

PAGOSA SPRINGS

REAL ESTATE & RELOCATION GUIDE



Welcome

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 know you will find Pagosa Country to be a friendly, pleasant place to live, work and play.

The Pagosa Springs Real Estate and Relocation Guide has been developed to provide an abundance of pertinent 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, backcountry exploration, skiing, sledding, cross-country skiing, fishing, hunting and many others. You will also find other activities to keep you busy such as our charming shops, historic sites, museums, Chimney Rock National Monument and a variety of artisans.

Please indulge in the pleasure of soaking in our geothermally heated waters. The giant spring in town issues forth from a mighty aquifer, providing Pagosa Country with some of the most relaxing and restorative waters anywhere in the world.

There is also an abundance of networking opportunities and special events to enhance the work and living environment for residents and business owners.

Members of our community are actively involved in many volunteer, leadership and business ventures.

Whether a home-based business or a growth company, Pagosa Springs has the resources available to help you succeed.

Archuleta School District, along with alternative educational options, offers many diverse programs to all students, including distance-learning opportunities.

The area's hospital — Pagosa Springs Medical Center — has recently undergone an expansion project. It operates a 24/7 emergency room, lab and diagnostic services, diagnostic imaging and mammography exams, cancer care, a surgical staff, orthopedic surgery, primary care physicians and more.

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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
2017 estimate — 13,765

Housing and Income

Median value owner-occupied housing — \$274,000
Households — 5,553
Persons per household — 2.24
Per capita money income — \$29,344
Median household income — \$48,016
Persons in poverty — 11.6 percent

Geography

Land area (square miles) — 1,350
Persons per square mile — 9.1

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
Home Rule Municipality
Town council with elected mayor and six councilors elected for alternating four-year terms, town manager is appointed. Date of incorporation: 1891.
County Government: www.archuletacounty.org.
Three county commissioners elected for alternating four-year terms.

Media

Newspaper: The Pagosa Springs SUN
www.pagosahun.com, (970) 264-2100

Education

District 50 Joint Office (970) 264-2228
www.mypagosaschools.com
High School (970) 264-2231
Middle School, 5th-6th grades (970) 264-2256
Middle School, 7th-8th grades (970) 264-2794
Elementary School (970) 264-2229
Pagosa Peak Open School (970) 317-2151
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Utilities

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(970) 247-5786, www.lpea.coop
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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
County Transfer Station, (970) 264-5660

Tourism & Business Development

Pagosa Springs Community Development Corp.
www.pagosaspringscdc.org
(970) 264-2360
Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce
www.pagosaspringschamber.com
(970) 264-2360
Pagosa Springs Area Tourism
www.visitpagosasprings.com
www.explorepagosa.com
(970) 585-1200 or (866) 438-4917
Region 9 Economic Development District
(970) 247-9621, www.scan.org
Fort Lewis College Small Business Development
(970) 247-7009
<http://sbdcfortlewis.org/>

Related Website Links & Info

Association of Realtors,
www.pagosaspringsrealtors.com
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, pagosalibrary.org
Stevens Field Airport
(970) 731-3060, www.stevensfield.com
AWOS frequency 127.175
(970) 731-0365, FBO (970) 731-2127
Durango-La Plata County Airport
www.flydurango.com

Road Conditions

Colorado Department of Transportation
511 or (303) 639-1111, www.cotrip.org
Archuleta County Road Report
(970) 264-5555
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403 N Pagosa Boulevard

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MLS 752567 • \$625,000



623 Northlake Avenue

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MLS 755288 • \$529,000



7X Hidden Valley Drive

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Making the Move

Pagosa Country is a pretty place — no doubt about it.

We have mountains, meadows, rivers, lakes and more — scenery galore. It is the ultimate outdoor playground, year-round, and a surprising number of cultural opportunities exist.

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

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

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

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

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

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

What opportunities exist for you and your family?

The Pagosa Springs Real Estate and Relocation Guide 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.

This publication results from a cooperative effort, with several area organizations and local government agencies contributing to the information in this guide.

The Pagosa Springs Real Estate and Relocation Guide was awarded first place at the Colorado Press Association's annual convention with the judge commenting, "Every U.S. county should be so lucky as to have a re-location guide this helpful. In an exceptionally competitive field, this entry is the winner."

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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WELCOME TO PAGOSA SPRINGS

Where is Pagosa Springs?

Pagosa Springs sits at 7,079 feet in southwest Colorado at the base of the Continental Divide. Featuring rushing rivers and streams, lakes galore, hiking and biking trails, spectacular fall colors, ancient ruins, deep powder in the winter at nearby Wolf Creek Ski Area, incredible hunting, amazing wildlife, clean air and 3 million acres of National Forest surrounding the area, Pagosa Springs offers plenty of opportunities for our valued visitors, any time of year.

Who can I contact for info?

The Pagosa Springs Area 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 upon 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 emergency room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Phone (970) 731-3700. Dial 911 for emergency services.

There are multiple primary care clinics in the community offering a variety of services.

Important phone numbers:

EMERGENCIES DIAL "911" (Ambulance, EMT, Fire, Police)

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Emergency Medical Services	(970) 731-5811
Pagosa Springs Medical Center	(970) 731-3700
Pagosa Medical Group Urgent Care.....	(970) 372-0456
Axis Archuleta Integrated Healthcare.....	(970) 264-2104
Pagosa Springs Police Dept.	(970) 264-4151, Ext. 228
Archuleta County Sheriff's Office	(970) 264-8430
Pagosa Fire Protection District	(970) 731-4191
USFS Pagosa District Ranger	(970) 264-2268
Pagosa Springs Town Hall	(970) 264-4151
Archuleta County Commissioners	(970) 264-8300
The Pagosa Springs SUN	(970) 264-2100
Pagosa Springs Post Office	(970) 264-5440
Senior Citizens Center	(970) 264-2167
Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library	(970) 264-2209
Archuleta School District 50 Joint	(970) 264-2228
Navajo Lake State Park	(970) 883-2208
Airport Flight Base Operations	(970) 731-2127
Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation	(970) 731-2691
Black Hills Energy	(800) 563-0012
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Photo courtesy Grace Smith

'I want this to always be Terry's place. Without him, it wouldn't be what it is.'

For Grace, Max and Quinn Smith, becoming the second-generation owners of their father's store, Terry's Ace Hardware, was not a hard decision.

The sibling trio bought the company in September 2017, with Grace serving as president of the ownership group and taking over management of the store, and Max and Quinn providing support and input while also pursuing other careers.

"They're my on-call guys," Grace explained, adding that their different backgrounds and educations are helpful with long-term planning for the store.

Max works in IT in the Boulder/Longmont area, while Quinn graduated in the spring from Fort Lewis College with a degree in economics.

"I think we're all very attached to this place. It's definitely not just a business and work for us. It's definitely, like, our childhoods," Grace said. "It's like it's our life, where it's very much home, you know, being here. It's definitely an attachment."

Terry opened Circle T in 1996 as a lumber yard and hardware store to supplement his building business.

But, as Grace pointed out, it turned into something bigger when the

general public started shopping there more than was anticipated.

From there, Terry branched out, opening Elements, a store focusing on housewares and gifts, and later Bedroom Elements.

Over the years, those stores were incorporated into the main store, which, in 2005 moved into its current, bigger location. Now, the store offers everything from traditional hardware store fare to furniture, books, toys, clothes, housewares and more.

Grace, like her siblings, grew up in the business, folding flyers for her dad's home-building business for him to take to trade shows. Sometimes she went with him to those trade shows, passing the time by reading under the table.

As she grew, she graduated to odd jobs like dusting shelves, later working in the furniture department after school while she was in high school.

After she graduated high school, she served as a cashier for about three years and helped the store's purchaser.

She's appreciative of that work now, she pointed out, because it helps her to know what everyone is doing and what she wants them to do.

Grace then struck out on her own to see what life had to offer and

worked at a puzzle company in the Denver area.

But when a longtime employee of her dad's retired, Grace explained, she knew it was time to head home.

She was dating the man who would become her husband, who was also from Pagosa, and they knew Pagosa was where they wanted to be.

"I mean, it just all made sense," she said.

So, Grace returned to manage the garden center.

It was also a chance for years of family discussions about the siblings taking over the store to begin to materialize.

"It was very complicated to figure out how to make that happen in a permanent way knowing that he probably wasn't going to be here always," she said, explaining that they worked through about six different scenarios before finding one that worked and having Grace take over in September 2017. "He was ready to, like, not be here every day at that point because he just couldn't."

Terry passed away in May of 2018 after 10 years of working through the highs and lows of being sick.

But, even though Terry isn't in the store every day, his presence is still felt, and the siblings like it that way.

"These were all Terry's ideas," Grace explained of the changes she implemented in her first year and a half of managing the store without her father.

"Having her at the helm gives me confidence it was the right business decision as well as the right decision for our family. Family is very important to me and I consider many of the people at Ace not just Grace and Quinn, family as well; many of them helped raise me," Max stated.

All three stated a hope and goal for the store to carry on their father's legacy and the sense of community felt there.

"I hope for it to remain Terry's Ace," Quinn said.

"I want this to always be Terry's place," Grace said. "Without him, it wouldn't be what it is."

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- **Colorado Enterprise Zone Tax Credits** — This incentive program provides tax credits to businesses located in Enterprise Zone designated areas. See if your business is in the EZ and what tax credits you are eligible for.
- If you are a business interested in relocating from another state, ask us about Rural Jumpstart, another Colorado incentive program.
- If you have a development project, ask us about Opportunity Zone capital gain incentives. This is a new federal program and

certain areas in Archuleta County are eligible.

- **Need information on grant funding?** If you are a not-for-profit organization, we have a “grant finder” database and can identify some eligible grant programs for your project.
 - **Supporting entrepreneurial infrastructure** — Today, jobs follow people rather than people following jobs. If you want to be here and need to create your job, we can refer you to a variety of business resources that provide workshops, business advising, mentorship and even investment.
 - **Need data?** Region 9 is a State Data Center Affiliate and consistently publishes a variety of economic data reports that provide citizens and policymakers access to reliable, unbiased and timely information. If we don’t have it, we can direct you to what you need.
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Opening a business in town

License, permits, zoning information and more

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.

It is recommended 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, you should 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 the town's website, www.pagosapriings.co.gov, or at Town Hall. Contact town government at: 551 Hot Springs Blvd., P.O. Box 1859, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147, (970) 264-4151.

TAX BURDEN 2012

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	35	\$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 TAX COLLECTIONS PER CAPITA 2015

	Rank	Amount
Colorado	22	\$4,592
Texas	28	\$4,121
New Mexico	27	\$4,151
California	10	\$5,842
Arizona	45	\$3,480
Wyoming	5	\$6,394
Nebraska	15	\$5,051

Source: <https://taxfoundation.org/state-local-tax-collections-per-capita-2015/>

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

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

Source: www.colorado.gov

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS & LICENSING

Colorado Workforce	(970) 247-0308	www.yourworkforcecenter.com
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Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce	(970) 264-2360	www.pagosachamber.com
Region 9 Economic Development	(970) 247-9621	www.scan.org
Southwest Colorado SBDC	(970) 247-7009	www.sbdcfortlewis.org
Colorado Secretary of State	(303) 894-2200	sos.state.co.us
Town of Pagosa Springs	(970) 264-4151	www.pagosapriings.co.gov
Archuleta County	(970) 264-8300	www.archuletacounty.org
Archuleta County Clerk & Recorder	(970) 264-8350	www.archuletacounty.org
P.S. Community Development Corporation	(970) 264-2360	www.pagosapriingscdc.org



Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation

Improving our economic climate

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

Supported by county and town governments, utility groups, local banks and individual businesses, the CDC strives to help Pagosa grow, diversify and become more economically stable.

Pagosa is proud to be home to Colorado top 50 Companies to Watch including Growing Spaces, Skywerx and Voormi. Our community alternative-energy portfolio includes biomass, solar and geothermal companies. 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.

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 have several locations that would easily meet their needs. The CDC is currently spearheading

improvement of broadband services in the area.

The CDC provides a wealth of resources including one-stop shopping for business information and a rapid-response team tailored to your needs 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, data assistance 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. The CDC can assist interested parties in community, state or federal tax advantages such as the state's Enterprise Zone program or the federal Opportunity Zone program. We can assist interested parties in identifying parcels of land or existing businesses located in these specialized zones while working to get you individual or "stacked" tax credits to work to your advantage.

Contact the CDC at (970) 264-2360 or visit pagosaspringscdc.org for information about moving or expanding your business.

Grow your business with the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Incorporated in July of 1976, the Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is currently celebrating its 43rd year supporting Pagosa area businesses.

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 425 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 educational luncheons, targeted trainings and Maximizing Your Membership sessions are a great way to stay current with area activities and to hone and expand your business savvy. Our popular major events bring visitors to the area amplifying business traffic and thereby exposure to our business community. The Chamber offers confidential consulting services,

connections to other important business service centers and numerous ways to help you grow your business.

The Chamber has also increased its involvement with the Archuleta School District by co-hosting a career day, youth job fair, involvement in a vocational facility and collaboration on community events. We understand the importance our youth play in developing a strong workforce for our businesses. We also stay involved in other community initiatives including broadband, housing and early childcare. In 2019, the Chamber will also offer targeted networking events including a series of Women's Networking Open Houses and a Home-based business or Telecommuting Networking event for those who work from home.

The Chamber of Commerce, along with the Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation, 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 area and setting up a storefront or home-based business, or if you are an individual interested in staying connected to the business pulse, the Chamber offers many options and informational outlets to assist you. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at pagosachamber.com or by calling (970) 264-2360.



Town and County Regulations

Before you build, expand or open your business

By Mary Jo Coulehan

Before you build, renovate or open your doors for business, there is one step that many people forget — and it is one that could save you time, money, surprises and headaches. That step is checking with the Town of Pagosa Springs or Archuleta County building and planning departments regarding doing business in our community. Depending on where your business is located, each entity may have different requirements and zoning laws.

Zoning and land use

Of course, most entrepreneurs know that you need a building permit before you break ground. But are you breaking ground in the right zone? Both the town and county have land use permitting and zoning. It is important to check to make sure that your business fits within the zoning and building code guidelines. Even though a zone may permit light manufacturing, you will need to make sure that your manufacturing operation fits within those guidelines. You may need to ask for a variance and that involves speaking with each entity's building department. Even if you bought an existing building, contact the building department to make sure your business is compatible within the zone. This includes converting a house from long-term to short-term rental, adding accessory structures to a nonresidential location (including portable shipping containers), paving or changing access and parking lots, and doing any work in a floodplain. Some properties may be "grandfathered"; however, the improvement must meet current codes when expanded or changed or if vacant for more than a year. If your property doesn't fit within a particular zone, check with the planner for other locations that may suit your needs.

Permitting and licensing

It is not necessary to obtain a business license within the parameters of Archuleta County; however, if doing business within the Town of Pagosa Springs, you must have an annual business license. Even if your business is physically located in the county, but you perform a business function within the town (delivery of products, repairs, sales), you still need a town business license. Business licenses are also required within the town for temporary or vendor permits and contractor work permits. Depending on the nature of your business, licenses, permits and required fees can vary. In both the town and the county, sign permitting is required for both temporary, modified or permanent signage. Before you spend the money on making a sign, this process will alert you to size restrictions or perhaps colors if you are doing business in the historic district of the town. Any new construction will need to have plans submitted to each building department and feedback will be provided. Each entity will provide a building and fire safety inspection before issuing a certificate of occupancy.

Both the town and the county have rules regarding short term rentals (under 30 days) and each have a different fee schedule and all short-term rentals need to be licensed and collect sales and lodger's tax. Before you build or set up your property for short-term rental, check the guidelines.

Many of the licensing forms can be found on the town's website at pagosasprings.co.gov or on the county's site at archuletacounty.org.

The town's building and planning departments are located at Town Hall at 551 Hot Springs Blvd. and the county building and planning offices are located at 1122 U.S. 84.

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Pagosa Springs Area Chamber of Commerce	www.pagosachamber.com	(970) 264-2360
The Pagosa Springs SUN	www.pagosahun.com	(970) 264-2100
Southwest Colorado SBDC	www.sbdcolorado.org	(970) 247-7009
Region 9	www.scan.org	(970) 247-9621
Office of Economic Development and International Trade	www.choosecolorado.com	(303) 892-3840



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What's Cookin'?

Culinary arts class gives options to local students

By Chris Mannara

For many high school students, certain subjects just catch their eye and attention. That could be math, English or art for some, and for others, it could be more hands-on classes such as shop or welding.

Pagosa Springs High School (PSHS) discovered that, based on a student survey, there was one area that was untapped — culinary arts.

At the start of the 2018-19 school year, PSHS began offering a culinary arts class for students who had the interest.

Archuleta School District (ASD) Food Service Director Todd Stevens, who also serves as the teacher for the class, explained that he became involved with the class after that student survey.

"As a school, we're trying to fill those needs," Stevens said.

In its first year, the class wanted to not only get kids some cooking experience, but also, begin to teach curriculum from the National Restaurant Association, Stevens explained.

For Stevens, his goal in teaching the class is to create a program to teach students the ins and outs of not only cooking food, but the food industry and the lessons that come with it.

Other parts of the class involve kitchen math for things such as recipes and teaching students food safety.

When the kids get in the kitchen and get hands-on experience, Stevens explains, his students love it.

"That environment for them is really fun," Stevens said.

Interestingly, sometimes the hands-on activities within the class teach kids how to purposefully get things wrong within a recipe, Stevens noted.

The reason behind that, as Stevens explains, is to show students how to fix their mistakes in the moment.

Within the class, Stevens hopes to create a safe environment for students to make mistakes.

These types of culinary arts classes are huge for students with the interest, Stevens explained.

"Because they're going to get that sort of baseline. The community will have people that have some knowledge," Stevens said.

Stevens does acknowledge the fact that students won't be experts, but they will have the fundamental knowledge needed going forward.

Students have already begun to make their own culinary

creations such as crafting food platters for parent-teacher conferences, Stevens explained.

However, there was the hope that students would be able to participate in internships as a school-to-work-type program, but Stevens explained that he felt like the students would be better served doing things in a controlled environment.

"I just didn't think that we had gotten far enough to do that, but that's ultimately what I'd like to see," Stevens said.

The most important part of this whole process is giving students choices for their creative endeavors and interests.

"I think the goal is to give kids a choice for what they want to do and to have that available as something they can learn," Stevens explained.

For PSHS Principal Sean O'Donnell, the feedback he has received on the culinary arts program has been nothing but positive.

"Through the course of the year, we have learned a lot about where we would like to take the program in the future," O'Donnell wrote in an email.

O'Donnell added later that PSHS would like to see the program expand, however, there are some limitations.

"We would love to expand the program into multiple levels and also hope to offer to more students. Unfortunately, we are unable to expand beyond what we offered this year because of limited space. We simply do not have the facilities to expand," he wrote.

As PSHS was looking for ways to expand opportunities for its students to earn experience in the various trades within Pagosa Springs, culinary arts was an area that the school was lacking.

ASD as a whole identified the economic drivers in the community and have used those drivers as a road map for its career and technical education programs, ASD Superintendent Linda Reed explained in an interview.

"I couldn't be happier with the way that they're being received," she said.

Stevens has the background in the industry needed, but also has a natural tendency to be an educator, Reed noted.

"I'm thrilled with the way it's working," she said. "I think it's the right thing at the right time."



Education Options

Private and Homeschool

While Archuleta School District offers excellent educational opportunities, some people relocating to Pagosa wish to enroll their children in a private school, online or blended school, or would like to homeschool their children. Pagosa Springs offers many private educational options: online and blended options, and homeschooling groups.

Pagosa Family School: Pagosa Family School is a state-funded educational outreach program offered to all homeschool, private school and Archuleta School District students. PFS offers Spanish, art, drumline, choir, and an exploratory class consisting of science, music and drama. Please visit Pagosa Family School on Facebook, visit the school district website at MyPagosaSchools.com or contact the Shared School Liaison at (970) 264-2228.

Pagosa Valor Academy: Pagosa Valor Academy is a University Model School for kindergarten through 11th 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. Learn more at pagosavaloracademy.org.

Our Savior Lutheran School: This early childhood school offers preschool through eighth grade in which every discipline is taught from the Christian worldview. All classes are taught using a Classical Christian Curriculum, which includes such classes as Latin, cursive, traditional math (no common core), phonics-based English, science, art and music. The school is located on three acres, complete with six classrooms, a gymnasium and two playground areas. Information is located at oslcpagosa.org.

Online and blended options: Online schooling options, many of which are tuition-free public schools, are gaining popularity.

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. Visit online at goa.ac.org.

A sampling of other popular tuition-free public online schools available in Pagosa include Southwest Colorado eSchool (southwestcoloradoeschool.org), K-12 schools (k12.com/colorado-online-schools), and Colorado Connections Academy (connectionsacademy.com/colorado-online-school).

Pagosa also has a robust and diverse homeschooling community. Homeschooling families of all educational philosophies are invited to stay connected through Pagosa Homeschool Connection's Facebook page. In addition, three homeschooling groups meet weekly throughout the school year. Classical Conversations of Pagosa Springs group (classicalconversations.com) follows a classical home-education model with weekly community days. Friday Co-Op offers academic classes and field trips for preschool through high school as participation dictates. Adventures à la Carte group gets together every week for social and enrichment activities such as hikes, sledding and other field trips. Families who are considering homeschooling for the first time or moving into Colorado are encouraged to review homeschooling laws in Colorado, available through HSLDA (hsllda.org) and the Colorado Department of Education.

For more information on these groups or for advice on additional homeschooling resources, contact Pagosa Homeschool Connection leaders at pagosahomeschoolconnection@gmail.com.



Engaging Students

Proud Partners Program

Proud Partners is an initiative of the Archuleta School District (ASD). Over the last few years, ASD has worked to bring together the Archuleta County business community and individuals with the district's schools to the benefit of everyone involved.

According to Program Director Doug Hershey, "The Pagosa Proud Partners Program was created through a collaborative effort by the school board, school district staff and community members in order to help the community better support student success. It's a way to connect businesses and individuals who are interested in helping our students and teachers."

Businesses, individuals, local government and community organizations have all partnered with the school district to the benefit of the students.

Partnerships include local businesses hosting students for job exploration and experience. Also, local businesses participated in the high school's Career Fair and presented information to students about what they would need to do to prepare for various careers. The Pagosa Area Chamber of Commerce was a vital partner with the

high school in putting this event together.

One exciting partnership to develop has been with the Pagosa Area Builders Advisory Committee (PABAC). Local builders are actively working with the schools to develop vocational programs for our students. With the generosity of local builders in time, funds and spirit, we have been able to establish a building trades program at the high school. Plans to expand the program offerings for next year are already in the works. The expansion includes a facility to house the high school's growing career and technical education programs.

The program also aims to help students gain experience and employment, both over summer breaks and for future careers. The school has initiated, as part of its course offerings, a school-to-work program, which is also part of the Proud Partners Program. This not only helps employers with an immediate need for help, but also helps to provide workforce training. Students acquire needed skills while exploring possible fields to pursue.

Individuals in the community volunteer in the schools in a variety



of ways. Volunteers may assist teachers in the classrooms, tutor students, operate after-school clubs and activities.

"Our volunteer partners bring a wealth of diverse resources to our district. We are so much better for their efforts and help," says Hershey.

"Like small rural schools across Colorado, we are in a perpetual budget crisis," Hershey observes. "We work really hard and have phenomenal success. However, individual volunteers and businesses can be a great help in our efforts to find ways to provide the best possible education to our kids. We are always looking for partners to volunteer in classrooms and after-school programs. We also need

business sponsors for students looking for on-the-job work experience. And, donations of any size are always welcome."

To see some of the possible ways to help Archuleta County schools, interested individuals and businesses can visit the Archuleta School District website, mypagosaschools.com, and look for the heart-shaped volunteer tab right below the revolving photos. On that page, you will find the Teachers Volunteer Want Ads, where you'll find requests for things teachers need, such as volunteers or materials.

Want to be a Proud Partner? Click on our website links to fill out online forms.

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.

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.



Public 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 abilities. 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). In addition, Pagosa Peaks Open School is a district-authorized charter school serving K-6 in

school year 2019-20.

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 during our advisory times.

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 three-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 has implemented changes to the master schedule in order to meet student needs. 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. In addition, PSHS looks to post-secondary objectives and has strengthened academic advanced placement (AP) offerings and career technical education. PSHS has interesting and popular courses in building trades, culinary arts and firefighting among others.

In the fall of 2016, Archuleta School District, in partnership with a variety of home and private school groups, began Pagosa Family School. This unique opportunity provides elective classes of Spanish, art, drumline, choir, and an exploratory class consisting of science, music and drama to home and private school students during the regular school day as well as extra-curricular offerings for public, home and private school students. This program provides a rich opportunity for students to embody the motto of "Learning Together."

On the playing field, 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, Speech and Debate, 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 mypagosaschools.com.

EDUCATIONAL CONTACT NUMBERS

Archuleta County Education Center
www.theacec.com

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

Childcare Resource and Referral Program
(970) 247-0760
www.ecclaplata.org

GOAL Academy
(877) PRO-GOAL
www.goalac.org

Our Savior Lutheran School (PreK-8)
(970) 731-3512
www.oslcpagosa.org

Pagosa Family School (K-8)
(970) 264-2228
www.MyPagosaSchools.com

Pagosa Peak Open School (K-6)
(970) 317-2151
www.pagosapeakopenschool.org

Pagosa Springs Elementary School (K-4)
(970) 264-2229
www.MyPagosaSchools.com

Pagosa Springs Middle School (5-8)
(970) 264-2794
www.MyPagosaSchools.com

Pagosa Springs High School (9-12)
(970) 264-2231
www.MyPagosaSchools.com

Mardel Gallegos Center (Head Start)
(970) 264-2484
www.tchs4c.org

Pagosa Valor Academy (K-10)
970-264-4782
www.pagosavaloracademy.org

Community Connections, Inc.
(970) 259-2464
www.communityconnectionsco.org

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

Ruby M. Sisson Memorial Library
(970) 264-2209
www.pagosalibrary.org

Seeds of Learning Early Care and Education Center
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Pagosa Family School

Educational enrichment courses for Archuleta County home-school, private school and public school kids

By Jane Parker

Archuleta School District's Pagosa Family School (PFS) offers a dynamic educational environment connecting homeschool, private school and public school families as they learn together in enrichment courses.

PFS currently employs one choir teacher, one drumline teacher, two art teachers, two exploratory teachers and two Spanish teachers, as well as a number of educational aides, who, during the 2018-19 school year, worked to serve 123 students, including 69 private and home-school students and many public school students.

The PFS choir serves middle school-aged students (in the fifth through eighth grades).

The drumline class offers students an exciting class for students to engage in a dynamic and energetic group while learning the skills and practice of drumline.

The art classes allow students to "work toward a mastery of art skills while exploring their unique personal creativity," the course description notes.

In addition to encouraging creative thinking, the course works to instill an appreciation of art history and world cultures.

The Spanish courses immerse students in a Spanish-language environment that uses experiences such as music, games, stories, drama, role-play, art, chants and rhymes. Additionally, the students learn about Spanish-speaking cultures throughout the world.

A new exploratory course was added for the 2018-19 school year that included a semester of science rocks and a semester of music and drama.

Science rocks class explores a variety of science concepts through life science, physical science, and earth and space science. The students complete many experiments and get hands-on opportunities

with specimens from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

In the music and drama course, classes alternate between general music and theater, though often the subjects are integrated. Students explore music appreciation, history, and theory in a blended approach as well as pursue improvisational drama, interpretive drama and performance skills.

But, beyond providing educational opportunity for the area's students, Parker wrote of another benefit: "It also has helped promote a positive growing relationship between the various educational communities in Pagosa and has been successful as a result of that positive collaboration."

"I have a passion for building community relationships —my heart is all about building and supporting community, and I have the privilege of doing so in my role as principal with PFS," said Parker.

Too, the parents of those enrolled in PFS are also pleased, with Parker gathering numerous positive testimonials during the program.

"I love the students at family school. Seeing students interact in conversations while doing art projects or playing on the playground makes me feel like we have become a family. My own girls love the content and warm atmosphere provided by the other teachers. They are becoming better singers, Spanish speakers and artists. But most of all, they are becoming more confident by gaining new skills in a fun environment," one mother said.

Another wrote, "My daughter loves her Spanish class through Pagosa

Family School! She comes home speaking Spanish afterwards. I think it is wonderful that she has been given this opportunity in our small town."

"I am SO grateful for the extra educational opportunities that Pagosa Family School has provided for my children!" another wrote. "They are learning SO much, and LOVE PFS (so much so, that they're bummed if they have to stay home sick because they 'don't want to miss Family School!'). My kids are talking to each other in Spanish all the time (and this is their 1st year taking any Spanish ever, and the year hasn't even ended yet!), and teaching me Spanish too! My son is always excited about the new techniques he's learning in Art class, and [my] daughter is singing all the songs she learns in Choir, at home. It's definitely enriched, not only their lives, but mine as well! And, at no extra cost to me! (As otherwise, I don't know if they'd be able to take advantage of this opportunity). We are truly BLESSED by the PFS, [its] staff and teachings. ... I can only imagine the way it's blessing the community in the way of the students and families it's touching."

Each spring, the program surveys families to determine future course offerings for electives, Parker wrote. "We have big dreams of being able to build our program by adding a wider variety of courses, in addition to our core of Spanish Art & Music, to allow more and more students in Archuleta County to be involved in the program. We hope to be able to offer electives that may not be offered in the mainstream classroom, thus adding extra opportunities for all students in Archuleta County."

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Continuing Education

Pueblo Community College Southwest

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 (PCC) Southwest.

Based in Pueblo, Colo., PCC has been offering community outreach education and training programs in the area for more than 30 years.

PCC Southwest, a comprehensive two-year college, has two locations: The Southwest Campus is located in Mancos, just one mile west of the Mesa Verde National Park turnoff, and the Durango site is

located on the campus of Durango High School.

PCC Southwest operates its locations 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 PCC 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.

To find out more about classes online or on campus, visit the college website at www.pueblocc.edu/Southwest/.

Fort Lewis College and 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 the Four Corners for over 100 years, Fort Lewis College (FLC) is Colorado's crossroads of education and adventure, where a uniquely beautiful mountain campus inspires an active and friendly community, and transformative learning experiences foster entrepreneurship, leadership, creativity and life-long learning.

Smaller classes (16:1 ratio of students to faculty with 98 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 50 student organizations, including NCAA Division II sports (in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference), Fort Lewis College 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.

Located 60 miles west of Pagosa Springs in Durango, 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 (ASU) 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.

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

ASU was Colorado's first four-year higher education institution to be federally designated a Hispanic Serving Institution, 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. Adams State has over 40 student clubs and organizations.

An intimate campus with tree-lined walkways, state-of-the-art classrooms and laboratories, supportive programs and a vibrant student life await ASU 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, child care, parent-ing 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 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 environment 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 or to apply.

Wings Early Childhood Center

Wings Early Childhood Center will be Pagosa Springs' newest early childhood care and education facility. Scheduled to open its doors in the fall of 2019, Wings' mission is to deliver high-quality, affordable early care and education to children in Archuleta County regardless of family income or structure. Tuition will be offered on a sliding scale and information regarding tuition-assistance programs such as the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program (CCCAP) will be provided. Developmentally-appropriate programs and activities (child-directed, teacher-guided) for toddlers (ages 1-3 years) and preschoolers (ages 3-5 years) will be offered Monday through Friday, year-round. The facility is centrally located at 74 Back Swing Ct.

For current information and updates regarding Wings, please visit the Archuleta County Education Center's (ACEC) website: theacec.com.

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.

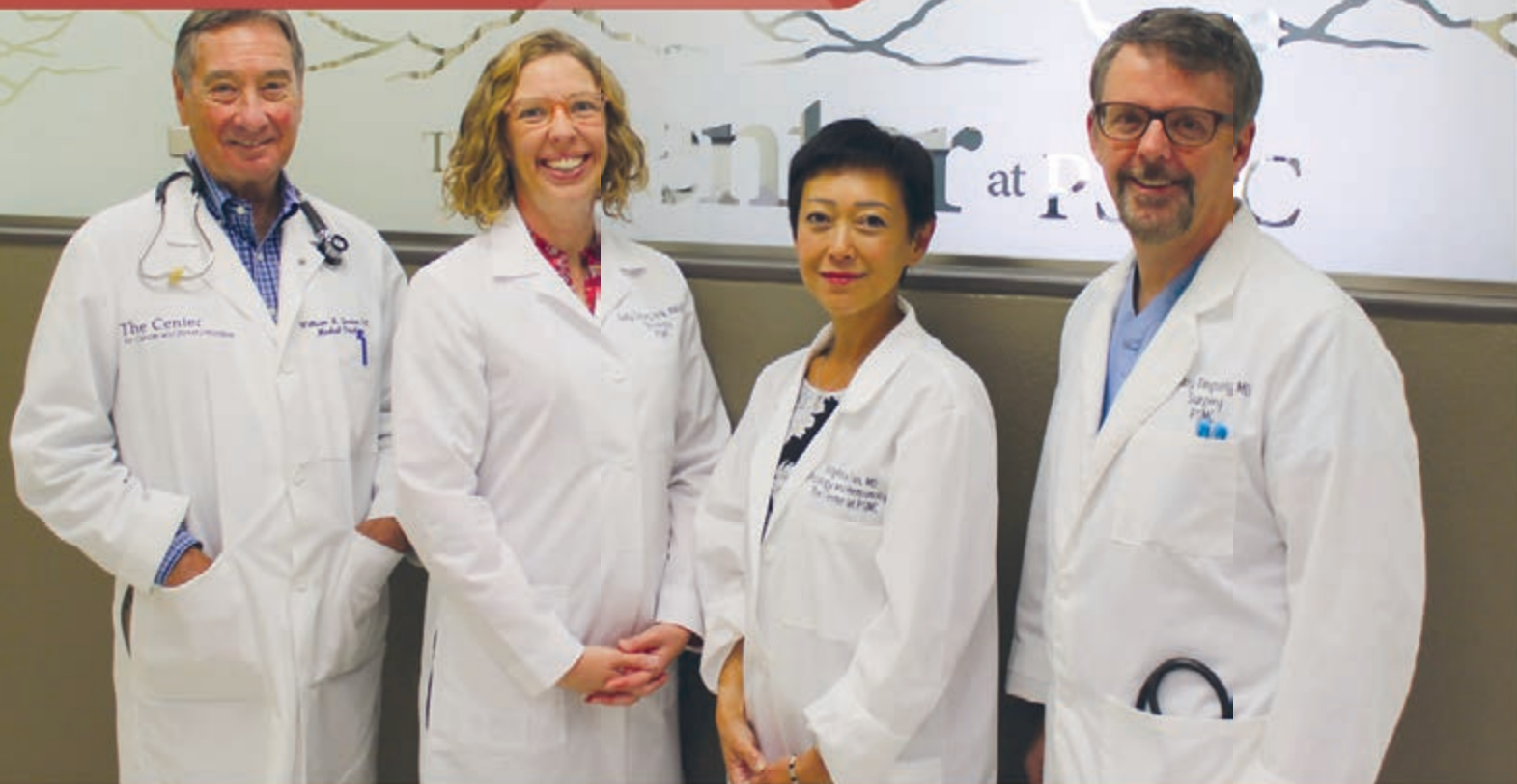


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A dream realized: Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders

By Angela Wirth

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC) is a dream realized for the medical center and our community as a whole. After dedicated strategic planning, the center opened its doors on Feb. 5, 2018, and it is exceeding expectations representing a high quality rural cancer center.

Dr. Bill Jordan, medical oncologist and medical director for the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC, has been instrumental in the development of the center. He has more than 40 years' experience in cancer and hematology care, as well as having operated over 10 cancer centers in North Texas. PSMC is fortunate to have such an experienced medical professional to guide the center through its unique challenges.

Considering rural oncology is tremendously underserved, with

70 percent of the counties in the U.S. having no direct access to cancer care, PSMC's cancer center is a crucial achievement for the Pagosa Springs area.

We have a unique population that previously had limited access to cancer care. For example, veterans in Pagosa Springs previously had to travel to Albuquerque to receive treatments. Now, residents of Pagosa Springs and the surrounding area have access to medical oncology services at the Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC.


The center has most modern diagnostic capabilities and an infusion center consisting of experienced infusion nurses and support staff that offer modern medical cancer therapies including chemotherapy, hormonal therapy, immunotherapy, along with supportive treatments for blood and autoimmune disorders. The center offers the latest treatments for patients, with individ-

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ual treatment plans, at a level of experience not often available in rural areas, and PSMC's cancer center team collaborates with other institutions, including major cancer centers, as needed or as appropriate to best address patient needs.

Nationwide, the increase in new cancer rates statistically outpaces the increase of new oncologists who treat cancer. The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders has found new ways to tackle that issue by means of a true collaborative effort within PSMC by using primary care and advanced practitioners more effectively in order to provide quality care, not only to cancer patients, but to patients with non-cancerous blood disorders. This effective collaboration is a desire to create a model for rural oncology for a county with limited resources — and the center is succeeding.

Dr. Jordan has been thoroughly impressed by the collaborative effort of such talent at PSMC, as well as the support of the community.

In addition to Dr. Jordan, the cancer center team includes Dr. Tjan, hematologist and oncologist; Dr. Tinguely, surgery; Kelly

Cesary, advanced practice oncology nurse; Lauren Muir, doctor of physical therapy and certified lymphedema therapist; Christina Reeves, director of pharmacy and administrative director for The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders; and Bill Wasserman, PharmD oncology pharmacist.

The cancer team works together to develop an integrated treatment plan specific to each patient. They provide patients with a personalized, coordinated health plan with access to advanced technologies, groundbreaking oncological and hematological treatments, and compassionate medical care.

So what is next for the center? The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC, in its second year of operation, will continue to provide quality care, expand community awareness and will strive toward expanding its technology to provide radiation treatment.

The Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at PSMC, along with the many other services provided at the medical center, come together with one goal in mind — giving you the care you deserve, in the mountains you love.



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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 providing many forms of healing have been drawn to our community.

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

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

Traditional medical practitioners in the area focus on and offer preventative and wellness programs to help individuals achieve a



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Pagosa also has its share of qualified chiropractors. There are a variety of chiropractic treatments available, serving a wide range of needs. With the active lifestyles in our community, sports medicine treatments, using traditional adjustment methods and non-force techniques are also widely available. 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 store-

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

Our community is a wellspring of traditional and alternative solutions to health care. With lodging and conference facilities, mineral hot springs in town and the great outdoors as our backyard, Pagosa Springs is an attractive site for wellness seminars educating the outside world to the benefits of alternative methods of treatments and holistic products. There is still room for the “alternative” community to come together and better promote our area to the outside world.

The Chamber of Commerce would be happy to assist businesses interested in expanding this alternative arena. Pagosa exemplifies a healthy way of life through its active lifestyle and open-mindedness to alternative contributions to health care.

HEALTH CARE NUMBERS TO KNOW

Pagosa Springs Medical Center	(970) 731-3700	pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org
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Durango VA Medical Clinic	(970) 247-2214	albuquerque.va.gov/locations/DurangoClinic.asp
Pagosa Springs Medical Center EMS	(970) 731-5811	pagosaspringsmedicalcenter.org
Pine Ridge Extended Care Center	(970) 731-4330	pagosanursinghome.com
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Housing Solutions for the Southwest	(970) 259-1086	swhousingsolutions.com
San Juan Basin Area Agency on Aging	(970) 264-0501	sjbaaa.org
Archuleta County Department of Human Services	(970) 264-2182	archuletacounty.org
BeeHive Homes	(970) 444-5515	beehivehomes.com



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Building a future: Building trades classes crafts options for students

By Chris Mannara

As students go through the ranks of high school, and graduation is soon staring them in the face, many have choices to make.

For some, that may mean going off to a college or university to further their education, but for others, they may want to dive headfirst into the workforce waters.

At Pagosa Springs High School, an effort was made to incorporate more classes that were aimed at students who aim to do more hands-on work in the form of building trades classes.

Building trades teacher Torry Hessman explained that these classes were created in part because of the demands of the local industry.

"We couldn't find young, skilled labor," he explained.

If the local school system is able to "grow its own" skilled laborers, that might help with some of the issues that local contractors were facing with finding young workers, Hessman added.

The Pagosa Area Builders Committee, now known as Build Pagosa, went to Archuleta School District to see what could be done about this issue, he described further.

This movement led to not only building trades classes being implemented at Pagosa Springs High School, but other classes such as culinary arts as well.

For Hessman, these classes are important because it gives the kids an opportunity to live and work in Pagosa Springs while making a decent living wage.

"The summer work program allows these kids to kind of test the waters," he said.

It also gives the employers a chance to watch these kids grow and develop into skilled workers and lets them see who they would like to hire when they graduate, Hessman added.

For kids who are new to these classes, some intimidation is felt, but once the students get confidence, they realize they have the skill set to use the tools and it makes all the difference, Hessman noted.

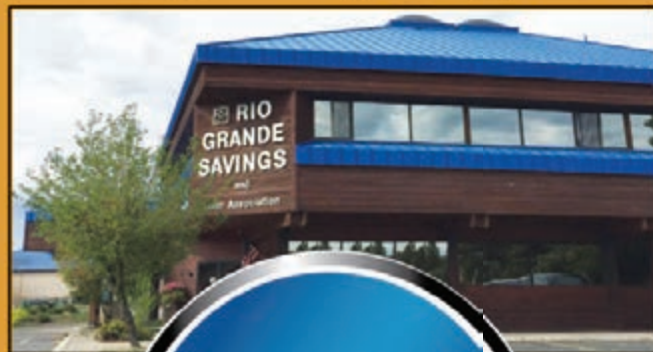
The kids who took part in the summer work program saw the fruits of their labor, according to Hessman, with some earning promotions and being asked to come back and work again next summer.



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Summary	2000	2010	2018
Population	9,898	12,084	13,765
Households	3,980	5,267	5,553
Families	2,872	3,561	
Average Household Size	2.47	2.27	2.24
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	3,057	3,947	4,023 (2016)
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	923	1,320	1,359 (2016)
Median Age	40.7	48.4	49.9

POPULATION & POPULATION GROWTH

	2016	2000	1990
State of Colorado	5,695,564 (2018)	4,301,261	3,294,394
State of Colorado: 104,093.57 Sq. Miles			
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	48.5 (2010)	41.5	31.8
Median Age (Years):		34.3	
Average Household Size (People):	2.55 (2017)	2.53	
Archuleta County			
Archuleta County: 1355.48 Sq. Miles			
Archuleta County Population	13,765 (2018)	9,898	5,345
Population Density (People per Sq. Mile):	8.9 (2010)	7.3	3.9
Median Age (Years):	49.5	40.8	
Average Household Size (People)	2.27	2.5	2.7
Renter Occupied Apartments			
Per Capita Income (PCI):	28,649	21,683	19,156
Median Household Income:	45,607	43,259	
Cost of Living Index	96.3		

Sources: <http://www.census.gov/>
<http://quickfacts.census.gov/>
http://www.city-data.com/county/Archuleta_County-CO.html

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ARCHULETA COUNTY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2017)

Population 25 years & over	9,489
Less than 9th grade	3.6%
9th to 12 grade, no diploma	5.9%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23.3%
Some college, no degree	22.4%
Associate degree	7.8%
Bachelor's degree	24.4%
Graduate or professional degree	12.6%
High school graduate or higher age 25+	90.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher age 25+	37%

EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY (2016)

Agriculture, forestry, fishing hunting, mining	4.2%
Construction	12.2%
Manufacturing	3.6%
Wholesale Trade	0.6%
Retail trade	11.5%
Transportation and warehousing, utilities	4.5%
Information	1.5%
Finance, insurance, real estate, rental, leasing	7.4%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, waste management services	11.4%
Educational, health care, social assistance	18.0%
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Unemployment — County (March 2019)	3.8%



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Metropolitan Area Name	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Boulder	\$1,130	\$1,242	\$1,516	\$2,126	\$2,384
Colorado Springs	\$684	\$833	\$1,064	\$1,538	\$1,869
Denver-Aurora-Lakewood	\$1,029	\$1,204	\$1,508	\$2,119	\$2,461
Fort Collins	\$892	\$1,025	\$1,253	\$1,812	\$2,201
Grand Junction	\$584	\$637	\$842	\$1,217	\$1,479
Greeley	\$658	\$796	\$992	\$1,434	\$1,742
Pueblo	\$657	\$661	\$875	\$1,222	\$1,392
Teller County	\$686	\$807	\$1,068	\$1,544	\$1,812

FY 2019 Colorado FMR Local Area Summary

Locality Name	Efficiency	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Alamosa County	\$662	\$666	\$791	\$1,052	\$1,212
Archuleta County	\$752	\$756	\$954	\$1,251	\$1,479
La Plata County	\$832	\$901	\$1,034	\$1,495	\$1,643
Montezuma County	\$618	\$622	\$785	\$1,129	\$1,379
Ouray County	\$767	\$908	\$1,194	\$1,554	\$1,829
Rio Grande County	\$596	\$611	\$700	\$1,012	\$1,105
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The options are extensive, but you need to do your homework.

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

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

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

Small manufacturing companies are also growing in popularity in Pagosa Springs. The Chamber of Commerce can assist interested parties with business development consultation, workforce development,

workspace consultation and business training. More and more smaller manufacturing businesses are choosing Pagosa Springs as a home base that affords their employees a better quality of life yet they distribute their products all over the world.

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

The Chamber of Commerce and Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation (CDC) are poised and ready to help you work through the pros and cons of locating a home-based business here in Pagosa Springs. We look forward to helping you become that "Lone Eagle" entrepreneur. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at www.pagosachamber.com or the CDC at www.pagosaspringscdc.org.

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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<\$15,000	648	16.2%	518	9.7%	448	8.1%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	563	14.1%	689	12.9%	860	15.5%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	573	14.4%	652	12.2%	606	10.9%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	839	21.0%	903	16.9%	995	17.9%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	729	18.3%	988	18.5%	1,155	20.4%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	306	7.7%	620	11.6%	556	9.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	165	4.1%	657	12.3%	603	10.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	63	1.6%	118	2.2%	189	3.4%
\$200,000+	103	2.6%	187	3.5%	181	3.3%
Median Household Income		\$38,333		\$48,186		\$48,016
Average Household Income		\$53,743		\$70,257		\$64,572

POPULATION BY AGE	2010		2014		2016	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
0 - 4	519	4.3%	616	5.1%	650	5.1%
5 - 9	874	7.2%	613	5.1%	568	4.6%
10 - 14	1,124	9.3%	573	4.7%	618	5.0%
15 - 19	1,562	12.9%	680	5.6%	544	4.4%
20 - 24	996	8.2%	607	5.0%	828	6.7%
25 - 34	867	7.1%	1,086	9.0%	1,013	8.2%
35 - 44	820	6.8%	1,295	10.7%	1,211	9.8%
45 - 54	1,297	10.7%	1,738	14.3%	1,656	13.4%
55 - 64	2,248	18.5%	2,507	20.7%	2,456	20.2%
65 - 74	1,118	9.2%	1,552	12.8%	1,853	15%
75 - 84	570	4.7%	636	5.2%	660	5.5%
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Total	12,136		12,132		12,355	

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In addition to beauty, the airport boasts a fully lit asphalt runway that is 100 feet wide and 8,100 feet long. That runway has aircraft weight capacities of 70,000 pounds for dual-wheel gear and 59,000 pounds for single-wheel gear. Flight safety at the high-altitude, general aviation airport is reinforced with a Precision Approach Path Indicator system.

The airport has seen a great deal of improvement over the years. In 2006, workers widened and resurfaced Runway 10/19 and built a new fixed-base operations building at midfield to provide fuel and services to local and visiting aircraft. In 2008, a new 3,000-foot parallel taxiway was constructed. In 2013, Archuleta County acquired additional snow removal equipment solely to be used at the airport. Alongside the other improvements, new hangars have appeared, an Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) has been installed, and the airport identifier became KPSO.

In keeping with its commitment to Archuleta County and Stevens Field, the Federal Aviation Administration also completed and published a GPS instrument approach for pilot use during nighttime and low-visibility landings.

In 2015, nearly \$6 million was spent to extend the parallel taxiway and complete other associated projects, further increasing the efficiency of aircraft movement and safety.

Those improvements have not only increased safety, but have also helped solidify the airport's status as an economic driver for the community. According to an Economic Impact study completed by the airport's advisory committee, for every dollar Archuleta County invests in the airport, the county receives a return of \$10.86.

The airport facility also boasts a private, on-site maintenance shop in one of the hangars.

For more information on the airport, visit www.archuletacounty.org or www.stevensfield.com. For specific airport management questions or concerns, call the airport manager at (970) 731-3060.

The AWOS system is available on frequency 127.175 or by phone at (970) 731-0365.

And once you've landed, Pagosa boasts car rental agencies and transportation companies.

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The airport is located 60 miles from Pagosa Springs at the intersection of Airport Road and County Road 309A, approximately 1 mile from County Road 309.

For more information about flights and ancillary services, visit www.flydurango.com.

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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.

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. 4-H, Girl Scouts and Scouts BSA 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 or volunteer with the Pagosa Springs History Museum (San Juan Historical Society). If you love animals, you can be a volunteer at the Humane Society Shelter or Thrift Store, 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.

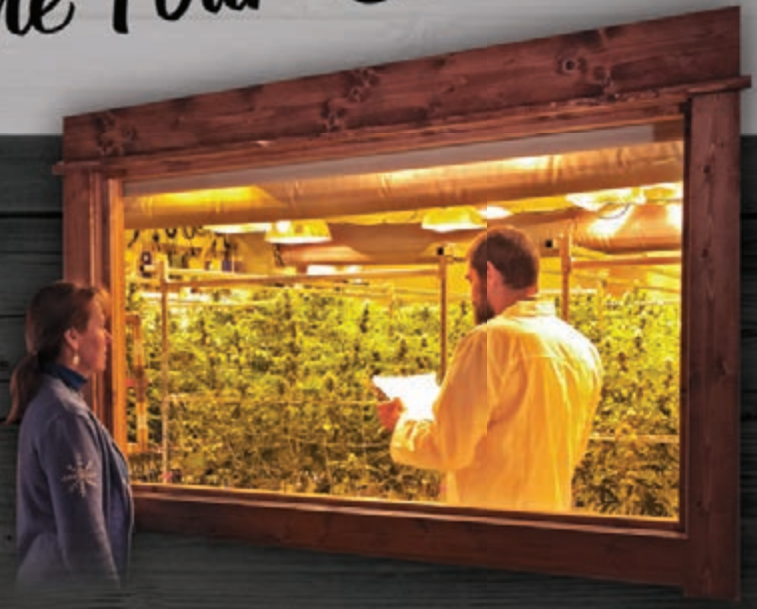
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If the arts are your passion, we have Pagosa Springs Arts Council, Friends of the Library, Curtains Up Pagosa, the Thingamajig Theatre Company, Pagosa Community Choir and the Pagosa Springs Community Band. There is a garden club, quilting club, archaeology club and homemakers club. The Audubon Society has an active presence.

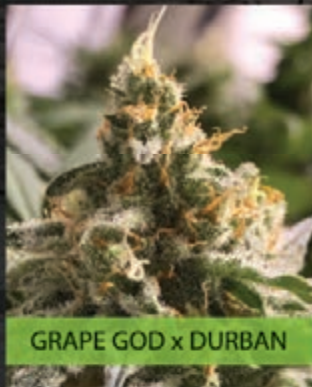
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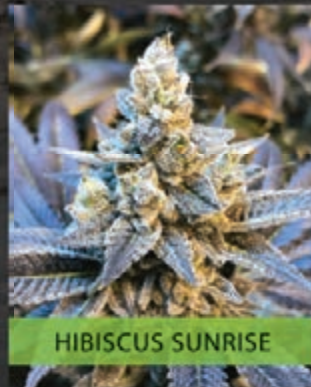
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The Parks of Pagosa

The employees of the Pagosa Springs Parks and Recreation Department take great personal pride in their stewardship of the town's facilities and amenities.

The parks of Pagosa Springs run the gamut from the wild and natural pine forest on Reservoir Hill to the well-manicured fields of Yamaguchi Park. What follows is a list of each park and a description of what it has to offer.

Reservoir Hill

The most prominent physical feature of the downtown area, Reservoir Hill towers over the south bank of the San Juan River and is distinguished by the large green water tank visible from U.S. 16C.

The park is accessible from three trailheads — located across the highway from the River Center, behind the Healing Waters Spa and next to the U.S. Post Office — and offers miles of hiking and biking trails ranging from gentle and peaceful to steep and technical.

A large meadow right next to the water tank is the home to two of Pagosa's largest musical events: The Folk 'N Bluegrass event takes place in early June and the Four Corners Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend. A large, wooden gazebo in the festival meadow is available to rent for special occasions such as weddings or reunions.

Located one-fourth of a mile east of the gazebo is an overlook that allows one to overlook the town and see stunning views.

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

There are restrooms available on the hill.

Centennial Park

Centennial Park stretches along the river behind the Archuleta County courthouse, and includes several tables for enjoying a nice family picnic while watching the activities in the river and the hot springs beyond. A pedestrian bridge provides a continuous connection for the Riverwalk that winds through the wetlands behind Town Hall and the Ross Aragon Community Center. A pedestrian bridge at the other end of the park connects to The Springs Resort and Spa.

Town Park

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

The park and the athletic field across Hermosa Street host several events throughout the year, including the Fourth of July Park 2 Park Arts

and Crafts Fair, ColorFest and the Mountain ChileCha Cha.

Yamaguchi Park

Located on South 5th Street between Pagosa Springs High School and the river, Yamaguchi Park is home to a favorite hangout for local kids — the Pagosa Skate Park. The Skaters Coalition for Concrete, a local grassroots organization formed over a decade ago raised funds and added a full-sized bowl to the 4,500 square-foot concrete terrain.

The park was designed to appeal to skaters of all ability levels and includes several plaza elements and a bowl feature.

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

Another amenity of Yamaguchi Park is the kayak/raft launching facility and two whitewater features, complemented by the paved Riverwalk to facilitate viewing activities on the river.

A pump track was installed in 2017 south of the skate park for bicycle use and in 2018, an outdoor basketball court was installed.

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

Mary Fisher Park

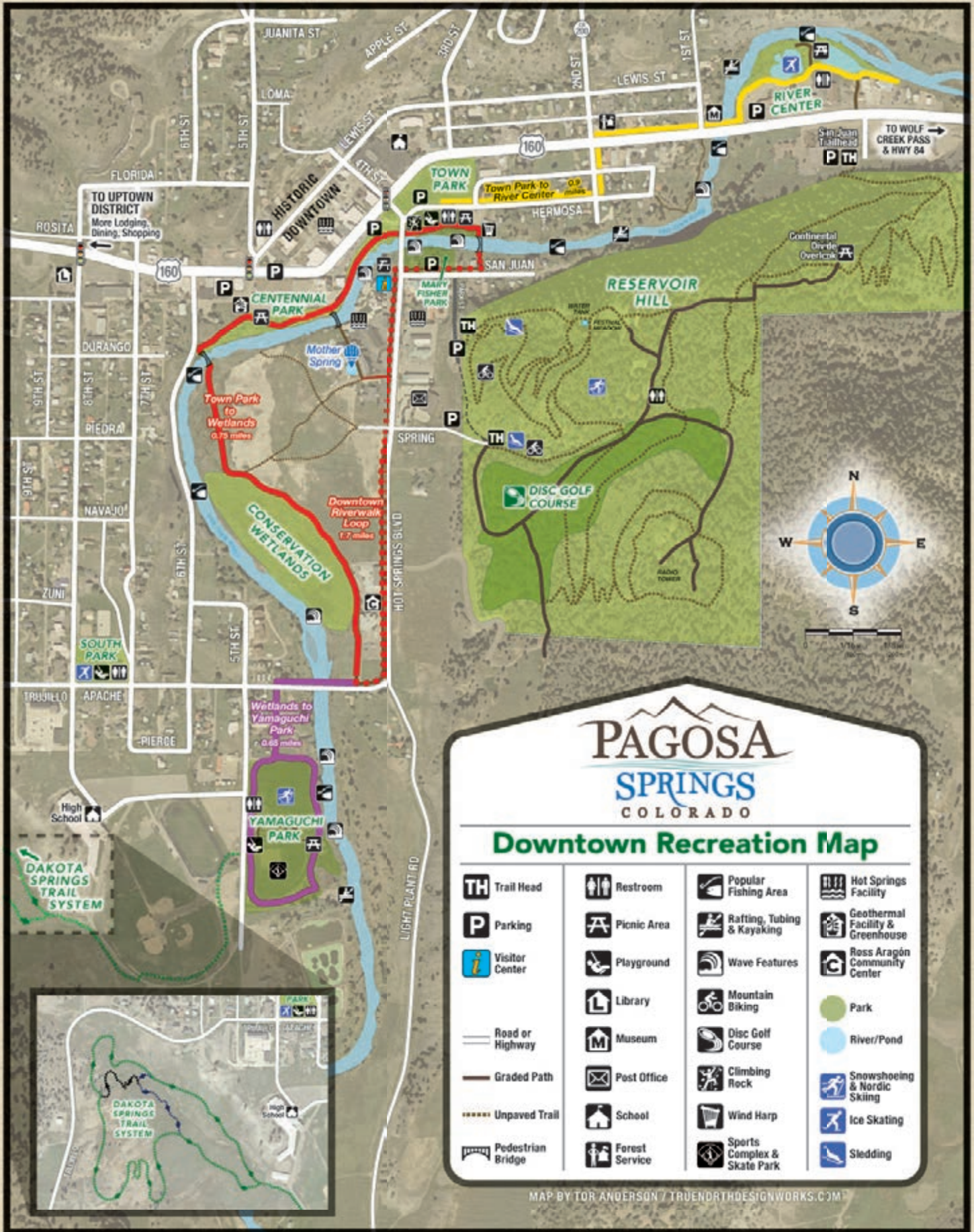
Along the south bank of the San Juan River directly across from Town Park, and connected to it by another pedestrian bridge, Mary Fisher Park contains several picnic tables, as well as a changing screen for kayakers and inner tubers to use before hitting another one of the new whitewater river features.

River Center Park

Nestled behind the River Center shops on the east end of town (from U.S. 160 go behind the River Center buildings), the River Center Park contains two small fishing ponds with a handicap-accessible pier and access to the river for launching rafts and kayaks. The park also offers a playground climbing structure for kids.

South Pagosa Park

A true neighborhood park located on the south side of town on Apache Street between 7th and 8th streets, South Pagosa Park has bathrooms, a drinking fountain, picnic tables, barbecue grills, a picnic shelter, horseshoe pits, a playground and four pickleball courts. An ice rink is available during the winter months. The park is well used by local families.



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Downtown Recreation Map

TH Trail Head	Restroom	Popular Fishing Area	Hot Springs Facility
P Parking	Picnic Area	Rafting, Tubing & Kayaking	Geothermal Facility & Greenhouse
Visitor Center	Playground	Wave Features	Ross Aragon Community Center
Road or Highway	Library	Mountain Biking	Park
Graded Path	Museum	Disc Golf Course	River/Pond
Unpaved Trail	Post Office	Climbing Rock	Snowshoeing & Nordic Skiing
Pedestrian Bridge	School	Wind Harp	Ice Skating
	Forest Service	Sports Complex & Skate Park	Sledding

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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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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 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 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 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 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 fieldtrips. Visit their website at 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.

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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 schedules various outings and games for fellowship and fun.

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.

Flu shot clinics are offered in the fall as well as free screenings through the San Juan Basin Health Department twice a month, free blood pressure checks weekly, and a wellness clinic once a month.

The center also 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. For peace of mind, plan ahead for your pet's safety during the move. There are many Internet sources of good information 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.

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 (CVI) that is no more than 30 days old. If your cat or dog is three months or older, they must also have had a rabies vaccination within the preceding 12 months. For livestock and other animal requirements, visit the Colorado Department of Agriculture website (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.

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

The HSPS website (humanesociety.biz) hosts detailed information on what to do if you and your pet become separated. Check the website's "Lost and Found" page for a list of useful suggestions. The website also has information on adoptions, low-cost spay/neuter

voucher programs and other community services.

To aid in finding a lost pet, make sure that your pet always wears 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 HSPS animal shelter scans every incoming pet for a microchip. Make sure you have registered your pet's chip with the manufacturer, and update your microchip contact information with your new address and relevant phone numbers right before you move. If your pet does not have a microchip, the HSPS can provide one at low cost.

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 the Town of Pagosa Springs does have a leash law, Archuleta County does not. You are required to have your dog under control at all times, whether by leash or verbal command. If you want to exercise and play with your dog in a safe, controlled environment there is a fenced community-accessible dog park at HSPS 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.

Pets are important members of our community, and Pagosa Springs is one of the most animal-friendly places that you will find in all of Colorado.



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. 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. 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. 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 ice skating or checking out the plethora of sledding hills in the area.

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

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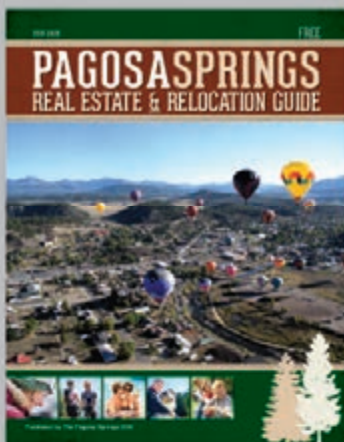
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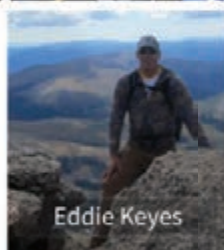
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