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ORIGINS OF THE RIVALRY

The rivalry between Centennial High School and Pueblo Central High School has a storied history dating back to the year 1892, making it a significant part of high school football culture in Pueblo. While the rivalry itself has deep roots, the matchup that is now known as the Bell Game officially began in 1950. This transformation was made possible by Lou Rhoades, a dedicated fan of Pueblo high school football, who wanted to create a

tangible symbol of the competition.

Rhoades generously donated a bell from an old C&W Railway Engine, envisioning it as a trophy that would be awarded to the winner of this contentious rivalry. According to his vision, the team that emerged victorious would be given the honor of painting the cart that carries the "Victory Bell" in their school colors, thereby fostering a healthy competitive spirit between the two schools until their next encounter. The inaugural game saw Central

triumph with a score of 40-27, setting the stage for nearly 75 years of high-intensity matchups that continue to spark enthusiasm among students, alumni, and the local community.

A MILESTONE YEAR

This year marked a particularly significant milestone in this ongoing saga, as it was the 125th clash between the two esteemed institutions. On this momentous occasion, Pueblo Central showcased its athletic prowess

and strategic skill on the field, delivering a dominant performance that culminated in a comprehensive victory with a score of 56-0.

This triumph not only highlighted Central's supremacy in this year's edition of the Bell Game but also extended their winning streak to six consecutive games against the Bulldogs—a feat that represents their longest stretch of victories in the rivalry over the

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PUEBLO NATIVE RUNS FOR DIST. ATTORNEY, VOWS SAFETY & JUSTICE

[PUEBLO, CO] – Kala Beauvais, a proud 5th generation Puebloan and the Chief Trial Deputy of Pueblo's District Attorney's Office, officially announced her candidacy for the position of

Born and raised in Pueblo, Beauvais brings a

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"READY FOR A NEW CHAPTER IN PUEBLO...",

by Paula McPheeters

Pueblo is at a unique point in its history. Our community is facing many challenges. I'm hearing it repeatedly: The status quo of division isn't getting us very far in terms of solving the issues we face as a community.

We've had several years of focus on political division, with the idea that what divides us defines us. Can we turn the corner and focus on what unites us? We all want freedom and safety. We want a government that will work for us, not against us.

There was a president in my lifetime who understood the power of unity. Ronald Reagan's 80/20 rule was, "The person who agrees with you 80% of the time is a friend and ally, not a 20% traitor." He knew that centering ourselves around what we share created the tipping point for cooperation and problem solving. Our political infighting has lost sight of the human side of why people think or do things a

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More Than \$16.6 Million Invested by City of Pueblo Since 2021 for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure Development

PUEBLO—The City of Pueblo has committed \$16,689,681 to housing development, infrastructure investment and homeless outreach assistance since 2021. Many residents and community partners questioned where the City of Pueblo’s resources were to address unhoused outreach and support during the September 3-5 clean up located between the 8th Street and 4th Street bridges along Fountain Creek.

“The reality is that time and time again the City has provided resources to the unhoused population through several different avenues in the last

few years through direct and indirect funding sources,” said Mayor of Pueblo Heather Graham. “At what point do we as citizens start

asking for civic accountability? We can only help the individuals who want the help, and we will continue to do so.”

The City of Pueblo has committed \$8,646,017 from 2022 to 2024 through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding. These funds include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Grant, Housing Rehabilitation Loans and Housing Development Loan Funds (HDLF). This funding assists with the housing rehab program, the HOME development loan fund, affordable housing and other grant programs to improve housing infrastructure in Pueblo.

These HUD grants are federal grants received by the City of Pueblo, which are appropriated on an annual basis to assist with projects like home ownership, eviction diversion and addressing infrastructure needs in

low-income neighborhoods. The \$8.6 million in funding allocated in the last three years has included the \$400,000 allocation of the Pueblo Rescue Mission building for the “Porchlight” campus which allows for emergency sheltering of an additional 100 beds, comprehensive services like legal aid, mental healthcare and wrap around services to assist the unhoused community.

In addition to HUD grants received annually, over the last three years the City of Pueblo has allocated \$4,395,654 to non-departmental expenditures which include the nonprofits

in the community. Non-profit organizations can submit a budget request to the City of Pueblo during the summer of the current fiscal year to be considered for the following year. City Council approves and adopts the City budget in November on an annual basis.

Specific housing and homeless projects have been funded by the City of Pueblo through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) since 2021 with the \$36 million received by the City by the federal government. Of the \$36 million in ARPA allocations \$8,043,664 in funding can be broken into various categories which include emergency support funding, support services, housing projects, infrastructure and development.

Emergency funding through ARPA allocations totaled \$919,845. Allocations included in the emergency funding went to Crazy Faith Street Ministry for \$112,600 in 2023 to assist during emergency declarations issued by the Mayor’s Office and the Pueblo Rescue Mission

had reached its 90-bed shelter and emergency overflow capacity. Colorado Legal Services received \$280,694 for eviction prevention and diversion services. Posada received emergency funds for displaced families from an emergency sewer line repair at Skyview Apartments totaling \$23,588. Additionally, Posada received \$395,000 for 4-plex accommodations related to COVID-19 to assist with proper social distancing adherence during the pandemic. Pueblo Rescue Mission received operating support for \$107,963.

Support services for residents and the City’s unhoused population funded by ARPA dollars totaled \$2,313,819. These funding allocations help with support services for mental health, addiction treatment, overall care of individuals and paid work for the unhoused community of Pueblo.

In the \$2,313,819 allocated, include the following ARPA agreements with Pueblo nonprofits. Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado received \$200,000 for their WORKS program for support with homeless trash clean up coordinated with the Pueblo Parks and Recreation Team up to Clean Up program. Crossroads received \$750,000 for the construction of their new facility in Pueblo West. Pueblo Rescue Mission, homeless community clean up or HOPE project for \$38,819. Pueblo Community Soup Kitchen received hunger relief assistance of \$210,000. Friendly Harbor received \$75,000 for their peer support specialist program. Pueblo Cooperative Care received \$40,000 for the Mobile Showers Program. Colorado Health Network- Access Point Pueblo received \$25,000 to assist with syringe disposal and outreach. Southern Colorado Harm Reduction Association (SCHRA) received \$10,000 to support cold weather item distribution to unhoused individuals. SCHRA also received \$975,000 for the construction and support of the Bessemer Wellness Center.

“While I was on City Council, one of our top priorities was to address the issues of the unhoused,” said Mayor Graham. “We allocated a tremendous amount of emergency funds to different non-profits to help with winter support shelter options.”

Pueblo City Council also approved \$600,000 in ARPA funds to United Way of Pueblo County for the LEAD center which assists Pueblo nonprofit organizations, many of whom serve the unhoused residents of the community. United Way has been a key partner with Pueblo Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) and regularly awards community grants to fellow Pueblo nonprofits who serve the unhoused or individuals experiencing housing insecurity.

Housing projects and development infrastructure investment totaled \$4.2 million from ARPA allocations. Habitat for Humanity received \$300,000 for the construction and rehab of a single-family home. NeighborWorks of Southern Colorado also received \$900,000 for water and sewer infrastructure development for the new west side community neighborhood project, Pikes Peak Park with mixed-income community building with over 600 housing units for affordable homeownership. The City of Pueblo also committed \$3 million in funding for wastewater infrastructure to assist with the build out of the Wildhorse Extension Project, supporting future development.

The \$16.6 million invested since 2021 throughout the community serves for long-term housing development, emergency housing assistance and addresses current needs for individuals experiencing homelessness.

The City of Pueblo was established in 1842, incorporated in 1870 and is proudly called the “Home of Heroes” because of the record of four living recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor who claim Pueblo as their hometown. The City Seal, which is under the five flags, represents the countries and territories that held dominion over the Pueblo area which include France, Mexico, Texas, Spain and of course the United States of America. Pueblo was established at the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek and is well known for the Pueblo green chile grown in the region, the steel mill and the strong ethnic ties which create the welcoming community.



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SHARE YOUR GARDEN THROUGH THE OPEN DAYS PROGRAM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GARDEN CONSERVANCY, Pueblo CSU Extension Service, Keep Pueblo Beautiful seeks exceptional private gardens to open their garden gates in the areas surrounding Pueblo Coun-



ty, Colorado for the 2025 Open Days season.

Fueling America's passion for gardens, the Garden Conservancy's Open Days program is the only nationwide garden visiting program. We're a nationwide community of gardeners and garden enthusiasts teaching and inspiring each other and the public. From expert to novice, there is no better way to improve as a gardener than by experiencing a diverse range of gardens, and gardening traditions firsthand.

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in a broad range of gardens - from beautiful estates to backyard jewel box gardens, xeric landscape, to sweeping landscapes, or interesting hard-scaping. Please reach out to **Bill Zwick**, Pueblo County Regional Ambassador, 719-320-6483, keeppueblobeautiful@gmail.com or **Amy Murray**, Open Days

Program Manager, The Garden Conservancy; 845-424-6500 or amurray@gardenconservancy.org to find out how you can become involved for 2025 or beyond.

Funds raised through the Open Days program support the Garden Conservancy's preservation and grant-giving work across the country. 50% of the proceeds stay here in Pueblo, accepted by Keep Pueblo Beautiful.

The deadline for inclusion in the 2025 Open Days season is November 1, 2024. However, we encourage anyone interested in the program to reach out.

Keep Pueblo Beautiful mission is to promote and beautify Pueblo through preservation and education. It's Goals are to promote and support beautification efforts in the community; protect open lands; and develop resources to support activities.

For more information about this program, please visit GardenConservancy.org/open-days

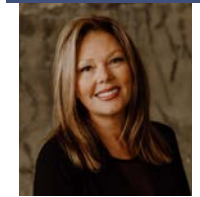
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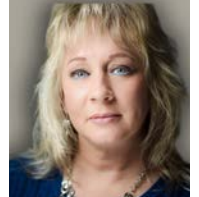
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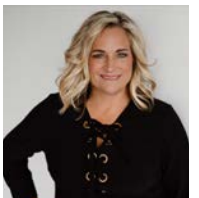
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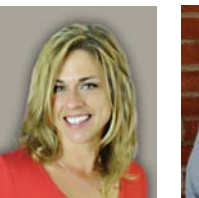
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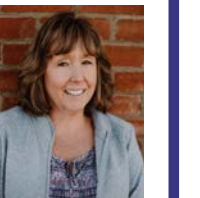
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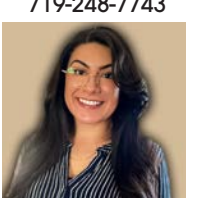


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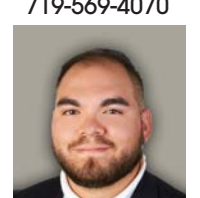
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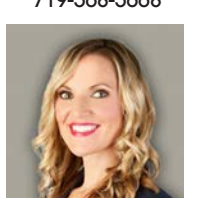
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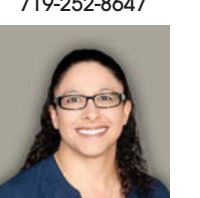
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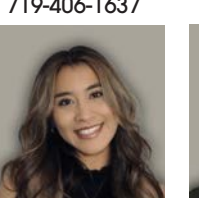
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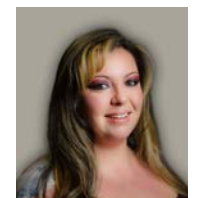
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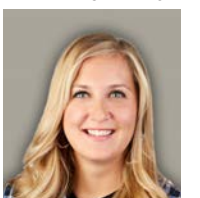
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Beef Chili w/ Cheese Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream Orange & Milk	2 Breaded Pollock Mac & Cheese Brussels Sprouts w/ Parm Apple & Milk	3 Pork Chop w/ Country Gravy Mashed Potatoes Succotash Apple & Milk	4 Tuna Casserole Roasted Butternut Squash Pear Milk
7 Chicken Cordon Bleu Sweet Potatoes Broccoli Banana & Milk	8 Beef Pot Pie w/Butter Milk Biscuit Lima Beans Apple & Milk	9 Chicken Alfredo WW Pasta Peas Tropical Fruit Milk	10 Pork Carnitas Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa & Tortillas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Diced Peaches & Milk	11 Cheese Ravioli Succotash Roll w/ Butter Tropical Fruit Milk
14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Silver Key Closed	15 Teriyaki Meat- balls Brown Rice Succotash Orange Milk	16 Crab Cake Broccoli Ched- dar Rice , Green Bean Almondine Roll w/Butter Orange & Milk	17 Beef Fagioli Soup Winter Blend Orange Milk	18 Chef's Choice Pork
21 Lasagna Roll w/ Meat Marinara Sauce Broccoli Pear & Milk	22 Southwestern Chicken Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Orange & Milk	23 Chicken Piccata WW Pasta Winter Blend w/ Parm, Cherry Cobbler & Milk	24 Sweet & Sour Beef, Brown Rice Asian Vegetables High Fiber Cookie Pear & Milk	25 Pork & Beef Meatballs w/ Mari- nara Sauce Pasta, Broccoli, Banana & Milk
28 Chicken Chimichanga w/ SW Black Beans Spanish Rice Banana & Milk	29 Beef Tips Mashed Potatoes Brussel Sprouts Apple & Milk	30 Chef's Choice Shellfish	31 Goulash w/ Cheese Green Bean Al- mondine Apple & Milk	 Happy Halloween

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SRDA MENU: 2024 MEALS ON WHEELS

SRDA Home Delivered Meals Menu October 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1-Oct	2-Oct	3-Oct	4-Oct
	Pork Tips (4) Multi Grain Rice w/ Peppers (27) Honey Dijon Brussel Sprouts (11) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Apple Fruit Cup (13) Milk (12) Calories: 860 Carbs: 82g Fiber: 9g Protein: 53g Fat: 39g Sodium: 815mg	Italian Chicken Sandwich Oven Roasted Vegetables (5) Orange, Beet & Spinach Salad (9) Squash Bisque Soup (15) Heavenly Hash (21) Milk (12) Calories: 540 Carbs: 63g Fiber: 7g Protein: 22g Fat: 29g Sodium: 500mg	Jambalaya (15) Red Beans (32) Cornbread (7) Creole Green Beans (7) Fresh Banana (18) Milk (12) Calories: 825 Carbs: 103g Fiber: 16g Protein: 45g Fat: 30g Sodium: 895mg	Salisbury Steak w/ Gravy (9) Roasted Red Potatoes (19) Honey glazed Carrots (17) Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges (18) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Milk (12) Calories: 720 Carbs: 93g Fiber: 10g Protein: 32g Fat: 29g Sodium: 475mg
7-Oct	8-Oct	9-Oct	10-Oct	11-Oct
Pizza Sandwich Winter Blend Veggies w/ Parm Caprese Salad Jello Cake Milk (12) 	French Onion Pork Chop (12) Herbed Rice (25) Honey Glazed Carrots (17) Dinner Roll w/margarine (22) Pineapple Tid Bits (10) Milk (12) / Choc. Banana Bar (24) Calories: 915 Carbs: 120g Fiber: 13g Protein: 52g Fat: 31g Sodium: 850mg	Chicken Alfredo w/pasta (31) Roasted Broccoli (6) Garlic Bread (15) Minestrone Soup (19) Fresh Grapes (18) Milk (12) Calories: 985 Carbs: 120g Fiber: 10g Protein: 48g Fat: 40g Sodium: 795mg	Brunswick Stew (17) Mixed Vegetables (13) Garlic & Cheddar Biscuit (19) Chilled Apricots (15) Oatmeal Cookie (17) Milk (12) Calories: 780 Carbs: 99g Fiber: 11g Protein: 45g Fat: 26g Sodium: 810mg	Arroz con Pollo (32) Sugar Snap Peas (7) Mexican Corn (17) Cranberry Apple Crumble (30) Raisin Nut Cup (22) Milk (12) Calories: 920 Carbs: 159g Fiber: 13g Protein: 41g Fat: 17g Sodium: 380mg*
14-Oct	15-Oct	16-Oct	17-Oct	18-Oct
 Closed for the Holiday No Meal Service Today	Chuck Wagon Steak (14) w/ gravy Noodles Romanoff w/peas () Calico Cabbage Cinnamon Applesauce Dinner Roll w/Marg (22) Milk (12) / Cookie (17) Calories: 1005 Carbs: 132g Fiber: 13g Protein: 39g Fat: 44g Sodium: 1190mg	Bean Burrito w/Green Chili (62) Cilantro Rice (18) Rancho Fiesta Vegetables (11) Sweet Potato Tortilla Soup (46) Diced Mango (14) Milk (12) Calories: 830 Carbs: 150g Fiber: 14g Protein: 23g Fat: 23g Sodium: 845mg	Pecan Crusted Chicken (13) Rosemary Polenta (18) Asparagus (2) German Chocolate Cake (32) Sliced Strawberries Milk (12) Calories: 825 Carbs: 82g Fiber: 9g Protein: 42g Fat: 41g Sodium: 700mg 	No Meal Service Today
21-Oct	22-Oct	23-Oct	24-Oct	25-Oct
No Meal Service Today	Beef Pot Pie (23) Calliflower Corn O'Brien (11) Fruit-Cup w/ Grapes (16) Butterscotch Blondie (54) Milk (12) Calories: 1085 Carbs: 150g Fiber: 13g Protein: 38g Fat: 42g Sodium: 830mg	Cajun Pork Roast (1) Rice Pilaf (18) Green Bean Medley (9) Broccoli & Cheese Soup (16) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Milk (12) / Banana (18) Calories: 785 Carbs: 89g Fiber: 11g Protein: 49g Fat: 31g Sodium: 740mg	Chicken Parmesan (16) Pasta w/ maranara (36) Brussel Sprouts (11) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Sliced Oranges (11) Milk (12) Calories: 825 Carbs: 113g Fiber: 14g Protein: 39g Fat: 30g Sodium: 1200mg	No Meal Service Today
28-Oct	29-Oct	30-Oct	31-Oct	1-Nov
No Meal Service Today	Shepard's Pie (30) Oregon Vegetable Blend Corn O'Brien (12) Dinner Roll w/Margarine (22) Gelatin w/ Mandarin Orange Milk (12) / Diced Peaches(15) Calories: 800 Carbs: 111g Fiber: 12g Protein: 41g Fat: 28g Sodium: 1020mg	Citrus & Herb Fish (54) Brown & Wild Rice Pilaf (38) Peas & carrots (10) Garden Vegetable Soup (8) Ambrosia (20) / Crackers (5) Milk (12) Calories: 745 Carbs: 104g Fiber: 10g Protein: 44g Fat: 21g Sodium: 785mg	Chili Relleno Casserole (10) Seasoned Black Beans (18) Capri Vegetable Mix (12) Pineapple Tidbits (11) w/ Cottage Cheese (4) Milk (12) Calories: 680 Carbs: 70g Fiber: 15g Protein: 54g Fat: 26g Sodium: 1115mg	No Meal Service Today

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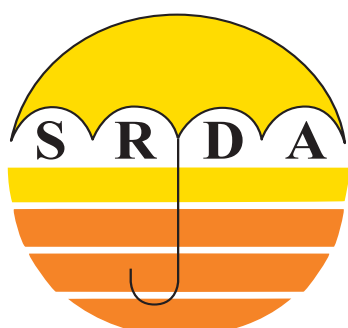


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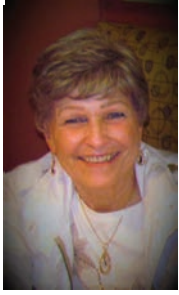
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'LIGHT FOR THE JOURNEY'

JAN MCLAUGHLIN
Columnist & founder of an international prison ministry



"A PEOPLE WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING"

In October 2014, the LFTJ article was titled A People Without Understanding. As I pondered what to write for this month, that article popped up. With everything that is occurring in our world today, it seemed appropriate to revisit the same subject. Truly, America has become a people without understanding. Much more so today than in 2014. Hosea 4:14 causes one to tremble if you believe in the God of the Bible and that His Word isn't just an old history book with pages and print. It IS God's Word, and we shouldn't take it lightly. Hosea 4:14 says, "A people without understanding will come to ruin!" Look around. What do you see?

Anyone with even a slight understanding of God's Word knows that Israel is God's chosen nation. Facts cannot be ignored. It isn't just Biblical truth, but historical evidence proves that God hovers over Israel, calling to her, wooing her to return to Him. Just as He promised through Old Testament Prophets, Israel is once again a nation. For centuries, she has suffered tremendous discipline from God because of her rebellion and unfaithfulness to Him. She will suffer much more before the Lord returns. Yet, He continues to pursue her,

He loves Israel and one day, there will be a remnant who will acknowledge Jesus as their Messiah and worship Him as Lord.

In the past, God was hovering over America, calling her to return to Him. Now, I wonder. . . have we gone too far? Is the precipice too wide? Too deep? Is it too late? Some believe it is too late. Others cling to the hope that it isn't, that perhaps God will give America one more chance. However, it seems that He is disciplining this nation. When witnessing the phenomenon of severe weather, floods, earthquakes, internal division, assassination attempts, hatred spewing from liberal media and politicians, you can't help but wonder. Are we being judged by Almighty God? One nationally known leader said, I am not wondering if God will bring judgement. Judgement is here.

I just heard a report that in America, there are 65 million evangelicals, those who profess to have a personal relationship with Jesus, believe the Bible is God's word, and attend church at least once a month. Of those 65 million, half are not registered to vote. And half of those who are registered, don't vote.

Christians should not vote for a person, but the policies of the person. Where does the person you favor stand on abortion, on infanticide, on mutilating children, on child trafficking, on nationalism, on criminal justice, on the sovereignty of America, on the border wall and more? Ask those questions of the person you plan to honor with your vote. Don't give your vote to someone with different values than your own. Which is more important, money or the lives of millions of babies? For love of your country and the secure future of your children and grandchildren, VOTE! Don't sit this one out. You have a voice. Use it before it is taken from you.

An elderly friend wrote an amazing poem about lighting a candle. The premise is that one candle doesn't make much difference, but many candles burning together can light up a cathedral. Your vote is like a candle. You may not think it makes a difference, but together with millions of others it can have a huge impact.

Proverbs 29:2 holds a promise and a warning for the righteous of a nation, but the people God is speaking to must do our part. "When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan" (Proverbs 29:2 NLT). So will we rejoice or groan after this next election. The answer is truly up to "We the People!"

Reading through the Old Testament is often like reading a local newspaper. If your heart breaks as mine does for our country and our world, please join me in praying for revival for our nation. Our world appears to be winding down and my heart cry is, "Maranatha, come Lord Jesus. Come."

God said, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and heal their land." Is the body of Christ united in prayer for revival in our country . . . for healing of our

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DISTRICT 60 SEEKS TO KEEP SECRETS FROM PARENTS

The background: The Colorado Legislature passed a law (which Gov. Polis signed) last session (HB24-1039) that directs school districts to develop policies to accommodate a student's request for a non-legal name change. These requests are made most typically to reflect the student's preferred gender identity.

Essentially the law requires school districts to adopt policies that respect these requests and define non-compliance as discrimination and a civil rights violation. The issue is whether or not parents are informed of these requests and included in the conversation.

The law does not direct that parents be included, or that they be excluded. It leaves the development of a policy to implement the requirements of the law up to the individual districts.

Locally, the D70 School Board (Pueblo county) recently implemented a policy that requires a parent/guardian to co-sign the student's request. This ensures that parents are aware of the child's preference and can have important conversations about this before implementation. If the parent/

guardian consents, then the school can confidently implement the policy knowing parents are fully aware of and supportive of the change. This is the correct, pro-parental involvement approach.

However, the first draft of the D60 (city schools) policy apparently does NOT require parental consent. Which means they would honor the student's request whether or not the parent/guardian agrees. It also appears there is no specific requirement that the parent be notified proactively. This approach encroaches upon the parent's rights and responsibilities. It deliberately places a wedge between the child and the parent. Recent emails and in-person testimony to Dr. Kimzey and the D60 Board have suggested that its not "safe" for the school to inform and involve parents.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Email the D60 Superintendent, Dr. Barbara Kimzey, and request the draft be revised to include parental involvement and consent in these requests. Copy the D60 Board of Education. **PLEASE do this before the Board's upcoming** ▶ SEE DIST 60, NEXT PAGE

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TWISTERS IS THE MOVIE THAT FRIGHTENED ME THE MOST SO FAR THIS YEAR. It deals with dedicated storm chasers, who have to go into the tornado to study it and/or to lessen the damage. Don't mix it up with TWISTER, an exciting 1996 film starring Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. This one deals with different people and takes place much later with newer technology

TWISTERS co-stars Daisy Edgar-Jones and Glen Powell, who also starred in 2 more movies this year. Those were very different types of roles for Glen (THE HIT MAN and ANYONE BUT YOU, which both show his comedy ability). Daisy, an English actress, has stage credits as well as TV. Although marvelous special effects take over at times, both these stars deliver excellent performances. I enjoyed watching the slow chemistry develop between them. Supporting actor Anthony Ramos (IN THE HEIGHTS) also deserves recognition as Javi, a friend of Kate interested in business.

Time for a film poem.

How to handle a tornado?

Kate, Tyler, Javi want to know.

Too bad Kate has made a mistake.

Thinking about it starts her shake.

Will she get back into the game

or still remain within her shame?

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As mentioned, I am impressed with the performances of Daisy Edgar-Jones and Glen Powell. Daisy has a difficult role as Kate but manages it well. And Glen is great as a good-natured cowboy who cares about Kate.

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along with them while being frightened every minute, just like I felt while watching the scary tornado faced by Judy Garland in THE WIZARD OF OZ way back in 1939. My late husband always said that Garland one couldn't be matched, but I think TWISTERS finally does the trick. More praise to the special effects people.

Don't miss this one! But be prepared for lots of scares and chills.

Today, the technology is there to give early and ample warning when a powerful tornado approaches. When a tornado strikes, all of us are at risk. --- Spencer Bachus

(Available now on Prime Video. Rated PG-13)

◀ FROM DIST 60 PREV PAGE **work session on October 10, 2024.**

A suggested email from parents, etc.:

Hello! My name is and I am a (parent, guardian, grandparent) of a child currently attending a D60 school.

I recently heard that you are working on a new policy in regards to non-legal name change requests from students, in response to the requirements of HB24-1039. While the intent of this legislation is noble - to ensure that a child's request for a non-legal name change is taken seriously and acted upon, I believe it is critical that parents are informed and involved in this decision. In fact, I can't believe that the district staff would even consider a policy that would set a precedent for keeping secrets and excluding parents from being involved in these decisions. Parents/guardians are ultimately responsible for the safety and well-being of our children. HB24-1039 leaves it up to the individual school districts to set their own policies. I am asking you to establish a standard of no secrets and no wedge between a parent and

their child, by adopting a policy to implement the requirements or HB24-1039 that includes parents or guardians in these important conversations by requiring a parent/guardian signature on a Student Request Form, ensuring that parents are aware of their child's preference and of the request for the non-legal name change.

Thank you!

Signed:
Parent/Guardian/Grandparent

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The Board of County Commissioners serves as the administrative and policy-setting authority of Pueblo County. The function of the board is to provide services outlined in the Constitution of the State of Colorado. The most important functions include approving an annual balanced budget, overseeing the provision of government services, land use management, engineering/public works, roads and bridges, housing and human services, veterans, and social services. Pueblo has three county commissioners. This election year, we will vote for two of them and I am running for one of those seats. My objective is to serve all citizens in that role because the job of local government is to serve everyone regardless of their political belief or party.

I believe stewardship is the quality that must stand out with anyone we elect to office. Citizens shouldn't have to worry about their government; they should be confident that their interests are primary. Transparency is key to assuring citizens their government works for them. Ultimately, the job is about stewardship. If elected to serve, my focus will be clear – to do the job I have been hired to do.

As your Pueblo County Commissioner, I will work cooperatively with the other commissioners and other elected officials in Pueblo County. We cannot solve the greater problems we face by working in our own silos of thought. We need leadership, not political gamesmanship. As a steward of your tax dollars, my job will be to make decisions based upon what is best for our citizens. I have four priorities that will guide my decisions for funding. First will be a focus on public safety. It has been said that a safe community is like a tax credit for small business. Without a safe community, business can't grow.

We are at a crossroads. I believe we must put resources toward the functions of government that will preserve our freedom and our safety. Our law enforcement must be supported through appropriate funding. Crime, homelessness and addiction must be addressed to provide a safe community for all residents.

Second, I will focus on infrastructure needs. Roads, water, fire mitigation and other needs are displayed in unique ways throughout the county. We must adequately plan to fund those needs in the near and long term. Working with metro boards and other leadership needs to happen to ensure that all facets of these issues are considered.

Third, I'll focus on economic development. I want to work closely with our business community and educational leaders to identify opportunities to grow our workforce. We have opportunities to expand our business footprint, but we also have challenges. As elected officials, we need to find ways to make our county an attractive one for business. Dealing with our challenges is critical to addressing this priority. It will take time and honest conversations, but we need those if we are to grow.

Finally, we need a government that provides transparency. We need solid communication strategies. Whether it is through a website, social media or local media, Pueblo County needs to make it easy for citizens to interact with their government. Finding the information you need shouldn't be a struggle.

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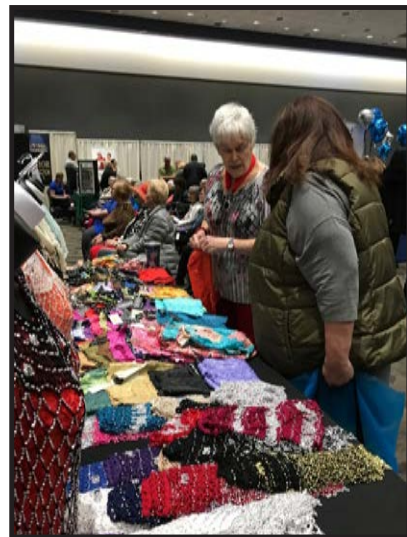


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With a career spent in budgeting, grants and grants compliance, I have a skill set that is tailored for the job of commissioner. My work experience and education have prepared me well. I will be working to make Pueblo a better place to live and do business. It is time for Pueblo to turn the page. We need a government that works together for you, the citizens. As you consider the candidates,

I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve you. Let's take the next step toward a Pueblo that puts first things first – for all of us.

Paula McPheeters, candidate, Pueblo County Commissioner

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Beauvais graduated from Pueblo County High School and attended Colorado State University Pueblo, where she laid the foundation for her academic pursuits. She furthered her education by earning a law degree from the University of Wyoming.

Driven by her passion for justice and a desire to serve her hometown, Beauvais

returned to Pueblo in 2012, commencing her career at the District Attorney's Office in county court. Through dedication and hard work, she steadily ascended the ranks to her current role as Chief Trial Deputy in the DA's office, gaining valuable experience in prosecuting a diverse range of cases from traffic violations to first-degree murder.

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A July 31, 2024 a survey published in the JAMA Network Open by a team co-led by investigators at Massachusetts General Hospital, found that **of more than 400,000 U.S. adults surveyed the majority had a major change in their trust of physicians and hospitals.**

To quote the report. **“The proportion of adults reporting a lot of trust for physicians in hospitals decreased from 71.5% in April 2020 to 40.1% in January 2024.** Features associated with lower trust as of the spring and summer of 2023 included age 25 to 64 years, female gender, lower educational level, lower income, and living in a rural setting. These associations persisted even after accounting for partisanship—that is, they weren't simply an indication of someone's political affiliation.”

The report continued. **“Among the leading contributors to low trust were concerns about financial motives, quality of care, influence of other entities or agendas, and perception of discrimination or bias.”**

A Forbes Magazine report from August 2022 went further back than COVID for the lack of trust in the medical/insurance complex. The article was titled **“Twelve Years After Obamacare and We Are Worse Off Than Ever.”**

The report states, **“While increasing affordable access to insurance coverage to pay for healthcare services was a primary focus of the legislation, especially for the approximately 30 million Americans without such coverage, it was an expensive, bureaucratic, complex, often contradictory law that increased the cost of healthcare services, changed the landscape and made some services less accessible for many. It is true that some provisions were wildly popular, like requiring commercial insurers to cover all-comers at community rates regardless of pre-existing conditions, making available a list of primary care services, and enabling children under the age of 26 to remain on parental policies. These reforms were clearly improvements on the current system, but they came with a price and didn't bend the cost curve or improve health outcomes.”**

Recent Gallup polls also tell the story; in

2022, only 17% of Americans said they were very satisfied with the quality of their health-care, 29% were somewhat satisfied, and a majority (53%) were somewhat to very dissatisfied with the quality.

Further, 64% were very or somewhat dissatisfied with the availability of affordable healthcare.

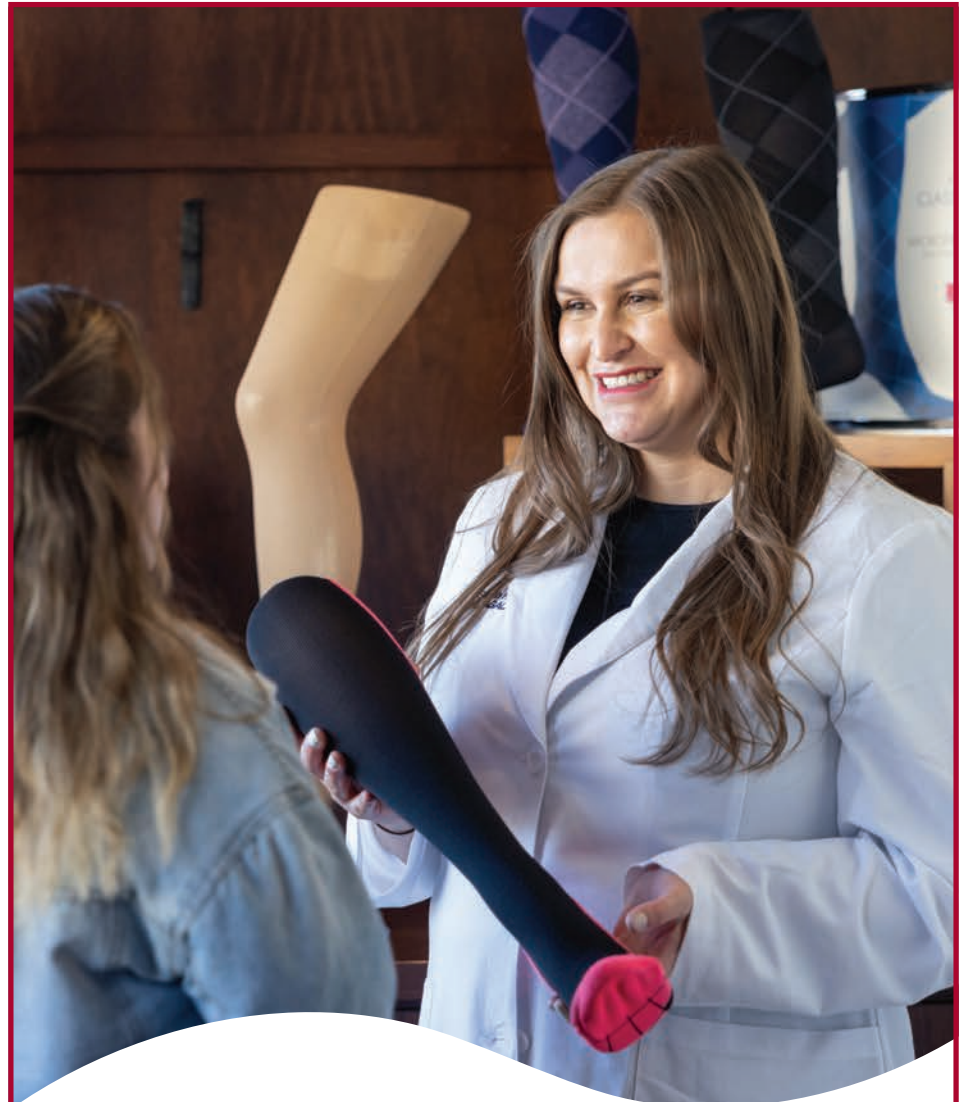
The Forbes article concludes, **“What we have is a deteriorating system that is failing Americans on all of its main dimensions: quality, affordability, and accessibility. No doubt, dissatisfaction ran high on these dimensions before PPACA, but even with a period of short-term and positive approval for the handling of the pandemic, we are back where we started.”**

Here are a few things I have observed you can count on with modern medicine as it is.

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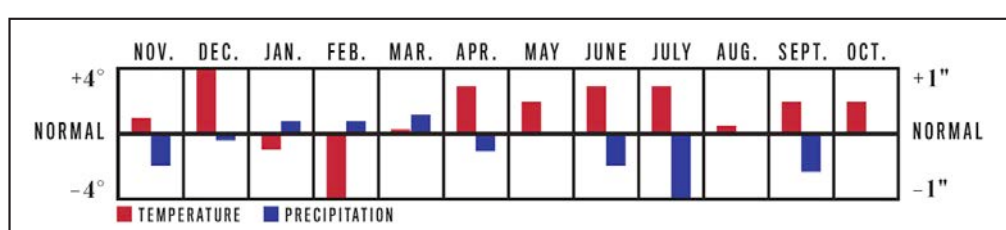
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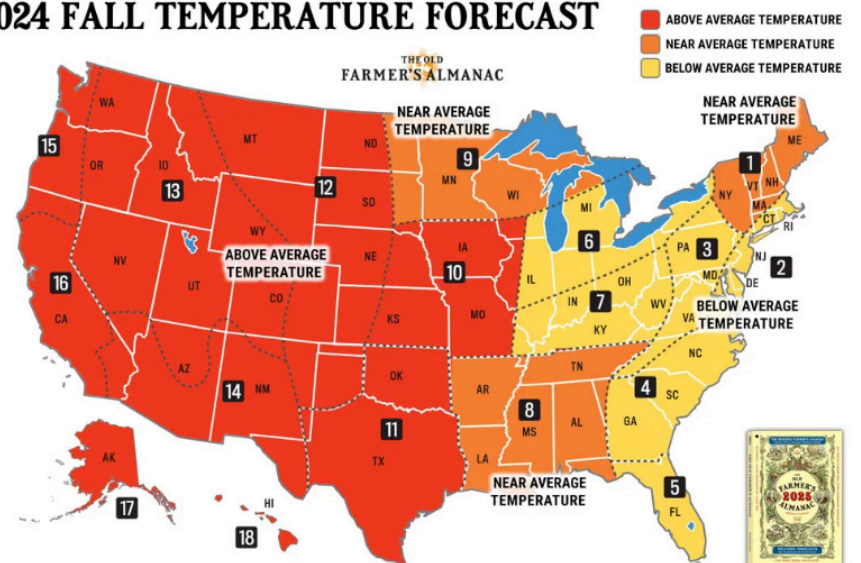
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HISTORIC EVENTS: SUPERNATURAL ACTIVITIES: GHOSTLY ENCOUNTERS.

GLEN VOLLMECKE
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**Solomon's
Mines. Imagine.**

Except for my bizarre stories on fairies, usually my narratives in the Beacon pertain to fact, any resemblance to fiction is purely coincidental, for instance legends, which much to our delight remain shrouded in secrecy, also permit our imagination to strengthen, allowing senses to improve and sharpen. Therefore, all my stories help satisfy the rational mind with historical accounts. These next columns will pertain to mysterious events, as yet to be proven by logical metaphors. Keeping one's mind open is imperative.

But additionally unsubstantiated events are questionable regarding their validity. Our next mystery encompasses archeological methods of exploration; research by professionals for hundreds of years concerning King Solomon's era, and his undiscovered mines. Ancient Israel 962-1002. His throne inherited from his father David, this

king was intellectually wise, and unbelievably wealthy. According to the Christian Old Testament Book, cargo shipments of gold, silver, ivory, peacocks and apes arrived from Ophir, all designated to enhance the king's wealth to a higher degree. His eventual romantic affiliation with the Queen of Sheba combined their assets even more. Her camels, rare spices, gold and precious stones were unbelievable attributes, enhancing their mutual wealth. She arrived with riddles, longing to tap into Solomon's wisdom. After several years their union bore a son, named Menilek, who when crowned founded the royal Solomonic dynasty of Ethiopia which ruled until the deposition of Haile Selassie in 1974. Legend dictates the Queen of Sheba (Makeda) also appears among the Persians (probably derived from Jewish tradition) where she's considered the daughter of a Chinese king and a peri (a fairylike being of Persian Mythology.)

One can only imagine their concern in order to preserve their exorbitant affluence. Due to their merger, although apparently not marriage per se, significant commercial relations between ancient Israel and southern Arabia occurred. Obviously two people of similar inner strength and intellect formed a formidable pair.

Numerous, heavily armed guards would be deployed permanently defending these coveted chattels of opulence. Countless containers of Frankincense, multiple jewelry pieces, rings necklaces and pendants, also innumerable silver and gold bars. Not to mention the gorgeous stately peacocks which wandered at random around their palaces, all a sign of extreme

affluence. Decades later, during 1885 H. Rider Haggard's fictional novel resulted in interest in that specific era which gained momentum. His imaginary location was Saharan Africa, in contrast to the accurately represented original area

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mentioned here. Since Haggard's book, four film and miniseries were produced. Obviously over time, many treasure hunters have tried in vain to locate Ophir, the recognized expanse of the mines. All anticipated wealth and recognition. Surely the mines merely waited to be opened, and explored? Scientifically eager to solve this mystery was mid-20th century archeologist Nelson Glueck. Comparison of biblical accounts related to his surveys, projected its location to be in Southern Israel. He believed the mines to be located in the Great Rift Valley, south of the Dead Sea, in the ancient land of Edom. After much deliberation and shared research, as late as 2008 Israeli archeologists located the multiple potential mining sites used during Solomon's reign, but several years later in Israel's Timma Valley captivating discoveries appeared. Evidence of copper smelting activity arose: (used for tools of war.) but sadly, not sufficient assurance of physical mines dating back to 900 BC:

signs didn't appear with substantial results solving the mystery of Solomon's wealth, and its puzzling location. Subsequently the actual existence of this ancient land of

Ophir remains uncertain. For multiple centuries, since the Bible's origination, dramatists and writers contributed to multiple religious theories, continuously agreeing that Ophir was directly associat-

ed to Solomon's mines. Alexandrian geographer Ptolemy (c. CE 100-170) theorized that Ophir's location was positioned at



the mouth of the Indus River, which remarkably is today's Pakistan. Presently

searches for Ophir are relegated to more modern methods of excavation in the vicinity of Israel. Conceivably one day, in the future, some innocent explorer picking blackberries, will 'stumble' upon the enormous wealth hidden underground. Believe it or not!

Thought for the day:

"Every moment of your life is infinitely creative and the universe is endlessly bountiful. Just put forth a clear enough request, and everything your heart desires must come to you."

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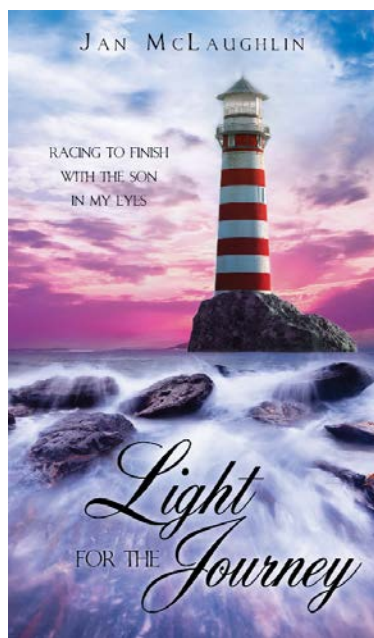
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HELPFUL SSI CHANGES REDUCING CUSTOMER BURDEN

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION POLICY UPDATES THAT EXPAND access to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in line with the law go into effect today. The agency no longer includes food in In-Kind Support and Maintenance (ISM) calculations, has expanded its rental subsidy policy exception, and has expanded the definition of a public assistance household.

"These changes will help more people access crucial SSI benefits," said Martin O'Malley, Commissioner of Social Security. "By simplifying and expanding our policies, we are making SSI smarter, removing barriers to accessing payments, and reducing the burden on the public and agency staff."

The agency no longer includes food in ISM calculations. The new policy removes a critical barrier to SSI eligibility that an applicant or recipient might encounter if they get informal food assistance from friends, family, and community networks. The agency estimates this change could increase monthly SSI payments by about \$131 per month for over 90,000 people and allow more people to qualify for benefits.

Also, the agency is expanding a rental subsidy exception to all SSI applicants and recipients nationwide that previously applied in only seven states. This uniform nationwide policy will ensure that people paying at least a certain amount toward rent are not subject to ISM in the form of rental assistance. It is

estimated this change could increase monthly SSI payments by about \$132 per month for about 41,000 people and allow more people to qualify for SSI.

Also, the agency is expanding the definition of a public assistance household in two important ways. First, the agency will add Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to the types of public assistance listed in the policy. Second, the agency will no longer require that all household members receive public assistance to be considered a public assistance household. The expanded definition allows more people to qualify for SSI, increases some SSI recipients' monthly payment amounts, and reduces reporting burdens for individuals living in public assistance households. These two changes could result in increased SSI payments to about 277,000 people and making more people eligible for SSI in the coming years.

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- *Team ride
- Nordic native
- Equipped with feathers
- Cigarette deposit
- *Arena, e.g.
- Not odds
- Hawaiian welcome wreath
- Bone hollows
- *NBA headquarters location

- *Bill ____ NBA Finals Most Valuable Player award
- "Roses ____ red ..."
- *NBA centers typically have long ones

- Tarzan the ____ Man
- Cry like a baby
- 3.26 light-years
- "Off The Wall" shoe
- Living quarters
- Shop ____ slogan
- "I'm ____ you!"
- Got some shuteye
- Comme ci, comme Áa

- *NBA Sixth ____ of the Year Award
- Type of leaf cabbage, pl.

DOWN

- Bun baker
- "____ me a seat"
- From square one
- Tanzania's northern neighbor
- Not absorb, nor repel
- Refuse to comply
- Wear and tear

- Brandish
- Ski hill ride
- Contractor's work order
- *Basketball blocking move
- Swedish shag rugs
- Member of a "benevolent and protective order"
- Kind of cola
- Thrice-repeated dance step
- *Power ____ position
- *NBA team with most championships
- Deprive of armor
- Genetic acronym
- Plural of ostium
- Junk yard stuff
- Geisha's sash
- *Nickname for 61 Across
- Ooze

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- Lord's subordinate
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- Declares to be true
- Sweat-inducing attack
- Come in!
- *The Stilt's first name
- David Schwimmer on "Friends"
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◀ FROM BELL GAME PAGE 1

past sixty years. The game took place at the electrifying Dutch Clark Stadium, where the atmosphere was charged with excitement and anticipation as fans gathered to witness a renewal of one of the most cherished traditions in high school sports.

DOMINANCE DISPLAYED

From the very outset of the game, it was evident that Pueblo Central was poised to dominate the contest. Coach Kris Cotterman expressed pride in his team, attributing their success to the relentless hard work and dedication exhibited by the players throughout the year. "It's just a group of guys putting in hard work.

We earn this through our relentless effort," Cotterman stated, emphasizing the commitment that his players have shown. The Wildcats engage in rigorous training routines during the summer and dedicate countless hours to preparing for the season, which includes early morning workouts four days a week and participation in 7-on-7 competitions in Colorado Springs. This extraordinary dedication did not go unrewarded, as evidenced by their commanding performance on the field.

EARLY SCORING FRENZY

The Wildcats wasted no time in asserting their dominance, with Aiden Hassoldt opening the scoring with an electrifying long touchdown run that quickly established a 7-0 lead for Central. Just a few minutes later, senior quarterback Genaro Pino showcased his agility and speed by scoring again, pushing the lead to a comfortable 15-0.

As the first quarter progressed, Pino continued to shine, running in yet another touchdown that further widened the gap to 22-0. The Bulldogs, facing a turnover, inadvertently provided Central with another opportunity to capitalize, resulting in an additional score and finishing the first quarter with a staggering 29-0 lead.



The second quarter continued in much the same vein, with Central firmly in control of the game. Joseph Castro, another standout player for the Wildcats, joined the scoring frenzy by adding a touchdown run that extended the lead to 37-0. Castro's performance was nothing short of impressive, and he capped off the first half with another touchdown, bringing the score to an overwhelming 43-0 by halftime. The sheer dominance displayed by the Wildcats left the Bulldogs struggling to find their footing, creating a palpable sense of excitement and unity among Central's supporters.

REFLECTIONS ON THE VICTORY

After the game, Joseph Castro took a

moment to reflect on the team's performance, stating, "I saw a lot of greatness from our team. There were a few errors, but they are correctable before the playoffs. Overall, I think we performed well, and I'm thrilled to have the Bell." Noteworthy recognition also went to senior quarterback Genaro Pino for his stellar play. His achievements during the game earned him the title of the U.S. Marines Corp Great Rivalry Series MVP, a testament to his significant contribution to the Wildcats' success.

UNYIELDING MOMENTUM

Despite having a running clock established late in the first half, Central did not let up in their efforts. They continued to extend their commanding lead with additional scores, including a touchdown from senior Dayton Blok, which raised the tally to 49-0. In the final quarter, junior Brody Renner sealed the emphatic victory with another touchdown, bringing the final score to 56-0. The comprehensive nature of Central's triumph over their rivals not only reinforced their skill and determination but also instilled great pride within the local community.

COMMUNITY SIGNIFICANCE

Coach Cotterman offered insights into the significance of this win for both the team and the community at large, stating, "This victory is crucial for both our program and the local community. While we're pleased with this win, our focus now shifts to the league. We need to elevate our game as we pursue a league championship." The statement underscored the importance of the game, as well as the Wildcats' aspirations for continued growth and success in the league.

LOOKING AHEAD

The sheer excitement and significance of scoring in such a historic matchup were not lost on Castro,

who expressed his gratitude and pride in contributing to the victory. "It felt incredible. I know I represent my family, school, coaches, teachers, friends, and it's a great feeling to have contributed to a score in the Bell Game," he reflected. Looking ahead, the Wildcats aim to maintain their momentum as they prepare for upcoming challenges on their schedule. Castro aptly concluded, "This victory is a huge boost for us. We want to carry this momentum forward and keep the winning streak alive throughout the season."

THE LEGACY CONTINUES



As the Wildcats enjoy a bye week, they will soon travel to face Canon City, while the Bulldogs will also have a break before hosting Sierra for their league opener. The Bell Game continues to be more than just a competition for a trophy; it embodies a deep-rooted tradition that connects the community and celebrates the spirit of high school football. Each year, it serves as a reminder of the passion and dedication that young athletes bring to the field, ensuring that the legacy of this historic rivalry will endure for generations to come.

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