Leaping to stardom

CSU alumna and former track athlete Janay DeLoach became an Olympic medalist for the first time when she won the bronze medal in the long jump competition on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the London Olympics.

Preserving Colorado State’s ‘piece of paradise’

Spike camp aids firefighters at Pingree Park

by Mary Wilson

As the High Park Fire swept through the foothills in late June, rather than running from the situation, the faculty, students and staff of Pingree Park faced it head on and showed how strong Rams can be.

This summer tested the mettle of Coloradans as wildfires swept through thousands of acres of forest, swallowing structures in multiple parts of the state. One of regions impacted is 50 miles (1.5 hours) west of CSU’s main campus in Fort Collins and home to the university’s mountain campus, Pingree Park.

Pingree Park, run by a mix of CSU students and staff, as well as students from other universities, played a vital role in containing the massive High Park Fire.

The remote mountain valley campus fed and housed up to 250 hotspot fire crew members — the most elite wildland firefighters — who battled the High Park Fire.

“It was an interesting time as we could see towering smoke plumes,” said Pat Rastall, director of the Pingree Park campus. “The fire was near us but prevailing winds from the southwest kept it away from us.”

Pingree Park staff was required to wear Nomex, a hot and heavy uniform standard to all firefighters.

“We had 250 of the nation’s best firefighters living on our campus, and I couldn’t help but think that if worst came to worst they would just encircle us and all fight it off,” said Addy Rastall, a junior in the Warner College of Natural Resources, with a concentration in global tourism, and a ropes course See PINGREE page 9

A ‘labor of love’

School is Cool donates more than 2,500 backpacks

by Courtney Riley

For this upcoming school year, every middle school student in the Poudre School District will have a scientific calculator, regardless of his or her family’s financial standing.

That’s because of a grant received by School is Cool, a program organized and managed by Colorado State University employees with generous support from the Bohemian Foundation and the Colorado State University Bookstore, to provide kids in the Poudre School District with school supplies.

“There is no better way for us, as a great university, to put our beliefs into action than to support kids in our hometown getting what they need to succeed in school,” said Vice President of External Relations Tom Milligan. “I am so proud of CSU for starting this great program, and even more proud that we’ve kept it going for 20 years. School is Cool will be here 20 years from now too — it is that good.”

School is Cool committee member Jim Beers started working for Colorado State University four years ago and got involved with the program right away.

“They were looking for someone to assist with PR and community outreach efforts, so it was a good fit,” he said. “It’s

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College of Natural Sciences
Department of Chemistry
The White House honored CSU chemistry associate professor, Amy Prieto with a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers on July 23, 2012. Her work developing new methods for creating a battery that could revolutionize the electronic, hybrid vehicle industry helped to win her this award. In 2009, Prieto co-founded Prieto Battery Inc., a company expected to commercialize a non-toxic battery technology up to 1,000 times more powerful, 10 times longer lasting and cheaper than traditional batteries. The development of this technology could revolutionize the transportation, communication and energy storage industries.

College of Engineering
Steve Abt, emeritus professor of civil and environmental engineering, is the new interim dean of the College of Engineering. Abt has more than 39 years of general engineering experience. He earned his bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, master’s degree in water resources and doctoral degree in hydraulics from CSU. After serving in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and working as a consulting water resource engineer in Denver, Abt joined CSU’s faculty in 1977.

In addition to his education and research duties, Abt has spent 14 years as a contract Research Station Facility Engineer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, providing facility-oriented services for a 10-state region. A major general, he has also served as media coordinator for the 2012 Olympic Games and as an athletic communications strategies director for communications at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he worked as a partner in Denver-based ProLink Sports, a full-service public relations and sports marketing firm. Most recently, Kirk returned to Colorado where he spent 13 seasons with the NFL’s Denver Broncos before three years as a partner in Denver-based ProLink Sports, a full-service public relations and sports marketing firm. Most recently, Kirk has spent the last 17 months as the assistant athletics director for communications at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he managed the Bulldogs’ overall athletic communications strategies and handled publicity for the men’s basketball and football teams, while serving as media coordinator for the annual Drake Relays.

Division of External Relations
National public relations honors have been awarded to CSU’s Division of External Relations.

“CSU Biologist Builds Bomb-Sniffing Plant” was awarded a national Gold CASE –Council for Advancement and Support for Education- Circle of Excellence Award.

“Temple Grandin – The World Needs All Kinds of Minds,” won a national Award for Publication Excellence in the category of Meeting and Event Campaigns, Programs and Plans. In addition, 2012 APEX Awards were given, based on excellence in graphic design, editorial content and the success of the entry in achieving overall communications effectiveness and excellence.

Coleman Cornelius, director of Communications for CSU’s College of Agricultural Sciences won an APEX Award in the category of Most Improved Magazine for the College of Agricultural Science’s college magazine, “Food for Thought.”

Colleen Rodriguez, Cathay Zipp and Joe Mendoza with the Department of Creative Services won an APEX Award in the category of Best Redesigns for the publication “Eating Smart Being Active Cookbook.”

Colorado Women of Influence
The Colorado Women of Influence have honored university distinguished professor Diana Wall and Guadalupe Salazar, the director of El Centro at Colorado State University, as 2012 Women of Vision. Wall is also the founding director of the School of Global Environmental Sustainability and an ecologist in the department of biology at CSU. Wall has also spent 22 seasons in Antarctic Dry Valleys examining the response of soil biodiversity and ecosystem processes to environmental change.

Salazar is the director of El Centro, which provides workshops, leadership opportunities and Latino cultural awareness programs that promote student success and retention on campus. During the past 20 years, she has served as a role model and mentored countless students.

Campaign for Colorado State
CSU announced the most successful year of private fundraising in university history, with philanthropic support from donors, alumni and friends increasing to $111.6 million, a 31 percent increase compared to the previous fiscal year. The campaign reached its goal of raising $500 million six months early and surpassed that goal by nearly $40 million by the campaign’s end June 30.

Support for faculty is one of the most important features of the campaign, which created 16 endowed chairs and professorships to provide greater support for excellent teaching and research. Private gifts raised during the campaign have enhanced academic programs in all of the university’s eight colleges and more than 150 programs of study.

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences
Dr. Ed Hoover, a CSU veterinarian who led the development of a vaccine to prevent feline leukemia virus infection, received the prestigious Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges’ 2012 Merial-AAVMC Excellence in Research Award.

Research in the Hoover laboratory led to development of the first successful and most widely used FeLV vaccine, now used to immunize cats worldwide against leukemia-causing virus. Hoover also examined how to identify at-risk cats and how the disease is transmitted to improve understanding of managing diseases in populations. More recently, his research has focused on chronic wasting disease and how the diseases are transmitted among deer, moose and elk – research that could further understanding of Alzheimer’s and other human diseases.

CSU Athletics
Colorado State Athletics announced the appointment of Paul Kirk as the Rams’ director of media relations. Kirk returns to Colorado where he spent 13 seasons with the NFL’s Denver Broncos before three years as a partner in Denver-based ProLink Sports, a full-service public relations and sports marketing firm. Most recently, Kirk has spent the last 17 months as the assistant athletics director for communications at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, where he managed the Bulldogs’ overall athletic communications strategies and handled publicity for the men’s basketball and football teams, while serving as media coordinator for the annual Drake Relays.

Office of the Vice President for Research
Mark Wdowik has joined the Office of the Vice President for Research at CSU as an assistant vice president for Research and Industry Partnerships.

Wdowik has been at CSU Ventures since 2006, which is a part of the CSU Research Foundation, a private, non-profit advocacy organization for the university. He has held various administrative roles for CSU Ventures associated with industry relations, business development/investments, economic development, technology commercialization and new venture creation. Wdowik will help the university expand its sources of research support and collaboration.

CSU Ventures
Denichiro “Denny” Otsga has been named the new associate vice president of CSU Ventures, a non-profit corporation dedicated to technology transfer and commercialization of CSU research. Otsga has more than 10 years of technology transfer and commercialization experience translating research results to create positive impacts on society. He worked in university and industry technology transfer activities in California and Utah, and spent three years as the founding director at the Technology Transfer Office at South Dakota State University, where he helped increase licensing revenue by 250 percent and industry-sponsored research awards by 540 percent. Most recently, Otsga was the executive director of the Technology Transfer Office at the University of Kentucky.
This year, the Lory Student Center is celebrating its 50th year as a catalyst for bringing the campus together and sharing in experiences that affected the community both locally and nationally.

The student center, which was built in 1962, was the result of CSU President William Morgan’s building boom era. While demand stemmed from the expectation of enrollment doubling, the desire was to construct a building solely for student use that provided comfort and a meeting place for social events – much as Johnson Hall had done for nearly 30 years.

“For 50 years the Lory Student Center has served as a unifying force for CSU, from meeting the everyday needs of students to serving as the gathering place that celebrates the diversity of our campus community,” said Mike Ellis, executive director of the Lory Student Center.

When John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963, students gathered on the building’s main steps to console one another. Later, the Lory Student Center became a hotspot for anti-war protests, which ultimately culminated with the burning down of Old Main in 1970. And when Columbine High School and the 9/11 attacks occurred, students gathered within the building to watch as news unfolded.

It was because of such events that the Lory Student Center Governing Board began playing a role in creating commemorative campus memorials. The sculpture garden, located to the west of the student center, was named after Tom Sutherland, a professor at Colorado State University for 26 years who was held hostage in Lebanon from 1985-1991. Similarly, a peace pole was erected in the Sutherland Sculpture Garden a year following the 9/11 attacks.

In addition to pivotal moments like these, the student center has been the base for historic entertainment at CSU. Much like the Lory Student Center’s ASAP student programming group does today, student programmers of the past played host to a variety of popular events and acts throughout the years. During the 1960s, the group booked comedian Steve Martin in the Ramskeller for only $600. In the ‘70s, they contracted Chicago, the Beach Boys, Elton John and the Rolling Stones to perform at Moby.

The largest impact, however, was showcased by the overwhelming community effort it took to rebuild what was lost in the ’97 flood. The flood, which destroyed the building’s lower level and wiped out the entire CSU Bookstore inventory, forced the Lory Student Center into an $18 million renovation. It was through this loss and recovery that the campus and city communities began to recognize the value and vitality of the student center.

Over the years, the Lory Student Center brought together thousands of campus and Fort Collins community members and shared in their experiences. Be it through student organizations, such as Campus Activities, or advocacy groups much like the Black/African American Cultural Center, the Lory Student Center has continued to serve its primary mission by offering a location for both comfort and social events. It is that idea that has been the primary building block for the student center since its inception, and it is that mission that still carries forward in conversations today for the next 50 years.

Lory Student Center builds community, shares in historical stories

Join the Lory Student Center in its celebration of 50 years serving the community!

Kicking off Sept. 16, the celebration will pay tribute to each decade the student center has been in existence since 1962. Throughout the three-week celebration, lectures, movies, reunions and a variety of activities are planned to commemorate the unique building and its past.

1960s and 1970s: Sept. 16-22
- Classic movie nights
  - 1960s movie: To Kill a Mockingbird; 7 p.m. Sept. 17
  - 1970s movie: Grease; 7 p.m. Sept. 19
- Balloon Artist on the Plaza; 11:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 19
- Blane Harding Talk: “50 Years in 50 Minutes;” Noon-1 p.m. Sept. 20, Lory Student Center Theatre

1980s and 1990s: Sept. 23-29
- Classic movie nights
  - 1980s movie: Back to the Future (Part I); 7 p.m. Sept. 24
  - 1990s movie: Toy Story; 4 p.m. Sept. 26
- Caricature Artist on the Plaza; 11:30-1:30 p.m. Sept. 26
- Time capsule display and meet the “New Faces of the LSC” on the Plaza; Sept. 26

2000s: Sept. 30-Oct. 7
- Classic movie nights
  - 2000s movie: Men in Black III; 7 p.m. Oct. 3
  - Roaming Magician on the plaza; 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 3
- Homecoming Parade Float featuring the "LSC 7" and the "New Faces of the LSC"
- LSC 50th Anniversary Party; 6 p.m. Oct. 5, Lory Student Center Main Ballroom

Additionally, through Oct. 7 the Curfman Gallery is showcasing “Our Visual History: 50 Years of Art in the LSC.”

For more details or a full list of events, visit sc.colostate.edu.
Notes from a CSU wildfire refugee

by John Calderazzo

The sheriff’s call came at 3:30 a.m.: Leave immediately.

Luckily, my wife SueEllen and I were already up, grabbing passports, photos, dog food, wall hangings from Thailand and Zanzibar. A Bellvue valley neighbor had called earlier, saying that flames were coming fast over the foothills, driven by searing winds that made our backyard windmill blades a silver blur.

I’d gone to bed knowing that a new wildfire was cracking back in the high country to the west of us, threatening the Stove Prairie mountain school where kids sometimes rode horses to class. The school was seven miles away, as the sparks fly.

But those sparks had been flying like mad through the night, making the flames bound forward sometimes a quarter-mile at a time. As SueEllen and I drove off, we looked back. The foothills looked like some of the erupting volcanoes I’d seen around the world in my book research.

At least we’d had time to gather our valuables, unlike my friend, Gary, who lives up the Poudre Canyon. A 100-foot-high wall of flame exploding over a ridge in Poudre Park forced him to flee with just one of his five elusives. A neighbor escaped with only her dog and a sewing machine.

So it went that early June night for thousands of our northern Colorado neighbors, including at least 100 CSU employees and students. In all, the weeks-long High Park fire incinerated more than 250 homes and killed a woman in her mountain cabin. Our place was spared, thanks to nature’s whims and the incredible work of firefighters who beat back fire just 300 yards from our property. Gary, his sewing-machine-toting neighbor, and all of his in-hiding made it through, too.

But whether we were touched by luck, tragedy or something in between, I’m beginning to think now that all of us evacuees share something. In small ways and something in between, I’m beginning to think now that the 20th century average. In the 11 Western U.S. states, that difference was 1.7 degrees.

The same study notes an astounding 78-day increase in the fire season, which largely agrees with regional and global projections from the USGS and the IPCC—the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

For weeks after the fire almost destroyed our home, our valley was alive with the sound of helicopters dousing hot spots. Smoke fogged our days, and dreams of escape dogged our nights. I heard a book-load of stories about human heros and saw many kinds of communities come together, including fast and important disaster recovery outreach from CSU. So I suppose I should conclude with a note of hope, such as the happy fact that an evacuated alpaca, helped by CSU vet students, gave birth in mid-June to a calf named Cinderella.

But I also have to say that the greenhouse gas molecules we keep adding to our atmosphere don’t care about any of this. By mid-June, eight other fires were blazing around the state.

And summer hadn’t even officially begun.

Besides teaching English classes, John Calderazzo and SueEllen Campbell co-direct an innovative climate change outreach and education program: http://changingclimates.colostate.edu.

Healthy habits from Hartshorn

by Laurie Elwyn

Your “get healthier” New Year’s resolution may be long buried under a stack of papers or filed away in cyberspace, but September is another great time to focus on your health. Fall officially begins on Saturday, Sept. 22, and the start of a new season brings a new opportunity to make changes. Listed below are some positive health habits you may already have and some tips on bumping them up a notch.

You drink coffee. Coffee contains antioxidants and it can be good for you. Moderate coffee drinking decreases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, Parkinson’s disease, Alzheimer’s disease and liver cancer. Studies have also shown a possible inverse relationship between coffee drinking and overall mortality. The key is to keep your daily intake to three cups or less (remember that a cup is 8 ounces, not that giant travel mug you got at Starbucks). Use skim milk in your latte, avoid non-dairy creamers (a source of unhealthy trans fats) and go light on the sugar. If you are prone to anxiety or heart palpitations, skip caffeine.

You eat dark chocolate. Cacao, from which chocolate is made, is another source of antioxidants. Chocolate might decrease your risk of developing diabetes, cardiovascular disease and stroke and is thought to have anti-inflammatory and anti-inflammatory properties. Although the initial studies recommended dark chocolate, cocoa (not Dutch processed) is fine too, and it may not matter so much what type of chocolate you enjoy as long as you stick to pure chocolate or cocoa. Just keep your intake moderate—an ounce or less of chocolate or a cup of cocoa a few times per week and avoid the gooey sugary additions.

You like to laugh. Long touted as good for you, laughter decreases the stress hormones cortisol and epinephrine and makes you feel good. It can also be a workout for your abs if you keep it up for long enough. It is difficult to design studies to prove that laughter makes people healthier—it may be that people who follow other healthy practices also have a more positive outlook and laugh more, but it can’t hurt to have daily laugh sessions. An afternoon laugh may increase your alertness too.

So drink a cup or two of coffee in the morning, have an ounce of chocolate for dessert after dinner and enjoy a good laugh daily. And while you’re at it, consider having your coffee in the morning sunshine to boost your vitamin D intake, take a walk with your coworkers while sharing a joke, and savor your chocolate while taking in the sunset to make this your healthiest autumn ever.

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Care for Body and Mind
Culinary creations
by Garrett Overlee, Chef Instructor at the Aspen Grille Restaurant

Smokey Bacon Cheeseburger with Chipotle Ketchup
Makes 4 / 6 oz hamburgers

To prepare the chipotle ketchup you’ll need:
- 2 cups ketchup
- ¼ cup Worcestershire
- ½ can chipotle in adobo
- ¼ cup brown sugar or agave nectar
- ¼ cup water

Gather all ingredients.
Open the can of chipotle chilies in adobo.
Puree the whole can of chipotles in adobo with 2 oz of water.
Pass the puree through a strainer to remove any skin or seeds.
In a mixing bowl, whisk all the remaining ingredients together with the chipotle puree.
Chill until ready to use.

To prepare the burgers you’ll need:
- 1 ½ lbs of fresh ground Colorado beef
- 8 slices of apple-wood smoked bacon
- 4 hamburger buns
- 5 slices of smoked cheddar cheese

Gather the ingredients.
Pre-heat your grill.
Divide the beef into four, 6 oz balls. Pack the balls down into hockey puck shaped patties.
Next place the patties on your grill. Turn the patties 90 degrees after two minutes to make beautiful grill marks. After two more minutes flip the patties over.
After flipping and allowing the patties to cook for two more minutes, turn them 90 degrees one last time. Now place one piece of cheese on each hamburger patty.
Finally, remove your hamburgers from the grill and lightly toast your buns. While the hamburgers rest for a minute, make an X shape with two pieces of bacon on each bottom bun. Add a dollop of chipotle ketchup to the center of each X. Add the hamburger patties and the bun tops and enjoy!

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Congratualtions to the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

Please join us in honoring the recipients
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Distinguished Alumni Awards

William E. Morgan Alumni Achievement Award
Dennis Plepp (’60, Agricultural Business)

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Charles Grimmwood, Ph.D. (’66, Outdoor Recreation)

Jim and Nadine Henry Award
Shara A. Castle (’87, Human Development and Family Studies)

Albert C. Yates Student Leadership Award
Kelly Mason (’12, Languages, Literature and Cultures and Biological Science)

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Matt Shoup (’03 Languages, Literature and Cultures)

Distinguished Faculty Award
Wayne Viney, Ph.D., Emeritus Faculty, Psychology

Distinguished Alumni Employee Award
Kathy Schmitt, Ph.D. (’81, Education & Human Resources, & Educational Leadership, Renewal & Change)

Distinguished Athletic Award
Norman Jorgenson (B.S. ’77 Veterinary Science; D.V.M. ’80)

Distinguished Extension Award
Milan Rewerts (M.Ed. ’74, Education)

Distinguished International Alumni Award
Hamed Al Bazzi, Ph.D. (M.S. ’87, Economics; Ph.D. ’91, Economics)

College Honor Alumnus/Alumna Awards
College of Agricultural Sciences
Vaughn Cook (’47, Animal Science)

College of Applied Human Sciences
Nancy Hartley, Ph.D. (Ph.D. ’75, Vocational Education)

College of Business
Albert Miller (’66, Business Administration)

College of Engineering
Jerson Kelman, Ph.D. (Ph.D. ’76, Civil Engineering)

College of Liberal Arts
Pam Smith (’72, Modern Languages – French)

College of Natural Sciences
Major General (Ret.) Carla Hawley-Bowland, M.D. (’74, Physical Science)

College of Veterinary Medicine and Biosciences
Peter Haynes (B.S. ’87, Veterinary Science; D.V.M. ’86, M.S. ’84, Clinical Sciences)

Warner College of Natural Resources
Tony Gasbarro (’82, Outdoor Recreation)
Don’t get skunked by rabies

by Dell Rae Moellenberg

CSU employees should be on the lookout for wildlife acting unusually. The Larimer County Health Department is tracking multiple and increasing incidents of skunks, raccoons, fox and other animals with terrestrial rabies, presenting a new threat to pets, livestock and people. This spring marked the first time this type of rabies has been confirmed in a populated area of Larimer County.

Before 2007, the main source of rabies in Colorado was bats. Since 2007, however, “skunk rabies” has spread rapidly from eastern Colorado and along the Front Range. Once this kind of rabies is established in an area, it cannot be eradicated, and spreads to other common wild animals, such as foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, bobcats, as well as to horses, livestock, dogs and cats.

Mammals – including humans – can get rabies when bitten by an infected animal. Pets and livestock can be protected from rabies with a vaccination. All unvaccinated animals that contract rabies will die of the disease.

If you see an animal acting strangely (overly tame, walking in circles, unusually aggressive, etc.) on or near campus, report it immediately to CSUPD - 911 or (970) 491-6425 - or Environmental Health Services at (970) 491-6745. Off campus, report a potentially rabid animal to Larimer Humane Society’s Animal Control at (970) 226-3647.

For more information, visit http://larimer.org/health/ehs/rabies.htm#info.

A new year and new goals

by CSU Life Staff

CSU Life’s purpose is to enhance the sense of community for the 6,000 plus faculty and staff members at Colorado State University. As a monthly publication, we are committed to upholding fairness, integrity, accuracy and professionalism, along with providing diversity in our media content and delivering relevant and timely news, information and entertainment to our community.

CSU Life is a part a partnership amongst the Rocky Mountain Student Media Corp., an independent non-profit organization, CSU’s Division of External Relations and the Department of Journalism and Technical Communications, that strives to serve faculty and staff by providing them with a valuable publication.

CSU Life will be working this year to serve our audience as best as we can. We encourage you to contact us with any story ideas or suggestions you would like to see incorporated into CSU Life.

We look forward to working with you this year, and we want our publication to serve you the best that it can. If there are any comments or additional opinions that you would like to personally provide, please contact us at CSULife@colostate.edu.

We recently completed an online and print survey asking faculty and staff a few basic qualitative questions to gain feedback for further improvements we can make to CSU Life.

Eighty percent of surveyers agreed or strongly agreed that reading about other departments and colleges is important to them, and almost 70 percent of survey takers were familiar with reading CSU Life.

We greatly appreciate your participation with this survey, and we will use this feedback to make CSU Life the best it can be this year.

Which of the topics would you be interested in seeing covered by CSU Life?

![Survey Results Graph]

- Very interesting
- Somewhat interesting
- Neutral
- Slightly interesting
- Not at all interesting

Number of Respondents

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- Book reviews
- Apologies
- Recipes
- Faculty/Staff profiles
- Entertainment news
- Human interest stories
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### THEATER

#### ‘In the Heights’
**Midtown Arts Center**
**Sept. 13 - Nov. 11**
This 2008 Tony Award-winning Best Musical set in Manhattan is about home, family and finding where you belong.
For more information, visit www.adinnertheatre.com.

#### ‘The Love of the Nightingale’
**Bas Bleu Theatre**
**Sept. 15 - Oct. 14**
This performance features the ancient Greek myth of Philomele, the tale of two sisters who live without language, which has been entertaining audiences since 8 A.D. For more information, visit www.basbleu.org.

#### ‘Wit’ presented by OpenStage Theatre & Company
**The Lincoln Center**
**Sept. 1 - 29**
‘Wit’ tells the story of Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., who is diagnosed with stage-four ovarian cancer. For more information, visit www.lctix.com.

#### Opera Fort Collins 33:
**‘Daughter of the Regiment’**
**The Lincoln Center**
**Sept. 14 and 16**
This opera is set during the American Civil War and tells the story of Marie, a regimental camp follower who cooks, cleans and boosts the morale of her brothers in arms. The plot thickens when she falls in love with the enemy.
For more information, visit www.lctix.com.

#### Shakespeare at Sunset:
**‘The Comedy of Errors’**
**University Theatre at University Center for the Arts**
**Aug. 30 - Sept. 2**
Directed by Walt Jones, “The Comedy of Errors” is one of Shakespeare’s most farcical comedies, telling the story of two sets of identical twins separated at birth.
For more information, visit www.theatre.colostate.edu.

### ART

#### Community Mural Workshop
**Mighty Fine Art**
**Aug. 31**
This hands-on workshop teaches the art of mural painting led by professional artist Chris Bates. To register, visit www.mightyfineart.org.

#### Art Exhibition Juried Graduate Students
**Clara Hatton Gallery**
**Sept. 3 - 21**
The work of graduate students Shandra Clark, Naomi Scheck and Kristen Gunderson will be displayed.
For more information, visit www.hatton.colostate.edu.

#### Creative Writing Reading Series
**University Center for the Arts**
**Sept. 6**
This event features special guests and faculty reading from fiction, poetry and essays varying in styles. For more information, visit www.central.colostate.edu.

#### First Friday Gallery Walk
**Downtown Art Galleries**
**Sept. 7**
Every first Friday of the month, the art galleries in Old Town Fort Collins open their doors free of charge for visitors from 6 to 9 p.m.
For a full list of participating galleries, visit www.downtownfortcollins.com.

#### Tri Media Film Festival
**Screenings at Lory Student Center Theatre, Bas Bleu Theatre, Lincoln Center Magnolia**
**Sept. 7-9**
Local and international filmmakers and writers are showcased in this event that celebrates, film, television and theater arts.
Full schedule and ticket information is at www.trimediafestival.org.

#### Ruminate Retreat
**Everyday Joe’s Coffee House**
**Sept. 14-16**
This weekend includes the Faith and Arts Dinner, a panel discussion with author Marilyn McEntyre and workshops that focus on the roles of faith and writing in our daily lives.
Sunday morning will feature hymns by musician Aaron Strumple, and proceeds will go to Ruminate.
For more information, visit www.everydayjoes.org.

#### Department of Art Faculty Exhibition 2012
**University Center for the Arts**
**Through Sept. 15**
Working in a variety of media and artistic genres within contemporary art practices, this exhibition highlights achievements of more than 30 faculty members.
For more information, visit www.artmuseum.colostate.edu.

### MUSIC

#### 7 Walkers featuring Bill Kreutzmann of the Grateful Dead
**The Mishawaka Amphitheatre**
**Sept. 1**
Bill Kreutzmann, the former drummer of the Grateful Dead, is coming to the Mishawaka with the 7 Walkers, featuring guitarist/vocalist Papa Mali, multi-instrumentalist Matt Hubbard and George Porter, Jr. on bass.
For more information, visit www.themishawaka.com.

#### JazzFest
**Avogadro’s Number**
**Sept. 3**
Featuring more than 10 performers both inside the restaurant and on the patio.
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#### This Must be the Band- A Talking Heads tribute
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This Must be the Band is a Talking Heads tribute band. For more than five years, they have been playing to sold-out crowds all over the Midwest, and have recently expanded to national touring, especially in the Rocky Mountains.
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- Sept. 4: Regina Helcher Yost, a flutist and piccolo player from South Carolina, brings a wealth of spiritual, ceremonial and recreational dance forms.
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- Sept. 25: Special guests Alan Klaus, trumpet, and Daniel Fung, piano, perform works from throughout Europe and North America.
facilitator at Pingree and the Fort Collins campus.

“There was one night where we were able to drive about half a mile down the road and watch the flames come over White Pine Mountain. We all just sat in silence listening to the radios on the belts on the fire crews who accompanied us and watched the flames swell and recede,” he said.

The fire, which stretched across 87,285 acres of northern Colorado land, took one life and destroyed 259 structures. The fire was the second largest and the second most destructive fire in Colorado history, according to the Denver Post.

“The safety advisor for the whole fire visited our campus several times and personally said that he would feel safe if his own wife and kids were here. After hearing that, it wasn’t hard to trust the men and women fighting the fire,” Addy Rastall said.

Pingree Park was evacuated on June 12 as the fire gained ground. When the area was designated a safe place for firefighters, a crew of 24 student staff members was escorted back up to Pingree — and the spike camp was born.

“Our student staff did a wonderful job with the spike camp,” Pat Rastall said. “The dining hall was run by our student staff as early as 5 a.m. and as late as 11 p.m. when crews would return after dark.

“Our staff never faltered during the entire fire,” he added.

“[Working] the spike camp was a life-changing experience but we were certainly glad to return to our normal routines once it was over,” Addy Rastall said.

The fire was officially declared contained by the Larimer County Sheriff’s office on June 30, about three weeks after the initial blaze. At one point, 941 firefighters from around the nation were fighting the blaze, according to the Denver Post.

Pingree Park is an important piece of Colorado State life, “[it] remains, and always will remain, a little piece of paradise for people who have a chance to experience its wonders,” Addy Rastall said.

“As a staff, we did everything we could to aid the High Park Fire efforts. Every student employee came back to help support the firefighters because they wanted to help in some small way,” Pat Rastall said. “As director, I couldn’t be prouder of their commitment and service.”
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CSU Sports Hall of Fame inductee: Jill (Johnson) Bedard

CSU will welcome six new members to its Athletics Hall of Fame during induction ceremonies in October. The Class of 2012 includes a trio of standouts from the gridiron in Harvey Achziger, Kevin McDougal and Damon Washington, six-time swimming All-American Jim Malley, volleyball record-holder Jill (Johnson) Bedard and track star Chris Adsit.

by Ryan Moulden

To say Jill (Johnson) Bedard bleeds green and gold is an understatement. Bedard gave countless hours of her time and talent to the university as an acclaimed volleyball player from 1987 to 1990. And, as a Fort Collins resident ever since graduation, she continues to support CSU.

Beginnings on the court

Bedard was born in Michigan and became highly involved in playing many different sports at a young age. “I tried them all and figured I would find one that I loved later,” she said. It wasn’t until the sixth grade that she began playing volleyball.

In the eighth grade, Bedard and her family moved from Michigan to Cerritos, Calif. It wasn’t until her freshman year of high school that she fully committed to volleyball as her primary focus. Growing up in Michigan, Bedard describes that she, “fell in love with the four seasons.”

When it came time to select colleges, Bedard looked at many schools in states, like Colorado, that would get her back to a climate in which could experience four distinct seasons. CSU was a great fit for her.

Ram proud

It’s easy to look at how impressive Bedard’s CSU volleyball career was on paper. But, hearing stories directly from her illustrates the passionate player she was beyond the awards.

Bedard recalls her freshman year when a packed Moby Arena broke the national attendance record for a volleyball game. “Freshman year was huge,” she said. Bedard recalls that CSU’s biggest volleyball rivalry during her time as a Ram was against BYU. But, in telling the story of her experience as a Ram volleyball player, one other rivalry seems to overshadow all others.

“The time-honored athletic match ups between the Rams and the Buffs were also noteworthy in Bedard’s experience.

In 1990, Bedard’s senior season, she said, “We’ll never lose to CU as long as I’m here,” in a newspaper article featuring Rams volleyball. Contributing to an already heated rivalry, Bedard later heard a rumor that the Buffaloes put that story up in their locker room to serve as motivation.

One of the biggest wins for Bedard was the Rams victory over LSU during her senior year. In the course of a five-game bout that lasted more than three hours, Bedard achieved an astonishing 41 kills.

Cost of victory

Bedard injured her right shoulder during the LSU match, three weeks before the season ended. Her injuries caused her extreme shoulder pain and shoulder instability when hitting. Following the recommendation of the team’s doctor, she received arthroscopic surgery days after the game. Medical staff said that she would be out for 2-3 weeks after surgery, but Bedard had a different timeline in mind.

The upcoming CU game was only days away and there was no way she was going to miss it. After the surgery, Bedard told the doctor and trainers that she would play left-handed for the remainder of the season or until her shoulder got the green light. Luckily, she originally had to learn to play volleyball left-handed during her freshman year of high school after she injured her right wrist playing softball.

Bedard, while serving and hitting left-handed, led the Rams to victory over the Buffs. She went on to play two more games in the same fashion to close out the season. Bedard had her shoulder surgically reconstructed at the end of the season.

On the home front

Bedard loved Fort Collins so much that she decided to stay after graduation. She has continued to coach volleyball at various high schools in town, and her main priority has been on her family.

She married Brian Bedard, a thrower on the CSU track and field team. After Brian graduated he went right into a track and field coaching position for CSU and has been on staff ever since. The Bedards have two daughters, Kelcey and Baylee. Just like their parents, both girls are heavily involved in athletics, playing soccer, basketball and running track.

An exercise and sports science major, Bedard is currently the physical education teacher for a preschool in Fort Collins. In her free time, she and her family love cheering on the Rams at just about any athletic event they can make it to.

Bedard will join her husband, who was inducted for coaching in 2005, into the CSU Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

Jill (Johnson) Bedard holds the Colorado State University record for kills in a match (41) against Louisiana State University in 1990.

Jill (Johnson) Bedard led the team in kills and digs for three consecutive seasons and was the 1990 team MVP.
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This year, School is Cool distributed 2,554 backpacks and supply bags to a total of 46 schools throughout the Poudre School District with the help of 230 volunteers. School is Cool distributed 62 backpacks and supply bags when it started 21 years ago.

Beers said most of the volunteers have a connection to CSU. They include faculty and staff members of the university, along with their friends and family.

“School is Cool is, in many ways, exactly the kind of program that makes CSU what it is,” Milligan said. “We are a community that cares about each other, and when we see a chance to help someone, we just do it.”

Throughout the program’s 21 years of activity, School is Cool has helped more than 29,000 kids get school supplies. All backpacks and supply bags are grade-appropriate from elementary to high school. In the spring, School is Cool surveys schools to find out what their needs are and to see how they can best serve each school.

School is Cool delivers the backpacks and supply bags to the schools, and then the teachers, counselors, principals and office staff distribute the supplies to the kids.

“They don’t know who we are,” Beers said, “but they know they got a backpack and started school on the same footing as the other kids, despite their financial situation.

“It’s interesting because we don’t see the faces of the kids. But the most heartwarming thing is the thank you notes from the kids,” he added.

This year, Beers was involved in the delivery process for the first time. “It’s a very rewarding experience. I think you get a great deal of satisfaction knowing you’re helping some of these kids start the school year on the same footing as other students,” he said.

There are more than 8,000 kids with free and reduced lunches in the Poudre School District, and according to Beers, between the efforts of School is Cool and those of other organizations, only about half of the need is met.

“We’re not meeting all the needs,” Beers said. “but we’re doing our part to help as best we can.”

To get involved with School is Cool, visit www.schooliscool.colostate.edu.
Ken Bills recently joined the CSU accounting department as an assistant professor. His research and teaching interests are primarily in the area of auditing. He is particularly interested in the areas of audit firm capacity, market space economics, audit quality, industry specialization and audit firms’ portfolio management decisions. He received his doctorate degree from the University of Oklahoma and master’s degree at Southern Utah University. Bills is a CPA and has worked as a senior auditor for Tanner LC in Salt Lake City, Utah prior to joining academia. His hobbies include hiking, fishing, soccer and most things handyman oriented.

Nathaniel Riggs, an associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies, is very excited to become a part of the Fort Collins community. His academic plans include the development, implementation and evaluation of health promotion programs for young people. Riggs’ program of research includes the translation of basic research in neuroscience into public health interventions. Riggs teaches courses in adolescence, public health and grant writing. He enjoys spending time with his family, including his wife who is a faculty member in Communication Studies and his 2-year-old son. Riggs also has a love for college football and music.

Antero Garcia is an assistant professor in CSU’s English department. He recently moved from Los Angeles where he was a high school English teacher for eight years. Garcia’s doctoral degree in education and information studies is from the University of California, Los Angeles. His research has been centered around literacy and civic identity through media and game play in the learning atmosphere. He thinks he might secretly miss the traffic of Los Angeles. He and his fiancé spend a healthy portion of their spare time with a rambunctious puppy that is part beagle, part Jack Russell terrier and part pure evil. Garcia likes making and playing games and has spent the summer geocaching.

Dan Robinson is CSU’s new director of the School of Education. Robinson is transitioning from the University of Texas at Austin, where he served as a professor in educational psychology for 13 years. Robinson researches optimizing learning in computer simulation environments. His projects include testing educational games and simulations to find out whether they lead to better student learning. He is also the editor of the Educational Psychology Review where serves in a national leadership role. In 2011, he spent six weeks as a Fulbright Scholar at Victoria University in Wellington, New Zealand. Robinson and his family are also excited for living in Colorado, where they have vacationed many times before.
CSU Sports Hall of Fame inductee: Kevin McDougal

by Lindsey Bradbury

Thirteen years after his record-setting senior campaign, Kevin McDougal’s name will be added to the CSU Sports Hall of Fame. McDougal was a starting safety for several games during his freshman season before being moved to running back.

Family legacy
For McDougal, playing college football anywhere but CSU wasn’t an option. His father, Mike McDougal, played football for the Rams in the late 1960s as well as his brother, Matt, who played football under Sonny Lubick from 1994 to 1996. “Once I had the opportunity to play under Sonny, I could not give that up,” McDougal said.

The big year
From 1996 to 1999, McDougal set the rushing career record with 2,898 yards. He also holds the leading yards-per-attempt record at Colorado State University.

Life-changing moments
For McDougal, the most memorable moment playing CSU football was not the accolades and awards he received, but the 41-14 victory over the University of Colorado at Boulder in the 1999 Rocky Mountain Showdown. This was a huge win for the Rams and McDougal. “It was the first time we had beaten them in years, and it kicked off the rivalry between the schools,” McDougal said.

Off the field, McDougal majored in sociology and planned to go into law enforcement. His career plans changed when he was offered a running back position for the NFL’s Indianapolis Colts. He played for the Colts for two years.

Life after football
Fort Collins continues to be a part of McDougal’s life. It’s the city where he and his wife met and still live today. They both stay active in the CSU community; he is a Ram Club member who continues to attend the football games and support the Rams. “I could not have picked a better school. I loved my team and had some great experiences. I am so glad I got the opportunity to play for CSU,” he said.

In addition to football, he enjoys playing golf, fly fishing and snowboarding. But unlike football, snowboarding is a sport that did not come naturally to McDougal. He is very passionate about it and often rides at Copper Mountain.

The Rams are proud to welcome Kevin McDougal into the CSU Sports Hall of Fame. “Being inducted into the CSU Sports Hall of Fame was a nice ending to what I have done at CSU,” McDougal said.

The community is invited to meet our new inductees and celebrate their achievements on Friday, Oct. 26, 2012.

Colorado State’s Sports Hall of Fame honors former Ram and Aggie athletes, coaches and administrators for their achievements and contributions to the university.

The event to commemorate outstanding athletes will take place at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26 in the Lory Student Center Theatre.

Admission is $50 for Ram Alumni Athletes Association members and $55 for non-members. Registration will begin in early September. Contact CSU Events at (970) 491-4601 for more information.
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