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LAST WEEK;

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The League of Women Voters of Montrose will give their first *Making Democracy Work* awards to be announced at 7:00 PM, September 27 at the Paonia Town Park during the Chili Cook-off of the Mountain Harvest Festival. . There are 9 nominees, 3 of which are members of our club, being PAM BLISS, PAM COCKER and SARAH BISHOP. These are such obvious and great choices

Peggy recruited some folks to participate in the *Grape Stomp* at the Mountain Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 29 in the Paonia Park. Norm promised our Rotary club would *kick butt*.

GREG THOMPSON passed around a sign-up sheet for highway cleanup on October 12.

The Cocker Kids Foundation will have a great auction on October 5

at the Heritage Hall in the fair grounds

SARAH and BILL again announced their big party in the Paonia Town Park on Sunday, September 29 from 4 to 6 PM. They will join the All Star Band—the best music in town— from time to time to entertain everyone. Food vender will be available, and all the drinks, alcoholic and otherwise, will be comped by the Bishops. Please attend as the final *hurrah* on the Mountain Harvest Festival 2013. Bill thinks that since this is their 50th celebration, it just might last!!!

PROGRAM LAST WEEK:

KYLE BANKS, the game warden located in Hotchkiss, and covering the Crawford area, along with BRIAN CART gave a most informative and interesting program. First Kyle explained that his position is financed by fees on weapons and licenses.

There is no lottery for elk licenses in Colorado. Fifteen percent of deer li-

censes go to land owners since they furnish so much of the habitat. Male deer are suffering from a disease that causes them to not lose their velvet. Antlers are the fastest growing organism on the earth. He and his colleagues are monitoring some radio collared deer to see how they fare wit the disease.

This area has a prolific bear population, more than anywhere else in Colorado. They range widely.



There is a chronic *wasting disease* that has infected less than 5% of the deer herds and 2% of the elk herds.

Brian Cart won the elk bugling contest in this state. He demonstrated various calls: calf, cow, young bull & old bull. He was fortunate that no one had an elk license and rifle right then it was so real. Amazing.



Dedication of the great new mural
"Valley of Abundance"

By Seth Weber
AT 5:30 Today outside
Ollie's Ice Cream

