to Flint, Michigan. In the 50's and 60's, both were fun places for a family. The problems for Detroit and Flint came later. I matriculated to Michigan State University and loved my university years, so full of independence and new ideas. Five years later, I had a BS and an MBA.

During those years, my father came to me and suggested that we "plan your future". I was enthusiastic and I replied, "OK, but how?" "Make a list of 10 things you want in life," Dad said, "Not small things like a sports car but big things like being rich, or learned." I made my list of ten. Dad told me to trim it to three. "Only three?" I moaned. "Yes, one because you were fortunate to be born in America;

two, because you have ambition; and three, because your mother and I are helping you."

I remember my 3 choices: Live free every day, never have a boss and see the whole world. He suggested that I train for one of the professions to provide the independence I craved. Sounded good to me! I enrolled at the University of Detroit and earned my DDS. I now felt prepared to "launch". I had been in Michigan long enough and I foresaw the decline of Detroit. If not London or Paris, at least give me New York or LA!

A friend had recently moved to Washington, DC. I visited him and in four days, found an apartment, a job, and a small circle of friends. During the next 30 years, I built a large dental



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practice in the suburb of Laurel, MD. We focused on high technology, such as laser dentistry. I had already started "seeing the world", but I resolved to get more proactive. I committed to taking a short trip every month and four extended trips per year. It was the only way to see it all.

For the next 3 decades, my life changed little. I was working, traveling and loving Washington, DC, still my favorite US city. I had close ties with my sister and her family, and my daughter, who has grown up to be a source of great joy to me to this day, even providing me the opportunity to be a grandfather.

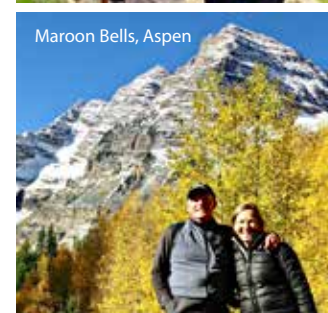
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In addition, I met Karin. A neighbor introduced her to me and although she had reservations about the fact that I was 52 and had never married, in time she forgave me for that. We dated and travelled, spent time in Vail skiing and she moved into my place at Watergate. I proposed at the top of Ricky's Ridge, we were married at my sister's lakeside home and honeymooned in Greece.

We also began to plan for our "escape". During 18 hectic months, I bought one dental practice and sold two, I sold my Watergate and Vail condos and we purchased an East Vail townhome. I recredentialled in Colorado and found a job. Karin sold her mother's house, relocated her to Cherry Creek, and secured a job at Gorsuch. Our wedding and honeymoon took place in that busy 18 months. As promised, Karin will share her early years before we met...

While Joe grew up the quintessential all-American boy, I was born into a military family and was, as Joe fondly refers to me, an army brat. My father was stationed in Germany when he met his future German wife on a tennis court. After marrying in Germany, Dad brought his new bride to New York and I was born two years later in Buffalo. Dad was then assigned to Bamberg, Germany, where I was raised for my first 10 years speaking German as my first language.

Later, Dad was stationed in the Washington, DC area and I attended the University of Maryland where I earned a degree in Merchandising Marketing. After graduation, I moved to the "Big Apple" and was accepted into Boomingdales' Executive Buying Program. Working long hours and stretched thin on a retail salary, I moved back to DC to be the buyer for a family owned fabric and leather upholstery business. I loved it but was soon reminded of how many hours the retail business can consume.

In the fall of 2007, we loaded up two cats and their litter box into a Mini Cooper and headed to our new life in Vail! Prior to making the move, I had accepted a job as a gift buyer for Gorsuch. After a year, the hours had added up again and Joe reminded me that we had moved to Vail to enjoy life! Time to make a change.

Today, you can still find me at Gorsuch, where for the past 13 years, I have been greeting visitors at the front door, selling and taking on some management responsibilities. I am so happy to be working with the Gorsuch family; they have treated me well. Now working 30 hours a week allows me plenty of time to spend with Ouzo, our Wonder Kitty, enjoy the Valley and make a weekly drive to visit Mom in Denver!

Of course, we too came for the skiing and cross country, but we enjoy so much more in the Vail Valley. We love to hike and have climbed 12 Fourteeners, we workout at the Homestead Club and love to swim and bike. I love gardening, baking and spending time with friends and family, including our niece and nephew. Joe plays tennis, enjoys wine and is an avid reader on a constant quest to always be learning.

We have made many wonderful new friendships... most everyone being a transplant with such diverse and interesting backgrounds. Last year, we moved to the Banana Belt in search of more sunshine and a shorter winter. We knew it had to be in Singletree with many of our friends already there. We are thrilled to be part of this very special and diverse community. And we love the weather!

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## who's making a difference

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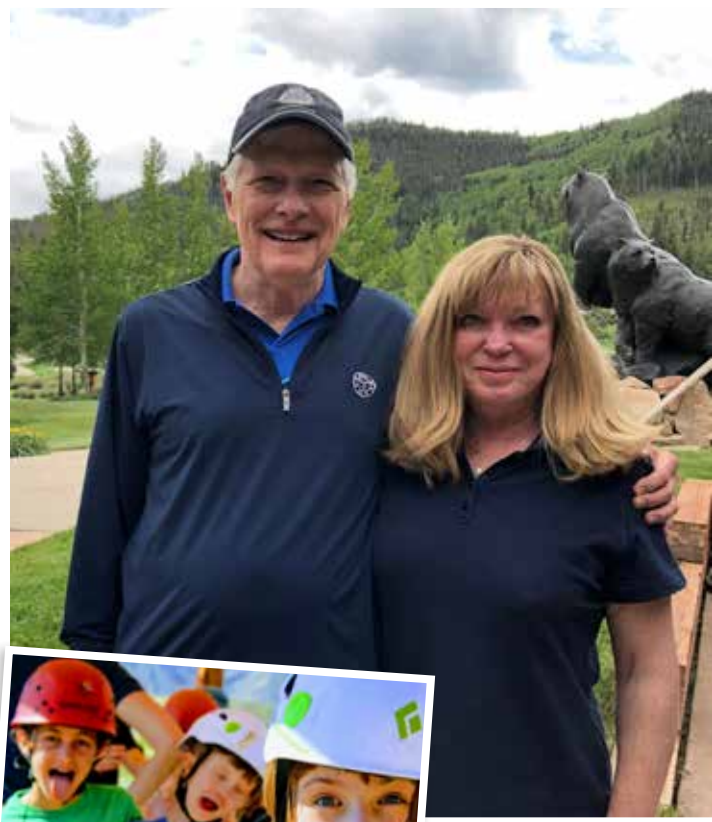
## BOB AND JUDY HOLMES ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERING AT ROUNDUP RIVER RANCH:

*Help Campers with Serious Illnesses Feel Like ORDINARY KIDS*

Singletree has been our weekend retreat for the past four years, but this year, we were finally able to make it our full-time home. We look forward to a future filled with more skiing, hiking, golfing, and meeting new friends. One of the many wonderful aspects of living in the Vail Valley is being more involved with the Roundup River Ranch. We were introduced to the organization by our dear friend and fellow attorney, Ruth Johnson. She has been the President and CEO of Roundup River Ranch since its inception, and her dedication to and passion for its mission is contagious. The more we learned about Roundup River Ranch from her, the more excited we were to become involved.

Roundup River Ranch is part of the SeriousFun Children's Network, a global community of medical specialty camps founded by Paul Newman. He founded the first "Hole-In-The-Wall Gang" camp in 1988 for children with serious illnesses and their families. He believed that children with serious illnesses should have the chance to go to summer camp to experience adventures, make friends, and for a time be able to forget their medical struggles. That wonderful idea has grown from one camp in Connecticut to 30 "SeriousFun" camps and programs worldwide. Each SeriousFun camp is independently managed and financed, carrying out Paul Newman's vision.

Several years ago, a group of very dedicated, amazing people (including our Singletree neighbor, Liz Stern) raised enough money to bring a SeriousFun camp to Colorado. They bought a beautiful piece of property near Dotsero and Roundup River Ranch was created. The first campers were welcomed in



2011, and the organization continues to grow every year. This year, Roundup River Ranch will provide over 1,600 camper experiences from ages 7 to 17. Since its opening, Roundup River Ranch has provided over 6,000 camper experiences.

Roundup River Ranch has the ability to host children who live with serious illnesses such as brain tumors, cancer, celiac disease, kidney disease, epilepsy, heart disease, and lung disease. In fact, the outstanding medical facilities and the dedicated medical staff and volunteers can accommodate more than 50 different types of serious medical conditions. The campers receive individualized medical care from outstanding medical professionals who come from Colorado and many other states to volunteer their time at camp.

Campers attend camp for a week, where they meet other children who are experiencing similar health challenges. Camp is often the first time they have been away from home or the hospital for any extended time. Campers are able to come together to develop friendships, learn from each other, and realize their potential in a safe environment. They gain confidence as they experience new challenges and succeed in ways they never thought possible. The talented staff and volunteers make sure that even something like a wheelchair or walker won't stop a camper from experiencing the Challenge Course, Equestrian Program, or a trip down the Zipline.

The entire camp experience at Roundup River Ranch is provided at no cost to the families. It is all funded through donations from individuals, businesses, foundations, and the community.

### Roundup River Ranch Changes Lives

One of the most rewarding aspects of working with Roundup River Ranch is meeting the amazing campers and their families. It is inspiring to listen to their stories about how camp has affected their lives.

One camper's mother described how her daughter's week at camp was "truly transformational." In a thank you letter to Roundup River Ranch, she described how her daughter had experienced a very difficult year of medical setbacks and school bullying. The following summer, she was able to attend camp, and that experience had a profound, lasting effect on her: "It was the change in her spirit that was the most amazing, and for that we are eternally grateful. She learned that she is strong enough, smart enough, and talented enough to stand on her own."

You can hear many more campers' stories located in the video gallery on Roundup River Ranch's website at [RoundupRiverRanch.org](http://RoundupRiverRanch.org).

### Family Camp

In addition to the week long camps for the children, Roundup River Ranch hosts eight weekend retreats for the parents and siblings of seriously ill children. We often don't think about the impact of a child's serious illness on the entire family. Their lives often revolve around hospital stays, surgeries, therapies, financial constraints, and constant anxiety. Family Camps provide a rare opportunity for entire families to meet each other, relax, and have fun as a family.

### VOLUNTEER!

Volunteers are a vital element for Roundup River Ranch to operate. The service of volunteers actually saves the organization \$160,000 per camp session. There are volunteer opportunities to accommodate any schedule. You can volunteer for a day, for a week during Summer Camp, or for a weekend during a Family Camp session. Every volunteer comes away from the experience enriched.

You don't need a medical background to volunteer. There are so many other ways to contribute your time and talents. Do you love working with kids in the camp environment? You can volunteer as a Residential Life Volunteer, helping the staff as the "do-it-all, magic-makers of camp." Do you like working on projects? Facility Volunteers work in every aspect of



the maintenance and operation of the camp, including grounds keeping and camp preparation and organization. Are you an avid photographer? Roundup River Ranch needs photographers to capture all of the experiences of camp life. Are you a whiz in the kitchen? The chefs need help preparing and serving meals and accommodating campers' dietary restrictions.

Visit the Roundup River Ranch website for details about volunteer opportunities at [RoundupRiverRanch.org/Volunteer](http://RoundupRiverRanch.org/Volunteer).

### Take a Tour

Since words can't adequately describe the camp experience, I hope you will take a beautiful drive to Roundup River Ranch this summer and see it for yourself. If you schedule a tour when camp is in session, you can even join the campers for lunch at Trent's Cookhouse. You will be able to tour the amazing facilities, see the new Observatory, the Art Yurt, the medical facilities, and the cabins. Most importantly you'll be able to watch the campers laugh, sing, play, and as Paul Newman described it, "kick back and raise a little hell." To schedule a visit, contact Cathy Ethington, Associate Director of Development, at [cathy@roundupriver-ranch.org](mailto:cathy@roundupriver-ranch.org) or call 414.418.7328.

### Think of Roundup River Ranch in Your Giving Plan This Year

We are so fortunate to have a SeriousFun camp in Colorado. Because the Roundup River Ranch experience is always provided **free of charge** to the families it serves, contributions of any size are welcome and always needed. Colorado residents who contribute to Roundup River Ranch may be eligible to receive up to a 50% state income tax credit through the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit. Learn more at [RoundupRiverRanch.org](http://RoundupRiverRanch.org).

See you at camp!



# Fierce Competition

## AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GREAT SINGLETREE RIB-OFF



The stakes were high as Tim and Lisa Swift graciously welcomed the residents of Singletree into their home for the 2nd Annual Great Singletree Rib-Off in early June. Competitors entered one full rack of ribs to be judged by an esteemed panel of judges, followed by sharing their culinary achievements with their friends and neighbors. The weather cooperated for a festive evening on the deck on Chapparal Road as guests enjoyed an array of tasty ribs accompanied by Tim's famous baked beans, potato salad and beverages all around. Thank you, Tim and Lisa, for your generous hospitality and a fun-filled evening of neighborhood camaraderie!



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# THE BEST OF THE BEST FROM THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GREAT SINGLETREE RIB-OFF



The esteemed panel of judges: Mark Scully, Matt Branson and Mark Lathrop

The 2nd Annual Great Singletree Rib-Off continued the tradition of outstanding ribs and neighborhood camaraderie on one of the few sunny evenings in June. Fifteen residents entered their fully prepared racks which Tim Swift sliced up for the panel of judges to taste before serving the crowd. Mark Lathrop, Mark Scully and Matt Branson took to the task of blind tasting each entry with great enthusiasm, based on a scale of one to 10 each for texture/tenderness and taste/flavor. Many thanks to the judges for volunteering your taste buds, and most importantly, to Tim and Lisa Swift for hosting a fun and festive Rib-Off!

Congratulations to Robert Grauer for “Love Me Tender Back” (1st place), JP Power for “Cherry Olé” (2nd place) and Kevin Calabrese for “Pork-o-Licious” (3rd place). Honorable Mention was awarded to Mark and Lynne Wurzer for “Nice Rack”. Here, the top three winners share their winning recipes with *INSIDE Singletree*. Bon Appetit!



1st Place: Robert Grauer

## 1st Place: LOVE ME TENDER BACK - Robert Grauer

In anticipation of a competitive rib-off, Ursula carefully prepared her sauce and the ribs to be entered as “Love Me Tender”. At about noon-ish the day of the event, I decided to enter my own “Love Me Tender Back” since we had leftover ribs.

I prepared a rub with a combination of spices I thought would be tasty, including salt, pepper, paprika and Mt. Elbert seasoning. I put the ribs in the pressure cooker, which is the real secret to tenderness. About 2 hours later, after a nap, the meat was falling off the bone. A bit of basting with Ursula’s secret sauce and a few minutes on the grill “et voila”... the winning ribs! But Ursula definitely deserves the credit for the sauce.

### Ursula’s Secret Sauce:

- 1 bottle Bull’s-Eye Original BBQ Sauce
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon chile pequin



Fierce competition at the 2nd Annual Great Singletree Rib-Off



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## 2nd Place: OLÉ RIBS – JP Power

- 1 rack of baby back ribs
- 4 parts: Joy’s of the Southwest Cherry Olé\*
- 1 part: Joy’s of the Southwest Jalapeño Jam\*\*
- 2 bottles Guinness Stout



2nd Place: JP Power

Marinate the ribs in the Cherry Ole and Jalapeño Jam for at least four hours or overnight. Soak mesquite chips in water for one hour. Light the grill and when the coals are ready, add the chips and grill the ribs for a long time at 225 - 250 degrees. If you are using a gas grill, place the mesquite in a smoking basket but keep the heat between 225 - 250 degrees

When the ribs are fall-off-the-bone tender, pour the Guinness into a pan; place the pan on the grill rack, place an open grate over the Guinness pan and place the ribs on the grate. Continue the low heat grilling for one more hour.

\* <https://joysofthesouthwest.com/shop/joysofthesouthwest-cherry-ole/>

\*\* <https://joysofthesouthwest.com/shop/joysofthesouthwest-jalape%C3%B1o-jam/>

## 3rd Place: PORK-O-LICIOUS – Kevin Calabrese

- 1 rack of baby back ribs
- ¼ cup white wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt



3rd Place: Kevin Calabrese

For the Marinade:

- 1 tablespoon hoisin sauce
- ½ cup soy sauce
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup ketchup
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 2 tables spoons diced ginger
- 2 tablespoons diced garlic

Brine the ribs in water mixed with the white wine vinegar and 2 tsp salt for 8 - 10 hours. Remove the ribs from the brine. Bring the brining liquid to a boil, add the ribs, and boil for 20 minutes. Remove the ribs from the brine and pour the marinade

over the ribs. Marinate the ribs for 4 - 6 hours, turning occasionally. Remove the ribs from the marinade and reserve the marinade. Put the marinade into a saucepan; bring to a boil then reduce heat to a simmer. Simmer until the marinade thickens slightly.

Grill the ribs over medium heat until slightly charred, basting with the thickened marinade.

Garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onion and serve.

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## volunteer spotlight

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# DOING THE MOST GOOD

**The Morgan Family Dedicates Time and Energy to the Vail Valley Salvation Army**



Once you live in this glorious Vail Valley long enough, you learn that there is no typical year. Some years are more balanced than others. In those years, snow comes and goes with healthy accumulation, yielding to warmer temperatures during our wonderful summers. Then there are years when the forces of nature are out of balance. The snow comes late or not at all, creating drought or fire danger during the summer. Or, record snowfalls give way to an unseasonably cold and wet spring and early summer. Each scenario creates its own set of adventures and challenges. While our atmosphere takes an impact, so does our ability to make a living.

We are fortunate to have an organization in our community that rises to meet such imbalances. Volunteering for the Vail Valley Salvation Army for the past 10 years has opened my eyes to all they do to silently support our community in times of need.



Jana and her son, Jack, volunteering unloading the food bank truck at Salvation Army in Avon

Their world-wide slogan is “Doing the Most Good”, which is exactly what they do for our local community. They respond to fire, flood, and road closures as well as fight food insecurity within our community.

Remember December 2017? No snow equaled no work for many of our low-income community members, who were already stretching their dollars waiting for the winter season to kick in. That month, and the subsequent winter, we saw a dramatic increase in the need for food and other services just to help families ‘stay afloat’. It amazes me that our local Salvation Army can do all this with just two paid staff members. While this small team is the heart and soul of the organization, so is the literal red army of volunteers that show up time and time again to get the work done.

The Vail Valley Salvation Army serves nearly 500 households per month through their food pantry to any person in need. Aside from this, they manage 100 additional food boxes per month of USDA commodities which families may qualify for based on income level. When a family experiences sudden tragedy, including displacement from their home, the Salvation Army is there with help. Services include assistance for rent, utilities, transportation, and emergency prescriptions.

Additionally, the Salvation Army offers support for stranded motorists and provides comfort to travelers during road closures. They



Kiddos working in our Salvation Army community garden

take the front line in supporting first responders for forest fires. They served three wildfires in ten days amounting to over 5,000 meals during the 2018 fire season. They do this out of a modest mobile canteen staffed entirely by volunteers. These are the nitty gritty details of keeping our community food secure and safe in disaster or tragedy.

In recent years, a beautiful detail has morphed from the sweat equity of the team. Behind the food pantry is a community garden complete with greenhouses, compost, beehives, picnic tables, and a playhouse. Community members can qualify for a plot within the garden for \$5 per month. Most importantly, the garden contributes fresh produce to the food pantry in this self-sustaining model. Garden staff offers outreach and education to adults and children alike. The Vail Valley Salvation Army is in our schools and frequently hosts children to the garden through a program called Growing Gardeners. They are not only teaching our children how to grow food but how to do it sustainably.

The Vail Valley Salvation Army receives operating funds in a variety of ways. Most importantly, they need you. They need you to fill the iconic red kettles during the holiday season, unload food trucks, sort food in the pantry, work in the garden, volunteer for fundraising events or participate in the fundraising events.

Three events will take place in the next few months where you can help as a volunteer or a participant: EMPTY BOWLS, the HARVEST DINNER and the RED KETTLE GOLF TOURNAMENT.

**EMPTY BOWLS** is in its 11th year and takes place on **Friday, August 16th from noon - 1:30 pm** at Battle Mountain High School. A group of community members started this ‘soup line’ with the intent to fortify the food pantry with donations. Generous donors provide their artwork: an empty bowl to remind us of hunger in the Vail



Jana's daughter, Grace, delivering boxes of food to families in need over the Christmas holidays in 2018

Valley and around the world. Talented chefs use the bounty of late summer vegetables and ingredients to serve soup, bread, and dessert. Emergency responders and volunteers serve it all at this community spirited lunch. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

The **HARVEST DINNER** takes place on **Thursday, September 5th from 5 pm - 7 pm**. This annual event is held in the garden itself at the Salvation Army in Avon. It's a true farm to table event prepared by local chefs with local food to support our greenhouse and community garden.

The **RED KETTLE GOLF TOURNAMENT** is held on **Thursday, September 12th** at the Cordillera Valley Course. This 17th annual tournament is accepting sponsors, players and volunteers. Players receive goodie bags, breakfast, lunch and after-play hors d'oeuvres, all while enjoying a members-only exclusive golf course. Give back to your community while having fun on the links! Sponsorships start at \$250; a team of four is \$1,000.

The Vail Valley Salvation Army supports our community in so many ways, it only makes sense for myself and my family to give our time, sweat and donations to support them. It's



Golf tournament volunteers including Singletree residents Deb Douglas, Lori Brown, Gail Weinning and Barbara O'Hearne



Singletree residents Mark and Fischer Sassi unloading the food truck

been so rewarding working side by side with our kids over the years: unloading food trucks, ringing bells, delivering food to the underserved at Christmas or working at an event. Doing this work has actually given back to our family as well in unimaginable ways. Our kids are now teenagers who have a deep sense of gratitude and understand the value in volunteering and supporting the community in which you live. Doing the Most Good.

For more information about events or volunteer opportunities at our Vail Valley Salvation Army, please visit [www.salvationarmyvail.org](http://www.salvationarmyvail.org).



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Sold	311 Hackmore Rd #A	Duplex	\$685,000	\$685,000	\$351	\$351	3	3 (2 0 1)	1,950	Unfurnished	05/23/19
Sold	28 Charolais Cir	Duplex	\$795,000	\$782,000	\$388	\$381	3	3 (2 0 1)	2,051	Unfurnished	06/03/19
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# THE PERFECT TASTE:

## *White Wines, Roses and Seasonal Cuisine*

As promised, Clint and Sarah Janssen, together with The Storm Cellar winemakers Steve Steese and Jayme Henderson and Second Nature Gourmet caterer Marla McFadden, delivered a night of wine tasting, education and enjoyment... not to mention the magic of holding off the rain!



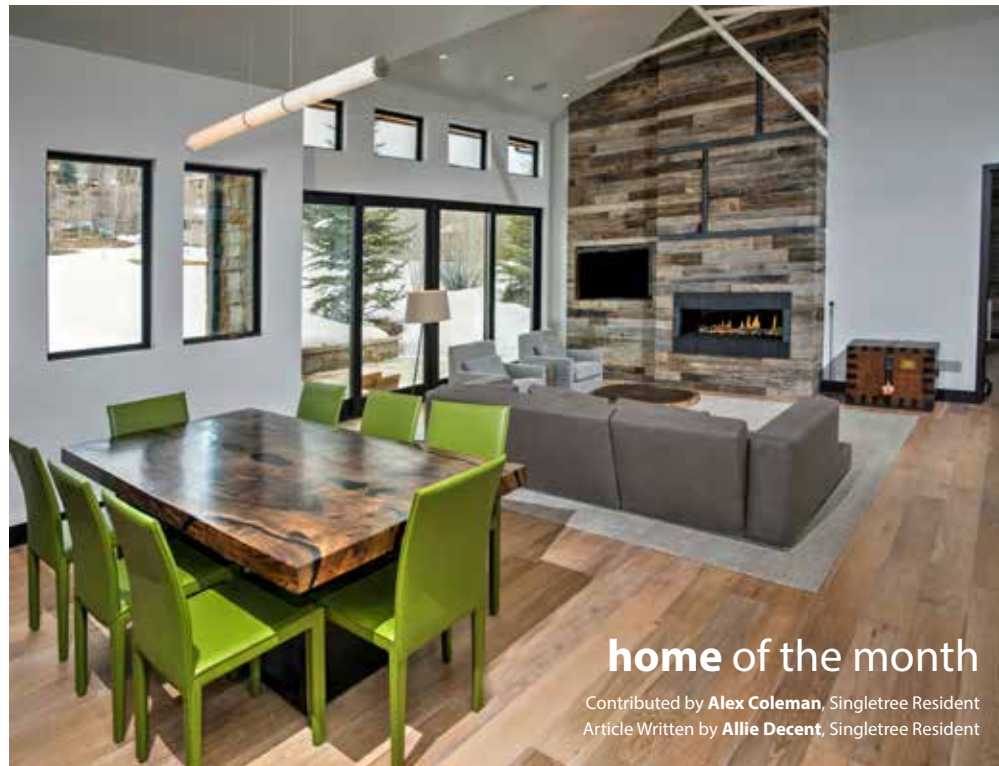
Showcasing a selection of high-quality, high-elevation white wines and roses from the Western Slope, the featured wines included Chardonnay, Rose of Pinot Gris, Dry Riesling and Riesling, each exquisitely paired with seasonal complementary appetizers.





# STEEL, GLASS AND BARNWOOD:

## Culminating in a Dream Home at 123 Howard Drive



home of the month

Contributed by Alex Coleman, Singletree Resident  
Article Written by Allie Decent, Singletree Resident

Sharp peaks cut the brilliant blue sky, pulling your eye upwards to the heavens. Like a climber assessing a new line, the face of the home at 123 Howard Drive invites visitors to challenge their notions of what lies inside the walls. While there is no doubt that this mountain modern home is influenced by the classic mid-century design that has made a popular comeback in recent years, this home definitely represents the new build aesthetic taking over the hearts and minds and Pinterest drool-worthy “dream house” pages of our technological generation.

Owners Alex and Robin Coleman knew exactly what they wanted to build the second they saw the single family lot on the fairway of the 16th hole of the Sonnenalp golf course. “As a builder, I knew I wanted to focus on building a home with three ideas: steel,

glass, and barn wood,” Alex recalls. “I have spent 20 years doing homes that are all stone and log, and it just dominates the space.” He looks over at his living room wall that is bottom to top barn wood and steel, and smiles. “I find that heavy stone is something your home gets married to, and it’s hard to change it; the one feature that guests remember is how big and dominating the fireplace is in your home. We didn’t want that.”

The master bedroom has an entire wall of its own barn wood that echoes the main living space. “We aren’t art people, per se,” says Alex. “We just knew that a feature wall would really tie this project together and create drama without a massive art piece.” The wood they selected is a very natural grey-washed barn wood. “All of this barn wood is from a reclaimed snow fence in Wyoming,” Alex explains as he runs his hands over the wood. “Creative Floors supplied it and we just love it.” Accent walls as well as little touches of the barn wood in the kitchen and bathrooms are found throughout the home, “Honestly, that’s mostly Sian Christie’s design ideas; I just knew I wanted glass everywhere and for it to be modern but warm.”

As the owner of Coleman Construction, Alex builds homes all over the valley but in this case, he knew he had to put his ego aside and hire a design team to give life to the vision in his mind. “Sian Christie and Olivia Grayson of Grayson + Christie Interior Design were just wonderful,” he says. “After doing this for 20 years, I was like, no way do I need a designer. I got this. But it was 100% worth it and the whole process was so easy as



a result of that decision.” The Colemans would head down to Denver to pick out finishes and then check with the design team to see if those choices would work for the space; Alex said it actually made shopping fun!

The house is set off Howard further back than every site surrounding it, which gives the home a very dream-like quality that hearkens to Arapahoe Acres in Englewood, CO, with its historic mid-century homes featuring butterfly roofs and expansive inviting front yards. “I pushed the build site on this lot all the way back; I had to go through the DRB to get special approval,” Alex says as he gestures from the front door out to the sprawling grassy area. “We knew that being on the golf course in the middle of the fairway put us right in a target zone for golfers’ drives. Our

son, Zander, was 3 at the time we were planning, so we wanted his play area to be in the front of the house.” Very practical planning from a parenting and entertainment perspective.

The Colemans also knew that they wanted to enjoy main-level living, with guest rooms above the garage space, and as a result, the footprint was designed perfectly for this family of three. N.D.G. Architecture laid out the ideal floor plan per the Coleman’s “must have” list. Everything a home needs for modern convenience has been designed and created here: a large open entertaining area with full views of both the front and back yards, his and hers closets of equal size, a beautiful and functional mudroom and powder room close to the garage, a family den next to Zander’s suite, and a tucked away office space.

“We wanted a house that was main-level specific, but had the potential for an entire guest or children’s wing with its own den, you know, planning for the future,” says Alex. Zander’s room was designed with an active kid in mind! What could have potentially been a boring bedroom is a child’s paradise for imagination, with stairs leading up to a large sleeping loft for friends and playful nooks for toys and creations from floor to ceiling. The staircase up to the guest rooms is a genius moment in design choices: instead of railings, the staircase incorporates open pops of glass walls to allow light from the windows onto the opposite side of the space.

“It’s just something we thought would be interesting,” he smiles. And it most certainly is just that!

What did Alex learn about building from the construction of his own family home, you might ask? “Doing my own house was super smooth. The more you pick out and the more homework and research you do before you start, the better it all goes. Everything was on time. We were able to make decisions up front, and from start to finish, this construction took us 4 months and 3 weeks,” he proudly states. “We planned it all really well. For instance, we had the cabinets for the kitchen and bathrooms on order and set to arrive before we put our first shovel in the ground.” As for budget, which is a notorious place to lose your shirt in construction, the Colemans kept it simple. “There were no crazy bathtubs or granite countertops that we allowed ourselves to fall in love with during this process. We picked out everything and then never went shopping again. We came in only \$10,000 over budget, and I can blame that all on Sian our designer... sorry Sian!” he laughs.

It all started with the perfect lot and the vision of a home featuring steel, glass, and barn wood. With proper planning and the end result clearly in mind, the Colemans made what can often be a challenging process straightforward and fun... and today, Alex, Robin and Zander live happily in the perfect home for their family!



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## A Peak into the IMAGINATIVE World of Kai Young

**My name is Kai Young. I am 7 years old. I go to school at June Creek Elementary and I am in 1st Grade.**

**What did you do today?** I ate breakfast. And then like I learned. And then I went to the gym and I played around and then I went to recess and ate lunch. That's what I did in the English part of the day. And then in the Spanish part of the day, I did Math and I went to Music and Library and then I just packed up and went in my Mom's car and then drove home. And then I went to Walmart to buy a bike and keys and all that stuff.

**What are your favorite classes at school?** I think the English and the Spanish is good, like the same, because I am learning much more Spanish now and the English I am fine with; I get plusses.

**What are you learning in English?** I like learn about space and how the sun reflects off the moon onto the earth to give us light. That's not actually the moon shining light on us.

**What are your favorite thing to do when you are not at school?** Probably sit at home and watch TV or play outside. I like to play with my brothers, Kade and Kash.

**What's your favorite TV Show?** It's on Netflix. The Prince of Peoria. It's a big secret, his father in Peoria said for the Prince and Emil to not tell anybody he's a prince but he only told Tedi and this other girl.

**What are your favorite games?** Sometimes I play on my play station and I have fun on it. One of my favorite games is Rayman Legends.

**What do you like to do outside?** I like riding my electric scooter and biking on my Big Wheel and this little firetruck.

**If you could be any animal, what would you be?** Hmm... that's a hard choice. If I was a cat, I would have a short amount of life. I don't know how much life the spiders have. I would be one that lives in the jungle like a Black Widow so I could kill a bear. They like save all their venom so they can kill big stuff.

**So how long do you think Black Widows live?** I think like 8 years. I don't know though. Or maybe be a Colossal Squid. It's like this big squid and it goes around slapping stuff it doesn't like. It chooses its prey and then it eats it; it has a lot of tentacles with the suction pads that are *this* big!

**What do you think you want to be when you grow up?** Maybe a chef if I remember how to cook the recipes.

**What's your favorite thing to eat?** A cheeseburger at Wendy's with the pickles and onions. I cook with my dad. I stand on my Lightning McQueen stool and help him cook and stir things. Oh! My favorite food! It might be curry because I like chicken and the sauce on it also. My mom makes it.

**If a genie came along and said "Kai, I will grant you 3 wishes", what would be your 3 wishes?** Oh, that's hard! Gotta pick good ones. I know one. I wish nothing costed any money. 'Cause then you could get stuff from the store for free. Another wish.... Maybe if I snap my fingers, anytime, I will see something I am looking at, like if I was looking at this one square, then it will turn golden and my third wish, if I look at something for about 5 seconds, after 5 seconds, I can make it like the size of the building or I can make an ant this big. It would just grow.

**If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?** In the world.... I'd go underwater maybe like deep deep down. I want to see what's down there.

**What do you think is down there?** I think creatures that no one has even experienced before. Maybe there's a fish with like 20 eyeballs around his head and then like a tentacle sticking out of the top. Maybe that's like an animal or something. I want to see what the animals are about underwater that nobody has experienced yet.



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**Kids' corner**  
Contributed by Kai Young, Singletree Resident  
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# When Life Gives You Rain, **GO LISTEN TO BLUEGRASS!** THE RIVERFRONT RAMBLERS LIGHT UP A JUNE NIGHT

The calendar said June 20. Yes. The day before the Summer Solstice. But it felt a bit more like October. The residents of Singletree were under siege of a cold and wet weather pattern that dampened the spirits of many, but nothing stopped this hearty crowd who braved the elements to enjoy picnics, beverages and time with neighbors and friends. Many thanks to SPOA and the Riverfront Ramblers for bringing a ray of sunshine into what could have been a gloomy June evening. A fun and festive time was enjoyed by all!





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*Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are DIRT. - JOHN MUIR*



The top of Knob Hill

Seventeen volunteers volunteered their time to help with the trail work on Knob Hill on a beautiful summer morning in early June. Jim Knez remarked that this was an all-time high in participation since he started organizing work days three years ago. As a result of the efforts of this crew, the trail is now in fantastic shape. The next work day in July will concentrate on completing the reclamation of the old jeep trail that Lee Rimel and his group worked on so this trail can be added to the Singletree trail system. Jim wishes to extend his sincere thank you to all who participated in the work day.



**Be Water Wise!**  
Only about 15 to 40% of water used outdoors makes its way back to local waterways.

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- Adhere to ERWSD's odd/even outdoor water use schedule. Call 970.477.5451 to report water use violations.
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- Hoses must have water-saving shutoff nozzles to prevent free-running water.
- Remember when a supply emergency has been issued, the Water District may prohibit outdoor water use and increase fines for violations of the Water Use Regulations.

- Keep soil healthy and aerate lawns.
- Use non-combustible mulch to retain moisture.
- Incorporate swales and berms into landscapes to slow runoff and prevent from leaving yards.

**Water Wise Tips -**



- Install a "smart" sprinkler control system or manually adjust the sprinkler program when it rains.
- Reduce sprinkler durations as we approach mid-August; growth has already occurred.
- Review your water bill to understand your summer water use.
- Sign up for ERWSD's WaterSmart Program. ERWSD Customer service - (970) 477-5451 or customerservice@erwsd.org.

**Water Wise Landscaping –**



- Limit turf area by incorporating native or adapted water-wise plants.

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