

**Spring Concert
3 p.m., April 18,
Montrose Pavilion**



**Annual Meeting
8 p.m., Feb. 22,
MHS Band Room**

Rhythm and News

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Rehearsing for the Next Concert: What Better Way to Spend a Monday Evening?



**Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Montrose Community Band
8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 22, Band Room of Montrose High School**

Annual Meeting to Vote on Board Nominees

At the band's annual meeting on Monday, Feb. 22, the main item of business will be to elect three board members. According to the band's bylaws, board members can serve two terms of three years each. Yvonne McChesney and Jim Gibson are completing the second of their two terms and will be leaving the board. John House also is leaving the board. To be nominated as new board members are John Ast, Julie Huffman and Sonja Miller. Following the annual meeting, the new board will meet to elect officers. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m., following an abbreviated rehearsal.

Musicians of the Quarter



Holly Ray

Members of the clarinet and flute sections have been honored in the past few months as musicians of the quarter. At the Sept. 27th Fall Concert, clarinetist Holly Ray was recognized. By day an accountant, Holly is a graduate of Western State College and also plays in the Valley Symphony. As part of her award, Holly was eligible to select a piece of music for the band to play at a future concert. She chose "Molly at the Shore" by Percy Aldridge Grainger; it will be on the program of the Spring Concert on April 18. At the Dec. 20th Christmas Concert, Monica Phillips, who plays flute and piccolo, was honored. Monica is director of music and administrative

assistant at Montrose Christian Church. She and her husband, Joe Phillips, have two children. Monica will be selecting a piece for the June 30 patriotic concert.



Monica Phillips

New and Returning Faces

New faces in the band are saxophonist Rayden Jones; trumpeters Eva Bramlett, Jake Johnson and Tyler Werner; Joseph Vigil on French horn; and clarinetist Stacey Marie Ryan. A charter member of the band, Cherie Bailey, has returned on bass clarinet. Rayden, Eva, Joseph and Stacey played in the Christmas concert. The others began rehearsing with the band this month. Five high school students are now playing with the band: Eva and Joseph from Montrose High and Rayden, Jake and Tyler from Delta High. Montrose High and Olathe High musicians who rehearse for at least eight weeks and play a concert with the band can apply those hours to the school's requirement for community service.

Spring Concert Crosses the Atlantic

Music with a British theme is being prepared for the Sunday, April 18, Spring Concert. Included in that music are "Yorkshire Ballad" by James Barnes, "Sea Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, "Coronation March" by William Walton and a medley of 12 Beatles melodies. In addition, the band will play "Molly on the Shore," an Irish reel by Percy Grainger; and "Morceau Symphonique" by Alexandre Guilmant, which features a trombone solo by John House. The concert will begin at 3 p.m. in the Pavilion auditorium and will be sponsored by TEI Rock Drills.

Christmas Concert Fills Pavilion With ‘Sounds of Joy’

More than 35 musicians played with the band at the seventh annual Christmas concert, whose theme was “Sounds of Joy.” In addition, choir members from Zion Lutheran Church sang with the band on two numbers, and the sax ensemble performed three rousing selections. Clarinetist Danielle Breteau, whose fall schedule prevented her from rehearsing with the band, was master of ceremonies for the concert and had the audience fully engaged with her “LAUGH” and “CLAP” signs that she held up at appropriate moments. More than 500 people attended the free concert, co-sponsored by Montrose Bank and the Montrose Arts Council. Saxophonist Yvonne McChesney, her daughter, Katie, and Yvonne’s mother, Stella Ryan, again brightened the auditorium with holiday decor. Programs again were provided by Paul and Carol McDermott.

Financial and Fund-Raising News

The band ended 2009 with a balance of \$2,500. Income for the year exceeded expenses by \$256. For 2010, a budget of \$6,310 is awaiting board approval. Approximately half of the budgeted expense goes for concert hall rental and sheet music. Other expenses include the purchase of additional uniforms, liability insurance and instrument rental, purchase and maintenance. The band pays fees for rental of percussion equipment and occasionally other instruments from the Montrose High School Band. To enjoy copyright protection for the music it plays, the band belongs to the Association of Concert Bands. The board voted not to renew its membership in the Montrose Chamber of Commerce. Some percussion instruments were purchased late in 2009, and additional percussion purchases are proposed for 2010. The new instruments supplement what is rented from Montrose High School.

Donations continue to cover the cost of renting the Pavilion for four concerts. Each rental costs \$357.50, and the money to cover that cost in 2009 came from TEI Rock Drills, the Montrose Arts Council, Dr. Jeffrey Krebs, Alpine Bank, the Employee Club of the Montrose facility of Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Montrose Bank. More than \$700 was contributed to the band by supporting members, in amounts ranging from \$10 to \$100. More than \$800 was earned from the concert at the Wright Opera House in Ouray and from the Telluride 4th of July Parade.

In pursuit of additional fund-raising, the band is participating in donation programs of several businesses. It is not necessary to be a member of the band to join in any of the following efforts:

-- **Amazon.com:** Go to the home page of www.montroseband.com and look for the link shown at right. Click on it and a percentage of *anything* you buy from Amazon will go to the band.

-- **Safeway:** Buy Safeway gift cards through the band, and a portion of your purchase goes to the band. For example, a \$50 gift card entitles you to buy \$50 worth of groceries, prescriptions or gasoline at Safeway, and the band receives \$2.50 from Safeway.

-- **Big O Tires:** When you purchase any tires or vehicle maintenance at any Western Slope outlet of Big O Tires, submit a “Team Effort Fundraiser Card” when you pay your bill, and the band will receive a donation from Big O. Cards are available at band rehearsals or by calling Herb Probasco at 252-0918.

-- **City Market:** The band hopes to be accepted soon for the City Market Cares program. Then a minimum of 50 shoppers must register their City Market customer card for the band to qualify for a quarterly donation based on purchases by shoppers who have signed up to support the band.

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2010 Pavilion Concert Schedule



- * **Sunday, April 18, 3 p.m., Free Spring Concert**
Sponsored by TEI Rock Drills
- * **Wednesday, June 30, 7 p.m., Free Patriotic Concert**
- * **Sunday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m., Free Fall Concert**
- * **Tuesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Free Christmas Concert**

Other scheduled appearances

Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m., Wright Opera House, Ouray
Sunday, July 4, 10 a.m., Telluride 4th of July Parade (tentative)

Most Monday nights, 7 p.m., Rehearsal, Montrose High School Band Room
New musicians welcome. Call Herb at 252-0918 or Yvonne at 252-1330

For schedule changes and additions, check www.montroseband.com or your local paper.