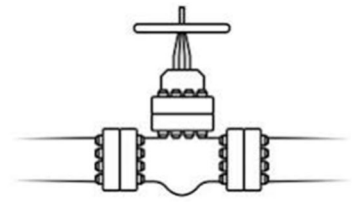


# THE RNG PIPELINE-

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## Summer is a Great Time to: Weatherize.

### Weatherize your home

Weatherizing, or sealing air leaks around your home, is a great way to reduce your heating and cooling expenses. The most common sources of air leaks into your home are vents, windows, and doors. To prevent these leaks, you should ensure that there are no cracks or openings between the wall and vent window, or doorframe.

To seal air leaks between stationary objects, such as the wall and window frame, you can apply caulk. For cracks between moving objects, such as operable windows and doors, you can apply weather stripping. Weather stripping and caulking are simple air sealing techniques that typically offer a return on investment in less than a year. Air leaks can also occur through openings in the wall, floor, and ceiling from plumbing, ducting, or electrical wiring.

Air leaking out of your home is most often from the home interior into your attic through small openings. Whether it is through ducts, light fixtures, or the attic hatch, hot air will rise and escape through small openings. As the natural flow of heat is from warmer to cooler areas, these small openings can make your heating bill even higher if your attic is not sufficiently insulated. To reap the full amount of savings from weatherization, you should consider fully insulating your home.

STAR windows can save you \$20-\$95 each year on your utility bills. Window shades, shutters, screens, and awnings can also provide an extra layer of insulation between your home and outside temperatures, leading to even more energy conservation.

### IF YOU SMELL GAS...



Did you know that while natural gas is safe to use in your home, a gas leak could be dangerous?

The RNG natural gas is odorized. RNG delivers odorized natural gas in pipelines ranging in size from 1" to 6". You can recognize a natural gas leak in several ways, including an unusual hissing noise, blowing dirt for no apparent reason, an unusual dry spot in the ground or dead vegetation for no apparent reason, bubbling water, and frozen ground in warm weather.

**If you ever smell natural gas inside or outside your home, leave the area immediately!** Then from a safe distance, call 911 and then call Raton Natural Gas Company at 575.447.0088.

### SUDOKU Answers from July

#### ANSWER

1	3	7	9	8	6	4	5	2
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## Community Calendar

From: KRTNRADIO.com

### September 2023

**Gate City Music Festival**  
September 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Vermejo Brunch

September 10 @ 11:00 a.m.—  
1:30 p.m.



- What is Nat Gas?
- Sudoku
- Energy Savings
- Calendar



## Raton Public School Bond Ballot Question Frequently Asked Questions



### How much will this cost taxpayers?

The Bond is for \$8,000,000 which will be paid out over 17 years to build a new consolidated Pre-K Campus.

Full Value	Taxable Value (1/3 of Full Value)	Estimated Increase (Four Tax Years 2024-2027) \$4.65 / \$1,000 Taxable Value	
		Annually	Monthly
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$93.00	\$7.75
90,000	30,000	139.50	11.63
120,000	40,000	186.00	15.50
150,000	50,000	232.50	19.38
180,000	60,000	279.00	23.25
360,000	120,000	558.00	46.50

### Mill Levy Reduction - Tax Years 2028 thereafter

In Tax Years 2028 and thereafter the Residential Mill Levy will be reduced to \$5.398/\$1,000 of Taxable Value.

### How will children benefit?

The current schools were built in the 1930s and in the 1950s and were not designed for today's educational needs or for appropriate ADA accessibility. A new school will provide our children with the tools they need to ensure that they are ready to go to college or join the workforce.

### Why are these funds needed?

In order to secure funding from the State, we must pass this bond issue. Estimates show our current schools need at least \$30,000,000 in repairs, which local taxpayers would have to pay for ourselves, or we can pass this bond and have the State contribute for the majority of the costs for a brand new school including demolishing the existing buildings.

### What's the plan?

The plan is consolidating the three schools we currently have into one campus. This will increase efficiency and reduce equipment repair and replacement costs. Consolidating the student population will allow the district to centralize its safety measures to provide protection to all the students simultaneously, instead of spreading these resources across three separate campuses. Although the campus is consolidated there would still be appropriate age separation incorporated.

### Can school take place during construction and when will the project be completed?

Yes, our current schools will stay in operation until construction is completed.

### Why hasn't the district just maintained these buildings?

Our current buildings are over 70 years old, the parts needed to maintain them are no longer manufactured and the cost to replace systems and roofing is cost prohibitive.

### What if the question fails?

In the event of a major system failure such as boiler systems, we would not have the capability to house and educate students while systems are being repaired. Our aged out systems are difficult to find replacement parts for, so repairs will take a significant amount of time and funding.



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