In what was deemed the “battle of the year”, the Montrose Lady ‘Jays (27-0) lost to the Marion County Mustangs (28-0), 52-51 on Thursday, March 17 in the Class 1 State Semifinals in Columbia. This loss was the only one for the Lady ‘Jays in two years and ended their 58-game winning streak.

While the game was quite dramatic with numerous shots, defensive moves, and interesting calls, it gave the crowd a lot of excitement. This game was not the one either team planned to play—it was a back and forth game as both battled for their chance to advance to the championship.

Kendall Hart led in scoring with 23 points. Morgan Eye scored her 2500th point during the first few minutes of the competition. The loss sent the Lady ‘Jays to the 3rd place game on Friday, March 18 versus Jefferson—a rematch of last year’s championship game.

Jefferson’s defense did little to slow down the Lady ‘Jays offense. Morgan completed the game with 25 points, with Kendall contributing 17 and Victoria Engeman adding 11. The Lady ‘Jays were victorious winning 59-45 and winning 3rd place.

While their season didn’t quite end with the storybook ending everyone had hoped for, the girls took us on quite a trip. Thanks so much for ride—it’s not one we will ever forget.

We had a capacity crowd for the competition. Thanks to all of the staff that made it a successful day.

Montrose hosted the GVVC Conference Spelling Bee on March 8, 2011. Montrose had three finalists. They are: 1st grader Brittany Casey won 1st place; 3rd grader Gracie Meredith won 3rd place; and 4th grader Darian Rucker won 3rd place.

Montroser14.com—for all the latest news.

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Montrose Spelling Bee Winners

Junior Class Fundraiser
5th and 6th Grade Girls & 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Tourney
Saturday, March 26, beginning @ 8:30 a.m.
Alumni Game @ 6 p.m.
Admission: Adults $2; Children $1

School Will Not Be In Session
April 22 & April 25
Check out the website—www.montroser14.com—for all the latest news.

### Chatter

#### Schedule of Events

- **March 26**: 7 & 8 grade basketball tournament @ Montrose
- **March 26**: Alumni Basketball tournament-Junior Class 7:00 PM
- **March 29**: FFA District bus leaves 7:00 AM @ Warrensburg
- **March 31**: Softball @ Lakeland 4:30 PM bus leaves 3:30 PM
- **April 1**: MBECA Business Contest @ State Fair bus leaves at 7:00 AM back by 3:00 PM
- **April 5**: FFA Meeting 8:10 AM
- **April 7**: FBLA Meeting 8:10 AM
- **April 7**: Conference Quiz Bowl
- **April 8**: Softball Windsor @ Montrose Schools 4:30 PM
- **April 9**: Softball Conference tournament @ Montrose TBA
- **April 11**: Softball @ Sheldon 4:30 PM bus leaves 2:45 PM
- **April 14**: Softball Hume @ Montrose 4:30 PM
- **April 17-19**: State FBLA @ Columbia
- **April 18**: Softball NEVC @ Montrose 4:30 PM
- **April 20**: FFA Banquet 6:00 PM
- **April 20**: Math relays @ MSU starts 9:30 AM bus leaves 7:30 AM
- **April 22, 25**: NO SCHOOL
- **April 25**: Softball Ballard @ Montrose 4:30 PM
- **April 27**: FBLA Career Day Springfield Cardinals
- **April 29**: Early out 12:30
- **April 29**: Prom Dinner 7:00 PM Dance 9:00 PM
- **May 3**: FFA Meeting 8:10 AM
- **May 5**: FBLA Meeting 8:10 AM
- **May 5**: AWARDS Banquet 6:00 PM
- **May 13**: Graduation
- **May 16-21**: Senior Class Trip
- **May 25**: Last day of school for students early out 12:30
- **June 8-10**: Softball Camp 8:30 AM-12:00

#### Kindergarten Enrollment and Screenings

Montrose R-XIV School would like to welcome new Kindergarten students for the 2011/2012 school year. Kindergarten enrollment and screenings will be on May 3, 2011 at 9:00 AM. To schedule a time for your child to be screened please call the school at 660 693 4812. Children who will be five (5) years old before August 1st and reside in the district are eligible to enroll.

Parents please bring your child’s immunization record, birth certificate, and social security card when enrolling. We at Montrose R-XIV School are excited about the upcoming school year, and the opportunity to be part of your children’s educational experience.
Time to make your college choice

Spring is on the horizon, and with it comes more than warmer temperatures. It is time for seniors and juniors to make decisions and prepare for life after high school.

**SENIORS** The time is growing closer to make the important decision of which college to attend. In April, many colleges and universities begin sending offer letters to students who have been accepted for their incoming freshman class and have applied for financial assistance. Offer letters list the cost of tuition and fees plus the amount of financial aid available through the school.

Compare financial aid offers, make a choice and accept the offer that best suits you. A college education, regardless of the school where you earn it, is a valuable investment in your future. Visit actstudent.org/college/choosing.html for helpful articles on choosing a college.

Be sure you keep the lines of communication open with all of the schools extending offers. Once you decide, let all who have extended offers know of your decision.

**JUNIORS** Juniors should register and take the ACT® test in the spring of junior year. The next test date is April 9. The last ACT test for this school year is June 11, 2011. Registration packets must be mailed by May 6, 2011. It would be a good idea to take the ACT in June if you are not registered to take it in April. Scholarships are based on a combination of criteria but the ACT score weighs heavily in that process. The more times you have taken it the better chance you have to raise your score.

- You’ve probably completed the coursework corresponding to the test material.
- You’ll have your test scores and other information in time to help you plan your senior year. (For example, you may decide to take an additional class in an area in which your test score was low.)
- Colleges will know of your interests and have your scores in time to contact you during the summer before your senior year, when many of them are sending information about admissions, course placement, scholarships, and special programs to prospective students.
- You’ll have information about yourself and the schools you’re considering prior to your campus visits, making your visits more focused.
- You’ll have the opportunity to re-test if you feel your scores don’t accurately reflect your abilities in the areas tested.

The ACT includes multiple-choice tests in four subject areas—English, mathematics, reading, and science. The tests measure students’ current levels of educational development in these subjects. The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skills in planning and writing a short essay. Most colleges and universities in the United States accept ACT test scores as part of their application process.

What do admissions officers consider?

When looking at college applicants, admissions officers consider:

- **Courses taken in high school**—If you take challenging courses, you will be considered better prepared for college than students who take the easier route through high school.
- **Grades**—Your grade point average and class standing is important to admissions officers.
- **College entrance exam scores**—Colleges use your scores to determine your readiness for college academics and which courses you are prepared to take during your freshman year.
- **Extracurricular activities**—Are you involved in high school activities, and will you be involved on campus? Students who are involved in campus activities are more likely to remain in college and thrive on campus.
- **College essay**—Some colleges require essays and use them to judge writing skills and to learn more about you as an individual.
- **Interview**—If required, it is important for you to present yourself as someone who is bright, articulate, and interested in being involved in the school. Be honest about yourself and let them see the real you.

Whether the college is the right fit for you — Will you like the lifestyle of the particular campus? Will you fit in with fellow classmates? Does the campus have activities that match your interests?

**ACT Parent**

Parents may subscribe to the monthly ACT Parent newsletter. It is full of information and it is free. Go to: act.org/path/parent/news/index.html and you will receive a monthly newsletter designed to help you help your children succeed.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to give me a call. My phone number is 693-4812 or you can email me at sgoth@montroser14.org.

Sharon Goth
Counselor
Elementary students celebrated Read Across America week during the first week of March. Students enjoyed dressing up for days such as Top Hat Tuesday, Wacky Socks Wednesday, and Sunglasses Friday. They also had fun reading many different Dr. Seuss books and doing activities to go along with them (His birthday is March 2.). Kindergarten, first, and second grades made Cat from the book *Cat in the Hat*. They also made oobleck, a green slime that can be both a solid and a liquid, inspired by *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*. Third and fourth grades wrote stories about turning the ordinary into the extraordinary and shared their favorite Dr. Seuss book with the class. Fifth and sixth graders met up with their Kindergarten book buddy to also read their favorite Seuss book. They also practiced their computer and speaking skills by creating and giving Power Point presentations on Dr. Seuss.

The library sponsored a contest for students to match their eleven teachers to their favorite Dr. Seuss titles. Treats were provided for kindergarten and first grade students for their “pudding” a priority on reading and to the following second- through sixth-graders recognized for meeting their second quarter Accelerated Reading goals: Jacob Chavez, Lindsay Eye, Kayla Casey, Ryan Daughterty, Connor Ireland, Jacob Jurgensmeyer, Gracie Koch, Gracie Meredith, Riley Phelps, Alex Swaters, Abby Vogel, Caitlyn Hearty, Dalton Jones, Betty Jurgensmeyer, Leah Plunkett, and Emma Swaters.

Overall, it was an extraordinary week at Montrose Elementary, filled with exciting and

The GVVC Conference Math Relays were held on March 7, 2011, at Sheldon High School. Twenty-two students from the seventh thru twelfth grades attended from Montrose R-14 School along with their teacher Denise Fast. Students attending were: 7th grade – Joseph Bennett and Durant Goth; 8th grade – Ashlynn Hilte, Karenza Jones, Joyce Jurgensmeyer, and Aubrey Swaters; 9th grade – Hannah Boden, Natalie Collins, Tyler Crowder, Mikayla Engeman, and Noah Jurgensmeyer; 10th grade – Josh Jurgensmeyer and Nick Nold; 11th grade – Katelyn Bracher, Liz Collins, Victoria Engeman, and Kendall Hart; 12th grade – Kristin Bellinghausen, Eric Brownsberger, Morgan Eye, and Grant Gatzemeyer. The tests consisted of 7th grade, 8th grade, Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and Math Analysis. Team tests were also held in each category. Each person attending competed in their grade level test except for Tyler Crowder and Noah Jurgensmeyer who competed in Geometry.

Individuals receiving top honors were Grant Gatzemeyer 1st in Math Analysis and Morgan Eye 2nd in Math Analysis. The Math Analysis team consisting of Kristin Bellinghausen, Eric Brownsberger, Morgan Eye, and Grant Gatzemeyer took 2nd place. The Algebra 1 team consisting of Hannah Boden, Natalie Collins, Mikayla Engeman, and Stacey Hankins took 3rd place. As a school, Montrose placed 3rd overall. Congratulations on a job well done.

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“Puttin’ Out Fires”
Honoring Montrose Volunteer Fire Department
19th Annual Montrose, MO Festival
Saturday, May 28, 2011

6th Annual Community Scavenger Hunt, 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
7th Annual Car Show -- Starts at 9:00 AM (awards given) (info 660-693-4409)
Small Engines Display    Betsy Bingo    Montrose Souvenirs
Flea Market and Arts & Crafts Booths (free setups), starts at 9 AM

Ice Cream, Kettle Corn, Food & Drink Booths
Montrose Senior Center Open
Bake Sale in Front of City Hall, 9:00 AM
Pet Photo Contest  (info 660-693-4409)
Petting Zoo    Pony Rides    Professional Clown
Displays at the Montrose Area Museum, opens at 9:00 AM

The Osage Valley Vigilantes will Perform Three Shows
Times for performances are 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 3:30 PM
Bounce House, 9:00    Turtle Races, 9:30    Kids’ Games, 10:00
Diaper Derby at the Knight’s Hall at 10:00 AM
Toddler Swimsuit Contest following the Diaper Derby

CHILDREN’S PARADE, 12:30 PM
Register for childrens’ parade at Hart’s Upholstery Shop by 12 noon
GRANDE PARADE, 1:00 PM
Register for the grande parade at the Public School by 12:30 PM
Dinner Served at the Knight’s Hall 2:00 PM -- 7:00 PM
Texas Hold ‘em Tournament

Alumni Dance at the Knight’s Hall, Sunday night, 9:00 PM
(for more information call 660-492-7749 or 660-492-3136)
Montrose Festival
2nd Annual Home Town Hero Award

The Montrose Area has a lot of home town heroes, whether it is an individual, a family, or an organization. The festival committee will be presenting an award to the chosen honoree. If you would like to nominate an individual, a family, or an organization, please complete the application and mail to: Misty Meredith, 504 W 6th Street, Montrose, MO 64770.

Deadline May 1st, 2011

Name of Hero ____________________________, Phone ____________________________
Nominated by ____________________________, Phone ____________________________

Write a short story about this individual, family, or organization as to why you feel they deserve this award.

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Any questions, contact Misty Meredith 660-693-4761 or Judy Vaughn 660-693-4409
March 24, 2010

Dear Supporter:

Why not come and join the City of Montrose on Saturday, May 28th for their 19th Annual Festival. This year’s theme is “Puttin’ Out Fires” in honor of the Montrose Volunteer Fire Department and the First Responders. The Grande Parade will be on Saturday, May 28th at 1:00 PM, with the Montrose VFW Post as the Honor Guard.

We are asking for sponsors to help offset expenses for this annual event. Your donation allows us to provide many free & fun activities for the kids. Again, this year The Osage Valley Vigilantes will be presenting three free performances on Saturday. All three performances are different so make sure to see all of them. Donated funds are used for souvenirs, trophies, advertising, a professional clown, and The Osage Valley Vigilantes. Enclosed is a flyer with our planned activities. Please help us make this event a success again this year.

Respectfully,

Montrose Festival Committee

Yes, I want to be a member of the sponsor’s club. Please mark the amount of donation you are making: __$25  __$50  __$75  __$100

__$125  __$150  __$175  __$200  __Other____________

Please make checks payable to the Montrose Festival Committee. You may mail your donations to: P O Box 41, Montrose, MO 64770 or give your donation to Phyllis Sickman at the Montrose Savings Bank.

Name of Supporter: ________________________________________

Address of Supporter: _______________________________________

City, State, Zip: ___________________________________________

Thanks for your Generosity!
Check out the website—www.montroser14.com—for all the latest news.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Montrose Public School to recognize its students as special, unique individuals, to provide them the opportunity to develop fully their intellectual, physical, cultural, and social capabilities, to realize their worth as individuals, and to become productive members of a democratic society.