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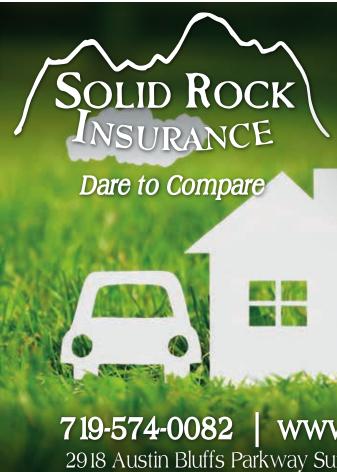
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Prices are great for sellers, but just not enough homes for buyers. Great for seller's agents, and pain for agents trying to find something for their buyers! Just wait; patience is a virtue, builds character and skills that will be beneficial in years to come.

We have all the winners for the 2018 Parade of Homes and are VERY excited as we received them early to publish in this issue. I want to thank HBA for partnering with us over the past two years, and it will only get better over time!

I want to encourage all of you to attend our upcoming event in November; we will be at "CHI" Colorado Home Interiors. They specialize in kitchen and baths and are a great supporter of the magazine. Look for the info in the magazine, and I will also be sending out invitations in the coming weeks.

Have a great fall, and see you all in November!

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After small talk and pleasantries are exchanged, the conversation most often turns, not so subtly, to my accent. The inquiry usually begins with "where are you from?" to which I reply, "Texas." At this point, I am usually met with a look of bewilderment and surprise since I have already let them know that I have lived in Colorado for over 25 years. With often a sarcastic undertone, I am met with "Wow, you still have your accent" or "I can't believe you haven't lost your accent." I am never offended by this exchange because I view my accent as inseparable from me, much like the color of my eyes.

lambs, branding cattle, helping in the shearing pen, and stomping down wool in the wool bags. I worked hard, but I didn't work anything like my brother and sister. I was younger, so I was given a pass on a lot of things. One of my most important jobs was counting lamb tails. We cut off their tails for sanitation, and we knew the size of the lamb crop by counting the tails dropped in the buckets. My father never got angry when we missed strays or we pushed too hard and animals went through the fence or some other ranch calamity. He was laid back and had a wicked sense of humor. To this day, my brother and now my cousins run the operations. I am very proud of them, as they have, like all businesses must, adapted to the changing times, and made great strides in the ranching industry. The irony is, I can count on my fingers and have some left of how many times I have eaten lamb. We didn't eat it, we just worked it and sold

WEST TEXAS, HOW IT ALL BEGAN I grew up in a small, West Texas oil town called Big Lake, TX. It is the proud home of the Santa Rita No. 1, which was an oil rig named for the Saint of the Impossible. In late 1923, the site struck oil, and this began the exploration for other oil-rich fields of the Permian Basin. To this day, this is where the West Texas crude oil prices are based. It can be a roughand-tumble place, but it was my home. I was Max and LaRue's baby girl and am still remembered as such. I am a true "rancher's daughter" whose eye will always be on the sky, looking for rain clouds. "All we need is a lot of rain and a little luck or a little rain and a lot of luck," and we will be fine. Rain was the center of our lives, looking for it, praying for it, or checking the rain gage when we did get it. The country is vast, and if you are traveling across the West and you see large ranches with lone homes and barns and think "who lives out here," it. You don't eat the "inventory." that would be how the Schneemanns lived. The ranches go on for miles, and our pastures, to this "Do you realize your dress cost one lamb?" day, are one to two sections in size. But the truth is, My father and his father were very progressive businessmen. We were simply in the business where the product was livestock. In my family of yesterday and today, we always discussed profits

it has to be that way; the grass is strong, but there isn't an abundance, and windmills are deep and expensive to drill. Large pastures only need one source of water, and it cuts down on fencing. and losses. At any one time, we knew the price of Both of my German great-grandfathers settled lambs, what wool was going for per pound, and how here and were involved in ranching and the sheep much heifers and cow/calf pairs brought at the last industry. One brought the first sheep to this area sale. We knew the price of the winter feed, how of Texas while the other grew his ranching intermuch to feed the livestock in each pasture, and the ests and, at one time, was called the "Sheep King animal count was always written on some stray of Texas." Our family have always run sheep and matchbook or a Dairy Queen napkin on the dashcattle while my grandmother ran Angora goats. board of a very dirty pick-up. I am not saying the My brother, sister and I grew up working sheep and cattle, rounding up on early mornings, fighting ... the dreaded mesquite, giving vaccine, drenching



... bookkeeping was the best, but we were very aware of business expenses. On the mornings before school, my father would make me breakfast, and we would read the current events in the San Angelo *Times* newspaper. This would be after we checked the Livestock section, the basketball scores (more on that later) and looked at the front page for the 8-inch imprint of a red rooster. This would mean that it rained somewhere in West Texas the day before. So, even if our place didn't get rain that day, maybe, just maybe, rain was coming our way.

#### **THE HORSES**

My father was a well-known horse judge throughout the Southwest. He bred horses, broke them, trained them, and we competed on them. A typical day at the ranch would be working sheep or cattle or checking water troughs and fences. By noon,

it was too hot, so the afternoon was spent reading and waiting for the sun to set (we had no TV). Then, it was out to the arena where we practiced typical rodeo events: barrels, poles, roping and working horses. The evenings were spent swimming in the stock tank and playing cards. On the weekends, we were going to junior rodeos and competing. This was the cycle until about middle school. By this time, we quit spending summers at the ranch and lived full time "in town," and Dad would bring the horses to us for that time. As I look back, I think my mother was ready to get to civilization.

#### THE ORIGINAL "TIGER MOM"

To put it mildly, my mother was the direct opposite of my father. Yet, she is the essence of everything I became. She was a beautiful woman who met my father at a rodeo in North Texas. She was visiting family on leave from Colorado College when she was asked to the rodeo dance. LaRue was not from West Texas, she was extremely artistic, went to an out-of-state college, and

I had to travel all the way to North Texas to see my other grandparents! All of this made her seem exotic to my little hometown. She was smart, witty, and highly competitive. That last part is pivotal. It was not said, but it was expected. You practiced, and you performed. If your performance was not up to par, you practiced more. As I look back, it is simply amazing that all three children responded so favorably. With the exception of some minor rebellion, we all fell in line. The rule was simple: If you were going to do something, you were going to give it your best. And, your best was winning. It just so happened we were all three athletic, did well in school, and inherited this highly competitive spirit. I thrived under her guidance. She was my number-one fan. "She is walking on her hands, she must go to dance!" "Max, she needs a better horse!" "If she can play the piano, she can play the flute and the sax, it is the same!" "Practice five more times!" "You need to shoot more, you are open!" Then, there were the "lady comments." "If you walk like a cowgirl, that horse is going back to the ranch." She was also a national flower show judge, and I learned about grasses and flowers helping her with

her annual testing. From her, I devel-Mike and I married and bought a home in Pacific Grove. We worked during the day and remodeled the home at night. About oped my love of gardening. She taught this time, Monterey Bay homes were appreciating up to 30us to take things one step further. You percent a year, and we started seriously considering selling and can always do more. She provided the confidence that we could do anything. moving out of the area. Mike felt claustrophobic - it was the town he grew up in, too much change and not enough opportunity. He had never left and felt like there was more out there in the world. I had passed my test but never practiced, as we decided to sell and take advantage of the crazy market at that time. With a new Ford Explorer, a car carrier on top, and baby in the back, we headed to see wherever someone told us "was the place to be." For six months we crisscrossed from Bend to Boise, down to Austin, and over to Santa Fe. On a fluke, we came to Colorado Springs on a rainy July day, and that was it. Knowing we wanted acreage, we drove around the Black Forest area for three days. As we passed the most dilapidated, rusty real estate sign, the name rider on top was so bent you could barely make out the names: "Call Ed or Lee." This sign had to have been there for years. We called, they answered and drove

She was empowering and motivating. I am forever grateful to her. "OOPS. I DIDN'T MARRY A RANCHER ... WHAT NOW?" I finished high school with basketball-scoring records and ran a fast 400. I went on to college with a rodeo scholarship and made a run at my MBA but just wanted to get into the game of life. However, I missed the memo on marrying a rancher's son. Well, that created a problem. A "girl" can't inherit a ranch. You wed into one. This was unfortunate because I was quite certain no one could work a horse or pens like my sister and me. Plus, now I am college educated and have seen a lot of the world. Girls can now have careers, we don't have to marry into a livelihood. And I think there is more to the world than West Texas, sheep, and cattle. By this time, my dad had passed away, and we have lost control of our day-to-day ranching operations. My mom has suc-... cumbed to addiction. Everyone has their lives to lead. I moved to California - what a change! I have never seen such a world. The most exciting time of my life so far.

#### "646-1919/RECEPTIONIST WANTED"

This is an ad I responded to in Monterey, CA. This is how my new life began. After college, I had taken a job south of San Jose and met my future husband, Mike, at a swimming pool (I can't make this stuff up) and was trying to find a job near him. I saw this two-line ad. It was very ambiguous, but I wanted to move closer to Mike. They returned my call, and it is was a large, commercial real estate firm looking for a personal assistant to the owner. He needed someone to handle the accounting, management of his buildings, and personal business. I accepted. My real estate education was now starting. Wow, this job placed me with the power players of Monterey. I had no idea of the influence and money I had stumbled upon. That is the beauty of the story. I was just trying to get closer to a guy and answered an ad.

The clients were industry leaders attempting to break into Monterey real estate. I picked up clients at the Monterey airport who had flown in on their private jets from Sun Valley, one lived in Gstaad for the part of the year, others owned businesses up and down the coast, while another had sold a computer software company in Palo Alto. Not to totally glamorize the job ... I was the bookkeeper, the rent chaser, the coffee maker, the sandwich getter, the copier repair person ... I was the head gopher. I gassed up the cars, took them to the car wash, got cash at the bank, got so lost in Pebble Beach one time that someone had to come retrieve me. But the most important thing I learned was how genuine the clients were, how they needed truthfulness and honesty. They needed to trust someone. I also learned about the inner workings of commercial real estate, and, this is key, I wrote the commission checks. They were sizable, and I was seriously thinking I can do this. So, I was off to San Francisco for the real estate test.

#### A RUSTED, YELLOW SIGN

••• us in a van across the land. We were sold. We have been here for now 25 years, built and sold, and built again. I started selling with Rawhide, and Mike began his building career. I would do floor time on the weekends so Mike could watch our two children, and I would be with them on the weekdays as Mike worked. One foot in front of the other, time marched on, and we have weathered three real estate booms and the Great Recession.

#### "THE ONLY THING CONSTANT IS CHANGE."

Mike's building and our children always took prece-

dence over my career. However, as they grew older, and times and needs changed, I wanted to expand and grow. I really love real estate. My favorite part is knocking on the door, meeting people, and analyzing home values. The highs and lows are extreme; rejection is difficult but necessary. Lessons are learned and, hopefully, implemented. There is always another chance and another day. The business has moved so quickly that I sometimes lament that I don't really know if experience earlier than about 2012 even matters. But this is what I do and will continue to do. I just have to keep improving.





THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN INSTRU MENTAL IN MY LIFE THAT I WANT TO ADDRES John Mahoney – My boss in Monterey. Thank you for all the lessons.

**RIP Suzanne Bloom** – Commercial realtor in Monterey. First true business woman I had ever met. You broke the glass ceiling for me.

**Ernie Lostrom** – Commercial realtor in Monterey. Thank you for teaching me about micro marketing.

Thank you for reading. This was much more difficult than I realized. It involved looking back and that can be difficult for me, but then, it also teaches you how far you have come. See you at a closing, Jill.

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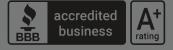
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Our real estate market continues to be one of the strongest in the US. We have a good job

market, a shortage of homes and high demand. Colorado Springs has become a destination city for Millennials, Retirees and buyers from Castle Rock and Denver, as well as for those coming from other states to enjoy the Front Range. Projections of growth for the entire Front Range are staggering over the next 20 years. It is likely that growth will continue but seasonality and other factors will likely slow the rate of increase.

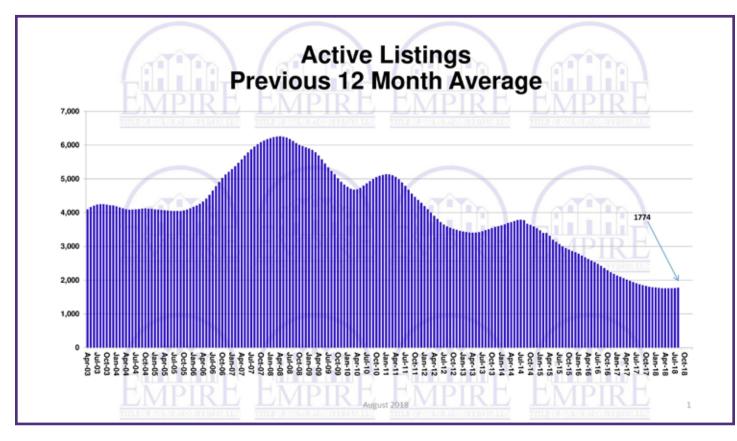
Particular factors to watch are the number of sales, number of listings

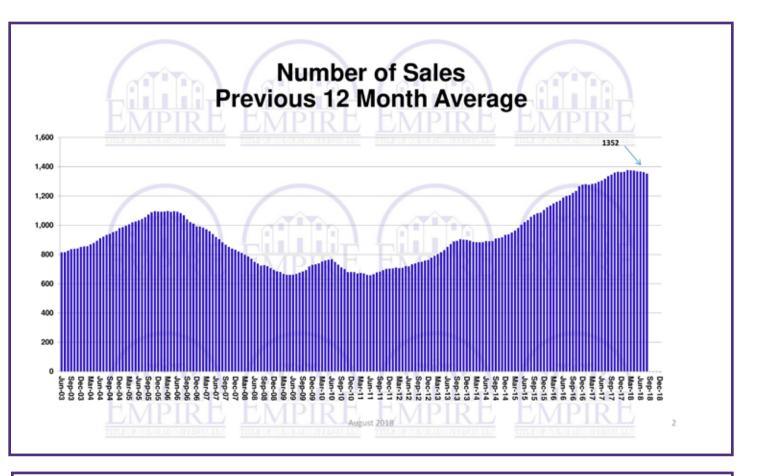
and the number of sales each month. Sales are sitting at historic highs, and listings are hovering around historic lows. (See Slides 1 & 2) Notice that both listings and sales have plateaued on a 12-month running average. This is essential to stabilize an atomic market.

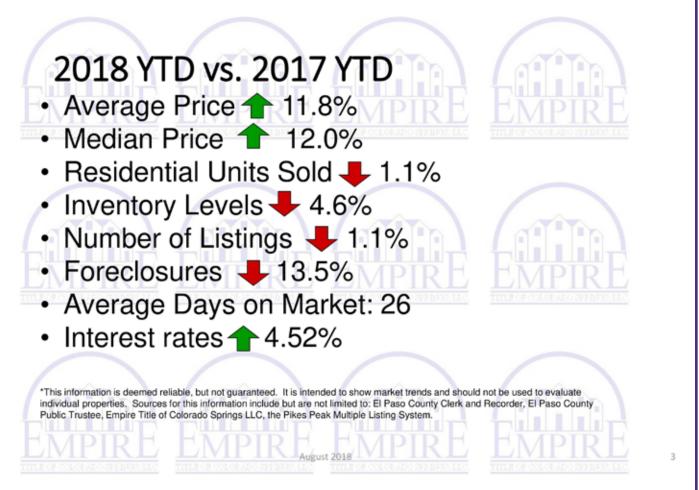
Sellers panic if they are not under contract in a week. News Flash: that is not a normal market. Buyers are frustrated because they get over bid on a consistent basis, sometimes by a winning contract over the appraised value. Note to self: not a normal market. The average sales price year over year is up 11.8%, and the median sales price is up 12%. (See Slide 3) Reality check: if real estate always did this, we would all be millionaires.

I am not predicting a crash or major correction at this time, but it is likely we will return to homes sitting a little longer on the market - normal. Not as many multiple offers is ok. A slowdown in the rate of appreciation needs to happen or we will become unaffordable based on current salaries and wages.

As mentioned previously, our market is atomic, like some kind of super nebular reaction. On a go forward basis, our atomic market is likely to become denuclearized and turn into a market that is sustainable, attainable ... and one that will not explode.









HOUSING & BUILDING ASSOCIATION

## 2018 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

At the end of each year, the Housing & Building Association of Colorado identifies Strategic Priorities that are adopted into our annual business plan for the following year. Informed by the most critical issues impacting our industry and our community, these Strategic Priorities serve to uphold the mission that has guided our association for more than six decades.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

The Housing & Building Association of Colorado Springs promotes policies that allow for the production of safe and affordable housing and enhances the environment for the housing and building industry in El Paso County.

The HBA looks forward to carrying out the following Strategic Priorities in 2018:

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The HBA will continue to build positive relationships with local associations, organizations and elected officials. We will participate in the housing affordability conversation and will push for market-driven solutions that address the need for housing for the working class.

We will remain proactive in regulatory reform, including building codes, EPA regulation, the Colorado Springs Comprehensive Plan, and the statewide limited growth initiative.

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## **FREEDOR** COLORADO SPRINGS IS AT THE CENTER OF THE "TINY HOUSE" MOVEMENT

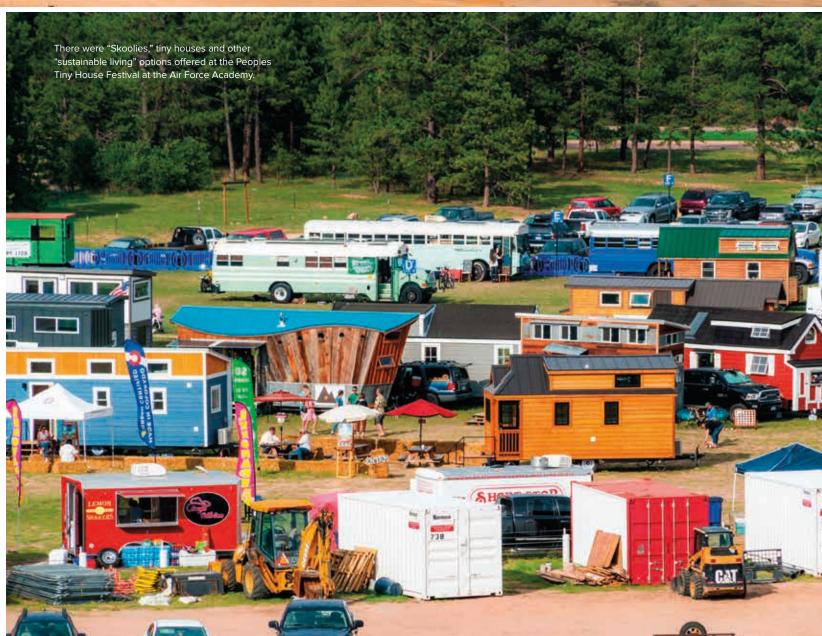
"Once upon a time, there was a teeny-tiny woman who lived in a teeny-tiny house in a teeny-tiny village." So begins the fairytale of yore.

Well, now there are tiny houses, and they have been in Colorado Springs for some time now. What is a "tiny house?" According to Wikipedia:

"The tiny house movement is a description for the architectural and social movement that advocates living simply in small homes. There is currently no set definition as to what constitutes as a tiny house; however, a residential structure under 500 square feet is generally accepted to be a tiny home. The tiny house movement promotes financial prudence, eco-friendly choices, shared community experiences, and a shift in consumerism-driven mindsets."

Marcus Alvarado, owner of the "People's Tiny House Festival," held at the Air Force Academy August 3-5 this year, has been a participant in this "movement" for several years. Alavarado was also

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Overview of the "People's Tiny House Festival" held at the Air Force Academy in August of this year.





••• involved in the Tiny House Jamboree, held in the Springs in 2015 and '16; that event was originally scheduled to be held again in 2017 but was cancelled here and moved to Austin, TX. The "People's Tiny House Festival" is a completely new event with no ties to the former Tiny House event.

> Plans are to stage the "People's Tiny House Festival" again in 2019, however, location and dates have not yet been announced. Attendance at the Jamboree was approximately 40,000 in 2015 and 60,000 in 2016. This year's People's Tiny House Festival" had an attendance of roughly 20,000, according to Alvarado. Alvarado attributes the smaller attendance this year to a much shorter promotional timeframe than was the case for the former events. "It took some time to conclude that we could put on the event

this year, and by the time it was a 'go,' we only had roughly three months to create the Festival, which, in event terms, is a very, very short period of time."

"The 'tiny house' movement is morphing into something much bigger; it is really a 'simple living' movement. Millennials, boomers, and many in between are looking for alternatives to the 30-year mortgage."

Alvarado notes that "tiny houses" come in several different forms:

- DIY construction on a trailer frame (the "original" tiny house type)
- Fully-constructed houses on a steel frame with wheels built by dedicated commercial tiny house builders throughout the U.S. (more like ultra-small



stick-built houses rather than typical manufactured "mobile homes" or "trailers")

- "Skoolies," which are converted yellow school buses
- Conversion vans and camper vans.

All, or most, tiny homes have a VIN number and are typically registered as recreational vehicles, as they are dwelling units on wheels.

One such "dedicated tiny house commercial builder" is located in Colorado Springs, and is considered the "grandfather" of the manufactured tiny house movement, and that is Tumbleweed Tiny House Company (https://www.tumbleweedhouses.com), the oldest and largest seller/manufacturer in the country relocated from Sonoma, CA, to Colorado Springs.

According to Shawna Lytle, Creative Services Specialist at Tumbleweed, "Simplifying tiny house ownership is one of our core missions." This company has been at the core of "the movement" since its inception, and has seen it evolve from strictly DIY-ers to what Tumbleweed now offers, which is "soup to nuts" ownership, including offering multiple models, financing and lots of advice to prospective tiny house buyers.

"This is mostly about people wanting to live more freely," notes Lytle, who calls herself the "company multi-tasker." She says that getting to the point where Tumbleweed could offer financing was a big breakthrough. That financing, she says, including zero down, is in the same vein as RV and mobile home financing, and that tiny houses are considered a depreciating, rather than an ap-

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One of the largest, if not THE largest issues with "going tiny" is real estate: land, a place to legally park a tiny home, given the current state of zoning laws in almost all municipalities in the United States. According to an article in the *Colorado Springs Independent*, (*The Wire*, June 18, 2018):

"The main obstacle for tiny home building is zoning and coding regulations."

Tiny homes are classified as recreational vehicles, which are illegal to use as a permanent residence in most of Colorado and El Paso County. But that is changing. For example, in May 2017, El Paso County Commissioners approved a zoning variance to make an existing tiny home legal.

Then in June of the same year, the Colorado Springs Planning Commission agreed to a zoning adjustment that allowed two tiny homes on a 400acre ranch.

Later, in December, county commissioners agreed unanimously to Resolution 17-372 to amend the land development code to include definitions for tiny homes and changed definitions for recreational vehicle parks.

Now, tiny homes are allowed in unincorporated areas as long as they meet Recreational Vehicle In-



One of the models of tiny houses offered by Colorado Springs-based tiny house manufacturer Tumbleweed Tiny House Company.



Interior of a Tumbleweed Tiny House Company tiny house. Efficient design offers amenities one would not have thought possible in a 400- to 500-square-foot dwelling.

dustry Association standards, or, in the case of DI projects, are certified by a structural engineer.

Though doors are opening, for the time being, tiny homes remain illegal permanent residences in incorporated areas of the county."

Tumbleweed offers a referral fee to Realtors for a Some municipalities, such as Portland, OR, and Durango, CO (Escalante Village (www.escalantevillage.com) offer specific opportunities for "parking" a tiny house. There is very slow evolution occurring in some communities regarding zoning and codes relating to tiny houses. In the meantime, a

IY	potential tiny home owner must be aware of those is-
	sues prior to purchasing a tiny home. That being said,
	Tumbleweed Tiny House Company is selling 10 to 15
у	homes per month with plans to ramp up production
	in the near future.

Awards Banquet for the 2018 Parade of Homes held at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in August.

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the annual Parade of Homes Awards Banquet held August 29th at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort August.

"HBA is excited that the 2018 Parade of Homes was the largest Parade in 10 years with 36 homes across our community and over 19,000 attendees. We haven't seen this caliber of homes in the Parade, not only in the number of homes entered but also in the number of custom homes that the public has been able to tour. We had many builders who reported home sales within the first week of the Parade. Ticket sales remain strong and public feedback has been great. We look forward to continuing this trend in next year's Parade."

And the Winners Are: Industry Awards, voted on by HBA members:

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Best Kitchen	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Master Suite	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Interior Design	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Floor Plan	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Architectural Exterior	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Outdoor Living	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn
Best Overall Home	Antelope Ridge – The Buckhorn

#### \$305,000-\$330,000 (ALL ON ONE TROPHY)

Best Kitchen Best Master Suite Oakwood Homes - Conifer Oakwood Homes - Conifer

Best Interior Design	Oakwood Homes - Conifer
Best Floor Plan	Oakwood Homes - Conifer
Best Architectural Exterior	Oakwood Homes - Conifer
Best Outdoor Living	Oakwood Homes - Conifer
Best Overall Home	Oakwood Homes - Conifer

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#### \$950,000 - \$1,000,000

Best Kitchen	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls
Best Master Suite	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls
Best Interior Design	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls
Best Floor Plan	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls
Best Architectural Exterior	Hi-Point Home Builders – Top Shelf
Best Outdoor Living	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls
Best Overall Home	Level 1 Homes – Grayson Falls

#### \$1,425,000 - \$1,675,000

Best Kitchen	Alliance Builders – The Augusta
Best Master Suite	Alliance Builders – The Augusta
Best Interior Design	All About Home Design –
	Camp Millhaven - Mountain Modern
Best Floor Plan	All About Home Design –
	Camp Millhaven - Mountain Modern
Best Architectural Exterior	All About Home Design –
	Camp Millhaven - Mountain Modern
Best Outdoor Living	All About Home Design –
	Camp Millhaven - Mountain Modern
Best Overall Home	All About Home Design –
	Camp Millhaven - Mountain Modern

#### \$1,700,000- \$1,900,000

Best Kitchen	Solid Rock Custom Homes -
	Bella Decouvre
Best Master Suite	Comito Building & Design –
	Waters Edge
Best Interior Design	Comito Building & Design –
	Waters Edge
Best Floor Plan	Alliance Builders – The Charmant
Best Architectural Exterior	Comito Building & Design –
	Waters Edge
Best Outdoor Living	Comito Building & Design –
	Waters Edge
Best Overall Home	Comito Building & Design –
	Waters Edge

#### MORE THAN \$2,500,000 (ALL ON ONE TROPHY)

Best Kitchen	The Newport Company –
	Saddle Stone
Best Master Suite	The Newport Company –
	Saddle Stone

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS, VOTED ON BY THE ATTENDING PUBLIC:

#### PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Best Interior Design

Best Outdoor Living

Best Overall Home

Best Floor Plan

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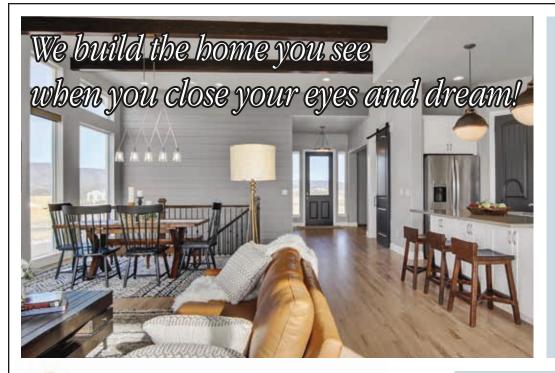
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I grew up in a small town in Michigan and was the youngest of five. I married my high school junior prom date, Tim DeNio. We had met in Individual Sports Class our junior year. I saw my chance to connect during a bike ride, and I thought I'd get his attention by running my bike into the back of his. While it backfired, and I wiped out, I definitely got his attention!

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April DeNio

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I was fairly athletic in high school. I ran track, and I was the proud winner of multiple sports awards, including school records in the discus throw and the 440-yard dash. I also won awards for music, playing the flute and competing in various high school competitions. I don't play much anymore ... just an occasional family wedding or funeral. I also raised and trained Quarter horses, for which I was the recipient of numerous 4-H awards. I was pretty much an individual. My family lived several miles from town, so I had no friends to play with, so I had to make the best of what I had. I grew up a "country" girl. I would entertain myself by swimming in the pond with the leeches and frogs (yes, my mom had to pick the leeches off), slide through cow pies with my bare feet, drowned the chipmunks out of their holes and turned them into pets, helped my dad bale hay and my mom cultivate the garden, built forts, picked wild berries and the Michigan favorite morel mushrooms, chased my sister around with snakes, and enjoyed all the winter activities Michigan offered, which included sledding, riding toboggans behind snowmobiles trying to be the last hanging on, digging snow caves, and ice skating on the ponds. I didn't hang out with the "neighborhood" kids because there weren't any neighborhoods. My friends were the farm animals I suppose ... especially my horse. My dad wanted me to have a horse because he heard girls that had horses wouldn't like boys as fast. LOL.

Tim and I graduated high school in June of 1984 and got married four months later in October. Tim ... (a patriot to his core) promptly joined the Army that November, eager to serve his country. He served in Field Artillery at first, and when he came home from his first war, Operation Desert Storm, he decided to go into Special Forces. He spent the rest of his military career as a Green Beret and also served in multiple conflicts to include The War on Terrorism and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tim weathered many hot spots during his military service until he retired in 2004. He then worked fulltime until 2017 as a military contractor, working in Special Ops. I spent many months/years alone. It wasn't always easy, but it made me a stronger person. I certainly had to learn to adapt, and quickly, to make it as a Special Forces military wife.

> To this day we are together, best friends, living happily ever after ... 35 years later!



After high school, I never had a desire to go to college. I have great administrative skills, which I put to use prior to engaging in real estate. I logged administrative time in an engineering firm and continued that until I had children.

We were married for seven years before I got pregnant with our first child. It happened right after Tim returned from Operation Desert Storm. The military called it "Operation Desert Stork," because so many military wives were having babies at that time. We had our first two children, Ashley and Adam, fairly close together. I tried to work after the kids were born, but it was too difficult with Tim being gone so much. Daycare just wasn't for us, so in the early years I mostly stayed home to raise the children.

Once I decided to be a stay-at-home mom, I tried my hand at entrepreneurship. I sold Discover Toys, and while I continued to set records in sales, I couldn't motivate my team to my level of enthusiasm and productivity. I then learned bookkeeping and went to work for a local builder part time doing his books.

The only college course I took was accounting, and I took it because I wanted to learn and understand bookkeeping. When my kids were small, I taught myself the craft of desktop publishing while I was volunteering for Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS). Desktop publishing helped me support the group as their publicity person, and I served on the Steering Committee as well. The volunteer work kept me from being bored and lonely. Because we moved so much, it was hard to develop close friendships in the short time we would be stationed at a new place. It was through that first experience that I learned to love volunteer work. Since then, I have served on the Board and Finance Team for a local church, treasurer/publicity person for a homeowner's association, treasurer for a hockey association, and served in many other miscellaneous volunteer positions.

We've been in and out of Colorado numerous times. We've moved from Fort Carson, CO, to Fort Bragg, NC, back to Fort Carson, and back to Fort Bragg. Actually a total of four times. We also lived in Fort Campbell, KY; Fort Lewis, WA; and Fort Devens, MA. I'll never forget when the entire 10th Special Forces Group moved to Fort Carson from Fort Devens. That was quite a move. We are now where we've always wanted to be ... Colorado!

When we were stationed at Fort Carson, I worked as an assistant for Noma Nel Hayden who was a long-time Teller County agent. I used to think she was famous because I'd see her billboards around town saying, "Call Noma Nel Before You Buy or Sell." I'm sure many of you reading this know of her. I learned all about marketing from her, but I never thought I would be a realtor because she worked ALL the time. I can remember her telling me about her husband fussing at her for working so much. I found myself saying, "I'll never be a realtor." Famous last words!

I became a realtor in 2010 when the market was perfect for fixand-flips. I ran into a gal in one of my church groups, and during introductions she told me she was an investor. I was intrigued and asked her to tell me more. She said she bought ugly houses and flipped them. And that's what lit my fire.

I wanted to get my feet wet in that market, but I could never get a realtor to show me the homes in a timely manner. So, I decided to get my own license. I built my business initially by representing not only myself in the fix-and-flips, but also the gal who introduced me to that market. Then I picked up a few more investors, including a family member, who was out of state. We

all just bought and sold, and that's how I got my start. I learned like crazy in the beginning. I took every course I could fit into my schedule. I earned my GRI, CNE, ABR — all right up front. It is the best thing I could have done for a great, solid start in this crazy business.

My business has continued to grow over the years, and now over 85 percent of my business is from referrals and past clients. I pride myself on providing excellent customer service. I stay in touch with my clients with birthday cards, emails on market stats, miscellaneous postcards, and customer appreciation events. I remember Noma Nel Hayden telling me that she didn't base. I learned well from her!

I've tried to get my husband on board with the real estate busibecome really successful until she started to "drip" on her client ness because I think a husband/wife team would be awesome, but he's not interested. He does independent contractor work when he feels like it or when he wants to travel. He is also part owner I am pleased at the many ways my clients have described me: of a brewery in Playa Del Coco in Costa Rica called Angry Goats professional, thorough, top-notch, tireless energy, kind, patient, Brewery which is located in Coconutz Bar and Grill. Make sure if you take a trip down to Costa Rica you try one of their craft informative, awesome, service queen, dedicated, devoted, super agent, attentive to detail. I must be doing something right! brews and say hi to one of the many ex-pats hanging out there.

I knew I would never be satisfied with only fix-and-flips, as About two years ago, I decided that I wanted to give singing a try. I never sang my entire life. Honestly, I didn't think I could. I I've always been intrigued by real estate in general. I have a good marketing mind. I'm always thinking of ideas to attract started out taking voice lessons with Christi Bovee, a local voice business. I do all of my own marketing: MLS input, property coach. She really had her work cut out for her because I was description writing, Facebook posting, flyers, ads, postcards, truly a beginner. About a year after that I met Cari Dell, a local etc. I even do my own bookkeeping. I'm very detail-oriented, entertainer, and we got to talking about singing. I didn't think I could sing well, and I told her so. She asked me, "Who told you so that serves me well in all of those areas. I love the business because it fits in perfectly with all of the skills I've learned you can't sing well?" I said, "My husband." She told me not to over the years. listen to him, since he is not a singer. Cari is an amazing guitarist, and she shared that her mother always told her she should I have a small, independent brokerage in Woodland Park. I just stick to playing guitar, but Cari is an awesome singer! So, I thought maybe I can get better too. Don't worry, I have no plans to quit my real estate career to try out for America's Got Talent, The Voice, or American Idol. I know my place! This is just for fun, but at 50-plus years old, it's fun to learn something new and important to have something you strive to get better at.

never set out to be a Managing Broker until one of my past clients was getting her real estate license. She asked why she couldn't just come in under me. So, I took the Managing Broker course, and since then I've brought in many brokers. Most are of the entrepreneurial mindset and don't need much handholding, but they have enjoyed the training they've received under my supervision. I like to teach. I try to do everything right and Tim and I have three children: Ashley (26), Adam (25), and by the book. I so appreciate the many classes I have taken ... es-Gabriel (13). Gabriel is our "retirement" baby. Tim was gone so pecially the ones taught by the late Oliver Frascona. They really much during his military career that he missed a lot as the first set me up for success. two kids were growing up. After he retired he said, "Let's have another baby!" So, while all our friends are becoming grandpar-Most of my brokers have gone on to become independent, and ents, we are still actively raising a son.

they all are still great friends and local agents. I don't feel they Our daughter Ashley followed in her Dad's footsteps and went are competition. There is more than enough business for all of us. We regularly meet for lunch or breakfast to talk about real estate. into the Army. My daughter was extremely strong-willed and a I'm very thankful for my realtor friends. I am especially grateful great challenge to raise. When she was a junior in high school, for Robin Searle with Sellstate Alliance. Robin and I graduated we suggested the Air Force Academy. She wanted nothing to do real estate school about the same time and met at our very first with the military at that time. Now she absolutely loves it. Her brokerage, Keller Williams Clients' Choice. We are the best of ... friends now, and she is my "go to" gal.

I have three agents under me now. My most recent agent is now my daughter-in-law, Meagan. My eldest son, Adam, met Meagan when he flew the coop and spread his wings to explore the neighboring state of Wyoming. Meagan was going to school to become a teacher when she and Adam got engaged and moved back to Colorado from Wyoming. I enticed her into real estate, and she is now licensed and a great asset. She also serves as my assistant and takes any overflow work I pass on to her. Meagan is super smart and a really great realtor. My son made an excellent choice!

... dad (my husband, Tim) was in the service as an enlisted man, and she is an officer. She calls her dad all the time though to talk "shop." He teaches her how to relate to her enlisted troops and what she can do to be a good leader to them. She's been to Airborne School and Air Assault School, all schools that her dad has been through. When she graduated from Airborne School, we flew to Fort Benning, GA, for her graduation. Her dad proudly pinned on her wings — "blood wings." Those of you with a military background will know what I mean. It's where instead of pinning the wings on, you slap them into the recipient's chest and draw blood. It's not "allowed" anymore. (But who is going to tell a retired former Green Beret you can't give your daughter blood wings?) She is a Blackhawk pilot and is stationed at Fort Carson, but recently she was deployed to Romania, where she is as I write this. Her husband of almost three years, Alex Jalali, is currently serving in Afghanistan. I thank both of them for serving our great country and pray for their safe return.

> Adam (with his wife, Meagan), lives nearby in Woodland Park and started his own construction company, Boar Construction. He works in the construction field with Meagan by his side working real estate. It's great to have such a close relationship where we can play some evening basketball, a game of cornhole, or go out for some frozen yogurt. I anticipate my first grandchildren will come from them.

> Our youngest son, Gabriel, is very involved in ice hockey. He plays AA and travels quite a bit for that. My husband has been his coach in past years and had given up a large part of his time to the Woodland Park Hockey Association when Gabriel was younger and even when our eldest son played. We are excited that hockey in Woodland Park has grown to the extent we now have a high school team. We are looking forward to our son playing for the Woodland Park Panthers in two years when he reaches ninth grade.

I work mainly Teller County. I live, work and play in Woodland Park. I've been here since 2008 the longest we've lived anywhere because of the military travel. I know our local communities, I understand the various water and septic issues, and I love to share all about why Teller County is a great place to live! I'm a great advocate for Woodland Park because I love this "City Above the Clouds!"



My company invests in the town where we do business. As a company, we have participated in the Homecoming Parade and Christmas Parade. One year the theme was Celebrating 50 Years of Beatlemania. We dressed up like "beetles" (we had a beetle shell on our back and beetle legs sticking out) and played blow-up guitars and danced to "Twist and Shout." Our float was rocking. Needless to say, we won the Spirit Award!

We also participate in the Fourth of July in the Park, bringing life-sized Jenga and corn hole games, all decked out with our logo. And we have hosted the food and wine pairing at Vino and Notes for four years in a row! We've also sponsored local soccer and ice hockey teams. We consider our community a great investment.

I love real estate. I love the flexibility. I like that I can tell my clients I'm booked after 3 p.m. with appointments. In reality, I have to pick my son up from school. I try not to schedule appointments after that time if at all possible. I do the same with my workouts. My husband and I drive down to the Springs three times a week to attend OrangeTheory Fitness. I didn't always invest in my health, but now I do it religiously. This business can suck the life out of you and take over your life if you let it. It's good to have a balance. It took me several years to figure that out, but I'm better off now for realizing that. I love referrals. If you ever find yourself with a buyer looking to purchase "up the pass" and you don't want to make that commitment, please look me up. I'll take excellent care of them!

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#	Name	Office Name	List Side	Sold Side	Total Sides	\$ Volume List Side	\$ Volume Sold Side	Total \$ Volume
1	Mark Ewell	Turner Associates LLC	98	0	98	\$30,484,783	\$0	\$30,484,783
2	Mike MacGuire	The Platinum Group Realtors	30	33	63	\$11,802,015	\$13,418,448	\$25,220,463
3	Kathy Loidolt	Flying Horse Realty	37	21	58	\$14,806,270	\$9,921,418	\$24,787,688
4	Monica L Shea	The Platinum Group Realtors	20	29	49	\$7,556,400	\$10,271,751	\$17,828,151
5	Cherise Selley	Selley Group Real Estate, LLC	18	26	44	\$7,117,947	\$10,624,061	\$17,742,008
6	Mark Salas	Best Realty INC	24	51	75	\$6,150,500	\$10,981,171	\$17,131,671
7	Nathan A Johnson	RE/MAX Real Estate Group	13	36	49	\$3,330,500	\$10,820,896	\$14,820,896
8	Michelle Fisher	RE/MAX Properties, Inc.	26	13	39	\$7,856,300	\$4,988,054	\$12,844,354
9	Scott Coddington	Pulse Real Estate Group, LLC	20	16	36	\$7,311,000	\$5,185,475	\$12,496,475
10	Angela Fugate	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	24	15	39	\$6,952,900	\$4,657,500	\$11,610,400
11	Ashley Wilson	RE/MAX Properties, Inc.	21	15	36	\$6,238,000	\$4,965,538	\$11,203,538
12	Dustin Kimberlin	Keller Williams Premier Realty	20	17	37	\$6,042,500	\$5,145,600	\$11,188,100
13	Peggy Ulmer	ERA Shields	9	21	30	\$3,469,800	\$7,586,769	\$11,056,569
14	Chris J Clark	Pikes Peak Homes and Land	28	7	35	\$8,671,203	\$2,190,000	\$10,861,203
15	Jamie Krakofsky	Remax Real Estate Group	12	20	32	\$3,505,000	\$6,841,900	\$10,346,900
16	Dave Sanders	Re/Max Real Estate Group	7	17	24	\$2,479,000	\$6,163,799	\$8,642,799
17	Maggie Easton	RE/MAX Properties, Inc.	11	9	20	\$4,565,009	\$3,832,284	\$8,397,293
18	Rhonda Brennan	Mountain Desert Realty	6	10	16	\$3,148,800	\$3,671,427	\$6,820,227
19	Darlene Cramm	Shorewood Real Estate	6	16	22	\$3,015,000	\$3,742,800	\$6,757,800
20	Craig Rogers	The Platinum Group, Realtors	6	14	20	\$1,824,300	\$4,625,936	\$6,450,236
21	Linda Lafferty	The Platinum Group Realtors	8	8	16	\$2,877,000	\$3,198,500	\$6,075,500
22	Larry Knop	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	6	14	20	\$1,793,628	\$3,559,900	\$5,353,528
23	Veronica Gurule	Red, White & Blue Realty Group, Inc	12	16	28	\$3,274,500	\$1,829,472	\$5,103,972
24	ERIC ESTRADA	KELLER WILLIAMS PARTNERS	6	15	21	\$1,388,950	\$3,692,412	\$5,081,362
25	Marie Sweetland	Coldwell Banker Red Rock Realty	9	8	17	\$2,119,230	\$2,805,797	\$4,925,027
26	Megan Dommer	ERA Shields	11	5	16	\$3,151,000	\$1,740,000	\$4,891,000
27	Jeannette Stevens	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	4	10	14	\$1,334,000	\$2,371,000	\$3,705,000
28	Rachel Buller	Manitou Springs Real Estate, LLC	7	7	14	\$2,035,000	\$1,561,900	\$3,596,900
29	Wanda Wood	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	4	10	14	\$1,002,000	\$2,321,900	\$3,323,900
30	Whitney Lewis	Manitou Springs Real Estate, LLC	2	7	9	\$494,500	\$2,025,000	\$2,519,500
31	James Sherrell	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	2	6	8	\$614,800	\$1,428,900	\$2,043,700
32	Kelli Smith	MacKenzie-Jackson Real Estate	5	2	7	\$1,426,000	\$574,900	\$2,000,900

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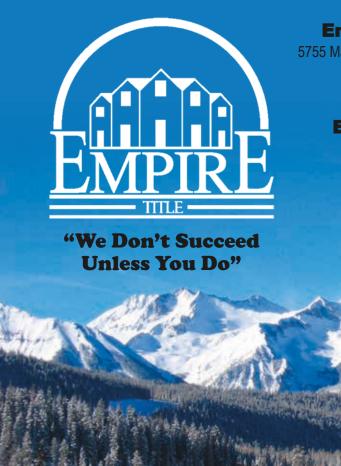
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1	The Johnson Team	90	142	232	\$26,520,000	\$41,480,000	\$68,000,000
2	The Clement Group	71	55	126	\$33,063,725	\$27,961,750	\$61,025,475
3	The Nathan Johnson Team	37	93	130	\$10,497,500	\$26,613,096	\$37,110,596
4	Pulse Real Estate Group, LLC	42	65	107	\$13,992,900	\$20,408,818	\$34,401,718
5	The Kibler Group	46.2	69.1	115.3	\$13,526,065	\$19,222,544	\$32,748,609
6	Roshek Group	47	67	114	\$13,429,600	\$15,497,889	\$28,927,489
7	Jason Daniels & Associates at RE/MAX Millennium	32	47	79	\$9,453,900	\$14,416,557	\$23,870,457
8	The Sanders Team	24	53	77	\$7,567,800	\$15,569,051	\$23,136,851
9	Bobbi Price Team	50	15	65	\$15,164,159	\$5,678,793	\$20,842,952
10	The Barcus Team	17	7	27	\$13,697,442	\$3,469,231	\$17,166,673
11	The Hunstiger Team	13	25	38	\$4,449,500	\$8,034,343	\$12,483,843
12	The Dunfee Group	14	22	36	\$3,829,186	\$5,977,945	\$9,807,131
13	THE EG GROUP AT KELLER WILLIAMS PARTNERS	15	23	38	\$2,023,352	\$4,332,264	\$6,355,616
14	Integrity 1st Team at Keller Williams Clients' Choice	7	5	12	\$2,335,000	\$1,576,400	\$3,911,400

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