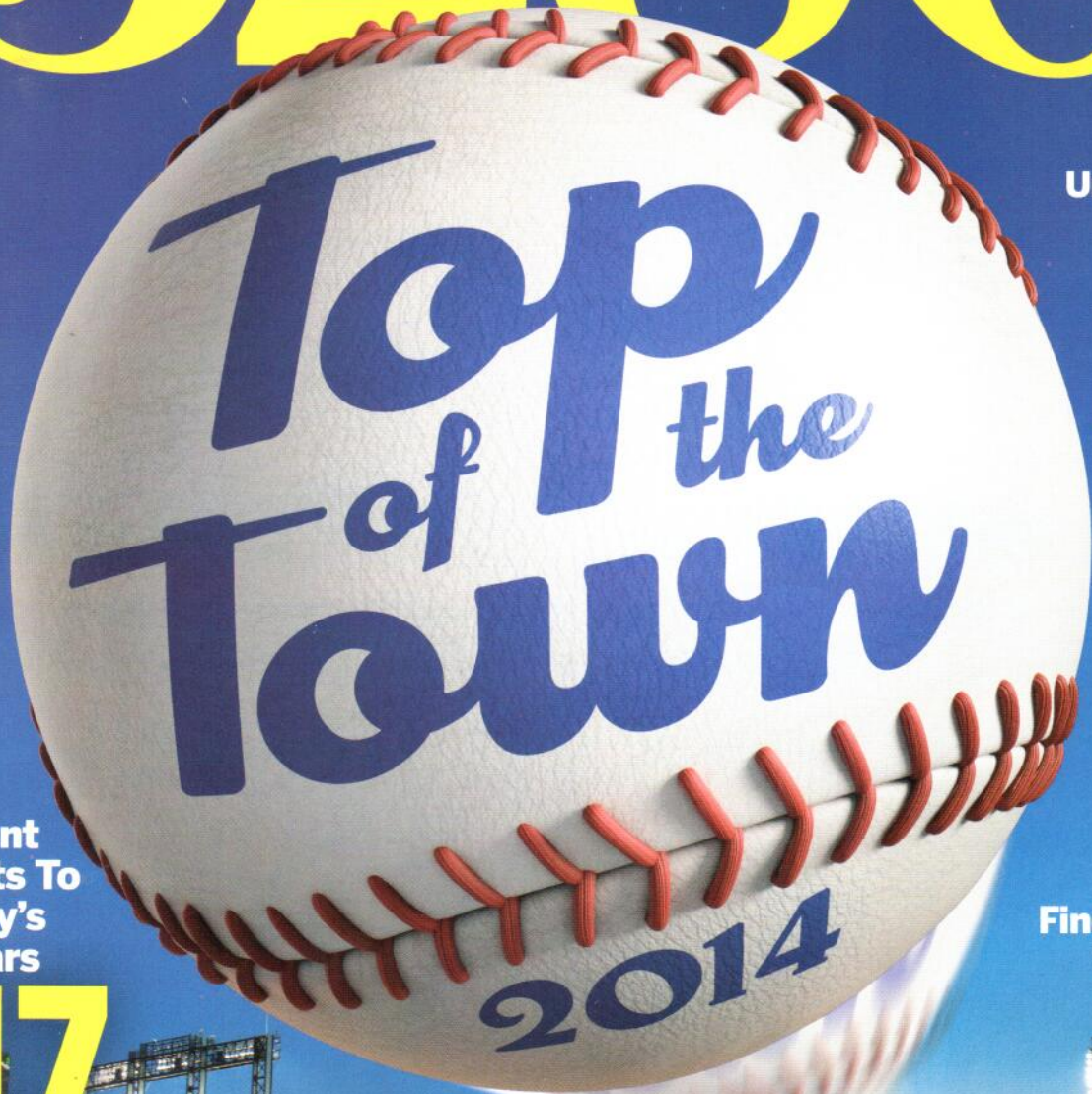


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SUMMER

Town: Crested Butte

What You're Doing:

Testing out your new fat tires next to a wildflower meadow before chowing down on pizza at Secret Stash (303 Elk Ave., 970-349-6245, stashpizza.com).

What Clinched The Title:

The Crested Butte Wildflower Festival (July 7 to 13, crestedbuttewildflowerfestival.com)

FALL

Town: Aspen

What You're Doing: Maxing out your camera's memory card while hiking 3.2 miles (one way) to American Lake.

What Clinched The Title:

Golden Leaf Half Marathon (September 27, goldenleafrace.com)

WINTER

Town: Steamboat Springs

What You're Doing:

Confirming that the snow deserves the name "champagne powder" (it does) and then soaking your tired muscles at Strawberry Park Hot Springs (strawberryhotsprings.com).

What Clinched The Title:

Winter Carnival (February 4 to 8, 2015, steamboat-chamber.com)

SPRING

Town: Salida

What You're Doing: Watching daredevil early-season kayakers fight the current from the patio at Rivers Edge restaurant (300 W. Sackett Ave., 719-207-4267).

What Clinched The Title:

Bluegrass on the Arkansas (Dates TBD, bluegrassonthearkansas.org)