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April has arrived! The time for winter to fade behind us and spring to start to show signs of its arrival. Please join us on April 23 to welcome the new season with a Spring Social at **Harvest at the Sonnenalp Club** to see friends and neighbors ... new and old!

This month, we welcome Tricia Swenson and Mike Norvell to the neighborhood and congratulate them on their engagement -- wedding bells will be ringing this summer at 4 Eagle Ranch!

This issue takes us to faraway places as Alida Zwaan travels to China and shares her perspective on an amazingly modern and dynamic country. Sue Lathrop tells us of her gratifying experience volunteering at Nyaka Orphans Primary School. Nyakagyezi, Uganda; as this was her third trip, it was particularly rewarding to reconnect with teachers and students from previous visits.

Back home in Singletree, we enjoy a peek into the newly remodeled home of Wing and Maureen Mayer, recently transformed from old-style Single-

tree to a new, fresh, contemporary look that is fittingly described as 'a marriage of Victorian elegance and modern grace.' And we venture up to Beaver Creek to check out Christopher and Company, Kris Woodruff's new gallery that offers us the opportunity to experience the world through an eclectic and extensive collection of vintage posters.

I am thrilled to introduce Rich and Lisa Clubine, proud owners of Active Energies Solar LLC in Minturn to the residents of Singletree! Together they offer a wealth of knowledge and expertise when it comes to the benefits of solar energy for your home and the environment. And now is the time to consider your spring landscaping needs! The crew at GH Daniels III & Associates -- aka The Landscape Center -- is ready, willing and able to assist you with your project big or small. We all know that

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I hope you enjoy these stories and more in this issue of *Inside Singletree*. Each month, I am reminded of how fortunate I am to get to know the residents of Singletree. I look forward to more of your outstanding stories, experiences and achievements and hope you will consider contributing an article to the publication soon. Your neighborhood magazine is not possible without your participation! Thank you!

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Spring Social *at the Sonnenalp*



Harvest at the Sonnenalp Club
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The team at **Elevated Dental** is led by Dr. Justin Moses, DMD, a third generation dentist and graduate of the prestigious University of Pennsylvania as well

as an Advance Training Residency at the University of Colorado, and Dr. Paul Corcoran, DDS, an excellent provider of dental care in Vail for the last 35 years. In addition to regular check-ups, **Elevated Dental** offers implant dentistry, Invisalign, pediatric dentistry, wisdom teeth extraction, digital radiog-

raphy, cosmetic dentistry and much more.

Rounding out the office are Amelia and Mackenzie, dental hygienists and the Front Desk trio of Maddy, Deborah and Melissa. Patients have consistently expressed their sincere appreciation for the friendly, thorough and profession-

al care they receive from the staff at **Elevated Dental**.

Currently located in West Vail, **Elevated Dental** will soon be moving to a new location at 2109 North Frontage Road next door to City Market. Make an appointment to visit Elevated Dental for your dental needs -- Dr. Moses, Dr. Corcoran and the entire team look forward to seeing you and assisting you in achieving and maintaining a healthy, happy smile.

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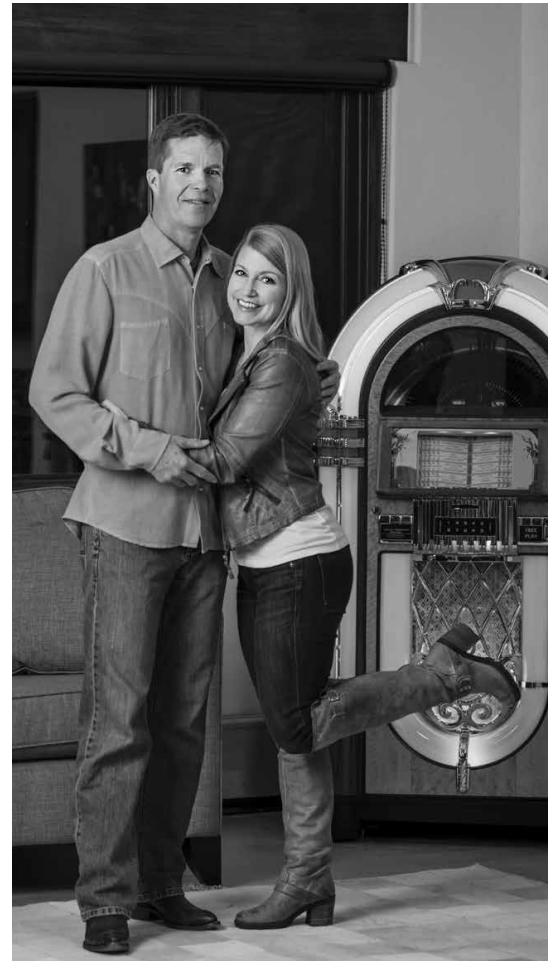


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Mike Norvell and Tricia Swenson moved to Singletree in the summer of 2017. Prior to that, Tricia had lived in Edwards since 1997. Mike, who splits his time between the Vail Valley and the Front Range, had been in Eagle Vail since 2002. One day in late May, Mike randomly stopped at an open house in Singletree. Five minutes after seeing the stunning views of Arrowhead and the New York Mountain range from their future home, located on the top of June Creek Road, was all it took for Mike to decide he was ready to move. A quick phone call to Tricia followed, she visited the home and was equally impressed. Within days, the wheels of a move were set in motion. Both of their homes were sold and they purchased the new Singletree home together. The couple, who has been together for six years, will be getting married this summer in a ceremony at 4 Eagle Ranch.

Many of those who have visited or lived in the Vail area recognize Tricia from her 19-year career as the host of the Good Morning Vail television program on TV8. Or perhaps from her current "Off the Hill" and "Vail Today" video segments and newspaper articles in the Vail Daily, where she is currently employed. After a brief stint in the Lake Tahoe area, Tricia moved to Vail shortly after graduating from Concordia College (Minnesota) for the 1994-1995 ski season and has never left.

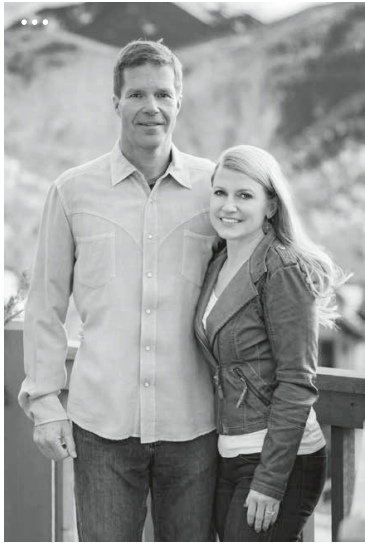


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Haily and Amanda



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Prior to her career in the local media, Tricia could be found teaching children's ski school at Beaver Creek, moving the greens at the Eagle Vail Golf Club or working in the technology industry at Eagle River Interactive, which later became Agency.com. She is also involved in many local organizations such as the Vail Valley Business Women, Vail Breast Cancer Awareness Group and Habitat for Humanity. She traveled to Paraguay in 2010, Malawi in 2014 and El Salvador in 2015 for Habitat for Humanity International Builds with the local Habitat for Humanity chapter.

Tricia was born in Fargo, North Dakota, as the daughter of Orland and Elaine Swenson. She grew up in the small farming community of Kindred, ND, about twenty miles south of Fargo. From an early age, Tricia and her three siblings (Dana, Leslie and Derek) worked on the family farm. It was here that Tricia's values and work ethic were formed. Many people who see Tricia in her current professional role will be surprised to know that she regularly drove tractors, trucks and combines for long hours during harvest season, starting as an early teen. Her love for skiing also began during the early years as her family took an annual ski vacation each year to resorts such as Breckenridge, CO, Jackson Hole, WY, Big Sky, MT, and Big Mountain near Whitefish, MT.

Mike was born to the late Wayne and Lois Norvell in Fayetteville, Arkansas, where his father was a college graduate student.

Wayne was a professor at several schools before settling and finishing his career at Kansas State University in Manhattan, KS. Mike grew up as the oldest of four boys (Tim, Greg and Jeff) who were actively involved in sports. Wayne's true love was coaching youth baseball. Shortly after his death, the Manhattan High School baseball field was named Wayne Norvell Field, which still exists today. Mike's father encouraged all of his children to leave town for college, as he believed getting away from home was an essential part of the education experience. Mike graduated from the University of Kansas in 1987.

Upon graduation, Mike accepted a job in pharmaceutical sales with Marion Laboratories and was relocated to Bozeman, MT. There, at age 22, Mike tried skiing for the first time. One day of struggling through a beginner lesson, followed by a visit to the local après ski bar and he was hooked! He relocated to the Denver area in 1990 and has frequented Vail ever since.

In 1993, Mike switched careers and followed his life-long interest in the stock market. For the past 24+ years, he has worked in the wealth management business, the last nine years with RBC Wealth Management. He has authored *Road Biking in the Vail Valley*, a book that showcases twenty road biking routes in the Vail Valley and can be purchased at local bike shops.

Mike has two daughters, Haily (19) and Amanda (17). Both girls grew up in the Vail Valley, attended Meadow Mountain Elementary School in Eagle Vail and then later the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy in Minturn. Both girls were in the Alpine Racing Program at Ski Club Vail, where they competed in a combined total of eight Rocky/Central Junior Olympic competitions. In 2014, Amanda won the Rocky/Central U14 Slalom Championship. Today, Haily is a sophomore at the University of Georgia, where she is an Honors Student, studying Finance/Real Estate with aspirations to pursue a joint Masters of Business Administration/Juris Doctorate degree. She is a member of the Phi Mu sorority. Amanda is a junior at Golden High School and is just starting to evaluate her college opportunities.

The family prides itself in an active lifestyle. Mike and Tricia spend many winters days skiing at Vail and Beaver Creek. Each year, Mike's goal is to ski at least one day for every year he is old. Before the mountain opens, or after it closes, Mike and Tricia can often be found using their Alpine Touring gear to skin up Arrowhead, or to Eagle's Nest on Vail Mountain. During the warmer months, the couple enjoys road biking up many of the local hill climbs such as Vail Pass, Bachelor Gulch, Cordillera, Mountain Star and Bellyache Ridge. They have participated several times in local cycling events such as the Vail Pass Time Trial, Colorado River Ride and Triple Bypass.

When the legs get tired, a day on a local golf course is in order. Mike is a ten handicap give or take, depending on the season while Tricia



Visiting Haily in Athens, GA

is learning the game and enjoys the occasional par. They also enjoy weekly hikes in the valley, including the Singletree trails, which are practically right out their backdoor. According to the couple, their favorite things about Singletree are the proximity to the trails, the abundant southern exposure and sunshine, and the postcard like long range views.



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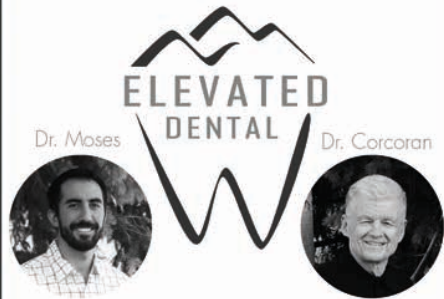
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Meet the Clubine family! Lisa and Rich are proud owners of Active Energies Solar LLC (AES) in Minturn. They moved to the Vail Valley last spring when they purchased AES and their two boys, Owen (13) and Drew (11) were accepted into Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy as full-time Alpine ski racers.

Both Lisa and Rich have Bachelor's degrees in the sciences and extensive backgrounds in business, making the transition to being the new owners of Active Energies Solar a perfect fit. They always had an interest in solar energy but it never made quite as much sense in Washington State, as it does in the high Colorado Rockies. The business is growing under their ownership and they have hired three new employees in recent months to keep up with growing demand. As they approach the beginning of their second year as owners, they have already completed over 200 solar projects in the greater Vail Valley!

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The family moved to the Valley after many years of visiting and felt drawn here by the lifestyle that we all love. They are committed to helping the environment one solar array at a time and their desire is to help preserve our little piece of heaven for future generations to come.

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who's making a difference
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Emma, Sue and Frank, the Lathrop's sponsored student since 2010

Finding Riches *in the Simple Life of Uganda*

Imagine eleven days of no electricity ... in a country on the equator, so the sun comes up at 6 a.m. and goes down at 6 p.m. By 6:30, the mosquitos are out in force, so one has to go indoors. And by 7 p.m. it is pitch dark. Also, imagine no running water. No internet, no cell phone service and no WhatsApp because of lack of internet. Does this sound like a good time? For my daughter and me, those two weeks were not the most comfortable, but incredibly gratifying.

Last June, I was able to travel to rural Uganda for three weeks. I applied and was chosen as a recipient of Vail Resort's Epic Volunteer program. Selected Vail Resorts employees volunteer with their chosen non-profit organizations, either locally or around the world and they are awarded 40 hours of paid time off by the Epic Volunteer program. Also included is a \$250 travel stipend, if needed. In the case of flying to Africa, every cent of that \$250 was used towards the plane fare.

After we had traveled for more than 28 hours by plane, we had a drive of another 12 hours, primarily on rough dirt roads, to the small remote village of Nyakagyazi where we were going to



volunteer at Nyaka Orphans Primary School. The school was founded to provide a tuition-free education for children who have been orphaned by the AIDS epidemic. The organization also provides meals, uniforms, books and supplies and medical care to about 750 students enrolled in its three schools.

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Driving to the village, we were immediately struck by all the people walking by the side of the two-lane highway. Many of them were carrying 20-liter jerry cans full of water. Our driver explained that these children need to walk quite a distance to fetch water twice a day. Suddenly, we had a whole new appreciation for our clean, safe and easily accessible water supply in the USA.

Our days at Nyaka school were spent in the various classrooms, mostly teaching English and tutoring students who needed extra help with mathematics. The school day goes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Every day from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. we were in the fifth-grade class for the sewing project, which was sewing fabric dolls. When we first saw that some of the fifth graders were 13 or 14 years old, we thought they would not be interested in dolls -- especially the boys. But these children have very little, if anything, to truly call their own.

As a result, all the students were very enthusiastic about the doll project. We started by teaching them how to thread needles, tie knots in the thread and make stitches. We also taught them how to sew buttons on (and noticed that many of their school uniforms were missing buttons). Many of the children were so excited to put their dolls together that they sewed with very large stitches. We tried to maintain some quality control, primarily so that their dolls would not fall apart right away. We had to ask almost all of them to sew the pieces together an additional time before going on to the next step in the project.

They were all so very proud of their finished projects! We also taught them how to sew on a treadle sewing machine. The new Vocational/Secondary school built by Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project teaches tailoring as a vocation and let us borrow two sewing machines for the class.

This was my third trip to Nyaka school -- I went in 2012 with my daughter, Emma, and in 2014 with my son, Parker. During those previous trips, I had made friends with many of the teachers and students, and it was delightful to see them again. The look on some of the students' faces when I recognized

them and remembered their names was priceless! Parker, Emma, my sister and I all sponsor students at the school, so it was wonderful to see them again and to see how far they have progressed in their studies and their command of the English language.

Uganda is experiencing a horrible drought, and their power is primarily hydro-electric. So, when there is no water, there is no power. We had brought headlamps along -- we became very accustomed to getting ready in the morning, bathing, eating dinner and going to bed by the light of our headlamps. Luckily, the organization that built Nyaka School also built a gravity-fed clean water system for the school and surrounding village. There was a pump at the school and one in the village for everyone to use.



So, we got our water from 20-liter jerry cans (about 44 pounds) and used it to take (cold!) splash baths and to pour into the toilet tank so we could flush the toilet. At first, the lack of power and running water seemed to be quite an inconvenience to us, but then we realized that this was how the students and teachers at the school and much of the rural population of Africa, live every day.

One thing that really struck me during this trip is, while we may have more money than these people, I think in many ways these villagers have richer lives. The children were so happy about the smallest things. When we handed out lollipops to each of them or when we gave them each a brand new pencil with an eraser on the end, it was the most exciting thing for them.

We would see little girls skipping down the dirt road barefooted and singing. These girls likely live in small mud huts with dirt floors and have lost both of their parents to AIDS, yet they are so happy that they are able to go to school and have a chance for a better life. It made me so very happy that I was able to help them learn a new skill and show them some love through the school built by Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project.



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TREY'S World of Wildlife kids' corner

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This month we met Michael Graves Brownlee III, known by friends and family as Trey. He is a big brother to two little sisters and one of the most articulate little men I've had the pleasure to interview!

How old are you and who are the members of your family? My dad is Michael, my mom is Taylor, my sister is Margo, and my other sister is Ellen. My dogs are Edward (he's black) and Greta (she's white) and my fishes are Sucker and Oski. I'm six years old. I'm gonna be seven on June 1. I'm going to have a camping birthday party! Like, outside overnight. It could be on a mountain or in our backyard. My sisters cannot be there because it's my birthday.

What is your favorite thing to do? Well, let me think. There are two favorite things -- Writing books and discovering more animals and studying them. I can't pick the species I like the most -- I like all of them. But my most favorite right now is an elephant -- it's a pachyderm. Well, I actually like them most right now because I have a stuffy elephant and I lost him, and that's why I miss him, so if I study him I'll learn more about them and maybe then I'll find him again.

What's your favorite movie of all time? My favorite movie, is, um, well, I have two. They are nature movies. The Great Barrier Reef on Australia and Planet Earth Series. I really like nature and animal shows. I want to be a wildlife biologist. I really am into Australia, Africa, and Madagascar right now, those climates are cool and have cool animals.

Who do you like to play with? What games are you playing right now? Oh, Fisher Delonay! He lives in Miller Ranch, but he goes to my school. My school is ECCA and I'm in first grade. We usually like to play soccer and other sports, but we also like to play Wild Kratts. They have a praying mantis named after them, "Liturgusa Krattorum," named after Martin and Chris Kratt! They are cartoons but also real-life wildlife biologists and I just love the show so much! Did you know that a thorny devil, (that's a kind of desert lizard by the way), has tubes that have special cells that can take water from its back up towards its mouth?!!?

What advice do you have for adults? So Planet Earth has nature shows, and they start talking about what animals live there. The coolest parts are islands, there are lots of them! Komodo Island has Komodo Dragons and there were baby iguanas that hatched, but really, long snakes just hide and they have camouflage and they come and eat the baby iguanas. I saw that only two of the babies survived. So like, life is really short and scary sometimes, especially if you are an animal. We are lucky to be humans.

What do you like the most about the beach? The wildlife. Well, it's different from here. It's really beautiful and they have crocodiles and snakes. We have no poisonous snakes but they have them here. They also have lots of sea animals. They also have frogs and lizards, we have those, too. They also have salamanders, like amphibians, like ours. On the coral reef, they have a really weird fish called a Broad Fish and it can change to any color and it just sits there and changes color.

Do you do snow sports? I do lots of skiing. I really like to do Legos though. Usually, on cool days, I get my Lego bin and I just start building. I know how to build animals without the directions. I've built a Lego giraffe, a lion and rhino.

If you could change some things in the world, what would you change? It would be to stop endangering and killing animals that are very rare and now endangered because of human hunting.

Thanks for taking the time to spend this morning with me Trey! I certainly hope that you become a wildlife biologist just like your heroes, the Kratt brothers!



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TRANSFORMATION ON BERRY CREEK ROAD

Wing and Maureen Mayer greet me at the door to their newly renovated duplex on Berry Creek Road. Overlooking the Sonenalp's 9th hole with a stunning view of Arrowhead, the home has been redone with an impeccable level of detailing by Emily Kearl of M.E. Design Studio and contractor Paul Stege of Sundial Construction. The intriguing blend of clean modern architecture marries seamlessly with the couple's refurbished antiques scattered thoughtfully throughout the home -- a true syncopation of the senses. The result is a marriage of Victorian elegance and modern grace, and I've never quite been in a house like this one.

The Mayers entered into their renovation with great trepidation since they had heard so many horror stories about contractors and timing in this valley. "We were reluctant to buy a home that had to be renovated," remarked Wing. "Our (purchase) offer stated that we would not close until we knew without a doubt that we could achieve the changes we wanted within our timeframe, to be in the house before Christmas."



"We actually looked at this home about five times before we decided to submit an offer," says Maureen as she sits on the custom oversized swivel chair in the living room. "We have worked with Emily before, so I trusted that she would know how to create the feeling we wanted, even with each of us throwing ideas at her that seemed incongruous," she continues. Wing chimes in, "Paul and Emily came with us before we put the house under contract to talk in depth about our plans and we were assured we could do it."

"I knew they wanted to go with a more contemporary style," says Emily, which was a very challenging proposition initially given the condition of the home at the time. "After I viewed the home, my designer wheels started turning and I was up for the exciting opportunity to make an amazing transformation ... as long as Wing and Maureen were on board with changing just about every finish and opening and moving walls, I could revamp this space."

Once in possession, Paul Stege got to work. The "Big Four" items on their list were to replace the staircase, rework the master bath and closet, expand the loft area for Wing's office space and build a customized floor to ceiling bookcase off the master bedroom. Not to mention re-finishing every single wooden surface to the perfect shade of gray, installing new flooring and selecting the perfect fixtures.

"The one thing we must mention is that Paul exceeded our expectations greatly," says Maureen. "He had us moved into the house five days ahead of schedule, on December 11, and within the defined budget parameters. That's unheard of. Our friends who have renovated had told us how their homes sat for days and days, empty, with no one working on them -- one couple was seven months behind schedule!" exclaims Maureen.

Paul says that he considers himself a boutique contractor and renovator and likes to focus on one or two homes at a time in order to give his clients and their houses the attention they deserve. Maureen further points out that "Paul and Emily knew we wanted our renovation to be a focus for them, otherwise, it would not have been finished on time or looked as we wanted



The overall aesthetic is clean and simple, with the warm gray tones softening the contemporary touches throughout. "We used to live on Foal Circle and the modern new house built by the Daniel/Rosenbachs on Appaloosa Drive inspired our renovation," recalls Maureen. "My biggest concern was getting rid of all the brown wood. I think a lot of people who are buying in Singletree are trying to get away from that old-school alpine look to something more modern," she finished.

Her husband nods sagely, pointing up towards the staircase. "This change was essential to our purchase of the house," he points. To us, the staircase is a work of art. "This feature itself is unmistakable as an exposition, introducing the visitor from the front door to the melodies and themes of the home. With large steel beams supporting floating wood steps and slim posts strung with sleek, minimalistic cable, the result is a sensational modern design. From my living room point of view, the stairs evoke the chromatic scale familiar on a piece of sheet music. The southern midday light is muted by the soft draping window coverings as we talk and I am comfortably cocooned in the homey warmth evoked by the stuffed furnishings and luxurious carpets.

Maureen and Wing are enamored with their home. "I just walk into this house and instantly love it," says Wing. "Yes," Maureen echoes, "our home is just a perfect combination of everything we love, with our family heirlooms and our love of modern features. I wake up every day and tell Wing that I am just so happy here."



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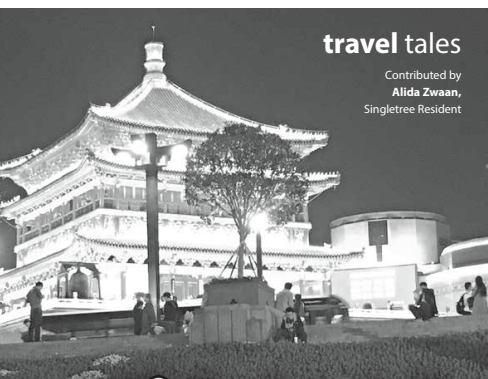
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So when your thoughts turn to playing in the dirt, you owe it to yourself to call upon the GH Daniels team. If you are a DIY-er, visit the nursery to hand select your seasonal plants and if you need knowledgeable expertise to help design and build the garden of your dreams, let the team at The Landscape Center create reality from your vision. You are in good hands at TLC! Happy Spring!





travel tales

Contributed by Alida Zwaan, Singletree Resident

Alida's Adventure IN CHINA



In October, we traveled to China for a three-week trip with Overseas Adventure Travel, a Boston-based travel company that specializes in tours for active older folks. While organized tours are hardly my norm, I felt a bit long-in-the-tooth to show up at Beijing airport with a backpack and copy of *Let's Go China* tucked beneath my arm -- I was afraid the culture and language were just too foreign and I was right on both counts.

OAT proved to be a first-class outfit, our Chinese guide exceeded expectations in every respect and the itinerary maximized time to thoroughly explore the historic sites (Great Wall, Terra Cotta Warriors, Potala Palace in Tibet etc.) as well as learn about the exciting, vibrant and dynamic place that is Modern China. And that aspect of our trip is what impressed everyone most -- no one in our group had any idea of just far China has come in terms of modernization. The number of new apartment buildings, skyscrapers, roads, bridges, airports, dams, not to mention Buicks (a popular, locally-made ride) simply amazed us.

There was none of the squalor of India and with such an expansive itinerary (Beijing, Xi'an, Chengdu, Lhasa, Chungking, Hong Kong), OAT could not possibly have cherry-picked the route to include only the good stuff. Another surprise was how friendly and open the Chinese people are, and how much they like having their pictures snapped with Westerners (so-called "big noses") on their cell phones. We were allowed to wander anywhere we chose and the relatively few policemen we saw were armed with nothing more than lethal radios.

We traveled by bus, fast train (230 MPH!), plane, cruise ship (Yangtze River) and even "tutu," a three-wheeled, motorized Vespa affair that accommodates two passengers and a driver. We had prearranged visits and meals with local families, learned about cloisonné, lacquerware, silk carpets, jade, Chinese characters, noodle-making and becoming moderately proficient in the use of chopsticks, through necessity, as the food was excellent!

The air pollution is every bit as bad as you've been led to believe and we scarcely saw the sun except at 12,000' in Tibet. But already, all the motorbikes are battery powered and I have little doubt that these resourceful and energetic people will clean up their air once the government decides that's what it wants to do.

It's hard to visit China today and not come away with a positive view of this amazingly modern and dynamic country -- if I had grandkids, I'd encourage them to begin learning Mandarin!

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"The role that parents play that is very helpful to our kindergarten classroom most importantly, is actively participating in their child's first school learning experience. Whether this means attending field trips or just reading every night at home, when a parent is excited about what and how they're children are learning, their children will be excited, too. Students are proud to come home and tell their parents what they have learned, especially when their parent cares." Meghan Cahill, kindergarten teacher

"Parents are students and teachers best support. The role of parents at Stone Creek is to bridge the gap between education in the classroom and at home. Working alongside teachers, parents inspire and equip students to take ownership of their own learning and make the necessary connections between school and the world around them." Bethany Classick, upper school social studies teacher.

"Parents are the backbone of our school. I am so thankful for the many parents who volunteer to drive and chaperone our field trips to the Vilar Center and Walking Mountains as well as our visits to the library. I also appreciate how I can count on parents to serve as classroom help during parties or testing." Christine Teichman, first-grade teacher.

"I feel fortunate to have found a school that engages the whole family and encourages parent participation at all levels. I am welcome in the classroom and appreciate that I may be actively engaged in the education of my daughter. Teachers encourage collaboration and it clearly has benefitted our family," said Singletree resident, Kimberly Flynn and mother of Ainsley.

"On any given day, you will find parents helping in the school offices, volunteering in classrooms, driving students to field studies, working on fundraisers or a myriad of other activities. Parents play a vital role in the school and our success depends on them," said Executive Principal, Jason Mills.

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Trevor Dunn Goes for the Goals

This month we meet Trevor Dunn, a local young athlete who is obsessed with hockey! His parents, Lara and Ryan, involve both sons, Christopher and Trevor, in a variety of sports throughout the seasons; for this article, Trevor wanted to focus on his passion for hockey. His mother would like to add that nothing on this planet smells quite as “distinctive” as hockey does...

How old are you and what grade are you in? 10 years old and in the 4th grade at ECCA.

How long have you been playing hockey and how did you first start? I have been playing for 5 years. When my friends told me how they were playing hockey, and I watched them once and it looked fun, so I started playing it myself.



When did you decide you wanted to compete? We play, well, we are the Vail Mountaineers Club Squirt B Blue and we practice at Dobson and the Eagle Ice Rink. And then for games we just play around Colorado.

What is it about hockey that motivates you? Well, just that you keep pushing and complete your goal. Any goal in hockey. I like learning to get my shots right, learning how to go into butterfly



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and sliding from post to post, so in the game I will be able to save as many as I can. My favorite save as a goalie is using my glove.

What position is your strongest? I have two positions, center and goalie. They are the two most important. We get to choose our positions and I, at the start of the year, I chose goalie and center because I also wanted to be goalie, not just center.

What is the most challenging position in hockey for you? Defense, because it's hard to skate backwards and I'm not good at blocking because I just go into butterfly because I'm a goalie. And I just can't skate backwards good enough, which is something I'm working on.

What kind of time commitment does hockey require every week? We have 1:45 minute practice Monday, Wednesday, and sometimes Thursday, because we switch off with Squirt Red

every Thursday. I practice at home for at least 30 - 45 minutes; shooting, stick handling or playing with my brother and blocking shots at my goal at home. We have to travel for hockey for tournaments at least 2 weekends a month.

Tell me about your most recent tournament. We had a game yesterday and then another one tomorrow. So Saturday and Thursday. We lost to the Red team yesterday, but we just told ourselves that we have to keep trying and hope that the Red team loses a game and then we can play them again in the Championship, if we win the next two games. It's in Aspen! We spend so much time traveling to everything.

What have you learned from hockey that you use in your life? If you keep trying and trying, you can conquer everything and anything, and attitude determines everything.

What is your favorite moment while playing? Well, it feels good when you score a goal and you go through a line where you high five all your teammates. Saving a shot when the other team tries to get it as a goalie is pretty great.

Do you have long term goals related to hockey? I want to be in the NHL, and if that doesn't happen, I guess I'll be an architect. The Chicago Blackhawks are my favorite team because my dad lived in Chicago and I like Patrick Kane.

Do you have any final words or advice you would like to share with younger players? First of all, hockey is fun. It's a good bonding experience because you make all sorts of friends, and at the end of the season, you don't want it to end.



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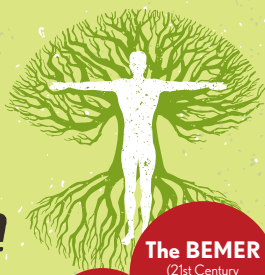
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