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TUESDAY

Las Animas County

The Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners - 9 a.m.
Tuesday - Las Animas County Courthouse Rm. 201.

Pastor's Text Study

Meeting - 9 a.m. Tues., Zion's Lutheran Fellowship Hall. All Pastors welcome.

Kiwanis Luncheon

Kiwanis Luncheon - 12 p.m.
Every Tuesday - A Little Catering Company - 916 Arizona. Guest Speaker will be Loretta Martin of the Colorado Historical Society.

Aguilar Wildcats

Board of Education regular meeting - 4 p.m. Tues in the Board Meeting Room. To follow: "Back to School Night" Spaghetti Dinner - 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Commons Room at the school. Call 719-941-4188 / Natalie Grubelnik for information.

Health Services

District Meeting - Tues. 5 p.m. - John Building at 134 W. Main Street. Public is invited.

Hoehne FPD

Hoehne Fire Protection Dist - Board of Directors meeting - 6:30 p.m. Tues., Hoehne Fire Station. Public welcome. Call 846-4264 / Mary Nicol for information.

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WEATHER WATCH

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tomorrow: A slight chance of showers, with thunderstorms also possible after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tomorrow Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. East wind around 5 mph becoming west. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

RIVER CALL

Purgatoire River Call - as of 9/14/09. Hoehne priority #20 10/7/1865

Trinidad Lake accounting: Release- 139.44 acre ft.; Inflow-134.35 acre ft.; Evaporation- 10.91 acre ft.; Content- 14,071 acre ft.; Elevation- 6,170.31; Precipitation- 0

Downstream River Call- Highland 5/31/1866

(Provided by Division of Water Resources)



Photo by Mike Garrett

With foundation work underway in the background, Fisher's Peak Fire Protection District Fire Chief Buddy Curro leads a "parade" of county commissioners Jim Montoya and Jim Vigil, administrator Bill Cordova, county clerk-recorder Bernie Gonzalez, Department of Local Affairs executive Lee Merkel and district board members John Hurtado, Jan Ferrero and Donna Curro in tossing a little dirt for the official groundbreaking of the district's \$250,000 station annex building.

Fisher's Peak Fire, county officials break ground on \$250,000 station annex

By MIKE GARRETT
The Chronicle-News

After three years in the planning stages, Fisher's Peak Volunteer Fire Protection District broke ground Monday on a \$250,000 annex station building.

County commissioners Jim Montoya and Jim Vigil, administrator Bill Cordova, county clerk-recorder Bernie Gonzalez (a district board member), Lee Merkel with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, who contributed a grant to the project, district fire officials and board members, attended the groundbreaking at

the Starkville-based station.

It's the district's first expansion project in the past 5-6 years. District Fire Chief Buddy Curro said the new 5,600 square-foot building, scheduled for completion by the contractor, Purgatoire Valley Construction Co., around mid-November, will house all of the department's equipment now sitting outside, including its Hazmat trailer, two brush trucks, and one of the primary fire engines crammed in the current station house.

In addition to the DOLA grant, board President John Hurtado noted that the fire protection district and the district auxiliary's fundraising group

are contributing to the building fund. "The district is financing a good portion of it."

Hurtado said the entire 5,600 square feet won't be completed in the initial phase until more funding comes in. "What we're contracted for now is close to 4,800 square feet." Original plans had called for not only a shop and garage portion but also administrative offices, living quarters and meeting area on the second floor. That second phase will be left unfinished for now, he said.

In addition to its mutual aide agree-
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Photos by Tim Keller

A runner methodically paces himself up Capulin Volcano at sunrise during last year's inaugural Capulin Volcano half-marathon.

Capulin Volcano Run beckons early risers

By TIM KELLER
The Chronicle-News

The second annual Capulin Volcano Run will draw runners of all abilities at early dawn on Sunday, September 27. Headlined by the half-marathon, a race of 13.1 miles, the event also offers a 5-kilometer run of 3.1 miles and shorter Fun Runs, which organizers say include walking and crawling. All events will be characterized by the stunning beauty of autumn early morning between Capulin Volcano National Monument and the picturesque village of Folsom, where all the runs finish.

Half-marathon runners will meet at the old schoolhouse in Folsom at 6 a.m. for a shuttle to the starting point south of the monument entrance. From there, at the crack of a gun at 7 a.m., they'll begin racing uphill for 4.5 miles until they top the volcano and circle the rim, with distant views of not only New Mexico, but Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, from a vantage of 8182' elevation.

It's all downhill from there, 8.6 remaining miles back down the volcano,

all the way to the Folsom schoolhouse, passing smaller volcanoes, antelope, deer, and cattle. The entire route will be closed to traffic; in fact, this is the only time during the year that the national monument even allows pedestrians on the narrow, curving road up the volcano. Folsom and Des Moines EMS vehicles will idle along in front and in back of the race, ready to offer assistance to any runner in need. Water stops will dot the route as well.

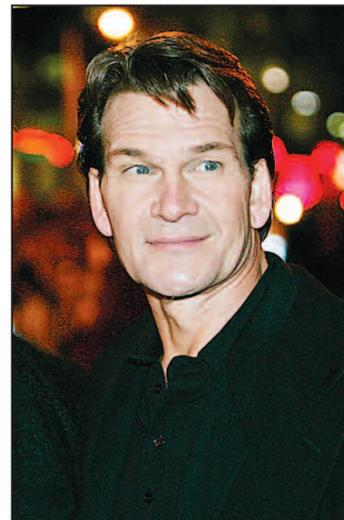
The shorter runs will begin and end at the Folsom schoolhouse; participants should be ready to start beginning at 7 a.m. The schoolhouse elevation is 6400'. Half-marathon runners will start arriving at the Folsom finish line around 8:30 a.m. and continue for another hour or more.

The races are a fundraiser for the Folsom Museum, which organizes the event with assistance from throughout the communities of Folsom, Capulin, and Des Moines. Race fees are \$35 for the half-marathon, to September 20 when it goes to \$40; \$15 for the 5K Run; and \$5 for the Fun Runs. The first 50 entrants to both the half-marathon and 5K Run will

receive race t-shirts. There will be no registration on race day.

Runners may enter via the race website, www.CapulinVolcanoRun.com. Information is available via e-mail, run@folsomvillage.com, or phone 575-278-2122.

George Greco of Colorado Springs won the 2008 half-marathon and later wrote, "The Capulin Volcano Run was my 32nd race and definitely one of my most memorable. The race was immaculately planned and strategized: it seemed like there was a smiling and happy volunteer for each runner, not to mention an EMT truck for the lead vehicle, and water, Gatorade and goo seemed to appear at the slightest hint of thirst. I even handed my gloves to a volunteer at mile 7, promptly forgot about them and they magically showed up at the local running store in Colorado Springs 2 days after the race. Talk about attention to detail! All of my fellow runners and runner-ettes unanimously had a great time, due to a combination of an amazing course and even more amazing volunteers. I'll be back in 2009."



AP Photo/Letteris Pitarakis, file

In this Nov. 28, 2005 file photo, actor Patrick Swayze poses for the photographers, prior to the premiere of his new film "Keeping Mum" at a Leicester Square cinema in central London. Swayze's publicist Annett Wolf says the 57-year-old "Dirty Dancing" actor died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009, after a nearly two-year battle with pancreatic cancer.

Publicist: Patrick Swayze dies at 57

CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Patrick Swayze, the hunky actor who danced his way into viewers' hearts with "Dirty Dancing" and then broke them with "Ghost," died Monday after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 57.

"Patrick Swayze passed away peacefully today with family at his side after facing the challenges of his illness for the last 20 months," said a statement released Monday evening by his publicist, Annett Wolf. No other details were given.

Fans of the actor were saddened to learn in March 2008 that Swayze was suffering from a particularly deadly form of cancer.

He had kept working despite the diagnosis, putting together a memoir with his wife and shooting "The Beast," an A&E drama series for which he had already made the pilot. It drew a respectable 1.3 million viewers when the 13 episodes ran in 2009, but A&E said it had reluctantly decided not to renew it for a second season.

Swayze said he opted not to use painkilling drugs while making "The Beast" because they would have taken the edge off his performance. He acknowledged that time might be running out given the grim nature of the disease.

When he first went public with the illness, some reports gave him only weeks to live, but his doctor said his situation was "considerably more optimistic" than that.

"I'd say five years is pretty wishful thinking," Swayze told ABC's Barbara Walters in early 2009. "Two years seems likely if you're going to believe statistics. I want to last until they find a cure, which means I'd better get a fire under it."

A three-time Golden Globe nominee, Swayze became a star with his performance as the misunderstood bad-boy Johnny Castle in "Dirty Dancing." As the son of a choreographer who began his career in musical theater, he seemed a natural to play the role.

A coming-of-age romance starring Jennifer Grey as an idealistic young woman on vacation with her family and Swayze as the Catskills resort's sexy (and much older) dance instructor, the film made great use of both his grace on his feet and his muscular physique.

It became an international phenomenon in the summer of 1987, spawning albums, an Oscar-winning hit song in "(I've Had) The Time of My Life," stage productions and a sequel, 2004's "Dirty Dancing: Havana Nights," in which he made a cameo.

Swayze performed and co-wrote a song on the soundtrack, the ballad "She's Like the Wind," inspired by his wife, Lisa Niemi. The film also gave him the chance to utter the now-

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