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publisher's note

May is upon us and with it comes the celebration of graduation! We are excited to recognize many outstanding high school graduates in the neighborhood and wish them well wherever their path next takes them.

In addition to meeting our high school graduates in this issue, we get to know what inspires Jackson Zoellner to embark on the Trans America Bicycle Race, a strenuous 4,200-mile cross country adventure beginning June 3. Steph and Chris Johnson introduce us to their avy rescue dog, Luna, and we welcome Amy Goscha and Terry Martin

to the neighborhood. There is a lot going on in Singletree these days and this is your chance to learn about Nerf Guns, Golf-Boards and 3D Virtual Reality!

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I hope you enjoy getting to know the graduates in your neighborhood as much as I have; they are truly an outstanding group of young adults. Thank you for your support and enjoy this issue of *Inside Singletree!*



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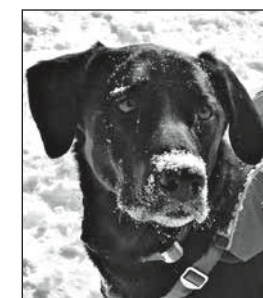
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The 2017 graduates of Singletree are talented, active, accomplished, and motivated. Here they share their experience and achievements, as well as what they are looking forward to in the next chapter of life. Whether headed for college, employment, travel or athletics, we wish them all the best as they leave high school to pursue their dreams and ambitions.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017!



KASS BAKER

High School: Vail Christian High School
Parents, Siblings and Pets: Kristin and David Baker, Summers (brother), Paris and Canyon (sisters), Willow (Golden Retriever) and Arugula (Border Collie)

Most Memorable High School Experience: Going to school with my sister, Canyon, for three years. My sister is my best friend, so I am very grateful we got to share in our time at Vail Christian.

Greatest Accomplishment: Participating as a group leader in the Colorado 54 (an organization designed to bring families in Nicaragua clean water through people raising money and climbing Colorado 14ers.)

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be attending Colorado State University in Fort Collins to study Human Development and Family Studies and Early Childhood Education.

Aspirations: It has always been a goal of mine to do a marathon before I go off to college, which is why I am currently training to check off that goal at the end of summer. I have always wanted to complete all 54 14ers in Colorado, only 26 more to go! Also, it has always been on my heart to do missionary work in Africa, and I know I will pursue that sometime in the near future.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The trail accessibility. I love to run with my dogs, so I am very thankful that the trails are essentially my backyard.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Make the most of living in this beautiful valley for one more year!



SARAH COTTON

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Parents, Siblings and Pets: Mary & Bill (parents), Rebecca & Ethan (siblings), and Taffy (dog)

Most Memorable High School Experience: The countless pre-game rituals in the locker room and the bus rides on the way home from away soccer games

Greatest Accomplishment: Earning the title of Student Advisor with the local nonprofit Children's Global Alliance is my proudest accomplishment. After four years of volunteering with this organization, I have earned the highest leadership position within this organization which has allowed me to spend seven weeks abroad this summer volunteering and acting as a leader, support system, and liaison between the chaperones and the rest of my team.

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be spending seven weeks in Nepal, Cambodia, and Tanzania volunteering with a local nonprofit, Children's Global Alliance. This fall, I will be attending college on the east coast majoring in International Relations and Business and getting a minor in Arabic.

Aspirations: After getting a bachelor's or master's degree, I aspire to become a foreign diplomat or work in foreign policy.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Having easy access to so many things: hiking trails, the pool and park, and my friends!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Graduate as a different person than you were when you entered high school; continue creating memories, pushing yourself outside of your comfort zone, and discovering your passions. Make your last year count!



COLBY LANGE

High School: Vail Ski & Snowboard Academy
Parents, Siblings and Pets: Pedro and Lauren, Lou and See Money (cats)

Most Memorable High School Experience: Dominating field day
Greatest Accomplishment: Being a national champion in two different sports: ski racing and cycling

Post-Graduation Plans: Pursuing my athletics in both cycling and ski racing

Aspirations: To be a two-sport Olympian

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The wildlife

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Make it Count



ANNIE CEROVICH

High School: Vail Christian High School
Parents, Siblings and Pets: Jeff and Jan, Emma and Langley Cerovich; Kipper

Most Memorable High School Experience: Our school's fall retreat, dancing every day after school, and being honored with roles such as Wendy in our company's rendition of Peter Pan.

Post-Graduation Plans: Go to college in the Fall, work as an Ambassador Coordinator for the Vail International Dance Festival, Travel

Aspirations: To bring light and inspiration to the world around me through the arts, whether its film, dance, writing, or design.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The people. I have grown up on the same street, with great neighbors who have become lifelong friends.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Find balance - between school, extra-curriculars, being social, and finding time to give back.



CLAUDETTE MARIE COURTOIS

High School: Battle Mountain High School
Parents, Siblings and Pets: Parents Philippe and Ellyn, sisters Isabelle and Bridgett

Most Memorable High School Experience: Spending time with friends outside of school, traveling, at sports events and other functions.

Greatest Accomplishment: Becoming the student body president at Battle Mountain. My mission has been to create and foster a community full of love, acceptance and equality.

Post-Graduation Plans: I will be heading to CU Boulder in the fall to major in business and minor in interior design. I hope to become an event planner.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Taking in all the wonderful views and all the beautiful mountains that I get to call my home. I also have enjoyed the many hiking trails in my backyard.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Create a life you love!



EMMA CEROVICH

High School: Vail Christian High School

Parents, Siblings and Pets: Jan and Jeff, Annie (18) Langley (14), Kipper

Most Memorable High School Experience: Going to India and being able to build relationships with other teenagers and teaching kids piano right here in the valley through Bravo Piano.

Greatest Accomplishment: Playing with my worship band, winning four state championship titles with the Vail Christian Dance Team, and leading the student council as President.

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan to go to Wheaton College to study music and foreign affairs; I want to travel anywhere and everywhere in pursuit of different culture's music and languages.

Aspirations: I hope to go graduate school for either Music Therapy or Ethnomusicology.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: My favorite part of living in Singletree is the friendships made with neighbors and hiking the beautiful mountains that Singletree is nestled in.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Be intentional in everything; your friendships, sports, academics, and personal growth.



SOPHIA WALDER

High School: Vail Christian High School

Parents, Siblings and Pets: PJ, David, and Raquel Walder; Dogs Lucy and Stetson

Most Memorable High School Experience: Performing as Dew Drop in the Vail Youth Ballet Company's Nutcracker junior year

Greatest Accomplishment: The summer before my junior year, I attended the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive in New York City where I danced at the Lincoln Center.

Post-Graduation Plans: This summer I will be travelling and spending time with my friends and family before leaving for college; in the fall, as a Freshman, I will be studying Arts and Humanities at the American University of Paris. I will then transfer to University of Southern California for sophomore through senior year..

Aspirations: I hope to study abroad in college and work internationally after college.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The location is perfect for going to Vail or Eagle, and especially for driving home from the dance studio late at night. It's beautiful and usually sunny as well.

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Work hard and pursue your passions!



HALEY DEGRAFF

High School: Vail Christian High School

Parents, Siblings and Pets: Joie and Brad DeGraff, Charli DeGraff, and Bernese Mountain Dog named Teddi

Most Memorable High School Experience: AP Environmental Science hut trip

Greatest Accomplishment: Help starting a Jewish youth group known as BBYO Vail

Post-Graduation Plans: I plan on working over the summer and attending a university in the fall.

Aspirations: Snowboarding, hiking, playing tennis, and traveling

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: The views

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Hard work pays off



LAUREN VOSSLER

High School: Vail Mountain School

Parents, Siblings and Pets: Richard, Connie, Allison, Nick, and Kristen Vossler and Skippy the jack russell

Most Memorable High School Experience: Dancing with Vail Valley Academy of Dance and Vail Youth Ballet Company

Greatest Accomplishment: Being Peter Pan this past winter!

Post-Graduation Plans: Going to Peru this summer and attending college this fall with a major in computer science!

Aspirations: Being happy and living with no regrets, whatever that looks like.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Being so close to so many people who matter to me!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Enjoy your last year here and live it to the fullest.



BEN KOOIMAN

High School: VSSA

Parents, Siblings and Pets: Tom and Carolyn Kooiman, pet Talon (shih tzu)

Most Memorable High School Experience: Being able to ski race with my friends and also hang out with them at school and school trips

Greatest Accomplishment: Making the 2017 US Nationals in Sugarloaf ME this year

Post-Graduation Plans: I'm thinking about taking a year off to concentrate on my skiing so I can apply academically and also ski for a good college.

Aspirations: I've been thinking about something in the medical industry.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Very sunny over here and we have an incredible view of the mountains!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Work hard all the way until the end of your academic year. It will pay off!



CHAPIN BENWAY

High School: Battle Mountain High School

Parents, Siblings and Pets: Carrie, Larry, and Lillian. I have two dogs, Lola and Monk.

Most Memorable High School Experience: Being a member of the Vail Youth Ballet Company

Greatest Accomplishment: Interning for the Steadman Philippon Research Institute during my junior year

Post-Graduation Plans: I am currently planning on attending the University of Washington in Seattle. I will be a member of their honors.

Aspirations: My current goal is to attend medical school.

Favorite Part of Living in Singletree: Having so many friends and family living in the neighborhood!

Words of Advice for the Class of 2018: Remember to do what makes you happy and continue to work hard!





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Jim Miller, Director of Golf Club Operations, expresses his enthusiasm for the arrival of GolfBoards. “We could not be more excited that the Sonnenalp Club will be the first course in the Valley to bring the option of GolfBoards to our daily Golf Operation. Golf on a GolfBoard is literally the most fun I’ve ever had playing the game. GolfBoards are extremely stable, intuitive and easy to ride and fit in perfectly with our Colorado lifestyle. After a few minutes of training before hitting the first tee, you’ll be on your way to Surf the Earth! We can’t wait for our Members and guests to experience the thrill for themselves.”

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Andie is using the latest cutting edge digital technology, including 3D virtual reality to differentiate her listings within the Vail Valley. "A buyer is able to experience a virtual 3D walk-through of a home without ever stepping foot inside. I welcome all visitors to drop by my office to preview this new technology or visit the Sotheby's International Realty global website (www.sir.com). With over 90% of first showings taking place online, virtual reality has become a powerful tool to connect more buyers with your property thus driving up the price."

For more information about seeing first-hand how this technology works and how Andie may assist you in selling your home, contact Andie at 970.471.5233 or aohde@livsothebysrealty.com.

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athlete spotlight

Contributed by **Jackson Zoellner**,
Singletree Resident

Jackson Zoellner's QUEST FOR CHALLENGE

From a young age, I was a standout basketball, baseball, and track athlete until I found my calling playing soccer. But after 20 years immersing myself in a game that gave me two undefeated state high school championships, a 48-15-12 NCAA record with multiple top 20 rankings, and enough extra-curricular recognition to get me into the University of Denver Sturm College of Law, I fell out of love with the game that felt like home.

Athletically lost and searching for a passion to fill the void left by removing something that I spent up to six hours a day engrossed in, I tried everything from CrossFit, to curling, to rugby. Living in Denver, I was spending 40-80 hours a week studying and going to law school classes, and training for endurance sports seemed like a far-cry from reality. But once I started training for my first half-ironman I was hooked. I enjoyed the planning, research, and training almost as much as performing in the event itself. It took me two years of triathlons to realize that if I was being honest with myself, I just enjoyed cycling. It was the first time in years I was having fun while pushing myself athletically. Riding a bike is easier on my knees and back than the jolting and pounding of road running or playing soccer.

One late night during law school after countless hours in the library, I came home, crashed on the couch, and scrolled through Netflix. I found a documentary called *Inspired to Ride*, and was transfixed. The documentary detailed the experiences of the athletes competing in the first running of the Trans America Bike Race, a 4200-mile self-supported bike race along a centuries-old touring route from Astoria, Oregon to Yorktown, Virginia. As I watched the first sleep deprived, road weary, physically and mentally exhausted competitor stand in front of Victory Monument after just over 17 days, I knew this was something I needed to do. By this time I had completed two half iron-man races, and although I didn't break any records, I never felt particularly challenged, completing was always a certainty.



The organizer of The Barkley Marathons, a particularly harsh ultra-marathon said, “What draws people to do something like this, is the very real possibility of failure. You can't truly achieve something unless there is a very real possibility that you will fail.” This quote most accurately describes my interest in competing in the Trans America Bike Race.

My adventurous spirit was fostered during high school and college. Books like *The Worst Journey in the World* by Earnest Shackleton, *Thunder and Sunshine and Moods of Future Joys* by Alastair Humphreys, and “Motorcycle Diaries” by Che Guevara always excited something in me. These stories all have the common thread of travel. People experiencing exciting places on their own accord. That independence, self-reliance, and self-determination always spoke to me.

My father was a gear head and from a young age, I remember he always had a motorcycle he was fixing up a car he was refurbishing, or a plane he was building. I grew up loving motion and the ability to travel. Some of my earliest memories include riding on the back of my Dad's motorcycle and sitting beside him as he inverted his Decathlon in a barrel roll. The TransAm combines two of my life's passions, long distance solo travel, and pushing myself to my physical limits.

By most measures, I've underachieved my way to where I am in life. As a white male in a relatively well-to-do family, I was born with many advantages that most people are not. I found my primary and secondary education easy and un-interesting. I cruised through school because my parents taught me to read and how to communicate at a young age. I could focus on my studies because I didn't have to hold down a job during high school or college to help support my family. My grades were good but not phenomenal; my work ethic determined but not extraordinary. By undertaking something in which I have no real experience and where even the most skilled and determined athletes can be defeated, the possibility of failing feels more authentic than anything else I've attempted.

The TransAm is a time trial. The clock starts and doesn't stop until you cross the finish line. This race structure benefits those individuals who are able to move fast, sleep less, and maintain themselves and their bikes efficiently. The course is relentless, the roads through Idaho, Montana, and Colorado contain sustained climbs 50 to 100 miles long. The Kansas plains can have winds in excess of 60 mph. The final climbs through the Appalachian Mountains are home to the most extreme road gradients in the race. The physical and mental pain it takes to complete this race is offset by the ability to ride through some of the most beautiful places in the country. From the sweeping vistas in Montana and Wyoming to the rivers and woodlands of Kentucky and Virginia, all while bookending the experience with two ocean views.

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Training for an event like this is a double-edged sword. You can try and push yourself to ride 200 miles a day, but the hours you spend in saddle start to detract from why I enjoy riding my bike so much. Also, unless you have the time to ride for 10 hours each day, any endurance training I'm able to do will not really translate to race conditions. Endurance has never been much of an issue for me so I've focused most of my training on becoming more powerful. Shorter interval workouts give me the endurance and strength training I need while also allowing me to remember why I first wanted to do this race, I just love riding my bike.


I think the most effective training I've done has been mental. Spending time normalizing the thought of riding 200 miles a day, through some high mountain passes, and some long stretches of flats. When the going gets tough this will allow me to pause, reflect, and say, "oh yeah, I've been here before countless times in my head." So, this June 3rd at six in the morning the Trans America Bike Race starts and I'll be there. I'm planning on riding 200 miles a day so I should be able to finish in just under 21 days.

An honest view of this race was offered by the man who set the Trans Am speed record at just over 17 days. He said, "It's important to not take yourself too seriously when racing. You're not curing cancer. You are just riding your bike till it hurts a lot, taking a break, and then riding your bike some more."

Jackson Zoellner is a young attorney and lives on Howard Drive. He is currently working in solo practice as he pursues his dream of living in the Vail Valley. Jackson specializes in business law, contract drafting, and environmental law and is seeking a professional opportunity that will allow him to stay in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Stay tuned for Part 2 when Jackson will share his cross country cycling adventure with *Inside Singletree* upon his return.



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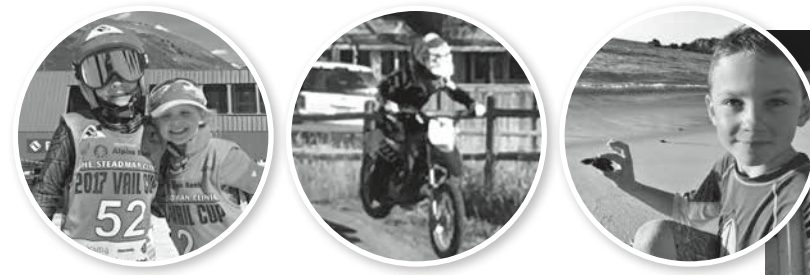
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meet Wyatt Viele

WELCOME READERS! This month we interviewed Wyatt Viele, and learned that he has a little sister named Kathleen and he goes to Stone Creek Charter School, where he is in first grade. He loves ski racing and Nerf Guns. His teacher is a Singletree Resident, Claire Lippman!

Do you have a pet? Jefferson. He barks at our neighbors. He howls like a firetruck for some reason. He's 4. He's a black labradog, that's what we call him.

What is your favorite thing to do? Skiing. I get first place, and I like to race. I love racing because I love winning. I race for Ski Club Vail. I'm in the U8 Division.

Where do you like to go to play? I like to play at Christopher's house. He lives here too. We play Nerf War, like with our Nerf Guns. It's fun.

What is your favorite toy? My Nerf gun. I have a Mega Nerf. It shoots six bullets.

If you could change one thing in the world what would you change? I would change the prices. I would change the prices of Nerf Guns and dirtbikes because then I could get everything.

What advice do you have for adults? When you ski, knees to skis hands out front.

What's your favorite movie of all time? I want to do one that my friend told me and then I imagined the whole movie. It's the first scariest movie in the world, and it's past rated R and I'm not allowed to watch anything like that. It's "Chucky". I'm pretty sure it's really scary.

What do you think is in store for you for 2017? I'm going to get to be at Christopher's house on his birthday, and I'm excited.

Tell me about your spring break vacation! Punta Mita, in Mexico. Releasing baby turtles was my favorite thing. We let go of eight, and they all made it to the water. And then seagulls tried to get them and it was so bad. But none of them got eaten, they all made it.



Kids' corner
 Contributed by Wyatt Viele, Singletree Resident
 and Written by Allie Decant, Singletree Resident

What do you love about living here? Sledding with Christopher on the hill at the golf course.

Thanks Wyatt for talking with us! See you around the neighborhood with your big black labradog, Jefferson!



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Singletree Welcomes Amy Goscha & Terry Martin to the hood



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Amy and Terry are both Colorado natives, born and raised in Denver. Amy is a family law attorney and partner at RKV Law, and Terry is the CEO and founder of a local IT company, Rhize Tech. Amy and Terry share the privilege of building both of their businesses together in the Vail Valley.

Terry proposed to Amy in Antigua in October 2015. The couple was married at the Beaver Creek Chapel in October 2016 on beautiful Colorado fall day. Amy and Terry love the mountains and the active lifestyle it provides. They moved to the neighborhood in November 2016 to commence a happy married life together.

Amy and Terry are eager to make friends in Singletree. You can find Terry riding his KTM on the open trails, and you can find Amy running the open trails and at Pure Barre. They recently explored skinning and will be skinning up mountains together. Amy and Terry are excited to build their businesses and family in the Vail Valley and are here to stay!



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precious pets

Contributed by **Chris and Steph Johnson** and **Luna**, Singletree Residents and Pet

Luna: Ready at a Moment's Notice



What breed is Luna and how old is she? Luna is a 4-year-old Labrador Retriever from just outside Fort Collins, Colorado. She's a Colorado Native!

What is the most fun about Luna's personality? Luna loves to play fetch! When we first got her, she didn't really fetch much and we joked our Labrador Retriever was broken...my how things have changed! She'll fetch anything and has a really soft mouth. She's fetched a balloon before and brought it back without popping it.

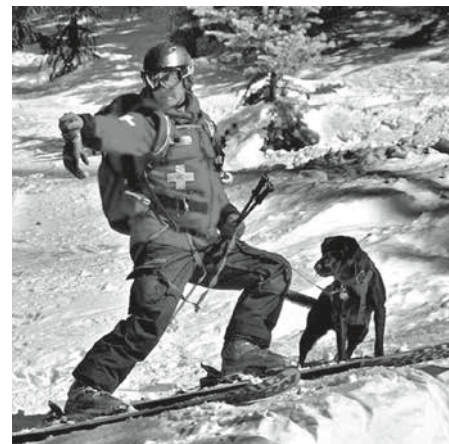
What does it take to 'qualify' to participate in Beaver Creek Avalanche Rescue Canines (BARC)? The minimum requirements are: Four years of Ski Patrol Experience at Beaver Creek, Level 2 avalanche education, dog handling experience and SAR education and skills.

What is the process to select a BARC dog? Some breeds of dogs are better adapted to being an avalanche dog than others. Despite their image with a whiskey barrel around their necks, St. Bernards are very rarely avalanche dogs. Most avy dogs are either retrievers or herding breeds, like Labradors or heelers. When we were picking out Luna, we did little "tests" with her and the other puppies. She was only 6 weeks old at the time, so they were age appropriate. One test was to see if she would follow our hands if we clapped and made excited noises, which she passed with flying colors. When we were picking her out, she was very active but also took a nap while we were there, so we were able to see her personality had the ability to have an "Off" mode, which is important! She also wasn't the alpha dog, which is a great trait for rescue dogs, especially since she spends her time with other dogs quite often.

What training did you and Luna undergo for her to become a BARC dog? Luna, like all rescue dogs, started with basic behavior training and then began her rescue training when she was a puppy. At the time, it's like glorified hide and seek -- Chris would hold her and I would get her excited and then go

hide when he covered her eyes. She'd have to use her eyes, and ultimately her nose (as she became more advanced) to find me and then we'd play with her favorite toy. As she got better, Chris would hide and I would hold her.

What is CRAD and what is involved in earning the certification? At Ski Patrol, she is one of the fully certified CRAD (Colorado Rapid Avalanche Deployment) avalanche dogs, and she had to pass different skills tests to get each certification. For example, a patrolter would hide different scent articles in a designated area (size of area and number of scent articles depending on skill level) and she would have to find all of them in a certain amount of time. She'll do smaller scale drills weekly when she is on-mountain to keep her skills honed, with buried scent articles and human volunteers.



How long was the training period before Luna was certified? Luna passed her CRAD Level A test at 14 months of age.

What are Luna's responsibilities as a BARC dog? As a certified team of CRAD, she is responsible to be ready at a moment's notice. CRAD is a joint group made up of many Colorado ski resorts and Flight for Life.

How does Luna spend her time off? On days off, we always try and relax. She is very active during the work week and we like to be able to give her some time off to rest her muscles and her mind, just like a human ski patroller would. In the summertime, she loves hiking, rafting, exploring with her humans, and doing drills with the Vail Mountain Rescue team.

Who are Luna's BARC companions? Her human companions are Steph and Chris Johnson. And her puppy friends at home are Homer, Oliver, Cooper, and Pazzo and at work the other BARC dogs are Trigger, Honky Tonk, and Meeka.

What would you advise others who would like to get involved in ski patrol and/or BARC? Ski Patrol tryouts are in March of each year, and all BARC handlers must be ski patrollers. However, BARC is always looking for help planning fundraisers, getting sponsors for the dogs (like RuffWear and Royal Canin), and sometimes when Beaver Creek Ski Patrol does drills, they use volunteers to be buried and found by the dogs!

What else would you like to share about you and Luna with your neighborhood? Luna loves playing with her Frisbee at the Singletree Park! If you see us, come and say hi! And we apologize in advance if she steals one of the orange short cones during soccer practice — she'll fetch anything!



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the mustang minute

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alida's living spaces Contributed by **Sharon and Louis Balius**, Singletree Residents



390 Winslow:
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Sharon and Louis Balius have owned their home at 390 Winslow for 20 years. When originally purchased, the house had few views and was in a Southwestern style. Two major renovations over the years have opened up great airy views of the yard, the 16th green on the golf course and Arrowhead Mountain. It also integrates Sharon's love of gardening and all things botanical.

Sharon and Lou have a home in a wooded area near Ann Arbor, Michigan. Because of the shade in the yard, Sharon gardened at a friend's house for 20 years. She studied the Valley's growing conditions, before buying a home in Edwards. After moving to Edwards, she brought out many plants that she had been growing for years; many were shoots originally from her aunt's and grandmother's gardens in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



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During her first winter in the valley, Sharon took the CSU Master Gardener course and was an active Master Gardener for 10 years, assisting residents with garden and yard issues and farmers with crop issues. She also managed the Master Gardener outreach tent at the Minturn and Edwards Farmer's Markets for a few years. She has devoted her volunteer work to the Betty Ford Alpine Gardens in various capacities, including as a Board Member. Sharon has organized and cataloged the Betty Ford Garden's book collection into a library and has created manuals for volunteer training. Sharon maintains two large gardens at the edge of Winslow Road for the pleasure of her neighbors. One contains perennials and the other contains wildflowers.


Sharon's love of gardening is reflected in the interior design of the home with warm wood tones, a plethora of houseplants and a strong botanical influence in its design. When asked about her inspiration in home décor, she replied, "My gardens and botany in general. Foremost, we wanted it to be a comfortable and inviting space". Sharon followed the guidelines of a book entitled *The Comfortable Home* to draw up images of what they wanted, ultimately creating "light and airy space that incorporates the outside so well."

Lou continued his law practice throughout these many years, frequently going back and forth between Edwards and their home in Michigan. He is an avid skier and golfer. He has a deep appreciation of nature and of Sharon's gardening efforts.


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what's happening inside singletree

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Singletree Singles

The Singles of Singletree gathered in March at the home of Leslie Grooters to enjoy a festive evening of wine tasting and camaraderie. Friends and neighbors delighted in the unique opportunity to see and meet fellow single residents who live in the community. Winemaker Patrick Chirichillo poured a sampling of his hand-crafted award winning **Vines at Vail** wines accompanied by a wide selection of tasty hors d'oeuvres provided by our gracious hostess, Leslie. Thank you Patrick and Leslie for a fun and lively soiree!



GET YOUR BOOTS ON AND JOIN THE FUN: MAY 4
Happy Hour at the Winery: 5 - 6 p.m.
Line Dancing at the Ranch: 6 - 7 p.m.
Live Band and Dancing at the Ranch: 7 - 10 p.m.



who's making a difference

Contributed by **Toni Berns**, Singletree Resident,
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TONI BERNNS' Backpacks For Kids:

Making a Child's Life A LITTLE BETTER



Forty years ago, I came out to ski as a friend told me that the skiing was great. I immediately fell in love with the valley, (not much here then). I then went back to New York, packed up and moved here in 1974. I lived in Vail, worked and skied. I watched the valley grow slowly and it was great back then because you knew everyone. Then I moved to Avon and continued to work. Still watching the valley grow. Finally, I moved to Edwards and rented. I worked hard and saved my money and wanted to buy a house.

Well, to my surprise, I decided to buy a lot here in Singletree. In 1994, I had my house built. At that time, again, there were not too many homes in Singletree. I wanted a small house and I had lots of land. I worked in retail and the service industry and I also started a food pantry as I saw food being wasted. After I started the food pantry, I found out that my grandparents had started a soup kitchen during the depression in Brooklyn. I guess it was in the family genes.

Now, here I am, living in Singletree 20 years later. I went to work for the school district in 2007 and worked at Avon Elementary School as the Cafeteria Manager. I saw and met a lot of great kids and loved my job. However, I began to notice something was bothering me. Some of the kids seemed hungry when they came

back to school on Monday after the weekend. I recalled having seen a story on television about kids who did not have enough food for the weekend. I did a lot of research and approached the principal to see if there was something I could do about it.

I launched a pilot program for one month and the kids had no idea that it was me giving them food. Since 2009, the Backpacks for Kids program has grown tremendously and we have fed so many kids. Their parents are thrilled and the kids come back to school happy and healthy. That is how the Food for Kids Backpack Program came into play.

I semi-retired from the school district in 2009 and substituted in the various schools as needed. I now have a great team of volunteers that help pack and deliver the backpacks to the schools. It is a great joy when you know that you can make a child's life a little better as, after all, they are the future!

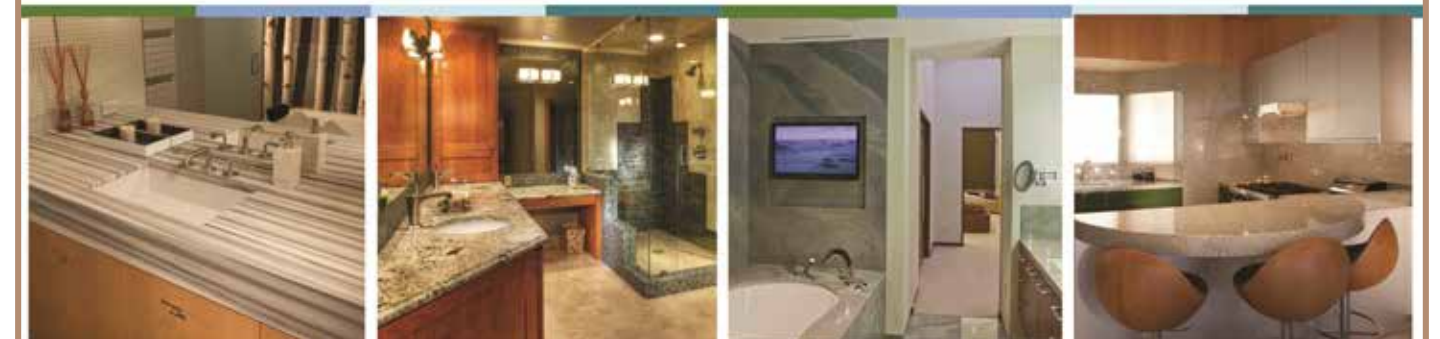


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Status	Address	List Price	Sold Price	Sold Date	\$/sq.ft.	Sold \$/sq.ft.	Beds	Baths	sq.ft.	Furnished
Sold	*223 Longhorn Rd #A (DU)	\$739,500	\$675,000	2/14/17	\$308.00	\$281.13	4	4 (2 1 1)	2401	No
Sold	*140 Rawhide Rd (DU)	\$669,000	\$605,000	2/24/17	\$363.78	\$328.98	3	3 (2 0 1)	1839	Partial
Active	249 Buckboard Rd (DU)	\$925,000	N/A	N/A	\$411.29	N/A	3	4 (3 0 1)	2249	No
Active	35 Hereford Rd (SF)	\$1,195,000	N/A	N/A	\$340.55	N/A	4	5 (3 1 1)	3509	No
Active	151 Pinto Dr (DU)	\$2,100,000	N/A	N/A	\$445.39	N/A	4	6 (3 1 2)	4715	No
Active	*59 Mission Pl (SF)	\$1,135,000	N/A	N/A	\$315.54	N/A	4	4 (3 0 1)	3597	No
Active	*44 Singletree Rd (DU)	\$895,000	N/A	N/A	\$387.45	N/A	3	4 (3 0 1)	2310	Partial
Active	*50 Singletree Rd (DU)	\$925,000	N/A	N/A	\$408.03	N/A	3	4 (3 0 1)	2267	No
UC	803 June Creek (DU)	\$874,900	N/A	N/A	\$330.28	N/A	4	4 (4 0 0)	2649	Partial
UC	*21 Chute Cir (SF)	\$2,150,000	N/A	N/A	\$370.56	N/A	5	5 (1 3 1)	5802	No
UC	311 Rawhide Rd (SF)	\$1,275,000	N/A	N/A	\$359.05	N/A	4	5 (4 0 1)	3551	Full

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