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Mail Carrier/ Shuttle Driver by Trade, Professional Actor/Stuntman by Profession

By Jaimee Green

He worked as a roadie, bouncer and staff member for the rock band known as Jackal. He was in the blockbuster hit 'Real Steel' starring Hugh Jackman. He was in an Indonesian film, making his debut in a foreign film called 'Venella.' He wielded a medieval sword during a cinematic fight scene in the movie 'Ice Shield of Alethia.'

Patrick Kelly may be putting in a 40 hour work week for the U.S. Postal Service and Sidney Shuttle Service but he doesn't call himself mail carrier or a shuttle driver. Sure, for now, it's paying the bills. But his passion is acting and stunts. And, as a professional actor with a lengthy resume, it probably won't be long before another opportunity to be on the big screen comes up and he heads off to pursue another acting gig. "For right now I am viewing and enjoying this time in Sidney as my working vacation but not limiting myself because you have to follow your dreams," he said.

So, he has plans. Big plans. Academy Award winning plans if all goes right.

His greatest accomplishment happened in 2008 when he was cast to play as the main character in the movie 'Dark Fields' alongside David Carradine. In the science fiction movie he plays a revengeful Shaman. "I have always respected the talents of Carradine and it was so amazing to be a part of such a great talent. This movie has the potential for a prequel about each generation. That is something I am looking forward to," he said.

Kelly got his start in acting back in his home state of Michigan, working in television roles, films, dance, theater and stage shows beginning in the 7th grade with playing Lenny, in 'Of Mice and Men.' His aspirations to become an actor began at a young age but it took him several decades to finally go all in on a competitive career choice that always has the potential for dealing a wild card.

Like many, Kelly has his bouts with stage fright. "Throughout the years I just came to terms with the fact that you have to throw yourself out there. Once they say 'Action,' you either can or you can't. You either will or you won't," he said. "I was always told I had a unique look as

someone with Mexican, Irish and Anishnebe heritage. But when it came to reading lines I always got nervous. So I quit practicing. I had to just not think about it. I had to get up there and do it, and hope it came out right," he said.

Surprisingly, he was a shy and introverted young child. "I can still remember standing on that stage when I ran for the junior high student council. I couldn't read my speech, started crying and ran off the stage. Everyone made fun of me so I put myself in drama classes that next semester so I could get over my stage fright," he said. All these years later, the classes seem to have paid off.

Kelly left Michigan in 1998 to pursue acting in Atlanta, Georgia and then Sacramento, California, where there were more connections and glitzy showbiz possibilities. He sold everything he had to make the transition. Prior to that, he had worked as a mechanic, a landscaper and a few other jobs that helped pay the bills while moonlighting as an actor.

His move from Michigan was also inspired by the slow growth of the movie industry in Michigan. At one time former Governor Jennifer Granholm, had given a tax break to the film industry in an attempt to entice movie producers to film in the state. But, once the Governor was out of office, the incoming Governor capped the tax credit, lessening the incentive for the film industry to produce films there. "It became apparent to me that Hollywood would not be coming to Michigan and I was tired of waiting so I made the decision to go to it," he said.

In 1999, while working as a stage dancer he was approached by a film producer about being a supporting character in the Jeff Burton film, 'The Night Divides the Day.' In it he played a vampire. Then, his first speaking role was in 'Initiation,' a movie that came out in 2000 in which he played a character named Steve.

Along with many other movie roles, he also worked in the film, 'Oz - The Great and Powerful and played a character called a Quadling for Disney Productions.

He was also nominated for best Supporting Actor in the theatrical performance, 'One Flew Over the Cuckoo's



In the movie Dark Fields, Patrick Kelly plays the role of a vengeful shaman. He is pictured in the bottom half of this cover sleeve alongside David Carradine.

nest,' as Chief Bromden, in 2001. Kelly qualified himself as a member of the Screen Actors Guild following his role in An Ordinary Killer, in 2003, starring Dan Haggerty, also known as Grizzly Adams.

He ended up moving to Sidney last year from the Sacramento area after an unprofessional agent offered him false hopes and he needed some time to regroup and strategize his next career move. "My brother,

Jim Kelly, lives here and had wanted to start a shuttle business and thought it would be nice to have me come and help him while I planned my next move," he said.

Aside from acting, Kelly also works on the side as a professional photographer with some 15 years of experience specializing in models and weddings. He's also the proud father of two grown children, Patrick Jr., and Brenda Jo and one granddaughter, Tayleigh.

Most recently, Kelly was part of a calendar shoot for Hunt's Hog Shop Leather and Apparel as a model and worked in a video shoot for the band Hollow Drive. Locally, he is in the upcoming play, Halloween Cemetery, opening Oct. 20.

Sidney Trail of Treats October 29

The ghosts and goblins are coming! The Sidney Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture will host Moonlight Madness and Trail of Treats on Monday, October 29.

Merchants will stay open until 7 p.m. offering up some scary bargains while dressed up in costumes designed to make you laugh, or give you nightmares!

All children are invited to dress in their scariest, or prettiest costumes and participate in the Trail of Treats beginning at 4 p.m. at Reese and Ray's IGA. Children will be escorted to participating businesses to receive treats. There will also be a costume contest for the kids at the VFW at 6 p.m. Use the 2nd St. entrance.

How to Survive The Winter In An RV

Even though most of us would prefer not to think about it, Winter Is Coming! To help all the RVers who plan to hunker down and spend a winter in eastern Montana or western North Dakota, Coates RV is hosting a seminar "How to Survive The Winter In An RV" from 4 to 6 p.m. CDT on Saturday, October 20 at the Williston Village RV Resort. There will be free food, and door prizes, including 6 months free RV rent. "We want to let people know what they need to do to get ready for one of our winters," Coates RV manager Dutch Deicks said. "Nobody wants to find someone who has frozen to death, or set their RV on fire, when it could have been prevented." Plan to attend this free seminar, and get some important survival tips.

First Annual 2012 Oktoberfest Taste of the Chamber

The Williston Chamber will hold the 1st Annual Oktoberfest: Taste of the Chamber October 25 from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members.

Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/TasteoftheChamberOct2012> or pay at the door. For more info go to www.willistonchamber.com.

The Networking Committee of the Williston Area Chamber of Commerce and our event sponsor, SBL Associates, are organizing the Oktoberfest Taste of the Chamber. The event will be a great opportunity for business owners and individuals in the community to mingle and meet while enjoying local cuisine from area restaurants including the Williston, Target Logistics, Solsten, R. Rooster and North Star Caviar. A cash bar will be available. Event will be held at the Chamber's New Armory at 10 Main Street.



Elks Collects for Food Bank

The Sidney Elks Lodge collected hundreds of pounds of food for the Richland County Food Bank by making non-perishable food items the price of dinner at their last Thursday Night Barbecue. Pictured are, L to R, Food Bank staff Jay Sissel and Candy Markwald, Elks esquire Leslie Leibrand, Exalted Ruler Sherry Qunell and manager Randy Davis. Markwald was very appreciative of the donation. “What they (the Elks) are doing is a blessing,” she said. There is a huge need in this county for non-perishable food items. The food bank had already served as many individuals by the end of September as they had all of last year. Markwald reminds donors to please check the expiration dates on food items. Items should have a shelf life of at least a couple of months since not every item is distributed immediately. Any item that is past the expiration date must be thrown away. Also pictured left Elks manager Randy Davis cooks up some tasty meats for the final Thursday Night barbecue.



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Wedding Annoucement

Don and Charlene Netzer, Sidney, announce the engagement of their daughter Kyla to Tyler Traeger, son of Terry and Chris Traeger, Bainville. Kyla is a 2003 graduate of Sidney High School and 2009 graduate of the University of Mary-Bismarck with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is currently working at Dakota Travel Nurse. Tyler is a 2001 graduate of Bainville High School and 2005 graduate of Montana State University-Bozeman with a Bachelor of Science in Ag Economics and is ranching in the Bainville area. A wedding is planned for October 20, 2012, at St Matthews Catholic Church in Sidney. Invitations have been sent, although, the couple also invites any friends that they may have forgotten to attend the dance at the Richland County Event Center at 7:00 pm.



Tyler Traeger and Kyla Netzer

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Sidney High School Key Clubbers, Alec Johnson, left, and Colton Moran help mix boxes of apples and pears Saturday morning. Everyone who ordered Kiwanis fruit is encouraged to pick it up as soon as possible at Johnson Hardware and Furniture, 111 S. Central Ave., Sidney.

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USDA Photo Contest

Submitted by Heather Luinstra

True to his roots as a frontier farm boy, on May 15, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation to create the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Over the next two months he signed additional legislation that expanded and transformed American farming, including the Homestead Act, and the establishment of the Land Grant agricultural university system.

To help celebrate the 150th Anniversary of USDA, a photo contest is being hosted by the Richland County Conservation District, the Richland County Farm Service Center, and the Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory. The contest is open to all age groups and skill levels. Entries will be displayed at a co-sponsored open house on November 8th at the Event Center. USDA staff members will judge the photos and prizes will be given for each category.

The Categories include:

Food (Example, school lunch program or commodities grown in the region), Homesteads or Ag Life, Farming and Ranching (Example, working machinery or Harvest scene), Landscapes, Black & White or Historic.

Guidelines: All snapshots, enlargements and black and white photos must be mounted on black or white POSTER board that has a 1 inch border around the outside of the photo. Include the exhibitor's name and short description on

the back of the exhibit. Please, no framed photos. If entering a historic photo, please provide credit to photographer if available.

Entries can be dropped off at the USDA Service Center at 2745 West Holly in Sidney until November 1st. Contact Julie Goss or Heather Luinstra at 433-2103X3 for additional information.



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Montana Winter Weather Awareness Week October 15-19

By Tanja Fransen
Warning Coordination Meteorologist

The week of October 15 through October 19 is "Winter Weather Awareness Week" in Montana. Each year in the United States, there are an average of 7,100 weather related vehicle fatalities, accounting for 24% of all vehicle fatalities. This is more than all other weather related deaths combined. Winter storms also claim dozens of lives in non-vehicle related accidents, and cause hundreds of millions in damages and resources to handle the snow event. In Montana, cold weather exposure and automobile accidents are the main causes of winter weather related deaths.

Now is the time to make sure you are ready for winter weather. Check things around your home. Remove dead branches, clean out the gutters, clean the fireplace or wood stove chimney and stockpile enough water for everyone in your household (at least 1 gallon/person/day) for at least 3 days, including your pets. Don't forget to dig out that snow shovel from behind the summer garden tools, and have it ready to go as well, and make sure the flashlights have good batteries in them.

Have your tires checked, and make sure your car is ready. Do you need new windshield wipers? Is your wiper fluid low? How are your brakes? Do you have an engine block heater for your car? Are all your headlights and tail-

lights working? Have the exhaust and battery checked as well. A good mechanic can check all of these things for you and provide recommendations and fixes. And most importantly, put together a survival kit and keep it in your vehicle.

When driving in the winter, remember the following:

Bridges can be icy, even if roads are just wet. Slow down when approaching a bridge.

Sharp turns/curves on roads are potential accident areas. Slow down before approaching them.

Do not use cruise control on icy roads.

Always wear your seatbelt, even in town.

Don't Crowd the Plow! They can't see you very well, and sometimes not at all. Make sure you stay far enough back. If you can't see their mirrors you are too close.

Wear winter weather clothing while driving. If you are in an accident it may take a while for someone to find you and responders to get there. You don't want frostbite or hypothermia while waiting for help.

Spend time with teen drivers to show them how to steer through a skid, and discuss the safety rules above.

The Richland County DES is sponsoring Tanja Fransen, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the Glasgow NWS, who will be presenting a Winter Weather Awareness class on November 1 at 2PM or 6PM at the USDA ARS Tech Transfer room.

Wine & Food Festival November 3

By Melissa Boyer

We hope to see you under the Harvest Moon at the Foundation for Community Care's 2012 Wine & Food Festival on Saturday, November 3rd, at the Richland County Fair Event Center in Sidney. Tickets go on sale on October 8th and can be purchased at the Foundation for Community Care and Sidney Health Center. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling 406-488-CARE.

Throughout the evening, attendees have the opportunity to sample an array of different wines and delicious appetizers from local caterers and restaurants. They will also have a chance to browse and bid on artwork donated by talented local artists.

A limit of 500 tickets will be sold this year, so make sure to buy your tickets early. Tickets are \$50 each and include a commemorative wine glass featuring the Lambert Grain Elevator. Local artist Bill Clark has been the designer behind the wine glass art for the last 19 years.

All proceeds raised during the event directly benefit the Foundation's Endowment Fund, helping ensure the continuance and quality of local healthcare services. Get dressed up for a night under the moon with great food, wine & art.

For more information about the 2012 Wine & Food Festival or the Foundation for Community Care, please call 406-488-2273 or stop by the Foundation office located at 221 2nd St. NW in Sidney. Tickets are non-refundable. You must be at least 21 to attend the event. All attendees are required to provide identification that confirms their age.

STATISTICS

Lake Water Level Reports			
	Fort Peck	Sakakawea	
Current Elevation.....	2234.0	1832.2	
Last Week's Elev.....	2234.0	1832.6	
One Year Ago	2236.1	1842.6	
Release For Day (C.F.S.)	10,000	19,700	

Watford City Weather Data			
Source: North Dakota Agricultural Weather Network			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 8	56	42	0.10
Oct 9	55	30	0.00
Oct 10	57	32	0.00
Oct 11	53	32	0.00
Oct 12	43	33	0.00
Oct 13	64	32	0.00
Oct 14	61	34	0.00

Sidney Weather Data			
Source: MSU Eastern Agricultural Research Center			
Date	High	Low	Precip.
Oct 8	57	38	0.00
Oct 9	47	28	0.00
Oct 10	59	30	0.00
Oct 11	45	33	0.00
Oct 12	66	34	0.00
Oct 13	62	31	0.00
Oct 14	69	33	0.00
Average YTD Precipitation			12.80
2012 YTD Precipitation			9.74

EVENTS

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Richland County

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Wed., Oct., 17
12 p.m. — Richland County Injury Prevention Team/ DUI Task Force quarterly meeting, Community Services Building, room 201. For more information contact Mary Friesz at 406-433-2207.
7 p.m. — Beginning square dance lessons. Every Wed. at Sidney HS Band Room

Thurs., Oct., 18
5 p.m. — TOPS, Crestwood NW entrance, Weigh-ins 5-5:30 p.m., Meeting 5:30-6 p.m.
6:30 p.m. — Pinochle, Moose Lodge- 101 3rd St. SE.
8 p.m. — NA meeting, Millers' Corner banquet room.

Sat., Oct., 20
9 a.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.
7 p.m. — Candidates Forum Girard Hall, 15 miles west of Fairview.

Sun., Oct., 21
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Mon., Oct 22
Noon — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Tues., Oct 23
9 a.m. - noon — Commodities distribution, 123 W. Main (Nutter Building) west door where the ramp is located.
7 p.m. — AA Group Trinity Lutheran Church Education bldg.

Wed., Oct 24
7 a.m. — Business over breakfast, The Fringe at SCC.

McKenzie County

Events in Watford City unless otherwise listed. CT Zone.

Wed., Oct., 17
8 p.m. — Al-Anon, Sanford Room, McKenzie Co. Public Library.

Thurs., Oct. 18
8 p.m. — AA Group, Northern Pump & Compression. Call 770-3603 or 770-2675 for directions or ride.

Fri., Oct. 19
11 a.m.- 6 p.m. — Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools Vaccinations, Watford City Fair Grounds.
2-5 p.m. — ANOVA Family Health Center Open House.

Sat., Oct. 20
7-9 p.m. CT — Fort Buford cemetery walk.

Sun., Oct. 21
3 p.m. CT — Concert "Cheaper than therapy" Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Center.

View all monthly events on our calendar at www.roundupweb.com.

A Little Bit Country Farm/Ranch Transfer Workshop Scheduled For Williston

Warren Froelich
NDSU Extension Agent
Williams County

Almost all farms and ranches in North Dakota are owned and operated by individual family units. It is the dream of most to pass the business to the next generation but this can be a complex task. Some of the challenges include assessments of financial impacts and tax consequences. For some choosing the successor or successors who are best suited to continue the business and dreadful decisions are often ignored. Thus the development of a transition plan for the farm or ranch ends up on a road of perpetual procrastination.

To help ease the task of developing a transition plan for the farm or ranch the North Dakota State University Extension Service has scheduled a series of workshops at 12 locations across the state on the following dates: November 29, December 6 and 13. A workshop is scheduled to be held in Williston at the Research and Extension located on the west side of town. Each of the three sessions will start at 6:15 and adjourn by 9:30 CT.

The sessions will have a combination of presentations via the North Dakota Interactive Video Network (IVN) and from local experts at each location. The IVN pre-

sender for the first session will be John Baker, Beginning Farm Center of Iowa State University. He will discuss the advantages of having an estate (transfer) plan, who should be involved, what materials you will need and the importance of communication among family members.

Session two will address farm succession planning along with tax and economic consequences of asset transfer strategies. The IVN presenter will be Andy Zenk, agricultural consultant, Ag County/Farm Credit Services.

Farm business arrangements, including the pros and cons of different types of business organizations for farmers and ranchers in North Dakota, will be the major topic of session three. The IVN presenter will be Judith Howard, an attorney from Minot.

Their sessions are designed to address the unique transfer issues of farms and ranches. The recent spike in land values emphasizes the need for transitional planning.

The early bird registration fee is \$55 for individuals and \$15 each for spouses or business associates (up to two additional) if postmarked by November 19. After that date, individual registration

will increase to \$75. Registration forms, as well as online registration, are available at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/anniesproject>. Click on Farm/Ranch Transition Planning, then Transition Planning Registration For at the bottom of the page.

Feel free to contact this office (701-577-4595) should you have questions about the workshop scheduled in Williston.

Wheat Show Featured Speaker Announced

This is also a good opportunity to report that the Wheat Show Board of Directors and Planning Committee have been able to schedule Jolene Brown as a featured speaker. Jolene is an award winning communicator who has specialized in helping farm families develop plans that transfer farms and ranches from one generation to another. Her presentations help families take conversations to contracts, assumptions to clarification, complaints to celebrations, and prevents fights on the way to the funeral home.

Jolene is scheduled to speak to our Wheat show audience on Tuesday, February 5th. You can get a glimpse of Jolene's presentations from her popular book, "Sometimes You Need More Than a 2x4".



9-1-1 Dinner

The Sidney Elks Lodge hosted their 7th annual 9-1-1 dinner on September 11. Each year the proceeds have benefited a non-profit organization in Richland County. This year's beneficiary was the Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Pictured, L to R, Elks manager Randy Davis, esquire Leslie Leibrand and ER Sherry Qunell present a check for \$844 to Jody Lizotte and Helen Schmitt with the Coalition Against Domestic Violence.



Sidney JV Football Action

Above: Braydn Rooks returns a kick during the JV's 47-0 win over Miles City Saturday. Right: Cody Johnson makes an interception in the game. (Photos by Heather Johnson)



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Bakken Rocking Enrollment And Jobs For Montana Tech Grads

**By Leo Heath
Montana Tech**
Oil drilling in the Bakken and Elm Coulee is a long ways from most Montana cities, but its impact has reverberated statewide and certainly here in Butte at Montana Tech.

While our experience is just one of the ripple effects of the increased Bakken activity, it has proven to be a good one for a growing number of young Montana men and women.

It was about 2002 that Montana Tech began to see a spike in interest in its petroleum engineering program. Drilling activity in the Elm Coulee was a spark for it. In 2002, the department had an enrollment of 130 students. By 2005, we were seeing increases of 10-15% per year. In 2011 Montana Tech had grown to be 8th in size out of 19 US undergraduate petroleum engineering schools. And this fall, we're at an all-time high enrollment of 350 students seeking degrees in petroleum engineering.

That increased awareness of opportunities in the oil and gas industry is something we can attribute to the heightened O&G activity, especially in the Bakken and Williston Basin.

Primarily, our undergraduates come from the northern Rocky Mountain states and Canada, but more than 40 percent are from here in Montana.

Even with the growth Montana Tech has seen, today it still has close to a 100 percent job placement rate for petroleum engineering graduates. We get about 40 companies from the O&G industry that come here each year to recruit. We hear from them that they see many of our grads as the kind of people who like to be involved in field operations. Many companies like that, and we have a couple of companies that do all their recruiting here.

It says something about the young people we are fortunate to attract. They've grown up outdoors. They come, a lot of them, from a background of doing hard work outside. They have an appreciation of the land, and they are comfortable around machinery. And they know if they do the work here, they can find a good job somewhere.

Right now, the average annual starting salary for our graduates is close to \$85,000 a year, and most of the larger companies pay cash bonuses of from \$10,000 to \$25,000 to help students get moved and situated. That's pretty good for someone in their early 20s and just out of college.

The reality is that many of those jobs are based at national and regional company offices that tend to be

in larger cities like Denver and Houston. So while we may not add a lot of people to the workforce here, we have been able to create great opportunities for a lot of young people born and raised here.

The challenge we see going forward will be to sustain and grow the Montana opportunity. There are three cycles for an oil field: primary, secondary and tertiary. Primary is when the oil flows from natural pressures. We know that even the best fields yield only 20-25% of their oil in that cycle.

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The tertiary cycle is very expensive, but I think that is what the future opportunity looks like in Montana. The state has areas not only over

towards the Williston Basin but in central and north-central Montana, where there are fields that were depleted in the primary and secondary phases, and there never has been enough economic incentive to do more. The potential is there, though, with today's higher oil prices, for companies to go back and rejuvenate these older fields, because they can get a return on it.

That's where we hope to help. This is our back yard. With funding through the Montana Board of Oil and Gas, and support from the major operators, we are engaged in a three-year study over at Elm Coulee to determine that tertiary opportunity. We're looking not just at the engineering aspects of it but also whether it's economically feasible. If it is, we would expect it to last much longer than the primary cycle.

All the findings will be shared publicly. Ideally, we hope it is a catalyst for another spike in activity for more jobs, more production, more revenues and taxes for the state of Montana.

Guest Opinion: Dalrymple, Wrigley, Taylor and Chaffee Are Ineligible to be on the Ballot

North Dakotans have a right to know the truth. It is illegal for Jack Dalrymple, Ryan Taylor, Wrigley, and Chaffee to be on the November ballot. Candidate Roland Riemers was removed from the ballot, after the primary, for violating election laws[Article V, Section 3 of N.D. Constitution and N.D.C.C. 16.1-11-06(2)]. Dalrymple, Wrigley, Taylor, and Chaffee all violated the same laws. They, too, by law must be removed from the ballot. Jaeger, however, has refused to obey the law and remove them, as he had done with Reimer. State ex rel. Dorval v. Hamilton, 20 N.D. 592, 129 N.W. 916 (1910) furthers this legal requirement to remove Dalrymple, Wrigley, Taylor and Chaffee from the ballot. (Note: Reimer later followed the legal process to run as an Independent candidate.)

In addition to an illegal candidacy, Dalrymple's media propaganda has kept citizens from knowing we have a choice for a better governor. Our choice is Paul Sorum, a Conservative, Independent candidate for Governor. Dalrymple has washed the public to thinking the election is already sealed. He refuses to debate Paul Sorum, and keeps the media from letting citizens know about Paul.

Paul Sorum is a Conservative, a Christian, and he obeyed all laws to be legally on the ballot. As Governor, Paul will continue to uphold all laws, clean out the corruption of the current government, and restore citizens' rights.

More truths to know: Dalrymple was given dozens of testimonies and evidence of illegal activities under his administration and corruption in courts. His response was that he would do nothing to stop it. All North Dakota Farm Bureau members DO NOT SUPPORT DALRYMPLE as he claims they do. The N.D. Supreme Court ruled in a case against Dalrymple's administration, "Private Citizens do not have the power to enforce state laws against illegal campaigning." Under Dalrymple, we citizens have lost our rights.

Paul Sorum will restore our rights, clean out corruption, restore parental rights, use oil money to pay for oil impact, lower our taxes, and let us keep more of our money in our families and businesses. Paul has the ability to take the myriad of problems and resolve them... and his Christian beliefs will bring integrity to those resolutions. Such integrity has been long lacking in our current government. The good news is, Paul Sorum is a choice we have. We citizens can vote in Paul Sorum as Governor of North Dakota.

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Ft. Buford Cemetery Walk Oct. 20, Concert Oct. 21

By Ashley Harris

The State Historical Society of North Dakota will host the ghosts of Fort Buford, on Saturday October 20th, as they share why they came to rest in their current location, this historic cemetery.

The 8th Annual Fort Buford Cemetery Walk will begin at 7:00 pm and run until 9:00 pm (Central Time) at the Fort Buford State Historic Site (located 21 miles NE of Sidney).

Tours will be every 15 minutes, followed by refreshments and Halloween activities at The Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center.

In case of wet weather, tours will start at the Confluence Center.

For more information, please call the State Historical Society at 701-572-9034.

Cheaper Than Therapy

The local, female country-western band, Cheaper Than Therapy, is set to entertain at the Confluence Interpretive

Center Sunday, October 21st at 3:00pm (Central Time).

There is no charge and there will be refreshments following the performance.

Ballot Measure Would Deny State Services To Illegal Immigrants

By Patrick Record

Community News Service, UM School of Journalism

Nobody really believes Montana is overrun by illegal immigrants.

Recent census figures estimate the state may be home to fewer than 11,000 noncitizens, and that includes legal residents with visas or green cards. One national Hispanic group estimates the state's number of undocumented immigrants at about 5,000.

Although that's less than 1 percent of the population, it's still a problem for Rep. David Howard and supporters of a ballot issue aimed at denying illegal immigrants access to state services.

"If you're an illegal person you can only live two ways: take a job from a Montanan or you have to live on the benefits that we provide," says Howard, a Park City Republican. "I wanted to create an easy, logical process where our state agencies would go through and be able to create a deterrent for illegal immigrants getting Montana and federal tax money."

No services ahead

LR-121 asks Montana voters to deny illegal immigrants a long list of services and opportunities. They could not apply for state jobs, or enroll in a state university, or apply for financial aid. They could not apply for state licenses, unemployment benefits, or rehabilitation services if they're hurt on the job. They would not be eligible for state grants or services available to crime victims or people with disabilities.

Critics fear that, if passed, the measure will expose minorities to racial profiling and force the state to implement an expensive system of citizenship checks that could snare legal citizens along with illegal ones.

Howard's idea originated in the state Legislature last session as one of seven bills aimed at combating what he sees as a nationwide immigration problem.

He says the measure won't be difficult or costly to enforce. The names of residents who can't produce a driver's license as proof of citizenship would be run through a federal database, the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, to determine their immigration status.

Montana's chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union strongly opposes the measure, saying it would have unintended consequences. They say the database checks could result in citizens being denied services they're entitled to and that they could delay applications for crucial services for hours or even months.

"The bill is error-filled," says Niki Zupanec, an ACLU attorney. "It's likely that (some) U.S. citizens will not show up in the databases."

Targeting minorities

Kim Abbott, program director for the Montana Human Rights Network, says it's up to the federal government to pass comprehensive immigration reform, not each state. She worries that enforcement of the measure will single out minorities.

"In order to avoid racial profiling and assumptions, the state needs to check everyone through SAVE," Abbott says.

Howard says his measure would require checks on anyone who applies for services without the proper documents. Each state agency would decide which document or documents are valid for their services.

"Legal aliens can get benefits; nobody looks at your race," Howard says.

It's hard to say how many Montanans might not have driver's licenses or other government identification documents.

A study by the Brennan Center for Justice in November 2006 found that 11 percent of all U.S. citizens lack government-issued IDs. Critics say many of those are poor or elderly or homeless, people often in need of services.

The cost for implementing the ballot measure is up for debate.

"It's interesting, but if you look at the cost of the bill it was almost nothing there," Howard says. "Agencies couldn't even dream up a cost."

State officials who estimated the measure's potential costs came up with a figure of \$85,915 for the first year and less afterward. But they said costs could easily change depending on the costs of searches, software, hardware and the hiring and training of personnel.

Howard insists that enforcing the measure won't be difficult or costly. The effort, he adds, is worth it to prevent Montana from ending up like other states with immigration problems.

"It's proactive, so we don't wake up in ten years and say we should have done something," Howard says. "I don't deal in the ideal, I deal in reality."

Howard is confident the measure will pass. A recent Lee newspapers poll of found that 57 percent of registered voters surveyed favored his ballot measure; 14 percent were undecided.

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Bullock-Hill Race Offers Voters Clear Choices For Governor

By Brooks Johnson
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Say goodbye to bolo ties.
Whoever replaces Gov. Brian Schweitzer after November's election will be making an executive neckwear change. But that may be one of the few areas in which the candidates agree.

The race featuring piles of out-of-state money pits Attorney General Steve Bullock, the Democrat, against former Congressman Rick Hill, the Republican. Throw in Libertarian candidate Ron Vandevender and independent Bill Coate and you've got the cast of Montana Governor 2012.
The major-party rivals say they offer voters a clear choice.
"This election represents a crossroads," Bullock said in an interview. "The congressman is looking backwards, and I think there are great things ahead of us."
Hill sees it differently.
"Our agenda is focused on unleashing the private sector," Hill said. "(Bullock's) focus is on expanding the public sector."
But it's not that simple, of course.

Differences on issues

Hill and Bullock differ on issues ranging from abortion to tax reform and unions.
Hill defines himself as "pro-life" and believes life begins at conception. He supports the statewide ballot measure that would require doctors to notify parents when girls under 16 seek abortions.
Bullock supports abortion rights and opposes the parental notification measure as government intrusion into a woman's private healthcare decisions.

The two differ on public education too. Hill's plan would revise tenure laws to reward good teachers and replace bad ones. He would promote charter schools and allow tax breaks for foundations that support scholarships for students attending private schools.
He also supports a change in the way Montana pays for education. Hill said he would eliminate statewide property taxes for K-12 schools and replace the lost money with revenue from oil, gas and coal development.
Bullock, whose mother and stepfather were public school teachers, has criticized Hill's support for school choice. He argues for keeping taxpayers invested in K-12 schools to ensure a stable funding. He also supports a freeze in college tuition.
Both candidates support developing Montana's natural resources, but Hill said he will push harder. He questions his

rival's enthusiasm by pointing toward Bullock's vote against accepting Arch Coal's winning bid to develop state-owned coal in southeast Montana's Otter Creek area.
Bullock, a member of the board that oversees state-owned lands, defends that vote, saying the bid was too low. But he added that he's voted for other leases that were in the state's interest to support.
"And we'll continue making sure we're not selling our resources at bargain basement prices," he told a Helena audience last month.
When it comes to health care, well, you've seen the ads. Hill is quick to tie his opponent to the controversial federal Affordable Care Act known as Obamacare. Hill points repeatedly to Bullock's refusal to join mostly Republican attorneys general in 26 states who unsuccessfully challenged the law in federal court.

Joining that effort would have wasted Montana's time and money, Bullock said. He stops short of advocating the Affordable Care Act, but added, "We're paying too much and getting too little. We need to challenge every cost and start paying for results and not just repeated tests."
On tax reform, Bullock made a stir earlier this year with his plan to refund Montana taxpayers \$400 as a direct stimulus. The money would come from the state's current surplus. Hill calls that a "one-time gimmick" and supports permanent cuts in property taxes and replacing the lost money with revenue from energy development.
The two also clash over unions, with Hill saying he would support a right-to-work law, forbidding unions from making membership a condition of employment. Bullock promised to veto right-to-work legislation.

Different journeys

Hill and Bullock have taken different paths to get where they are today.
Bullock was born in Missoula 46 years ago and raised in Helena. He received his law degree from Columbia University's School of Law in New York and returned to Montana.
His first government job came in 1996 as chief legal counsel to Democratic Secretary of State Mike Cooney, and he was chief deputy attorney general from 1997 to 2001. He practiced law and taught in Washington, D.C., before returning to Helena in 2005. He became attorney general in 2008 by defeating Republican Tim Fox.
Among the achievements he lists are increasing Montana's minimum wage, strengthening recreational access to public lands and waterways, a tougher law on drunk

driving, and a prescription drug registry to thwart doctor shopping by drug addicts.
Hill's journey began in Grand Rapids, Mich. He graduated from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota in 1968 and moved to Montana shortly afterward. Now retired, Hill has built several businesses and advised many others.
He entered public life in 1993 as a lobbyist for Gov. Marc Racicot and served as volunteer chairman of the State Worker's Compensation Board. He was elected to the U.S. House in 1996 and 1998 but declined to run again due to vision problems that he says have since been corrected.
Since leaving Congress, the 65-year-old has earned a law degree – not to practice law, he said, but to understand how to make better laws. With experience in insurance and real estate investment, he said he is the candidate of business.
Achievements he touts include reorganizing Montana's worker's compensation system, which faced a large deficit the early 1990s. The solution required payroll contributions from workers and employers. As a congressman, he supported welfare reform and helped Montana obtain the rights to federal coal in the Otter Creek area in exchange for halting a proposed gold mine near Yellowstone National Park.

Third-party hopefuls

As the race heads to the wire, undecided voters may make the difference. A Lee newspapers poll in mid-September found that 11 percent of those surveyed had yet to make a choice.
Vying with Bullock and Hill for that last chunk of votes are two third-party candidates.
Libertarian Ron Vandevender, who lives near Craig, opposes federal intrusion and is a staunch supporter of property rights. He supports cutting business taxes, establishing co-ops, and developing industrial hemp.
Independent Bill Coate, a Marine Corps veteran who lives in Helena, says the two-party system is broken. He's campaigning for tax cuts, more energy development, fewer government regulations and less waste.



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‘Symbolic’ Measure Seeks Limits on Corporate Campaign Speech

By Allie Harrison
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For the Montanans debating Initiative 166, the measure calling for a constitutional amendment proclaiming “corporations are not people,” the fight is a battle over the future of democracy and free speech in America.

“Elections are bought and sold and people don’t feel empowered to participate in their democracy,” said Missoula City Councilwoman Cynthia Wolken, an I-166 supporter.

But opponents dismiss that as posturing. “It’s a political measure, rather than a specifically practical measure,” said state Sen. Dave Lewis, R-Helena. He called the measure “a very smart political move that will activate the base of the Democratic Party, because they’re likely to vote against corporations.”

A national campaign

I-166 is part of a national movement backed by President Obama to amend the U.S. Constitution. It aims to reverse the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision,

which held that corporations and unions possess free speech rights, just as individuals do.

Although they may not directly contribute to campaigns, corporations and unions can spend unlimited amounts of money to influence elections through what are called political action committees, the court ruled.

The debate over I-166 only intensified this summer after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Montana’s 100-year-old ban on corporate spending in state elections. And just this month, U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell struck down Montana’s campaign contribution limits entirely.

Although the issue is largely seen through the campaign finance lens, the high court has maintained since 1819 that corporations, like individuals, can sue and be sued. It has also ruled that corporations have certain rights under the U.S. Constitution.

I-166 urges Montana legislators to try to change that. But University of Montana political science professor James Lopach said the measure’s backers face “a very difficult proposition.” He added that only four amendments have overturned Supreme Court decisions and that in the Constitution’s entire history it was amended just 27 times.

There are two ways to pass a Constitutional Amendment: The measure must either pass both houses of Congress with a two-thirds majority, or two-thirds of state legislatures must call a national Constitutional Convention. The second method has never been used. In both scenarios, three-fourths of the states must ratify the amendment.

Given such long odds, Lopach described I-166 as “primarily symbolic.”

Opponents say that makes the ballot measure misleading for many potential voters. “I think that the average voter doesn’t know that what they say is not going to be implemented,” said James Brown, legal counsel

for Montanans Opposed to I-166.

Wolken, who got the Missoula City Council to endorse the measure’s essence last fall, acknowledged that the initiative doesn’t exactly do anything. “But it lets us have the conversation,” she said.

A battle from the outside

Both sides accuse outside groups of playing too much of a role in the debate over I-166.

Brown maintains the group Common Cause is “funding this entire effort.” “What interest is served by prohibiting people who associate together from speaking on public policy issues?” he asked. “There is a big difference between speaking and voting.”

But the measure’s supporters said an outside group, the American Tradition Partnership, helped bring a lawsuit to Montana courts seeking to remove I-166 from November’s ballot.

In June, the Montana Supreme Court held in a 6-1 decision that I-166 was “legally sufficient” to remain on the ballot.

The debate has simmered ever since. State Sen. Cliff Larson, D-Missoula, accused ATP, a Washington, D.C.-based organization, of wanting a campaign funding system based on secrecy. “They want backroom decision-making,” he said.

Brown countered that supporters of I-166 are focusing on the wrong thing, saying they should be working instead to strengthen “Montana disclosure laws, not cut off speech.”

He added that while Citizens United protected the right of corporations and unions to engage in independent expenditures, I-166 only targets corporations, not unions.

Despite Brown’s concerns, a September poll by Lee newspapers found that 53 percent of those surveyed favored I-166, with 24 percent opposed to it. The rest remain undecided.

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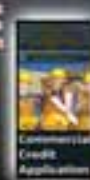
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Teenage Abortions: Measure Takes New Run At Parental Notification Law

By Kyle Schmauch
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Seventeen years after the courts struck down an early attempt to require minors to notify their parents before getting an abortion, the contentious issue is back on the ballot this fall. Legislative Referendum 120 is almost exactly like a 1995 law struck down by a Montana court as violating the Montana Constitution with one key change. "The difference is that the age is lower," Jeff Laszloffy, head of the Montana Family Foundation, said, explaining the referendum would apply only to minors under 16. The previous law applied to girls

under 18. LR-120 would require that doctors notify parents or legal guardians at least 48 hours in advance of the abortion if the patient is under 16. If the minor does not want the notification to occur, she can obtain a waiver from a youth court. Notice would not be required in the case of a medical emergency. Under the proposal, any doctor who fails to notify the parent or receive a waiver could face six months in jail and a \$500 fine. **Debate over impacts** Both proponents and opponents of the referendum say their primary concern is the health and safety of young women, but they disagree over the proposed law's impacts. For Laszloffy, the proposal is about ensuring parents know what is happen-

ing in their family. He said LR-120 is "primarily a parental rights issue." He added that far less significant decisions like getting a tattoo or body piercing require parental consent, a stricter requirement than notification. "(Abortion) is the only exception where a 13-year-old can make this type of decision," he said. "This is what happens when political correctness trumps common sense." But Julianna Crowley, executive director of NARAL Pro-Choice Montana, stressed the proposal would put vulnerable girls in harm's way. "It's about privacy and it's about abortion rights," she said. Planned Parenthood of Montana, which opposes the ballot initiative, estimates that 80 percent of minors already tell parents or guardians about their

pregnancies. "(A notification law) puts young women who can't go to their parents in dangerous situations," Crowley said. "For voters, think about teens who they know may fear a violent reaction from their parents." Laszloffy countered that he was also concerned about a girl who faces possible violence or abuse at home. "If she has a dangerous home situation ... this (working through a youth court) is a way she could actually end the abuse." He also said it is dangerous for parents not to know when their child has gone through a medical procedure. Both sides acknowledge the referendum would affect only a few Montana teens each year. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that 43 reported abortions occurred

among teens ages 15 and under in Montana in 2008 (the most recent year available). **Déjà vu?** Thirty-seven other states have some version of a parental notification law on their books, but Montana has been here before. In 1995, Montana's Legislature adopted a parental notification measure. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled the Parental Notice of Abortion Act was constitutional under the United States Constitution. However, a state district court ruled that law unconstitutional under the equal protection and privacy clauses of the Montana Constitution. Crowley said LR-120 would raise the same legal concerns as that case. Laszloffy acknowledged that while the PNAA was thrown out as unconstitu-

tional, lowering the age of girls covered by the law helped address the issue. Gov. Brian Schweitzer decided differently last year when he vetoed the same legislation passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature. The governor made note of the lower age of affected minors, but declared in his veto letter: "Given the strength of the 1995 ... decision rejecting as unconstitutional an almost identical parental notice law, and a subsequent decision of the Montana Supreme Court solidifying Montana's strong privacy provisions not only generally, but specifically in the abortion context ..., I have chosen to veto SB 97." If the voters approve the new notification language, many observers expect an immediate and perhaps protracted legal fight over the issue.

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Ballot Issue Allows Voters to Reset the Debate Over Medical Marijuana, But Will It Matter?

By Aaron Curtis
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Eight years after 62 percent of voters cast ballots to legalize the use of medical marijuana, Montanans will now decide to what degree they want their state's medical cannabis industry regulated.

IR-124 allows voters to either approve Senate Bill 423, which imposed stricter limits on the growing and distribution of medical marijuana, or return to the laws implemented after the 2004 voter initiative.

The ballot initiative is the latest step in an ongoing struggle to allow people access to marijuana for medical purposes at a time when the federal government still considers it illegal.

Unintended consequences

When voters approved the "limited use of marijuana under medical supervision by patients with debilitating medical conditions," a small industry grew up to serve the hundreds of patients that signed up for the service.

Then came a 2009 memo from the U.S. Department of Justice that indicated the federal government would not prosecute those abiding state medical marijuana laws.

The result was an explosion in the number of medical marijuana patients and providers. According to state figures, within seven years of I-148's passage the number of medical marijuana patients grew from 86 to 29,948 and the number of providers from 35 to 4,438.

Storefronts began to open in many cities and towns and voters started to express concern over the new booming industry. In 2011, the Legislature decided to rein in the situation.

"It wasn't medical marijuana, it was recreational marijuana and it perverted the good intentions of using marijuana for medical purposes," said Sen. Cliff Larsen, D-Missoula and one of three senators on a subcommittee tasked with reforming the state's marijuana law.

Initially, the Legislature voted to repeal the citizen-backed initiative. After Gov.

Brian Schweitzer vetoed that move, lawmakers drafted Senate Bill 423.

SB 423 regulated medical cannabis by banning payments to providers for marijuana or "related products," limiting the number of patients each provider could supply to no more than three and requiring each patient to have two physicians verify their diagnosis.

The feds return

But even as lawmakers debated the bill, the gulf between federal and state law became clear as federal agents raided 26 Montana dispensaries and arrested more than 12 caregivers.

"The raids took place, by sheer coincidence or by plan I will never know, on the very day that (SB-423) was being reported out of committee," said Sen. David Wanzenried, D-Missoula.

The raids underscored that the federal government still considered the selling of marijuana to be a crime.

The federal action raises the question of whether this November's initiative even gives voters an honest choice.

"IR-124 doesn't change the primacy of federal law over state law," Larsen said. "The feds are calling the shots now."

Even as senators debated the impact of the federal raids, the Montana Cannabis Industry Association, the trade group for the new medical marijuana businesses, was taking the recently enacted state law to court.

Helena District Judge Jim Reynolds blocked parts of SB 423 from taking effect such as limiting caregivers to three patients and prohibiting them from receiving payments or advertising. A year later, the Montana Supreme Court overturned Reynolds' decision stating that SB 423's restrictions do not violate the Montana Constitution's right to privacy or pursuit of employment and health.

Although several elements of SB 423 remain in

legal limbo, the effect of the legislation and federal raids has been clear. Within one year, the number of cannabis patients dropped from 29,948 to 8,681 and the number of providers plummeted from 4,438 to 390.

Making the call

Still voters must decide whether to support the state's more restrictive law or return to the statute that spawned the earlier industry.

If voters approve IR-124, they are voting to keep SB 423 and its restrictions on patients and caregivers in place. If they vote against the initiative, the entire 2011 law will be repealed and the former system, albeit with possible federal intervention, returned.

Wanzenried said he understands that many patients and caregivers see the 2011 law as an overre-

action to the earlier system that spawned storefronts and billboards for medical marijuana.

"Did we vacillate between extremes? Yes," he said. "But the pendulum has swung too far toward being unnecessarily restrictive."

No matter what happens on Nov. 6 the future of the state's medical marijuana program will likely be a focus of next year's legislative session, and the outcome of IR-124 will only set the public's mood for that debate yet to come.

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Chemotherapy Patients Receiving Treatment In New Surroundings



Submitted by Rita Steinbeisser

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Now cancer patients and their families can use the new private entrance located on 14th Avenue Southwest. The new entrance features a circular driveway for easy access to the Cancer Care area with designated parking spaces.

"This is a dream come true for area cancer patients," stated Judy Carda, Cancer Care Service Manager. "The new area offers a private, relaxed setting for patients and allows us to work closely with radiation oncology staff on a daily basis."

Phase II of the project involved renovating Suite 103 in the clinic and building a private entrance to the Cancer Care Center. The renovation included adding four chemotherapy and IV therapy infusion rooms with a centralized nursing station as well as providing designated clinic space for the medical oncologist.

In January 2011, Sidney Health Center expanded its outpatient cancer services to include radiation therapy when it opened Phase I of the Cancer Care suite. Sidney Health Center installed a TomoTherapy Hi-Art radiation treatment system, which is the first of its kind in Montana.

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Rick Haraldson, Sidney Health Center CEO stated, "We have some of the best resources available to treat cancer locally and thanks to the Foundation's generous donors, we were able to complete Phase II and better serve our cancer patients. Now that's community support at its finest!"

Pictured above: Diane Kilsdonk, cancer patient, is seated next to Judy Carda, RN during her treatment in the new chemotherapy and IV therapy bays at Sidney Health Center.

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U.S. Senate Candidates Battle To Reflect The ‘Real’ Montana

By Caitlyn Walsh
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Montanans can't escape the television and radio ads attacking the two candidates for U.S. Senate. Paid for by official groups like the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and murkier organizations like Crossroads GPS, the ads generally assault Democrat Jon Tester and Republican Dennis Rehberg as being out of touch with normal Montanans.

The deluge often leaves Montanans wondering who the candidates are and where they stand on major issues.

This has become a battle of who is the most authentic Montanan, with Rehberg's website stressing he is "a fifth-generation Montana rancher and small businessman" and Tester's emphasizing he is "a third-generation Montana dirt farmer who brings Montana values with him to the U.S. Senate."

Despite these differences, the two agree on many contentious issues facing the state.

Both Tester and Rehberg call for creating jobs in Montana by deregulating small business and cutting taxes, though they often spar vehemently over exactly what taxes and regulations need to be targeted. Both voted for the Keystone XL pipeline and seek to develop more coal and oil resources in the state. And both say they have fought for gun rights in

Washington.

Where do the differences lie?

But they pull no punches when describing the other.

"Rehberg is not willing to do the work," Tester said. "It's lip service versus getting stuff done. Right now, I'm leading the charge on a sportsman's bill, and we're going to stay here until it's done. I have a record of accomplishment."

Congressman Rehberg agreed that voters should examine their records but disagrees with what they will find.

"I'll always put Montana first, standing up to leaders from any party as a check and balance. Senator Tester votes with President Obama's liberal agenda 95 percent of the time," he replied via email.

The two also disagree over federal health care reform, women's reproductive rights, and the extension of tax cuts first implemented by President George W. Bush.

"I support a complete repeal of the Tester-Obama health care act so we can replace it with a bill that actually reforms health care to reduce costs and improve access," Rehberg wrote. "All the Tester-Obama law did was add more people to a failing system. Costs continue to rise, and the problem keeps getting worse. Montanans deserve better."

Tester voted in 2009 to pass the Affordable Care Act which aims to expand the number of Americans with health care insurance by increasing the availability of Medicaid, allowing young people to stay on their parents' insurance until 26 and

requiring others to purchase some form of insurance or pay an additional tax.

On reproductive rights, Rehberg voted in 2011 to revoke federal funding to Planned Parenthood and argued for reducing accessibility to abortions. While in the Senate, Tester supported funding for Planned Parenthood.

Both candidates also voted with their party on the extension of the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001 and the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, also referred to as the "Bush Tax Cuts."

Tester sought to amend the bills by "limiting the tax cuts to the first \$200,000 of income for individuals and \$250,000 for married couples filing jointly."

Rehberg voted to keep the cuts the same, reducing the tax rate for households making over \$250,000 per year.

Staying on message

Throughout the campaign, Tester has sought to distance himself from the president and national Democratic Party. He did not attend his party's national convention in Charlotte this summer and has several ads

out highlighting ways in which he voted against President Obama.

Attack ads from conservative groups outside Montana and Rehberg accuse him of "voting with Obama 95 percent of the time."

Still, Tester said the Democratic Party is a party that endorses many Montana values.

"We support the middle class, the working class," he said. "Support for working families, for farming families, is real. We also support affordable education, not only K-12, but higher education, and veteran's services."

For his part, Rehberg argues that his policies represent Montana values of less regulation and lower taxes.

"If they want to bolster job growth and economic recovery by reducing the senseless burden of government, they should vote for me," Rehberg said in an email. "If they want to just be left alone to go about their lives without the federal government directing everything they do, they should vote for me."

Voters count

Come Election Day Montana's choice may resonate far beyond the Treasure State, according to political

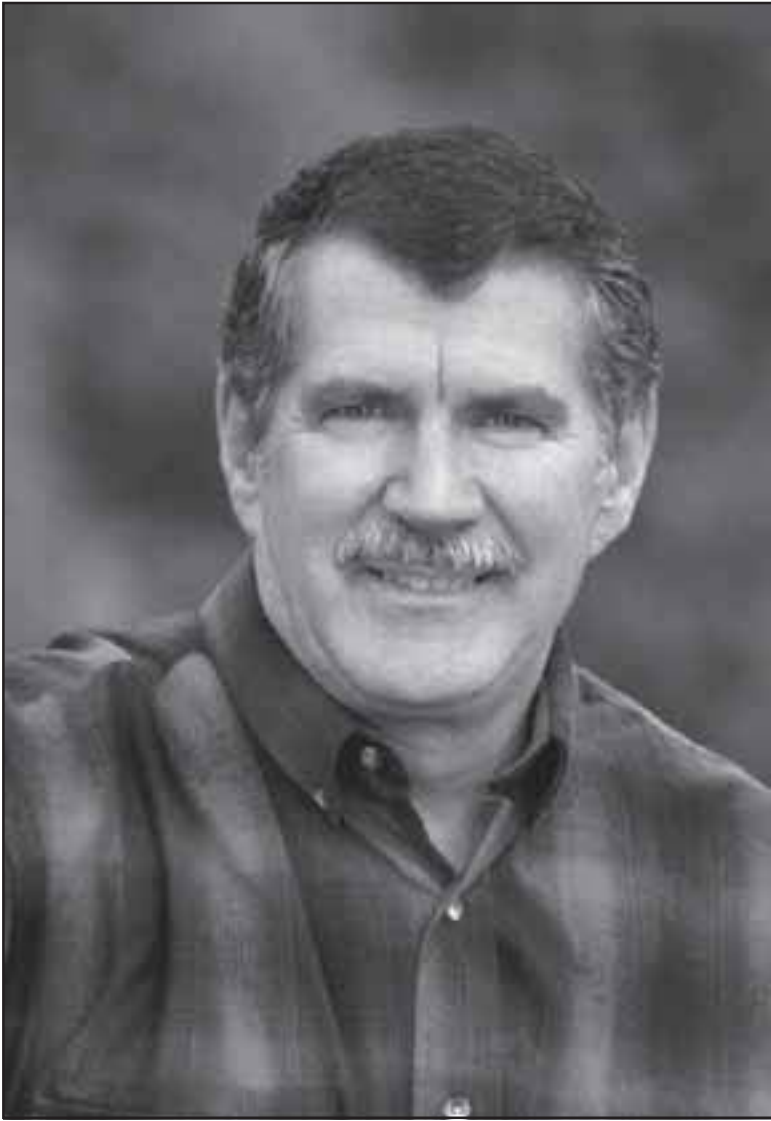
scientist James Lopach, a University of Montana professor.

"Montana is (the) state that could give Republicans control (of the Senate)," Lopach said. "Achieving that goal in Montana is far cheaper than achieving that goal in an urban area. I think that's why we're seeing so much money coming in on both sides. It's coming from the party, from the contributors of the candidates and coming in from Political Action Committees."

The result has been a record number of ads. According to the Wesleyan Media Project, Montanans were hit with nearly 45,000 ads in the Senate race by early September, 16,000 more than the next nearest state.

Both campaigns admit the air war of campaign ads from the candidates and outside groups will only intensify as Election Day near. Tester urged voters to remember that the campaign "is about Dennis Rehberg and Jon Tester and what's best for Montana."

But Lopach suggested the struggle is bigger than that. "I think it has less to do with Tester and Rehberg and more about control," he said. "It's about setting and enacting an agenda for the nation."



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Measure Gauges Montanans' Views On New Federal Health Care Law

By Keele Smith
Community News Service, UM School of Journalism
If backers of LR-122 succeed on Nov. 6, the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the federal health care reform act may not be the last word on the matter in Montana.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, derided by opponents as Obamacare, represented one of the most significant overhauls in the nation's health care system in 50 years.

Under the new federal law, individuals must buy health insurance or pay a tax penalty when filing their federal tax returns.

It is this so-called "individual mandate" that riled many Republicans in the state Legislature and prompted them to put LR-122 on the ballot. Sen. Art Wittich, the Bozeman Republican who sponsored the legislation, said he believed "it was the state's obligation to put this issue before the voters and allow them to have a say in it."

In March 2010, President Obama signed the ACA into law, saying it would help control health care costs, expand insurance coverage and improve the health care delivery system.

The ACA requires insurance companies to pay at least 80 percent of premiums for medical care, cover people regardless of pre-existing conditions, and allow young adults to be covered by their parents' insurance until the age of 26.

The measure's origins
Although the high court upheld the ability of the federal government to penalize those not purchasing insurance by requiring them to pay an additional tax, it also ruled that states could opt out of another element of the law: expanding Medicaid availability to anyone 133 percent above the fed-

eral poverty line. That provision aimed to cover another 17 million Americans.

Montana lawmakers will have to decide whether to expand the state's Medicaid program, but LR-122 targets the individual mandate part of the law.

Beginning in 2014, people without coverage would pay \$95 or 1 percent of taxable income, whichever is greater. That tax grows to \$695 or 2.5 percent of taxable income in 2016.

After that, the penalty would increase annually by the cost-of-living adjustment.

LR-122 will give Montana voters a chance to support or oppose the idea.

The ballot measure came after the Republican-controlled Legislature passed a similar bill that was vetoed by Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

Because the Legislature lacked the votes to overturn the veto, they voted to put the same proposal on the ballot with LR-122.

LR-122 would prohibit the state and federal governments from requiring the purchase of health insurance or imposing a penalty, tax, fee or fine on those who don't buy it. This position would put the state in conflict with the Supreme Court decision from June.

Feds hold the cards
If it passes, "someone would go to court and challenge it right away," predicted Jim Lopach, a longtime professor of political science at the University of Montana.
Lopach said even if the referendum becomes the law of Montana, it wouldn't end the individual mandate.
"It's like a game of cards," he said. "Federal law trumps state law. State law can't trump federal law."

According to Lopach, federal law was set when the Supreme Court upheld Congress' power to enact most provisions of the Affordable Care Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the individual mandate in the ACA is constitutional under the taxation powers given to Congress by the U.S. Constitution.

Despite that ruling, Wittich said it's important to put LR-122 before the voters because they should have a say as the state begins implementing the health care law.

"We drafted this 18 months ago so that the people of Montana had a right to provide their voice as to whether or not the mandate was legal," he said.

Political gamesmanship?
Opponents of the ballot measure said it has nothing to do with law and everything to do with politics.

"It's intended to get people riled up about the health care act when they don't need to be riled up about it," said Rep. Dick Barrett, D-Missoula. "They should actually recognize that it's done good things for Montana, and the individual mandate is an important part of it."

Barrett was quick to list the new law's benefits: Montanans with pre-existing conditions can get insurance, more young people can remain on their parent's insurance, and patients are guaranteed that their insurance will cover at least 80 percent of their premiums.

Even though LR-122 focuses on the individual mandate, Wittich said the way the public votes on the measure may affect the debate over how Montana responds to the law.

"I think there's an important role for the states as to how Obamacare will be implemented and if it will be implemented," Wittich said.

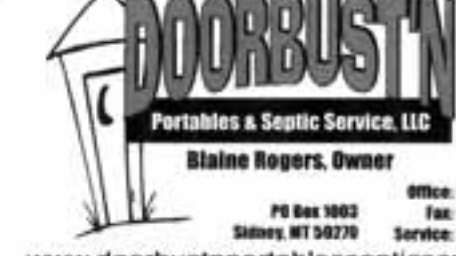


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Thurs., Oct. 24: Soft shell tacos, rice, garden salad, oranges.

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Mon., Oct. 22: Spaghetti, tossed salad, fruit, breadstick.

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Thurs., Oct. 18: No School.

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