

**Spring Concert  
3 p.m., April 5  
Montrose Pavilion**



**Annual Meeting  
8 p.m., Feb. 16  
MHS Band Room**

# Rhythm and News

Newsletter of the Montrose Community Band

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Photo by Elaine Probasco

## **Stars and Stripes and Dinosaurs Forever**

At Cerise Park last July 4, the Montrose Community Band played before the annual Rotary Club fireworks display. The performance drew perhaps the most distinctive creature yet to a band concert.

**Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Montrose Community Band  
8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 16, Band Room of Montrose High School**

## **Spring Concert Theme: “Montrose Goes to the Movies”**

From the “Wizard of Oz” to “Pirates of the Caribbean,” from Harold Arlen and Yip Harburg to John Williams, movie scores will ring from the Montrose Pavilion auditorium during the Montrose Community Band’s free Spring Concert, 3 p.m., Sunday, April 5. Besides “Wizard” and “Pirates,” the band will play music from “The Incredibles,” “Jesus Christ, Superstar,” several James Bond movies and several films with John Williams music, including “Saving Private Ryan,” “The Cowboys,” “Star Wars” and “ET.” Music Director Toby King will take up his saxophone and play along with the band to music from “Catch Me If You Can.”

## **Musicians of the Quarter**

Five members of the Montrose Community Band were honored in 2008 as Musician of the Quarter. Honored at the Spring Concert was Donald Ludlow, a longtime member of the percussion section and a former member of the band’s board of directors. At the Summer Patriotic Concert, the honoree was Joe Reitz, a longtime member of the baritone horn section and a former band librarian and board member. A musical couple was honored at the Fall Concert: Lloyd and Bridget Hannah. Lloyd plays baritone horn and Bridget plays clarinet. Both began playing with the band when it made its first appearance -- at the 2002 Parade of Lights. Longtime member of the flute section Joan Berryman was honored at the Christmas Concert.

## **40 Musicians Perform at Christmas Concert**

On stage at the Dec. 21 Christmas Concert were 40 members of the Montrose Community Band, perhaps the largest ensemble ever to play a concert in the band’s six-year history. The musicians ranged in age from the teens to the 70s and included 14 brass players, probably the largest brass section that has performed with the band. Nearly 500 people attended the free concert.

## **New and Returning Faces**

Joining the band in 2008 were percussionists Elijah MacLeod, Sonja Miller and Chad Huffman; flutists Patrice Ducat and Michael Griffiths; saxophonist John Humphries; trombonist Luke Reschke; and clarinetist/bass clarinetist Danielle Breteau. Lenore Ryan on flute and Katie Dunn on French horn joined the band in January 2009. Also in 2008, the band welcomed back trumpeters Dennis Weiss and Dave Reddish and, in 2009, Katie McChesney rejoined the flute section. Percussionist Michael Burdick played the Spring Concert. Rydge Mulford on trumpet and Kristy Gunning on piano played the “Salute to Independence” concert. Winning the unofficial recruiting award was saxophonist Yvonne McChesney. She has recently brought in several new and returning members, in addition to others she has recruited in earlier years.

## **A Festive Atmosphere**

Concert decorations in the Pavilion auditorium have been gathered and arranged by Yvonne McChesney. She has had help from her mother, Stella Ryan, and her daughter, Katie McChesney. Plants on the stage for the Spring Concert were loaned by Camelot Gardens. The giant American flag, donated several years ago by Dr. Jeffrey Krebs, hung behind the band at the Patriotic Concert.

## *The Band and the Tightening Economy*

### **Where the Donations Come From and Where They Go**

Thanks to contributions from government, private business, community organizations and private donors, the Montrose Community Band continues to be able to present its concerts free of charge. Rental of the Pavilion auditorium costs \$357.50 per concert, and rental contributions in 2008 came from TEI Rock Drills, Dr. Jeffrey Krebs, the Employee Club/Montrose Cause of Tri-State Generation and Transmission and Gary and Keri Hepner. All have sponsored concerts for several years. In addition, sizable contributions were received from the Montrose Arts Council and Alpine Bank. The largest single contribution in 2008 -- \$1,000 -- came from the City of Montrose. Donations ranging from \$10 to \$100 have been received from individual supporting members. Musician members of the band pay dues to provide additional support -- \$25 for individuals and \$35 families, with adjustments made for student members and those who play only part of the year. More than \$300 per concert usually is received in donations from concertgoers.

For 2009, the band's board of directors has approved a budget of \$5,845. Approximately half of that amount goes for concert hall rental and sheet music. Other expenses include the purchase of additional uniforms, liability insurance and instrument rental and maintenance. The band pays rental fees for use of percussion equipment and occasional rental of 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 approved continuing the band's membership in the Montrose Chamber of Commerce for one more year and will evaluate whether to continue the membership past 2009.

Some alternative sources of revenue will be sought this year to make up for donations that won't be received this year. No money has been donated to the band for 2009 from the City of Montrose, which contributed to the band for three years. The board's fund-raising committee is exploring the possibility of applying for grants.

Ice cream has been a feature of every summer Patriotic Concert, and the board hopes to continue that tradition this year. It is uncertain whether refreshments will be served at any other concerts, since the cost of renting the Pavilion gallery and providing refreshments exceeds \$300.

### **Building and Maintaining the Music Library**

As the Montrose Community Band begins its seventh year, it continues to build the library that is essential to the success of any municipal band. The band began with a handful of Christmas tunes that it performed at its debut -- in the 2002 Parade of Lights. Popular marches were the next addition to the library, along with well-known American melodies. Gradually, the library has expanded to include staples of the concert band repertoire, as well as Big Band, Broadway and movie music. The band's music director selects the majority of the music for each concert, with suggestions from members of the music committee. Music can be purchased on approval; occasionally, a piece is returned after it fails to win approval from the band after a rehearsal run-through. Clarinetist Sondra Webb, the band librarian, organizes and distributes the music with help from other members and supporters of the band, including Joe Reitz and Virginia Ast.

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## 2009 Concert Schedule



- \* **Sunday, April 5, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, Free Spring Concert**  
*Sponsored by TEI Rock Drills*
- \* **Tuesday, June 30, 7 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, Free Patriotic Concert**
- \* **Sunday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, Free Fall Concert**
- \* **Sunday, Dec. 20, 3 p.m., Montrose Pavilion, Free Christmas Concert**

**Additional appearances to be announced as scheduled.**

**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, check [www.montroseband.com](http://www.montroseband.com) or your local paper.**