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MAKING THE MOVE

Pagosa Country is a pretty place — no doubt about it. We have mountains, meadows, rivers, lakes and more — scenery galore. It is the ultimate outdoor playground, year-round, and a surprising number of cultural opportunities exist.

It's a place that's easy to fall in love with.

But making a home, and a life, somewhere requires more than just pretty.

It likely requires not only establishing a residence and home life, but a work life as well — be it joining an existing business, relocating an existing business or, perhaps, starting a new business.

But, how do you go about creating that life in Pagosa Country?

What is here that would lead you to choose this as a place to live, and to do business?

What are the options for business? What kind of market exists here for your services or products? What kind of labor force exists that could support your enterprise? What is the state of the necessary infrastructure? What educational institutions exist to train workers? What support services are available to the owner of a business or light industry?

What opportunities exist for you and your family?

This publication seeks to give you answers to many of your questions and, when the answer is not obvious, it directs you to sources that can give you what you need.

The publication results from a cooperative effort, with much of the heavy lifting done by the primary business-support organization in Pagosa Country — the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce — as well as The Pagosa Springs SUN, with both staffs researching and compiling most of the pertinent statistics you'll find in this guide. If you don't find what you want in this guide, call the Chamber at (970) 264-2360 or (800) 252-2204 — you'll get the help you need.

And, when it comes time to make one of the most important decisions you face, know you will be welcome here in Pagosa Country — a great place to live, to raise a family and to do business.

WELCOME

On behalf of the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, welcome to Pagosa Country! Thank you for your interest in joining our community. Whatever has attracted you to this area — the scenery, the climate, the recreational activities or a specific job, we think you will find the heart of Pagosa is its residents.

This guide has been developed to provide an abundance of information about the area. Our community is surrounded by over 3 million acres of national forest and wilderness areas. That means you will find a variety of outdoor activities here — hiking, biking, rafting, skiing, sledding, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting and many others. You will also find other activities to keep you busy such as the hot springs, charming shops, historic sites and a variety of artisans. The Chamber of Commerce also offers our residents and businesses networking opportunities and special events to enhance your work and living environment.

Members of our community are actively involved in many volunteer, leadership and business ventures. There is currently a forward movement of utilizing our precious geothermal resources and biomass energy to create a sustainable and diverse economy. There is a renewed effort in sustaining, creating and relocating businesses to our community. Whether a home-based business or a growth company, Pagosa has the resources available to help that business succeed. The Chamber's relationships with the Small Business Development Center at Fort Lewis College and Region 9 Economic Development District continue to strengthen.

The arts community in Pagosa Springs has been growing each year and is coming together to create some wonderful events including the Pagosa MAKERS Expo and Tour, which takes place in the fall.

Archuleta School District, along with alternative educational services, offers many diverse programs to all students, including distance learning opportunities. The area's hospital — Pagosa Springs Medical Center — has been expanding its services in the six years that it has been open. It operates a 24/7 emergency room, offers lab and diagnostic services, provides primary care and has developed a Wellness Center. Recent additions include a surgical staff, orthopedic surgery, diagnostic imaging and inpatient hospital care.









Look through these pages and learn for yourself — Pagosa Springs is a great place to live, work, create, move or expand your business, raise a family or retire!

Again, welcome to our community!

Nancy Carpenter
Owner, Elk Meadows River Resort
President, Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce



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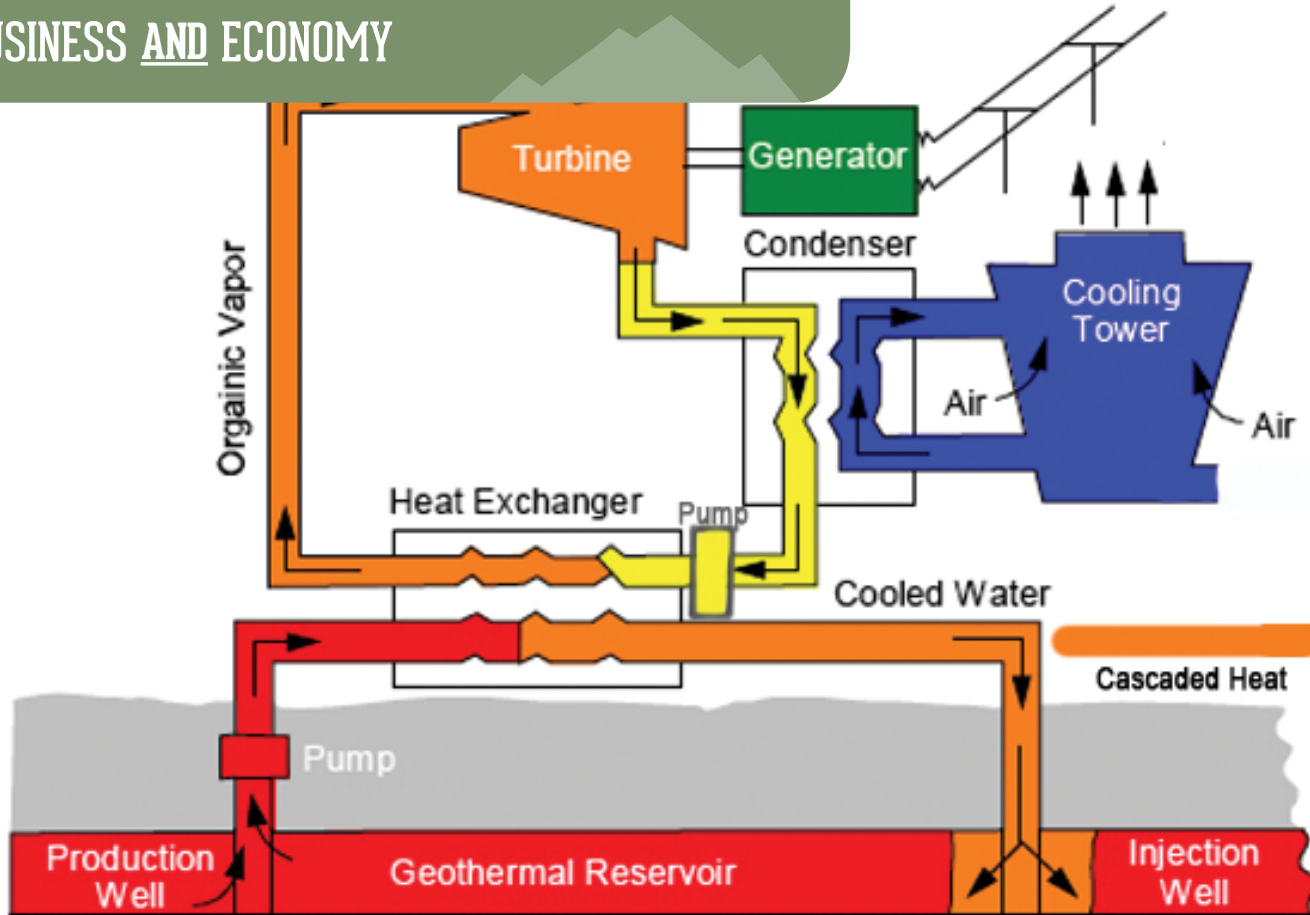
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Schematic of a geothermal binary (organic Rankine) cycle power system.

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PAGOSA WATERS

BUILDING A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP

By Ed Fincher

Imagine using geothermal energy to generate electricity locally.

“The Town of Pagosa Springs sits on one of the largest geothermal aquifers in Colorado,” town manager David Mitchem asserts. “Current usage of the geothermal resource is limited to three bathing spas and winter heating for a small number of downtown businesses, homes and a school.”

That may soon change.

Jerry Smith of Pagosa Verde, LLC, has formed an alliance with the Pagosa Springs Town Council and the Archuleta Board of County Commissioners to explore the feasibility of building a three- to 12-megawatt power plant south of town.

“Many in our community have dedicated time to our geothermal heating and greenhouse partnerships,” Mitchem says, “propelling both initiatives forward in a manner that has earned the respect and participation from our citizens and secured a positive relationship with the Governor’s Energy Office’s Geothermal Working Group. Jerry Smith of Pagosa Verde, LLC, is one of the people who have been actively advancing geothermal research in the Pagosa Springs area.”

“What we’re talking about,” Smith adds, “is a strategy for carrying on the work that’s been going on since 1980 — all the studies that have been done on Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County about our geothermal aquifer.

“Even the earliest one, Mr. Galloway’s report in 1980, said there was

two hundred degree water at two thousand feet, and getting hotter going deeper. In 1980, if you didn't have three hundred or three hundred and fifty degrees you couldn't make power and two thousand feet was pretty deep. Most of the wells here in town are three hundred to seven hundred feet deep.

"The technology has come back to us. In 2007 we were able to make power at one hundred and sixty five degrees with water in Alaska. That has changed the whole ball game. I have been tracking that technology, hoping it would allow us to get to the point where we can really benefit our community."

A number of separate studies have been conducted in Pagosa Country recently in an attempt to figure out the size and capacity of the town's geothermal resource and to determine whether or not it would be safe to expand its use. Most notably, for the last two summers the town has played host to a team of faculty and grad students from the Colorado School of Mines Geophysics Department and the Imperial College London.

The results of these studies were enough to encourage Smith to take the next step and begin to secure funding for exploration.

"The difference between California, Oregon, New Mexico, Nevada and Idaho, where they already have a hundred and forty seven plants in operation," Smith explains, "is that in most of those areas you're lucky if you can find a desert tortoise."

"In Colorado, everywhere we have hot water and the likelihood of doing geothermal development, we also have some of the most beautiful and valuable real estate in the world, with some of the most intensive tourism attractions there is. We have wildlife habitat. We have big game migration patterns. We have all sorts of things that make it difficult to do a big power plant."

"If we want to receive the kind of economic boost, and create the jobs and save the money ... we need to have a model for development that accommodates all of those other things."

Smith refers to it as the Pagosa Verde model and explains how it works without damaging the aquifer or disturbing the environment.

"The Pagosa Verde model is different than what's been done before in that the new technology allows us to have almost an invisible plant. We're not extracting anything and harvesting it like we do with coal or timber or gold or any other type of mining. We simply bring the geothermal fluid up, take some heat off of it, and place it right back in the aquifer, very carefully."

Smith also describes the financial aspect of the Pagosa Verde model. By developing a public/private partnership with the town and the county, as well as securing grant funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and the State of Colorado, the economic benefit the project will bring to the local community remains much more impressive than if a Fortune 500 company had fronted the original capital.

MAKERS EVENT

HIGHLIGHTS CREATIVE BUSINESSES, INDIVIDUALS

The second Pagosa MAKERS Expo and Tour happens Oct. 11-12, 2014, and is expected to be even bigger and better than last year.

The first Pagosa MAKERS Expo and Tour, in 2013, featured more than 90 local MAKERS who produce everything from growing domes and television programs to jewelry, soap, beer, bread, art, furniture, sculpture, ceramics, clothing, collage, guitars, hats, scarves, paintings and more. If it's made by hand and made in Pagosa, you can find it at the Pagosa MAKERS Expo and Tour over Columbus Day weekend.

The expo takes place at Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and SHY RABBIT Contemporary Arts, and the tour happens at studios, homes, workshops and businesses in and around Pagosa Springs.

Visitors can pick up free maps at the Pagosa Springs Center for the Arts and at SHY RABBIT Contemporary Arts beginning in October. Or email leanne.goebel@gmail.com and request one be mailed to you.

Look for the most current information on the Pagosa MAKERS Expo and Tour website <http://pagosamakers.org> or on Facebook/pages/pagosa-makers-expo-&-tour and Twitter @PagosaMAKERS.

DREAM BIG

Chris and Natalie Tom run a successful automotive repair business in Pagosa Springs, and received a Region 9 loan to expand their business space and purchase equipment. The Tom's also worked with the Southwest Small Business Development Center, and are committed to building their reputation one vehicle at a time. Contact them at (970) 264-1630, 163 Goldmine Dr. or at www.ctsautoshop.com.

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For information call (970) 247-9621 or go to www.scan.org.

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REGION 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

ENHANCING THE ECONOMY

The Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado, Inc. (Region 9 EDD) is a Colorado nonprofit community economic development corporation that promotes and coordinates economic development efforts throughout southwest Colorado.

Its board of directors is comprised of 26 members, 17 from local government jurisdictions and nine members that represent the private sector in the five-county area. Region 9 EDD serves the counties of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan, and the cities and towns within those regions, as well as the Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian tribes.

The mission of Region 9 EDD is to be a regional leader, working cooperatively with the private and public sectors to enhance the economic conditions in the area, and improve the region's economic prosperity.

Among many services, Region 9 EDD offers a revolving loan program for "gap" financing to assist small business retention, expansion and job creation. They also offer a micro-enterprise loan program for loans up to \$100,000 for qualifying small businesses with five or fewer employees.

In addition to their loan programs, Region 9 EDD administers the Southwest Enterprise Zone, a state tax credit program, provides administrative support to the Four Corners Film Office and the Southwest Regional Transportation Planning Commission, and helps to administer different state and federal programs. They also publish a variety of

economic data reports including the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs) to assist local communities with regional economic development strategic planning and technical assistance.

Region 9 EDD often partners with community organizations, governments and the private sector to assist in the development of special projects that result in job creation/retention and the economic expansion of the community or enterprise. Region 9 EDD is currently assisting with the Colorado Blueprint Economic Development Plan and Growth Company Initiative.

Emerging Growth Companies (EGCs) are critically important to southwest Colorado's economic development and diversification. Nationwide, these companies create about 75 percent of all new jobs, provide unique products or services and have growing national or international markets.

Most importantly, because of their need for highly skilled employees, EGCs provide higher-than-average wages. Region 9 EDD, the Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center and county-level economic development groups are partnering to provide targeted support programs for EGCs and other regional businesses.

If you should need further information or resources, call Region 9 EDD at (970) 247-9621 or go to www.scan.org. Region 9 EDD is located at 295 A Girard St., Durango, CO 81303.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HELPING YOU PROSPER

You have a great idea for a business — something that people need, something that has never been done before, something that you can do better than everyone out there. It's going to be big!

The Southwest Colorado Small Business Development Center offers confidential, objective services to help your business succeed no matter what stage you're in. From start-ups to growth companies, its expert advisors and instructors have many years of experience in all business topics, assisting you to gain the knowledge and tools needed to be successful in these competitive times.

Voted the best SBDC in Colorado for 2009 and 2010, this regional SBDC services the communities of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, San Juan and Montezuma counties. It also services the Southern Ute Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Its goal is to be the premier provider of small business assistance, training, information and leadership activities

that foster the successful growth and development of small businesses in Colorado.

The Southwest Colorado SBDC has many facets to its services, including counseling, workshops, business expansion consultation and educational material. Its counseling and business expansion services include individual attention and presentations through a highly recognized Business Advisory Network. Its workshops are held throughout the year and focus on improving your business acumen through programs such as the Leading Edge Entrepreneurial Training, QuickBooks, Starting Your Business, Women in Business or Marketing for Smarties.

Businesses interested in developing or improving their business plan can get tips and checklists from the SBDC. It is also very knowledgeable about the various ways that you may be able to finance your business, whether through traditional methods or through venture capital or angel investors.

Checklists are also available for start-up businesses and growth companies.

If you are interested in starting or relocating your business, the SBDC can help you with demographic and relocation information pertinent not only to Pagosa Springs, but to the region. In addition to its Business Advisory Network, the SBDC also has a regional advisory board that meets quarterly and provides oversight, assistance and guidance. They are available for information or business assistance.

The Southwest Colorado SBDC has its finger on the business pulse and has a multitude of connections to help your business succeed. It is always on the cutting edge of providing assistance to new or existing businesses. To find out about its outreach or workshop schedule, or to receive information about one of its many assistance programs, visit its website at www.sbdccfortlewis.org or call (970) 247-7009.



OPENING A BUSINESS

IN THE TOWN OF PAGOSA SPRINGS

The Town of Pagosa Springs requires an annual business license for all businesses located and/or conducting business within the town's boundary. This includes special events, vendors, seasonal/temporary businesses, vacation rentals, retail and service businesses, building general and subcontractors, home-based, nonprofit entities, etc.

We recommend that you contact the town planning and building department at the beginning of your planning process and prior to determining a location for your business. There may be zoning restrictions and building code requirements for particular businesses that you should know about before you get too far along in your planning process, and certainly before you lease or purchase a property. This will help eliminate surprises and very costly oversights along the way.

In addition, a sign permit is required for all permanent and temporary signs (banners). Again, we recommend you contact the planning department prior to designing or manufacturing a sign to ensure you meet the town's code requirements and prevent any costly mistakes.

The town currently has an Economic Stimulus Sales Tax Rebate program in place that may provide benefits to your business. More information is available at Town Hall.

Town staff is available to help guide you through the process of opening or relocating a business in Pagosa Springs. Applications are available on their website, www.townofpagosasprings.com, or at Town Hall. Contact town government at: 551 Hot Springs Blvd., P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, (970) 264-4151.

TAX BURDEN 2011

State	Rate	Ranking (1 Highest)	Per Capita Paid to State	Per Capita Taxes Paid to Other States	Total State & Local Per Capita Taxes Paid	Per Capita Income
Colorado	9.0	32	2,916	1,303	4,220	46,767
Texas	7.5	47	2,109	979	3,088	41,269
New Mexico	8.6	37	2,089	955	3,044	35,328
California	11.4	4	4,075	1,061	5,136	45,254
Arizona	8.9	34	2,210	984	3,194	35,889
Wyoming	6.9	50	1,638	1,862	3,500	50,805
Nebraska	9.4	25	2,775	1,216	3,991	42,281
U.S. Average	9.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	42,473

Source: www.taxfoundation.org/taxdata

STATE AND LOCAL TAXES PER CAPITA 2009

	RANK	Amount
Colorado	48	1,532.26
Texas	50	1,368.45
New Mexico	17	2,102.88
California	9	2,391.65
Arizona	41	1,673.57
Wyoming	2	2,973.87
Nebraska	18	2,082.27
U.S. Average		2,049.20

Source: http://www.statemaster.com/graph/eco_tot_tax_bur-total-tax-burden-per-capita

SELECTED STATE TAX COMPARISONS 2009 (PER \$1,000 INCOME)

	Colorado Rank	Tax	U.S. Average
Total Taxes	49	\$40.89	\$58.50
Sales and Use	44	\$10.89	\$19.68
Individual	28	\$20.74	\$20.12
Corporate	42	\$1.55	\$3.29
Motor Fuel	32	\$2.90	\$2.89
Liquor	43	\$0.17	\$0.44
Tobacco	35	\$1.02	\$1.37
Severance	12	\$1.34	\$1.10

Source: www.colorado.gov

Business ORGANIZATIONS & LICENSING

Colorado Workforce	(970) 264-5627	www.yourworkforcecenter.com
Better Business Bureau	(505) 346-0110	newmexicoandsouthwestcolorado.bbb.org
Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce	(970) 264-2360	pagosachamber.com
Region 9 Economic Development	(970) 247-9621	www.scan.org
Southwest Colorado SBDC	(970) 247-7009	www.sbdcfortlewis.org
Colorado Secretary of State	(303) 894-2200	sos.state.co.us
Town of Pagosa Springs	(970) 264-4151	www.pagosasprings.co.gov
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GROW YOUR BUSINESS WITH THE **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

By Cindi Galabota

Executive director, Chamber of Commerce

Incorporated in July of 1976, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is currently celebrating its 38th year of serving Pagosa Springs and the surrounding communities.

The Chamber of Commerce is a member-based organization that promotes and supports the local community through various educational programs, a resource and referral system, business advocacy, economic gardening and special event promotions. With almost 600 members, it is known for consistently having one of the highest per capita memberships in the state of Colorado — an honorable achievement for a small mountain community.

The Pagosa Springs Chamber stays current with the technological age, utilizing tools including a mobile website, social media and educational opportunities for local businesses. Popular networking events such as the Business After Hours, Business Bites luncheons and Maximizing Your Membership sessions are a great way to stay current with Pagosa activities and promote and expand your business. The Chamber offers confidential consulting services, connections to other important business service centers and numerous ways to help you grow your business. The Pagosa Springs Chamber offers a variety of membership opportunities, including advantage memberships for one-stop shopping for Chamber benefits and community exposure and involvement.

If you are looking to expand your already-established business, you might want to think about involving yourself in the Growth Company Initiative, which supports both emerging and existing businesses that export products and services outside of southwest Colorado. This peer network and mentoring group shares business resources, expertise, time and access to capital. Most of the growth companies are past the initiation phase of a business and are looking to expand their products, market and workforce. The Chamber in Pagosa, along with

the Alliance Economic Development Center in Durango, the Small Business Development Center at Fort Lewis College and the Region 9 Economic Development District are poised to help you take your business to the next level.

If you are moving into the community and setting up a storefront or home-based business, or if you are an individual interested in staying connected to the business community, the Chamber offers many options and informational outlets to assist you. When looking for services or products, refer to the Chamber Business Directory. See how the Chamber can help you grow your business, get connected to the community or help you stay busy in Pagosa through an active schedule and complete calendar of events.

The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is an investment in the community, eager to assist businesses. A Chamber membership is a voice in supporting the business community. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at www.pagosachamber.com or by calling (970) 264-2360 or (800) 252-2204.

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Southwest Colorado SBDC	www.sbdcofportlewis.org	(970) 247-7009
Region 9	www.scan.org	(970) 247-9621
Office of Economic Development and International Trade	www.advancecolorado.com	(303) 892-3840



ENGAGING STUDENTS

STEM INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Internship Program of Southwest Colorado seeks to contribute meaningful workforce development within the region. The program coordinates employment opportunities for high school students where they can learn STEM skills, establish relationships and gain professional expertise. The program connects businesses and students in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties and is a joint effort between Region 9 Economic Development District, La Plata County Economic Develop-

ment Alliance, Alpine Bank and the Durango Discovery Museum.

Beginning in 2013, Jacob Manzanares, a senior with Pagosa Springs High School, was hired through the Internship Program at Growing Spaces.

"We love having him," reports Stacey L. Couch, creative media coordinator for Growing Spaces. "He is such a great individual."

Manzanares is involved with many aspects of the company including building bed designs for growing domes using 3D software, video

editing, website programming and hands-on manufacturing in the shop.

The STEM Internship Program is a nonprofit organization with private funding from donations. If you would like to contribute to STEM, are a parent with a student or are a business that might be interested in working with our youth, you can contact the program director, Elizabeth Silverstein, at (970) 426-9115 or email at stemsw@gmail.com. The STEM Internship Program is a great opportunity for local youth.

SKILLS USA

By **Becky Guilliams and Jesse Morehouse**

VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) was formed in 1965. Its purpose was to motivate students at the high school and collegiate levels to understand and value opportunities present in America's skilled workforce.

In 2004, VICA became Skills USA. In 2006, the Pagosa Springs High School Skills USA chapter was founded, and it continues to grow each year. Now, Skills USA includes more than 312,000 students nationally. The organization conducts state, national and global competitions that Pagosa Springs High School students regularly compete at.

At the high school here, students have access to subjects such as crime scene investigation, auto technology, auto refinishing, welding, motorcycle mechanics, computer programming, digital photography

and web design. The program hopes to add TV/video production soon and has recently begun introducing firefighting.

Pagosa Springs High School funds the students' attendance for regional and state competitions, while students who qualify for national competitions must raise their own funds to attend. The Pagosa chapter has qualified for nationals multiple times in crime scene investigation (twice) and computer programming (three times), as well as in firefighting and digital photography.

Skills members volunteer at the 9Health Fair for setup and take-down of the event, as well as helping out with the local antique auto show. This provides students and community members a chance to get to know each other outside of the high school setting while raising money for incidental costs at events.

EDUCATIONAL CONTACT NUMBERS

Archuleta County Education Center
(970) 264-2835
theacec.com

Archuleta School District 50 JT
(970) 264-2228
www.mypagosaschools.com/

Childcare Resource and Referral Program
(970) 247-5960
earlychildhoodprograms.org

GOAL Academy
(877) PRO-GOAL, Ext. 860
www.goalac.org

Our Savior Lutheran Preschool
(970) 731-3512
oslcpagosa.org

Pagosa Springs Elementary School (K-4)
(970) 264-2229
pagosaspringselem.co.ade.schoolinsites.com

Pagosa Springs Middle School (5-8)
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Pagosa Springs High School (9-12)
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Pagosa Early Childhood Center (Head Start)
(970) 264-2484
tchs4c.org

Pagosa Valor Academy
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Community Connections, Inc.
(970) 259-2464
communityconnectionsco.org

San Juan Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES)
(970) 247-3261
sjboces.org

Sonrisas Spanish School
(970) 264-9288
sonrisasspanishschool.com

Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center
(970) 264-5513
growingseeds.org



PRIVATE & HOMESCHOOL EDUCATION OPTIONS

While Archuleta School District 50 JT offers excellent educational opportunities, some people relocating to Pagosa wish to enroll their children in a private school or would like to homeschool their children. Pagosa Springs offers several private educational options.

GOAL Academy is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education, serving ages 14-21, with an academic coach-to-student ratio of 1:30. GOAL Academy maintains a blended learning format with online courses and drop-in centers with individuals to help with any questions or problems, and works on a block structure for student/academic accountability. GOAL Academy adheres to all State of Colorado Common Core Learning Standards. The curriculum is prescriptive, so it allows students to work at their pace. Visit online at www.goalac.org or go to the Pagosa Springs site at 100 Country Center Drive, Ste. L to apply. Students will graduate with life skills, post-secondary and workforce readiness, assuring they will become productive members of society.

Our Savior Lutheran School: This early childhood pre-school offers a curriculum in which every discipline is taught from the Christian world view. The school is now 22 years old, but its facilities are modern, being located on three acres, complete with six self-contained classrooms, a gymnasium and a playground area. There is no testing required for the pre-school; however, children are expected to adhere to behavior that is respectful to teachers and fellow students. Information is located at www.oslcpagosa.org.

Homeschooling: An estimated 50-plus families homeschool their children in and around Pagosa Springs. Pagosa Valor Academy, for example, is a primary education school for first through sixth grade. It combines the best traits of home education with the best traits of public school education. It is a family-oriented school whose core purpose is teaching kids from a biblical perspective while preparing college-ready young adults.

Some homeschooling options follow the traditional school schedule, while others work year-round, offering a diversified schedule based on chores at home, jobs, training, vacation schedules and other variables. Families interested in homeschooling need to register their intent with the Archuleta School District 14 days before homeschooling and every school year. For more information on homeschooling rules and regulations, some useful websites are the Christian Educators of Colorado, www.chec.org/index.php or Homeschool World at www.home-school.com.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Seeds of Learning

Seeds of Learning, a NAEYC-accredited early care and education center 501(c)(3) organization in Archuleta County, is a quality early childhood education facility serving preschool and toddler-aged children from 18 months to 5 years old. The center encompasses early education, childcare, parenting classes and staff in-services. Seeds of Learning is the only early care and education center in Archuleta County serving toddlers.

The center piloted and currently provides the Incredible Years Program, which brings children, their parents and their teachers together in a proven prevention strategy that has been shown to reduce child behavior problems, promote positive discipline and improve school performance. They are also contracted by the Archuleta County School District to implement the Colorado Preschool

Program, which serves children in need of language development and helps reduce the risk of school failure by providing support through early childhood education.

Seeds of Learning provides a hot lunch every day, along with breakfast and afternoon snack. Tuition is offered on a sliding scale.

Seeds of Learning classes continue to remain at attendance capacity most of the year. The center is located close to the downtown area and provides an educational, nurturing environment for children and parents.

More information can be obtained by visiting the website at www.growingseeds.org.

Tri-County Head Start

The Tri-County Head Start program is a federally funded early childhood program servicing low-income guideline families in Archuleta, La Plata and Montezuma counties. Head Start works with children from 3-5

years old, providing activities for the children to help them grow mentally, emotionally, physically and socially. Head Start also works with children with special needs. Head Start is the only other facility in Archuleta County besides Seeds of Learning that offers the Colorado Preschool Program serving children who are in need of language development and are at risk of school failure unless they receive support offered by early childhood education services. The school is located close to the downtown area. You can check out the Head Start website at www.tchs4c.org.

Private Schools and Day Care

There are private organizations that offer early childhood learning and day care services. A list of providers can be obtained by contacting Archuleta County Human Services at 264-2182 or Seeds of Learning.

THE UMBRELLA OF PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Learning technical skills, achieving a higher level of education and earning an associates degree and/or technical training certificate is a very real possibility while living in Pagosa Springs.

What once was a smattering of vocational, technical and online studies has now been gathered under the umbrella of Pueblo Community College.

Based in Pueblo, Colo., PCC has been offering community outreach education and training programs in the area for over 30 years. In 2008, PCC and the San Juan Basin Technical College in Mancos, Colo., entered into an educational partnership to broaden

the number of educational programs offered in the region. In 2009, former Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed into law legislation that officially merged PCC's southwest campus and SJBTC into one entity — the Southwest Colorado Community College.

SCCC, a comprehensive two-year college, now operates as a division of Pueblo Community College and has two campuses. The "west campus" is located in Mancos where the former SJBTC was housed. The "east campus" is located in Durango at The Commons Building.

The SCCC operates its two campuses with the aid of a regional advisory board with rep-

resentatives from local counties, including Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata and Montezuma. The diverse regional representation assists SCCC in highlighting the needs of local communities, such as workforce demands and education interests.

Courses can be taken on campus or online and all classes are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Efforts are also being made to broaden the accessibility of classes through Archuleta School District 50 JT. To find out more about classes online or on campus, visit the Southwest Colorado Community College website at www.pueblocc.edu/Campuses/SCCC.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: FORT LEWIS COLLEGE & ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY

Pagosa Springs is situated between the sites of two higher learning establishments: Fort Lewis College in Durango and Adams State University in Alamosa.

Fort Lewis College

Serving southwest Colorado for over 100 years, Fort Lewis College is a selective, public liberal arts college located approximately 60 miles west of Pagosa Springs in Durango, Colo. Smaller classes (19:1 ratio of students to faculty) is a hallmark for FLC. There is a diversity of studies offered, with specially accredited programs in accounting, athletic training, business administration, chemistry, education, engineering-physics and music. With over 70 student organizations, including NCAA Division II sports, Fort Lewis prides itself in not only community activities, but national and international activities through their Study Abroad and Getting Outdoors programs. Fort Lewis College

also offers internships, service learning and undergraduate research programs.

Voted No. 30 among the top 40 College Towns by Outside Magazine, Durango marries the educational requirements with the accessibility of the natural playground in which it is located. Students have the option of living on campus or selecting housing usually located very close to the campus and easily accessible by the "T" bus system or biking. Travel to FLC from Pagosa Springs is just an hour. Persons interested in pursuing an education through Fort Lewis College should check out the school at www.fortlewis.edu.

Adams State University

Adams State University is located in Alamosa, Colo., approximately 90 miles east of Pagosa Springs. ASU is a comprehensive institution offering bachelor degrees in 16 majors, nearly 30 minors and graduate degrees in a variety of

subjects including art, business, counseling education and physical education. Similar to Fort Lewis, Adams State focuses on small class sizes, usually with 20 students or fewer per instructor. Adams State is also part of the NCAA Division II and Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, and has won a number of national championship team titles and individual All America honors. Adams State has over 40 student organizations and specializes in outdoor programs.

Adams State also offers extended studies or distance learning undergraduate programs, which are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Adams State is continuously voted one of the 100 Best College Buys, offering excellent and challenging studies in a small college environment. For more information about Adams State University, visit its website at www.adams.edu.



SCHOOLS OFFER MULTITUDE OF REASONS FOR **LIVING IN PAGOSA**

By Linda Reed

Archuleta County School District 50 JT

For families with children who are interested in moving to Pagosa Springs, there are a multitude of reasons, many of them found in our schools. Our teachers are all highly qualified and most of them hold masters degrees. Our district mission statement embodies what we believe is important. "The mission of the Archuleta School District 50 JT is to empower students to achieve personal and academic success in a safe and appropriate learning environment while providing them with the tools to effectively navigate in the 21st century." Our school board's core values are Accountability, Communication and Transparency (ACT) and their goals are Student Achievement, Organizational Effectiveness and Community Relationships.

In addition to an outstanding academic program, our schools offer many co-curricular activities for students of all ages. At the elementary level, there are arts activities and opportunities for students to engage in snowshoeing during winter as part of their physical education program. Middle school students ski at Wolf Creek, also as part of their physical education program. Seventh-graders make a spring overnight trip to Bandelier National Monument, where they engage in nature hikes, ecosystem studies, geology studies, study of ancient cultures, swimming and viewing the Los Alamos Museum. High school students

regularly compete and win in many co-curricular competitions, Skills USA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and various music competitions around the state. In addition, music at the high school includes the Americana Project as part of a Fine Arts Magnet Academy (FAMA). In 2013, Pagosa Springs High School won the state Class 3A boys' basketball championship.

Archuleta School District 50 Joint was created in 1950 and consists of three school campuses: Pagosa Springs Elementary School (kindergarten through fourth grade); Pagosa Springs Middle School (fifth and sixth grades are in one building with the seventh and eighth grades in another building); and Pagosa Springs High School (ninth through 12th grades). Extra-curricular activities are offered throughout all buildings and athletics are offered from seventh to 12th grade.

The district works collaboratively with Pueblo Community College and San Juan BOCES to provide on-line courses. Head Start and Seeds of Learning work hand in hand with the district through the Colorado Preschool Program, which also offers assistance to at-risk preschool students. The district provides bus services to the majority of the district's students. For more on our schools, visit our website at www.mypagosaschools.com. For information on district accreditation, visit www.schoolview.org.



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STAY HEALTHY WITH PAGOSA SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER

By Shanti Johnson

Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC), a Level IV Trauma Center, has been providing superior healthcare to the area since 2008. Community residents and visitors have access to quality hospital services, a primary care clinic, EMS and telemedicine services, a women's health program, surgery including orthopedics and ER — all within minutes of their homes. PSMC also focuses heavily on promoting healthy lifestyles through community education, such as its DocTalk series.

CEO Brad Cochennet writes, "From its physician-staffed 24/7 ER to the on-site Wellness Center, the Pagosa Springs Medical Center is committed to improving healthcare access and availability for Pagosa Springs and the region."

www.Pagosa.info

The Wellness Center mentioned by Cochennet serves the community in collaboration with The Mayo Clinic. The Wellness Center provides educational classes on nutrition and fitness, health information and methods on how to live a healthy lifestyle. Classes are centered around incorporating physical activity, eating a balanced and nutritional diet, stress management techniques and other lifestyle elements.

The Wellness Center also provides free heart health checks to members of the community, giving them tools to make specific, beneficial changes in their lifestyles. Patients who go through the heart health screening are also connected with providers and follow-up services when required.

Pagosa residents can also become members of the Wellness Center. Joining the center comes with benefits at local gyms, fitness studios

and businesses, free aerobics classes and more.

When it comes to integrated health, PSMC goes above and beyond to bring you the best care possible. For people who have experienced cardiovascular trauma and need more specialized attention than local physicians might be able to provide, especially in the case of stroke, PSMC has telemedicine capabilities. Telemedicine allows Pagosa area patients to be connected in real time with the best doctors available all over the country.

PSMC, in collaboration with the Wellness Center, is also in the process of launching a paramedic community outreach program designed to help patients transition from the hospital back to their normal lives. The outreach program will bring primary care physicians into patients' homes using remote access technology, thereby providing comprehensive care where patients are most comfortable and at ease.

For patients in need of emergency services, PSMC continues to expand. According to Claire Bradshaw, director of PSMC marketing and development, "The center's EMS team has upgraded to a critical care paramedic level of trauma care, which means life-saving care happens on route to the emergency room, saving lives when minutes count."

PSMC's Primary Care Clinic offers same-day appointment availability and is able to see patients for acute to urgent care needs. The

clinic is dedicated to keeping the community healthy, offering free cholesterol screenings with counseling and follow-up services. The clinic also offers low cost, self-ordered lab testing.

The center's Diagnostic Imaging Department has state-of-the-science equipment, including a GE 28 Re-Con 128-slice CT. The department also boasts ultrasound, digital radiography, a portable x-ray machine and digital mammography capabilities.

PSMC offers both inpatient and outpatient services, with an 11-bed inpatient care unit. The center takes prides in its ability to provide unparalleled customer service due to its small size and dedicated staff. The center also offers 24/7 emergency lab services, with the majority of tests performed on-site.

Surgical capabilities at PSMC include breast ductectomy, lumpectomy and mastectomy; excision of lymph nodes, abscesses, cysts and moles; skin grafts; laceration repair and colonoscopy.

New to the center is a world-class orthopedic surgery program led by Dr. William Webb. The program offers total joint, hip and knee replacements, as well as treatment and surgery on shoulders, elbows and hands.

Staying healthy is important no matter where you live. PSMC makes it easier with their ever-expanding services, friendly staff and highly trained healthcare providers. To learn more about what PSMC has to offer, visit www.pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org.

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ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

PLENTIFUL IN PAGOSA

Throughout the centuries, people of all cultures have come to regard the hot mineral waters in Pagosa Springs as having healing properties.

Whether they were used to soothe sore muscles, to deal with breathing issues or just for simple relaxation, the hot mineral baths have played a key part in the development of Pagosa Springs.

Pagosa is also home to the famous Dr. Mary Fisher — our own “Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman” — who, back in the late 1800s, graduated medical school as a doctor of homeopathy and surgery. She brought her healing skills, tenacity and tenderness to Pagosa Springs at the turn of the century, becoming a legend and the namesake for the Dr. Mary Fisher Foundation, which oversees many of the funding issues for our local hospital.

Perhaps because of the healing waters, the thought that Pagosa is founded on a vortex, or just because of the natural assets of the flowing rivers, cascading waterfalls or glorious mountains, those providing many forms of healing have been drawn to our community.

Pagosa abounds in talented therapists qualified in a variety of massage techniques. Traditional massage, cranio-sacral, Swedish, deep tissue, sports, neuromuscular, axial tonal alignment, kinesiology, energy work and reflexology are but some of the modalities practiced by trained therapists. Therapists work out of several spas in the community, stand-alone businesses, out of their homes and, with their massage tables, will travel to your home. Massage therapy is definitely one of the industries that is prevalent in Pagosa — good for the therapist and for those who need and want this body work.

A comprehensive aquatic wellness program with therapeutic water exercises is offered for adults with chronic health conditions or healthy individuals who just wish to improve their fitness level.

Pagosa also has its share of qualified chiropractors. There are a variety of chiropractic treatments available, serving a wide range of needs. Treatments include the Gonstead technique, focusing on the whole person, not just the area of pain. With the active lifestyles in our community, sports medicine treatments, using traditional adjustment methods and non-force techniques are also widely available. Keeping up with new technologies, Pagosa chiropractors also utilize techniques such as scio biofeedback, cold laser therapy, aqua chi detox and spinal decompressions. Whether a resident of Pagosa or someone interested in opening a practice, there is certainly room to explore this industry.

If you are looking to improve your life through conscious and inner awareness, Pagosa is home to a number of well-trained therapists, including hypnotherapy practitioners. Regular workshops and events are held to help people in our community and to draw people in to experience our special location and our residents’ special talents. Several practitioners who had very successful businesses in the “big city” have chosen to move to a smaller community, and have made Pagosa their home, now sharing their expertise with the community by



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setting up shop here in the mountains. Some therapists still travel, but make Pagosa their home base. Whether experiencing a life change, a choice of a place to raise your family, downsizing or even semi to full retirement, Pagosa welcomes alternative and experiential therapists.

With the resurgence in natural or holistic products in recent years, Pagosa Springs is also home to a variety of businesses producing natural-based products. Some of the businesses operate from storefronts, offering spices, tinctures, oils, teas, soaps and many other selections. Other businesses are home-based and Internet-driven. Body and facial care products, soaps and cleaning products are produced locally, but marketed globally. As the market for holistic and natural products increases, talented practitioners are finding our community conducive to producing and marketing these products right here in Pagosa Springs. Pagosa, with one of its eyes on the holistic, is a perfect place for businesses of this nature to set down roots and grow.

Our community is a wellspring of traditional and alternative solutions to health care. With lodging and conference facilities, mineral hot springs in town and the great outdoors as our backyard, Pagosa Springs is an attractive site for wellness seminars educating the outside world to the benefits of alternative methods of treatments and holistic products. There is still room for the "alternative" community to come together and better promote our area to the outside world. The Chamber of Commerce would be happy to assist businesses interested in expanding this alternative arena. Pagosa exemplifies a healthy way of life through its active lifestyle and open-mindedness to alternative contributions to health care.

HEALTH CARE NUMBERS TO KNOW

Pagosa Springs Medical Center	(970) 731-3700	pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org
Pagosa Primary Care Clinic	(970) 731-9545	pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org
Cornerstone Family Medicine	(970) 731-5252	cornerstonefamilymedicineonline.com
Riverside Health Practices	(970) 264-2218	
Alcoholics Anonymous	(888) 333-9649	aadistrict18.org
San Juan Basin Health	(970) 264-2409	sjbhd.org
Southwest Colorado Mental Health Services	(970) 264-2104	axishealthsystem.org
Hospice of Mercy	(970) 731-9190	hospiceofmercy.org
Southwest Safehouse	(970) 259-5443	voacolorado.org
Mercy Hospital	(970) 247-4311	mercydurango.org
Durango VA Medical Clinic	(970) 247-2214	
USJ Health Service District (EMS)	(970) 731-3704	pagosaspringsems.com
Pine Ridge Extended Care Center	(970) 731-4330	pagosanursinghome.com
Axis Health System	(970) 259-2162	axishealthsystem.org
Archuleta County Department of Human Services	(970) 264-2182	archuletacounty.org

ELDER CARE SOURCES

Pine Ridge Extended Care Center	(970) 731-4330	pagosanursinghome.com
Hospice of Mercy	(970) 731-9190	hospiceofmercy.org
Pagosa Springs Senior Center	(970) 264-2167	psseniors.org
Housing Solutions for the Southwest	(970) 259-1086	shousingsolutions.com
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging	(970) 264-0501	sjbaaa.org
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BUILDING AND REAL ESTATE **BEYOND THE UPWARD TREND**

It's no secret that Archuleta County, like much of the country, fell on hard times when the recession hit. The rate at which new homes popped up throughout the county slowed, and many homes began sporting "For Sale" signs in their yards.

And it seems the upswing in the building and real estate sectors that began bubbling to the surface in Pagosa Country last year remains, with several promising signs.

Over the last year, new homes have been built, with more on the way. Handfuls of homes can be seen in various stages of completion as you drive throughout the county. Building permits for new homes are on par with 2013, which was the best year since 2007.

Property sales continue to see an upward swing, as well, up 10 percent over 2013 through the early portion of 2014. The same was true last year, with home sales up over 2012. The majority of those properties sold and put under contract are residential.

Outside of new homes and those that are finding new owners, property owners are also pulling more permits for things such as decks and garages, increasing the value of their homes.

The vacant land market has also picked up, with prices far below what they were in peak times — making now an appetizing time to find prime real estate to build your dream home.

But the upward trend in Pagosa Country doesn't end with the what's for sale or what other people are doing. It also includes the people helping

to make it happen.

For example, Archuleta County often meets with a committee of the area's prominent and dedicated builders to discuss issues facing the building community and how to solve them.

The committee is also very involved any time the county is faced with adopting updated building and fire codes, with several reading hundreds of pages line by line to see what works for Archuleta County.

The builders are able to give opinions from a point of view that not only helps the building industry in the area, but helps the homeowner who might be looking to build or remodel a home.

As you start to look around and meet people in the building and real estate sectors in Archuleta County, two things will quickly become clear — these folks are good at what they do and they love doing it — to the benefit of the community.

Those looking for more information on building within the Town of Pagosa Springs should call the building and planning departments at (970) 264-4151. Those looking for information concerning building in the unincorporated portions of Archuleta County should call the building and planning departments at (970) 264-1390.

Other building information is available by calling one of the area's experienced builders.

If you're looking for an existing home that you can make your own, the area boasts a number of experienced and professional real estate agents.



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LaWana DeWees relocated to Pagosa Springs with her husband from Texas in 1996. LaWana is the ultimate "bird dog" when it comes to finding your dream property, she will not rest until finding a Colorado property that best fits your needs. She has a background in accounting and business management and has been active in developing real estate properties. Her vast knowledge of all necessary working relationships, financial structures, and tax benefits with regards to LLC's, corporations, and conservation easements helps successfully get the deal done to the benefit of all involved. She is a valuable asset to the Team and knows the possibilities Colorado has to offer for your real estate needs.



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Dan has spent a lifetime understanding rivers, river restoration, habitat enhancement, wildlife, and the issues they face. His dedication to understanding issues at the heart of western Colorado has been exemplified through his service in numerous arenas, including the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Big Game Allocation Program (BGLAP), the Colorado Wildlife Federation, the Colorado Outfitters Association, Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, Hinsdale County Planning Commission, as well as the Lake Fork Valley Conservancy. For those searching for the ideal mountain property and ranch, Dan's years of experience and expertise have proven a natural asset in the real estate market.



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Growing up in Lake City and living a number of years in the South Fork area, Michael Murphy spent much of his time exploring the area stretching from Gunnison to Creede and into the San Luis Valley. Using his knowledge and in depth understanding of the area, he has developed a keen eye for characteristics that make a property special which has allowed him to be involved in the sale of some of the most pristine parcels of the Rio Grande River and some of the largest farms and ranches in the San Luis Valley. He is also constantly adding to his already extensive knowledge of Agriculture production and water rights.



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\$15,000 - \$24,999	563	14.1%	514	11.3%	497	8.4%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	573	14.4%	453	10%	666	11.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	839	21.0%	701	15.5%	1,056	17.8%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	729	18.3%	951	21%	1,519	25.6%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	306	7.7%	581	12.8%	631	10.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	165	4.1%	511	11.3%	626	10.5%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	63	1.6%	150	3.3%	96	1.6%
\$200,000+	103	2.6%	240	5.3%	206	3.5%
Median Household Income		\$38,333		\$54,007		\$50,900
Average Household Income		\$53,743		\$73,224		\$65,710
Per Capita Income		\$21,683		\$29,771		\$26,605

POPULATION BY AGE	2000		2012		2015 (projected)	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 - 4	531	5.4%	499	4.1%	755	5.1%
5 - 9	662	6.7%	646	5.3%	863	5.9%
10 - 14	799	8.1%	804	6.6%	1,043	7.1%
15 - 19	735	7.4%	1,030	8.5%	962	6.5%
20 - 24	402	4.1%	471	3.9%	605	4.1%
25 - 34	940	9.5%	634	5.2%	1,308	8.9%
35 - 44	1,639	16.6%	1,450	12.0%	1,858	12.6%
45 - 54	1,806	18.2%	1,999	16.5%	2,643	17.9%
55 - 64	1,206	12.2%	2,488	20.5%	2,582	17.5%
65 - 74	805	8.1%	1,305	10.8%	1,553	10.5%
75 - 84	300	3.0%	579	4.8%	426	2.9%
85+	73	0.7%	204	1.7%	131	0.9%
Total	9,898		12,109		14,729	

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ARCHULETA COUNTY DEMOGRAPHIC & INCOME PROFILE

Summary	2000	2012	(projected) 2015
Population	9,898	12,109	14,729
Households	3,980	4,536	5,937
Families	2,872		4,177
Average Household Size	2.47	2.64	2.47
Owner Occupied Housing Units	3,057	3,532	4,538
Renter Occupied Housing Units	923	1,004	1,399
Median Age	40.7	47.5	44.9

POPULATION & POPULATION GROWTH

	2012	2000	1990
State of Colorado	5,189,458	4,301,261	3,294,394
State of Colorado: 104,093.57 Sq. Miles			
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	49.9	41.5	31.8
Median Age (Years):	36.1	34.3	
Average Household Size (People):	2.5	2.53	
Archuleta County	12,109	9,898	5,345
Archuleta County: 1355.48 Sq. Miles			
Archuleta County Population			
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	9	7.3	3.9
Median Age (Years):	47.5	40.8	
Average Household Size (People)	2.64	2.5	2.7
Renter Occupied Apartments	924		
Per Capita Income (PCI):	29,361	21,683	19,156
Median Household Income:	54,007	43,259	
Cost of Living Index	88.2		

Sources: <http://www.census.gov/> <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/08/08007.html> www.townofpagosasprings.com/ <http://encyclopedia2.thefreedictionary.com>
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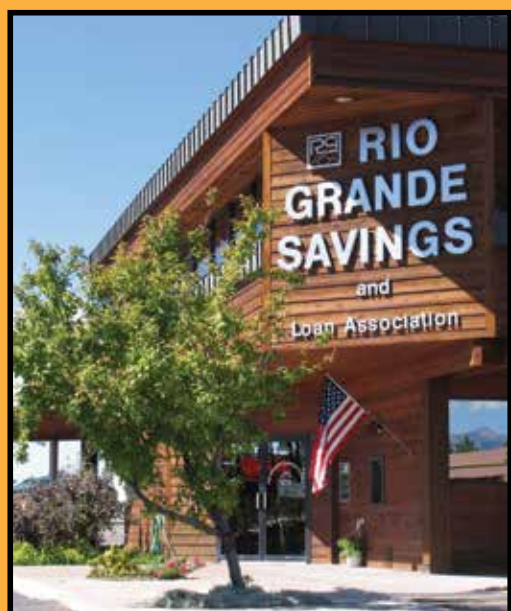
Population 25 years & over	8,659
Less than 9th grade	1.8%
9th to 12 grade, no diploma	5.7%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25.1%
Some college, no degree	24.8%
Associate degree	6.6%
Bachelor's degree	23.2%
Graduate or professional degree	12.9%
High school graduate or higher age 25+	92.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher age 25+	36.1%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting, and mining	7.5%
Construction	12.3%
Manufacturing	2.9%
Wholesale Trade	0.4%
Retail trade	15.3%
Transportation and warehousing, and utilities	3.4%
Information	3.4%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental, leasing	6.4%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services	9.8%
Educational, health care, social assistance	13.8%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services	15%
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Unemployment — County	8.3%

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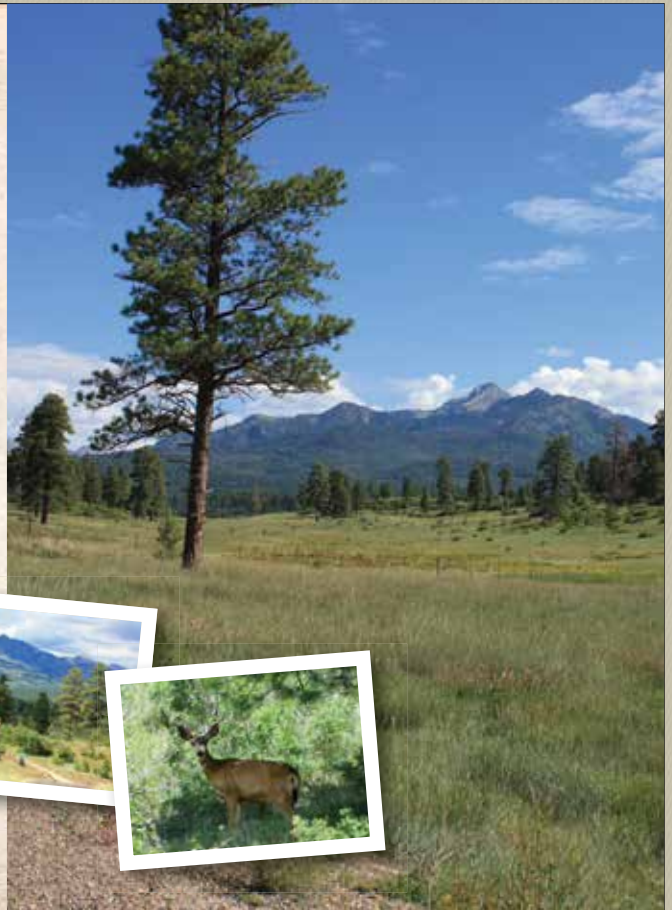


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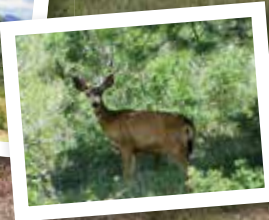
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Making Dreams A Reality



THE GEOTHERMAL GREENHOUSE PARTNERSHIP

By Ed Fincher

Here in southwest Colorado, the earth's heat exists close to the surface, so Pagosa Country enjoys a resource unavailable to much of the world — geothermal energy — and a group of local visionaries has become committed to leading Colorado and the rest of the United States, and perhaps the rest of the world, in responsibly stewarding such natural resources while creatively stimulating local economies.

The Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership, a Pagosa Springs nonprofit organization, was formed in January 2009 to harness renewable solar and geothermal energy for growing safe, affordable food for local people.

Utilizing land and geothermal water provided by the town, the GGP's vision is to take a section of the Riverwalk area in Centennial Park behind the county courthouse and across the San Juan River from The Springs Resort and create a center of renewable energy and agriculture. The plan is to construct three geodesic greenhouse domes, 51 feet in diameter, each with its own purpose — educational, commercial and communal.

First, the GGP facility will become a center for K-12 interdisciplinary education and advanced study in agriculture and renewable technology. A relationship has already been developed with the local school district, the Colorado State University Extension Office and the Dean of Agricultural Science from the University of Colorado.

The second part of the GGP's mission is to provide a test site for year-round organic crop cultivation at high altitude using renewable energy. As a business incubator, the second greenhouse dome will show what can be done. For a small commercial entity, limited by the fact that it is now outdoors, expanding to a dome would mean year-round production.

The third part of the GGP mission is to provide affordable, organic, locally grown food for individuals and businesses, along with providing year-round community gardens for the citizens of Pagosa Springs.

"This is a good concept," former Pagosa Springs Mayor Ross Aragon said, "because it is a natural resource and green is in. The theme of the GGP is green."

The GGP project, which will be highly visible from U.S. 160, will be quite a tourist attraction. Imagine having bananas, papayas and a variety of exotic fruits and vegetables growing in the middle of the Colorado Rockies, at this altitude, and in the coldest part of the winter.

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The options are extensive, but you need to do your homework.

With the Internet and broadband capabilities, Pagosa Springs is a perfect place to work from home. Many major companies that rely heavily on the Internet are allowing employees to live where they choose, so long as they are able to "commute" via the Internet. Pagosa offers several high-speed Internet options, allowing residents to telecommute. Currently, broadband capability in many areas of town is available. There are already numerous residents who choose to live in Pagosa Springs and enjoy the slower-paced lifestyle, and who can take time off during the day to ski, hike, bike, hunt or volunteer, all due to the wonder of telecommuting.

While there is a range of office rental or purchase space opportunities available in Pagosa at very reasonable rates, many business owners have decided to base out of their homes.

Marketing via the Internet or e-commerce is the rage, and shopping via the Internet only grows in popularity. Many homes in Pagosa offer heated workshops or space in which to set up an office. Holistic products, piecework, or general or sub-contracting businesses, including wood-working, plumbing, electrical, concrete or rock-work trades, can easily be established at your home base. If you purchase a home in an area that is governed by a property owners association, it is a good idea to check and make sure if there are any home/business restrictions.

Small manufacturing companies are also growing in popularity in Pagosa Springs. The Chamber of Commerce can assist interested parties with business development consultation, to secure a workforce as well as workspace, and with business training. More and more smaller manufacturing businesses are choosing Pagosa Springs as a home base that affords their employees a better quality of life, yet they distribute their products all over the world.

As you can see, Pagosa Springs is a fantastic community in which to marry choice of lifestyle with work. With the advance of technology, telecommuting is ever more popular and possible. Choosing where your home-based business is located becomes easier and a choice, not a necessity. Should you need to commute to another part of the country, the La Plata County Airport is only one hour away, making connections with DIA, in Denver, and the world.

The Chamber of Commerce is poised and ready to help you work through the pros and cons of locating a home-based business here in Pagosa Springs. We look forward to helping you become that "Lone Eagle" entrepreneur. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at www.pagosapring-chamber.com.

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FY 2014 Colorado FMR Metropolitan Area Summary

Metropolitan Area Name	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Boulder	\$820	\$952	\$1,178	\$1,736	\$2,062
Colorado Springs	\$501	\$622	\$807	\$1,089	\$1,429
Teller County	\$534	\$689	\$861	\$1,243	\$1,247
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield	\$600	\$742	\$960	\$1,409	\$1,633
Fort Collins-Loveland	\$602	\$744	\$896	\$1,320	\$1,587
Grand Junction	\$483	\$575	\$765	\$1,127	\$1,295
Greeley	\$472	\$551	\$709	\$1,040	\$1,256
Pueblo	\$437	\$530	\$693	\$991	\$1,070

FY 2014 Colorado FMR Local Area Summary

Locality Name	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Alamosa County	\$516	\$537	\$639	\$796	\$854
Archuleta County	\$560	\$563	\$731	\$956	\$977
La Plata County	\$696	\$741	\$922	\$1,250	\$1,606
Montezuma County	\$515	\$537	\$637	\$939	\$1,128
Ouray County	\$744	\$749	\$1,014	\$1,494	\$1,642
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CREATING NEW AMENITIES

EXCITING RECENT PROJECTS FROM PAGOSA SPRINGS PARKS & REC

By Ed Fincher

The employees of the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation department take great personal pride in their stewardship of the town's facilities and amenities, and are always willing to take the time to bend your ear when it comes to bragging about what they have to offer to tourists and residents alike.

Jim Miller, the town's superintendent of parks, says he thinks of each tree, bush and flower as one of his own children, having lovingly planted, protected and nurtured most of them himself. He also keeps a watchful eye on every picnic table, park bench and public restroom to make sure they are clean, safe and ready to use.

The parks of Pagosa Springs run the gamut from the wild and natural pine forest on Reservoir Hill to the well-manicured fields of Yamaguchi Park, and many of them have seen significant recent additions and improvements.

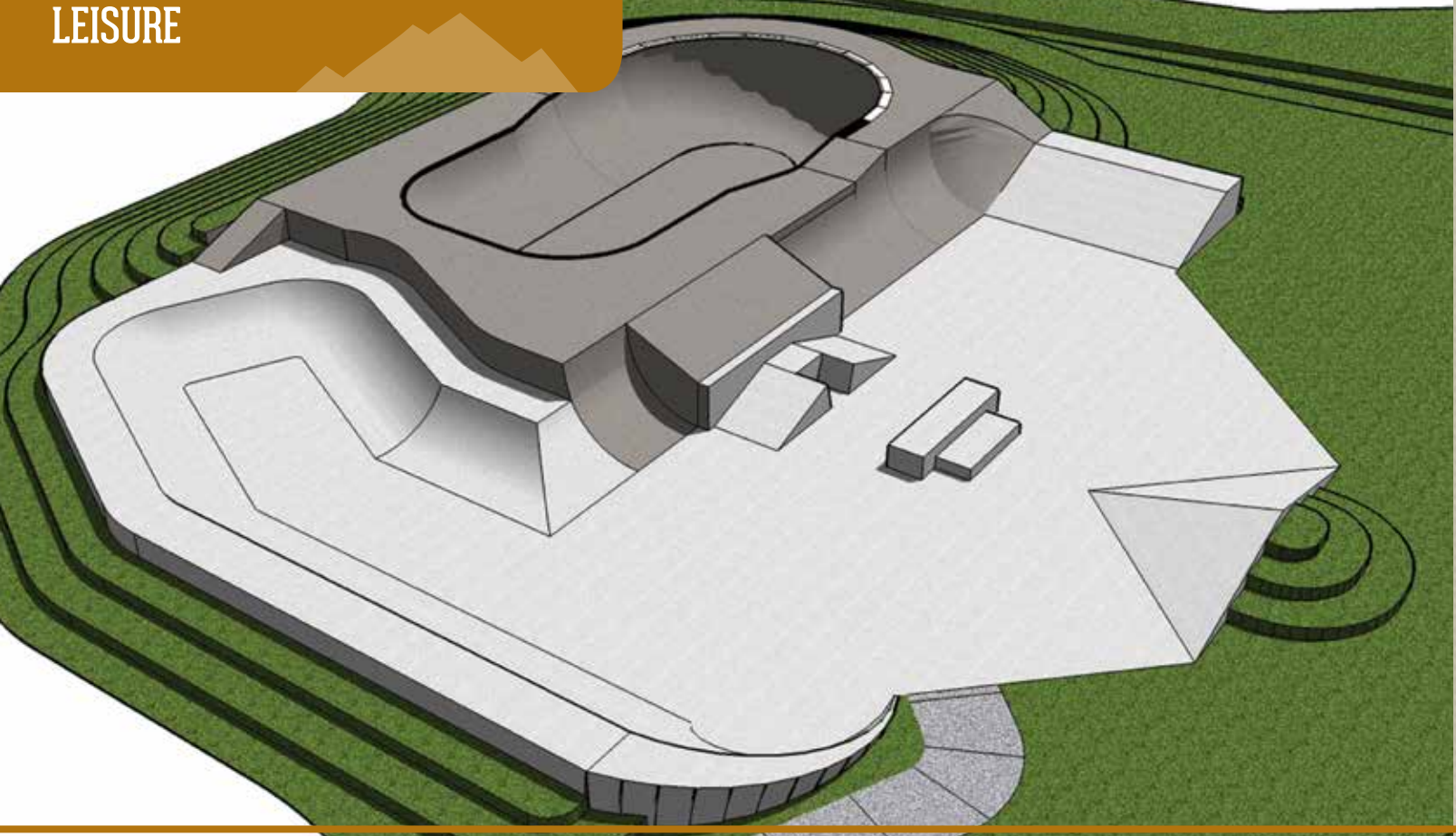
The most prominent physical feature of the downtown area, Res-

ervoir Hill, towers over the south bank of the San Juan River and is distinguished by the large green water tank visible from U.S. 160.

The park is accessible from three trailheads — located across the highway from the River Center, behind the Healing Waters Spa, and next to the U.S. Post Office — and offers miles of hiking and biking trails ranging from gentle and peaceful to steep and technical. Look for a new trail sign system that will include names and difficulty levels.

Reservoir Hill is also home to one of the best disc golf courses in the region, featuring 18 baskets, 18 regular tee boxes, and 18 recently installed alternative tee boxes for those experts looking for a bit more challenging game.

Near the top of the disc golf course is a large meadow, the home to two of Pagosa's largest musical events: The Folk 'N Bluegrass event takes place in early June and the Four Corners Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend. Thanks to a generous local benefactor, the town recently installed a beautiful log gazebo, nearly 40 by 40 feet in size,



which will be available to rent for special occasions such as weddings or reunions.

Follow the trail beyond the festival meadow and a hiker will eventually reach the high point, where a grassroots organization known as the Friends of Reservoir Hill plans to build an observation platform. The structure will provide a destination for hikers, shelter in times of inclement weather, a place to relax and reflect on the natural beauty of the surroundings, and will also include educational displays describing the history, geography, geology and ecology of the surrounding area.

While there currently are no permanent restrooms on Reservoir Hill, there are plans to install such facilities soon, and while Reservoir Hill may be the most prominent downtown park, it isn't the only one seeing new improvements.

Located on South 5th Street between Pagosa Springs High School and the river, Yamaguchi Park is home to the 4,500 square-foot Pagosa Skate Park, which was designed to appeal to skaters of all ability levels and includes several plaza elements and a bowl feature. Adjacent land has been set aside to allow for further expansion (a larger, deeper bowl), and local fundraising and planning efforts are ongoing. Look for the second phase of the park coming soon.

The park is open from dawn to dusk throughout the year, provided the skating surface is free of ice and snow in the winter months. To learn more about the skate park, or to find out when the annual skater competition and fundraiser will take place, visit www.skaterscoalitionforconcrete.com.

A heated year-round restroom, drinking fountain, picnic tables, barbecue grills and picnic shelter allow for family gatherings, while a state-of-the-art playground and beautiful soccer and softball fields give plenty of room for the kids to play. A special events and performance venue with electrical service is also available.

Another amenity of Yamaguchi Park is the kayak/raft launching facility and speaking of the San Juan River, Pagosa recently completed

a number of improvement projects, including a Fishing Is Fun grant project and the installation of two more whitewater features. The two new river features include a new wave feature at the south end of Yamaguchi Park and a new wave feature just west of Town Hall. These features are enjoyed by rafters, kayakers and tubers.

The Fishing Is Fun grant included aquatic habitat improvements along a 1-mile stretch of the San Juan River between the River Center Park and Centennial Park. The aquatic habitat improvements will promote healthy fish populations for anglers' fishing enjoyment.

A true neighborhood park located on the south side of town on Apache Street between 7th and 8th streets, South Pagosa Park has bathrooms, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, barbecue grills, a picnic shelter, a playground and a basketball court. Perhaps the best feature of the park, however, is the series of high-quality horseshoe pits, well used by those who enjoy pitching a ringer or two.

The future home of three geodesic domes that will house the Geothermal Greenhouse Project, Centennial Park stretches along the river behind the Archuleta County Courthouse and includes a section of the Riverwalk, a gazebo and several tables for enjoying a nice family picnic while watching the activities in the river and the hot springs beyond.

On the southeast corner of the U.S. 160/Hot Springs Boulevard intersection, Town Park connects to Centennial Park via the Riverwalk and contains bathrooms, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, barbecue grills, a playground, two special event-200-amp electrical services, a performance space and stage, and a white-water feature in the adjacent river.

The park hosts several events throughout the year, as does the athletic field across Hermosa Street, including the Fourth of July Arts and Crafts Fair, Colorfest and the Mountain Chile Cha Cha. The athletic field, where the annual Fourth of July carnival is held, also contains a baseball diamond and is frequented by the Pagosa Springs Middle School PE classes.

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Pagosa Springs has the privilege of enjoying four distinct seasons, each one playing host to myriad activities. Participating in outdoor activities is like being a kid in a candy store, with appealing options no matter the season. Groups like the San Juan Outdoor Club and Gray Wolves offer activities all year long in a group setting. Face a challenging hike up Pagosa Peak or head out on a hut-to-hut excursion with like-minded enthusiasts and capitalize on the over 3 million acres of national forest and wilderness areas surrounding Pagosa.

When the days begin to warm up, resident activities exemplify the phrase "spring fever." Walking around town or taking a quick trip up Reservoir Hill on your lunch hour gets everyone in the mood for summer. As the snow begins to melt and the river rises, kayak and rafting enthusiasts hit the river. The San Juan River boasts several developed water features downtown along the Town Park and Yamaguchi Park areas, including "the wave" that was built in 2009. There is also improved fishing access and ongoing habitat improvements along the river through town. Fish are plentiful in Pagosa waters, with species including catfish, bass, pike and a variety of trout. Hikes in the lower elevations, perhaps around the Piedra River Trail, are a great way to break in the season and relish the beauty of the first signs of spring. Usually by April cyclists abound, enjoying moderate rides together to get in shape for the season. The Turkey Springs trail system was recently improved, with plans to expand and improve other biking trails in the area soon. Spring also brings out birding enthusiasts who tag and identify which species have returned to beautiful Pagosa.

Summer brings out the athlete in us all with warm days, cool nights and typically excellent weather conditions. Summer is perfect for just about every sport, especially hiking, mountain and road biking, and running.

Summer also means motorcycle rides, offroading and camping in gorgeous locations. Pagosa Springs boasts a wonderful 27-hole golf course, two 18-hole disc golf courses located on Reservoir Hill and at Cloman Community Park and one nine-hole disc golf course in Aspen Springs. Boaters enjoy cruising on Navajo Lake, which spans the Colorado and New Mexico border. Horse enthusiasts head to the Western Heritage Event Center to compete in team roping and rodeo events.

Many of the activities of summer continue into the fall. Athletes get to enjoy the stunning hues of changing leaves as they add another layer of clothing in the evenings. The temperate weather mixed with the gorgeous colors is just another incentive to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Winter is just as active the other seasons. For the alpine skier, Wolf Creek Ski Area is just 24 miles away and is known for its radical powder days. The volunteer Nordic Club has developed and grooms an extensive system of trails for classic and skate skiing. Enjoy one of their monthly Sunset/Moonrise free ski socials at various locations around the area. Snowed-over hiking trails become excellent snowshoeing trails in the winter. If you feel the need for speed, the Wolf Creek Trailblazers snowmobile club is out and about enjoying the hundreds of miles in the backcountry. Consider taking a dog sled ride, ice-skating on the frozen pond behind the River Center or checking out the plethora of sledding hills in the area.

Pagosa has outdoor activities to enjoy all year long! It is no wonder that so many people choose to live in this stunning mountain town overflowing with natural wonders for individuals of all ages and abilities. Explore on your own or join up with one of the many organizations that will happily show you the ropes and introduce you to the wonders of Pagosa's outdoors.

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LOCAL GROUPS

SHARE THE OUTDOORS

Pagosa Springs and the outdoors go hand-in-hand; in fact, being able to enjoy the outdoors year-round is one of the benefits of living in this mountain paradise. There are a number of organized groups that are passionate about their sport and are always willing to share their enthusiasm.

The San Juan Outdoor Club is devoted to providing outdoor activities such as backpacking, hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, fishing, cycling, etc. The club also performs community services, giving back to Pagosa Springs. The club's primary goal is to get outdoors and have fun together. The organization is open to families and individuals. For more information on member application and fees, visit their website at www.sanjuanoutdoorclub.org.

The Gray Wolves Ski Club is more than just a senior ski club; it's a group of skiers and outdoor enthusiasts who are interested in socializing, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, hiking, golf and anything else that the members choose. The club started in 1984 to promote skiing, other outdoor sports and fellowship through organized activities for people 50 years of age or older. At this time, there are over 600 members throughout the U.S. Membership dues are required by Aug. 31.

Regular ski days are held during the winter months to promote fellowship, with discounts for members. The Gray Wolves hold various functions throughout the year, such as potlucks and gatherings. For more information, visit their website at www.graywolfskiclub.com.

The Pagosa Nordic Club strives to enhance winter recreational opportunities by maintaining and grooming winter trails for cross-country and skate skiing and snowshoeing enjoyment for all ability levels. Throughout the winter months, the club holds free Moonrise/Sunset Ski Socials at various groomed trails. You can find out more about this group at www.pagosanordic.com.

The Wolf Creek Trailblazers Snowmobile Club grooms forest service trails for use by snowmobilers, cross-country skiers and snowshoers. They have active outings throughout the winter and also typically meet the second Tuesday of every month September through March. The purpose of the club is to have a great time riding snowmobiles while operating an active trail-grooming effort.

The Pagosa Trail Riders is an ATV club with members who love

to ride the trails and roads of southwest Colorado. Along with promoting education of responsible ATV/OHV use, they work with the forest service, BLM and other user groups to maintain trails for everyone's outdoor pleasure. The Pagosa Trail Riders encourage family and rider involvement at all skill levels for all kinds of motorized vehicle owners. More information can be found at www.pagosatrailriders.com.

The Pagosa Area Trails Council is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to planning, building and maintaining trails and trail-related facilities around Pagosa Springs. They also work with the Southwest Youth Corps and other organizations to accomplish their tasks of trail maintenance and improvement of trail use and accessibility.

The Weminuche Audubon Society programs provide opportunities for visitors and residents to explore our local environment through bird walks, nature and science presentations, and collaborations with other outdoor and nature-based organizations. The society promotes the conservation of bird and wildlife habitat. They have ongoing monitoring projects, monthly meetings and field trips, which are free and open to the public. Visit their website at www.weminucheaudubon.org.

There are numerous organizations that tend to our natural playground for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike. Visit the Pagosa Springs Chamber website for more information about these organizations and other outdoor groups.

SENIOR LIVING IN PAGOSA

"To support seniors in living healthy, vibrant and independent lives" is the purpose of the Pagosa Springs Senior Center.

The senior center has an array of activities and services for the young at heart and supportive services for those in need of more assistance.

The center offers delicious lunches, including a fabulous salad bar, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Monthly menus are posted online, with weekly menus displayed in The SUN newspaper. Seniors interested in dining at the center can make reservations by calling 264-2167. Seniors may also set up a standing reservation to eliminate the need to call each week. Home delivered meals are available to qualifying homebound individuals.

The Senior Center offers transportation and ride vouchers which can assist seniors in getting to medical appointments, attending lunches, going to the post office, pharmacy, grocery store and other necessary errands. Arranging transportation can be completed by contacting the Senior Center office.

Additionally, the Senior Center offers a wide range of supportive informational and referral services. Services include Medicare counseling, AARP safety driving classes, legal assistance and Alzheimer's support programs, to name a few.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs Senior Center, visit their office, located in the Ross Aragon Community Center at 451 Hot Springs Blvd., call 264-2167, or go online to www.psseniors.org. Staying active and engaged in Pagosa Springs is easy with organizations like the Senior Center.

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RELOCATING YOUR ANIMALS

Moving to a new town with your pets can be an exciting adventure with many new discoveries. It can also be a bit stressful for you and your pets leaving behind the familiar. Before moving, it is important to know any information dealing with pet regulations.

Before you move, make sure that your pets are healthy and up to date on their vaccinations. If you are moving from out of state with dogs or cats, Colorado requires that you have a certificate of veterinarian inspection that is no more than 30 days old. If your cat or dog is 3 months or older, they must also have had a rabies vaccination within the preceding 12 months. For livestock requirements, visit the Colorado Department of Agriculture website (www.colorado.gov/ag).

Part of moving involves gathering all your important personal documents. Make sure you do the same for your pets. Have all of their health and vaccination records on hand so that when you choose a local veterinarian, you can provide your new vet with your pets' medical histories.

There are many Internet sources of information available on how to safely move your pets, as well as great tips on how to help your dogs or cats acclimate to their new home. A site that offers a good overview of both is www.healthypet.com. This website provides moving guides, a trip planner to help locate nearby veterinarians in case of an unforeseen emergency, travel information and relocation information.

Losing a pet can be nerve-racking. The Humane Society of Pagosa Springs (HSPS) operates the only animal shelter in the area, located at 465 Cloman Blvd. The shelter is open seven days a week. A call to the animal shelter, (970) 731-4771, should be one of your first steps in finding a lost pet.

The HSPS website (www.humanesociety.biz) hosts detailed information on what to do if you and your pet become separated. The website also has information on adoptions, spay/neuter voucher programs and other

services. The HSPS offers low-cost spay and neuter programs.

To aid in finding a lost pet, make sure that your pet has a secure collar with a sturdy identification tag attached. The ID tag should contain your name and contact information, including information on rabies vaccination. If you are moving, make sure the tag has your current cell phone number. Secondly, have a microchip inserted in your pet. This aids identification if your pet's collar is lost or removed. The Humane Society animal shelter scans every incoming pet for a microchip. If the chip number is not in the shelter's database, the shelter will contact the chip manufacturer for more information, so make sure you have registered your animal's chip and updated your contact information with the chip company.

If your pet does not have a microchip, the HSPS can provide you one at low cost. If your pet already has a microchip, it would be a good idea to stop by the shelter and provide the staff with the chip number and your updated contact information.

Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County do not require licensing for dogs or cats at this time. You are, however, required to have a current rabies vaccination for your pets. While Archuleta County does not have a leash law, Pagosa Springs does. You are required to have your dog under control at all times. If you want to exercise and play with your dog in a safe, controlled environment, there is a community-accessible dog park at the animal shelter.

If you are purchasing property in Pagosa Country, make sure you check for additional pet regulations or restrictions in the covenants of your property owners association. Keep in mind, too, that regardless of where you live, some homeowner insurance policies have certain dog breed exclusions, so check your insurance policy for pet restrictions.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In addition to the wondrous beauty, plentiful wildlife and an active outdoor lifestyle that you will enjoy in Pagosa Springs, there are tremendous opportunities for enriching your life by volunteering in the community. No matter what your level of involvement has been in the past, you will find wonderful ways to share your interests, talents and abilities.

Pagosa Springs has traditional civic clubs, churches and organizations that you will find in almost every community. There are two Rotary clubs and a Kiwanis club that are very active. The churches and nonprofit community have a wide variety of projects and activities year-round. Loaves and Fishes provides a free hot meal every Thursday with different organizations adopting a week of service. Habitat for Humanity builds and renovates homes using both local and national volunteers.

There are also multiple organizations supporting Pagosa's youth. Big Brothers Big Sisters provides mentors for boys and girls who need an active role model. GECKO (Giving Every Child Knowledge of the Outdoors) promotes getting off the couch and getting outside and provides scholarships for youth outdoor education. The Pagosa Springs Youth Center provides a safe and drug-free haven for teen-age youth and an affordable summer program. 4-H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts help keep our youth involved in positive activities, including the yearly Archuleta County Fair.

For our veterans or active military, there is the Veterans Helping Veterans and the American Legion Post 108, which also hosts bingo twice a month. The Democratic Central Committee and the Republican Women meet regularly and are involved in community affairs.

We also have many volunteer opportunities unique to our area. If you

like outdoor activities, you can volunteer with clubs like the San Juan Outdoor Club, the Nordic Club, the Gray Wolves Ski Club or the Back Country Horsemen. If you have a love of history, you can be a guide with the Chimney Rock Interpretive Association for the Chimney Rock National Monument, volunteer with the San Juan Historical Society or be a guide at the Fred Harman Art Museum. If you love animals, you can be a volunteer at the Humane Society Shelter or Thrift Store, or become a foster parent with the Pagosa Animal Advocates or LASSO horse rescue.

In addition to paid professional staff, the Pagosa Fire Protection District relies heavily on volunteer firefighters. The San Juan Mounted Patrol assists with numerous community events and emergencies, as does the Sheriff's Volunteer Patrol. To help people who need assistance in our backcountry or with emergencies, we have the Upper San Juan Search and Rescue, the Mounted Search and the Incident Management Group. If the arts are your passion, we have Friends of the Library, Curtains Up Pagosa!, the Thingamajig Theatre, Pagosa Makers, Pagosa Community Choir and the Pagosa Springs Community Band. There is a garden club, quilting club, archeology club, bridge clubs and homemakers club. The Audubon Society has an active presence, as do the League of Women Voters, the Red Hat Society and several other women's groups.

You can find out more about organizations that interest you on the Chamber's website at www.pagosapragingschamber.com/stay-connected/ community-volunteer-opportunities, or by calling the Chamber of Commerce. Volunteering can really enrich your life here in Pagosa Springs and allow you to share your talents and pursue your passions!

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What about dining? There's plenty in Pagosa to satisfy even the most discriminating palate. Pagosa has about as many eating establishments per capita as any town you can think of, with the options spanning the spectrum in terms of styles of cuisine and price.

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A night out, with a meal at a favorite restaurant, is one of Pagosa's great pleasures. Take advantage of it whenever you can.

In need of some entertainment? Fear not, you can find it in Pagosa. Local bars and pubs regularly feature music and, on any given night,

one can choose from jazz, rock, blues and others. Art galleries provide art lovers with opportunities to indulge their passion. Or, how about a rodeo? A play? We have those, too, and other organizations hold events year-round that can keep anyone busy and having fun.

Pagosa is small, yes. But Pagosa packs a lot onto its small frame. That's part of the joy of living and working here — you are in the heart of an environment that appeals to the most discerning outdoor enthusiast, but you have the dining, shopping and cultural amenities you need to indulge your whims. It's a great place to be!

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If you are currently a Colorado resident and are just moving here, you may call the county clerk's office and they will help you change your registration address so you will receive a renewal notice from Archuleta County when your plates expire.

Some of the most obvious reasons that, by law, constitute becoming a resident are: obtaining a Colorado driver's license, registering to vote, enrolling children into school or becoming employed. If you are retired and consider this your legal place of residence and intend to file your federal income tax with a Pagosa Springs address as your legal address, you need Colorado plates.

To obtain Colorado license plates, you will need:

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2. Proof of Insurance (does not need to be Colorado).
3. A vehicle identification verification done by any law enforcement officer. The sheriff's office is located in the courthouse (west end of the building) and charges \$10 for this service.
4. An acceptable form of ID.

Vehicle registration in Colorado is based on the year, weight and taxable value of the vehicle, when new. The taxable value is then depreciated according to the age of the vehicle. The office is located at 449 San Juan St., in the east side of the courthouse.

The nearest place to obtain a Colorado driver's license is Durango, approximately 60 miles west of Pagosa Springs. The DMV is located at 305 S. Camino del Rio. You may contact their office at (970) 247-4591.

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