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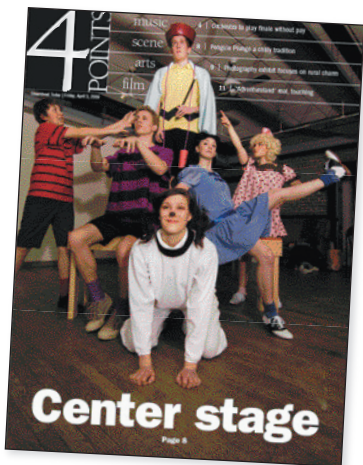
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Hitting the high mark



JOHN F. RUSSELL/STAFF

Linda Wellman hit the 20,000-hour mark behind the wheel of a Steamboat Springs Transit bus shortly after 6 a.m. Tuesday. No SST driver has ever logged as many hours as Wellman, who started driving city buses in 1999. The previous high mark was about 19,500 hours.

Kakela's work honored

City grant winner of 20 years celebrated Thursday

Brandon Gee
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

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Some of the projects Linda Kakela sent across Wendy DuBord's desk were so good, the deputy city manager jokes that she often wondered wheth-

er they were actually legal.

In 20 years with the city of Steamboat Springs, Kakela artfully leveraged grant funding and partnerships into some of the most valued and utilized public assets in the Yampa Valley. Kakela retired at the end of March; she was celebrated at

a farewell reception Thursday night at Centennial Hall.

"Before Linda, we didn't have a grant-seeking program at all," DuBord said. "She has found funding where none of us found money before."

DuBord estimated Kakela was responsible for \$60 million

to \$65 million in grant funds awarded to the city throughout two decades. Those dollars were used for projects including the Yampa River Core Trail, countless open space land acquisitions, roads, sewers, public art,

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SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	2 in.	Total snow†	387.5 in.
New snow — Summit	4 in.	Trails open	165/165
Base — Mid-mountain	83 in.	Lifts open	14/18
Base — Summit	113 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 21 as measured at mid-mountain FOR UP-TO-DATE ROAD CONDITIONS, INCLUDING RABBIT EARS PASS, call 511 or visit: www.cotrip.org

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