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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 Pagosa to be a friendly, pleasant place to live.

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, back country exploration, 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 Springs has the resources available to help that business succeed. The Chamber's relationships with the Small Business Development Center at Fort Lewis College, Region 9 Economic Development District and the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation continue to strengthen.

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 seven years that it has been open. It operates a 24/7 emergency room, lab and diagnostic services, diagnostic imaging and mammography exams, a surgical staff, orthopedic surgery, primary care physicians through the clinic facility and has developed a patient portal for better patient health navigation. The hospital is currently undergoing an expansion project.

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!



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







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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 — 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.

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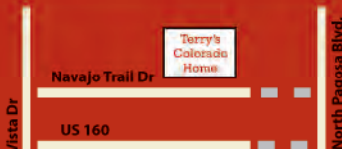
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Broadband: Not settling for less

By **Randi Pierce**

It's no secret that Archuleta County isn't a metropolitan, or even micropolitan, area — for many, that's one of its biggest qualities. Pagosa Country, as the area is known to those fond of it, tends to focus on the outdoors and what Mother Nature has to offer.

But that doesn't mean Pagosa and its residents are in the Stone Age, or that there isn't a desire for all of the same technology and connectivity available in larger locations. Archuleta County's residents include business owners, consultants, designers, teachers and more — they rely on Internet to run their businesses, keep in touch with family and friends, watch the latest hit shows (or endless adorable animal videos) via streaming services and more.

But installation of new cable is expensive, and vastly more so in

areas with low population density. In densely populated, urban areas, Internet service providers have been ready to invest in the new infrastructure required to transmit speedily the vast quantities of electronic impulses constituting broadband, generally by replacing connections over metal telephone lines with new connections using fiber-optic cable, also commonly known as fiber.

A for-profit Internet service provider will generally prioritize new installations in urban areas, where the cost of installation per connected user will be infinitely smaller than in rural areas and the return on investment correspondingly greater. Hence, a broadband gap grows.

So, when community leaders and residents noticed that Archuleta County was falling behind in the speed and quality of Internet

available compared to metro areas and fell short of the definition for “broadband” adopted by the Federal Communications Commission, they didn’t just complain — they sprung to action in conjunction with several governments and entities in southwest Colorado experiencing the same issue.

To begin, both town and county residents voted in recent elections to exempt the governments from a state law that prohibits communities in Colorado from providing public support for telecommunications services to residents and businesses. With the emerging broadband gap, many smaller communities in the state are taking advantage of the “opt out” the law provides.

Prior to those votes, the local government-owned network, which was funded in part by a grant from the state, could only serve government and related organizations, such as schools and libraries.

Then, in April, a series of meetings was held in Pagosa Springs to gather information from several stakeholder groups regarding the nature of the Internet service needed in the area. That meeting was the first of its kind held in several regional communities.

Those meetings — held for business persons, Internet service providers, educators, health care providers, government entities and the public of each community — provided the needed information

for a consultant hired by the Southwest Council of Governments to help formulate and implement a regional plan to achieve the goal of universal broadband service.

That plan is now underway.

In addition to the work by the town and county government to make their infrastructure more available, a leading player in the effort to bring broadband to the community is the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC), a nonprofit that works closely with the town, county and Region 9 Economic Development District of Southwest Colorado.

The CDC helped facilitate the local meetings in April, and access to broadband is one of the organization’s major undertakings because of the importance the advance will have in improving the area’s economic vitality.

In March, CDC president Jason Cox said he envisions a broadband system that would use fiber for delivery in the more-densely settled areas such as downtown Pagosa Springs, where that technology will be cost-effective, and likely wireless delivery in other areas of the county. Too, he suggested publicly constructed infrastructure would pay for itself through Internet service providers using the infrastructure charging fees to their subscribers.

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You can visit their webpage at www.highhorsevideo.com or email them at info@highhorsevideo.com.

Region 9 Economic Development District provides loans, gap financing, and technical assistance in Southwest Colorado. For information call (970) 247-9621 or go to www.scan.org.

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

Its mission is to work cooperatively with the private and public sectors to enhance the economic conditions in the area, and improve the region's economic prosperity.

Region 9 EDD serves the counties of Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan, the 10 cities and towns within those counties, as well as the Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute Indian tribes. Its board of directors includes representatives from each of those governmental jurisdictions as well as nine representatives from the private sector.

Among Region 9 EDD's programs, the largest is providing loans to businesses creating or retaining jobs, or needing "gap" financing in partnership with banks. Region 9 EDD, through its micro-loan program, provides smaller funding amounts not always available through traditional financial institutions. Staff also cites that Region 9 EDD is the lender of "first resort" for start-up businesses that haven't yet established a track record.

In addition to loan programs, Region 9 EDD administers the Southwest Colorado Enterprise Zone, a state tax credit program; provides

administrative support to the Four Corners Film Office supporting production work in the region; provides technical assistance to county-level economic development groups; and helps to facilitate and leverage state and federal funding into the region.

Region 9 EDD 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 enhancement of the region. Region 9 EDD is currently assisting with the geothermal initiative in Archuleta County; the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation; and participating in the Southwest Colorado Accelerator Program for Entrepreneurs (SCAPE), which provides in-depth mentoring to entrepreneurs planning to grow their business enterprises in southwest Colorado.

Region 9 EDD is also a State Data Center and consistently publishes a variety of regional economic sector data reports that provide citizens and policy-makers access to reliable, unbiased and timely information. This includes the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy that assists local communities with economic development strategic planning and identifying viable economic projects and initiatives.

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. in Durango, Colo.



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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.

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.

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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	8.9	36	2,968	1,336	4,303	48,314
Texas	7.6	46	2,332	1,008	3,340	44,081
New Mexico	8.7	38	2,170	971	3,141	36,051
California	10.9	7	4,126	1,111	5,237	47,808
Arizona	8.8	37	2,283	992	3,276	37,012
Wyoming	7.1	49	2,056	2,351	4,407	61,708
Nebraska	9.2	31	2,930	1,267	4,197	45,485
U.S. Average	9.48	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	44,178

Source: www.taxfoundation.org/

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	Colorado 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

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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
Archuleta County	(970) 264-8300	www.archuletacounty.org
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PS. Community Development Corporation	(970) 264-2360	www.pagosaspringscdc.org



Grow Your Business With The Pagosa Springs Area Chamber Of Commerce

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Executive director, Chamber of Commerce

Incorporated in July of 1976, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is currently celebrating its 40th year.

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 over 400 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 targeted trainings and Maximizing Your Membership sessions are a great way to stay current with area 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. There are a variety of membership opportunities, including Advantage Memberships, sponsorship opportunities and community exposure and involvement.

If you are looking to expand your established business, you might want to think about involving yourself in a local Growth Company Initiative, which supports both emerging and existing businesses that are in an enhanced stage with over nine employees and higher-end sales. 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 Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, the Alli-

ance 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.

A Chamber membership is a voice in supporting the business community. We encourage our membership to achieve collectively what could not be possible individually. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at www.pagosachamber.com or by calling (970) 264-2360.

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Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation Improving Our Economic Climate

By Jason Cox

President, Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation
The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) coordinates economic development initiatives that aim to enhance the economy in Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County.

Born of the former Archuleta Economic Development Association (AEDA) which formed in the late 1980s the AEDA was tasked with improving rural economic development. Today, the CDC — a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation formed in the spring of 2010 — maintains the AEDA's goal of enhancing economic vitality in Archuleta County. Supported by county and town government, utility groups, local banks and individual businesses, the CDC's mission is to help Pagosa grow, diversify and become more economically stable.

Major projects that the AEDA and CDC have worked on over the years include: reorganization of the fire district and support of additional and outlying fire stations; development of the Cloman Industrial Park into several phases; and support of the first phase of San Juan River restoration infrastructure in downtown Pagosa Springs. Recent projects the CDC has undertaken include the attraction and support of Parelli Natural Horsemanship World Wide Headquarters; assistance with the development of Growing Spaces — one of the top 50 Companies to Watch in Colorado in 2010 and support for SkyWerx Internet Services, another Colorado top 50 Companies to Watch in 2014. Other CDC efforts include assisting with alternative energy development projects in and around Pagosa Springs — including a major biomass project and power plant project — and supporting research and development of the geothermal cache in the area.

Better than a highway running through town, Pagosa Springs has the San Juan River flowing through town. With the Weminuche Wilderness and southern San Juan Wilderness in Pagosa Springs' backyard, outdoor equipment and accessory entrepreneurs are finding that Pagosa offers an ideal research, development and testing lab for their products.

Technology has changed the way we do business and companies that need broadband Internet services for large data transmission or jobs that offer telecommuting opportunities are a perfect fit for the community. This group is currently spearheading improvement of broadband services in the area. With the current focus on alternative energy nationally, the CDC encourages individuals and companies interested in energy entrepreneurship to look no further than Pagosa Springs.

The CDC provides a wealth of resources including a rapid-response team to assist companies interested in opening or relocating a business to Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County. The CDC maintains close ties to the Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Southwest Small Business Development Center at Fort Lewis College in Durango, and Region 9 Economic Development District. These relationships help provide businesses a leg up on coming into the community through

consultation services, educational opportunities and financial assistance. The CDC can help interested parties develop a business compatible with the area, locate available space, help smooth the business transition and create a win-win situation for new businesses and the community. Best of all, employees love to live and play where they work and it doesn't get much better than Pagosa Springs.

Contact the CDC's administrative office at (970) 264-2360 or visit www.pagosaspringscdc.org. The CDC looks forward to seeing new businesses grow with the community as a partner for an economically strong business environment.

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Adventures in Learning

By Casey Crow

The following is reprinted from The Pagosa Springs SUN, Oct. 22, 2015.

In 2013, teachers at Pagosa Springs Middle School got together and collaborated on creating an “adventure day” for the eighth-grade class in Moab, Utah.

Now, three years and three adventures later, the eighth-grade students have recently returned from what science teacher Anita Hinger called the “best Moab trip yet.”

On Oct. 6-9, all of the eighth-grade core teachers and students who had permission embarked on their excursion to Moab, along with numerous support teachers, staff and parent volunteers.

The idea behind adventure-based learning is to inspire students to think critically, learn and communicate in new ways, according to Hinger.

“A solid body of research shows that this kind of adventure-based learning increases positive peer and adult relationships. Students gain confidence as a result of achieving a difficult goal,” Hinger wrote in an email to The SUN.

The students spent four days in Moab engaging in a wide variety of outdoor sports, as well as working together on educational activities.

Hinger assisted the students in using the excursion to perform a scientific investigation of an arid climate.

Photo courtesy Anita Hinger

The students studied vegetation near Moab by taking a population plot study that the students will compare to Reservoir Hill in order to connect the data to what they are learning about climate.

"I really like how we did a field study in Moab and now we are comparing it with our field study at Reservoir Hill," student Will Villalobos said.

The students also had the opportunity to view a radioactive waste pile left after uranium mining and the potash evaporation ponds located nearby.

"All of these experiences contribute to our understanding of how humans impact the environment," Hinger stated.

Not only did the students collect real scientific data in Moab, but they engaged in a whole host of other exciting outdoor activities, as well.

According to Hinger, small groups of students participated in mountain biking, touring Arches National Monument, hiking the Fiery Furnace, paddle boarding and hiking to Fisher Towers. The whole group hiked Corona Arch at night, hiked to Delicate Arch and to the Double "O" Arch.

"One thing I never want to forget is visiting Delicate Arch," student Stefani Echevarria said. "It is amazingly beautiful and so tall. It was great to see it in person and not just in picture, and to stand under it and look up was a good feeling."

Not only were students amazed by the natural wonders of Moab, but the adventure cultivated stronger relationships between students and their peers. It also gave students a different context to get to know their teachers in a new way.

"I think that Moab created a stronger bond between me and my classmates. I feel a little closer to them and got the opportunity to work with others," Peyton Burns said of the trip. "I definitely feel a stronger bond with my teachers. It was so cool seeing them outside of the class-

room in a more approachable environment."

Burns was not the only student who felt more at home with their classmates and teachers in Moab.

"I think it was a very unique experience to be able to see teachers as people instead of just teachers. It made it much easier to talk and communicate with them once they have really had to show the human side of them," Megan Foster said.

Students also expressed great appreciation for the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning outside of the classroom.

Trenton Buffington said, "I felt like learning in Moab was a lot easier because it was more hands-on."

Echevarria agreed, "It is so great to learn in Moab. We don't just have to learn from a book, but experience it for our own selves. It was a great site and we got to do plot samples, and write in a journal of what we felt and how it made us feel."

Pagosa Springs science teachers have been working hard to open up hands-on learning opportunities for students in the district, particularly opportunities utilizing the natural environment from the San Juan National Forest to the sandstone arches of Moab, and the lessons they are learning reach far beyond report cards.

During the annual Corona Arch night hike, the entire eighth-grade class shined its many small flashlights on the massive arch.

According to Hinger, "This moment has become a metaphor for the power of our many small lights coming together in unison to shine on the world around us. Our Moab excursion has really prepared us to move forward into a powerfully collaborative school year."

As the eighth-graders move forward into the remainder of the academic year, the hope is that their experience in Moab will continue to bind them together and inspire their hunger for knowledge.

Schools offer multitude of reasons for Living in Pagosa

By Linda Reed
Archuleta School District

For families with children who are interested in moving to Pagosa, there are a multitude of reasons, many of them found in our schools.

Archuleta School District's Strategic Framework which emphasizes Whole Student Education, exemplifies what we believe is important. We believe in order for our students to be successful in life, they need to develop more than just their academic competencies. They also need to develop personal, professional, entrepreneurial and civic competencies.

In order for them to accomplish these, we provide many atypical opportunities for our students. In addition to an outstanding academic program, our schools offer many co-curricular activities for students of all ages.

The district was created in 1950 and consists of three campuses: Pagosa Springs Elementary School (kindergarten through fourth grades); Pagosa Springs Middle School (fifth through eighth grades) and Pagosa Springs High School (ninth through 12th grades).

The motto at Pagosa Springs Elementary School is "Care Reigns Here" and the staff believes that creating respectful and caring relationships is the foundation for learning. From this foundation, kids engage in learning a rigorous curriculum. We focus on strategic and purposeful lessons in the Seven Habits/Leader in Me curricula.

Pagosa Springs Middle School takes great pride in offering a dynamic, well-rounded educational experience. Our mission is to empower students to navigate the future through learning and problem solving. Our highly trained and caring staff engages students in relevant and dynamic ways to meet and exceed the Colorado Academic Standards. We embrace our community values and spectacular location in our academic pursuits and often venture outside the classroom to learn and explore. Student health and wellness is a top priority at Pagosa Springs Middle School. As a two-time Healthy

School Champion, we have been recognized for our well-developed, systemic approach to embedding best practices at all grade levels.

Additionally, our middle school develops a strong positive school culture through a daily advisory program. Through this program, staff and student build a strong rapport and purposefully make those human connections that provide the foundation for our educational program. Students engage in team building, fun activities and develop socially while having an advisory teacher to guide them through the middle school years.

Pagosa Springs High School recently implemented changes to the master schedule in which students take eight year-long classes. An advisory period is aimed at establishing strong meaningful relationships between students and teachers. Research shows if students feel like they belong and have strong relationships, their achievement in academics is greatly improved. The high school also uses the advisory period to improve school spirit, develop character and help students plan for their lives after graduation.

Pagosa Springs is a 3A school, and is consistently competitive at the state level in a number of team sports. The Future Business Leaders of America, Skills USA and FFA organizations consistently produce top finishers in state competition and multiple Destination Imagination teams have qualified for Global Finals.

Pagosa Springs High School also takes great pride in the arts. The high school offers a wide variety of music programs including traditional band and choir as well as guitar and the Americana Project which is a beginning song writing course. Students can also enroll in a drama class in addition to after school drama productions.

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.



Engaging Students

STEM Internship Program

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Internship Program of Southwest Colorado seeks to contribute meaningful work-force 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 Development Alli-

ance, Alpine Bank and the Durango Discovery Museum.

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 at which Pagosa Springs High School students regularly compete.

At Pagosa Springs High School, students have access to subjects such as crime scene investigation (CSI), auto technology, auto refinishing, welding, motorcycle mechanics, firefighting, computer

programming, digital photography and web design.

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.

There are over 88 different competitions available to students. This year, Pagosa Springs sent students to state in three competitions. In two of the three competitions teams were entered in, they achieved podium finishes.

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.

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**Education Options****Private & Homeschool**

While Archuleta School District 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.

An estimated 50-plus families homeschool their children in and around Pagosa Springs. Pagosa Valor Academy, for example, is a primary education school for kindergarten through ninth grades. It combines the best traits of home education with the best traits of public school education. It is a family-oriented school with the core purpose of 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.

Pagosa Family School is a state-funded educational outreach program offered, for the first time in the 2016-2017 school year, to all Archuleta County students K-8. This program is for homeschool, private school and public school students. In fall 2016, PFS will offer Spanish and art classes. Please visit Pagosa Family School on Facebook, visit the school district website at www.MyPagosaSchools.com in summer of 2016, or contact the Shared School Liaison at (970) 264-2228.

GOAL Academy is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education, serving ages 14-21. GOAL Academy maintains a blended learning format with online courses and drop-in centers with individuals to help with any questions or problems. The curriculum is prescriptive, so it allows students to work at their pace. Visit online at www.goalac.org.

Our Savior Lutheran School: This early childhood pre-school offers a curriculum in which every discipline is taught from the Christian world view. 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.



Continuing Education

Pueblo Community College

Learning technical skills, achieving a higher level of education and earning an associate 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 (SJBTC) in Mancos, Colo., entered into an educational partnership to broaden the number of educational programs offered in the region. In 2009, former Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter signed into law legislation that officially merged PCC's southwest campus and SJBTC into one entity — the Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC).

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 representatives 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/SCCC/.

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. Smaller classes (18:1 ratio of students to faculty with 97 percent of classes smaller than 50 students) is a hallmark for FLC. There is a diversity of studies offered, with specially accredited programs in business, chemistry, engineering-physics and music. With over 70 student organizations, including NCAA Division II sports (in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference, RMAC), Fort Lewis prides itself in not only community activities, but national and international activities through their Study Abroad and Village Aid programs. Fort Lewis College also offers internships, service learning and undergraduate research programs.

Durango marries the educational requirements with the accessibility of the natural playground in which it is located. Community members can enjoy the museum and research library at the Center of Southwest Studies and a wide variety of performances at the Community Concert Hall at Fort Lewis College. Travel to FLC from Pagosa Springs is just an

hour. Persons interested in pursuing an education through FLC should check out the school at www.fortlewis.edu.

Adams State University

Adams State University is located in Alamosa, approximately 90 miles east of Pagosa Springs. ASU is a comprehensive institution offering bachelor degrees in over 60 areas of study, in addition to 11 master's-level programs and one doctoral program.

Adams State is distinguished by caring professors and a diverse, yet close-knit community. The average class size is 18.

Adams State was Colorado's first four-year higher education institution to be federally designated a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), with 35 percent of undergraduate students identifying as Hispanic.

With about one-third of the student body participating in athletics, the Adams State Grizzlies compete in the NCAA Division II and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC). Adams State has over 40 student clubs and organizations.

The Adams State campus has been transformed through \$104 million worth of recent improvements. An intimate campus with treed-lined walkways, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, supportive programs, and vibrant student life await Adams State students.

For more information about ASU, visit www.adams.edu.



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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 children ages 2.5 to 5 years old. The center encompasses early education, childcare, parenting classes and staff in-services.

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 is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is open year round. The center is located close to the downtown area and provides an educational, nurturing environ-

ment for children and parents.

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

Tri-County Head Start

Tri-County Head Start has provided quality early childhood education programs at 10 sites throughout Southwestern Colorado for over 40 years. Participation in the Mardel Gallegos Center Head Start program in Pagosa Springs is no cost to income-eligible families and free or low-cost extended day services are also available.

Each year, over 50 enrolled children from ages 3-5 in the Pagosa Springs region benefit from daily activities helping them grow mentally, emotionally, physically and socially.

Head Start program services also include health screenings and assessments, disability services and family involvement. Visit the Head Start website at www.tchs4c.org for more information.

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.



Pagosa Springs Medical Center

Growing With Our Community

By Jesse Hensle

Pagosa Springs Medical Center has been providing superior healthcare to the Pagosa area since 2008. Community residents and visitors have access to quality hospital services, a primary care clinic, EMS, 24/7 emergency room, general and orthopedic surgery and infusion therapy — all closer to home.

The Pagosa Springs Medical Center begins with a Primary Care Clinic team of family physicians, internists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and behavioral health specialists. The facility offers regular check-up appointments and same-day availability for acute needs. The Primary Care Clinic's team of providers are ready to see you for everyday health issues, wellness promotion, disease prevention, counseling, and diagnosis and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses. Patients may request low-cost, self-ordered lab testing through the on-site laboratory and receive results online with a secure patient portal.

As the premier healthcare provider for the greater Pagosa Springs community, the medical center realizes its responsibility to not only treat patients but to promote health and wellness for all. The sense of community pride resonates throughout the medical center and is best captured by Brad Cochennet, CEO of Pagosa Springs Medical Center: "We embrace the belief that it is our privilege to fulfill the community's need to have access to health care. The dignity bestowed upon us not only to provide that access but also to continually elevate our level of care is something we hold in high regard."

The next step to providing care to the region began in April of 2016 by the start of construction on a new expanded Primary Care Clinic building that will more than double the current capacity. This new building will help meet the demands of our growing community by providing more exam rooms and accommodating more providers and more appointments.

The hospital at Pagosa Springs Medical Center offers both inpatient and outpatient services, with an 11-bed inpatient care unit. As part of its hospital services, the medical center provides both general and orthopedic surgery. Dr. David Schaeffer leads general surgery. The medical center has the capacity to accommodate many general surgery procedures including, but not limited to, laceration repair, laparoscopic surgery, gall bladder surgery, hernia repair, excision of lymph nodes, thyroid surgery, GI services including endoscopy and colonoscopy, and therapeutic procedures. Pagosa Springs Medical Center also provides women's health procedures such as breast ductectomy, lumpectomy and tubal ligation.

The medical center is also proud to have world-class orthopedic surgeon Dr. William Webb as lead of the orthopedic surgery program. Webb offers joint, hip and knee replacement, ACL reconstruction, ligament repair and arthroscopy. He also performs carpal tunnel release, surgery on shoulders including rotator cuff repair and pain management.

Another convenient service available at Pagosa Springs Medical Center is infusion therapy. Residents and visitors can meet with a



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local physician and then receive infusion therapy for antibiotics, iron and immune deficiency, fluid replacement and augmentation therapy.

When residents and visitors are in need of emergency medical services, they are in good hands with experienced emergency room physicians. The medical center's emergency department is open 24/7 and has obtained a Level IV designation for trauma care by providing injured patients with advanced trauma life support, 24-hour laboratory coverage, stabilization, diagnosis and surgical services. The medical center is also experienced in transfers to Level I and Level II metropolitan Trauma Centers when needed for patient care after stabilization. In addition, the medical center provides ambulance and EMS services via a team of professionals who were, in 2014, awarded the Colorado EMS Ambulance Service-of-the-Year. The EMS Team was recognized with this award for their demonstrated leadership in patient care, medical control, quality assurance, public education, public access, training and education.

The center's diagnostic imaging department has industry-leading equipment, including a GE 128-slice CT scanner and a MRI system that produces images in superb quality. The medical center also offers x-ray, ultrasound and digital radiography. The H. Pat and E. Nancy Artis Mammography Suite features an advanced soft touch digital mammography device and DEXA scan bone densitometer to screen for osteoporosis in a comfortable and intimate setting.

Many patients are often surprised at the number of services offered for a rural hospital and it is not uncommon for patients to travel long distances to have their procedures done at the Pagosa Springs Medical Center.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs Medical Center or the Primary Care expansion, visit pagosamed.org.

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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, a nonprofit that exists to assist, benefit and support the district that oversees the 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 provid-

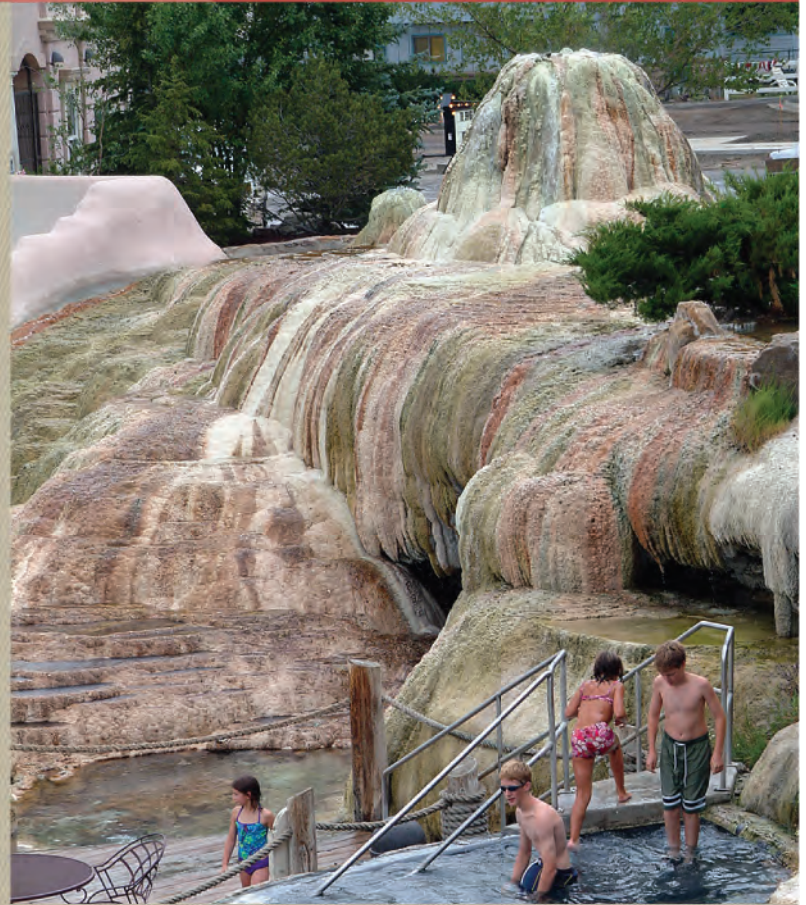


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A comprehensive aquatic wellness program with therapeutic water exercises is offered for adults with chronic health conditions or healthy individuals who just wish to improve their fitness level.

Traditional medical practitioners in the area focus on and offer preventative and wellness programs to help individuals achieve a healthy, active lifestyle.

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. 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 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.

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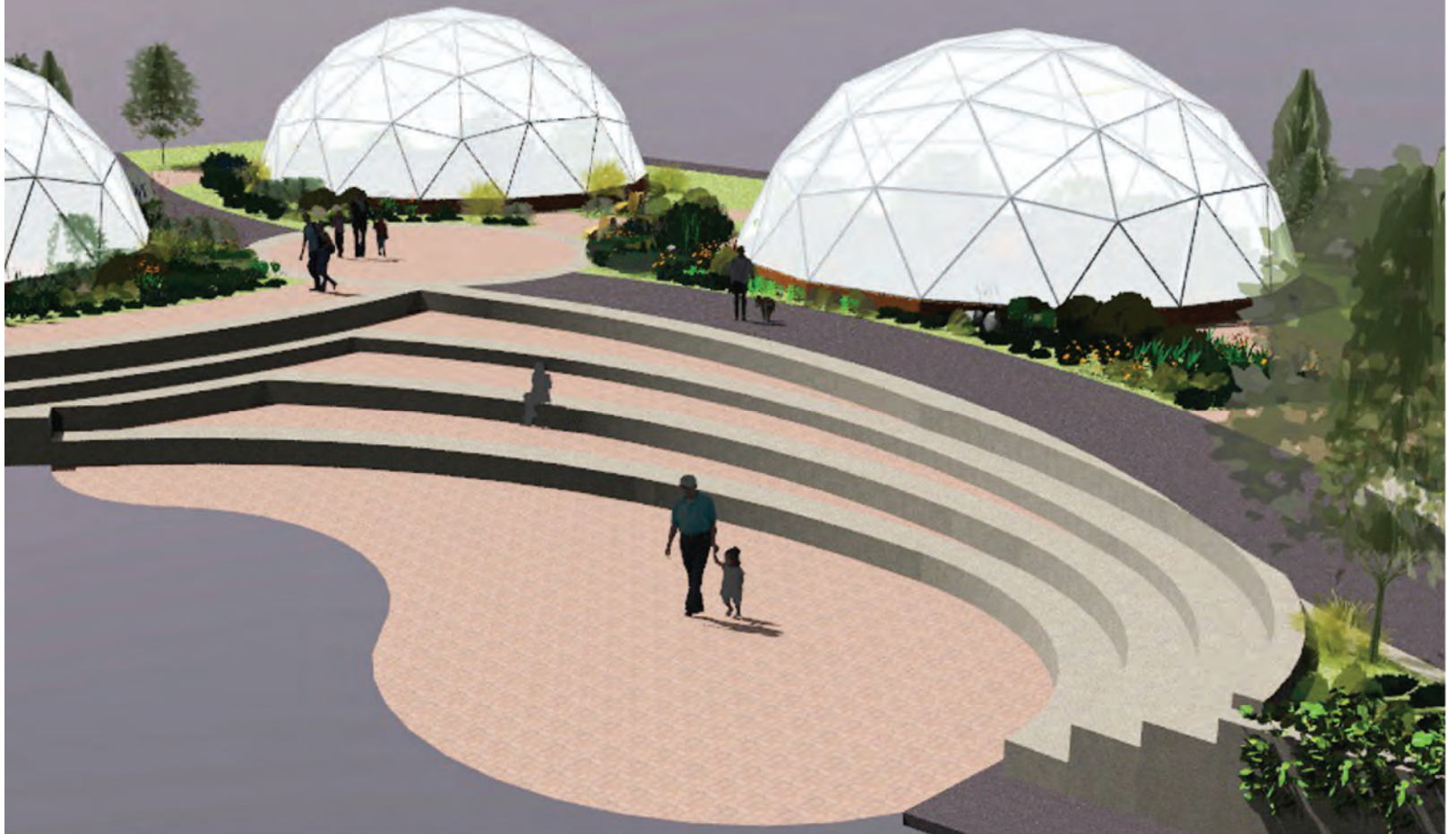


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Building Foundations for Sustainability: Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership

By **Jim Garrett**

The initial geothermal greenhouse in Pagosa Springs, on the drawing board since at least 2009, is now expected to become a reality late this summer.

That is the target of the Geothermal Greenhouse Partnership (GGP) for the opening of the first of three greenhouses planned for the town's Centennial Park.

The park is on the north bank of the San Juan River east of 5th Street. The GGP has use of the park under a long-term, renewable lease with the town. Terms allow the GGP to use the park and the town's geothermal water at a nominal fee.

The GGP's agreement with the town requires it to erect and operate the greenhouses. It expects to provide educational programming to the public, drawing especially over time on its accumulating experience with the greenhouses.

At completion of current construction, in addition to the first greenhouse, Centennial Park will include significant amenities, including attractive pedestrian walkways, public restrooms and a riverside amphitheater. Large enough to accommodate an audience of approximately 80, the amphitheater is expected to be used for educational activities, as well as entertainment events.

Geothermal greenhouses have long had broad community support in Pagosa Springs, on both public and private levels.

The goal of making the greenhouses a reality here has been held by many community and business leaders, including public officials like former Pagosa Springs Mayor Ross Aragon and current county commissioner Michael Whiting.

Keyes, the founder and owner of Pagosa Baking Company and current president of the GGP, brings to her position substantial experience in food-related business.

The group's vice president, Sally High, is a Master Gardener. High is also a former educator in the Archuleta School District and was a 2012 winner of a Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators.

According to the two GGP leaders, their goal is to begin growing foods inside the dome no later than September of 2016, around the beginning of the new school year.

The greenhouses will use both passive solar energy and geothermal heat to extend the normal growing season, enabling production of foods up to year-round. Hot water to help keep the greenhouse warm will be piped underground via a new loop off the town's geothermal system.

Keyes and High noted that the greenhouses' exploitation of the town's

geothermal heat is expected to fuel local economic development. This is a substantial reason, they say, that the GGP has been able to attract funding from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) as well as from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

The construction in Centennial Park of amenities and infrastructure, including underground pipes and the first greenhouse foundation, is presently nearing completion. It has been funded in substantial part by grants of \$275,000 from DOLA and \$50,000 from the CWCB.

In addition, as well as granting use of the property and geothermal water, the town has supplied matching funds of \$25,000 and will fund construction of the park's public restrooms. Funding has been provided as well by the Laura Jean Musser Foundation and the San Juan Basin Roundtable, each in the amount of \$25,000. Archuleta County has also provided \$6,000.

Keyes and High explain that an economic boost from the greenhouses is anticipated initially from the magnet expected to be created by their operation to the growing field of "agritourism." They note that the greenhouse project attracted considerable interest from attendees at the Southwest Tourism Summit.

Agritourism is a branch of ecotourism, which involves visits to agricultural sites and often hands-on participation in production. The GGP expects the greenhouses to be promoted as a tourist attraction through the Colorado Office of Tourism and anticipates interest in its program sufficient to attract tour visits.

Secondarily, the GGP expects a local economic impact will be produced by the tangible demonstration the greenhouses will provide of the potential for larger-scale, geothermally aided commercial agriculture in our region, despite the high altitude and short natural growing season.

Although geothermal greenhouses exist in numerous locations in the western United States, including Mt. Princeton (near Salida, Colo.), Keyes and High note that the GGP project is unique.

This is due in part to the convenient location of the Centennial Park greenhouses in open public space, which will offer unequaled accessibility to visitors. Also, the GGP's dedication to educational objectives as a substantial part of its mission will enhance the helpfulness of the greenhouses to potential entrepreneurs. And the organization's nonprofit status will afford opportunities for exploration of innovative methods to enhance productivity in greenhouse agriculture, without limitation by concerns for financial gain.

Additional factors that Keyes and High said have helped to attract public funding in support of the greenhouse project are interest in the broad issues of "food security" and water conservation. Food security

refers to expansion of sources of local food supplies that could become critical in the event of significant disruptions of travel by natural or man-made disasters. And water conservation can be aided by use of greenhouses to grow food, since evaporation is reduced and less water is needed.

The GGP has the responsibility for erection of the geodesic dome constituting the top portion of the first greenhouse, and to install interior electrical fixtures and plant growing facilities needed to commence operations. The dome will be constructed of translucent polycarbonate, a form of plastic. It will be 42 feet in diameter, and will cover 1,300 square feet of ground surface.

To meet its fiscal responsibilities for building the greenhouses and operating the park, the GGP conducts fundraising efforts on an ongoing basis. It has nonprofit status under the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, it also has Enterprise Zone status, making donors of \$250 or more eligible for Colorado tax credits of 25 percent of the amount donated.

Among the purposes for GGP's continuing fundraising are the expenses of building the two additional greenhouses planned for the future. Keyes advised that construction of the second greenhouse is currently anticipated in 2017, but the third may not be undertaken immediately afterward. Instead, an interval for accumulation of experience with the first two greenhouses may be allowed before finalizing plans for the third.

Keyes and High noted that there is a good possibility that additional public or private grant funds could become available to meet the costs of the two additional greenhouses.

Tangible progress, they noted, has a synergy that can encourage funding.

The first greenhouse will be identified in particular with educational objectives and will house planting beds for use by school classes, the 4-H club, garden clubs and seniors. Consultation from Colorado State University's local agricultural extension agent will be available. Agritourism programs will also be accommodated.

Insights into high-altitude agriculture gleaned from experience with growing foods in the greenhouses will form a basis for educational programming to be sponsored in the park amphitheater by the GGP.

Programs are also expected to extend to related topics including alternative energy, and even bird-watching — Keyes and High noted that the venue lends itself well to the latter, as the local Audubon Society has counted 120 bird species in town along the river.

The second and third greenhouses will be identified, respectively, with community and commercially innovative purposes. The sequence in which these purposes will be implemented has not been determined.

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Summary	2000	2010	2014
Population	9,898	12,084	12,244
Households	3,980	5,267	5,343
Families	2,872	3,561	
Average Household Size	2.47	2.27	2.24
Owner Occupied Housing Units	3,057	3,947	3,746
Renter Occupied Housing Units	923	1,320	1,597
Median Age	40.7	48.4	48.8

POPULATION & POPULATION GROWTH

	2014	2000	1990
State of Colorado	5,355,866	4,301,261	3,294,394
State of Colorado: 104,093.57 Sq. Miles			
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	51.5	41.5	31.8
Median Age (Years):		34.3	
Average Household Size (People):	2.54	2.53	
Archuleta County			
Archuleta County: 1355.48 Sq. Miles			
Archuleta County Population	12,244	9,898	5,345
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	9	7.3	3.9
Median Age (Years):	48.8	40.8	
Average Household Size (People)	2.24	2.5	2.7
Renter Occupied Apartments	1597		
Per Capita Income (PCI):	28,506	21,683	19,156
Median Household Income:	48,186	43,259	
Cost of Living Index	96.7 (2013)		

Sources: <http://www.census.gov/>
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ARCHULETA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2014)

Population 25 years & over	9,043
Less than 9th grade	2.4%
9th to 12 grade, no diploma	5.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	26.9%
Some college, no degree	23.2%
Associate degree	6.8%
Bachelor's degree	22.9%
Graduate or professional degree	12.4%
High school graduate or higher age 25+	92.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher age 25+	35.3%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (2014)

Agriculture, forestry, fishing hunting, mining	4.9%
Construction	13.5%
Manufacturing	1.8%
Wholesale Trade	0.4%
Retail trade	11.9%
Transportation and warehousing, utilities	5.1%
Information	3.2%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental, leasing	8.1%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, waste management services	9.4%
Educational, health care, social assistance	16.0%
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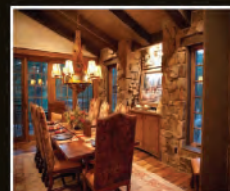
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Boulder	\$989	\$1,142	\$1,381	\$2,004	\$2,382
Colorado Springs	\$550	\$690	\$891	\$1,299	\$1,556
Denver-Aurora-Broomfield	\$775	\$965	\$1,227	\$1,788	\$2,083
Fort Collins-Loveland	\$684	\$799	\$975	\$1,421	\$1,702
Grand Junction	\$512	\$601	\$797	\$1,162	\$1,391
Greeley	\$516	\$632	\$812	\$1,183	\$1,418
Pueblo	\$588	\$592	\$782	\$1,116	\$1,264
Teller County	\$639	\$720	\$919	\$1,310	\$1,604

FY 2016 Colorado FMR Local Area Summary

Locality Name	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Alamosa County	\$534	\$537	\$658	\$959	\$1,019
Archuleta County	\$621	\$625	\$819	\$1,121	\$1,191
La Plata County	\$740	\$800	\$997	\$1,453	\$1,678
Montezuma County	\$542	\$569	\$658	\$959	\$1,149
Ouray County	\$651	\$806	\$1,055	\$1,538	\$1,634
Rio Grande County	\$542	\$569	\$658	\$868	\$1,118
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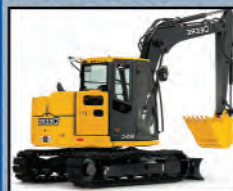


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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<\$15,000	648	16.2%	544	11.2%	518	9.7%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	563	14.1%	546	11.2%	689	12.9%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	573	14.4%	553	11.3%	652	12.2%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	839	21.0%	888	18.2%	903	16.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	729	18.3%	859	17.6%	988	18.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	306	7.7%	577	11.8%	620	11.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	165	4.1%	526	10.8%	657	12.3%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	63	1.6%	106	2.2%	118	2.2%
\$200,000+	103	2.6%	282	5.8%	187	3.5%
Median Household Income		\$38,333		\$48,933		\$48,186
Average Household Income		\$53,743		\$70,257		

POPULATION BY AGE	2010		2013		2014	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 - 4	519	4.3%	503	4.1%	616	5.1%
5 - 9	874	7.2%	641	5.3%	613	5.1%
10 - 14	1,124	9.3%	734	6.6%	573	4.7%
15 - 19	1,562	12.9%	770	8.5%	680	5.6%
20 - 24	996	8.2%	605	3.9%	607	5.0%
25 - 34	867	7.1%	922	5.2%	1,086	9.0%
35 - 44	820	6.8%	1,401	12.0%	1,295	10.7%
45 - 54	1,297	10.7%	1,820	16.5%	1,738	14.3%
55 - 64	2,248	18.5%	2,464	20.3%	2,507	20.7%
65 - 74	1,118	9.2%	1,413	10.8%	1,552	12.8%
75 - 84	570	4.7%	661	4.8%	636	5.2%
85+	141	1.2%	175	1.7%	229	1.9%
Total	12,136		12,109		12,132	

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Who can I contact for info?

The Town of Pagosa Springs Tourism website at www.visitpagosasprings.com will link you to the Visitor Center, or call their vacation line at (866) 438-4917. Visitor information can also be found at www.ExplorePagosa.com.

Keep up on the news and events with The Pagosa Springs SUN, the community's weekly newspaper, with daily updates online at www.PagosaSUN.com.

What is it like at that altitude?

Regardless of physical fitness, Acute Mountain Sickness can strike anyone not acclimated to Pagosa's 7,000-foot elevation. To guard against altitude sickness:

- Drink three to four quarts of water per day.
- Avoid overexertion, while keeping caffeine and alcohol intake moderate for the first few days.
- Seek medical attention if persistent headache, fatigue, poor coordination or shortness of breath occur.

What is the weather like?

Archuleta County is located in the "Colorado Sunbelt," just north of the New Mexico border and along the Western slope of the Continental Divide. This combination of high desert plateau and dramatic Rocky Mountains to the north and east creates an unusually mild climate compared with much of the surrounding Southwest. We are favored with some 300 days of sun each year, as well as four distinct seasons. With low wind and warm sunshine, residents can enjoy a variety of year-round recreational activities.

Average Temperatures and Precipitation:

Average Days of Sunshine: 300 per year
 Annual Precipitation: 20.97 inches/year
 Annual Snowfall: 104 inches/year

Month	High	Low	Precipitation	Month	High	Low	Precipitation
Jan.	37°F	1.4°F	1.48"	Jul.	83°F	45.2°F	1.81"
Feb.	43°F	7°F	1.52"	Aug.	80°F	44.6°F	2.77"
Mar.	49°F	15.9°F	1.63"	Sep.	74°F	36.6°F	2.26"
Apr.	59°F	23.9°F	1.64"	Oct.	64°F	26.3°F	2.26"
May	68°F	30.2°F	1.15"	Nov.	50°F	15.4°F	1.87"
Jun.	78°F	36.3°F	.88"	Dec.	40°F	5°F	1.7"

Is there a medical facility?

Pagosa Springs Medical Center includes a critical access hospital located at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd. The Pagosa Springs Medical Center Primary Care Clinic is at the same location.

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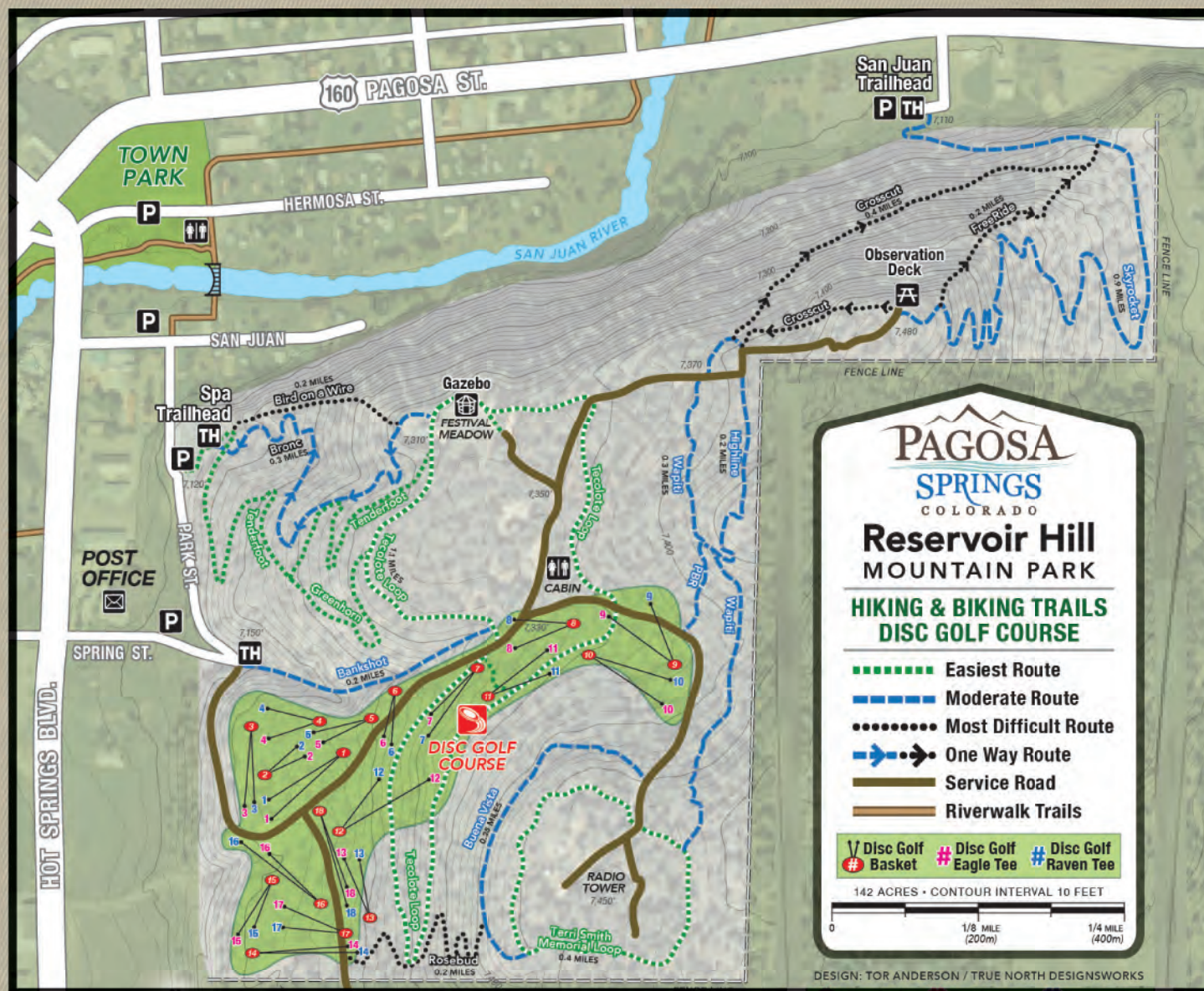
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Reservoir Hill

A gem in downtown Pagosa Springs

Reservoir Hill — a wooded, public park overlooking downtown Pagosa Springs — is considered a local gem and the flagship of the Pagosa Springs parks system.

The all-season park boasts more than 120 acres of mostly ponderosa-pine covered land and overlooks downtown Pagosa Springs and its world-famous mineral hot springs.

Included on the hill is an extensive trail system for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing that has been improved over the years. Trailheads are located behind the

San Juan Motel and off of San Juan Street behind the Healing Waters Resort and Spa. Parking is available by Town Park off of San Juan Street and at the trailhead behind the Healing Waters Resort and Spa, with parking availability at that location expanded in recent years.

In addition to its many trails, the hill is home to a “festival meadow” with gazebo that is home to two longstanding and well-known music festivals — the Four Corners Folk Festival, which has been running for upwards of 20 years and takes place over Labor

Day weekend, and Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass, which occurs in June and is now in its 11th year. Both festivals bring world-class entertainment to Pagosa Springs in a setting that's hard to beat so close to amenities.

Reservoir Hill is also home to one of Archuleta County's two disc golf courses. The 18-hole disc golf course was installed in recent years and is well-used by both residents and visitors, even playing host to tournaments.

Further adding character to the forested park are wood sculptures scattered on the hill and the endangered Pagosa skyrocket flower, which is endemic to Archuleta County (meaning it's found nowhere outside of Archuleta County). Reservoir Hill is one of the few public places the plant can be found— although it can be tricky to spot.

In the winter, when snow permits, the trailhead behind the Healing Waters Resort and Spa is home to a sledding hill. Year-round, the area has a picnic table perfect for taking in the view of the beautiful surroundings.

The hill is also home to a water reservoir. The hill took on its Reservoir name around 1900, when the town installed its first community water system. Prior to that, the hill was known as Robidoux Hill, named after a trapper named Antoine Robidoux. Near to the water reservoir is a large, locally crafted metal star that is lit up during the winter holiday season.

In addition to being well-loved and hosting numerous events, Reservoir Hill has been the center of attention several times over the years, with last summer and this spring being no different as several new improvements were made to the hill.

Last summer (2015), a new pump station for potable water was installed, making fresh water available seasonally for things such as refilling water bottles.

Too, the first phase of an observation deck was completed by the Friends of Reservoir Hill — a grassroots organization formed in 2012 to offer ideas for developing Reservoir Hill that were more in line with its natural beauty than those being offered at the time by the town's tourism committee.

The observation deck is the Friends' first undertaking and

was funded by members of the public through a crowdfunding campaign.

Additional phases of work on the observation deck are planned, including benches, a picnic table and panels showing the mountain range and peaks, valleys, rivers, major trails and places open for recreation, as well as information on the Pagosa skyrocket flower and other flora and fauna.

Another Reservoir Hill project that has come to the forefront recently involves tree-thinning to improve the health of the forest — which also provided free firewood to the community for a time. That project was completed this spring and was paid for through grant funding.

The thinning process took more than a year to complete due to the weather and the need to not damage the hill with machinery needed to thin some larger trees (that work needed to be completed while the ground was frozen and was completed this spring).

In addition to machinery, crews from the Southwest Conservation Corps camped out on the hill during the summer of 2015 to complete hand-thinning efforts.

If all of the amenities and improvements show anything, it's that Reservoir Hill is a treasured aspect of Pagosa Springs and will continue to be for years to come. And, as history has proven, it will continue to be well protected by Pagosa Country citizens who want only the best for their cherished hill.

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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 even 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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Home to Outdoor Enthusiasts

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. 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 as 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.

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 groups that are passionate about their sport and are 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. 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, etc. The club started in 1984 to promote skiing, other outdoor sports and fellowship through organized activities for people 50 years of age or older.

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. 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. Visit their website 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. They have ongoing monitoring projects, monthly meetings and field trips. 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, along with supportive services for those in need of more assistance.

The center offers delicious lunches, including a fabulous salad bar, Monday through Friday. Weekly menus are printed in The Pagosa Springs SUN newspaper. Seniors interested in dining at the center can make reservations by calling 264-2167. Home-delivered meals are available to qualifying home-bound individuals.

The Senior Center offers yearly AARP VITA tax assistance. The center also schedules various outings and games. Gas vouchers are provided by the center, which can assist in getting to medical appointments.

The Senior Center collaborates with Mountain Express to provide bus transportation for attending lunches, going to the post office, pharmacy, grocery store and other necessary errands. Arranging transportation can be completed by contacting Mountain Express at 264-2250.

Additionally, the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging offers a wide range of supportive informational and referral services. Services include Medicare counseling, legal assistance and Alzheimer's support programs, to name a few. Their telephone number is 264-0502.

For more information about the Pagosa Springs Senior Center and the San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging, visit their offices, 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-wracking. 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 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. Relay for Life raises funds and awareness for the fight against cancer.

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. 4-H, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts help keep our youth involved in positive activities, including the Archuleta County Fair.

For our veterans or active military, there are Veterans For Veterans and the American Legion Post 108.

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 Pagosa 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 Chimney Rock National Monument, volunteer with the Pagosa Springs History Museum (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 LASSO horse rescue or other organizations.

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 Company, Pagosa Community Choir and the Pagosa Springs Community Band. There is a garden club, quilting club, archaeology club and homemakers club. The Audubon Society has an active presence, as does the League of Women Voters and several other women's groups.

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

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About the Area

Location

Archuleta County is located in southwest Colorado, situated at the junction of U.S. 160 and 84 at an elevation of 7,079 feet. The county seat, Pagosa Springs, is located 30 miles north of the New Mexico border, and 60 miles east of Durango. It is also near the Four Corners region where Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona meet.

Physical Description

Archuleta County is comprised of 872,960 acres. Only 34 percent of lands in Archuleta County are in private ownership. Tribal lands comprise 14.4 percent of the county. Most of the northern and eastern portions of the county (51.6 percent) are within the San Juan National Forest. There is a total of approximately 2.8 million acres of National Forest and Bureau of Land Management surrounding Archuleta County.

Population Archuleta County

Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts
2014 estimate — 12,244

Housing and Income

Median value owner-occupied housing — \$264,300
Households — 5,343
Persons per household — 2.24
Per capita money income — \$28,506
Median household income — \$48,186
Persons below poverty — 14.7 percent

Geography

Land area (square miles) — 1,350
Persons per square mile — 8.9

Taxes

Sales and User Tax: 2.9 percent state, 4 percent county. County sales tax revenue is divided between county and town.
Lodger's Tax: A 4.9 percent tax is collected from the lodging industry and used for tourism promotion.
Primary Source of Town & County Revenue: Retail sales taxes, property taxes and charges for services.

Government

Town Government: www.pagosasprings.co.gov
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Education

District 50 Joint Office (970) 264-2228
www.mypagosaschools.com
High School (970) 264-2231
Middle School, 5th-6th grades (970) 264-2256
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Elementary (970) 264-2229
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Utilities

Electric La Plata Electric Association
(970) 247-5786, www.lpea.coop
Gas/Natural Black Hills Energy
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Telephone CenturyLink
(970) 264-0012, www.centurylink.com
Water Pagosa Area Water & Sanitation
(970) 731-2691, www.pawsd.org
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(970) 731-2691, www.pawsd.org
Sanitation Town of Pagosa Springs, (970) 264-4151
www.pagosasprings.co.gov
Trash At Your Disposal (970) 731-4892
Elite Recycling & Disposal (970) 731-2012
Waste Management (970) 264-5622
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(970) 264-2360
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
www.pagosaspringschamber.com
(970) 264-2360, (800) 252-2204
Pagosa Springs Area Tourism
www.visitpagosasprings.com
www.explorepagosa.com
Region 9 Economic Development District
(970) 247-9621, www.scan.org
Fort Lewis College Small Business Development
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<http://sbdcfortlewis.org/>

Related Website Links & Info

Association of Realtors,
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Pagosa Lodging Association,
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U.S. Postal Service, Hot Springs Boulevard,
(970) 264-5440
U.S. Forest Service Pagosa Ranger District Office,
(970) 264-2268, www.fs.usda.gov/sanjuan
Colorado State University Extension Office,
(970) 264-5931, www.archuleta.colostate.edu
Ruby Sisson Memorial Library, (970) 264-2209,
pagosa.colibraries.org
Stevens Field Airport, (970) 731-3060,
www.stevensfield.com
AWOS frequency 127.17, (970) 731-0365
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Durango-La Plata County Airport,
www.flydurango.com

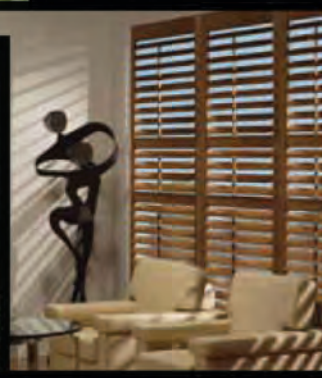
Road Conditions

Colorado Department of Transportation,
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Church of Christ - Lewis Street	(970) 264-2552
Church of Christ - Community Center	(970) 264-4236
Church of His Glory	(970) 759-8441
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints	(970) 731-2623
Community United Methodist Church	(970) 264-5508
CrossRoad Christian Fellowship	(970) 731-4384
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Global Interfaith Community	(303) 358-0069
Grace Evangelical Free Church	(970) 731-6200
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church	(970) 731-5744
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness	(970) 731-5826
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Pagosa Bible Church	(970) 731-3120
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Pagosa Unitarian Universalist Fellowship	(970) 731-7900
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Restoration Fellowship	(970) 731-2937
Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church	(970) 731-5801
Seventh Day Adventist Church	(970) 731-1005
Tara Mandala Buddhist Retreat Center	(970) 731-3711
Trinity Anglican Church - Orthodox Anglican	(970) 759-3845

Voter & Vehicle Registration

Motor vehicles

In making your transition from another state to Colorado or from another Colorado county, we would like to help in making the registration of your vehicle as easy as possible.

Colorado law requires you to register your vehicles, trailers, motor homes, heavy equipment, etc. within 30 days of becoming a Colorado resident. Unfortunately, the law does not allow you to “run” on your out-of-state plates until they expire.

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:

1. A current registration or title from the state you are coming from.
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 (cash or check) 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.

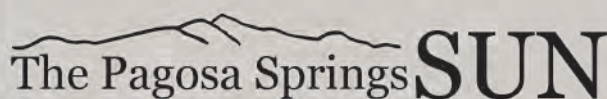
Please visit www.archuletacounty.org for more information. For any questions you may have, call (970) 264-8350.

Voter registration

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