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My Turn

Good points made about the airport expansion

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Let's hear the positive side of an important issue.

I would like to thank Pavel Lukes for his paid article on page A-4 of *The Taos News* last week. It was a perfect over-view on the positive side of the airport expansion issue. I wish the article could be run several times to make sure people give his points proper consideration.

The expansion of the airport is so important and this "keep 'em barefoot and pregnant", in other words, "limit the potential" mentality in Taos is hard to comprehend.

We have all seen charming small towns across this country which have kept their old historic charm and way of life, but still take advantage of new technologies that help an area advance economically. They still thrive with strong commerce and financial benefits for the whole community while protecting and maintaining the elements that make the area unique. That is just what we need to do here in Taos.

We are all aware of the ups and downs of the economy here and everyone can count a large number of creative, competent people and businesses that have left the area for better opportunities. It would be smart to stop this outflow of talent and to additionally encourage the young people to stay here to develop their potential and contribute to the future of Taos.

Wouldn't it be great for us all to work together to create a flourishing, forward thinking community that benefits everyone. This could be a place that encourages individuals to make a good living while attending to the maintenance and preservation of such a culturally rich environment. I do believe these goals can go hand in hand.

Pavel Lukes made several good points while countering each of the negative arguments from the opposition side of the airport expansion project. It is an article worth re-reading several times. For the sake of the future of Taos, we can only hope this airport project moves forward.

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