

The Flying Hawkes

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"Ravalli County Traffic, Cessna N5085D departing runway 34". The brakes are released and the vintage 1958 Cessna 182A accelerates quickly. With two hundred and thirty horses pulling together along Hamilton's north bound runway, they become airborne within just a few short seconds. The restored four place, Skylane airplane maneuvers with the agility and precision of a hawk, and that is precisely the reason why; it is piloted by not just one, but two Hawkes, The Flying Hawkes.



The Treasure State's Beautiful Bitterroot Valley

April and Brian Hawkes, both licensed private pilots, are making an evening flight over Montana's beautiful Bitterroot Valley. They soak in the stunning beauty of the Selway Bitterroot Mountains and the neighboring Sapphires. Although they've experienced the same thing numerous times, every flight is unique and this one ends all too soon. The tires chirp like baby birds as the craft flares and they greet the asphalt on landing. The dynamic pair returns to earth refreshed and invigorated. "Life is meaningless unless shared with others" resonates with the husband and wife team, and they have indeed experienced and shared much. The returning of their aircraft to like new condition has itself been a labor of love, and is nearing completion.



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While there are many different types of hawks, The Flying Hawkes are unique in the passion and energy that they approach life with. "Aviation makes me feel alive", states Brian matter of factly. It puts things in perspective. The couple have put several hundred hours on the immaculate aircraft, visiting family in neighboring states as well as touring Idaho's renowned backcountry with numerous associates who quickly become fast friends.



If raising three small children wasn't enough, the two are active in a wide variety of community and church functions. They're all in with everything they engage and each mission has the same attention to detail and preflight planning as any of their cross country flights.

The Hawkes' most recent adventure is the acquisition of the renowned Iten Company located on the upper floor of Hamilton's historic Iten Building on 170 South Second Street. Founder Jane Iten has done a terrific job in creating a lasting legacy, and continues to be a guiding influence in the company's ascent to new heights.



The Iten Building, Elevation 3575' is fittingly appropriate. There is only one direction to go from here and that is up, soaring and sharing the exclusive jewels of Big Sky Country. With new found passengers aboard, April and Brian will continue enriching lives and creating lifelong friends.



The Iten Company specializes in premiere Montana land and luxury real estate with first class service. Unlike the airlines, you don't pay extra for this; it's an integral part of their most basic package. The Iten Company has standards and defined minimums. Quality is their specialty. Life isn't just about the destination; it's also about the journey. The Flying Hawkes fully intend to make your trip as meaningful and monumental as can possibly be. April Hawkes looks forward to helping buyers realize their property ownership dreams by providing some of the best and most elite holdings in all of **Montana, The Last Best Place**. After receiving her real estate license, she joined the Iten Company in 2000.

April's flying certifications pale in comparison to what she has accomplished at home on the range. She was born in the small town of Leadore, Idaho, and land stewardship values are an integral part of her make-up. She is the fourth generation in her family to be raised on a working commercial cattle ranch. In addition to her dual agriculture and business majors, a law degree from the University of Montana tops her impressive list of credentials. Fittingly, her degree was with an emphasis in real estate agricultural law and contracts. April has experience operating her own law firm, focusing on her specialties.



With hawks flanking their business sign, and the combined strength of the Flying Hawkes piloting and navigating you throughout your real estate transaction, the future of the Iten Company looks bright and promising. There **Is More To Do** in Montana.

