



125th Anniversary NEWS RELEASE

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Come to Collbran on July 4th!

Collbran Celebrates the Town's 100th Anniversary and Mesa County's 125th Anniversary

The Town of Collbran's July 4th celebration is a very special one this year. 2008 marks Collbran's 100th Anniversary—as well as Mesa County's 125th Anniversary—and the town is going all out to honor both milestones this weekend. Part of the celebration will take place at the historic Collbran Auditorium including a special proclamation, which will be presented when the parade stops there Friday morning.

The daylong celebration will also include a pancake breakfast, rodeos, a kids carnival and dunk tank, cowboy poetry, musical entertainment, fireworks and a street dance.

The auditorium, which was built in 1909, will be open from **9 a.m.–5 p.m. on Friday, July 4th** featuring displays of historical photographs, local art work, antique saddles, and entertainment. As an official part of Mesa County's year-long celebration of its 125th anniversary, the Plateau Valley Association received a special grant to create the historical photographic display.

In order to purchase supplies and materials for the project, the Museum of Western Colorado's Folklife Department helped secure funding from the Colorado Council on the Arts, which was combined with funding from the Mesa County Commissioners. The community's goal is to preserve the auditorium so it can eventually become a community cultural center. For further information contact Ronna Lee Sharpe, 242-0971, ext. 221.

“Many faces, many places. One community—Mesa County.”