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South Denver's dining scene has evolved in recent years with chef-driven restaurants that blend global techniques with Colorado's agricultural heritage. From award nominees crafting innovative tasting menus to hole-in-the-wall spots serving reimagined comfort foods, local restaurants showcase both technical mastery and deep community connections.

*By Lexi Marshall*

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When it comes to our restaurant industry, we have oodles of creative concepts and dining out has never been such an adventure. From unique locations and decor to Old World cuisine with a Colorado twist, chefs here are bringing avant-garde dishes to tables near you. Oh, and let's not forget that while our roots might be deeply grounded in Colorado steakhouses—which are also creating new and unique menu items—we've become masters at not letting our landlocked state suffer a lack of fresh seafood. Writer Lexi Marshall explores the local dining scene in South Denver's Culinary Evolution on page 36.

A Colorado filmmaker chose to make the Centennial State the backdrop for a new film that explores midlife, identity and empowerment (Welcome to the Fishbowl, page 24).

Other creatives are bringing left-brain logic to save and enhance Colorado's historic mountain-town opera houses (Opera Houses Circuit, page 50). We explore five, each a testament to the determination to create spaces for art and connection amid the challenges of mountain life, and today, employing visionary techniques to preserve and grow these extraordinary spaces.

While away some cold winter afternoons reading this issue cover to cover. You'll also find a striking home remodel, Detroit-style pizza joints you'll want to try, ranch-inspired fashion and more. Happy reading!

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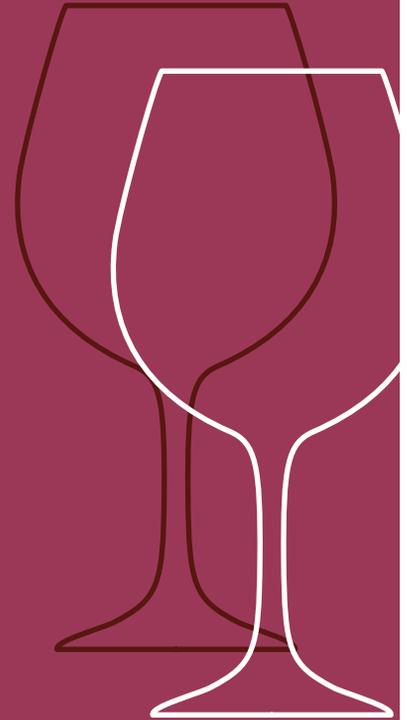
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# Pie Squared

Despite being known for spinning round Motown Records, **DETROIT-STYLE PIZZAS** are decidedly square

By John Lehdorff



Dough Counter

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**EVEN TO THE BEAT** of rhythm and blues, Detroit-style is not the kind of pizza you would mindlessly gulp while walking down a sidewalk. You want to sit and savor every last crispy, cheesy bite. A new generation of bread-loving Colorado chefs have turned their talents to elevating the humble tomato pie to greatness. They geek out about slow fermentation and superior ingredients from flour to cheeses and sauces. They are even serious about the grated cheese and chile flakes sprinkled on their creations.

The square slice at Longmont's Urban Field Pizza and Market overshoots the edges of the plate. Its dark crust sports a collar of crispy mozzarella, provolone and cheddar. Creme fraiche, fontina and Gorgonzola cheeses, extra virgin olive oil and black pepper top the sourdough crust.

Every cacio e pepe-infused forkful is an eye-opener, but the corner pieces are blushing good. Lovingly referred to as "butts," the four corner pieces on the rectangular pie are a crust crush that makes you fall in love with pizza all over again. It's enough to make a veteran dining critic sigh at the table.

Waiting was the hardest part. These are no

3-minute pizzas like some chains bake these days. It takes time to caramelize.

Less than a decade ago, Colorado menus rarely featured squares. Denver's Blue Pan Pizza introduced the state to the joy of Detroit-style pizzas. Now, Motown-influenced pizzerias are popping up along with shops featuring other square pizza variations.

Chef Nick Swanson is the perfect square pizza explainer since the pies he serves at Urban Field and Market are influenced by the Big Three: Detroit, Sicilian and Roman pizzas.

"Between growing up in the Boston area, living in New York and New Jersey, and studying in Italy, I feel like I've eaten my fair share of good pizza," Swanson says. Detroit became his new inspiration.

Motown's pizza hit originated at Buddy's Pizza in Detroit in 1946. Baked in a square pan, cheese—usually higher-fat brick—covered the pillowy dough corner to corner.

"It's a really thick crust, and that cheese melts into the edges and becomes this nice crispy lattice," Swanson says.

Like their Sicilian counterparts, Detroit pizzas are typically not baked ahead of time. However, at Urban Field as well as Blue Pan Pizza and Broomfield's Rock City Pie and Ice, the slow-fermented dough rises in the metal pans and is pre-baked. "They're always pre-baked, and when you're ready, you sauce it, cheese it, and toss it back in the oven," Swanson says. "Otherwise, it would be a big soggy mess and deflate."

The simple tomato sauce is ladled on just before serving. Untraditionally, Swanson puts the sauce under the cheese to ensure the crispy cheese edges. Roman-style rectangular pizzas generally have an airy crust made with olive oil. "The sauce goes over the cheeses and toppings when it's served," Swanson says. One thing Swanson is confident about what he and his fellow square-pizza chefs are not producing.

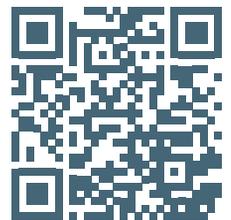
"People call our pizzas 'deep dish,' and I'm quick to correct them," he says. "These are nothing like those Chicago-style pies with that heavy crust. I don't want a gut-bomb pizza where you eat one slice, and you're full. I designed our crust off a focaccia recipe, so it's light and moist in the middle and crunchy on the edges." >>>



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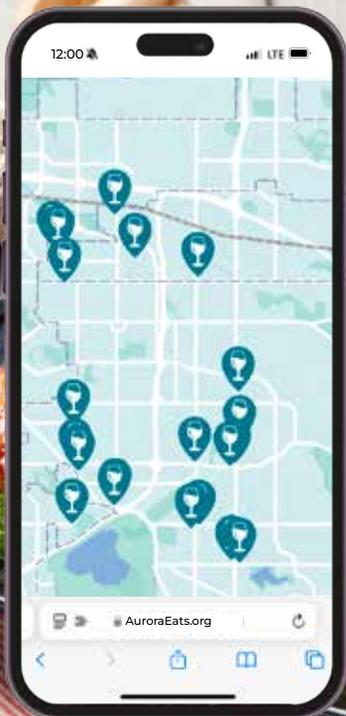


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Despite the recent boom, square pies are far from new in Denver. Squares of “tomato pie” were served long before the first local pizzerias put round pizzas in square boxes. Colorado’s first tiny Italian eateries opened in the early 1900s when Italian immigrants arrived. They baked bread and offered grab-and-go, cheese- and sauce-covered squares. A typical lunch item in Italy, simple tomato pie is still on the menu by the slice at Dolce Sicilia Bakery in Wheat Ridge.

North Denver’s Carl’s Pizza opened in 1953 and may have been the state’s first authentic pizzeria. Colorado has no home-grown pizza style since “mountain pies” are just a variation of deep-dish Chicago pizzas.

Those raised in Chicago and Detroit regularly howl about the authenticity of the pizzas served in Colorado. New Yorkers dismiss anything called “pizza” that isn’t a foldable triangle sold in one of the boroughs.

“Pizza has always evolved, and different styles have developed all over the world. It has never stayed the same,” Swanson says.

*The grandson of a Sicilian grocer/sausage maker, John Lehdorff is the former dining critic of the Rocky Mountain News. He hosts Radio Nibbles on KGNU-FM.*

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answer in this instance is: “What is an osteria?” The word, derived from Latin, means “host” and was originally known as a place serving wine and simple foods. Known for its charm and casual atmosphere, an osteria’s typical menu features simple dishes made with local and seasonal ingredients. Today’s definition is much more expansive—especially regarding the food.

And Osteria Alberico fits the grand description and should be on every foodie’s radar. The award-winning Frasca Hospitality Group, which has an affinity for Italian cuisine, opened the restaurant in July 2024. The group’s portfolio of restaurants includes Italian favorites Frasca Food and Wine and Pizzeria Alberico in Boulder and Tavernetta on the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Mall. Osteria Alberico continues the group’s

dedication to the finest flavors and service.

“The osteria in the hierarchy of Italian dining is the neighborhood spot—it’s the spot where you go a couple of times a week to get a nice bowl of pasta and have a good glass of wine,” says Russell Stippich, chef de cuisine. “But you also see your neighbors and maybe meet some people in your neighborhood that you haven’t

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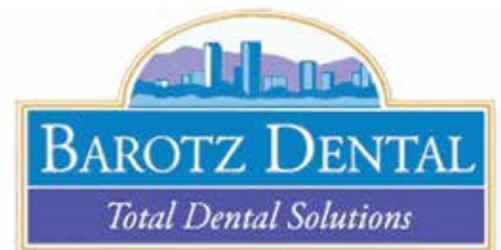
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Stippich noted that in creating Osteria Alberico’s concept, they incorporated specific components of the other restaurants. For instance, diners can opt for a simple night out with cocktails and pizza or treat themselves to a full four-course Italian meal with a sommelier-suggested bottle of wine. The osteria is for everyone and any occasion.

The four-course meal will surely surprise and delight diners, while the ambiance caters to all crowds. Instead of slow piano music, classic hits like Hot Chocolate’s “You Sexy Thing” play in the background of muffled conversation. Meanwhile, the waitstaff is friendly, knowledgeable, and attentive, providing superior hospitality that matches the flavors coming from the kitchen.

“The fun thing about this restaurant is we’re not beholden to a certain region of Italy,” Stippich says. “We can cook food from the toe to the top of the boot, and we wanted to take an approach that was rooted in tradition and inspired by regionality. We have our own unique touches for everything, but all the dishes on the menu are things you could find in an osteria in Piedmont or Rome.”



Russell Stippich

Embracing the Italian way, Osteria Alberico sources ingredients locally as much as possible. Esoterra Culinary Garden in Boulder provides the restaurant with fresh produce and hard-to-find vegetables. Denver’s Superior Farms, a coalition of ranchers, often supplies lamb to the restaurant, as does Buckner Family Farm in Longmont. Italians are proud of their local producers, and the Frasca Hospitality Group is proud of what Colorado offers the culinary world.

Stippich is currently excited about the carne cruda, an appetizer similar to steak tartare, and suggests pairing it with a Barolo from G.D. Vajra. For pasta, he enjoys classic dishes like bucatini all’Amatriciana and recommends it with a 2020 Etna Rosso, a red wine from Sicily. For dessert, he praises budino, a pudding made with butterscotch, chocolate and cream.



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A conversation with  
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**SHERYL GLUBOK**

*By Hailee Lucchesi*

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**AFTER MANY YEARS** traveling and working from Los Angeles to Vermont and beyond, filmmaker Sheryl Glubok returned to her home state to make a movie more than 10 years in the works about midlife, identity and empowerment with the aim of lifting voices—especially women’s—and enabling them to say, “I can do anything.”

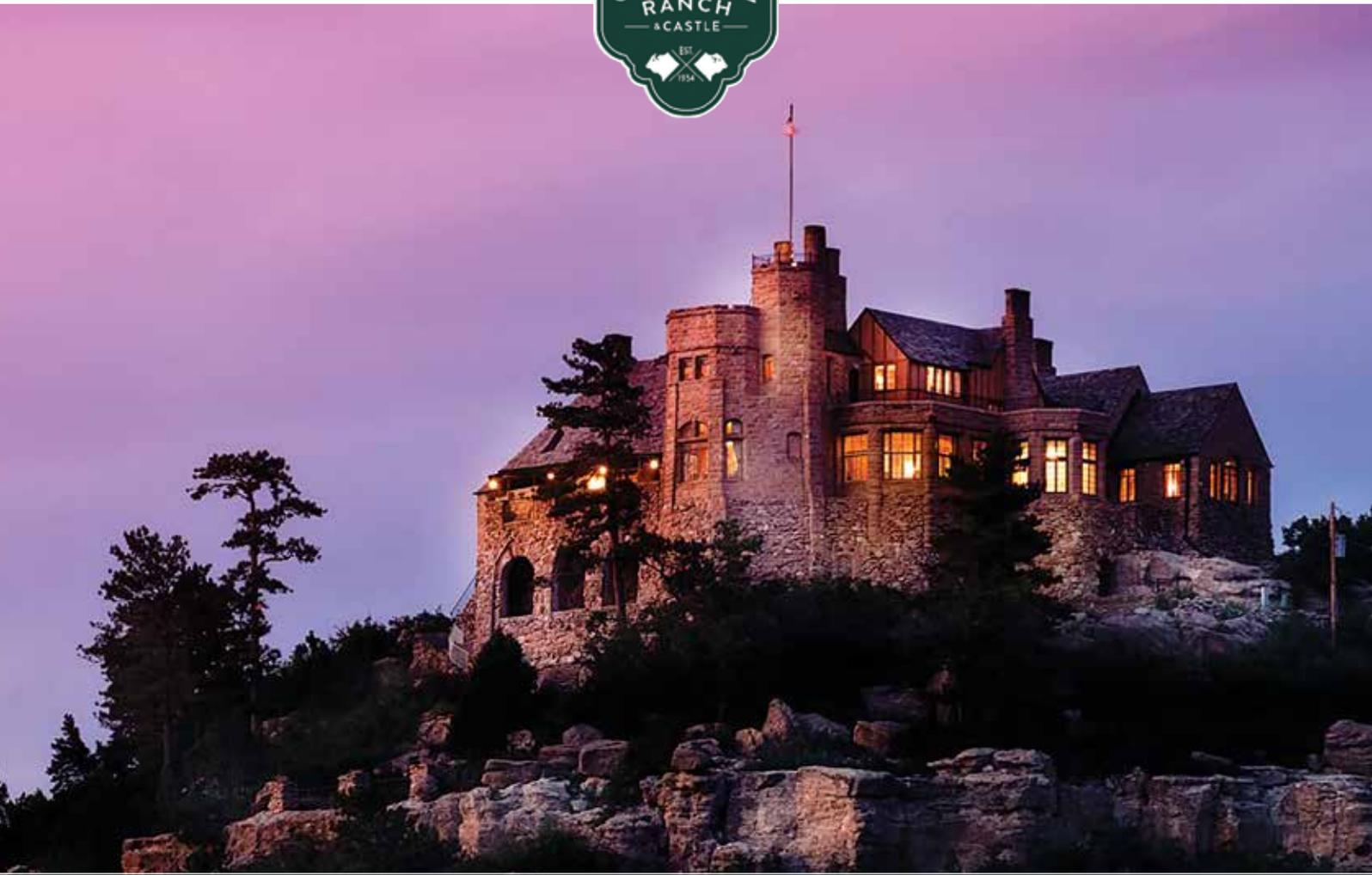
The comedy-drama centers around a 40-something mother of two who receives a career-making offer. “All she has to do is chaperone a manic, narcissistic literary legend 200 miles to an awards ceremony in Telluride. But he has another plot up his sleeve,” says IMDB’s description of “Welcome to the Fishbowl.”



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## Q: WHY DID YOU CHOOSE COLORADO AS THE SETTING FOR THE FILM?

I hadn't made a film in 20 years, but when I moved back to Colorado, it felt like coming home. Donald Rae and I started working on the screenplay in 2013 while we were on the East Coast. When we both found ourselves living in Colorado 11 years later, we knew it was time. Filming in places like Cheesman Park, Rockmount Ranch Wear, 35 Left Studios and Carl's Corner grounded the narrative in the beauty and community of Colorado. This was my way of honoring my roots while creating something universal.

## Q: WHERE DID YOU GROW UP, AND HOW DID YOU FIRST GET INTERESTED IN FILMMAKING?

I was born in Fort Collins but grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas. From a young age, I loved writing books and plays and watching films. I attended Stanford University and majored in international relations, but halfway through, I realized I wanted to work in film. There weren't many film classes at Stanford, so I finished my degree before I had the pivotal opportunity to study filmmaking at FAMU in Prague. It was in those halls abroad where I got to make my first short film, "Alexia." It was about a woman integrating the light and dark aspects of her identity, the parts you admit and the parts you hide. That experience confirmed my calling to filmmaking.

## Q: WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE IN THE FILM INDUSTRY?

After my time in Europe, I lived in New York, working as a second assistant director on an indie feature and as an

assistant to a producer at a film studio. After, I moved back to Little Rock to work as an assistant locations manager on "Sling Blade" featuring Billy Bob Thornton. From there, I moved to Los Angeles, where I focused on screenwriting. But in the 1990s, as a woman, I found it challenging to write and direct the way I wanted. I knew if I stayed in LA, I would never be able to make movies the way I needed and wanted to. Eventually, I moved to Vermont for my husband's job, where I earned a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing from Bennington College. I focused on writing and raising my two boys during those years.

## Q: HOW DID THE "WELCOME TO THE FISHBOWL" IDEA COME ABOUT?

In 2010, I met the incredibly smart and witty Donald Rae, and we began sharing our work. I told him my idea for this film, how it was inspired by my own experiences and ultimately was a story about midlife that I wanted to tell through the lens of fiction and literature. I found it profoundly important to write

something about the invisible barriers that prevent women from living their best lives; there just weren't enough of these types of stories being told. I was living through this experience and wanted to bring it to life. The title, "Welcome to the Fishbowl," refers to those unconscious narratives and societal views that keep women from saying, "I can do anything."

## Q: WHAT WERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES AND REWARDS OF MAKING THIS FILM?

Raising the money was by far the hardest part. We first went to philanthropy but quickly realized we wouldn't be able to raise enough money there. We secured most of the funds through investments. When women control more capital, I believe

we'll see more female-driven stories being told. Once we finished raising enough capital, we got to the best part: being on set every day with our incredible cast and crew. It finally felt like everything was coming together.

## Q: WHEN WILL THE FILM BE RELEASED, AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE AUDIENCES TAKE AWAY FROM IT?

We're currently in post-production and hope to release it in the fall of 2025. This is a story about midlife, identity and empowerment. My hope is that it inspires people—especially women—to question the limits they've internalized and embrace their full potential.

Learn more about the film and Sheryl Glubok at [sherylglubok.com](http://sherylglubok.com).

## Q: HOW DID YOU DECIDE ON THE CAST AND CREW?

We worked with Adrienne Stern, a brilliant casting director from New York. The cast came together like magic, starting with the captivating Natalie Gold from "Succession." We then cast the hilarious Jeremy Swift from "Ted Lasso," next the charming and kind Sendhil Ramamurthy from "Never Have I Ever," and finally the exquisite Marin Hinkle from "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel." Behind the scenes, inclusivity was a priority. A large portion of the crew was female, spearheaded by our line producer, Elizabeth Mihelich. Also to note, the film would never have been brought to life without the invincible Iana Dontecheva, our producer. I met her through The Denver Film Society, and her confidence in me and this story was critical.

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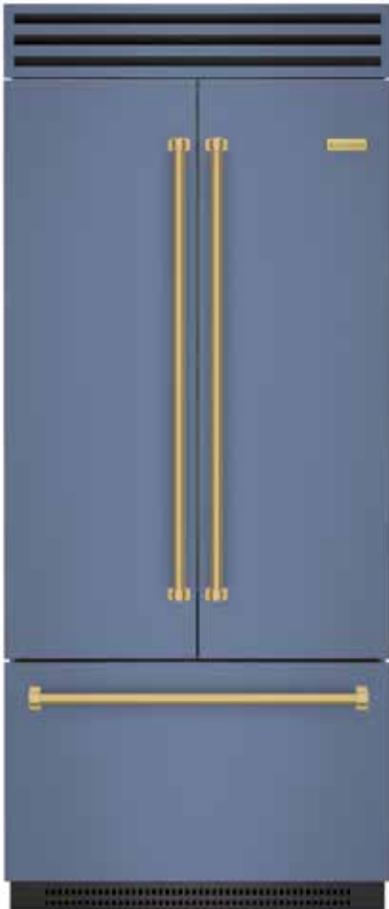
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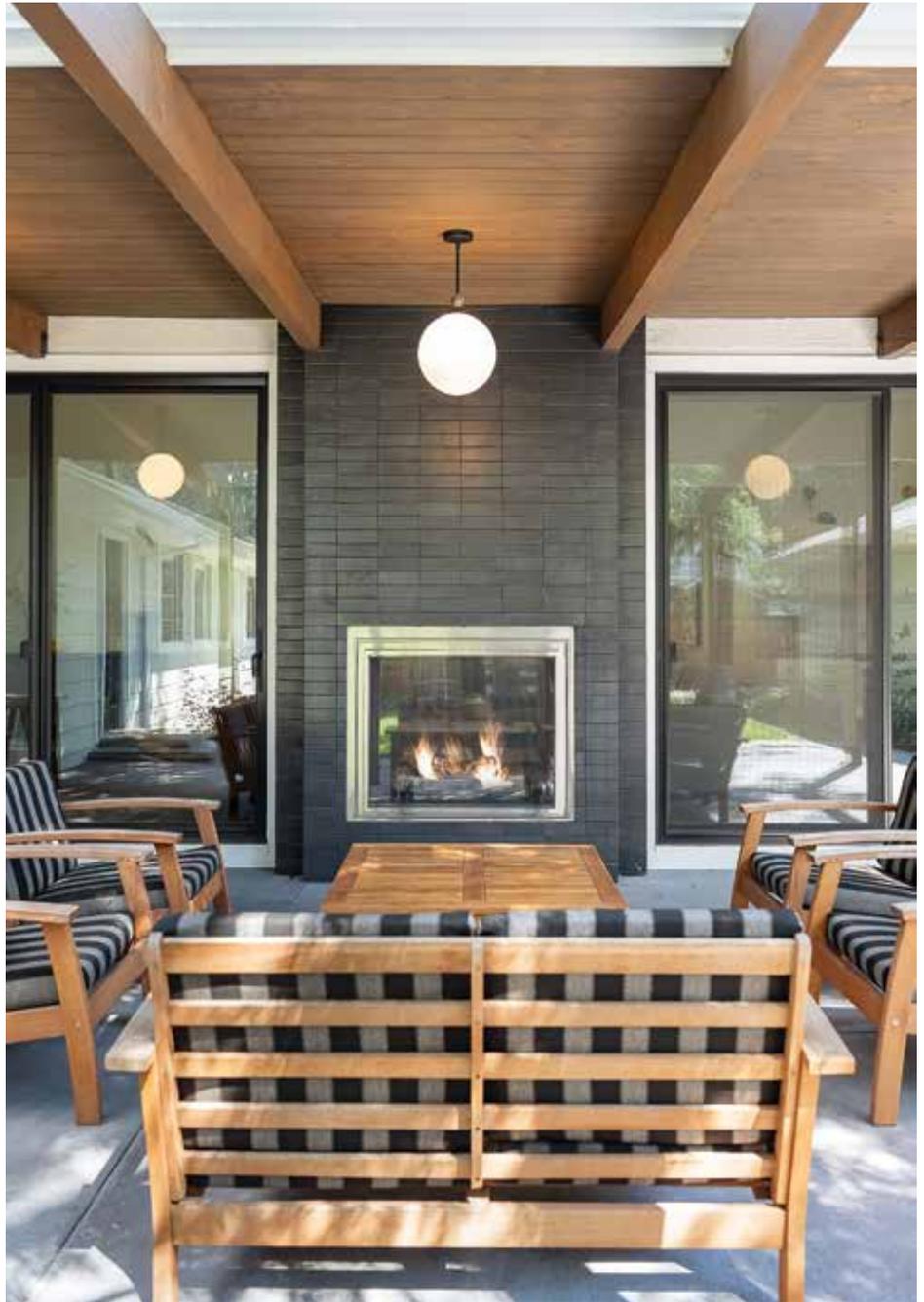


# Rambler Redux

A local design team gives a dated single-story home a **FRESH UPDATE FOR MODERN LIVING**

*By Heather Shoning  
Photography by Shawn Beltran*

**THE OWNERS** of this midcentury home in the Belcaro neighborhood wanted to accentuate the era of the home while brightening darker rooms and creating spaces that would be welcoming for guests. The living and dining rooms had long been separated by a solid wall and an imposing, bulky fireplace lacking aesthetic appeal. Additionally, the sunroom sat a step down from the rest of the house, further isolated by yet another wall dividing it from the living



room. This configuration left the home feeling fragmented and disjointed, with each space disconnected from the next. For the homeowners, this layout did not align with their vision, and they knew they wanted to open up the space for modern open-concept living.

Justin Bride, principal of Ascent Contracting, Inc., introduced the homeowners to Brooklyn Daugherty and Erin Anglin, co-owners of Cult Creative, LLC. The designers assessed the existing plans, looking for creative solutions. Most designers wouldn't choose to reduce a home's square footage, but this duo did, which increased the liveability of the home's public spaces tremendously.

"It was a ranch home that had been built on in phases and felt a little disjointed from the original style and spirit of the house," Daugherty

says. "Additionally, they wanted to lean a little further toward mid-mod style."

It all started with height. Initially, the sunroom's low ceiling and enclosed walls darkened the adjacent living room, limiting natural light and creating a sense of confinement. It doubled the effect by having a step down into it. The design team proposed two significant changes in addition to bringing down the barrier wall between the dining and living rooms: turning the sunroom into an outdoor patio—essentially decreasing the home's interior footprint by about 300 square feet—and popping the top on the living room for more volume and natural light.

Removing the interior walls instantly transformed the area into a larger, more inviting space and had a profound impact, enhancing the home's functionality and atmosphere. The newly

opened layout fostered seamless interaction between the rooms, allowing guests to move effortlessly between the spaces during gatherings.

The transition of the sunroom to outdoor space accomplished several objectives. It created a more expansive and open feeling within the living area. Without the sunroom acting as a barrier, the patio became a natural extension of the home's social spaces, enhancing the overall flow and usability of the property. Large doors and expansive windows replaced the former sunroom walls, bridging the indoor and outdoor environments and flooding the living room with light. Additionally, Bride's company installed warm wood flooring throughout and matching beams that punch through the wall, connecting the indoor living to the outdoor living, in a very midcentury style. The outdoor area became a versatile



setting for entertaining, seamlessly blending with the interior spaces to offer a more dynamic and flexible environment. Interestingly, despite the reduced interior square footage, the reconfiguration made the entire home feel larger.

“It allowed for that outdoor patio to be a continuation of the social and entertaining spaces,” Daugherty says. “Even though we removed interior square footage, it made everything more inviting, created better flow and optimal space for entertaining.”

The dual-sided fireplace with its straight stacked brick-look tile screams midcentury, as does the connection between indoors and out that it creates. The overall design met the homeowners’ desire for a warm, inviting, and better-integrated living environment by prioritizing flow and function over sheer size.

Another area in which the designers deleted space was from a large service pantry, which allowed them to create a powder bath that was more conducive to entertaining. Then, they took the pantry area that remained and made it uber functional. “We start with many conversations with homeowners about how they use the space and their values,” Anglin says. “That helps us narrow in on what’s important to them. Is it a matter of needing more space, or is it just that the space they have is awkward or poorly organized?”

The homeowners longed for a more inviting entryway—a space that welcomed and enveloped guests as they stepped through the front door. Rather than feeling abruptly deposited into a series of compartmentalized rooms, they wanted the entry to feel like a cohesive arrival point. Removing a closet in lieu of a bench and storage area, plus the new open-concept floor plan, accomplished the goal. It’s also a spot where a fun detail harkens to the midcentury vibe.

“The star light fixture is one of those classic things that you see in some of these ’70s ranches, and a lot of them get destroyed or taken out



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because they haven't aged well," Anglin says. "This is a new fixture, but it has a fun nod to some of the vintage models in houses that have yet to be remodeled."

Cult Creative helped with some furniture selections to emphasize the mid-mod style while ensuring it would work for the family. "There's always a balance, especially with this client, as they have elementary-age children, requiring the balance between something that looks sleek and modern but is also very comfortable, usable, durable and family-friendly," Daugherty says.

In the end, the project demonstrated the power of thoughtful design to transform not just the physical layout of a home but the way it feels and functions. The removal of literal and figurative barriers allowed for a space that brings people together, celebrating the essence of modern living. "This was one of those projects where the client was wonderful to work with. We had a very trusting relationship," Daugherty says. "That playful energy meant the final result was beautiful, fun and functional—everything we hoped it would be."



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# SOUTH CULINARY

**S**OUTH DENVER'S DINING SCENE has evolved far beyond its reputation for wild game meat and craft beer. The city now pulses with chef-driven restaurants that blend global techniques with Colorado's agricultural heritage. From award nominees crafting innovative tasting menus to hole-in-the-wall spots serving reimagined comfort foods, Denver's restaurants showcase both technical mastery and deep community connections. In this high-altitude hub, sustainability isn't just a buzzword—it's the foundation of a food culture that's earning national acclaim. In 2024, WalletHub even ranked Denver as the 9<sup>th</sup> best city in the country for food, up from 11<sup>th</sup> place in 2023.

#### FRESH, EAST COAST FLAVORS ON THE GO

As one of the freshest additions to Denver's seafood scene, Oyster Bae brings the East Coast's salty air to Colorado's landlocked heart. Founder Martha Boff

saw an opportunity to offer a dining experience that is both elevated and accessible, focusing on fresh, sustainably sourced seafood.

The traveling catering and event service brings that vision to life with a menu featuring crab-stuffed lobster tails, shrimp po' boys and a rotating selection of the finest oysters from both coasts. Each dish is crafted with care, highlighting the fresh, quality ingredients.

But Oyster Bae is more than just a raw bar or seafood catering business. It's the product of Boff's unique journey—a blend of her experience as a registered dietitian and her passion for creating memorable culinary experiences.

"My background in nutrition plays a huge role in my vision for Oyster Bae," Boff explains. "Starting Oyster Bae has been the best of both worlds—it lets me use my credentials as a dietitian, giving me

the authority to talk about nutrition and the benefits of oysters while giving me a creative outlet I didn't have in a clinical setting."

Oyster Bae's commitment to sustainability runs as deep as the oceans where its oysters are harvested. "Sustainability is at the heart of what we do because oysters are one of the most environmentally friendly proteins," Boff explains. "They filter water, support marine ecosystems and are an excellent example of how seafood can be both sustainable and delicious. I prioritize sourcing from oyster farmers who use responsible aquaculture practices, and I love sharing these stories with guests. Whether through conversations at events or social media posts, I educate people on how eating oysters supports cleaner oceans and healthier seafood."

Though Colorado lacks an ocean coastline, that hasn't stopped Boff from bringing the coastal magic of oysters to

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Denverites. “I fly in fresh oysters and seafood for every event to guarantee the best quality,” Boff says. “Colorado also has a lot of transplants from both the East and West Coasts, so there is a market for it, and people appreciate having access to quality seafood.”

As the south metro’s culinary scene continues to evolve, so does Boff’s vision for Oyster Bae, citing the trend toward experiential dining. “Guests seek unique, interactive experiences, and I see a growing appreciation for raw bars and curated seafood,” she says. “As a result, I’m exploring ways to expand my offerings, like adding crudos, ceviches and caviar, and even hosting oyster shucking classes.”

Boff admits that being a dietitian and an oyster shucker, might be a tad random or even odd, but she loves it. “It’s fulfilling, exciting and feels exactly like what I’m supposed to be doing,” she says.

#### WHERE FOOD, HISTORY AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER

In Castle Rock, Ecclesia Market stands as a testament to the power of food to bring people together. Housed in a repurposed church, the food hall is the brainchild of David Schutte, who envisioned a space that celebrated local vendors and community spirit.

“We wanted to create a space that brings people together,” Schutte explains. “Ecclesia isn’t just about food; it’s about connection.”

The idea for Ecclesia Market was sparked during a trip with his wife and friends who owned former Maddie’s Biergarten in Castle Rock. “We started dreaming up going into business together,” Schutte recalls. The group

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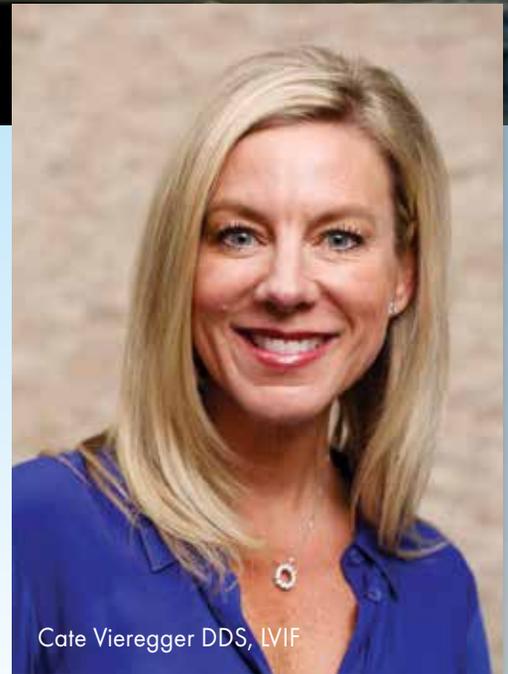


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had always admired the church building in downtown Castle Rock but never imagined it would become available. While traveling for his son's wedding, Schutte received a text that the building was on the market. "I had them take down the sign and said we will have a letter of intent in by this afternoon," he says.

The building, a church as recently as 2017, retains many of its original features, including stained glass windows and vaulted ceilings. "We wanted to lean into the fact that it was a church and not try to separate that history," Schutte says. The name Ecclesia, Latin for "church" or "gathering place," reflects this respect for the past. Visitors are greeted by a striking mural commissioned for the space, while seating options range from traditional dining chairs to cozy couches and even original church pews.

Ecclesia Market opened in March 2019 as Castle Rock's first food hall and features a variety of locally-owned eateries. Among the offerings are Ram3n, known for its warm, comforting bowls of ramen; Fish & Company, specializing in classic fish and chips; Romo's Street Tacos, a staple since the market's debut; Arayes Grill, offering Mediterranean wraps with bold flavors; and Gluttony & Graze, a dual-concept eatery serving indulgent hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken sandwiches on the "Gluttony" side, alongside massive, shareable salads on the "Graze" side.

The market also features Sinners & Saints, a full bar showcasing local craft beers and spirits. "The bar itself serves the food from the different vendors," Schutte notes. Guests can order from miniaturized menus at the bar and enjoy their meals delivered directly to them.

"We went into the pandemic as the shiny new dime and came out with a lot of new competition," Schutte says. "But we're doing okay. It's just not the same rocketship I was riding before."

Ecclesia Market isn't just about food—it's a cultural hub. Live entertainment every Friday night adds to the festive atmosphere, making it a destination for locals and visitors alike. Families gather for weeknight dinners, friends meet for drinks and newcomers marvel at the blend of historic charm and modern design.

"It's a very unique use of a repurposed church," Schutte says. "People just like coming into the lounge, ordering food, ordering their cocktails, relaxing and waiting for the live entertainment."

#### ITALIAN-AMERICAN WITH A COLORADO TWIST

Nestled within the stylish Kimpton Claret Hotel near Bellevue Station, Saverina is an ode to Italian-American cuisine, thoughtfully elevated with seasonal Colorado ingredients. Christian Graves, formerly of Citizen Rail in downtown Denver, now Saverina's executive chef, envisioned a restaurant that seamlessly honors tradition and embraces modernity,

crafting a menu that fuses Italian heritage with the natural rhythms of Colorado.

Saverina's menu reads like a love letter to both Italy and the Rocky Mountains. Highlights include brick oven sourdough focaccia, roasted chicken under a brick and vegetarian ricotta dumplings—each dish crafted with precision and purpose. Graves' sourcing philosophy reflects his commitment to sustainability, with ingredients like local vegetables and house-made pasta anchoring the offerings.

"At Saverina, we embrace the best of Italy while incorporating the seasonality of Colorado into our cooking," says Graves.

The restaurant's ambiance, a blend of contemporary sophistication and warmth, invites guests to linger. Exposed brick, marble finishes and an open kitchen bring energy to the space, making Saverina feel both approachable and elegant.

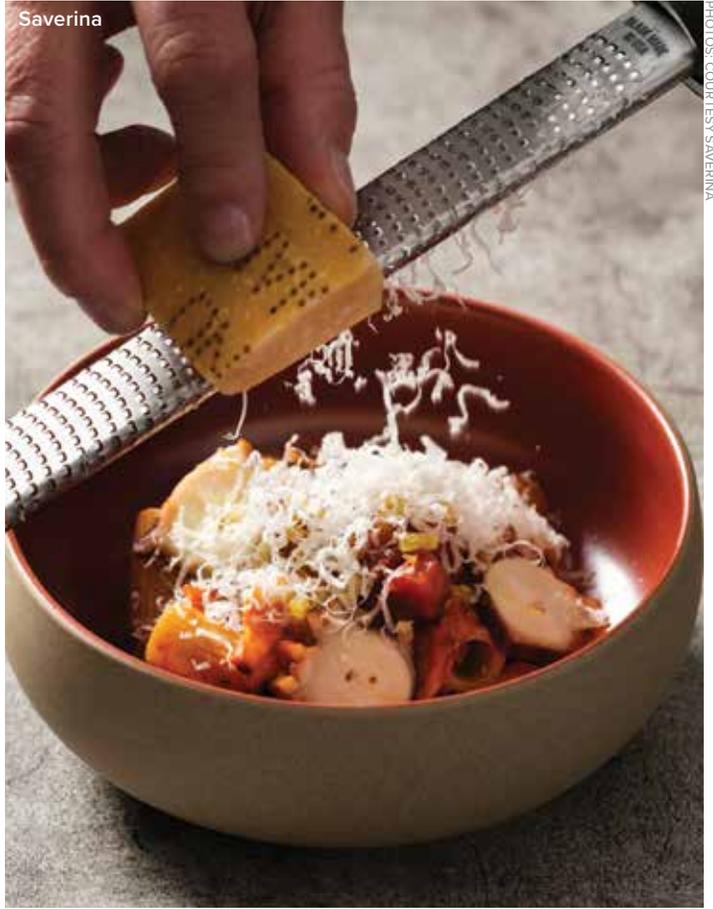
Upstairs, Halo Rooftop Bar embraces casual Asian fusion with shareable plates designed for grazing and conversation if Italian is not on your bingo card.

Beyond innovative menus, Graves' culinary concepts aim to be Denver's natural gathering spots—where locals drop in for craft cocktails, inspired bites and easy conversation, making the restaurant feel less like a hotel venue and more like their favorite neighborhood haunt.

Saverina



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Saverina



For a more traditional Italian experience, Venice Ristorante & Wine Bar, founded in 2002, brings authentic Venetian cuisine to Denver through three locations—with one in the Denver Tech Center. Owner Alessandro Carollo, who began cooking at age 14 in Palermo, the capital of Sicily, partners with executive chef Christian Delle Fave to craft a menu that balances traditional recipes with innovative dishes.

Carollo's journey from training in Italy's finest restaurants to establishing Venice in Colorado reflects his commitment to authentic Italian dining. Together with Delle Fave, he curates seasonal menus that showcase fresh ingredients and refined technique.

The restaurant's elegant ambiance, exceptional service and carefully curated wine list create an immersive Italian dining experience. Venice excels in both intimate dinners and grand events, offering everything from casual meals to elaborate five-course experiences that transport guests to the heart of Venice.

Venice Ristorante exemplifies the Mile High City's evolution from a cow-town to a sophisticated metropolis, with its refined Italian cuisine and elegant atmosphere serving as a bridge between the city's Western heritage and its emergence as a cosmopolitan dining destination.

### REDEFINING THE STEAKHOUSE

Steakhouses carve out a prominent place in Denver's culinary identity. Among these is Eddie Merlot's, which brings an upscale yet approachable take on the traditional steakhouse model. Known for its premium cuts like the bone-in filet mignon and New York strip, the restaurant also caters to modern tastes with offerings such as Wagyu beef and seafood specialties like Chilean sea bass.

While Denver is no stranger to steakhouses, Eddie Merlot's represents a shift towards blending old-school luxury with a broader, more inclusive menu. This trend mirrors the city's broader culinary development, where diners seek both quality and variety. Helmed by executive chef TJ Lengnick, fine wines, craft cocktails and options for non-meat eaters now complement the steakhouse staple of sizzling cuts cooked to order.

"A new market of diners has emerged—younger and more adventurous guests are seeking out bold flavors, unique preparations and eccentric dining environments," says Jenny Lynch, Eddie Merlot's senior director of marketing and off-premise sales. "In turn, we've seen a push for steakhouses to rethink their menus, wine pairings and overall approach to service. We're seeing a bigger emphasis on local ingredients, sustainable sourcing and a larger shift towards lighter and diverse offerings to appeal to differing tastes."



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The resurgence of steakhouses in the Denver metro—a city long-tied to its Western ranching heritage—shows how tradition and innovation can coexist. From longstanding institutions downtown to newer arrivals in surrounding areas like Greenwood Village and Englewood, these restaurants are redefining what it means to dine out in the Mile High City. Eddie Merlot's says it's about creating a dining experience that reflects the city's changing tastes while paying homage to its roots.

Overall, south Denver's culinary scene is rapidly evolving, blending local ingredients with global influences to create something truly unique. From community-driven spots like Ecclesia Market to fresh takes on seafood at Oyster Bae and Italian-inspired dishes at Saverina, the city is pushing the boundaries of what dining can be. As chefs focus on sustainability and innovation, Denver is quickly establishing itself as a hub for forward-thinking cuisine, where tradition meets modern flavor, and every meal reflects the city's growing sophistication and diverse tastes.



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# Reimagining Aging

How SENIOR DAYCARE  
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*By Kristen West*



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**WITH COLORADO'S QUICKLY** aging population, many families are becoming caretakers for their loved ones. Keeping them home or close to home maintains family connections, familiarity, and more personalized attention when physical or cognitive needs increase. It also avoids expensive assisted living costs. But what happens when caretakers need to work, experience burnout or their loved one feels isolated? Senior daycares are becoming a popular solution.

Geriatric professionals like Dr. Mandy Peng are seeing positive impacts on patients who attend these programs. "It can take some effort and creativity to maintain a connection with others, but it's such an important part of healthy aging," says Dr. Peng, a geriatric physician with UHealth Seniors Clinic and an assistant professor in geriatric medicine at CU School of Medicine. "An activity-based day program is a great way to increase socialization while participating in activities seniors enjoy or have never tried before."

Daycare programs offer flexible drop-off options and provide activities for seniors experiencing physical or cognitive difficulties who aren't ready for full-time professional care. Activities vary but include things like music, games, field trips, outdoor time, art, meals and low-impact exercises like tai chi, which has been shown to decrease fall rates.

Dr. Peng says that staying socially, cognitively and physically active like this can help seniors remain independent longer and feel like they are part of a community. "I have two patients who are non-English speakers who love going

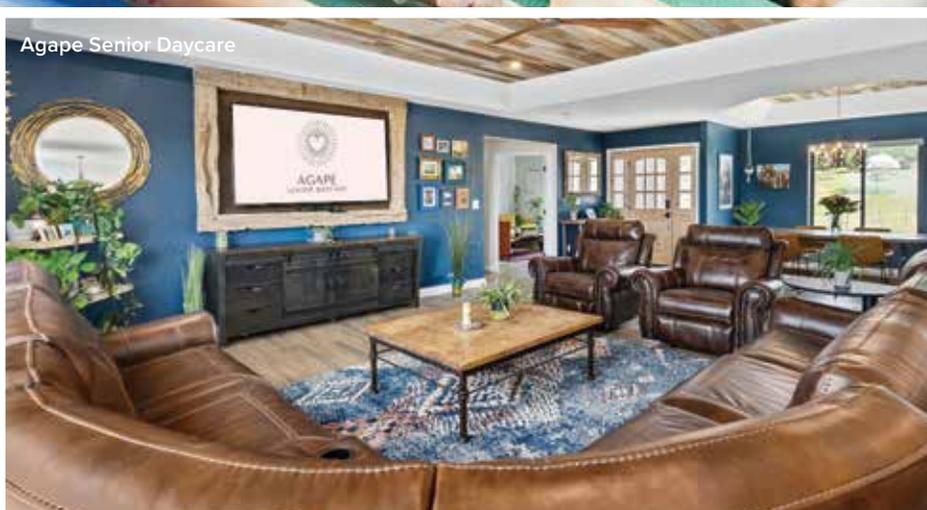


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to their day programs because they have friends and caregivers who can communicate with them in their native language," she says. "It's the only socialization they have. One of them even provides good Korean food with enough to take home."

Debbie Bailey, co-owner of Agape Senior Daycare in Lone Tree, saw an increasing need for senior daycare services and felt a pull to use her own home as a facility after her and her husband's five children were grown. "So many elderly people sit at home and just watch TV, and that's how they're spending their lives," Bailey says. "That made me sad. I think daycare one hundred percent improves families' lives."

Bailey has seen improvements in the mobility and mood of many participants at Agape. However, the increased quality of life extends to caregivers, too. "This facility is so great because there's a lot of people who can't afford assisted living, so they take care of their loved ones, but they need a break," she says. Some caregivers just need a few hours to run errands

or treat themselves to a spa day to relax and recuperate. Others work and need peace of mind knowing their loved one is in a safe space being looked after while they can't be available.

While insurance doesn't cover most senior daycares, Dr. Peng says many of her patients also use the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly. This Medicaid/Medicare program provides connections to support programs and professionals, as well as transportation for eligible seniors. Families can send their loved ones to daycare once or twice a week rather than every weekday.

Bailey says to allow time for adjustment, too. "It's like dropping your children off at kindergarten. They're hesitant, they don't know anyone, and they're a little scared," she says. Eventually, in the right circumstances, they will warm up. "They realize they get to do fun things and be around people. They are just so happy and appreciative."

AGAPE SENIOR DAYCARE  
[agapeseniordaycare.com](http://agapeseniordaycare.com)

# Colorado's Ranch-Inspired Chic

Cowboy boots, hats and fringe take on a **MODERN TWIST**

By Amanda Lacey

**IT'S NOTHING NEW** to us locals, but with just a flip of the page in your favorite fashion magazine, you'll see Western wear is all the rage. Designers are incorporating traditional pieces like leather jackets and cowboy boots but reimagining them with modern silhouettes, luxurious fabrics and updated details. From cowboy boots to fringe jackets, these timeless pieces brought frontier flair to our everyday looks well before today's glitterati started sporting the looks. Here's how designers have modernized ranch-inspired aesthetics for today's suburban style.





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**FLOURISHING FRINGE JACKETS**

Nowadays, jackets feature a modern aesthetic, including cuts with asymmetrical closures and clean lines. Here, monochrome matching buttons complement supple, creamy leather, and extra-long fringe on the front and sleeves offer an updated look. Instead of a notched lapel, the collar comes in a wing style. Note: The semi-fitted, cropped or hip-length fit allows for styling with high-waisted bottoms.

Can't get enough of fringe? It also makes a statement in sleek blazers, handbags and even evening wear.

**REFRESHED BOOTS**

Cowboy boots in all heights, shapes and styles take you from the office to happy hour

in no time. A trendy suede side-zip boot with a classic j-toe checks all the boxes for style and versatility. Its modern, low profile and ankle height fits effortlessly under jeans or flowy skirts.

Not fond of the short boot? Tall and timeless is always the answer, especially when featuring a beautiful tonal embroidered pattern. Classic Western elements like a finely stitched toe bug balance the dramatic flair. And a fashion-forward snip toe enables endless styling possibilities. Pair them with a maxi dress accessorized with a bold belt and a classic wool hat.

**POLISHED HATS**

Evolving from a basic cowboy hat design, today's refreshed looks often include a

defined crown and curved brim. While wool or felt never go out of style, straw or raffia options are perfect for even the warmest days. Leather bands around the brim often accompany the updated materials. The latest trend in cowboy hats is adding some flair. Ribbon bands, chains, feathers and gems add the perfect blend of Western style and glam. This fashion-forward finish is the quickest way to take your classic cattleman crease cowboy hat to the next level and truly make it a one-of-a-kind.

**ACCESSORIES**

Bolo ties are having a moment, all while still celebrating a person's individual style. Sterling silver or gold tips and bold turquoise gem slides pair well with quality leather cords.



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# Opera Houses Circuit

Where Colorado's  
**MINING HISTORY** meets  
**MODERN ENTERTAINMENT**

*By Lexi Marshall*

**FIVE HISTORIC OPERA HOUSES** tell a remarkable story of cultural resilience in the heart of Colorado's mountain towns. The Colorado Historic Opera Houses Circuit, established in 2021, connects venues that once brought sophistication to rough-and-tumble mining communities: Sheridan Opera House in Telluride, Wheeler Opera House in Aspen, Wright Opera House in Ouray, Tabor Opera House in Leadville

and Central City Opera House. Each stands as a testament to the determination of frontier communities to create spaces for art and connection amid the challenges of mountain life.

Today, these architectural treasures balance preservation with innovation, transforming from Victorian-era entertainment halls into year-round cultural hubs. This commitment to

evolution will shine through in autumn 2025 when three circuit partners launch an ambitious youth opera initiative: Central City Opera will bring educational shows to the Wright Opera House, the Wheeler Opera House will present youth programming in five Roaring Fork Valley Schools, and the Tabor Opera House will host an opera focused on youth mental health for high school students.



PHOTO: COURTESY WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE

**WRIGHT OPERA HOUSE**

472 MAIN ST. | OURAY

Since 1888, the Wright Opera House has anchored Ouray’s cultural scene. Built by Edward and Letitia Wright to offer an alternative to the town’s saloons and gambling halls, it continues the couple’s mission of enriching mountain life through the arts. Thanks to the Friends of the Wright Opera House, a nonprofit that acquired the venue in 2011, and collaboration with the Colorado State Historical Society and local stakeholders, the building has been thoughtfully restored as a premier venue for artistic, cultural and educational events.

February brings two distinctive happenings: the Ouray Winter Wine Festival (February 15), showcasing eight Colorado wineries and a local distillery, and “Murder at the Disco” (February 21), an interactive dinner theater experience. These events perfectly complement Ouray’s winter attractions, from the famous hot springs to the renowned ice park.



PHOTO: COURTESY SHERIDAN OPERA HOUSE

**SHERIDAN OPERA HOUSE**

110 NORTH OAK ST. | TELLURIDE

Since 1913, the Sheridan Opera House has been Telluride’s cultural cornerstone. What began as a vaudeville stage for miners and their families has earned its nickname as the “Showplace of the Rockies” through decades of memorable performances.

This February, the intimate 240-seat venue showcases the breadth of modern entertainment. Electronic music producer Manic Focus (February 7) brings his signature fusion of soulful blues and electronic beats. The Grammy Award–winning The Infamous Stringdusters take over for three nights (February 8–10), filling the historic space with the band’s groundbreaking bluegrass sound. The venue’s milestone 25<sup>th</sup> annual Telluride Comedy Festival (February 13–16) promises four nights of stand-up comedy. Singer-songwriter John Craigie shares the stage with Toad the Wet Sprocket’s Glen Phillips (February 19), followed by an evening with acclaimed folk musicians Tim O’Brien and Jan Fabricius (February 21).



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**WHEELER OPERA HOUSE**

320 EAST HYMAN AVE. | ASPEN

Fresh from an autumn 2024 renovation of its theatrical rigging system, the 1889 Wheeler Opera House launches into 2025 with renewed vigor. The historic venue’s latest improvements ensure it can continue supporting the rich array of performances that have graced its stage since the silver mining era.

February’s diverse lineup includes comedian Tom Papa (February 2), whose observational humor spans Netflix specials and best-selling books. The Grammy Award–winning Steep Canyon Rangers (February 3) bring their innovative bluegrass to the historic hall. Families can enjoy “Dog Man: The Musical” (February 8), a critically

acclaimed adaptation of Dav Pilkey’s beloved series. DanceAspen presents “Ember Glow” (February 15–16), featuring world premieres and a special piece commissioned by the Wheeler that celebrates Aspen’s heritage.

The month continues with “Counterpoint” (February 18), uniting pianist Conrad Tao and dancer Caleb Teicher in a genre-defying fusion of classical music and tap dance. Emmy-nominated actor Paul Reiser (February 20) and mentalist Colin Cloud (February 21) bring their respective talents to the stage. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer John Oates concludes the month with a unique two-night residency (February 28–March 1), combining storytelling and music in his adopted hometown of Aspen. >>>



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**CENTRAL CITY OPERA HOUSE**

124 EUREKA ST. | CENTRAL CITY

The Central City Opera House, dating to 1878, is a historic 550-seat jewel box theater and one of Colorado's oldest surviving opera houses. It now serves as the centerpiece of Central City Opera, the nation's fifth-oldest professional opera company.

Founded in 1932, Central City Opera has established itself as a world-renowned institution for its exceptional productions, competitive young artist training program and innovative community engagement initiatives. The summer festival draws visitors to its unique location 8,500 feet above sea level in the historic mountain town of Central City, just 35 miles west of Denver. The organization maintains stewardship of 27 Victorian-era properties in addition to the opera house.

During the winter months, visitors can explore this Victorian architectural gem through guided tours offered Tuesday through Sunday, providing insights into its historical significance and ongoing role in Colorado's cultural landscape.

**TABOR OPERA HOUSE**

308 HARRISON AVE. | LEADVILLE

The Tabor Opera House, built by mining magnate Horace Austin Warner (HAW) Tabor in 1879, once hosted luminaries like Oscar Wilde and Harry Houdini. Its robust design, completed in just 100 days with materials hauled by wagon, has stood the test of time. Now owned by the City of Leadville, ongoing preservation efforts by the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation aim to restore this historic venue as a cultural hub and economic driver for the community.

While maintaining limited winter hours, the Opera House will open its doors during Leadville's Ski Joring weekend in early March, offering tours and a glimpse into its storied past. "Colorado's rich history is truly one of the defining features that makes our community so special," says Adam Ducharme, tourism and economic development director of Visit Leadville-Twin Lakes. "The opera houses in this circuit are not to be missed. You can feel the history in these spaces, which is part of the reason why they attract such incredible programming year after year."

**LOOKING AHEAD**

These five historic venues demonstrate how cultural landmarks can evolve while honoring their roots. As Eliza Voss, vice president of marketing for the Aspen Chamber Resort Association, notes, "Colorado is incredibly lucky to offer robust arts and cultural programming throughout the year at our historic opera houses. Complement your time on the slopes with an event that sparks your interest at circuit locations throughout the winter."

From classical performances to contemporary entertainment, these restored theaters continue their original mission: bringing world-class culture to Colorado's mountain communities while preserving the architectural legacy of the mining era.

For more information, visit [coloradooperahouses.com](http://coloradooperahouses.com)



# FEBRUARY



**Plan ahead! March 7-9**

**COLORADO GOLF EXPO**

The 2025 Colorado Golf Expo will prove to be a fantastic time. This “golf-centric” experience is a perfect event to share with your partner, your golf group or kids. Look forward to three fun-filled days featuring 130+ exhibitors, hitting new model clubs, planning vacations, attending free seminars, winning prizes and more. Hours, additional details and tickets available online. **DENVER**, [coloradogolfexpo.com](http://coloradogolfexpo.com)

**Ongoing Through February 2**

**SNOWDOWN 2025**

Each winter, the normally quiet mountain town of Durango comes alive with festivities designed to keep the spirits high during cold days and long nights. Snowdown is easily one of Colorado’s best multi-day festivals, regardless of the season. Snowdown returns for its 46th year with a “The Board Game Edition: It’s Your Move” theme. The days are loaded with exciting, spirit-lifting events held throughout Durango, including numerous bars, the County Fairgrounds, the Durango Rec Center and the Animas City Theatre. There’s everything from doughnut-eating contests and scavenger hunts to chili cook-offs and a bloody mary contest.

**DURANGO**, [snowdown.org](http://snowdown.org)

**Through February 9**

**“MARY POPPINS THE MUSICAL”**

“Mary Poppins the Musical,” is here to take the PACE Center stage. The jack-of-all-trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren’t the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that “Anything can happen if you let it.” **PACE CENTER**, [parkerarts.org](http://parkerarts.org)



**Through March**

**SNOW GLOBE & GONDOLA DINING EXPERIENCE**

A longstanding holiday tradition in western Colorado, Grand Junction’s Hotel Maverick transforms its rooftop terrace into a winter wonderland, offering a snow globe dining experience against panoramic views of the Grand Mesa and Colorado National Monument. Guests can cozy up and enjoy a festive meal of regionally inspired dishes and specialty craft cocktails in private, illuminated igloos and gondolas at Devil’s Kitchen, the restaurant and bar atop the hotel. More information and reservations available online. **GRAND JUNCTION**, [devilskitchenrestaurant.com](http://devilskitchenrestaurant.com)



**March 1**

**SPRING BAZAAR**

Spring is in the air, and the Highlands Ranch Community Association Spring Bazaar is back. Visit with over 100 vendors displaying and selling unique and high-quality products. This one-of-a-kind marketplace will include photography, original art, sculpture, ceramics, specialty food, precious jewelry, gems and so much more. Admission is free and open to the public. **HIGHLANDS RANCH**, [hrcaonline.org](http://hrcaonline.org)

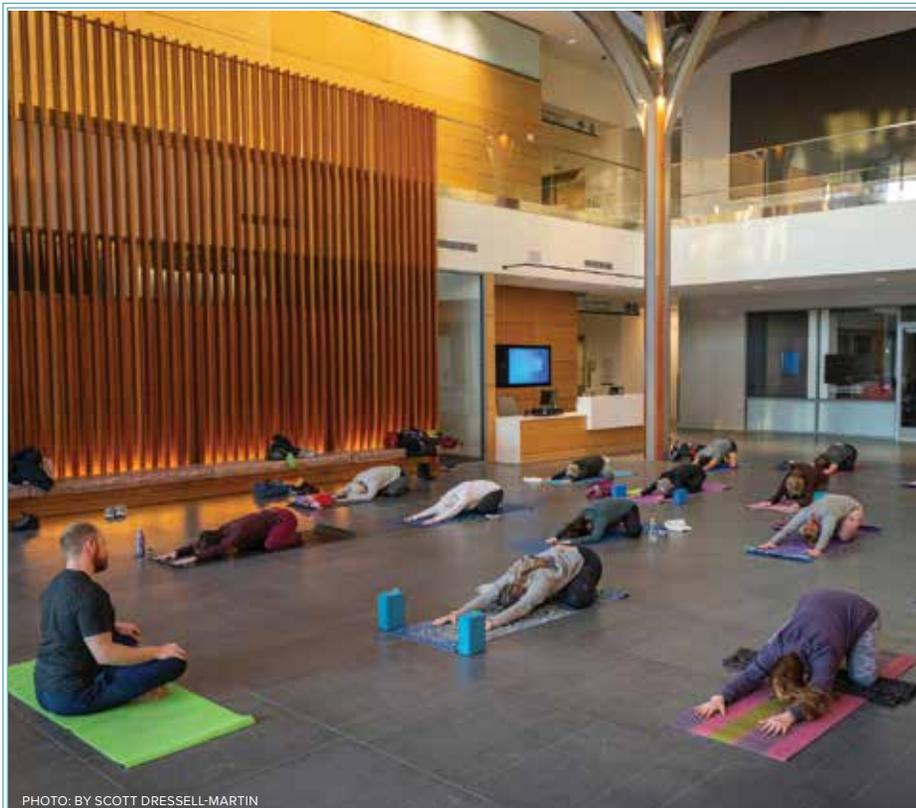


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**Through February**

**SUNRISE VINYASA YOGA AT THE GARDENS**

Looking for a fantastic place to practice yoga? No studio can match the experience of practicing in nature, surrounded by the stunning landscapes at Denver Botanic Gardens. Vinyasa yoga weaves flowing movement with challenging postures and cultivates a sense of peace and calm by the end of each class. The postures practiced in this all-levels class will promote alignment, flexibility, focus and endurance and help detoxify the body. Pack a yoga mat, water bottle and any layers you might need to be comfortable during class. Advanced registration is required.

**DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS**, [botanicgardens.org](http://botanicgardens.org)

**February 1**

**CASTLE ROCK WINTER BALL**

Calling all flappers, dappers and little jazz cats to this year's Winter Ball. Step into the glitz and glamour of the Roaring Twenties for a night of timeless family fun. Dress to impress and join in for an unforgettable evening of dancing, laughter and memories. 6–9 p.m. at **DOUGLAS COUNTY EVENT CENTER**, [ergov.com](http://ergov.com)

**February 6**

**ROCK OF HOPE GALA**

AdventHealth Castle Rock embarked on a journey to launch a new cancer center in June 2022. Since then, individuals have responded with an outpouring of generosity throughout the community, resulting in \$8 million in contributions toward the \$14 million campaign goal. Celebrate campaign progress at the Rock of Hope Gala—a black-tie-optional charity gala benefitting the Rock of Hope Campaign at The Oaks at Plum Creek at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now. **CASTLE ROCK**, [rmahf.org](http://rmahf.org)

**February 7–March 9**

**“THE SUFFRAGETTE’S MURDER”**

On the morning of July 5, 1857, an eclectic group of tenants bustle about their Manhattan

boarding house, arranging the final details of a clever scheme they hope to pull off in the name of the budding women’s suffrage movement. As they prepare to host an important secret gathering, they receive an unexpected visit from a constable. One of the tenants has been murdered. “The Suffragette’s Murder,” a farcical who-done-it by Sandy Rustin (Clue, Broadway’s The Cottage) and a runaway audience favorite at the 2023 Colorado New Play Summit, makes its highly anticipated world premiere at the Denver Center. **DENVER CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**, [denvercenter.org](http://denvercenter.org)

**February 7 & 8**

**FATHER AND DAUGHTER SWEETHEART BALL**

Get ready for a winter wonderland evening at the Father and Daughter Sweetheart Ball. Whether you’re crafting a custom charm necklace, enjoying treats at the dessert table, or dancing the night away, magical moments await dads and daughters. Capture the memories with a keepsake photo from the photo station to remember the night. Carriage rides will be available for an additional fee. This annual event is so popular that there

are three sessions: Friday or Saturday. More info available online. **HIGHLANDS RANCH MANSION**, [hrcaonline.org](http://hrcaonline.org)

**February 8–16**

**COLORADO GARDEN & HOME SHOW**

Discover the Rocky Mountain region’s largest and most prestigious garden and home show – a nine-day spectacular event at the Colorado Convention Center – where you can find inspiration from the latest ideas and trends in landscaping, gardening and home improvement. Enjoy the multitude of fragrances as you stroll through more than an acre of professionally landscaped gardens. Talk to representatives from more than 500 companies from 25 states and Canada. Visit with the region’s gardening gurus and home improvement experts about the best ways to move your home and garden projects forward. **CONVENTION CENTER**, [coloradogardenfoundation.org](http://coloradogardenfoundation.org)

**February 8**

**EPIC LOVE: FROM SHAKESPEARE TO SUPERHEROS**

This Valentine-themed concert celebrates legendary romances and iconic tales. Be swept away by the stirring emotions of Tchaikovsky’s “Romeo & Juliet Suite,” the timeless love story brought to life through music. Experience the soaring tenderness of John Williams’ “Superman Love Theme” and the exhilarating energy of Michael Giacchino’s “Thor: Love & Thunder – Mama’s Got a Brand New Hammer.” The evening also features captivating opera highlights. Don’t miss this unforgettable celebration of love’s many forms, from the dramatic to the heroic. **LONE TREE ARTS CENTER**, [lonetreeartscenter.org](http://lonetreeartscenter.org)

**February 14**

**“STRANGELOVE: THE DEPECHE MODE EXPERIENCE”**

Internationally touring tribute sensation “Strangelove” delivers a pitch-perfect best of Depeche Mode arena/stadium-scaled concert that transports listeners through time to the days of Depeche Mode’s illustrious career. In addition to spot-on musical recreations, the hip swivels, stage sets, spins, and projection visuals are all there, including in-show costume changes that reflect the different eras of Depeche Mode’s four-decade, 120 million-album-selling story. **THE SCHOOLHOUSE**, [parkerarts.org](http://parkerarts.org)

**February 15–16**

**FAT TUESDAY FIESTA**

The sun cracks through the haphazardly sealed curtains of your hotel window. Your vision becomes focused as the pounding in your head slowly but steadily increases in intensity. Your memories of Mardi Gras last night are hazy now: the places you saw, the strangers you toasted in the streets, the many (maybe too many) drinks you drank. One memory is clear, though. Denver Brass and Festa Bateria kept

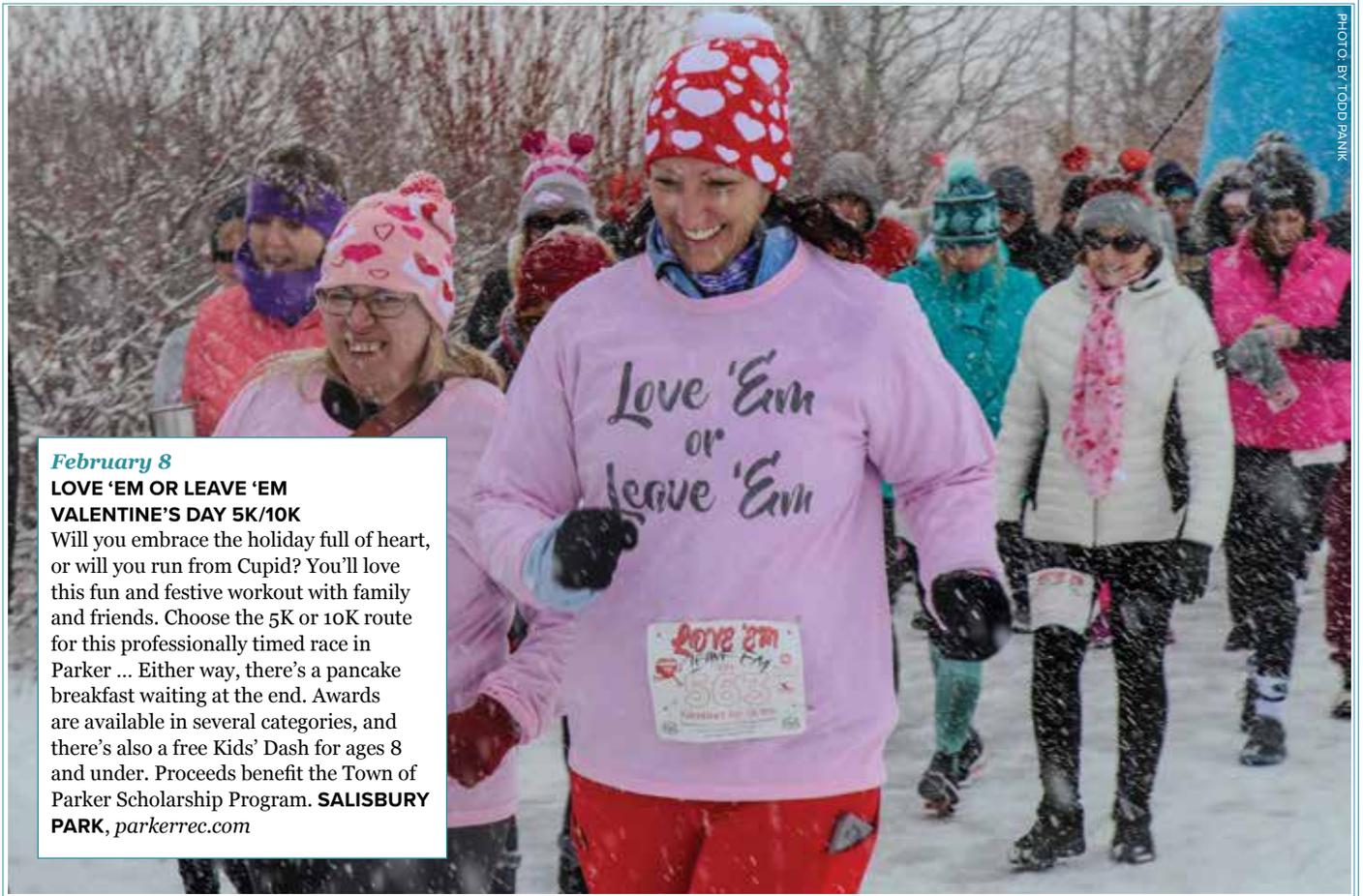


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**February 8**  
**LOVE 'EM OR LEAVE 'EM VALENTINE'S DAY 5K/10K**  
 Will you embrace the holiday full of heart, or will you run from Cupid? You'll love this fun and festive workout with family and friends. Choose the 5K or 10K route for this professionally timed race in Parker ... Either way, there's a pancake breakfast waiting at the end. Awards are available in several categories, and there's also a free Kids' Dash for ages 8 and under. Proceeds benefit the Town of Parker Scholarship Program. **SALISBURY PARK**, [parkerrec.com](http://parkerrec.com)

the good times rolling all night long with red-hot horns, blistering trumpet solos, and the infectious rhythms of New Orleans and Brazil. **NEWMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**, [du.edu/events](http://du.edu/events)

**February 22**  
**NIGHT IN THAILAND**  
 Thai food has become one of the fastest-growing and most popular cuisines in the world. Become immersed in the aromas and let the flavors carry you away to Thailand. Prepare for strong aromatic components balancing sweet, sour, and salty with a spicy edge—think fresh spring rolls with chili sauce and shrimp Pad Thai. This event also includes a bottle of wine for two to share. **CENTENNIAL**, [uncorkedkitchen.com](http://uncorkedkitchen.com)

**February 28**  
**MURDER AND MYSTERY SHOW**  
 Lucky you, you've been invited to the Dunn Speakeasy for the wedding of the year. You'll never know who to trust in this "married to the mob" event. With the two families merging, someone is bound to lose power, which means someone else will lose their life. Get on the trolley and solve this case with your fellow detectives. Dress like the cat's meow for this mafia wedding – flapper dresses, zoot suits, feather boas and headbands, pinstriped suits and fedoras are all appropriate. Food and a cash bar will be available. **CHEROKEE RANCH & CASTLE**, [cherokeeranch.org](http://cherokeeranch.org)



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**February 15**  
**MARY LOUISE LEE BAND: TRIBUTE TO DONNA SUMMER**  
 The Queen of Denver meets the Queen of Disco. The indelible Mary Louise Lee brings her unique musical approach to the iconic catalog of the one and only Donna Summer. With hits like "Last Dance," "Hot Stuff," and "I Love You," you'll don your platform shoes and dance the night away in this unforgettable performance. **LONE TREE ARTS CENTER**, [lonetreeartscenter.org](http://lonetreeartscenter.org)

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