

Summer Soul-Stice celebration shines



Above: Shawna Bonshot and her children added to the vibrant sidewalk chalk path through Monument. The Summer Soul-stice hayride rumbles down the streets of Monument. *Photos by Kate Wetterer.*

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The Finally Summer Soul-Stice Celebration returned to Monument on June 16, spicing up the streets with rented sidewalk squares for chalk pictures and bouncy music from the YMCA's zumba exercise dancing class, transported temporarily to Limbach Park.

The Bead Shop provided supplies for visitors to make free sun catchers, ushering in summer's brighter days. A bouncy castle was provided, and the Soul Train hayride made its rounds through Monument's streets, stopping in front of the festivities to collect children and adults. Food was readily available, along with beer tastings at the Soulful Suds beer tent and a Pikes Peak Library District stand

offering craft instructions and materials.

Other attractions included a sidewalk sale at the Covered Treasures Bookstore, where used books were given a chance at new homes and fresh minds, and a sale featuring local artists at Bella Art and Frame. Francine Boisclair offered cheerful jewelry for sale, and Che's Art was featured as well, presenting pieces including wood and stone carvings.

The Finally Summer Soul-Stice is an opportunity for Monument to gather, local businesses opening their doors to visitors and helping the community grow together and enjoy the warm weather.

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Photos of the Waldo Canyon Fire



Above: As seen from 8th Street in Colorado Springs Tuesday, June 26, 4 p.m. *Photo by John Heiser.*



Above: Plume of smoke as seen from the Tri-Lakes area Tuesday, June 26, 7 p.m. *Photo by Susan Hindman.* An amazing time-lapse video of the view from South Woodmoor is posted at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZBA7eHY022k&feature=youtu.be.

Bears in Woodmoor



On June 26, Dale Rae's Woodmoor home had some unexpected visitors. **Left:** a cub climbs a tree. **Above:** The mother collects her cubs and ambles off. *Photos by Dale Rae.*

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Above: KhaPovi Andrea Harvier (Pueblo of Pojoaque and Santa Clara Pueblo) works on her artwork that includes the sparkling mica clay used with a variety of colored slip clay to make traditional bowls and figures. Harvier is a senior at Northern New Mexico College. KhaPovi is shown here with her mother, who makes pottery and the baskets shown.

Above: Bobby Bale, member of the Taos Pueblo, creates traditional drums from Cottonwood and Aspen logs with elk, cow, and buffalo hides. His watercolor paintings depict Native American symbols within the vast landscapes of the Southwest. *Photos by Bernard Minetti. Captions by Janet Sellers.*



Above: View from the Western Museum of Mining and Industry Wednesday, June 27, 4 p.m. *Photo by David Futey.* When OCN went to press, the fire was 90 percent contained with full containment projected by July 7.



Above: Buses evacuated to Lewis-Palmer High School. *Photo by Harriet Halbig.*