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Garments galore among items available at craft show. Page A4

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Punching ticket for state

Katie Casebier gives a fist-pump while Mackenzie Chappell lets out an exultant yell Saturday after Montrose High School scores again during the Region 5-4A volleyball tournament in the Montrose gym. The host Indians earned a trip to the Class 4A State Tournament in Denver. For more on the Indians' tournament victory, see Sports page A15. (Dan Hoehne/Daily Press)



'Mary Poppins' buoys audience

Magic Circle Players' show is 'supercalifragilistic - ' and ' - expialidocious'

By PAUL WAHL

MONTROSE PRESS MANAGING EDITOR

The air was filled with magic, mystery and merriment Friday when the Magic Circle Players production of "Mary Poppins" opened at the theatre on South 12th Street.

More than 40 cast members under the direction of Tom Chamberlain brought the whimsical story of the beloved nanny to life. The stage version differs from the movie version in a number of aspects.

The basic storyline, however, is unchanged. The Banks family is falling apart due to a workaholic father and someone has to step up. The script with the additions is much better understood by those who have seen "Saving Mr. Banks," a movie that provides insights into the mind of P.L. Travers, the original author of the Mary Poppins saga.

Mitch Hamilton and Bethany Ward, who take the lead roles as Bert and Mary in the production, gave a performance that was breathtaking at times.

Ward spends nearly the entire three hours of the production onstage and has hundreds of lines of dialogue, all of which she accomplished spit spot.

Ward bears a striking resemblance to Julie Andrews, the female lead in the movie version, and sings nearly as well.

Hamilton, in his first time to tread the boards



Bethany Ward plays "Mary Poppins," which will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings through Nov. 28 and Sunday afternoons through Nov. 22 at Magic Circle Theater. (Paul Wahl/Montrose Press)

11 gallons and counting for donor

Navy veteran has given blood for 40 years

By RICHARD REEDER
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After 40 years of donating blood, one Montrose man recently passed a milestone not many people reach. Avery Campbell's latest donation pushed him to 11 gallons of blood donated to Montrose Memorial Hospital.

"I was thinking about it, and that's 88 pints of blood, it's really amazing for that to happen," he said. "I started donating blood when I was in the Navy from 1964-68, then I started donating when I came back to Colorado."

Campbell is proud of his accomplishment, but says his total might be higher than the 11 gallons recorded during the regular giving sessions.

"I have been called a few times, and I have gone down and donated



Avery Campbell reached the 11-gallon level - 88 pints, he figures - of donations to Montrose Memorial Hospital. (Submitted photo)

blood when there has been an emergency," he said. "Those donations aren't recorded with my regular visits, so my total is probably higher."

Campbell was born in Naturita and attended school in Montrose. He joined the Navy out of high

school.

"I have been around the world a couple times through my Navy career," he said. "I went to Barcelona and Naples and some places in the Caribbean and Gulf

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Broadband Internet is on its way to Montrose

This week we offer another installment of an occasional series of questions and answer interviews with people making a difference in Montrose. John D. Malloy is parks and special projects superintendent for the City of Montrose. Virgil Turner is director of innovation and citizen engagement for Montrose.

We heard the word "broadband" a lot, what exactly is broadband and why is it important?

There are certainly many definitions of broadband, but for me it is described as high-speed Internet access, which is always on and much faster than traditional access through dial-up connections. The FCC has recently defined minimum speeds for broadband as 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 4 Mbps upload speeds. While some providers advertise speeds exceeding this level, we hear from many in our community of the lack of availability of this level of service.

Many people are moving to receiving

their entertainment by streaming content over their Internet connection. In many households this could mean multiple streaming sessions are occurring concurrently. To stream a movie in HD you need 5 Mbps. New televisions are on the market that can display at the 4k resolution, which will require at least 25 Mbps. It will take several years before these 4k units are commonplace, but it is coming.

Businesses are limited by the same lack of available bandwidth, and this becomes a real limiting factor on how they operate. Teleconferencing is a strategy that can reduce travel expenses and provides a great competitive advantage. This requires adequate broadband to take advantage of this technology.



Why is the city involved in broadband? Isn't service already available through the private sector?

In 2012 after hearing from many constituents, the City Council adopted a goal to "increase availability and public access to high speed broadband Internet." The Council had heard from those in business as well as residents of limited availability and the challenges this caused for them. Economic development prospects were expressing concerns over our limited availability of broadband. Some businesses were saying the situation was to the point they may have to move operations to an area with adequate broadband. When we approached our incumbent



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providers about increasing investment in Montrose, their response generally was they were adequately serving Montrose and there was not a sufficient return on investment to warrant increased improvements here.

Does the city have authorization from residents to pursue this initiative?

Yes, in April 2012 voters approved an exemption of SB-152 (a state law prohibiting municipalities any type of involvement for the provision of broadband services). At this time a charter provision was also approved authorizing the City to provide

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