UPCOMING EVENTS

FOUNDERS DAY
Friday Sept. 11, 2015 7 p.m. - City Hall
The Founders Day celebration will follow a fun, comedic, Late-night show “man on the street” format with interviews and audience-participation. Paul and Keith Maloy will be the hosts. The show will be backed by the Endless Summer band. You won’t want to miss this one!

COWBOY POETRY
Friday Oct. 9, 2015 7 p.m. - City Hall
True to October tradition, the arts council will again host an evening of cowboy poetry with several West Bountiful cowboy poets, including Kim McKean and Von Hill. This is an evening of humor and song, based on western history where at the end of the day cowboys sat around a campfire extemporaneously entertaining each other with tall tales and folk songs.

SMITH FAMILY CONCERT
Friday Nov. 13, 2015 7 p.m. - City Hall
The November concert will feature Craig and Chariti Smith and their five beautiful girls: Marah (a senior), Melanie (a sophomore), Emma (a 7th grader), Samantha (a 5th grader), and Noel (a 3rd grader). The Smith family are active participants in competitive sports, teaching, acting and music. Their resume includes choir director, composer, vocalist, pianist, and actress. "We are not professional," Chariti said. "We enjoy a variety of music and love being a family who shares that love with each other. Our program will feature a variety of different styles of music, talents with no particular theme."

Concert series organizer retires
After 10 years, arts council founding member Colleen Maloy retires

Colleen Maloy, known in the community as a piano teacher, hailed by the arts council as the brains behind the concert series, and identified by her family as a lover of a tasty peanut butter and tomato sandwich, has turned in her hat as a West Bountiful Arts Council volunteer.

"Mom enjoyed being on the arts council," stated her son Keith Maloy. "She saw the concerts as a great way to instigate collateral good in the community."

When the arts council was organized in 2005, Dianne Smith was asked to submit a list of names of people who might be interested in sitting on the council.

"I immediately thought of Colleen," Dianne said. "But knowing how busy she was, I approached her hesitantly. When I asked if she would be interested, she didn’t hesitate and gave me an enthusiastic yes."

In one of the first council meetings, Colleen proposed the idea to host a concert series giving community members an opportunity to showcase talent. During the past 10 years, Colleen has helped the council organize and present close to 100 concerts. In the words of her son Keith, Colleen made these concerts happen by "calling and near haggling people to take center stage." Colleen said she is grateful for the many who accepted the invitation to perform.

Colleen’s own background is filled with music, having been a bass clarinet player in high school, taking her children from a young age to musical and cultural experiences, and being a piano teacher.

Colleen’s son Keith said when their family first moved to West Bountiful in 1978, his mom distinctly remembers the 4th of July parade going down 800 West on July 3rd. They were unloading their moving vans.

Keith stated, "It didn’t take long for her to hang out the piano teacher’s shingle. Teaching piano is a life long dedication for her. She knows what good music can do to a person and the power it has in the lives around it. She delights in empowering young people with it and the discipline and appreciation for good things it fosters in them."

Keith recalls his mom insisting, despite complaints, that her children go to musical and cultural events.

"I’m so grateful she did not give in or up and simply let us rot on a diet of TV," he stated. "Artificial entertainment can create artificial intelligence."

As a community, we are grateful for all her hard work and recognize that West Bountiful is forever blessed because she saw the good in the world and sacrificed to give us exposure to it. Thank you Colleen!!

The arts council invites any who have performed for her or with her to the September Founders Day concert where Colleen Maloy will be honored for her special contribution to the community.