

JULY 2019

Press and Publicity Report



CALENDAR

TODAY

Knit and Crochet Table Gang:

1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thurston Room of the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., 251-1938 or jpf6476@hotmail.com.

Pueblo Storytellers: 1 to 2:30 p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., all adults welcome, 543-6234. 11th St., 542-4578 or 821-2756.

Pueblo West Toastmasters: meeting, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., pueblowesttm.toastmastersclubs.org or 426-7805.

Cast Off Knitters: 1 to 4 p.m., Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., 330-465-0193.

League of United Latin American Citizens: 5:30 p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, Thurston Room, open to the public, 547-3829 or 250-5140.

Pueblo Toastmasters: 6 p.m., Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave., 415-1176.

Lacemakers of Southern Colorado: 9 a.m., Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., 250-4051.

AT THE LIBRARY

New Books

From the Pueblo City-County Library District Fiction

1. Almost Midnight – Paul Doiron*
2. The Last House Guest – Megan Miranda*
3. Lock Every Door – Riley Sager*
4. Backlash – Brad Thor*
5. Alpha and Omega – Harry Turtledove*
6. Wanderers – Chuck Wendig*

Non-Fiction

1. American Predator: The Hunt for the Most Meticulous Serial Killer of the 21st Century – Maureen Callahan*
2. Inside the Five-Sided Box: Lessons from a Lifetime of Leadership in the Pentagon – Ashton B. Carter*
3. The Last Pirate of New York: A Ghost Ship, a Killer, and the Birth of a Gangster Nation – Rich Cohen*
4. Lake of the Ozarks: My Surreal Summers in Vanishing America – Bill Geist*
5. Norco '80: The Story of the Most Spectacular Bank Robbery in American History – Peter Houlihan*
6. More Than Enough: Claiming Space for Who You Are (No Matter What They Say) – Elaine Welteroth*

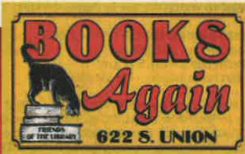
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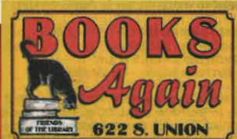
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2. **Bunny** – Mona Awad*
3. **Summer of '69** – Elin Hilderbrand*
4. **Paranoid** – Lisa Jackson*
5. **Under Currents** – Nora Roberts*
6. **The Bookish Life of Nina Hill** – Abbi Waxman*

Non-Fiction

1. **America's Reluctant Prince:** The Life of John F. Kennedy Jr. – Steven M. Gillon*
2. **The Bastard Brigade:** The True Story of the Renegade Scientists and Spies Who Sabotaged the Nazi Atomic Bomb – Sam Kean*
3. **The Code:** Silicon Valley and the Remaking of America – Margaret O'Mara*
4. **George Marshall:** Defender of the Republic – David L. Roll*
5. **For the Good of the Game:** The Inside Story of the Surprising and Dramatic Transformation of Major League Baseball – Bud Selig*
6. **Beneath the Tamarind Tree:** A Story of Courage, Family, and the Lost School Girls of Boko Haram – Isha Sesay*

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Ballot measures for new jail discussed

Sales and use tax, restructuring marijuana taxes proposed

By Ryan Severance
The Pueblo Chieftain

After failed attempts in 2017 and 2015, a pair of new ballot initiatives to provide funding for a new jail and treatment center are being proposed for voters to consider in November.

Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk Taylor and the Pueblo County commissioners met Tuesday to

discuss the idea, which would include two different ballot measures. Resolutions for the measures have been drafted and the commissioners will vote soon whether to put them on the ballot or not.

One of the measures — tentatively being called measure 1A — is a slightly less than a half-cent sales and use tax that would raise money for 30 years to pay for a new jail that is expected to cost somewhere around \$130 million to \$140 million, according to Commissioner Garrison Ortiz.

The other measure that would go to voters — tentatively being called measure 1B — is a restructuring of marijuana taxes that would provide about \$3.5 million annually. The measure would include cutting the contribution given to Pueblo County marijuana scholarships and cutting aid to other entities in the county.

The exact details and figures of both measures are being worked out, according to Ortiz.

If voters approved both

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Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk Taylor speaks to county commissioners Tuesday about the problems the county jail faces.

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measures, the sales and use tax money would be used for a jail and the funds from restructuring marijuana taxes would go toward a capital infrastructure fund that would be used for one-time expenses for various nonprofits and other organizations in the community, according to Ortiz.

If the 1A measure fails and the 1B measure passes, then the money from restructuring marijuana taxes would go toward debt services for a new jail. That money alone wouldn't be enough to pay for a new jail, though.

"But it would at least be a start and then we'd have to look at what else we need to

do," Ortiz said. "It would be ideal if the full sales and use tax increase passed. If it does not, we hope that we have the marijuana tax restructure piece that passes."

Of course, there also is the possibility that neither measure is approved and the county is left with nothing for a new jail again.

If the funding is OK'd by voters, the new jail likely would not be downtown anymore. It would be built somewhere where there's a lot of land. One area Taylor said that is being looked at is near the airport off of Colorado Highway 47 and Pete Jimenez Parkway.

"The county has not secured land at this point in time," Ortiz said.

A new jail is a critical need, according to Taylor, because the current jail is overcrowded and in disrepair, which leads to safety issues

for inmates and deputies who work there.

The jail's capacity is 509 inmates, and Taylor said last year there were two occasions where there were more than 800 inmates being held there, with 817 inmates one day in 2018 being the highest population the jail has ever had.

The average daily population at the jail, which opened in 1980, this year is 670 inmates, down from about a 729 average daily population in 2018.

Taylor said the majority of inmates at the jail, about 70 percent, are felons.

Inmates are given a score from 1-8 based on the risk they pose, with 1 being the highest risk, and Taylor said the jail is so overcrowded that there is no way to lock down inmates that are scored as 2's or 3's.

He also said that the

consequences of overcrowding include increased tensions, which results in fights between inmates and assault. Last year, there were two major assaults on deputies who work at the jail for the first time in the history of the facility, Taylor said.

Working conditions are a problem, too, because of a high inmate to deputy ratio that causes deputies to fear for their safety. Taylor said that results in stress, turnover, fatigue and low morale.

There are many structural issues at the jail as well, according to Taylor.

Earlier this month, there was a flood in the basement of the facility that saw 2 feet of water pour into an elevator shaft.

Structural damage at the jail includes beam separation, supporting beam decomposition, and diagonal cracks and bowing of cement

block.

The damage even presents an escape risk, Taylor said, without elaborating because he doesn't want inmates to be able to ascertain where deficiencies may exist.

If the ballot questions to fund a jail make the November ballot, they may be sharing space with bond proposals from the Pueblo City-County Library District and Pueblo City Schools (D60).

The library district is expected to ask voters to reauthorize an existing bond for the continuation of services district-wide.

And while the D60 board hasn't reached a final decision, it's a good bet that a bond measure to construct two new high schools and make upgrades to others will be on the November ballot.

Taylor said he realizes

that could be the reality, but said the need for a new jail is too urgent to wait.

"We have to have this jail," he said. "I can't expect my people to continue to work in a facility like that, and the maintenance folks from the county. The No. 1 priority in my mind is the risk involved in not addressing this issue. We've got to address this issue."

In the 2017 election, voters shot down a jail ballot measure asking for a temporary sales tax increase of just less than a half cent per dollar to invest in a new jail and treatment center. The no votes outnumbered the yes votes on that measure by about 3,000. And in 2015, another measure to fund building a new jail was shot down by about an 8,000-vote margin.

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Parkview has new stroke-reduction device

By Jon Pompia

The Pueblo Chieftain

Parkview Medical Center is one of the first hospitals in the state to deploy a new treatment that can help prevent strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation not caused by a heart valve problem.

The WATCHMAN is deployed via catheter into the left atrial appendage — an area of the heart where blood clots typically form — to prevent them from entering the bloodstream. This can reduce the risk of stroke for people with non-valvular atrial fibrillation and, over time, might allow patients on blood-thinning medications such as Coumadin to stop taking them.

Drs. Kathleen Brown and Charles W. Stout, with Pueblo Cardiology Associates, implanted the first WATCHMAN devices in patients in May.

"I think there is a huge

unmet need here," said Brown. "There are 5 million people in the U.S. with atrial fibrillation and this number is expected to double by 2050. We have a disproportionately high incidence of atrial fibrillation in Pueblo and the surrounding area.

"We have identified more than 2,500 patients in our practice alone who are currently on anti-coagulation."

Brown said one in five strokes occur in patients with atrial fibrillation.

"These are not usually small strokes," she continued. "Strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation are more debilitating than those occurring in patients without it." The WATCHMAN, which is lifelong and cannot be removed, is implanted in a one-time procedure done under general anesthesia. Although the procedure takes about an hour, Brown said patients may be away from their loved ones for a

bit longer based on surgery preparation and the administration of anesthesia.

Patients commonly stay in the hospital overnight and leave the following day.

"The recovery is minimal," Brown added. "Most of my patients are back to their regular routine within a week at the longest."

To be a candidate for the device, patients must be recommended to be on anti-coagulation based on risk factors for stroke, which include heart failure, being over 65, diabetes, history of stroke or transient ischemic attack, history of vascular disease and female gender.

Patients must have a reason to not be on anticoagulation and can't have an existing clot in the heart. Also, there are certain types of anatomy that will make a patient unsuitable for a device.

"Patients must be referred for the procedure and at

least two physicians must document that they have discussed the procedure with the patient," Brown said.

The implementation of the WATCHMAN device is a milestone for patients in Southern Colorado, said Parkview President and CEO Leslie Barnes.

"This is a great example of how Parkview Medical Center's investment into new technology translates to better outcomes and better quality of life for our community," Barnes said. "We couldn't be more excited to launch this new program."

Those wishing to learn more about the WATCHMAN and atrial fibrillation are invited to a presentation at the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library at noon on July 23.

Call 584-4760 to reserve a seat.

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LOCAL NEWS

Levy would keep library funding

By Jon Pompia
The Pueblo Chieftain

Since 1999, most Pueblo County property owners have been paying a few dollars a year to support the growth of the Pueblo City-County Library District.

Now, with that general construction bond set to expire at the year's end, the library district's board of trustees plans to ask voters in November to renew that funding so programs and services library users have come to expect will continue.

The bond currently in place adds 0.6 mills per \$100,000 of assessed property value to a tax bill. In dollars and cents, a homeowner with a residence assessed at \$100,000 has been paying an extra \$4.30 per year, with that amount increasing with a property's value.

The proposed measure renews the 0.6 mills as an addition to the general mill levy rather than a bond. This will allow the money to be used to provide library services and programs, buy new books and other materials, and refresh

library buildings, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

And, as no debt will be incurred, there will be no interest payments, ensuring that all generated funds are spent on the designated purposes. Unlike the 20-year bond, however, the mill levy addition would not expire.

The library district says there is a pressing need for the funding stream to continue.

"I feel a great deal of confidence in the people that they will renew the funding," said Jon Walker, executive director

of the library district. "But in the event that it isn't, our financials go upside down by 2021, and we would be in the red."

"And what that means is the library services, programs, activities and facilities that we've known for the last several years are not sustainable."

"We're not asking for more money," added Doreen Martinez, president of the library board of trustees. "It's simply a continuation of what people have been seeing on their

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tax bills for the past 20 years. And we don't feel like it's a lot.

"So voting 'yes' means the continuation of special programs for children's education and entertainment, the free and open gathering place we offer, and the books, technology and movies that we are continually adding. We serve every population, from young children to the elderly."

The board also points out that

based on the state's Gallagher Amendment, an increase in Denver metro area property values has translated to a loss of more than \$800,000 for the local library district since 2017.

In order to gauge the public's interest in renewing the funding, a recently formed Vote Pueblo Library Proud collective hosted a series of community engagement forums throughout the county. Based on the positive response from those who participated, the board of trustees feel confident in placing the measure on the ballot.

"We talked with hundreds

of people over three months," Walker said. "Most people don't even realize that they are paying that tax and certainly didn't realize it is going away. And everybody that we engaged with said we should continue with it."

Walker also pointed out that a live interview telephone poll conducted in February revealed that 85% of respondents would vote to continue the library tax.

"In the last few years, we have been very proud that the Pueblo library has received all the accolades, including the best library in America,"

Walker said. "We have literally thousands of people who walk through our doors every day: on the average, 4,600 a day at all seven of our libraries, who check out more than 8,000 books and other library materials. Every day, 3,500 people are logging onto library computers."

"And about 900 people a day are attending library-sponsored cultural and educational programs."

Those numbers, Walker said, show the extensive bond that exists between the community and its libraries.

"It's important to me that

the investment that the public makes in its libraries has a good return. We've worked very hard to make that so," he said. "But the risk is that unless we continue this modest tax, that will change."

On July 25, the board of trustees is expected to meet and formally approve placement of the tax question on the November ballot.

For more information, visit pueblolibrary.org/pueblolibraryproud.

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Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo
Blvd.
**All Pueblo Grows Seed-
Lending Library:** 9:30 to
11:30 a.m., community
seed exchange, Thurston
Room of the Robert Hoag
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New Books From the Pueblo City-County Library District

Fiction

1. Girls Like Us – Christina Alger*
2. Whisper Network – Chandler Baker*
3. Fleishman Is in Trouble – Taffy Brodesser-Akner*
4. **Shamed:** A Kate Burkholder Novel – Linda Castillo*
5. The New Girl – Daniel Silva*
6. The Nickel Boys – Colson Whitehead*

Non-Fiction

1. **The Land of Flickering Lights:** Restoring America in
an Age of Broken Politics – Michael Bennet*
2. **Shortest Way Home:** One Mayor's Challenge and a
Model for America's Future – Pete Buttigieg*
3. **The Vagabonds:** The Story of Henry Ford and
Thomas Edison's Ten-Year Road Trip – Jeff Guinn*
4. **The Sixth Man:** A Memoir – Andre Iguodala*
5. **Shadowlands:** Fear and Freedom at the Oregon
Standoff – Anthony McCann*
6. **Late Migrations:** A Natural History of Love and
Loss – Margaret Renkl*

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FOCUS ON EDUCATION

LOCAL EDUCATION BRIEFS

Leadership Institute

Nine area high school students were honored for completing the Pueblo Library Foundation's 2019 Leadership Institute.

The graduates are Ryan Belmont and Krystyana Rodriguez (South High School); Caroline Catulli, Rhyann Gonzales and Chantel Montoya (Central High School); Allysen Duysen (Pueblo West High School); Layne Martinez (East High School); Nicolette Martinez (Pueblo County High School); and Madelyn Reese (Swallows Charter Academy.) The program teaches young women in high school how to be effective leaders and create positive change in the community. To qualify, participants must carry at least a 3.0 GPA, have high character and community involvement, and be involved in school activities or athletics.

Voters to decide fate of Pueblo Library Mill Levy

Posted: 10:27 PM, Jul 25, 2019 **Updated:** 11:01 PM, Jul 25, 2019



By: Caiti Blase



7/26/2019

Voters to decide fate of Pueblo Library Mill Levy



PUEBLO — In November voters in Pueblo County will have the chance to say yay or nay to a mill levy to fund their libraries.

Thursday night the Board of Trustees for the Library Distract unanimously approved putting the option on this year's ballot.

"It generates approximately one million dollars a year and that all goes to public library services, new books, employment of all of our staff, but mainly our programs and services that the public enjoys every day," said Jon Walker, executive director of the Pueblo City-County Library District.

A mill levy has been in place for the last 20 years and it's scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

DIVERSIONS

StoryKeepers at InfoZone

StoryKeepers will host its August session at 10 a.m. Aug. 3 at the InfoZone Theatre in the Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave. The theme is "Survivor Stories," and attendees are encouraged to come and share their story of survival, whether that be through an accident, illness, or other life event. Refreshments will be served. This is a free community event held monthly sponsored by the Pueblo Area Association on Aging and Share the Journey. The setting is open-mic style and all are welcome. Questions may be directed to Ellyn Reynolds at 251-9808.

LOCAL NEWS

FOCUS ON: LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senate hopeful visits; library measure approved

By Jon Pompia and
Ryan Severance
The Pueblo Chieftain

Democrat Mike Johnston, who is hoping to unseat Cory Gardner and gain Colorado's U.S. Senate seat, stopped in Pueblo on Thursday to meet with voters.

At the Union Depot, about two dozen constituents visited with Johnston, asking questions about health care and prescription drug costs, criminal justice reform, immigration and higher education. Johnston stressed that his experience as a teacher and principal, as well as a two-term state senator from Denver, has equipped him to address those and other issues.

"Cory Gardner has stood with this administration at every opportunity and voted with Trump 99% of the time. Unlike him, I will listen to Coloradans and make real progress on the

issues that matter most, like health care, immigration, gun safety, and addressing the climate crisis," Johnston said.

"It's clear people across Colorado are fed up with Cory Gardner's failed leadership in Washington, and excited to unseat him and elect a Senator that fights for them. While Cory Gardner has voted with Trump 99 percent of the time and created new problems on everything from immigration to taxes to health care, I've spent my life running at the hardest problems and am ready to do that in the U.S. Senate."

Johnston said he campaign is centered around the people of Colorado, "and I'm honored for the grassroots support we have built since the beginning of this campaign."

Library trustees put measure on ballot

On Thursday, the board of trustees of the Pueblo City-County Library District voted 7-0 vote to approve a resolution referring a continued library funding measure to the Nov. 5 ballot.

Since 1999, property owners have been paying .603 mills to fund the library district's growth. The resolution passed by the board Thursday would reauthorize that tax but at a lower level of .6 mills, a half percent decrease.

The cost of this mill levy is \$4.30 per year, or 36 cents per month, per \$100,000 in actual home value. So the owner of a \$300,000 home would continue to pay about \$1 per month for local libraries.

All of the funds would be used to continue to pay for local library programs, services and facilities.

"Our community is proud of our libraries and the board of trustees believes the public funding for libraries needs to

continue to keep our libraries strong," said library board president Doreen Martinez, adding that libraries are a source of great community pride and have been lauded nationwide.

In addition to being named America's Best Library and a national Four Star Library, the local organization received the prestigious 2018 National Medal for Museum and Library Services.

Recent community surveys, community forums and meetings assured the board of trustees there is broad community support for local libraries.

The Pueblo County Commissioners are expected to consider the matter Aug. 1, at which time they might vote to formally place the measure on the November ballot.

Police receive grant for seat belt enforcement

The Pueblo Police Department is receiving a "Click it or Ticket" grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Colorado Department of Transportation that would allow the department to increase its efforts in seat belt enforcement.

Police officials said they anticipate that a continued enforcement presence would be needed to have a long-lasting impact on those who fail to wear their seat belts.

Police officers have responded to many serious injury or fatal accidents in which the occupants of vehicles have not been wearing their seat belts, and this CDOT Funding will allow for the dedication of full-time officers to address these issues, according to the department.

City Council approved and accepted the grant money in a unanimous vote Monday night.

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2. Lady in the Lake – Laura Lippman*
3. Window on the Bay – Debbie Macomber*
4. Gods of Jade and Shadow – Silvia Moreno-Garcia*
5. Lost and Found – Danielle Steel*
6. The Lager Queen of Minnesota – J. Ryan Stradal*

Non-Fiction

1. **Trust First:** A True Story About the Power of Giving People Second Chances – Bruce Deel*
2. **The Nocturnal Brain:** Nightmares, Neuroscience, and the Secret World of Sleep – Guy Leschziner*
3. **Because Internet:** Understanding the New Rules of Language – Gretchen McCulloch*
4. **The Liberation of Paris:** How Eisenhower, de Gaulle, and von Choltitz Saved the City of Light – Jean Edward Smith*
5. **The Life of a Wannabe Mogul:** Mental Disarray – Bella Thonre*
6. **State of the Heart:** Exploring the history, Science, and Future of Heart Disease – Haider Warraich*

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Library to host ADA symposium

The Pueblo City-County Library District and the Pueblo ADA Advisory Committee will host the Southern Colorado ADA Symposium scheduled from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 31 at the Robert Hoag Rawlings

Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo, Ave.

The day-long event will give service providers, advocates and community members the chance to learn about the history of the Americans with Disabilities Act; engage in interactive programs to experience what it's like to have various disabilities; explore the legal rights of people with disabilities; connect with local resources and more.

At noon in the Ryals Room on the fourth floor, the Colorado Trust keynote luncheon will feature standup comedian, author and disability advocate Nina G. Despite having a stutter, Nina G has traveled the

country performing at comedy clubs and colleges as well as being the keynote speaker at various conferences.

Part of the comedy troupe The Comedians with Disabilities Act, Nina G brings laughter and awareness to audiences of all ages.

A complimentary lunch will be provided, but reservations are required and can be made by calling, 562-5624.

To view a full event schedule, go to pueblolibrary.org. For those who require auxiliary aides or ASL interpreter services, call Amy Nelson at 562-5624 or by email to amy.nelson@pueblolibrary.org by Aug. 26.