

PEOPLE SPEAK

What is your New Year's resolution?



Elvis Falke
Pueblo
Job seeker

"To have me and my son under the same roof. Last year, my wife and kids were in a car accident and my wife died, so I am fighting to get my son back."



Paige Sorenson
Pueblo
Student

"To be able to lose weight and get through school"



Marriyanne Hobson
Pueblo
Student

"I want to graduate with good grades."



Richard DeLeon
Pueblo
Construction worker

"Mine is to stop smoking"



Alex Valle
Pueblo West
Graphic artist

"I really don't get into that, it seems more like a tradition than anything."



Catherine LaDuke
Pueblo
Student

"I hope to finish school"



Tim Beltran
Pueblo West
Musician

"To be a better musician"



Ari Valenti
Pueblo
Stay at home mom

"I need to be more active physically."

Asked Thursday at Robert H. Rawlings Public Library.

PEOPLE SPEAK

Is it a crime to ignore police orders to stop while driving?



Manny Romero
retired steel worker
Pueblo

"I believe that you should stop with caution and be alert because there are people that are posing as police officers."



B.J. Enloe
retired social worker
Pueblo

"It's a crime to ignore police. It could get you in a lot of trouble. I respect the police."



Stanley Vigil
construction manager,
motivational speaker
Pueblo

"Yes it is. The poor guys have a job to do. There's a bunch of weirdos out there."



John Mark Wiley
writer,
dishwasher
Pueblo

"Generally, yes. However, in a town like Pueblo, one must give some leeway and understanding to the level of mental illness here."



Kristanna Clausen
mom
Pueblo

"I think you should pull over."



Nancy Romero
housewife
Pueblo

"Yes I do (think so)."



Chuck Ray
unemployed
Pueblo

"Yeah, Of course it is."



Franki Hamic
student, East High School

"Yeah, it's a crime."

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Do you think the economy will improve in 2012?



Cynthia Pasion
Student
Pueblo

No, I don't. It doesn't seem like it's getting better. Prices are going up. Where are the jobs? I just lost my job today.



William Holubek
Retired
Pueblo

No. Maybe a slight increase but it's going to be rough for a long time.



Don Riat
Retired
Pueblo

Yes. All indications are things are getting better. I think business is picking up.



Karen Patterson
Retired
Pueblo

Yes. The indicators all seem to be improving, unless Europe has problems.



Carol Pierce
Administration
Pueblo

There will be more jobs, not in Pueblo but in other places.



Daniel Espinoza
Student
Pueblo

Yeah. A lot of things are getting better. Gas prices are down.



Candace Montoya
Student, retail
worker
Pueblo

Yeah. Because we got raises.



Kenneth Loudy
Retired
Pueblo

Definitely better for me. The things they've done the last three years have helped.

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library

PEOPLE SPEAK

Should the dropout age be raised to 18 years old?



Louise Mitchell
Cosmetologist
Pueblo

I heard President Obama say that in his speech the other night and it's a great idea. It should be mandatory.



Ben Mayfield
Tattoo artist
Pueblo

We need to find a way to make kids want to stay in school. Telling them they can't drop out will only make them want to.



Andrea Cassidy
Homemaker
Pueblo

I'd support that. Too many kids drop out today and you really can't expect to find a job anymore without a college degree.



Scott Marshall
Security guard
Pueblo

Yes. I was one of those kids who would have benefited from staying in school, although ultimately, I did graduate.



Brandy Burbidge
Homemaker
Pueblo

I agree with that. It's an important first step in helping these young people become adults.



Salvatore Torres
Nonprofit
executive
Pueblo

It's a good idea. It will give each of them more opportunity in life. They're still kids, after all.



James Bueno
Retired Army
Pueblo

If they drop out, they'll never get anywhere in life. They'll be dumb as rocks. We should keep them in school.



Susan Shelinbarger
Preschool teacher
Pueblo

No. I don't think it would do any good. You can't force kids to listen or learn.

Asked Thursday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

BOOKS

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"Lost Memory of Skin: A Novel," by Russell Bank
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"Before I Go to Sleep: A Novel," by S.J. Watson

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"Now Eat This! 100 Quick Calorie Cuts at Home"; "Now Eat This! 100 Quick Calorie Cuts On-The-Go," by Rocco DiSpirito
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"The Bird Sisters: A Novel," by Rebecca Rasmussen
"Neverwinter," by R.A. Salvatore

Nonfiction

"The Great American Ale Trail: The Craft Beer Lover's Guide to the Best Watering Holes in the Nation," by Christian DeBenedetti
"Top Screwups Doctors Make and How to Avoid Them," by Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon
"Rome: A Cultural, Visual, and Personal History," by Robert Hughes
"The Complete Sun Tzu for Business Success," by Gerald A. Michaelson and Steven Michaelson
"Girl Hunter: Revolutionizing the Way We Eat, One Hunt at a Time," by Georgia Pellegrini
"1,000 Places to See Before You Die," by Patricia Schultz

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 "Private: #1 Suspect," by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
 "Harlem Renaissance: Five Novels of the 1920s," edited by Rafia Zafar

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"A Soldier's Sketchbook: From the Front Lines of World War II," by Joseph Farris
 "Steam: An Enduring Legacy: The Railroad Photographs of Joel Jensen," by Joel Jensen
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 "The Big Show: Charles M. Conlon's Golden Age Baseball Photographs," by Neal McCabe and Constance McCabe
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Fiction

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 "Need You Now," by James Grippando
 "The Berrybender Narratives," by Larry McMurtry
 "The Unreal Life of Sergey Nabokov," by Paul Russell

Nonfiction

"201 Great Ideas for Your Small Business," by Jane Applegate
 "The Big Jump: Lindbergh and the Great Atlantic Air Race," by Richard Bak
 "The Source: Journey Through the Unexplained," by Art Bell
 "Anti-Aging Cures: Life Changing Secrets to Reverse the Effects of Aging," by James Forsythe
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CITY / REGION REPORT**Library helping patrons keep tabs on due dates**

By JOHN NORTON
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

For some library patrons, the way they find out they have an overdue book is a phone call or letter in the mail telling them they owe a fine.

There's now a way to avoid that pain for people who don't save or remember where they put their checkout receipts — a little "elf."

The Pueblo City-County Library District on Sunday began offering Library Elf, a service that will send out reminders of when items are due.

Midori Clark, director of community relations for the library district, said, "There are several options for early notification."

"You can select when your overdue reminder will be sent to you. The email may be sent to your email address from one week prior, up to or on the due date.

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"You can also elect to have text messages sent to your cellphone, but those

will only be delivered on the due date. You can also have holds information sent via text, on the day your hold is available."

To sign up for the service library patrons have to

go to the library website and put in their email address, library card number and personal identification number, which is their 10-digit birth date.

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Former library director dies

Library officials learned this week of the death of a former director who oversaw the Pueblo library as it became a regional service and then a district.

Robert Roehr died Nov. 26 in West Roxbury, Mass., at the age of 82.

He was director of what's now the Pueblo City-County Library District from 1967 to 1980, when he resigned to take a new job in his native St. Louis.

During his time in Pueblo, Roehr worked on a major expansion of the library, doubling the

number of items to 200,000.

He later worked as assistant library director for the Weymouth (Mass.) Public Library before retiring.

An obituary in a local newspaper asked that donations in his memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

— John Norton



Robert Roehr

Rose challenges Cordova for District 2 commission seat

Beulah Republican wants rematch after 2008 loss.

By PETER ROPER
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

She made it official Tuesday, but anyone who follows Pueblo County politics has known for several years that Debbie Rose, a Beulah Republican, was going to challenge county Commissioner John Cordova to a rematch this year for his District 2 seat.

Back in November 2008, Rose had a slight, 200-vote lead over Cordova by the



CHIEFTAIN PHOTO/JOHN JAQUES

Debbie Rose announces her candidacy for Pueblo County commissioner Tuesday at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library.

time the counting was suspended on Election Day. After several thousand additional provisional

ballots were counted in the following days, Cordova was awarded the victory by a 1,064-vote margin. It was

a turnaround that local Republicans distrusted at the time and haven't forgotten.

"I helped Debbie win last time she ran," fellow-Republican Mike Salardino half-joked to the crowd of about 100 Rose supporters and observers at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library on Tuesday. "Until they found a few more ballots to count."

That drew some groans, laughter and a smattering of applause.

Rose is well-known locally. She and her husband, Mike, own the Beulah General Store. She was elected to the Pueblo County District 70 school board in 1997 and served

until 2005. She is a member of the San Isabel Electric Association cooperative board and Tuesday she credited the utility — and indirectly herself — with keeping electric rates stable over the past three years, an obvious comparison to the series of unpopular rate increases that city residents have received from Black Hills Energy.

In announcing her campaign, Rose promised to scrutinize and review county spending, adopt policies to make the county "business friendly" and work for job creation. To that end, she unveiled her own help-wanted website for job postings Tuesday at www.roseworksforpueblo.com.

"We've got to get Pueblo back to work," she said.

Rose didn't mention Cordova in her kickoff speech and that may be just as well. Cordova has already attracted one fellow Democratic challenger, former City Councilman Ray Aguilera, and could possibly face another in former state Rep. Buffie McFadyen.

The incumbent may not be the Democrat on the ballot when the general election comes in November. Thus far, Rose is the only Republican running for the District 2 commission seat.

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Used bookstore bountiful for library



Marv Jones shelves books Tuesday at the Books Again store where he has been a volunteer for the past four years.

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Books Again funds programs, scholarships, capital needs.

By JEFF TUCKER
THE PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN

Books Again used bookstore's story is similar to other businesses in a struggling economy: flat sales over the past three years.

But the plot twist to the store's story means a boon to the Friends of the Library and the Pueblo City-County Library

Effort works because of volunteers, donated books, officials say.

District.

"For the past three years, we've been able to hit our goals of \$111,000 to \$112,000," said Jim Stuart, past president of the Friends of the Library and interim store manager for Books Again.

Stuart said that while sales at the store have

leveled out, they're at the highest level in its history.

The store was created six years ago and replaced an annual sale the Friends of the Library would host to raise money.

The year-round store generates about five times as much revenue and Stuart said the numbers are even more remarkable since the store sells its books for next to nothing.

"It's always amazing to me when you consider we're selling these books for 75 percent off retail," Stuart said.

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The store also hosts two book sales where folks may walk out with a bag full of books for a few bucks.

Most of the proceeds from the store go back to the Pueblo City-County Library District through the Friends of the Library in the form of grants for special programs and scholarships for people

pursuing their master's degrees in library sciences.

Stuart said Books Again is able to funnel between \$65,000 and \$70,000 to the Friends of the Library every year.

"It's been a world of difference," Library Director Jon Walker said.

Walker said that since the store opened in 2005, the revenue stream from the Friends of the Library to the district has multiplied, allowing the district to implement and improve its services to the community.

In addition to the scholarships, Walker said the money helps fund the library's summer reading program in which 20,000 kids participated last year.

The money also has gone to offset brick and mortar costs.

Walker said the funds

I think any of us had hoped for in the early days of the store," Walker said.

Stuart said the tough economy may be a contributing factor to the brisk sales at the store.

People looking for bargains on books can find them in spades at Books Again, where a new paperback might cost \$2.

Stuart also said the store fills a niche for people who recently discover an author and start looking for that writer's previous works.

Stuart said the store only works because of a staff of about 25 volunteers and an inventory made up completely of donated books.

"It's also a great service because it recycles these books that otherwise would be thrown out," he said.

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Cordova, who voted
against the projects, seemed
surprised by the decision
even though he had voted
against the two projects.

The Commissioners also
approved a plan of finance
which included the issuance
of El Paso County bonds to
allow Goodwill to purchase
the old Toys R Us building,
located at 360 Dillon Drive.
The complicated financing
authorized El Paso County
to proceed. The local
municipality has no obliga-
tion in the final financing
but needed to approve the
project since some of the
affected stores are in Pueblo
County.

A resolution was
approved by the
Commissioners, joining a
national effort to amend the
Constitution. At the core of
the matter was a finding in
Citizens United vs. Federal
Election Commission
before the Supreme Court
in January, 2010 in which
corporations were defined
as "natural persons" in
regard to free speech. The
resolution was spoken to by

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Library District Includes Plans for the Valley

By Anthony DiMatteo

Greenhorn Valley View

Book lovers cross your fin-
gers. If the Pueblo City-
County Library District is
successful, the Greenhorn
Valley may become the
recipient of a brand spanking
new library in the next sever-
al years.

"We've had informal talks.
Everything is very prema-
ture," said David Valdez,
director of the Colorado City
Metropolitan District. Valdez
expressed excitement that
Colorado City was chosen so
soon for a library district
fundraising target. Locations
on the East side of Pueblo
and the St. Charles Mesa
were recently chosen as well.
"We were on the radar," said
Valdez, "but it was more
long term, four or five years
from now."

Tentatively, library district
members are scheduled to
meet with the CCMD board
and the interested public in
an open workshop on
January 31. Although reason-
ably hesitant to share too
many details in the earliest
phases of the process, Valdez
said he has toured potential
sites in Colorado City with
Library District Executive
Director Jon Walker.
"There's only so much land
to put a building that size,"
said Valdez.

In an email sent to Susan

Ingraham of Volunteers For
Change, Walker confirmed:
"The library district is plan-
ning to establish a full-serv-
ice public library in the
Greenhorn Valley area of
southern Pueblo County. The
present thinking is to build a
new facility specifically
designed as a modern public
library, featuring current
information technologies,
public meeting and study
space, plus plenty of books
and other library materials."

The library district founda-
tion is embarking on a
fundraising campaign
throughout 2012 in support
of the new library.
Eventually, if fundraising is
successful, the CCMD board
will have to decide what
piece of land they'd like to
donate to the project. A land
donation would serve as a
matching effort toward the
new facility's funding.

"This building would be in
Colorado City, but it would
be a Greenhorn Valley facili-
ty for all," said Valdez. "I
don't anticipate this becom-
ing much of a dissention in
the community. But you
never know." When it comes
to new projects of this scope,
Valdez said folks usually
support the idea, but some-
times feel torn about loca-
tion. "They might say, 'We
want it, but we don't want it
in that spot.'"

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Learning to Read A Message from Irving Elementary

For several years, the members of Rotary Club #43 in Pueblo have donated their time, energy, and resources to support our school, Irving Elementary. Every week, several members of Rotary visit our school and spend time reading with our students. Our students benefit greatly from this special experience and learn to enjoy literature as a lifelong pursuit. We look forward to a continued relationship with this fantastic organization for many years to come!

~ Ted Johnson
Principal, Irving Elementary



Summer Reading Program A Message from the Pueblo Library

Rotary 43 and the Rotary 43 Foundation have supported the library for several years in our efforts to motivate young people to read during the summer. This year, for example, the Rotary 43 Foundation contributed \$1,000 to the library's summer reading program. These funds are used to offset costs of the program, which include special reading program events, prizes for reading accomplishments, and more. The result of this effort is noteworthy, with more than 20,000 participants in the program recorded in 2011, which is an all-time record number. Thank you, Rotary, for all you do for the library and the community.

~ Jon Walker, Exedutive Director,
Pueblo City-County Library

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