



KVNF Airwaves

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Welcome to KVNF Airwaves, your email newsletter with all the updates of what's happening at KVNF Community Radio.

The Parade Report

by Daniel Costello





KVNF was able to participate in 2 parades this summer. First came the Crawford Pioneer Days Parade. KVNF-ers marched down the main drag in Crawford with the KVNF Boom Box Band, finishing just in time before hail and rain fell from the sky. Marchers included DJs Geitz, Amber, Noah, Pearl, Hurricane Hugh, Cyn and volunteers John and Pamela. Flower and Winnie, KVNF Pet Members also marched with KVNF.

KVNF had a full-size float in this year's Cherry Days Parade in Paonia. The theme for Cherry Days this year was "The Cherry of the West" and so our float was "KVNF: The Cherry Best News and Music". Using a truck and hay trailer loaned to us and driven by Tony Prendergast, we had a mobile studio rolling through the streets of Paonia.

KVNF DJ Cyn hosted a rolling version of The Redneck Riviera from the mobile studio. The classic Country sounds of Johnny Cash, David Allan Coe, Hank Williams, Loretta Lynn, and more were very well received by the crowd.

DJ's Cha Cha (and daughter Natalie), Amber (and son Noah), and Ari Zona helped with dancing and lots of elbow-elbow-wristwristwrist parade waves. KVNF News Director Daniel Costello says he is going to hook up the PA speakers to his car stereo, blast KVNF, and challenge teenagers with loud car stereos to "sound wars".

Youth at KVNF

by Ali Lightfoot



You may have noticed a gang of children with microphones running around the streets of Paonia this summer. These children were part of KVNF's very first Radio Camp! Program Director, Ali Lightfoot, had 16 kids, ages 7-12, at the station during the month of August producing their own music shows, conducting interviews and getting some live airtime. Tune into to hear their shows - "Maniacs with Microphones" and "The Ding-Dong Watchamacallits" during September and October on Pot O Gold. Or check out the [Live Music Performance Archives](#) to hear the recorded audio files. You'll hear some great music selections (Steely Dan, The Beatles, Sallie Ford, Bearfoot) and thought provoking interviews where locals answer questions like "What's the scariest thing that ever happened to you?" and "What would you do if they put a McDonalds in Paonia?"

Kids were also at KVNF for the workshop put on by Pickin' Productions in conjunction with the Pickin' In the Park Free Summer Concert Series. Rob and Rebecca Miller, Bill Powers, Shelly Gray, and Mike Finders did a great job helping the kids to form the Dead Fish Heads band and write their own verses to the song they learned. The kids all did a FANTASTIC job performing their song that night at the concert in the park. If you missed it, [click here](#), to hear their masterpiece.





Pickin' in the Park 2010

by Rob Miller



Pickin' Productions celebrated our third year of presenting free concerts in two of Colorado's most beautiful town parks – Paonia & Ridgway. During the first two years, it was exciting to watch the communities get a taste of what the series could become, and now we feel like the summer concerts have carved themselves out as a regular part of summer here in Western Colorado.

A big move was made by KVNF this year by not only airing live broadcasts of the headliners like we did last year, but also including the opening acts on the radio. Knowing this, it encouraged Pickin' to dig even deeper and strive to present the strongest music we could throughout the whole show. This was evident with great opening sets by Elephant Revival, Russ Chapman and the Honey Dewdrops to name a few. KVNF staff member Jeff Reynolds did a fantastic job making the live streaming a reality. He struggled with connection problems at times, but stuck with it and never gave up. We send a huge thanks to Jeff for all his work and to Skybeam for providing the connection for the broadcast.

In Ridgway we also added a “late night show” that featured the opening acts, often joined by the headliners, for a jam at the Sherbino Theater. We hope we can continue that tradition next year. Due to budget constraints, Ridgway cut down to just 3 shows this summer, but given the success of 2010, it’s looking pretty good for the town to go back to 4 summer concerts, rounding out the entire series back to 8 shows in a row between Ridgway and Paonia.



There are so many people to thank I don’t have enough room here – but I will give a hardy thanks to KVNF for all their support and hard work around this series. Their donation of the Talmage Room for the kids workshop, the live streaming, the on air promotion and positive energy was all very much appreciated. First Colorado National Bank, the High Country Shopper, the Town of Paonia and the Kampe Foundation are all huge supporters of the series, along with so many community sponsors – including the kids scholarship sponsors Cocker Kids Foundation and the Paonia Rotary Club. Kudos to all of you who attended the series and who celebrate with us our vibrant, thriving communities.



See you next year!

Fall Election Coverage

by Daniel Costello

Tune in to KVNF this fall for election coverage on our news and interview program Chautauqua. KVNF will be broadcasting debates in the races for Governor, Senate, and 3rd Congressional District. We’ll also be covering State House and Senate Races, Ballot

Issues, and other state races. If you miss them when they are broadcast on KVNF, you will be able to listen to them on our website at KVNF.org. Get informed before you vote this fall with KVNF!

Paradox Strengthening Communities Fund Grant

by Ariana Brocious

On the back patio at the Naturita Community Library, kids play with toys provided through a grant to Bright Futures.



In March, KVNF received a grant for \$20,000 from the Paradox Strengthening Communities Fund, managed by the Telluride Foundation. The grant program is funded through federal stimulus money, from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, designed to build capacity and help support economic recovery in the area. The PSCF grants went out to 27 community groups in the Paradox Valley region, providing funds, training and

technical assistance.

KVNF received a grant to enhance its public affairs programming to the communities in the west ends of Montrose and San Miguel counties, as well as helping non-profits in that area with media messaging needs. Half of the grant went to support the 89.1 transmitter campaign, to improve and strengthen the signal that broadcasts to that region. The remaining funds are being used to document and report on the work of the other grantees, and increase public affairs coverage.

Since June, I have been traveling down to the West End (predominantly visiting the towns of Norwood, Naturita and Nucla) to report on projects that have been funded

through the PSCF grants. So far I've done short feature pieces on an educational landscaping project at the Naturita Community Library, English as a Second Language classes taught by volunteers in Norwood, and the launch of two new childcare centers in Nucla and Naturita. All of these stories have aired on Chatauqua, and are now available for listening on our [interview archives](#). More stories will be coming soon, including one about the push to develop the local food industry in the region.

In traveling down to the West End, I am often struck by the similarities between that area and the North Fork Valley. I hope that expanding our coverage to include the stories in the southwestern part of our listening area will help strengthen connections across our larger KVNF community.

A Strong and Reliable 89.1

by Linda Bacigalupi



Thanks to everyone who joined the one-day, on-air fund drive for the 89.1 transmitter! With the outpouring of support on August 9, (8-9-10), we raised an additional \$8,500 toward the replacement of this vital piece of equipment which beams KVNF's signal all the way from the San Juan Mountains to Grand Mesa and from the Black Canyon to the Utah border. Our goal was to match the \$40,000 grant we received from the Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP).

A \$10,000 grant from the Telluride Foundation from their "Strengthening Communities Program" gave the drive a kick-start, and \$16,000 in advance contributions from individual donors gave us a good foundation for the on-air day. In all, KVNF listeners and supporters have helped us raise \$35,000 toward our goal!. That was enough to order the new equipment and start getting ready for installation on the Uncompahgre Plateau. So by the time the snow starts flying later this fall, we should all be benefitting from the new

8,000-watt, 89.1 signal beaming from Raspberry Hill.

There's still time to be a part of this project... just send your contribution to PO Box 1350, Paonia, CO 81428, call the station at 527-4866 (1-866-KVNF-NOW), or via the web at kvnf.org.



89.1 Signal Coverage Area

KVNF Annual Meeting

by John Moore, KVNF Board President

Circle Thursday evening, October 21, on your calendar - the date of KVNF's annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the station and will feature a panel of in-house experts presenting their thoughts on "Trends in Community Radio." As with all media today, change is occurring at an accelerated rate in radio and we not only want to bring you up to date, we want to know what you think regarding how we can further incorporate ways for you to interact with KVNF.



The word interact brings to mind a recently published book, *Cognitive Surplus: Creativity and Generosity in a Connected Age*, by Clay Shirky, who teaches at the Interactive Telecommunications Program at New York University. The book highlights

the many ways we digitally interact and collaborate, which have resulted in partially rebuilding the social network that was so important in our lives through the early twentieth century. Shirky also describes how new technology is changing us from media consumers to collaborators, unleashing levels of creativity and civic engagement that have the potential to transform our world.

The post Second World War economic expansion led to increases in income and free time, but until the digital revolution, Shirky writes, “Technology encouraged people to squander their time and intellect as passive consumers.” Not so today, as billions of people around the world and in every age category are cognitively engaged in some form of social media. The results of aggregating this cognitive surplus range from the purely entertaining <http://www.lolcats.com> to reference tools like Wikipedia and lifesaving efforts such as <http://www.ushahidi.com>, which allowed Kenyans to sidestep government censorship and report acts of violence during a presidential election in real time using their cell phone cameras.

Shirky believes that the potential impact of utilizing our cognitive surplus is enormous, pointing out that Wikipedia was built using approximately 1 percent of the hours Americans watch television -- just the tip of the iceberg, Shirky believes, of the potential to improve our daily lives as we learn to employ our good will and free time like never before. “Harnessing our cognitive surplus allows people to behave in increasingly generous, public and social ways,” Shirky writes.

Let’s aggregate some of our free time at KVNF’s annual meeting on October 21 and engage in a stimulating, convivial conversation about KVNF’s future. Hope to see you there.

http://www.ted.com/talks/lang/eng/clay_shirky_how_cognitive_surplus_will_change_the_world.html

Annual Meeting Announcement

KVNF holds the Annual Meeting of its membership each October. This year the Annual Meeting is being held Thursday, October 21 at 6:00 pm. At this meeting, members vote on candidates for the KVNF Board of Directors as well as vote on any proposed By-Law changes. Submissions for **Board Candidates** and **proposals for By-Law Changes** are now being accepted. The **deadline** to submit a By-Law proposal is **Monday, September 6**. Anyone with a proposal, must have it to the KVNF business office no later than that date. Persons wishing to be a candidate for the Board of Directors must submit a Statement of Intent and a biography to the KVNF business office by the September 6 deadline. If you have questions, please call the KVNF business office at 970-527-4866.

Fall Pledge Drive

KVNF is holding its Fall Pledge drive this year starting Saturday, October 2. The theme this year is "Give a Little, Get A Lot ". When you renew your membership at KVNF, give an additional gift donation or become a new member, you get back the pride of ownership in your local community station that brings you great independent music programmed by your friends and neighbors, independent news, emergency alerts and local news. It makes you a part of this 30 year old community resource that provides you with the information you need and the soundtrack to your life. This fall, the pledge drive has even more to do with giving. Tune in starting October 2 to find out how. And remember, YOUR pledge to KVNF keeps community radio broadcasting and independently owned on the Western Slope.

KVNF Program Schedule

If you need a printable copy of the KVNF Program Schedule to keep up with your favorite shows, [click here](#). If you want to view the program schedule online, [click here](#). This schedule has links that give you more information about the show including information and sometimes pictures of the hosts for the show.

KVNF Underwriters

KVNF welcomes new underwriters:

- Wilson Recycling - Paonia
- Austin Baptist Church - Austin
- Flower Motors - Montrose
- JM Plumbing & Heating - Hotchkiss
- Back Country Coffee - Paonia
- Takubeh - Paonia
- Revolution Brewing - Paonia
- Mountain Harvest Festival - Paonia
- Black Bridge Winery - Paonia

And thanking our seasonal underwriters:

- Bee Yard Gardens
- Colorado River District
- Ridgway Farmers Market
- Zephyros Farm & Garden

To see all the KVNF Underwriters with links to their websites and phone numbers, [click here](#). To see KVNF Business members, [click here](#). Be sure and thank these generous KVNF members when you visit their businesses for their support of KVNF Community Radio.

Musicians in the House!

Lots of musicians stop by the KVNF studios and perform live on the air, record something for a later air date, phone in to chat or just stop by to say hi. Check out the artists heard recently on KVNF below. Live music performances and interviews from the Bamboo Room can be heard in the [Live Music Performances archives](#).



Gigi Love



Kort McCumber



The Colorado Goat Ropers Guild



The Sweetback Sisters



Darrell Scott



The Two Man Gentleman Band



Bearfoot



Waiting On Trial



T-Bird and the Breaks



Sallie Ford & the Sound Outside



Elephant Revival



Ron Miles



Caleb Klaunder Country Band



Christabel and the Johns



Russ Chapman



Honey Dewdrops



The Plowboys



Wild Earl



Billy Faier (pictured with KVNf DJ, Grady - left)



Tia McGraff & Tommy Parham (with Ellen Stapenhorst - middle)



Tennessee Firearms



F Street Sheiks

KVNF DJs

Have you ever considered becoming a KVNF DJ? It's a great way to share your love of music with other KVNF listeners and training is free to KVNF Members. Just call the station during business hours for details.

Featured DJ: Jack



Anybody remember the Whole Wheat Show? That was my first show, way back in 1991. I had maybe 50 listeners. One night I picked up the phone and heard a recorded voice saying “Delta County Correctional Facility, will you accept charges from...” followed by a hasty shout: “Purple Haze!” You bet I played it — at least once. Late nights gave way to early morning shows (we had to open up at 6 am!) and finally I hit the prime time: sharing the Monday morning Free Range Radio show with my DJ mentor, Donna Littlefield. We had a good run together for more than 10 years, forming a devout following of chickenheads. I’m proudest of a little weird-news feature we produced called “Freshly Laid at Eleven” that included a piece about the “poopy perpetrator,” an outlaw RV

Featured DJ: Lynn



I hitchhiked into Paonia 31 years ago with a backpack. Within a year, I became a DJ at KVNF doing the Pot of Gold show; and eventually expanded to doing various programs including One Woman’s Perspective, numerous fill-in shows, and currently the Medicine Show once a month. When I’m not at the radio station, I do massage therapy; and I enjoy singing with the North Fork Freedom Chorus, visiting with friends, African dance and playing Scrabble.

You can hear Lynn on The Medicine Show, Sunday mornings from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

sewage dumper in Crawford.

As much as I loved the daytime freedom to mix international music with soul, weave old-timey stuff with jazz, and just search for music that feels good, I had to give in to the demands of fatherhood (Sylvia is 2) and go back to an evening show. I chose the classical show because I know NOTHING about classical music, but it intrigues me: You can listen to a 300 year-old piece of music ten times and hear something new each time. To guide me, I enlisted the help of my favorite nonagenarian, retired University of Denver music professor Phyllis Tremmel. Each month at 8pm I interview her by phone about a selected composer or composition. She is a treasure trove of startling anecdotes, and does a fantastic job of painting the big picture of classical music.

I am grateful to KVNF and to its members: Together they have given me the chance to learn and play good music, and I hope I've done well by both of them.

You can hear Jack on In The Classical Tradition, Sunday nights from 7:00 - 9:30.

What's Coming Up at KVNF

What's coming up at KVNF? You can check out the community calendar at kvnf.org for the latest music, visual arts and events going on in the listening area. Here are some of the things coming up for KVNF:

- September 6, 2010 - Deadline for By-Law change proposals and submissions for Board of Directors candidates
- September 8, 2010 - Fall Pre-drive letter mailed out to members
- September 18, 2010 - KVNF live broadcast of the Lake City Uncorked Wine & Music Festival
- September 20, 2010 - KVNF Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm in Paonia
- September 23, 2010 - Mountain Harvest "Harvest of Voices" - KVNF records live for later broadcast.

- October 2, 2010 - KVNF Fall Pledge Drive starts
- October 21, 2010 - KVNF Annual Meeting - 6 pm
- November 15, 2010 - KVNF Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm in Montrose
- December 3 - 4, 2010 - KVNF On-Air Holiday Auction



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