



TIME IS RUNNING OUT: Buy St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway ticket for gorgeous \$560K home

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The 2020 St. Jude Dream Home includes so many quality amenities, a dream kitchen, wonderful open spaces and broad, sunlight-capturing windows your family will love. Get your ticket today.

Covington Homes has created this \$560,000, 5-bedroom, 4-bath home to amaze you with its classic, impactful interior design choices; upgraded appliances and a floor-plan that includes a two-story, nine-foot ceiling, designed to welcome your

family to a life of enhanced ease and comfort. The approximately 4,400-square-foot home also features a loft overlook; two-car garage; and a Chef's kitchen with an expansive center island. Relax in your capacious main-level master bedroom and walk out to your glorious, completely landscaped yard.

Once again, this year's St. Jude Dream Home has been built in the spectacular community of Banning Lewis Ranch. Your \$100 ticket enters you

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FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK SOUTHARD STAR RANCH



14065 HIGHWAY 83, COLORADO SPRINGS
\$6,995,000

Agent / Company: Elaine Stucky,
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Call listing agent for showing appointment

Southard Star Ranch is a stately, distinctive, 54-acre estate created to withstand the whims of time. Influenced by Pennsylvania Dutch architecture, here the highest value is the experience of living well in every sense of the word. A home that is both grand and unpretentious, breathtaking and still welcoming, imposing yet cozy and warm, inspiring in a way that makes you long to return. Renowned nationwide, this home was featured as runner-up of the Wall Street Journal's Property of the Year! www.14065Highway83.com

FEATURED HOME OF THE WEEK SOPHISTICATED STYLE



1155 Giacomo Ct | \$1,095,000
Neighborhood: I-25 to Interquest Prkwy - Go East, Left on Voyager - Left on Ridgeline - Rt on Red Bullet, Right on Kelso - Right on Giacomo
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Superior Quality with a Contemporary Flair!
Clean lines, natural light, flowing interior, open floor plan and modern finishes make this the ideal place to call home. 5 Bedrooms, 5 Baths, approx. 4,828 SQFT. Built in 2018 and feels brand New. Unobstructed AFA & Pikes Peak Views! Incredible Location!! Located in Colorado Springs newest & highly desirable Master Planned Community, The Farm and will feature a Gathering Spot community center currently designed with a seasonal pool, walking/bike trails and access to water sports including canoeing & kayaking

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SPOTLIGHT: ST. JUDE DREAM HOME

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to win the dream home and also allows you to help protect the most vulnerable among us — our precious children — and help save their lives.

The 2020 St. Jude Dream Home is located at 7034 Fauna Glen Drive and is not open for in-person viewing but you can get the feel of its family-friendly floor design by touring via a 360-degree video on the site — www.stjude.org/give/dream-home/colorado-springs.html/.

If you buy a ticket by the last chance deadline on June 11, you also can win a \$10,000 shopping spree to Furniture Row, courtesy of Furniture Row. Tickets are \$100 and now on sale; only 9,250 tickets will be sold, and the winner will be announced on KKTU News on June 12.

Each year Covington Homes and their trade partners donate 100% of the materials and labor to build a beautiful home to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. For the fifth year in a row, Covington Homes has built the Colorado Springs St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway house at zero cost. This means that all of the proceeds from the ticket sales will go directly to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Every dollar helps children such as Major, who along with his two siblings, Jasmine and Ja-Kasha, receive lifesaving treatment for their sickle cell disease. Sickle cell disease is a group of inherited blood disorders that prevent the normal flow of blood in the body. These brave children have been coming to St. Jude since they were babies to receive treatments including hydroxyurea.

The Colorado Springs St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway campaign has raised over \$5 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital over the past seven years through the Colorado Springs community, and they are working towards a goal of raising \$925,000 this year through the St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway for the families of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

You only have until June 11 to get your St. Jude Dream Home ticket. You may also call (800) 379-5217.

Don't miss out on the possible \$10,000 shopping spree for furniture, courtesy of Furniture Row! Get your ticket today — you will be helping children like Major and his siblings and also join in the fight to end childhood cancer! You can also find the "Judies" in the Sequoia model home online — check it out here — www.covingtonhomes2020stjudedreamhome.com/side-by-side/. Win a brand new Jetson Element Electric Scooter. Buy tickets at www.stjude.org/give/dream-home/colorado-springs.html/. ■



Here's the dirt on growing vegetables

BY JERRY ZEZIMA, TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Jerry, Jerry, quite contrary, how does your garden grow?

Not too well, unfortunately, because my green thumb is probably a fungus and my wife, Sue, is the real gardener in the family. I just provide the fertilizer.

But since the weather was nice and we wanted to get out of the house, where Sue has been stuck with me since the quarantine began, I decided to help start her garden, where she will grow all the vegetables I don't like but have to eat anyway because, as Sue often tells me, "they're good for you."

To which I invariably reply, "I'm a vegetable myself. Isn't that good enough?"

Apparently not, so Sue and I went to the landfill to get free topsoil.

"It's even better than dirt cheap," I said as I shoveled the stuff into two

large lawn and garden bags, which weighed so much that lifting them into the car was a pain in the asparagus.

When we got home, I unloaded the loam, sweet loam and went to the shed, a dilapidated structure housing tools that, to call a spade a spade, I hate. That's because they are dangerous weapons in my hands, which often bleed as a result, and are used to grow the vegetables I hate even more.

One of the tools I brought out looked like a spade, but Sue corrected me. "That's an ice chopper!" she said incredulously. "Wrong season. A lot you know about planting a garden."

I knew enough to bring out more appropriate tools, including a shovel, a hoe, a leaf rake, an iron rake and a trowel.

I ripped open the bags of soil and dumped them into the garden, a small patch measuring 10 feet by 5 feet in

which Sue planned to plant beets, onions, string beans, peppers, basil, cucumbers and, with apologies to Simon and Garfunkel, parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.

She also will grow tomatoes, which I like because botanically they aren't vegetables but fruits, and squash, which I dislike more than anything that grows in nature with the possible exception of poison ivy, though it probably tastes better.

"Why don't you like squash?" Sue asked.

"Because," I replied, "I'd rather play tennis."

Sue rolled her eyes, through which she noticed that I was standing there, a shovel in one hand, an iron rake in the other, like one half of the famous Grant Wood painting "American Gothic."

"Are you the Farmer in the Dell?" Sue asked.

"I'm more like the Farmer in the Dull," I responded.

Sue didn't disagree.

"Or," I added, "if you pickle the cucumbers, I'd be the Farmer in the Dill." Sue ignored the remark and said, "Last year, I had red hot chili peppers."

"I must have missed the concert," I noted.

"I put them in the freezer," Sue said. "I guess they're not hot anymore," I told her.

She told me to get going, which meant using the leaf rake to remove leftover autumn leaves, the shovel to dig up clumps of dead grass and the iron rake to spread out the dirt.

Then Sue got down and dirty as she planted rows of onion and beet seeds.

"Do you want me to help?" I asked. "I've gone to seed."

Sue declined my generous offer

but warned me to watch out for her chamomile flowers.

"The chamomile fits you to a tea," I said.

"Too bad I can't plant grapes," Sue remarked. "I'd use them to make wine. After being out here with you, I need a glass."

Still, it was a successful start to the garden, where Sue will grow all the greens that are supposedly good for me.

"Thanks," I said as I put away the tools. "Now I can throw in the trowel." ■

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