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# City moves on chance for property

Two land purchases for strategic planning

**BY DREW SETTERHOLM**  
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The City of Montrose invested in its long-term plans for the Black Canyon Golf Course and Sunset Mesa sports complex with the recent purchases of two properties.

The city closed on a deal Nov. 11 for 7.2 acres of vacant land on Miami Road, bordering the golf course, for a price of \$87,500. On Oct. 9, the city agreed to a \$169,000 purchase of 4.98 acres on Chipeta Drive at the intersection of Sunset Mesa Road.

City Manager Bill Bell said the purchases would figure into the city's long-term strategic planning goals for the golf course and sports complex.

The Miami Road property addresses multiple goals for the Black Canyon Golf Course, which the city purchased earlier this year. The vacant land could be converted into a new entrance to the course, add an executive course for youth golf programs or to prevent golfers from having to interact with traffic on Birch Street, Bell explained.

"We're just now planning to brainstorm about the future of that property," he said. "We really need to relocate the maintenance sheds and improve the presence of the course as you walk to the clubhouse."

If and when the city decides to create a road access through the new property, it will be named DeJulio Way, for the previous owners of the property, Bell said.

Montrose Mayor Bob Nicholson said converting the property to a new entry for the course would be a "long-term thing for us." Bell said the expansion or relocation of buildings could take place "maybe in the next couple of years."

The purchase of the 5-acre residential property at the base of Sunset Mesa could also lead to an improved entrance to city property, Bell said.

Future plans for the property

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BROOMFIELD 24

# HEARTBREAKER

Senior Nick Foster walks toward the Montrose sideline after the Indians' final pass fell incomplete and Broomfield stormed the field Saturday.

**Want more?**  
See additional photos of the game at [montrosepress.com](http://montrosepress.com) and the Montrose Daily Press Facebook page.

The Montrose football team watched its fourth-quarter lead slip away, a final pass fall incomplete and its 2014 season come to an end on a cold Saturday afternoon in Broomfield. • The Indians led 20-10 early in the fourth quarter, but the Eagles stormed back to win 24-20 and advance to the 4A semifinals. • A 97-yard drive by Broomfield's backup quarterback with less than three minutes left in the game ended in the game-winning touchdown, and the Montrose offense couldn't put together a miracle with the 52 seconds left on the clock.

CHECK OUT PAGE 7 FOR MORE COVERAGE OF THE GAME

## Shirley Sanburg preserves history through 'talking tree' photos

**BY FORE-KIN TRAILS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

There are many ways to preserve history and Shirley Sanburg of Montrose chose a most unusual one – photographing carvings on trees.

Sanburg began taking pictures of tree carvings as a young woman in 1964 and continued the hobby for many years, accumulating hundreds of examples.

They were taken in many places as she and her husband, Monte Sanburg, hiked, snowmobiled and spent time at the family cabin on the Uncompahgre Plateau.

The oldest carving she found bears the name Doyle and the date of 1849. Next oldest is a carving of a date only — 1886. There's a carving dated 1904 of particular

local interest. It bears the last names of Galloway and Tobin who were early families in Montrose.

There's a wide variety of carvings shown in her collection. Some are simply signatures and/or a date. One is kind of a map — it says "Lost Horse Trail" with an arrow pointing directions. Ranchers carved their brands into the bark. There are pictures of horses, Indians, houses and of course, nudes. Much of the artwork was probably done by Basque shepherders whiling away lonely hours.

Sanburg's photography has indeed preserved history, as much of the carving was done on aspen trees. They have a life span of about 100 years and by now many trees with carvings will have died and vanished



COURTESY PHOTO

**A horse is one of many images carved into trees throughout the years.**

as they disintegrated on the forest floor.

What started as a hobby for Sanburg has evolved into something being studied by archeologists. They call carvings on trees that record names, dates and images arborglyphs.

A doctor of history at the University of Nevada, Reno, is investigating the Basque connection with the aspen carvings.

An Internet article called an arborglyph a botanical relic with a limited life span and said, "It is a race against time to find and document carvings on tree trunks that are living, just recently dead or preserved."

The genealogy society researches various aspects of history in Montrose County and publishes it's discoveries in a quarterly magazine. Copies may be purchased at the society's Montrose Genealogy Center, 700 East Main. The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. and the first and third Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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