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Tim:

Yeah (inaudible) just because I looked at the questions that you might be asking me. And I, I said Mom, what was it that, that, you guys decided to move to Broomfield on what, what drew you here, and she goes, well, dad's in the oil business and he came ahead of us. And he wanted to live on the north side of Denver because we have a mountain property up by Estes Park; it was already in the family, so it was easier to get to. He, just this community was a good place to raise a family, like he, he knew right away. So he said, you know, we're gonna be on the north side of Denver so we can get through Boulder quickly to get up to the cabin. And yeah, we're gonna raise our family in this little community that is midway between Denver, where he worked, and Boulder, easy access to kind of get out, go hiking, and stuff like that. So that was kind of the decision, what she told me. I didn't know because, of course, I'm three years old at the time.

David:

Right,

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right. Yeah, sounds like just a little trick of geography then in some ways, like it was just the perfect location because of the places that you needed to get to and be, so . . .

Tim:

Yeah, it's interesting. Absolutely.

David:

So usually I start, actually, by having you introduce yourself. Just share your name and just a little bit more about yourself. So could, could you do that?

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Tim:

I can do that. Tim Williams is my name. Moved here in 1973. 1973, so I was three years old and gosh, then grew up in Broomfield, going to Kohl Elementary. We were, that was the first class in the middle

school when it was built, in the eighth grade, so the first eighth grade class. Spent from elementary school, right before middle school, spent what, seventh grade I guess, at the Broomfield Junior high, then went into the new middle school. And then came out of the middle school, went back to the high school building, or the junior high was, we went ninth through twelfth grade there. I went away to college in Indiana, because I wanted to play soccer. And I played soccer all my life in Broomfield. And so I went, I sought out a university in southern Indiana to go to, but I came back home after that, after four and a half years of college. And then took a job in Boulder out of college. I met a girl, started dating her, long story short, she's now my wife, 24 years in.

David:
Congrats.

Tim:
Thank you. Thank you. Went away to grad school in Georgia, finished that up in, with a degree in Sport Management. And then I came back home - home being here. Got married after grad school, moved to Westminster about 120th and Sheridan, and then moved to another home after that for about 14 years in Westminster, and said, hey, we gotta get back to my community, which is Broomfield. So we came back in about 2017 and moved into the Broadlands. And we have been there ever since.

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David:
Fantastic. Fantastic. So tell me a little bit more. You said your father had a job here that, that was kind of a main reason why you ended up kind of in Colorado. Where were you before . . .

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Tim:
Mom and dad met in Louisiana. That's where my mom was raised. My dad is a, he's always been in the oil business, so he was a geophysicist. So he did seismic work down in the swamps of Louisiana. And as he was doing that, he met my mom.

David:
Okay.

Tim:
They started dating. It was a pretty quick turnaround. And they got married. And his work took him up to Calgary Canada, Alberta. And they had my brother, who is three years older than me, up in Calgary. And then they had me. So I was born in Calgary, Canada. And then he, I think he was with Amoco Oil, and Amoco moved him to Houston for about 13 months.

David:
Okay.

Tim:

So a very quick stay. And then they moved him out here to Denver. So that's kind of what landed us here in the early 70's. And you know he took, you know, he jumped through multiple jobs through his career, a quick stance out of, out of Denver, but always bringing them back to Denver.

David:

Coming back to this area.

Tim:

Yeah, that was home. So yeah, dad's work was the thing that brought us to Colorado, to the Denver area, and he was the one who selected Broomfield.

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David:

I love that. So can you share just a little bit more about, kind of some of those early years in this community and in Broomfield, and kind of what that was like, like maybe things you did for fun with your friends or just kind of like, you mentioned you have a brother, older brother. So what were some of the things you were doing in the area here?

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Tim:

Yeah. Well let's see, so where we moved was just west of the high school that we know today. It was a cul-de-sac that extended from east to west. It just kind of came to the end of the cul-de-sac, and then we had a barbed wire fence behind our house, which was 100% field (inaudible) our backyard to 287. So it extended all the way over there. And as you can imagine where I'm going with that is, a total playground. And, and the farmer who owned the field behind us, he grew hay, and we would, 'er wheat sorry, and we would just play out there all the time, and hide and go seek, and sleep, 'er slipping down below, below the crop. And then there was a canal, that's still there . . .

David:

Mmm-hmm.

Tim:

. . . that has run through there. And we'd swing on, on ropes and swim in

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that gross . . .

David:

Nasty water. Yeah.

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Tim:

But I think where I go with that is our cul-de-sac just kind of naturally, the families that were there, be it, they were just before us, they came right after us. The kids on the cul-de-sac, obviously became a very

tight knit group. I think the range, age range between all of us probably expanded five to six years from youngest to oldest at that time.

David:

Wow. Yeah.

Tim:

But we would always create like the fun on our street. And in fact, I'd been interviewed for stories through the Broomfield Enterprise about that cul-de-sac. You know, with, with neighbors, we were grown then and we would have these stories about, tell us about the good old days, so hide and go seek kickball, AG, We invented games, but we were all just, just a close group. The families were very close. Mom and dad were super pleased with that. That was a lot of fun. Even just a fun story that I'll share on that too. It was back in the day where you walk up to somebody's door and you ring the doorbell and say, hey can Timmy play? Right?

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David:

Can he come out?

Time:

Yeah.

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Mom. mom constructed these little signs that she would hang over the doorbell that said, the boys, my brother and I, the boys are having their quiet time, or the boys are sleeping right now, we're having dinner, whatever the sign was, and she would hang it out. So the kids that came up to the door wouldn't interrupt family time for us. And that was kind of mom's thing. So then other families started to create signs like that too, but yeah, just a very, very close knit street. That's kind of where it started. I was a soccer player. Dad was my first coach, and so I got into soccer probably when I was six years old, with the Broomfield community, Broomfield community soccer. And I was actually kind of a fun little fact, I was on the first competitive . . .

David:

Oh wow!

Tim:

. . . soccer team here in Broomfield. They called them the Broomfield Blast. And that name carried over for a long, long time until they just got swallowed up by the Colorado Rapids Club.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

But it's, it's kind of a fun footnote.

David:
That's neat, yeah.

Tim:
It's nice to be on the very first competitive soccer team . . .

David:
For sure.

Tim:
. . . . that started here in Broomfield

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with a lot of my friends.

David:
And so with that competitive soccer team, is that something where you would kind of like travel to different communities for different matches and that sort of thing? Is it called a match in soccer?

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That is perfect. Yes.

David:
Good. Okay.

Tim:
Match is perfect. Most people call it a game and that's perfectly fine as

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well.

David:
Okay. Okay, but I'm sorry, I just had to ask that because I'm actually, I'm from Indiana, and so it's all basketball all the time for me. It still is better.

Tim:
Sure.

David:
But no I, soccer, that's, that's fascinating. So yeah, tell me a little bit more about how that would work.

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Tim:

Yeah, so the rec league, even the rec league teams, we would play, you know, we had these heavy, heavy red and white reversible shirts that was provided by the city, I believe.

David:
Okay.

Tim:
And you would, depending on, on which Broomfield team you would play, you would decide, hey we're gonna be white or red, and then you would flip it inside out.

David:
Nice.

Tim:
And that game was on, right? But even in the rec days, I do recall playing Wheat Ridge. So we, that was like, for a kid that was like a long

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drive. Right?

David:
It's still far down there, it feels like.

Tim:
Especially

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with traffic these days, but . . .

David:
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Tim:
. . . we played the Wheat Ridge teams, out by Lutheran Hospital. I remember a field out there. That sticks with me. I remember home fields being, at Kohl Elementary, being at Westlake Junior High at the time, but all community based then. When competitive soccer came in, you're exactly right, we would go, we would play other competitive teams. I recall mainly Boulder teams.. We wouldn't go that far.

David: Yeah, yeah.

Tim:
It was, it was more, you know, geographically close to where we are now. But yeah, we would venture outside of the area and play these other competitive teams that the communities had their own competitive team.

David:
Yeah, yeah.

Tim:
It was really pretty cool.

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David:
That's fun. So you said your, your dad was one of your first coaches. Did he have a, kind of a background in soccer, or was he just, he just knew the game, that sort of thing? Or what would you, what's that

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Tim:
None of the above.

David:
Really? Oh, interesting.

Tim:
A great story on that. Down in Denver, it still exists, the Pepsi Cola plant off of what's that, Brighton Boulevard?

David:
Yes.

Tim:
Kind of by the Denver Event Center.

David:
Yeah, yeah.

Tim:
Dad worked downtown and he, he said, wow, we gotta get the soccer thing going. I don't know a thing about it. But I'm going to coach both my kids and, and continue on. So what he would do is at Pepsi, they had these reels of film on how to teach soccer. So he, he would rent a film projector and get these film reels from Pepsi for free. And he would borrow them. And it was soccer instructions . . .

David:
Oh wow.

Tim:

. . . that he would bring home and flash up on the wall, and we'd all kind of watch it. And he would be taking notes as to how to teach, 'cuz he didn't know.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

But that's how he learned is, is through those reels, through, through Pepsi Cola.

David:

Hmm.

Tim:

Yeah.

David:

That's fascinating.

Tim:

I'm surprised I remember that. Yeah, cool

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David:

Yeah, that's really, that's really something. I was thinking too, like, what were maybe some of the other you know, activities or things that either, you know, you as a family or your parents were involved in that you remember in Broomfield at the time.

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Tim:

Always Broomfield Days. As long as it's been around, we would take part in that. We built, I even remember through soccer, we built like a goal out of PVC pipe, and hung a tire, which was way too heavy for, it by a rope, and we had a little contest for people in the soccer community to come by at Broomfield Days and try to kick the ball

David:

Through the tire. Yeah.

Tim:

So that was kind of a fundraiser to do that. But yeah, Broomfield Days was always big with us. I will say that a big component to my mom's life was faith. And what she realized in the faith that she was brought up in, we didn't have a good outlet here in the community. And what was important to her is to plug her kids into a really, really strong youth group. So she found a church, the affiliation's called Church of Christ, and she found it in Arvada. So they would drive us, our whole family would drive . . .one, two . . . three times a week.

David:
Wow.

Tim:
Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night . . .

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
. . . from here to Arvada. And that was really important to her

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
Yeah, and it was great memory through that, but it was not in this community.

David:
Interesting. Yeah.

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So can you tell me just a little bit more about, you know, as you kind of got to high school, you described some of the things that you would do with your friends in the field, and hide and seek and games, making up stuff and doing that sort of thing. How did that maybe change a little bit as you reached high school? What were some of the activities you were doing then?

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Yeah, it's a good segue. Like the friends we had on the street, it's, it's the weirdest thing when I think back to it, I didn't carry those relationships through my school. That was only exclusive to my cul-de-sac, if that makes sense. So we would go to the same schools, but we wouldn't really interact, like we did on our street.

David:
Interesting.

Tim:
Strangest thing. So yeah, coming, coming up through middle school, brand new school, that was pretty neat, going through high school. The community would always, we knew each other so well, because it was so small, you didn't have, once you gotten into the high school realm and middle school realm, you didn't have options. It was big, one school.

David:

Right.

Tim:

Prior to that you had your elementary schools, even with Nativity, that was a, an offering for a certain group of kids that we didn't interact with until we got to high school.

David:

Right.

Tim:

And once we got to high school, it was like this melting pot of, okay, we're all now together. So we all, you know, the school wasn't that big. So we all got to know each other pretty fast. And just, just a solid community, for the most part coming, coming through high school. So hopefully that answers the question.

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David:

Yeah. No, absolutely. So you were involved in soccer, anything else in high school or like academic things you were interested in at the time, teachers you remember? Anything like that?

Tim:

Yeah.

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Soccer was, was key for me. I was a tennis player as well. Even now the Broomfield Swim and Tennis Club. We were members at that club, just to stay active and swimming lessons and, and learning to play tennis. So I played quite a bit of tennis. For me personally there was the conflict of, the seasons were the same. So I had to make a choice. And I, I leaned toward soccer. To this day, though, I mean, I'm a member back at that club that I was a member at when I was, when I was a young kid. So actively I play tennis as well.

David:

No pickleball though?

Tim:

No pickleball yet. It's very, very popular. A lot of people play it. But I haven't crossed that line quite yet.

David:

Fair enough.

Tim:

You can give me a hard time about that.

David:

I won't give you a hard time.

Tim:

But I will get there. But yeah, through school in general, I got involved with Student Council. I was a singing kid, so I jumped into choir. That was important to me. Let's see, I played basketball for a couple of years. I wasn't the strongest basketball player, but I was encouraged by my family and my friends - you're tall, you just give it a try.

David:

Yeah.

Tim:

And I did. And I made the junior varsity team, but that was about it. Track and Field, not in high school, but more as a youth through the Cara track programs. But yeah, high school, I look back and I don't, I don't regret it at all. In fact, when I go to reunions, it's really cool to see students that I did not interact with in high school, to then interact with them later in life, because we were there together. And it's just really, really neat to see that. Because in high school, you're, you're just, you just group with the groups that you go with, if you will. Flex, if you want to call it that. But the community kind of brings you back to it's bigger than that. And that's what the reunion offers you, I think, once you get through it. No regrets in high school. I, I really enjoyed those days and look back fondly on those.

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David:

So tell me a little bit more about, kind of the story of coming back to this area and kind of like what maybe had changed in the time that you were at university and getting your, you know, various degrees and those sorts of things. And then, then what you kind of experienced when you were first coming back.

Tim:

Yeah,

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I think in summary, I think change is hard for a lot of people and certainly in this community. We've seen a lot of it. But there are certain things that even today, even today, you can, you can drive around and have the memory of, oh that place is still there, or that that tree is a lot bigger than it was before. But yeah, I think, I think the change is hard. I mentioned the field behind our house. It does make me sad that it's populated with nothing but homes now. And it's just not that vista from our back porch that you could look out across the field and see the front range. Like without a doubt it was unobstructed. You could do that. Now you can't do that, unless you're on somebody's roof over there. And then you can do that.

David:

Yeah.

Tim:

So I do think the, the growth and the change is, is, I won't say a shock. It's just, it's harder to accept this little community changing like that. But it's understandable because it's healthy for the community.

David:

Yeah.

Tim:

And it only makes this place a better place for people to come into and really, really see what we saw when we got here when it was not much . . .

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

. . . as far as size goes. So yeah, coming back, it is home. I mean I've always found my way back here. And there's always that warm feel above anything else, coming back here.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

More than anything else.

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David:

That's neat. So you said you lived in Westminster for a number of years. What, while though certainly that would have been like the kind of extreme north part of Westminster, right? 120th and Sheridan.

Tim:

Yes.

David:

Yeah. What, what are some of the, just kind of thinking about comparatively, like, the different communities around and, you know, from having lived in Westminster, from just knowing some of the other communities in this area, what distinguishes Broomfield? What makes it different? What do you think?

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Tim:

I think, when I think of the other, the other suburbs, if you will, like Aurora and Westminster and Littleton, they're, I think of those places and I think they're huge, like they're so expensive, they, they, everything grows. But as a footprint for those places they're just, they're not like Broomfield because they're way bigger, in my mind.

David:
Mmm-hmm.

Tim:
And, and this was that little, it's almost back in the day it was almost considered not a part of Denver, suburbia. It was the other place . . .

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
. . . that was just outside of Boulder, right next door to Lafayette and, and it wasn't, I guess I've always looked at it as not being a part of Denver proper. It was its own thing. And I think that's what makes it somewhat unique. To me. When I think about where I grew up, and the place that I call home now, it's just, is a little bit different because it's not part of the rest of the suburbs that we name. It just doesn't, in my mind it doesn't feel that way.

David:
Right.

Tim:
So it does feel like more of an independent entity.

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
And it kind of holds its character with, with what I recall through, you know, the government, and now it's its own county, you know, City and County of Broomfield, so it just, it seems more independent to me than probably what it is by definition.

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
It's neat to be a part of that. I will say too, like when I think about the south part of Denver, north part of Denver, I, I, I gravitate toward the north part, enjoying that more. I just simply think our views of the mountains, they're just, they're nicer. They're more rugged. They're more awesome. And then down south, it's pretty. South Denver, but it's more rolling.

David:
Yeah.

Tim:

You know, and it's not as close to you. It's not the Flatirons.

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David:

Foothills and that sort of thing instead of what is here, yeah.

Time:

Yeah. So

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That's kind of fun, to be on the north side. Our location is, is pretty killer.

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David:

Absolutely. Absolutely. So tell me a little bit more about your career. You mentioned you got a degree, Sports Management?

Tim:

Yes.

David:

Yeah, so just tell me a little bit more about that, and kind of where that took you?

Tim:

Sure. Once

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I got out of grad school, I came back home. Part of my degree was to do an internship to wrap up. And I sought out an internship with the Denver Nuggets and the Colorado Avalanche, who were owned by a company called Ascent Sports at the time. So I, I got an internship with those guys. I sat in a mobile home trailer in the parking lot at McNichols Sports Arena.

David:

Oh my gosh.

Tim:

And they gave us a stack of hardcopy cards that, I want to say they were like two feet tall, in a stack. And they were all the businesses around the Denver area. And our job was to be on a landline and to call all, all the main numbers on those cards, to peddle and push Denver Nuggets season tickets.

David:

Wow.

Tim:

At a time when the Denver Nuggets' ownership messed up the team. They got rid of our signature player, Dikembe Mutombo, at the time, and they were rebuilding and here we are on a phone line, hey Denver, you want season tickets to this great thing? While the Avalanche had just come into town and they were hot, and they were selling themselves and they didn't need to do anything because everybody wants a winner.

David:

Yeah, absolutely.

Tim:

So we, I worked for the organization, Ascent Sports, but my job was solely to set up meetings with these companies so our sales staff could go in and meet with these, these business leaders that, that I set meetings up with.

David:

Right, right.

Tim:

That internship came to an end, there was no positions on the inside. So I went looking again. I landed a job at the Colorado Rockies, and answered the 1-800 Rockies phone line . . .

David:

Oh wow.

Tim:

. . . for a month, I think. Maybe a month or two, while I was looking to get a, get another job because I didn't want to do that. I eventually landed with the Colorado Rapids, the soccer team. And I was with them for about five years all in selling season tickets, group tickets to families around Denver to go to Mile High Stadium to watch the game.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

And I got promoted in that job. And kind of a fun story to wrap that up, I was, in sports you work very hard on evenings, on weekends, because that's when people are home. And that's when you need to get ahold of them to try to sell your wares to them.

David:

Mmm-hmm. Mmm-hmm.

Tim:

The girl I was dating at the time said hey, make a call - me or this job. I mean, I never see you. And I said, you know what, you're right. I can get my fix of sports on the weekends. You win. So good decision, because I'm married to her now. And she was who I was dating back then. And then I jumped out of sports altogether and chased down a job up in Boulder. And I've just been in sales for about 30 plus years.

David:

Oh, yeah.

Tim:

Multiple industries, just kind of doing our thing, and healthcare, and the sports obviously, and all kinds of, all kinds of different industries have kind of carved my way into my career.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

Doing multiple things but always, always kind of selling.

David:

Wonderful, that's a great, thank you

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for that. And it seems fitting that we're talking on Valentine's Day and love one and that story for sure. So that's great.

Tim:

That is good.

David:

So what are some other things about the community now, you know, what are, what are maybe some groups you're involved in, or people that you interact with, you know, that sort of thing.

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Tim:

Sure, I touched on it. We came back, we placed a membership at the Broomfield Swim and Tennis Club. That's a passion of, of tennis, and just a memory for me, being a part of that club when, my when my mom and dad had signed us up for that. That's a really solid group of people. Just a great community that you become very intertwined with. It's a membership run facility, they have a board and they have staff, but we all get to have a say in what's going on over there and you feel very plugged in. So that's a regular thing for my wife and I and, and our daughter, to be over there during the summer hanging out with friends sitting by the pool, playing some tennis. We play in leagues. Pickleball, like you said, is picking up, picking up steam. It's ascending.

David:
Yes, for sure.

Tim:
It's huge. So that is definitely something we do. From a faith side, we are plugged into a church in Broomfield now called Discovery. Christian Church.

David:
Yeah. (Inaudible.)

Tim:
Yep, they're located up on 144th and about Zuni. And so we're plugged into that group. Really, really like being a part of that. As far as the community goes outside of that, I, I just, it's fun. I just recently jumped into the City and County or City of Broomfield with the whole snow pals.

David:
Oh, yeah. Yeah, yeah.

Tim:
A volunteer effort.

David:
That's great.

Tim:
I've found a lot of joy in helping people that need their walk shoveled.

David:
Right.

Tim:
And this has been what, two storms now that I've been plugged in.

David:
Oh that's great.

Tim:
Just a couple of weeks.

David:
Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

But yeah, just trying to, trying to pay back a little bit to the place that I've always called home and, and love, and you know, it's just fun to be a part of it, go to Broomfield Days whenever I'm in town, and we always look forward to it coming.

David:
Nice.

Tim:
And raised our daughter to play rec soccer in Broomfield as well. In fact, I coached . . .

David:
Awesome.

Tim:
. . . back, back at a time when she was coming up through that. So that was fun

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as well.

David:
Is your daughter still in the area, or . . .

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Tim:
She is in college now. She is a sophomore at Oregon State.

David:
Okay, wonderful.

Tim:
She chased a passion of Apparel Design, and applied to Oregon State, and decided on that one pretty quickly.

David:
Yeah.

Tim:
I'll be honest, I mean I, I've fallen in love with the place up there. It's just really a cool college town that supports the university and it's always fun to go visit her, and it's pretty, and it's close to the ocean.

David:
That's awesome.

Tim:

Yeah, it's a pretty neat spot for her.

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David:

Very cool. So I guess maybe this is a little bit more of, kind of comparison between your experience going, going to school here in Broomfield and your daughter's experience. Like how do you think, what were some of the differences? Or how did that compare?

Tim:

Yeah,

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a really good question. For me, it was, it was kind of wherever you lived is where you went to elementary. That, that's how it went. So depending on what part of town you were in, you would go to Birch, or you would go to Emerald, or you would go to Kohl. I went to Kohl. And then that fed through the system, and it fed through the system for anybody once they get out of elementary school here. We had choices for her. So obviously we were not living in Broomfield at the time she was, she was born and started, started to get into school. But we, we sought out a good school for her over, it ended up being over in Northglenn. Okay, and it's called the Studio School.

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David:

I'm familiar with Studio School.

Tim:

Cool.

David:

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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Tim:

So, very pleased, very, I look back on her education through the Studio School and no complaints at all. Really pleased at how that helped bring her out of her shell a little bit and gain a confidence in performing and stuff like that. But out of Studio School, what was interesting about that is we were, at the time we enrolled her, they had a middle school option. Through budget cuts through the county, they had to pull back middle school. And in a, just a small sect of us that made the decision to go there, they then said hey, you parents that made this decision, tell you what, you can pick any middle school in Adams County that you want to go to, because we forced your hand at removing middle school from Studio. So that was, that was nice. So we had our choice, but it had to be in Adams County. We did our research and landed at Westlake Middle School, which, which was, you know, right here in Broomfield. It was right in the area. The problem, as a Broomfield High School graduate, is the Westlake Middle School kids, being naturally right across the street into Legacy?

David:
Yes, yes.

Tim:
My daughter, with her friends, said dad, I'm going to Legacy. And I said, you're not going to Legacy, you're going to Broomfield.

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David:
Wait, wait a minute.

Tim:
You're going to my school. She goes no,

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I'm going to Legacy. She, you know, won that argument. So she went to Legacy High School. And that's always been kind of a fun row between us. Just that, that rivalry - Dad, the football teams are playing, who are you going to pull for? Well I'm not gonna tell you. I I can't, I don't want to make you upset.

David:
Right, right, right.

Tim:
So it's kind of always been that fun, jabbing rivalry. But yeah, that, that, it's a good question because that was, she had choices.

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David:
Yes. Any number of schools you can go to? Absolutely.

Tim:
Yeah, she

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had choices. And I just, not only did we not really have choices, we didn't want them.

David:
Right.

Tim:
We had what we had. And that was the way it was. And that was perfectly fine. TThat was great for us. But yeah, that's the biggest difference. And even now you get, you can choice in for certain schools. And that just wasn't a thing. You live in this community, you go to that school, and you just keep going.

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David:

It's what you do.

Tim:

Yeah, it is.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

That's the way it is.

David:

Very different. Tell me, I have a question kind of about the future. And, you know, when, when your folks and you first came to this community, maybe 20,000, 25,000 by the end of the 70's, that sort of thing, people in this community. Now there's what, 75,000 or so in Broomfield. So what is that trajectory of the community? And what may be dreams or hopes would you have for Broomfield?

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Tim:

I think that's pretty easy for me to answer. I think, the thing I long for in our community that, that we've never really had, and maybe this is some other people have said this too, just a downtown feel. Like a feel where this is, you don't want to go anywhere else. And because it's all encompassed right here. Take your Louisville, take your Lafayette, for example, take downtown Littleton? We don't have that. And man, how cool would that be? Because, yes, there are, I mean, it's a big enough place now where it's not just walking distance. But it's a long walk, you can do it, you could pull it off. If there were a central area that we could just come to, as members of this community, and enhance you know, the income to come to those places and support the local businesses. That would be so cool. That's what I miss, I think that we've never had. And there's been talk about it, but to have it concrete, this is home, why would you want to leave? You have it all right here.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

That would, that would be my, if I had a magic wand, that's what I would want is a, just a downtown Broomfield that that we can (inaudible).

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David:

Absolutely. No, I like that. And you're right, other folks have mentioned something very similar of just, and I think too, there is some sense, and I'll ask this question of you as well. Some of those other

communities that you mentioned, have that kind of old downtown that maybe had its origins in the late 1800's, early 1900's, that sort of thing. And some of those buildings are still there, and that sort of feel to it, of an old city or whatever, old town. Brownfield's old town is on the other side of, you know, the bypass to 287 there and feels a little bit kind of neglected, you know, not, it's on the far extreme, kind of southeast part of, 'er southwest part of the city, rather. What were your perceptions of maybe that area? Or what experiences did you have in that area?

Tim:

In the older area, kind

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of where the tracks are . . .

David:

Exactly.

Tim:

The old depot, and stuff like that? Good. From the standpoint, mom and dad got plugged into a square dancing effort.

David:

Oh, nice.

Tim:

Oh my gosh, and that's where the classes were, over in that area. So it would take, I remember them taking me, because I was way too young to be at home, and I would just watch them dance and it was, it was lively, and yeah, that part of town was, you know, where, where they went for that sort of thing. You know it, it tended to have a reputation of, this is where the bars are and this is where you shouldn't be caught out at and it's just kind of rundown and older. I don't, I don't look at that area like that personally. I mean It was, it was a different feel for me because I was taken to be with mom and dad while they did activities outside of the house. And that was a good thing for me.

David:

Yep.

Tim:

That's what I remember. I don't remember seediness or, or this is where it all started, and now it's rundown and it's not a very nice place. I don't have that memory. Yeah, when I drive through there, there was a Dairy Queen that sat back there. Friends would work at that Dairy Queen. We frequented that just for dessert and a treat all through life, both little kids. And then as we got older, we'd drive on our own. Those were good memories for me, over in that area along, you know, where 120th turned into the proper 120th, heading out east. So yeah, not, not, not a bad area at all. Not a bad recollection for me at all.

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David:

Interesting. Very cool. Appreciate it.

Tim:

Yeah.

David:

Well, very good. Was there anything that we didn't talk about that you wanted to mention before we finish up?

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Tim:

I guess the only thing I'd say, and it's one of these last comments we've made about a downtown area, I think ideally we're where it just makes sense for me. Because it's more central. Or maybe it's not, I don't know, Broomfield's so big. But where the library is now, where The Bay is now, where the rec center is now, just the police station, it's just just that area that, it's just right there, it would be so accessible, but easier said than done. I get it. And I think when we look at like a Lafayette, where that's where it's always been, so don't disrupt it, just build it from right there.

David:

Yeah, yeah.

Tim:

If Broomfield's thought of like that, then we go back to what, the topic we just talked about, old town Broomfield, just do it right there. Eh, no. No. Too hard. Too difficult. Too many roadways. Hard to get back there. It's just not convenient. But it is a fun thing to think about and it's, it'll be fun to watch what the future holds, and people that are in charge, you know, planning and how that all works. It'll be fun to see it come to fruition.

David:

Absolutely, yeah.

Tim:

But yeah, kind of the last comment that I had, I appreciate your time.

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David:

Thank you so much, Tim. I appreciate talking to you.

Tim:

You bet.

David:

Alright.

End of interview.