

# ESCAPE .....to the Christie



## **Book Now!! Exciting Summer Events Coming to the Vail Valley!!**

### **USA Pro Cycling Challenge**

The USA Pro Cycling Challenge, which features riders from all over the world and is in the same category as the famous Tour de France, is returning to Avon this summer! This stage race through Colorado is a grueling competition which offers spectators the opportunity to observe the riders and the action from just a few feet away. Riders have a unique opportunity to interact with their fans by giving autographs and posing for pictures. Don't miss this international event scheduled for August 20-26, or your opportunity to enjoy summer in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

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### **Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival**

From the heart of the Colorado Rocky Mountains, the Bravo! Vail Valley Music Festival announces its 25th anniversary season, which runs for seven weeks from June 25 to August 4. Violinist Joshua Bell has enchanted audiences worldwide with his breathtaking virtuosity and tone of rare beauty. His restless curiosity and multifaceted musical interests have taken him in exciting new directions which have earned him the rare title of "classical music superstar." Often referred to as the poet of the violin, Bell is the recipient of the Avery Fisher Prize and is the newly named Music Director of The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. Bell first came to national attention at the age of 14 in a highly acclaimed orchestral debut with Riccardo Muti and the Philadelphia Orchestra. His Carnegie Hall debut and a recording contract further confirmed his presence in the music world. Today he is equally at home as a soloist, chamber musician, orchestra leader and composer who performs his own cadenzas to several of the major concerto repertoire. Bell, stated simply, is dazzling! Celebrated pianist Anne-Marie McDermott returns for a second term as artistic director, and once again the Vail Music Festival boasts not one but three world-class resident orchestras: the New York Philharmonic, returning under music director Alan Gilbert for its tenth summer; The Philadelphia Orchestra, whose new music director designate Yannick Nézet-Séguin makes his Vail Music Festival debut; and the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and its music director, Jaap van Zweden, Musical America's Conductor of the Year 2012. Programming highlights for this landmark season include numerous Festival premieres; multi-event immersions in the art of Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Gershwin; a series juxtaposing time-honored classics with trailblazing new music; plus chamber music, jazz, and pops galore. Tickets for the 25th anniversary season will be available for purchase starting Monday, April 23. (Cont'd. page 2)

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### **Teva Mountain Games**

The Summer Teva Mountain Games are the country's largest celebration of adventure sports, art and music and they returned to Vail again this year. Professional and amateur athletes from around the world converged upon the mountains and rivers of Vail to compete in eight sports and 24 disciplines for more than \$100,000 in prize money. The summer 2012 sporting events included steep, freestyle, sprint, full contact kayaking, rafting, mountain, road, freeride and slopestyle biking, World Cup Bouldering, amateur climbing, fly fishing, sprint and cross stand up paddling and trail, the big-air dog competition, mud and long

distance running, and the latest addition of international Slackline competition.....WOW! That was a lot of fun and excitement to packed into four days!! Plus we enjoyed the Thursday and Saturday night concerts and all the adventure films!

### **Minturn Farmers Market**

Beginning in 1998 with just a handful of vendors and a little bit of entertainment, the first market in the valley got its start in tiny Minturn. These days, the Minturn Market has grown to feature 115 varying vendors per week, two live music stages, children's activities, and ambiance that cannot be beat. For 12 consecutive weeks, The Minturn Market features a varied assortment of items from farm-fresh and organic produce to great lunch and breakfast items to gourmet foods and gifts, clothing, jewelry, handmade crafts, items for the home, fine art and more. The Summer Minturn Market runs Saturdays June 23 - Sept 8. The Minturn Market includes children's entertainment and music for people to immerse themselves in while experiencing the genuine charm and culture of Historic Downtown Minturn.

### **Vail Farmers Market**

The Vail Farmers' Market is focused on farm and food products and attracts over 50,000 visitors each year. Nearly 60 tents appear each week when the farmers arrive early every Sunday morning, June 17 – Sept 16, with refrigerated trucks loaded with freshly picked fruits and veggies and live music and more! And don't forget, **FREE** jazz every week on 10 Sundays in conjunction with the Vail Farmer's Market, the largest farmers market in the state of Colorado! Don't forget to check out Solaris, the new center of Vail Village, where you can duck out of the sun into the Jazz Tent on the green and enjoy free jazz performed by national and regional acts.

### **Vail International Dance Festival**

The Vail International Dance Festival returns July 20- August 11 to beautiful Vail and Beaver Creek. This year's lineup includes the return of the New York City Ballet MOVES, the Vail debut of Martha Graham Dance Company, International Evenings of Dance, Dance for \$20.12 and much more! For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.vaildance.org](http://www.vaildance.org).

When an owner makes a maintenance fee payment, that owner becomes eligible for a nice prize — **One Free Exchange Week From RCI or II**. This period's one week winners are:

Charles and Carol Jones  
Holland, MI

Betty Larrick and Becky Haley  
Fort Morgan, CO

Richard and Sandra McWethy  
Oswego, IL

## **Steve Vickers** **November 1946—February 2012**

It was with sad hearts that the Christie Lodge family gathered on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate the life of our long-standing Board member, Steve Vickers. Steve passed away February 15, 2012 while working in Wilmington, Delaware.



He was born in Massena, St. Lawrence, New York to Harold and Mary Virgil. While employed by the IRS in Hawaii, he met and married Terry Ann Patten in July of 1991.

Steve graduated from Colonie Central High School, in Albany, NY, and received an associate degree from Hudson Valley Community College, in Troy, NY in 1966. While playing basketball for Hudson Valley, he was recruited by the University of Texas El Paso Coach, Don Haskins. He graduated from UTEP with a degree in Business Administration in the summer of 1968. He served in the U.S. Army

from September 1968 to September of 1971, and completed a tour of duty in Viet Nam with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division.

He was an agent for the Internal Revenue Service Treasury Department from January 1972- to January 1997. In 1986 Steve was assigned to investigate Christie Lodge's case against First Resorts Management. We were lucky to have one of the best in the business and thanks to his expertise, we were able to get First Resorts out and the Christie Lodge successfully back on track.

Steve was a people connector and his introductions over the years built many business and personal friendships. He enjoyed skiing, fishing and sports. He loved the mountains, his Colorado ranch, his horses, dogs and cats, especially his favorite cat, Barney.

We were so fortunate that Steve loved the Christie Lodge, purchased a timeshare, and devoted his time as a Board member from 1995 to 2012. For anyone wishing to send their condolences, the family can be reached at: Ms. Terry Vickers, Post Office Box 205, Larkspur, Colorado 80118.

### **The Christie Lodge Owners Association**

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## 2012 Annual Owner Association Meeting



The 2012 Christie Lodge Owners Association's Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on Saturday, September 29, 2012, at the Christie Lodge in Avon, Colorado.

Owners will hear reports and view presentations of the past year's Association projects and operations. Also, owners will have the opportunity to elect two candidates to the CLOA Board of Directors. This year the term for Mr. Art Olson and the term for the late Mr. Steve Vickers will expire. If you would like to be considered as a Board candidate, you must be a Christie Lodge owner in good standing. Please submit an introductory cover letter, your contact information, and your resume to the Recruitment and Nomination Committee. Your information must be received by August 1, 2012 and can be forwarded by any of the following methods:

USPS mail to: The Christie Lodge • Attn: Board Recruitment Committee • P.O. Box 1196 • Avon, CO 81620

Fax to: The Christie Lodge • Attn: Board Recruitment Committee • 970-949-7765

Email to: [clangager@christielodge.com](mailto:clangager@christielodge.com)

Board member services include attending approximately three to four meetings per year. There is no compensation for Board member services, but travel, meals, and lodging expenses are reimbursed for attendance at Board meetings. Board members must review periodic financial information and be available for input on various issues. Officers of the Board invest additional time.

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## Valley-wide Paved Trail System

Piece by piece, a paved trail system — aka bike path — connecting the entire valley is becoming a reality. "So far, we have 33 miles of the multiuse road/trail completed and 30 more to go," reports Ellie Caryl, the ECO Trails program manager.

Part of the project includes widening highway shoulders, which were key assets when the USA Pro Cycling Challenge came to the area last summer. Caryl says the keys to finishing the trail and shoulder-widening project will be to find additional funding, landowner cooperation and a continued partnership with the Colorado Department of Transportation.

Three stretches ECO Trails aims to make progress on in 2012 include Avon to Eagle-Vail, Gypsum to

Dotsero, and Edwards to Wolcott. The latter is pending on the outcome of a development under review by the county. The stretch from Avon to Eagle-Vail will be the first project out of the gate in 2012. The project will travel from Avon Road to the east end of the Eagle-Vail Commercial District, with a future extension to Dowd Junction.

The Gypsum to Dotsero stretch is looking good in terms of land ownership. The county recently acquired three new open space parcels around Dotsero and CDOT and the Bureau of Land Management owns the rest.

Caryl stressed that ECO Trails encompasses the entire community and is a partnership between Vail, Avon, Minturn, Red Cliff, Eagle, Gypsum, Eagle County, and the citizen volunteer ECO Trails Committee.



## Vail Mountain Announces a State-of-the-Art Gondola

Vail Mountain, the largest ski resort in the United States, has already begun making plans for its 50th anniversary by announcing the planned installation of a new, state-of-the-art gondola to replace the Vista Bahn Express Lift (#16) in Vail Village.

The new gondola, which will have the number "1" to commemorate Vail's original gondola in that location, will provide a 40 percent improvement in uphill capacity over the existing Vista Bahn Express Lift, making it the highest of any gondola in North America.

"We could think of no better way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Vail Mountain than by making a dramatic investment to improve the experience for our guests. The new gondola will set a standard for how we transport guests up the mountain, significantly reducing wait times at one of the most popular and recognized lifts anywhere in the world. It will also offer a protected and comfortable ride, complete with free Wi-Fi access," said Chris Jarnot, senior vice president and chief operating officer of Vail Mountain. "The new gondola continues a long tradition of Vail's investments to set the leading position in guest

service anywhere in the mountain resort industry."

"The new gondola in Vail Village will provide the final touch to Vail's multi-billion dollar renaissance over the past decade, which has been the result of an incredible partnership between Vail Resorts, the Town of Vail and the entire Vail community," said Andy Daly, mayor of the Town of Vail. "These investments have ensured Vail's leadership position in the resort industry for many years to come."

The new gondola will be located in the same location as the existing lift and will reach the same location at Mid-Vail. The gondola is a state-of-the-art lift replacing the technology of the existing high-speed quad lift that was installed in 1985, approximately 26 years ago, and reintroducing a gondola to Vail Village not experienced since the 1970s. The gondola is proposed to be installed in the spring and summer of 2012 and be operational for opening day of the 2012-2013 ski season, just in time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Vail.

The base lift facility will be similar to the existing equipment but instead of chairs hanging from a cable, there will be gondola cabins. Unlike the Eagle Bahn Gondola (#19) in Lionshead, which is an enclosed facility, the new gondola will be an open air terminal.

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## Community Pride Highway Clean-up



Each year the Christie Lodge participates in the Community Pride Highway Clean-up along Interstate 70 and Highway 6. This year they joined more than 1,000 other volunteers to clean over 100 miles of highways in our valley. Sporting orange vests and sometimes battling the weather, the volunteer teams headed out to clean their assigned mile, which included both sides of the highway and the median. There is always an "interesting" find, whether it's a wallet, a political sign, or an animal skeleton that is destined to become a school science project. And the laughter

and camaraderie from the clean-up carries over to the celebration afterwards, which was hosted by Vail Resorts Echo at Arrowhead's Broken Arrow Restaurant. The after-party included a barbecue, free beer, prizes, and live music. But best of all is the satisfaction that our team receives from working side-by-side with co-workers, friends, and family on this important environmental project.



## **Cafe de Luna New Restaurant Opens in the Christie Lodge**

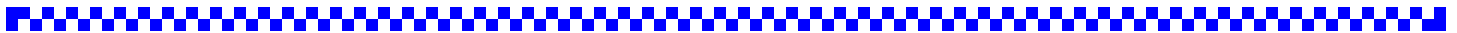
The Christie Lodge is excited to announce that in January, Debbie Marquez opened Cafe de Luna, a New Mexican restaurant in the Christie Lodge. If you have lived or vacationed in the Valley, you will recognize Debbie's name as one of the original founders of the popular Fiesta's Restaurant in Edwards.

When our restaurant space opened up, Debbie saw it as an opportunity to create a new eatery that honors the last name of her grandmother, Helen Chacon Luna, and to also celebrate the life and spirit of several generations of Marquez, Luna, and Chacon family traditions and recipes.

Inspired by her Grandma Helen, Debbie has created a wonderful menu with a wide variety of what she calls High Country Mex cuisine, and the secrets that make it special are three primary sauces that she has created.

When you stop in, be sure to try the Full Moon Combination Platter, a three-item combo featuring a spicy burrito, filled with carne adovada; a blue corn chicken enchilada with white jalapeno sauce; and a chile relleno smothered with Debbie's famous green chile. Another favorite is the Chile Relleno con Camarones (stuffed with green pepper and shrimp) and smothered with her famous white sauce and garnished with fresh avocado.... So Yummy! A new addition to her menu is the Surf and Turf combo that includes both steak and shrimp. And don't forget the margaritas! Cafe de Luna hosts a full bar stocked with specialty tequilas and cold beer!

Be sure to stop by! Cafe de Luna is open seven days a week, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, and also offers catering and take-out service. Please call for reservations for parties of eight or more, (970) 949-1339. Visit us online at [www.cafedeluna.com](http://www.cafedeluna.com) or on Facebook.



## **Wildlife, Wildfires & Pine Beetles**

As we enjoy watching our wildlife wake up and return to the Vail Valley this spring, we also need to be watching for something else, forest fires. Our spring weather brought unusually dry and windy conditions and although we have not had any fires locally, there have been several in other parts of the state; homes have been destroyed and lives lost. Vail and Beaver Creek Resorts, along with the Forest Service, are also faced with another urgent reality – the mountain pine beetle epidemic. Both resorts are going through the environmental review process on vegetative management, reviewing projects that involve removing and thin-

ning infected lodgepole pine trees. For the next 3-5 years, Vail Resorts will be doing beetle tree mitigation, taking out and thinning dead trees in an effort to accelerate the establishment of the next forest. The Forest Service has planted about 1,500 seedlings on Vail Mountain alone to help speed along the forest's rejuvenation process.

Speaking of wildlife, our employee Cindy Ostrom, in the accounting office, snapped the picture above of this Bobcat as he was hunting. You never know what you will see!! Keep your eyes open!

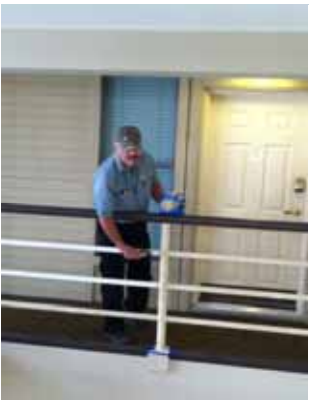
## Spring Surprise at the Lodge!!



Our "Plant Lady" Terry, who tenderly cares for all the beautiful plants here in the Lodge, started this cactus three years ago from a small cutting. Thanks to her TLC, it bloomed for the first time this spring and everyone was amazed at the color and size of its bloom. What a treat!



### ~ PROPERTY UPDATES ~



The Christie Lodge common area renovation continues with the replacement of all ceiling tiles and painting of the interior handrails to a warm tan and brown. The common area carpet and furniture is also being replaced and our goal is to complete the renovation in time for you to enjoy it when you come for the Annual Owner Association Meeting on Saturday, September 29, 2012.



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