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The final inspection of a home by a buyer before finalizing a deal to purchase the home.



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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

# Hello, Singletree Residents!

Summer is in full swing, and the August issue of your neighborhood magazine is here to bring you the latest stories, adventures, and heartfelt moments from Singletree.

In our *Meet Your Neighbors* feature, get ready to meet the Griffin family - a family that knows how to bring fun and energy wherever they go. Kit and Ava keep the household buzzing with non-stop movement while Boomer, Alex and Suzanne's 'first born', looks on with patience and adoration. Welcome to the Wild Kingdom!

Join us on a travel adventure like no other as we follow the Robbins' incredible journey through Egypt and Morocco. From the ancient wonders of the pyramids to the bustling markets and vibrant cultures, Rohn will lead you on a captivating voyage filled with unforgettable experiences as well as entertaining observations. Prepare to be transported to another world and laugh out loud without leaving the comfort of your own home.

Here on the local front, the theater scene is alive and thriving, and John Tedstrom is thrilled to announce the upcoming performance of *Tony n' Tina's Wedding* in August, a bigger-than-life event where audience members are the guests at the wedding, reception and dinner - hosted by the Vail

Valley Theater Company. Be sure to mark your calendars for an evening of laughter, love, and unforgettable performances. In addition, John shares with us his passion for live theater... going back to L'il Abner in his high school days!

We are proud to announce the incredible achievement of Jennifer Ebner and the Women's Impact Network of Eagle County. As its co-founder, Jennifer led the organization to raise an astounding \$142,000 for scholarships benefiting graduating high school seniors. Here you will learn more about this year's award recipients and this impressive group of women dedicated to empowering the next generation.

I hope these stories and more will warm your hearts, inspire your adventures, and strengthen the connections in your community. Now it's time to get out and make the most of these glorious summer days!



*Holly Proctor*

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## YOU ARE INVITED TIME FOR FLAMINGO FRIDAY!



Kick off your weekend with your Singletree friends & neighbors

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Saturday, August 19

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Singletree Community Center

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4 bd | 4 ba | 2,005 sf | \$1,500,000

40 Miller Place | Single-family  
5 bd | 5 ba | 3,863 sf | \$2,795,000

161 Stagecoach Road | Single-family  
5 bd | 4 ba | 3,725 sf | \$3,535,000

751 Singletree Road 1 | Townhome  
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311 Foal | Duplex  
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90 Lariat Road A | Duplex  
3 bd | 3 ba | 2,165 sf | \$1,600,000

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3 bd | 3 ba | 1,671 sf | \$1,600,000

240 June Creek E | Duplex  
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711 Singletree Road 35 | Townhome  
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### Sold

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751 Singletree Road 6 | Townhome  
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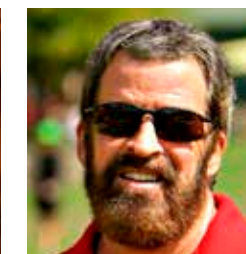
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Heidi graduated from the University of Pittsburg, School of Dentistry, prior to moving to the Vail Valley to practice dental hygiene. Her practice philosophy has always been to place patients' care and comfort above all else as she strives for optimum oral health in everyone she treats. Out of the office, you will find her spending time with husband, Patrick, and 3 kids, Joshua, Maya, and Harper. She enjoys hiking and working on her version of a golf swing.

After completing her undergrad studies at Colorado State University, Kelly earned her degree in dental hygiene in her hometown of Buffalo, NY, and thereafter promptly returned to Colorado to pursue her practice in Vail. She is trained in the newest technologies and treatments available in the most up-to-date methods of patient care and specializes in on-surgical periodontal treatment with an emphasis on laser therapy. During her free time, Kelly enjoys skiing, hiking, tennis, golf, gardening, cooking, and spending time

with her husband, two daughters and two Newfoundland.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS



# Alex, Suz, Kit, Ava, and Boomer Griffin

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The Griffin Family has been residing in Singletree since August 2021 and embracing the Vail Valley lifestyle since 2009. Nestled on Winslow Road, this “Wild Kingdom” consists of Alex, Suzanne (Suz), Kit (3), Ava (2), and their beloved furry companion, Boomer (6).

Both Alex and Suz are native Coloradans who grew up on the Front Range, surrounded by families who shared their passion for the outdoors and frequented Vail. Interestingly, their paths crossed multiple times over the years on Vail Mountain. In fact, they have footage of Suz’s first day on skis when she met Alex at the base of Golden Peak.

Fast forward 18 years, Suz pursued political science at the University of Colorado, Boulder, while Alex focused on Real

Estate and Construction at Colorado State University. After graduating, their love for skiing and a mutual calling led them to move to Vail. Suz, with a background in Ski Club Vail Racing, became a popular figure in the Vail Ski School. Despite the attention from many male admirers who couldn’t keep up with her, Alex fell head-over-heels for Suz during a two-week holiday ski school booking with his extended family. They soon moved in together, worked together teaching watersports in Gull Lake, Minnesota, and upon returning to the Vail Valley in 2012, they decided to settle down and pursue “real jobs”.

Suz initially ventured into event planning with Vail Resorts before transitioning to interior design. She

began her journey at Worth Interior’s Solaris showroom and gradually worked her way up from a designer’s assistant to becoming a designer herself. Suz’s invaluable experience at Worth Interiors taught her all aspects of design, and in 2016, she earned a Master of Arts in Interior Architecture and Design. In October 2018, Suz embarked on her own entrepreneurial path, establishing Suzanne Michele Designs. The name “Michele” holds special significance as it is not only Suz’s middle name but also her mother’s name, who was an interior designer herself. When Suz started her own business, thoughts of “how am I going to pull this off?!” quickly turned to “how am I going to be able to manage 20 projects by myself?!”. Suz now oversees a team of three employees and is passionate about bringing families together by enhancing the harmony between them and their homes.

Alex started his real estate career in 2012 as a sales assistant at The Ritz-Carlton Residences, Vail, where he affirms it was like



getting a master’s degree in luxury real estate sales with three flagship luxury brands – Vail Resorts, Ritz-Carlton, and Sotheby’s International Realty. Through years of dedication, Alex eventually earned a place on the sales team as an agent and partnered with his mentor and close friend, Matt Blake, who imparted invaluable knowledge about the industry and helped shape him into the man he is today.

In the fall of 2018, mirroring Suz’s path, Alex took the leap to become an independent agent. He gave back to the industry that gave him so much by becoming actively involved in the local Vail Board of Realtors (VBR) and Vail Multiple Listing Service (VMLS), serving as Chairman (President) of VMLS in 2022. During this time, Alex successfully guided around 800 members through a transition to a new MLS technology platform, even amidst the challenges posed by the pandemic. As Past-Chair (President in 2022) of VBR, Alex continues to be elected by his peers to lead the industry forward.

In the spring of 2021, Alex received an exciting opportunity from his managing broker and the part-owner of the largest Sotheby’s International Realty affiliate in the world. They approached him

to become the Vice President and Managing Broker for LIV Sotheby's, Vail Valley. Proudly, albeit nervously, Alex accepted the position and has since been managing four offices, overseeing a staff of four, and leading around 40 agents since July 1, 2021. He feels grateful for the chance to positively impact many lives and strives to embody LIV Sotheby's International Realty's mission every day - Inspiring others to LIV the life they love.

Throughout their journey, Suz and Alex had the joy of welcoming three incredible beings into their lives. The first



was their beloved golden retriever, Boomer, who has been their trusted sidekick, loyal companion, and the cuddliest dog on the planet. Boomer has provided them with unparalleled unconditional love and served as the best preparation for raising their own children.

On November 13, 2019, they welcomed their first-born baby boy, Kit Harrison Griffin. His name honors a fourth Larson boy who sadly did not survive after 20 weeks in utero, bringing a silver lining with the birth of Suzanne Michele Larson. Kit is an empathetic and sociable young boy who loves spending time with his friends, swimming (& cannonballing) at the Sonnenalp pool, riding his strider bike, and enjoying skiing on both snow and water, taking after his parents.

Fifteen months later, on February 19, 2021, they were filled with profound gratitude as they welcomed their baby girl, Ava Michele Griffin, into the world. Ava is blossoming into her unique personality and watch out world, this gal is going to make her mark! Always striving to keep up with her big brother, Ava skis with such enthusiasm that she falls asleep on the chairlift,



paces on her scooter as fast as she can before intentionally crashing, and busts a move every time she feels the rhythm of a song.

As a family, the Griffins truly embody the extraordinary Vail Valley lifestyle while actively participating in this tight-knit mountain community. They appreciate their surroundings and consider themselves fortunate to live in Singletree, which offers the perfect blend of everything the valley has to offer... and more. They eagerly look forward to getting to know their neighbors and everyone in the wonderful Singletree neighborhood in the years to come.



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## BAKED FOR HAPPINESS

Sheila Katz shares her personal tips to transform a basic chocolate chip cookie recipe into an extraordinary cookie experience

CONTRIBUTED BY SHEILA KATZ, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

**Not all chocolate chip cookies are created equal.** While Sheila Katz is quick to confess she did not 'invent' the recipe, she earns accolades for baking the BEST CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES. These cookies were a huge hit at our Beauty, Health, and Wellness Celebration! So here by popular demand, Sheila lets us in on the secrets for baking these amazing chocolate chip cookies!.

### BEST CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup unsalted butter – melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Grease cookie sheets OR line with parchment paper OR use non-stick silicone cookie sheets.
2. Sift together the flour, baking soda, and salt; set aside.

3. In a medium bowl, cream together the melted butter, brown sugar, and white sugar until well blended. Beat in the vanilla, egg, and egg yolk until light and creamy. Mix in the sifted ingredients until just blended. Stir in the chocolate chips by using a wooden spoon. Drop cookie dough ¼ cup at a time onto the prepared cookie sheets.
4. Bake for 15 minutes in the preheated oven or until the edges are lightly toasted. Cool on baking sheets before transferring to wire racks to cool completely.

#### SHEILA'S TIPS

- Use only the highest quality ingredients, i.e. Guittard semi-sweet chocolate, C & H Ultrafine Baker's Sugar, King Arthur flour, and quality butter, for instance, Kerrygold Pure Irish Butter
- Do not over blend the cookie dough.
- Using a large ice cream scoop, scoop cookie dough onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper or a silicone cookie sheet.
- FREEZE the cookies for at least 24 hours.
- Transfer the frozen cookies to another prepared baking sheet and bake immediately for 15 minutes at 325 degrees.

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## A Production of the Vail Valley Theatre Company

### August 18, 19 & 20, 2023

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN TEDSTROM, SINGLETREE RESIDENT



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In this Broadway's longest-running off-Broadway production, audience members are the guests at the wedding, reception and dinner, celebrating the nuptials of Tony Nunzio and Valentina Vitale in all its tacky and hilarious glory. Following the wedding service is a reception where the audience joins the wedding party and their bickering families for a pasta dinner, champagne toast, wedding cake, and dancing.

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Theatre Company. Mostly improvisation and audience interaction, it's a one-of-a-kind night of entertainment – an immersive comedy staged as an evening wedding for two Italian-American families that don't really like each other much, and there are all sorts of hilarious backstories. The show invites the audience to actively participate in all festivities; everyone is a welcome guest at the ceremony and reception, there's real food, real dancing, and real mingling with the cast of loveable, even if a little off-the-wall, characters.

**Location:** The Zermatt Ballroom at the Grand Hyatt Vail, located in Cascade Village

**Show dates:** August 18, 19 and 20 (NOTE: additional dates may be added)

**Tickets:** \$80 includes show, wedding, dinner, champagne toast plus one beer or wine,\* and wedding cake for dessert. \*Cash bar available.

**Details:** Please arrive by 6:30 for the wedding ceremony; dinner and reception to follow.

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#### ABOUT THE VAIL VALLEY THEATER COMPANY

After a bit of a forced hiatus due to Covid, the Vail Valley Theatre Company is back and better than ever. With a legacy of performing live theater shows in the valley for over 40 years like *The Fantasticks*, *Chicago*, *Man of LaMancha*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Into the Woods*, and the *Evening on Broadway* series, the Vail Valley Theatre Company has been reimagined for 2023 and beyond. The Company has a mission to bring live theater opportunities to the valley for people at any level of experience and interest, whether it's performing or working behind the scenes, as well as learning about all aspects of live theater.

Last year, the Company relaunched its calendar with a live Halloween Review, followed in 2023 with a monthly improv class, a theatrical dance class with CMC, their own version of the *Moth Radio Hour* called *Vail Valley Voices*, and now *Tony n' Tina's Wedding*. Keep an eye out for future events and ways you can get involved, including a 2024 calendar featuring a big stage musical and other performances.



## GETTING TO KNOW JOHN TEDSTROM

CONTRIBUTED BY JOHN TEDSTROM, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

John Tedstrom has been involved with the Vail Valley Theater Company for the past 20 years. Here he shares with us the highlights of his journey from high school to becoming a performer *and* a member of the Board of Directors for the VVTC.

#### What inspired you to become involved with Vail Valley Theater Company?

My first love is performing. So I sought the Vail Valley Theater Company out as soon as I heard about them. I was surprised to find such a talented group in the valley, and many people who have professional theater backgrounds. But the most inspiring thing about them is their commitment to developing local live theater in the valley. Those who have such great experiences are willing to share them with others who love live theater and just want to be involved. The more shows I did, the more I saw that many things need to happen to produce the shows and give actors opportunities to perform. So I became a member of



John Tedstrom in Chicago

the Board of Directors and Chair of the Marketing Committee.

#### Let's go back a bit... When did you first become drawn to acting?

I was involved in theater in high school and college and at one time wanted to be a professional actor. I had an inspiring English teacher in high school in Sydney, Australia, and he directed the school musicals. I also found out it was a great way to meet girls.

#### Tell us about the first time you stepped on stage. What production was it and what was your role?

My first show was *L'il Abner* in high school. My role was one of Abner's friends. I remember being pretty nervous, even though I didn't have much to do, except sing "If I had my druthers..." and be in the background for the big cast numbers.

#### And how did that experience exhilarate you?

I was, and still am, half exhilarated, and half terrified every time I go on stage. It's a rush to be in front of people, especially people you know. Yet I put a lot of pressure on myself to not forget my lines, because



when I mess up, I feel I'm letting others down.

#### So you were hooked! Fast forward to the Vail Valley Theater Company. How did you initially become involved with the organization here?

I connected with the Vail Valley Theatre Company in 2003. I had not done anything in the theater since 1983 in college when my daughter Anna asked me to be in *Peter Pan* with her in the Vail Children's Theater. She said, "You could be Captain Hook!". After that show, I got the bug again and wanted to perform more. Since connecting with VVTC in 2003, I have performed in over 30 shows in the valley for both the VVTC and Porchlight Players in Eagle.



**What roles have you played over the last 20 years?**

I played Bellomy in *The Fantastiks*, Dr. Carrasco (The Knight of the Mirrors) in *Man of La Mancha*, and Marcus Lycus in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*. My roles have also included Billy Flynn in *Chicago*, The Narrator in *The Rocky Horror Show*, Larry in *Company*, as well as The Mysterious Man in *Into the Woods*. When not playing an individual role, I have had multiple parts in the ensembles for the *Evening on Broadway* shows, cabarets, and holiday shows. Not to mention, I've also done many shows with Porchlight Players in Eagle during the same time frame.

**What has been your favorite performance and why?**

Billy Flynn in *Chicago*. Billy is a fantastic role and was such an honor for me to play. We had a really talented cast and crew, a great director, a full band with a world-class musical director; and it's an iconic role in an iconic show.

**What has been your most challenging role?**

Playing the Narrator in *The Rocky Horror Show*. It's a fun and completely off-the-wall show that I loved being a part of, but it's also the only show I've done where there is a counter script that the audience yells back at the cast. The Narrator catches a lot of grief in the counter script, but once I figured out I could ad lib and yell back at the audience (and got the director's approval), it became very energizing.



John participating in a VVTC dance class



The Rocky Horror Show

**If you could choose to play any role in any production, what would it be?**

If I had the skills to play any part in any production, which I don't, it would probably be playing any role in *Hamilton*. More realistically, I'd like to play Javert in *Les Miserables*. I know it's not the most uplifting show, but the voices and the music are out of this world.

**As a performer, what are the greatest challenges you encountered in your roles with the VVTC?**

Through most of those shows, I was very busy working and traveling every week to somewhere in the US. One of the biggest challenges was scheduling so I could attend rehearsals and shows without disrupting the cast. I have been so fortunate to have a flexible family, directors, and fellow cast members to help me manage my schedule and pursue my passion for theater.

**What is the most gratifying or rewarding aspect of your involvement in the VVTC?**

Connecting with my community, friends and family and entertaining them with great storytelling. I will remember forever how special it has been when my family attended our shows, and I have made many lifelong friends through the theater. I cherish the powerful memories we've created together. My Dad and brother Peter have attended almost every one of my shows, and my wife Carri has been to all of them - "multiple times", she says as she rolls her eyes!

**When asked, How can someone get involved with the Vail Valley Theater Company?, how do you respond?**

I always say... if I could do it, with the schedule I had, anyone can do it. For those 20 years, I traveled literally every week and I made it work. There are so many ways to get involved including performing or playing other important roles (directing/assistant directing, stage management, props, set design and painting, production, music, lighting and sound, marketing, and more). Or check out one of our dance classes or improv workshops to get started! We are always looking for great people to come out and play with us.

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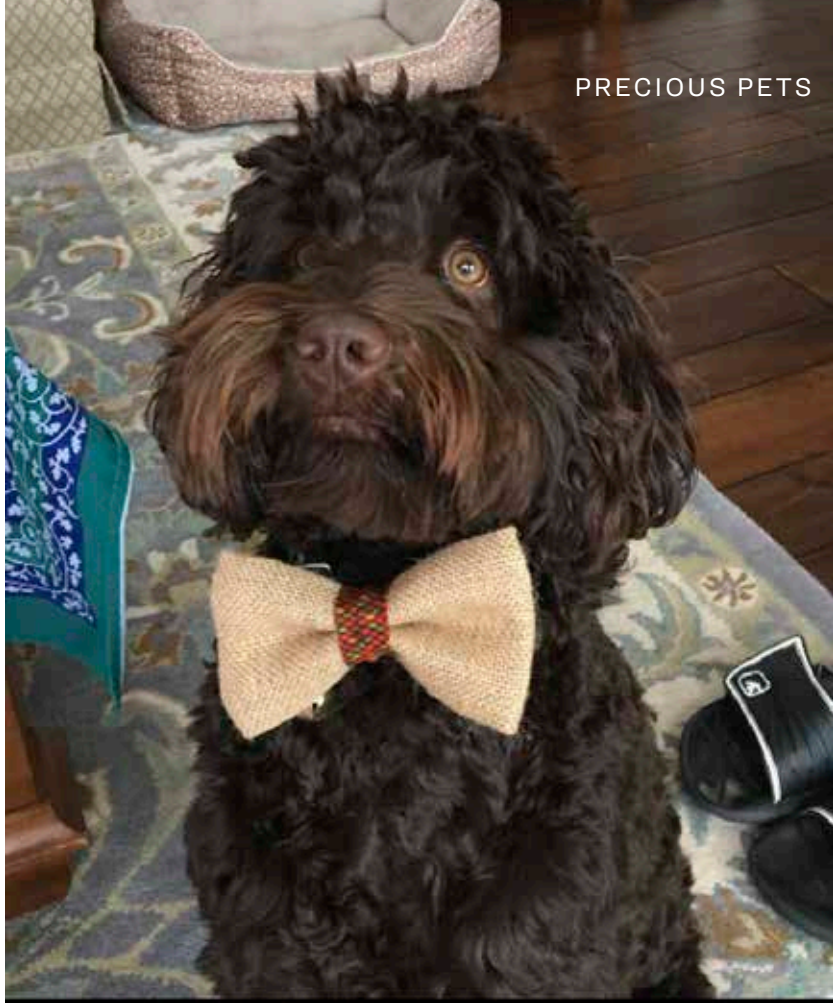
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Hi! My name is Bronco and I turned 6 this March. Sometimes I act like a puppy, but I definitely enjoy my rest. Some of my favorite things to do are laying on my couch, bean bag, various dog beds, or even sunbathing on the floor. However, I occasionally go for a hike with my family or just my mom and other dog friends, and I like seeing the nature and finding things to eat off of the ground.

My favorite person in my family is my mom (the lady) and I am very protective over her and only whine and get excited when she leaves and comes home. But I also



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# Waves of Change: WIN Raises \$142,000 for Eagle County Scholarships

As a community of like-minded women, the Women's Impact Network of Eagle County is dedicated to creating meaningful change and a brighter future for students in the Vail Valley

CONTRIBUTED BY JENNIFER EBNER, SINGLETREE RESIDENT

I am thrilled to share the incredible achievements of the Women's Impact Network of Eagle County (WIN) in its second year of operation. As a Singletree resident and co-founder, I am filled with pride in witnessing the growth of our organization and the positive impact we are making in our community. Ryunosuke Satoro once said, "Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." This sentiment perfectly captures the spirit of WIN.

WIN is not just a network; it's a community of like-minded women dedicated to creating meaningful change in Eagle County. We are proud to have many incredible Singletree residents among our members and countless inspiring women from various corners of our community. Our shared goal is to continue growing our membership to provide impactful and meaningful scholarships and mentorship to Eagle County students.

Through our simple but effective collective giving model, each member contributes \$1,000 annually, and 100% of their contribution goes towards the scholarships we award, thanks to our partnership with YouthPower365 and the Dollars For Scholars program. I am excited to announce that WIN raised an impressive \$142,000 this year! It is with much appreciation to our members and their collective efforts that we were able to award scholarships to four exceptional students.

Let me introduce you to this year's deserving scholarship recipients who embody passion, leadership, and a desire to make a positive impact:

- **NGIMI SHERPA**, a Battle Mountain High School student, will attend CU Boulder and pursue Pre-Law studies. Ngimi's dedication to her academic pursuits and commitment to social justice and immigration law makes her a shining example of the kind of student WIN aims to support.
- **CHRISTI SAN DIEGO**, hailing from Eagle Valley High School, will attend Lewis and Clark University in the fall, where she will play volleyball while studying Sociology/Psychology. Christi's dedication to her studies and passion for social change impressed us all.
- **AVA CROWLEY**, a student from Vail Mountain School, has been accepted into CU Boulder's honors program, where she will study Business. Ava's drive, compassion, and commitment to excel in everything she does makes her well deserving of our scholarship.
- **JACQUELYN CHAVEZ**, an Eagle Valley High School graduate, will pursue her dream of becoming a pilot through the Aviation program at Aims Community College. Jaquelyn's passion for aviation and

determination to succeed in a male-dominated industry is truly inspiring.

To honor our scholarship recipients' accomplishments and our members' dedication, we recently gathered at Harvest at The Sonnenalp Club in Singletree to celebrate. It was a joyous occasion filled with pride as we witnessed the positive impact we can achieve together. Seeing the students brimming with happiness and pure excitement for their futures and the relief they have knowing that the cost will not be a significant financial burden or prevent them from attending is incredibly touching. It warms the heart to know that our efforts have had a positive effect.

I am immensely grateful for the support of our fellow Singletree residents and the women throughout our community who have joined WIN. Our organization is not just about scholarships and mentorship for the recipients; it is about creating connections and making a lasting



Rachel Tjossem (College Pathway Specialist with YouthPower365) Allison Krausen (co-founder of WIN), Anna Garcia (one of last year's recipients) - Ngimi Sherpa, Ava Crowley, Christi San Diego, Jennifer Ebner. Not Pictured: Jaquelyn Chavez

difference. We hosted several gatherings throughout the year to introduce WIN to prospective members and to connect with current members. Through these events, we have taken significant steps towards achieving our goals, including providing volunteer opportunities for our members.

This year, WIN members had the opportunity to volunteer with outstanding organizations such as the Community Market and Roundup River Ranch. Additionally, we were invited to volunteer and learn more about CASA of the Continental Divide, a remarkable organization dedicated to advocating for the safety and well-being of children in our community. By engaging in these volunteer activities, we have gained a deeper understanding of the needs of our community.

However, our commitment does not end here. WIN aims to connect our membership with other local non-profit organizations, expand our knowledge, and extend our support to address critical community issues. I invite each of you to join WIN and become part of this incredible movement. Together, we can empower change and create a better future for the youth in our community. To learn more about us, please visit our website at [www.winofec.com](http://www.winofec.com) and follow us on Instagram @women's\_impact\_network\_ec for regular updates, opportunities, and inspiring stories.

In closing, I would like to share the words of some of our fellow Singletree residents who have witnessed the impact of WIN firsthand:

- **LAUREN BONATI** - "WIN is a great way to give back to the youth of our community, focusing on their individual talents and goals while providing strong female mentorship. Hearing stories of our scholarship recipients is both inspiring and rewarding."
- **KAREN PLUNKETT** - "It's great to be part of a new, vibrant group of women, knowing collectively we can make a difference in the Vail Valley with our time and donation."
- **DEBBIE MERRITT** - "It's inspiring to be part of a dynamic program coordinating local support for our local young adults. As we continue to grow, we can expand our reach and provide even more scholarships to deserving students each year."
- **KERRY WILLOUGHBY** - "I have loved getting to know so many neighbors who are now friends, who are dedicated to helping Vail Valley high school students thrive at the university of their choice!"
- **KARMEN SERBINSKI** - "Being part of WIN provides incredible opportunities for the youth in our community with scholarships, mentorship, and support."



The 2023 WIN Scholarship Recipients (L to R): Jaquelyn Chavez, Ava Crowley, Ngimi Sherpa, Christi San Diego

WIN also connects a vibrant and diverse community of women who are committed to the youth of our unique community."

- **RACHEL VIELE** - "Joining the Women's Impact Network is an easy way to make a big impact in our community. Not only is it rewarding to learn the stories of the scholarship recipients, but WIN has introduced me to many other critical local programs such as the Community Market, Roundup River Ranch, and CASA of the Continental Divide (CASACD), a remarkable organization dedicated to advocating for the safety and well-being of children in our community. I'm grateful to WIN for encouraging me to serve others."

Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our members, supporters, and fellow Singletree residents. Together, we are making waves of change in the lives of young individuals. Let us continue to grow and create a brighter future for students in Eagle County.

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# WALKING LIKE AN EGYPTIAN AND ROCKING THE CASBAH

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King Tut was toes up in the Valley of the Kings. But we'll get to that later. First, though, there were the pyramids, rivers of sweat, and camels (which the Egyptians, correctly perhaps, insist on calling dromedaries) - in that order - to discuss.

After two long legs - Denver to Munich, then Munich to Cairo - we arrived in time for bed in the bustling, chaotic, capital of Egypt. The "we" in this case were my wife, Deb, our adult sons, Ascher and Parke, the boys' girls, Natalie and Heather, our good friend Steve Holden, and me. After a night's rest hard against the Nile - the world's longest and perhaps most storied river - we were off, rather than to see the Wizard, to see something even better: the pyramids and the Sphinx.

Besides being special in their sheer hugeness and magnificence, the fact that they were constructed back in the day when a power tool meant a brawny workman, to see them in their up-close-and-in-person selves was special. What is perhaps a bit well less known than their familiar profiles, is that, for a small fee, you can pay to sort of be swallowed up inside the Great Pyramid and hike through a narrow sauna of an uphill tunnel to the tomb of the late great Pharaoh Cheops. This, however, takes a little 'splainin'.

Living in a winter sporting town, most folks here are likely familiar with the sport of Olympic speed skating. Bear with me here for just a sec. You see, in order to scale the roughly billion stairs, and huff up the gut-

busting inclines, one must assume "the position". In this instance, the position one must assume (as, in places, the ceiling is as low as about 40 inches) is, unless one is a Munchkin, or a child, approximately that of a speed skater's tuck. Which, presumably, is pretty good for speed skating but, when one is inclining up stairs and steep ramps beneath a back-breakingly low-top ceiling, is less ideal than when swirling around a slick ice oval. By the way, did I mention that only a Russian seeking out a *banya* would be happy in the sweltering humidity and heat? Oh yeah, and it's about as narrow as a coffin for the two-way human traffic.

After a good drenching, it was camel time. Oops, dromedary time. To mount and ride in the shadows (if

there were any in the baking desert sun) of the pyramids. If one has never before done the aforesaid, the saddle of a camel/dromedary is *waaay* up off the ground and the way they get up, once you have slung a leg over them is sort of like a set of pneumatic hoists where the back side comes up first and then the front.

Camel time can only reasonably be succeeded by a visit to the Sphinx who had been waiting patiently for our visit for about 6,000 years. The Sphinx sprawls out in all its indifferent magnificence at the feet of the pyramids and, considering its advanced age, is remarkably well-preserved.

A trip to the spectacular Egyptian museum which is filled with antiquities and, much like the Louvre, the Hermitage, or the British museum, cannot be properly seen in less than a lifetime, completed our first sweltry day.

On to Aswan where after overnighting at a spectacular hotel on an island - the Elephantine - cleaving the Nile into neat halves - we spent the morning exploring the *souk* or marketplace. Car

salesmen, multi-level marketers, and carnival barkers pale in comparison to the aggressiveness of the shopkeepers fronting their narrow stalls. "One dollar!" "Everything free!" "Please!! I'll pay you!!!" Anything to lure you in. It was dirty, hot, and fascinating.

The afternoon saw us check in to our Nile Cruise boat - 60 rooms, a restaurant, a lounge for after-dinner entertainment, and a great rooftop deck that spanned the length of the ship. We followed that with a sail on the Nile on a traditional sailboat - a *felucca* - to a Nubian village and tea. Camels, hawkers, *muezzin* calling the faithful to prayer, residents going about their lives in traditional dress, and an utter frenzy of activities.

The next morning, it was off by bus then water ferry to the remarkably well-preserved ancient temple at Philea which was punctuated with magnificent statuary, carvings, hieroglyphs, temples, and columns, all older, by double, than since the beginning of the common era. Later in the day, we sailed on to Kom Ombo, another site of such splendor, words



Surf's up beside the Hasan II mosque



The dye pots of Fes



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simply fail. An interesting feature - one I would venture, you will not find just anywhere - is the croc museum which, rather than displaying various iterations of spongy crocs, instead stars a lineup of long-ago mummified Nile crocodiles.

Upriver then to the locks near Esna which, I am certain, are less impressive than the locks at the Panama Canal, but which have a rather unique attribute. As the ships slow to enter the locks, boatmen in tiny rowboats and along the clamping jaws of the locks, swarm in like schools of carnivorous fish to sell their wares. The way they do so is to throw their goods the 50 feet or so to their potential customer on the sundecks of the ships, haggle the price from below to up above and vice versa and, if a deal is struck, the money is thrown down in a weighted sack. If a price is not agreed upon, then the item is returned by pitching it back down in the weighted sack. When the ship slowed, several of the boatmen/hawkers hitched their boats to the ship and were towed along, still selling from below, much like the pirates in the Tom Hanks flick, Mr. Phillips.

On to Luxor - the real one, not the Las Vegas knock-off - and dazzling Al Karnac. Yes, another bloody ancient temple, but astonishing in its architecture, scale, and the sheer will and manpower required to construct it. All for the glory of the gods and Pharaoh.

Before returning to Cairo, we completed our tour of the ancient world with a visit to the bone-dry, utterly inhospitable Valley of the Kings where 22 Pharaohs are entombed, their elaborate, richly-appointed final resting places carved deeply down - and sometimes up - into the



The Cairo souk

rocky hills. It is here, you will find King Tut, toes up, with a sheet modestly covering his withered self from chin to ankles. He stares straight up as if contemplating either eternity itself or precisely how all these gawkers have somehow made their way to have a look.

A quick flight that night took us back to Cairo where the next day's adventures took us to the labyrinthine souk. While you may be able to get anything you want at Alice's Restaurant, you can get even more at the Cairo souk. Camel meat? Check. Papyrus decorated in the old style. Check. Handmade goldwork? Yes, of course. Marquetry, hand-made lamps, rugs, live chickens, bunnies, ducks, songbirds, tonight's groceries? You name it. Check, check, check! In and out of the hovels-cum-workshops-cum-craftsmen's studios, up and down narrow staircases where hidden treasures called, tea at a local's hookah bar. Hot. Dirty. Smells that assaulted. Cats, cats, cats everywhere. Dogs. Kicked soccer balls. A feast for every sense, even ones, that until then, we didn't know we possessed. In contrast, dinner at the Cairo Tower, a revolving restaurant high above the dizzying skyline of the city of 7 million bustling, hustling souls.



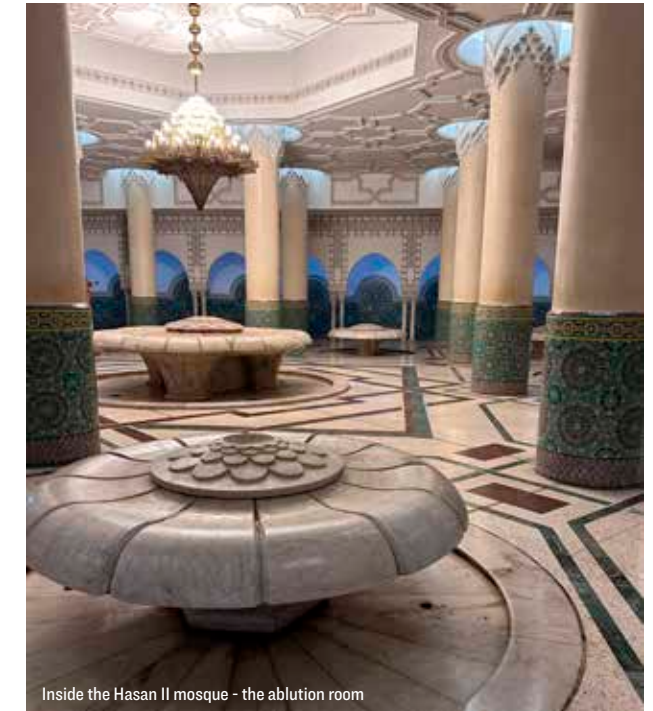
The marketplace at Aswan



King Tut



Inside the Hasan II mosque - the main hall



Inside the Hasan II mosque - the ablution room

Before we left Cairo for the nearly 6-hour flight to Morocco, a few last words. Chaotic. Fascinating. Robust. And perhaps the most thoroughly insane drivers anywhere in the mechanized world. We quickly learned that to walk like an Egyptian has not a wit to do with the Bangles, haute couture, or spotlighted runways. Oh my, no. Instead, what it consists of is dashing headlong into on-coming, sideways coming, and coming from every which way horn-blasting traffic without the slightest concern for life or limb. By comparison, New Yorkers are a bunch of namby-pamby pikers.

Casablanca was different. Clean. Refined. Green. Pride of ownership, perhaps, that at times, seemed lacking in Egypt.

When one thinks of Casablanca, one likely thinks of *Casablanca*. The movie: Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Rick's Americana Café. What one may not think of is Casablanca, the surf town. Surfs up, dude. But, among other things - women in *abayas* and *hijabs*, even at the beach, the soaring Hasan II mosque, couscous, pastilla, and tajine - Casablanca is a beach town. The La Corniche walk along the coast is lined with palms, shops, cafes, bars, and amusement centers. In most respects - the *hijabs*, *abayas*, and

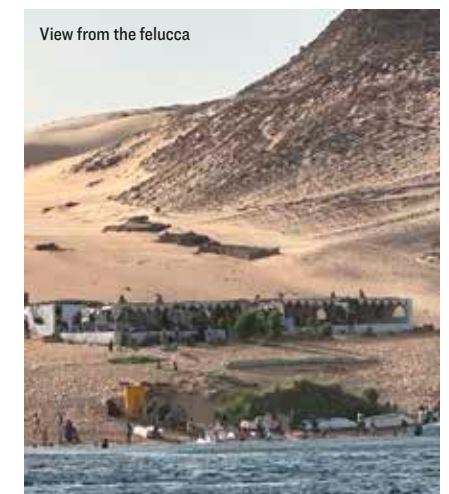
five-times daily calls to prayer and the imposing 1.2 million square foot Hasan II mosque notwithstanding - it could be anywhere; Mission Beach in San Diego, Bondi Beach in Sydney.

The Hasan II mosque deserves special mention. As noted above, it is massive. Its west flank dips into the Atlantic, the salty waves thrumming steadily against it. Completed in 1993 at an eye and blood vessel popping 10 billion dollars, every detail is perfection. Besides the artistry of every niche and corner and the enormous retractable roof, one could hold a regulation football game inside. Or two. Or three. Inside, it accommodates 25,000 of the faithful locked in genuflecting prayer and outside, another 80,000—men and women separate. The ablution room, a level down from the main hall, where men ritually bathe before prayer is a phantasmagoric feast: huge, mushroom-shaped fountains in the dozens out of which cleansing water flows, as if designed by Lewis Carroll in an opium-fueled creative burst.

But wait, there's more. Lots more in fact. Casablanca is a big, bustling, muscular, energetic city, full of squares and motion. The King's palace with its stunning ceramics is worth a look, as is the *medina*, the ancient city quarter.



Inside the Great Pyramid



View from the felucca



Ascher, Heather and Steve  
"holden" still before the pyramids

We would come back for a final special evening, but for now, it was on to Rabat.

Which is another coastal town. Our hotel - a converted private home in the Moorish style and offering not more than a dozen guest rooms - was in the thick of the *medina* and was approached through a winding warren of little more than alleyways, most barely wider than our shoulders, along which shop vendors industriously vended, pedestrians made their waddling ways yon and hither, bikers biked, and motorcycles furiously shot. Dinner at 9:00 (early for North Africa) at Dar Rbatia for a traditional meal, the center of which was a luscious, steaming tajine, a dish that takes its name from the cone-hatted clay vessel in which it is both cooked and served. The meal is served on low seats and tables ensconced within pillows, cushions, tapestries, and magnificently ornate lighting and carvings on the walls and ceilings. Because we were so early, we had the place—and the attention of the staff—entirely to ourselves.

Before I go to the sights and scents of Rabat, one word about both Egypt's and Morocco's scrumptiously sinful deserts: honey. In a thousand permutations, often mated with stacked, connived, spun, and light-as-air filo. Everywhere. All the time. And, yum!

Rabat is home to a colorful Jewish quarter, the royal palace and its impressive flowery grounds, and the casbah (which we, incidentally, rocked and which



A taste of Al-Karnac

overlooks the ocean). Despite the Clash's 1982 hit suggesting that a casbah is maybe something else, what it is in fact is a citadel or fort that is now an artists' colony with cannons that still stand

watch over the beachgoers (rather than the storming hordes) below. It is austere, uniformly white inside, and reminiscent of Greece's Santorini.

A stop in Meknes for lunch and yet another ornately appointed restaurant, the Palais Terrab, and then, before settling in Fes for the night, we toured the Roman ruins, with their marvelous mosaic floors and towering pillars, of Volubilis. Reaching Fes, we stayed again in a converted Moorish home smack in the middle of the teeming *medina*. This particular *medina*, dating back to the 11th century, houses 500,000 inhabitants within its cramped 300 hectares. Dense.

Fes is a throbbing nest of life. We visited the old synagogue, and the royal palace, caught a view of the old city from a vantage high above, and visited a collective devoted to the hand-made production of bright and intricate ceramics. After roaming through the narrow streets and ways of the old city - some of which are so narrow that one person can scarcely navigate them without crabbing sideways - we landed at a Nubian pharmacy, then handmade rug manufactory, lunched at Asmae, visited the oldest university in the world and a madrasa, and finally landed at the ancient dye pots - still in use - which reek to each of the 7 levels of Muslim heaven from the smell of tanning hides, dyes, and the enormous vats of pigeon poop that are essential to the tanning process.

Back again to Casablanca where we did, indeed, dine at Rick's Café which was elegant and invigorated with music, fine food, and the fusion of old-world North Africa and a bygone time in Hollywood.

Egypt on the east edge of North Africa and the bridge to Asia is hot, dirty, chaotic, friendly, and rich with ancient



A slice of Kom Ombo



The Sphinx

history. Morocco on the west verge is calm, comparatively clean, modern, friendly, and elegant. Both are at geographic and cultural crossroads - Egypt to the Middle East and Asia, and Morocco only a finger's reach from Spain and whose blood still boils from its long occupation by France. Both wear Janus masks of sorts, looking proudly backward into their rich histories and forward into bright, uncertain futures. A trip to both is a cultural and historical whirlwind that will enlighten, thrill, surprise, and offer heretofore unimagined titillation of your every sense.



The Nubian village at West Al-Kahzan



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