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I hope you will enjoy our November issue of *Inside Singletree*. Meet Bill and Barbara Goldy who built their home on Saddle Drive in 1999 and have enjoyed many fun times with family and friends at their mountain retreat. Tuna Matthews, no doubt, will make you laugh out loud! You will learn how the kids of Singletree generously donate their time and energy to helping those in need through sewing. And we capture the fun of both the Singletree Summer Celebration and Ice Cream Social with lots of photo memories!

At a time when we celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims to our country, it is the perfect time to reflect on the early days in Edwards. Meet Shelley Miller Sharp Lohrman who moved to the area as a child with her family in 1953. I am thrilled to have her share her story and photos... you will be stunned to see what was then and what is now!

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Again, from the bottom of my heart - THANK YOU ALL for your participation and support of *Inside Singletree*! Wishing you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday!



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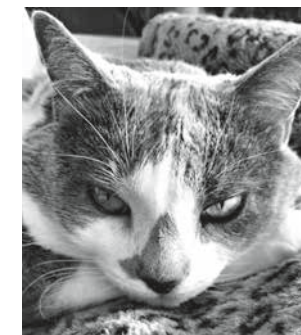
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Please email **holly.proctor@n2pub.com** with your pictures, stories, ideas and suggestions, or if you are interested in participating at a higher level in your community newsletter, **Inside Singletree**. We look forward to hearing from you!



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## **BILL AND BARBARA**

*Goldy*

"I found it" I screamed into the phone. After five years of driving every street in the area - we found the perfect lot on Saddle Drive for our retreat home in Singletree. Our children, strewn all around the country with college and new careers, flew in and we picnicked on our lot, opened champagne, and celebrated the stunning view and our new venture. We had a fabulous builder who has since left the area; Kevin Cooke did everything he could to provide us with a wonderful home. We

moved in September of 1999. Since that time, we have enjoyed each season, celebrated holidays, vacations, concerts, hikes, raft trips, art shows, rodeos, etc. - the entire area offers so much for a big family like ours.

On one of our trips to see our new house, we inadvertently left a wallet with checks and cash in it on the gas tank in the Edwards station. When we reached Denver and realized we called fearing the worst. The manager said "Mr. Goldy - I have your wallet. A gentleman brought it inside and it's here for you. He wouldn't leave his name just said to tell you not to carry that much cash in your wallet." We were thrilled and repeated the story in a letter to the editor of the *Vail Daily* telling all the type of welcome we had received.

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We decided to be part of the community immediately and purchased most everything for our home from businesses in the area. Kathy at P Furniture decorated our home, and many accessories and pieces of art came from Slifer Designs and Alpine Ambiance. We christened our home with a party including the builder, his craftsmen, neighbors, vendors, restauranters, and management from the nearby hotels where we stayed during construction. The day we moved in a giant rainbow appeared and we knew we were in the right spot. We are blessed with wonderful neighbors who have become life-long friends. And the view from our deck reminds us every day of God's magnificent creation.

We both grew up on the east coast and met when Bill came to St. John's University on a basketball scholarship - I was 17 and Bill was 19. Bill played professional baseball with the Minnesota Twins organization after graduation and I worked in television for NBC in New York before we married. In 1970 we moved to Denver, Colorado with our four small children - all under seven years. Bill taught English at Denver Country Day and coached all sports.

Bill spent eleven years working for the Denver Broncos before starting his own insurance agency. I spent fifteen years as Public Relations Director for a hotel. Life was very busy but we lived our motto - *First you give them roots, and then you give them wings*. We laugh we may have overdone it as the children scattered all around the country. When our children were young we struggled to get **Six at Six** for dinners as the kids were each athletic and played all sports. We traveled to see their track meets, football and soccer games. Eventually we structured vacations visiting the child and the city where the weather was best.

When the children married, our world got even bigger and better and our vacations involved the new extended families as well. When the grandchildren arrived we decided it was time to find a location where we could all meet and be together - Singletree is

that special place. I worked for a few years with Colorado Ski Country USA and toured Beaver Creek ski area before it was completed. I loved the area and while we no longer ski, everyone else does. The little kids start skiing at three; many have moved to snow boarding and all are very good. Bill and I excel at après ski.

Three of our four children now live in Colorado. Jacqueline returned last year from years in Chicago, Jennifer and husband Bruce DiBiase live in Englewood with their children Coady, Brooke, and Brent. Scott and his wife Kathleen, Morgan, Bridget, Sean and

Georgia live in Centennial. Son William and his wife Amy live in New Jersey with children Grace, Jay and Will. The family gathers often on Saddle Drive for July celebrations, Christmas holidays, New Year's Eve pajama parties and many times in between during the year. Bill and I are almost retired. We now can quickly drive up the hill from Castle Pines to enjoy the seasons, the changing view, the concerts, art shows and appreciate the quality of life and peace we cherish. On a recent visit to Singletree with the four youngest of the ten grandchildren, we were welcomed by at least 30 deer. The kids were so excited. It was as if we had arranged for the special show and the deer appeared on cue! As our home is on the golf course, the kids love hunting after hours for in-the-rough golf balls at the Sonnenalp Golf course.

I am finishing a memoir as the grandchildren often ask me to tell them stories about what our life was like when we were young. I've learned that the most difficult times of our life result in the best stories. Even if no one reads it, writing it down is allowing me to appreciate life twice - this time from the perspective of experience and appreciation. Bill can be found teaching the kids how to shoot a basketball or equating sports to life lessons. We are at a stage of life where *'each day is Saturday and every night is Friday night'*. We often sit on our deck and celebrate our great life in Singletree.



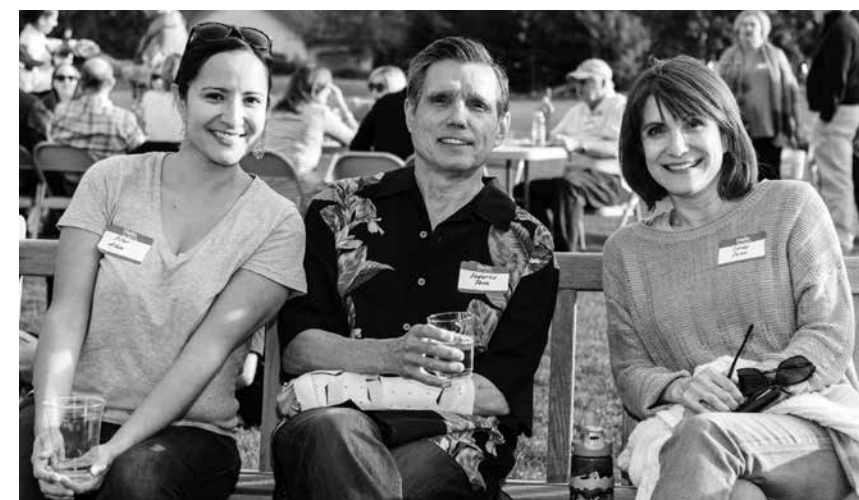
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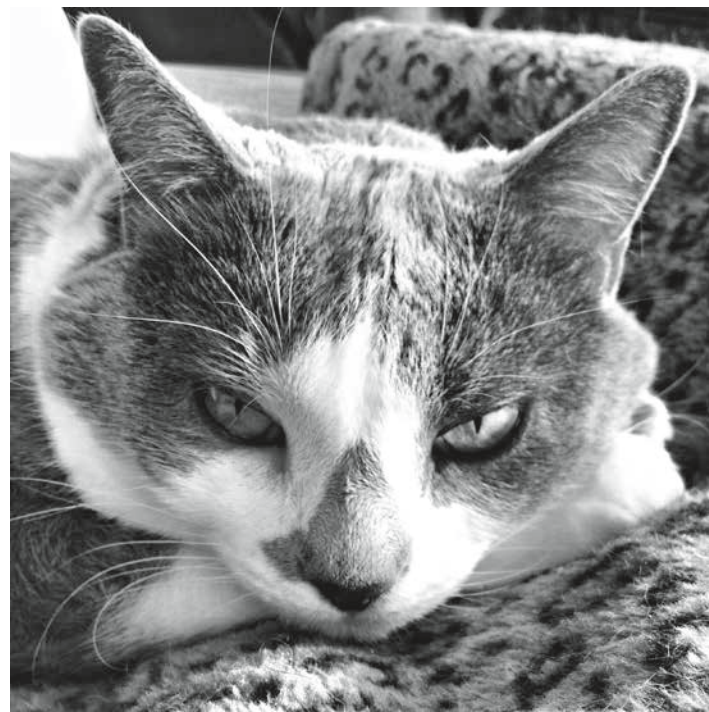
# Singletree Summer Celebration 2016

On August 27, more than 600 residents gathered in Chip Ramsay Park for the annual Singletree Summer Celebration hosted by the Singletree Property Owners' Association. Always a highlight of the summer season, this evening proved to be no exception. Mother nature delivered a beautiful evening and music, food and beverages were enjoyed by all... Thank you SPOA for an outstanding summer finale!



## precious pets

Contributed by Buckner, Kathryn and Tuna Matthews,  
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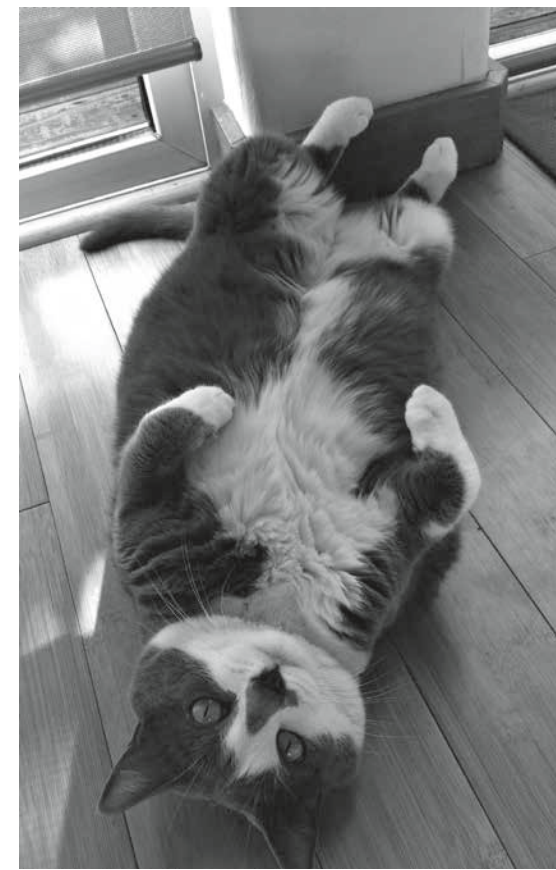
# TALES OF TUNA

*I'm Tuna. Prettiest cat you've ever seen. Except this is probably the first time you've ever seen me, since I only stay inside. So you may want to pause and admire my picture again, before I begin this cat tale.*

I was born in Texas, a wild cat from the start. My mom saved me from the pound when I was just a little gray and white kitten with crossed green eyes and a cute mark on my nose. She taught me to be the glamorous indoor cat that I am today. We moved to Vail in 2008 to live with my dad, and I've stayed inside ever since. Let's talk about culture shock.

We've lived in a few different neighborhoods, but I've never been as excited as I was when we moved to Singletree two years ago. I'll never forget it; I actually caught a mouse right after we first moved in! I'd never even see a mouse before, so I knew I had to keep it alive so my parents could appreciate it too. They were sleeping upstairs, so I woke them up by dropping it on their bed and letting it run around. You should have seen their faces! It was like Christmas. Somehow the mouse got away from us, so now I pray every day for it to come back.

On a typical day, I'll wake up around 7 a.m. and then stare at my automatic feeder for an hour until it goes off. After that, I'll bask in the sun if the weather is nice. If not, it's back to bed for a long nap. In the afternoon, I like to spend a couple more hours playing hall monitor and staring at the feeder. They've got me on this



new weight control food, and I just can't get enough of it. After dinner, I'll either chase bugs on the balcony or watch the deer in our back yard, depending on the time of year. The highlight of my week is when I get a shrimp Temptation treat - I will do anything for them. Currently, my parents force me to walk like Frankenstein on two legs to get the treat out of their hand. Sometimes they even take their phones and flash bright lights at me over and over to create a light display for my talent show performance.

I get to go outside on special occasions; only if I'm with my parents and wearing my harness and leash. I understand why they won't let me out on my own, but there's nothing like that rare freedom when I sneak outside without them. First, I like to run and hide under the deck so my parents can't get me. Then, after I've

rolled around in the dirt for a while, I like to eat a bunch of grass, come back inside, and throw up on the floor. There are few things that I love more than this, although my parents don't seem to enjoy it nearly as much.

I celebrated my 11th birthday this past summer and look forward to many more holidays where I can lounge under the tree with my paws in the air under the sparkling white lights. Living in the mountains is the absolute best. Watch out mountain lions, the real Lion Queen lives on Winslow and is fierce as they come.

Until next time... bye for meow.

*Tuna Fish Matthews*



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Liquor Manager Jason Cohen and owner Jarrett Osborn show off their exclusive Knob Creek Single Barrel Bourbon



Cashe Jones and Beer Manager Josh Austin in front of the age-able beer section

**Terry and Tim Benedickt** started Riverwalk Wine & Spirits in 1996, taking over the space from the pharmacy on the corner of the Village Market building. Riverwalk, and Edwards in general, was just beginning its transformation from horse pastures to stores and restaurants, although Singletree, the Gashouse and the corner gas station were already well-established. The focus on fine wine and friendly service quickly set the store on the road to success. These qualities are still the pillars of Riverwalk Wine & Spirits.

Last January, the Benedickets sold the store to Jarrett Osborn, the store's longtime wine specialist, and a 9 year Singletree resident. As they say, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it!", and only minor changes have occurred, mainly in expanding the beer program and the resumption of special out-of-store tastings. As far as the many Colorado craft beers and spirits popping up, Jarrett says, "With the current boom in local beers and liquors, we figured we better get as many in Riverwalk as we can fit, not just to support local endeavors, but because these are good! Colorado beers, in particular, are the best in America, with only California and Oregon having a valid argument."

Jerry Weiss joined the store as General Manager in the spring of 2015, finally tiring of the restaurant grind after 20+ years. You may remember him as the long-time owner of traMonti in the Charter at Beaver Creek. His wine knowledge, particularly Italian wines, shows as Riverwalk's Barolo and Barbaresco sections have expanded dramatically in the last year. Hmmm, funny we should mention two great wines for Thanksgiving dinner! Between Jerry and Jarrett, the Riverwalk Monthly Wine Club tends to feature many different Italians, both red and white.

Jason Cohen re-joined the staff after a hiatus.... in Hawaii! He now spearheads the liquor side, in particular taking advantage of the many local offerings. The Bourbon section has never been larger, with rare bottles showing up every week. And this past September, Riverwalk finally received their own barrel of Knob Creek Single Barrel - Jarrett picked out the barrel from a sampling of tasters, and the 120 proof, uncut Bourbon arrived a few months later.

Of course, beer could not be hotter, metaphorically speaking. Beer Manager Josh Austin has gone crazy with all the new beers available. Starting here in Eagle County and extending to Europe and the Far East, Riverwalk's selection is massive, and ever changing. Always ask the guys what has not yet made it on the shelf yet, and sign up for Josh's Friday Hops Club to receive weekly e-mails on the latest beers in the store. And that Knob Creek Single Barrel barrel? Crazy Mountain is aging a special version of their Snowcat Stout in it, look for its release in mid-December!

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Shelley's father with his herd of cattle on the land that is now known as Miller's Loop



Harv Shannon in front of his barn



Shelley and her siblings in front of their new home

## singletree history

Contributed by Shelley Miller Sharp Ohrman

# SHE KNOWS WHERE The Rhubarb And The Horseradish *GROW WILD....*

*Shelley Miller Sharp Lohrman grew up on the 800-acre cattle ranch in Edwards her parents purchased in 1953. The family moved into the home on the property built in 1892 – a wooden structure without indoor plumbing. In 1958, Ray and Ruth Miller built the family's home where their six children grew up. Forty-plus years later, Shelley Miller and her husband Ernie Lohrman purchased a lot on the same acreage where Shelley lived as a child. That land is now Singletree.*

The Miller Ranch was purchased from Harv Shannon who is thought to have homesteaded the property. The purchase price - \$100 per acre. The ranch stretched from June Creek on the east to Charolais Circle on the west, Highway 6 to the south and BLM land to the north.

In 1970, the state of Colorado purchased a large portion of the ranch to build the I-70 Interstate. In the late 70s, all the land that lies north of the interstate

was purchased for the development of Singletree. The remainder of the land south of the interstate was maintained by the Miller family until 1989. The family then moved to Silt, CO where Shelley's mom Ruth still resides. The home her father built was torn down to build Edwards Elementary.

As children, Shelley and her siblings took on the many responsibilities of working on the ranch, lending a helping hand to tend to the sheep, cattle,



Shelley showing her sheep at 4-H



Shelley's older sister, younger sister and brother on Nick, their half-Shetland pony

horses and chickens. At any one time, the Millers raised about 100 head of sheep, yielding both lamb and wool, as well as approximately 80 cattle, both dairy and beef. The sheep were housed in the sheep shed which stood on the grounds where the golf course club house is now located. Shelley laughs, "the soil there is very fertile!" The Millers enjoyed the milk, cream and eggs they needed and sold the rest to the market.

Shelley's primary chore was caring for the chickens, as well as preparing breakfast for the family and the mid-day meal during the summer. She actively participated in 4-H, showing sheep, cattle and horses; those early experiences in demonstration taught her a lot, and as it turns out, have served her well in her adult career. "It was a great life," she says as she reflects fondly on those days.

At the time, elementary school in Edwards was a one room school house, with one teacher, located on the corner of Highway 6 and Lake Creek where a church is located today. Shelley and her 4 classmates attended grades K through 4 there, which Shelley recalls with a vivid memory, and then junior high school (through the 7th grade) in Eagle. Shelley went on to attend Eagle Valley High school with her siblings and many others from the valley, traveling on the school bus twenty-eight miles, each way, to Gypsum.

Unknown to many, Shelley is a talented baker who worked at the Westin Vail Cascade for years. When the Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort opened in 1988, she transferred there as a pastry chef and worked the 1 a.m. - noon shift preparing breakfast pastries for the guests. She loves to cook, starting about the age of six helping her mother feed the family. She was able to use many of her own recipes at the Hyatt. Now she makes her own

jams and jellies. Often she will gather rhubarb from the river bed and make pies to the delight of friends and neighbors.

Thirty-five years ago Shelley joined Mary Kay cosmetics where she is now an award-winning Sales Director. She loves her work transforming women's lifestyles. Many schoolmates from her childhood have remained clients. Shelley is married to Ernie Lohrman who is also well-known in this valley. Ernie worked with B & B Excavating for over twenty-five years (now United Excavating). The couple is recognized for their hard work, generosity and love of life.

Having seen what is now Singletree evolve and grow over the past forty years, she professes to have accepted the change while many have not done so as graciously as she has. Shelley's personal philosophy is 'life is full of change, and you must accept it to grow.' As a reflection of her personal outlook on life, she sends inspirational messages to friends and clients daily.

Shelley voices her sincere appreciation of the continued dedication and commitment of neighbors like Doris Dewton, George Gregory, Lee Rimel, as well as the hard work of the Singletree Property Owners Association and the Architectural Design Review Board. To this day, Shelley loves being part of Singletree, which continues to be an exciting, vibrant, friendly neighborhood offering a positive, comfortable lifestyle.

# THAT WAS THEN... THIS IS NOW



A scene from the corner of Winslow and Rawhide...



Looking northeast today from the same corner at Winslow and Rawhide.



Shelley's father overlooking their home from just below the cemetery...



June Creek Elementary on the former Miller home site."



The I-70 corridor before the interstate became a reality...



Interstate I-70 passing through Edwards today.



The sheep field viewed from where the Sonnenalp Club now sits...



The Club tennis courts where the sheep once grazed!

## home of the month

Contributed by **Sandi Kinsley**, Singletree Resident

# Meet SKIP AND SANDI KINSLEY

## At Home At 10 Morgan Drive

Skip and I moved to the Vail Valley in 1990 from Stockton, California. We owned two ski shops in California, but the oil and gas business brought us to Colorado. What a blessing!! Living in Singletree is a true paradise; we love the hiking, fishing, biking and of course the golf. The Sonnenalp Club is the best, especially with the addition of the new fitness center. Skiing is also a big part of our lives. Skip won the Powder eight contest in Canada two years in a row, of course, it was for the Masters (older guys). I sold real estate in Beaver Creek for 16 years, loved the business, very exciting meeting new people and finding the home of their dreams. Now I am retired and volunteering at The Shaw Center, the Breast Imaging Center, and am very involved in the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration. However, the best part of our lives is watching our 10-year-old grandson, Reiner, mountain-bike race, Nordic ski and play soccer. We also love to downhill ski with him every once in a while. What could be better? In my opinion, we live in the most beautiful place in the world and I love it. We bought our lot in 1989 and built our home in 1994. There were no homes around at the time... we thought we had the entire area to ourselves!

### What do you love most about your home?

What I love about our house is that we have the most beautiful windows with views from every angle, particularly in our living room. No matter where you sit it feels like the outside has come inside.

### What rooms did you decorate?


All of them...!

### Did you design or decorate it yourself? If not, what company did you use?

I did something unusual, Eddie Dumas was with Slifer. I said Eddie, I can't afford you, but I love what you do! Could you help me out? And he did!




Would you like to have your home featured in an upcoming issue or would you like to nominate a neighbor's home? Please send an email to [holly.proctor@n2pub.com](mailto:holly.proctor@n2pub.com) and let me know about it!



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# The Basics **OF PROBATE**



### What was your inspiration?

We have an oriental rug that was given to me from my parents. We took the colors from the rug and that's what we used as a springboard and inspiration to decorate the house. Eddie and I picked out materials and patterns that complimented the rug. It was a very enjoyable experience.

### What is your favorite room in the house and why?

The living room and kitchen are one open area. That's where we entertain, that's where we live. We love the warm gas fireplace; the heat radiates out and creates a cozy atmosphere.

I also love the enormous deck, it is fabulous for entertaining large groups; we can accommodate 40 people at a cocktail party. Our deck is great for entertaining and the views are stunning!



There are few things as traumatic as dealing with the death of a parent, sibling or spouse. It is a reality that we will all face at some point in our lives, and when we do, the pain experienced is often exacerbated by the legal issues death often brings. Dealing with insurance companies, locating and reading the will, and coming up with a fair process are a few of the draining but necessary things to handle.

Add in money, assets, investments, and contentious family members, and it is no wonder that many families are overwhelmed by this life event. Looming over it all is the specter of probate, a process that few people understand but is crucial in the tying up of your loved ones' affairs.

Probate is the process a legal court takes to conclude all of your legal and financial matters after your death. If a person dies with a will, the estate needs to go through the probate process in Colorado to determine if the will is proven to be valid or invalid. A person can also be determined to have died intestate, meaning without a will.

In any probate process, a personal representative is appointed to be responsible for administering the estate. The probate process can be informal and unsupervised; most of the estates that are administered in Colorado are without supervision.

Following is a summary of the basic definitions and steps involved in estate administration:

- 1. Opening the Estate** – Opening the estate and appointment of the personal representative.
- 2. Information of Appointment** – A copy of an "Information of Appointment" must be sent to each heir and beneficiary under the Will.
- 3. Notice to Creditors** - A newspaper notice must be published to notify claimants of the decedent's death and the commencement of the probate administration.
- 4. Disallowance of claims** - If the personal representative decides that a particular claim should not be paid, a copy of a Notice of Disallowance should be sent to the claimant and the original must be filed with the court.

**5. Inventory and Asset Information** - A personal representative must assemble, collect, and value all of the estate assets as well as prepare an inventory of the assets that were in the decedent's name alone.



**6. Accounting and Financial Records** - A personal representative must maintain complete records of all cash and investment transactions of the estate.

**7. Ancillary Probate** - If the decedent owned any real property, including time-shares or oil and gas interests, in his own name in states other than Colorado, probate proceedings may be necessary in those states to transfer title.

**8. Estate Taxes** - If the value of all property in the decedent's name, including joint assets, and life insurance



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owned by the decedent, exceeds the federal exemption amount, a federal estate tax return must be filed.

9. **Inheritance Taxes** - Colorado does not have its own estate/inheritance tax.

10. **Income Tax Returns** - In addition to a Colorado fiduciary income tax return that is generally required, there is a final individual return and possibly a federal estate income tax return reporting income received by the estate.

11. **Final Accounting and Closing the Estate** - After all known debts, administration expenses, and taxes have been paid or provided for, the personal representative will need to prepare a Final

Accounting. The personal representative may close the estate informally or formally.

For additional information regarding the probate process and estate administration, please contact Amy Goscha to schedule an appointment

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## kids' corner

Hosted and contributed by the **Sassi family**, Singletree Residents

# Piper Sassi's Family And Friends Serve Others With Sewing

On a blustery September evening, several Singletree residents gathered in the kitchen of the Sassi home to embark on a sewing project designed for donation to families and children in communities who find themselves challenged by life circumstances. Using tablecloths purchased at Walmart, eight youngsters generously donated their time and energy to creating 20 toiletry bags to be delivered to homeless men in Denver. The project was completed by filling the drawstring bags with a collection of hygiene essentials including toothbrushes, soap and deodorant.

Marie Torry, founder of Patterns of Joy Sewing: Life Skills Enrichment, coordinated and supervised the project activity with the assistance of parents who gave their time to oversee the young sewers. Marie provided instruction on constructing the bags as well as safety procedures of using the sewing machine and tools needed to sew. The group included a few who had prior experience with sewing while many were brand new to the activity. Regardless of the level of experience, the entire crew was excited and eager to participate!

Having received a sewing machine for Christmas, Piper Sassi learned to sew with her grandmother and her aunt and has since mastered a number of bags and pillows. She liked this project because she created something to help those in need and she was able to do it with her friends! Vika Zaytseva and Hannah Rollins echoed Piper's enthusiasm and expressed their genuine joy in participating in such a fun activity.

Keena Shikver said she liked that they were helping people with their sewing and "seeing it all come together." Even the boys got in on the sewing action with Carter Georgopolis keen for the opportunity to sew and Fischer Sassi thinking it was pretty cool to make bags out of tablecloths.

After the 20 bags were constructed and filled, each kid made a fleece hat with contrasting trim and tassels, designed by Patterns of Joy. Everyone left the evening with a smile on their face, a warm hat on their head, and the knowledge that they had done something meaningful to help someone less fortunate than themselves.

The Mission of Patterns of Joy Life Skills Enrichment as a non-profit organization is to promote 'Kids Serving Kids.' While learning sewing, participants are developing social skills of leadership, compassion and self-esteem. These enrichment activities guide children and adolescents in the Eagle county community in sewing projects to give to families and children challenged by life circumstances, creating a pay it forward gesture of compassion and respect. For more information, contact Marie Torry at [Patternsofjoysewing@gmail.com](mailto:Patternsofjoysewing@gmail.com).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Interested in participating in the next Singletree Patterns of Joy sewing event? Join the fun on the afternoon of December 3 for a charity holiday sewing project at the Sonnenalp Club. For additional information, contact Jennifer Sassi at [jennifersassi@gmail.com](mailto:jennifersassi@gmail.com).



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## New Wildfire Program

### Offers Incentives And Advice for Homeowners

Contributed by **Mike Budd**, Singletree Resident



**The REALFire® program offers seasonal mitigation advice, free assessments, and insurance coverage tips for local property owners.**

Fall is the time of year when kids return to school, holiday planning begins, football kicks off and many of us starting dusting us off our ski gear. As the air turns crisp and the leaves dry out, it's hard to keep wildfire threat front and center. However, it's exactly this time of year when fall weather conditions can prompt new wildfires across the state.

Singletree residents have the opportunity to take action on preparing their homes. This summer, Eagle County and the Vail Board of REALTORS® co-launched REALFire®—a voluntary wildfire mitigation program that offers in-depth, property assessments conducted by experienced local fire professionals. The program helps homeowners identify actions they can take to measurably reduce wildfire hazards on their property.

As an incentive for Singletree residents to sign up, the program enrollment fee (\$50) has been waived for 2016. All residential properties, including single-family, duplex and condo/townhome, are eligible to apply.

Many “fall cleaning” activities already fit well into home wildfire maintenance, such as raking leaves and cleaning out gutters. However, homeowners should also be aware of additional risks they may incur if not well-planned.

“We all want to move our firewood piles next to the house this time of year, but this creates a big fire risk for homeowners, especially areas in the dry part of the valley,” cautions Eric Lovgren, REALFire® Program Coordinator and wildfire mitigation specialist for Eagle County. Instead, Lovgren and other local fire professionals recommend that homeowners store a smaller pile near the home in an easy-to-transport device, such as a wheelbarrow or wagon. The main woodpile should be located 30 feet away from the house—what fire professionals refer to as “Zone 1”.

Keeping grasses mowed to less than six inches in Zone 1 is also important. “This time of year it's easy for a wind-driven fire to



The Lost Solar fire began on August 8, 2016; it is burning in the White River National Forest and is being managed to achieve ecosystem benefits.



Singletree residents can now sign up to receive a free in-depth property assessment through the REALFire® program.

move quickly across our community, and keeping those fine fuels around the house maintained is really important to reduce your individual property risk,” adds Lovgren.

Another incentive that the REALFire® program offers is promoting insurance coverage. Owners that successfully complete their required mitigation actions receive a certificate that can be shared with insurance providers or would-be home buyers. REALFire® is modeled after the success of Boulder County's Wildfire Partners Program, where program certificates are already being accepted by many local insurance providers to ensure continued coverage.

“We're thrilled to see this program in place. Residents can be empowered to take action to reduce their own risk and even benefit their neighbors,” said Mark Bergman, Association Executive for the Vail Board of REALTORS®.

Mike Budd, VAIL BOARD OF REALTORS® Government Affairs Committee Chair, also adds that the REALFire® program benefits the local economy. “A local voluntary mitigation program, as opposed to a mandated state program, puts our homeowners in a positive position with insurance companies, an advantage in selling their property, and gives home buyers peace of mind when purchasing a property.”

More information about the program, including the application, mitigation tips and advice for home buyers and sellers, is available at: [www.REALFire.net](http://www.REALFire.net).

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A huge thank you to Brandt and Sundae Ice Cream in Edwards (formerly known as Marble Slab Creamery) for donating ice cream and toppings, Jarrett Osborn, our guest ice cream scooper, Petals of Provence for the stunning floral centerpieces, Kim Anderson, our event coordinator who brought it all together, and most importantly, all of the residents who participated in the fun!







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