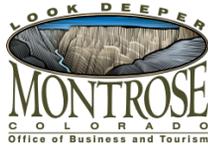


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## City moves on chance for property

Two land purchases for strategic planning

BY DREW SETTERHOLM  
DAILY PRESS STAFF WRITER

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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# HEARTBREAKER



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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 arboglyphs.

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

An Internet article called an arboglyph 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 its 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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Friends and family greet each other during the Montrose Community Dinner at Friendship Hall last year.

## Pie contest set for annual Thanksgiving dinner

Thanksgiving reminds us of good food including delicious pies — that favorite recipe from your grandma, the secret ingredient your mom added, the great recipe you discovered and want to try this year.

The Montrose Community Dinners Inc., along with The Coffee Trader, invites you to create this wonderful pie for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Community Thanksgiving Dinner — but, before taking the pie to Friendship Hall for the dinner, bring your pie to The Coffee Trader's Pie Contest.

Stop at The Coffee Trader on East Main to pick up a pie plate, your application to the contest and the rules. Pies will be numbered

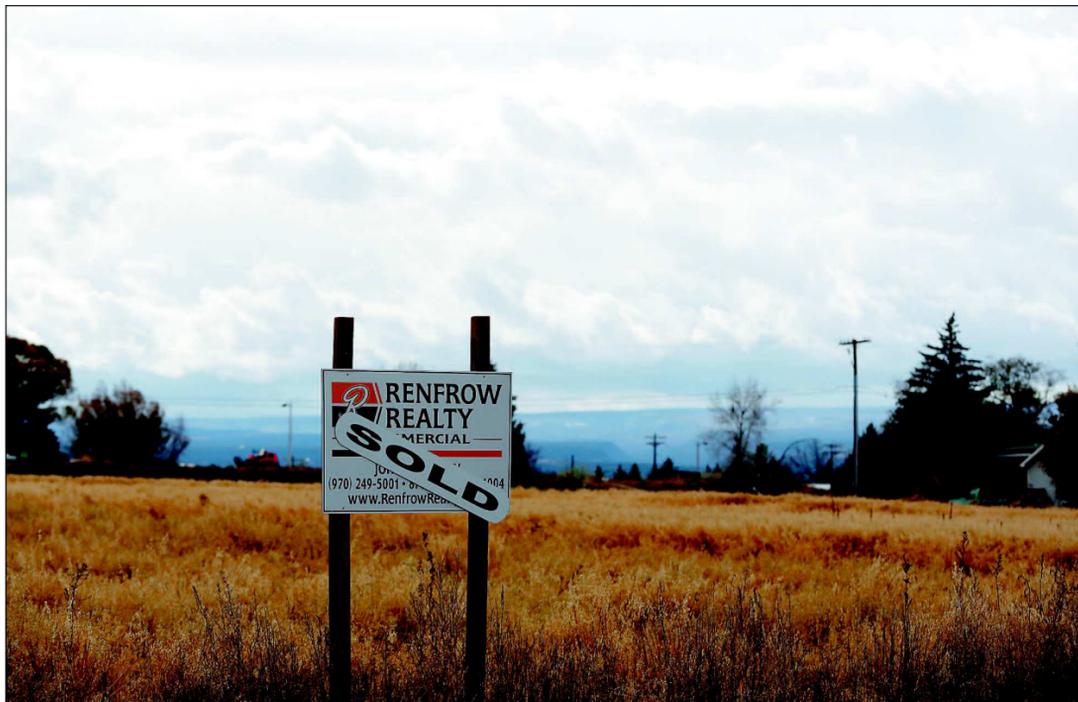
to create a fair contest. Return the pie plate, with your creation, on or by 6 p.m., Nov. 25. Judging will begin about 6:15 p.m. The judges include two chefs, a city employee and two radio personalities.

The first-place winner, in addition to receiving a number of prizes, will also be announced at the Community Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 27 and some lucky diners will complete their Thanksgiving dinner with a piece of the winning pie. There will be awards for second- and third-place winners, also.

The pie judging will be broadcast on The Range radio station that evening and anyone interested in seeing all these delectable

pies is invited to attend this gathering. Those who also wish to volunteer for the Thanksgiving dinner are encouraged to call 240-4350 to support this day of friendship, food and thanks. If you or someone you know needs a meal delivered, call 901-7780 for more information.

The Community Dinner, at the Montrose Fairgrounds, has been a part of Thanksgiving in Montrose since 1995. Prior to that year, the Association of Montrose Churches sponsored the Dinner beginning in 1980. Montrose has a long history of giving and caring for their neighbors and you are invited to be part of history on Thanksgiving this year.



NATE WICK/DAILY PRESS

The property on Miami Road was purchased by the city for \$87,500 and may be converted into a new entrance for the Black Canyon Golf Course.

## LAND: Golf course, sports complex to see improvements

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would include widening the road, improving safety for nighttime traffic and enhancing visitors' sense of arrival as they turn onto Sunset Mesa Road to enter the sports complex.

Nicholson said the improvements would add to the overall appearance and the character of the entry to the sports complex.

Funding for the two land purchases came from the city's undesignated funds balance and the purchases were approved by council three to four months ago,

Nicholson estimated.

The fund balance must maintain a six-month operating reserve, by policy, and will continue to do so after the purchases, Bell said. Closing the two deals was not in order to immediately advance plans but because the timing and prices were right, he added.

"We are always on the lookout for reasonably priced properties that would assist with long-term strategic planning efforts," Bell said. "The problem is sometimes these opportunities come up and if you let them pass you by, you don't get the opportunity

again."

In the case of the two recently acquired properties, Bell said the opportunity and resources lined up.

"The timing was right, because we keep an eye out for opportunities, and the price was right, so we jumped on it," Bell said.

Council and city staff will continue to develop specific plans for the properties.

"I think council felt that they were appropriate for purchase and while we didn't have a specific plan we have a general sense for what we want to do with them," Nicholson said.

## DMEA to hear broadband comments

Delta-Montrose Electric Association members are invited to attend a public comment section of DMEA board meeting to address broadband needs.

The purpose of the meeting is to show community support for DMEA to take action to help bring broadband to all areas of our county, according to a news release from Delta County Economic Development.

The DMEA Board will hear from its members in Delta and Montrose counties on the resource and the need from its members who are asking that DMEA take action necessary to bring broadband to our counties.

The meeting will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 18 at DMEA Headquarters, 11925 6300 Road in Montrose. Participant check in begins at 4:30 p.m.

Leaders from government, agriculture, education, health care, and businesses throughout the counties have registered to attend, the release says.

## Another round of snow for Colorado

DENVER (AP) — Areas of southern Colorado are expecting up to a foot of new snow as another storm moved through Colorado on Saturday.

A winter storm warning has been issued for northern, central and southern mountain areas west of Vail Pass.

Road conditions are rough along Interstate-70 from the Continental Divide through the Vail area.

The ski resort towns of Vail, Snowmass Village, Aspen and Crested Butte are expecting 6 to 12 inches of snow by Saturday night. That's on top of up to two feet of snow that has already fallen over the High Country over the past week.

Along the Front Range, up to half a foot of snow is possible before the storm moves out by the end of this weekend.

## News tip or story idea?

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