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Message from the Chairman

I have noticed that when local Democrats are running for the legislature, they tend to sound a lot like Republicans- they're all for fiscal responsibility, having government live within its means, and helping small businesses create more jobs. Then when they get to Helena, they become political chameleons. They then become all for bigger government, increased business regulations, and higher taxes. Don't listen to their campaign rhetoric, just look at their anti-business voting records. They consistently have very poor ratings from business groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, but score very high from environmentalist groups and trial lawyers. What really gets me upset is when Democrats want to increase business taxes. They proclaim that "businesses need to pay their fair share." Well, I'm not a businessman or tax expert, but in my opinion businesses don't pay taxes! These taxes assessed on businesses are simply another cost of doing business that is passed on to the consumers of their products and services. If the taxes get too high, the businesses will not be able to be competitive and will either close or move to a location that doesn't tax them as much. Either one of these scenarios does not create local jobs! *Randy Kuiper, Chairman CCRCC*

Steve Daines to be Keynote Speaker at Annual Lincoln/Reagan Dinner February 27th

Steve Daines, RightNow Technologies vice president and general manager of Asia-Pacific, will be our keynote speaker for the CCRCC Lincoln Day Dinner at the Holiday Inn @ 5:30 pm on Saturday, February 27, 2010.

Steve is a fifth generation Montanan, and grew up in Bozeman, where his parents worked in their own home construction business. His Montana roots go back to Norwegian immigrants who homesteaded near Brady, Montana north of Great Falls. Upon graduation from Bozeman High School, he attended Montana State University in Bozeman, receiving his B.S. Degree with highest honors in Chemical Engineering in 1984.

Immediately following graduation, Steve left Montana to work for Procter & Gamble. During his 13 year management career at P&G, he spent seven years managing operations in the United States, followed by a six

year assignment in Hong Kong and China leading the business expansion in China.

In 2000 Steve joined RightNow Technologies, and has served the past nine years as Vice President at their global headquarters in Bozeman, Montana. RightNow is a publicly held software company (Nasdaq: RNOW) , and was one of Morgan Stanley's top performing IPO's in 2004. Steve currently serves as General Manager/VP of Asia-Pacific.



RightNow now employs over 850 people, and is the largest commercial employer in Bozeman. They have 16 offices around the world, including Dallas, San Francisco, Washington D.C, London, Tokyo, and Sydney Australia.

Steve has been active in politics his entire life, and was one of the youngest delegates to the 1984 GOP National Convention in Dallas, Texas

for President Ronald Reagan. Steve was also the founder of Giveit-back.com, a non-profit organization which advocated the return of Montana's one billion dollar surplus to taxpayers. In 2007, Governor Mike Huckabee asked Steve to serve as the Montana chairman for his 2008 campaign for President. Steve also served as Chairman of the Montana Delegation to the 2008 GOP National Convention in St. Paul, and was the GOP nominee for Lieutenant Governor of Montana in the 2008 general election. Most recently, Steve has been leading the effort in Montana to stop Obama's health care plan, with statewide radio ads through Common Sense Montana (www.commonsemontana.com) Steve and Cindy have been married 23 years, and have four children: David (19), Anne (18), Michael (15), and Caroline (13). Backpacking, hunting, skiing, fishing, and baseball are all family passions.

Lincoln/Reagan dinner tickets are available by calling Republican Center @ 761-6083.

Letters to the Editor

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Guest Opinions

We often ask ourselves : “What is the difference between Montana Republicans and Democrats?”

Some may say, “I vote for the person not the party”. Some tend to label all politicians as “idiots” and lump them into one big category finding no significant difference. However, there are key differences between the parties in Montana and there is much at stake in our state legislative elections. A brief survey of the votes below should show a clear difference between parties and why so much is at stake:

1. In 2009 Democrats tried to raises taxes by over \$100 Million Dollars. These bills were all killed with all Republicans voting no in committee and all Democrats voting yes. (HB 395- Rep. McAlpin, HB 388- Rep. Van Dyk, SB 258- Sen. Kaufmann and SB459 – Sen. Erickson)

2. Democrat Sen. Kristine Kauffmann proposed a health care bill (SB 414) that was estimated to cost the state \$4 Billion dollars (100% of current state general fund tax revenue is only about \$3.8 Billion). Fortunately, this bill met a quick death in a Republican controlled Senate committee with all Democrats voting yes and all Republicans voting no.

3. HB 440 by Scott Mendenhall (R-Clancy) would have requested

that an estimate of the cost impacts to small business be considered before passing a bill with fiscal impacts on small business. Fifty House Democrats voted no. Fifty Houses Republicans voted yes.



4. HR 3 by Michael Moore (R- Bozeman) would have set forth a declaration of Montana’s rights under the US constitution. How timely is this when current federal legislation may force everyone in Montana to pay for a health insurance policy of the governments design and fine or imprison them for non-compliance? 100% of Republicans voted yes. 100% of Democrats voted no on the House floor.

5. HB 566 by Llew Jones (R-Conrad) would have made it easier to build power plants or other job creat-

ing projects in Montana. Fifty Democrats beholden to the extreme environmentalist cartel voted no and fifty Republicans voted yes.

These are just a few of many examples that clearly point out the difference between conservative philosophies of government that favor low taxes, a strong business climate and limited government. Fiscal restraint and open transparent government are reasonable goals. Democrats don’t think so. Fair elections are also reasonable ideals to most Montanans. It makes a difference which party is in the majority. For the last 3 terms Republican ideals of limited government, strong business, parental rights and family values have been under attack.

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**CCRCC Web Site in process of being improved & redesigned**

Web-master Rick Tryon has completely changed the feel and presentation of our Web Site. Although this effort is a ‘work in progress’ by our webmaster, the site is being organized to give our county GOP a potent tool in the coming and future election cycles.

Our web site can help our effectiveness in several important ways. It will be a multi faceted resource to communicate information to our supporters.

This will included the access to our newsletter, the TARGET; communications from our GOP office holders at the city, county, and state governments; and operational details of the Cascade County Republican Central Committee.

This website will function as a major tool in our efforts to greatly expand the E-mail address database. This expanded base is required if we are to efficiently communicate with our supporters. The per copy cost saved by distributing the ‘Target’ by E-mail will allow the CCRCC to greatly expand the number of households we serve. This expansion of exposure to our message of freedom is vital to the future success in the election of Republicans to public office.

More importantly this new web site will serve as a convenient connection between our supporters and the efforts of the their representatives serving on the Central Committee.



Brian Hoven Files for Re-election to HD 24

During the 2009 legislative session, I served on the House Taxation, Natural Resources and Agricultural Committees. During the first forty-five days, I made several rookie mistakes which fortunately went unnoticed. By day forty-six, I was knowledgeable, confident and a reasonably competent legislator. In House Tax, we stopped all proposed tax increases but failed to eliminate the Business Equipment Tax. In Natural Resources, Representative Mike Milburn, as chairman, did a masterful job of developing open cut mining legislation (gravel pits) that industry, consumers and the DNRC found acceptable.

I ran for the legislature in 2006 and 2008 and am running in 2010 because I want to participate in the decisions affecting future generations of Montanan's. Free enterprise, entrepreneurship, rule of law, property rights, competition, equal opportunity and the desire for self improvement are the principles and motivator which created our standard of living and made the U.S. the most powerful and benevolent country in the world. While taxes, regulations and governments are necessary, they must be supportive of a vibrant economy and economic growth; not an anchor holding back investment and business development.

As a Representative to the Montana Legislature, I will support activities which encourage business activity while safe guarding the environment and the well being of all Montanans.

*Brian Hoven,
Candidate HD 24*

Glen Stinar files for Cascade County Sheriff



As a Cascade County resident, I filed for the position of Sheriff for a couple important reasons. The first is that I have dedicated the last 28 years of my life serving my country as a member of the Armed Forces and 20 years to public service as a law enforcement professional and feel the need to serve is an important one. The second is that prevailing attitudes appear to be that of seeing only what cannot be, rather than seeing what can be. The most important reason I filed for Sheriff is that I can make a difference.

Having led soldiers in combat I understand the importance of establishing clear goals, communication, teamwork, compassion and leading from the front. I carried these same traits with me throughout my years as both an officer and Sergeant with the Great Falls Police Department.

As the Professional Programs Manager at the Law Enforcement Academy I have not only taught ethics, community policing and other important subjects, I have had the opportunity to engage in conversations regarding policy, use of force, and other issues important to law enforcement. Having been a Corrections Officer, I also understand what it takes to spend your days supervising offenders.

I will bring business sense, teamwork and creativity in public service to the office of Sheriff. By training, resourcing and providing clear guidance to employees at all levels together we will achieve organizational objectives. By empowering those same employees to be creative problem solvers and stakeholders we will take the Sheriff's office to the next level together. We will work diligently to not only meet the public safety expectations of our customers, the residents of Cascade County, but to be one of the leaders in County government that is here to serve you. We might even have some fun along the way.

Every active voter is a shareholder in the government offices that exist to uphold their constitutional rights, services and privileges as tax payers and citizens. Every election is an opportunity for voters to hold impromptu shareholder meetings in homes, at work or social settings to discuss the issues of the day. Among those important issues is whether or not the people they have entrusted with their votes have given an adequate return for that investment.

*Glen Stinar,
Candidate for Cascade County Sheriff*



Quote for the week: "If we ever forget that we're one nation under God, then we will be a Nation gone under." - Ronald Reagan

I'm really starting to miss this guy!



Commissioner Joe Briggs files for Re-election.

“Serving the citizens of Cascade County as one of their three County Commissioners has been my honor and privilege for the past five years. Today I am filing for re-election and ask the voters of Cascade County to extend to me the opportunity to continue to serve them as a Commissioner.

Serving as a County Commissioner has given me the chance to correct problems and work to improve our quality of life. Being one of your Commissioners is both the most frustrating and rewarding position I have ever held and I thank you for the chance to have served you.

As I look back over the past five years I am pleased with the progress we have made in streamlining county government, the cost control we have put in place and the major issues we have been able to address. I am also very pleased with the growing teamwork exhibited by the employees of Cascade County. None of accomplishments of the past few years could have occurred without the hard work and dedication of our employees.

I am however also mindful of the work yet to come. Budgets are tight for us all, not only in our homes, but in our businesses and government as well. Just as we each have to make difficult decisions in our own household spending so must government be looking carefully at every expenditure.

Cascade County and its employees have done a remarkable job in recent years at stretching your tax dollars, but we must do even more to make sure we can continue to provide the services our citizens need during these difficult times. We must also not lose sight of the need to prepare for our future. The long term solution for many of our local problems is to create an environment which provides better paying jobs for our citizens.

*Joe Briggs,
Candidate Cascade County Commissioner*

Rick Tryon files for HD 25

Rick Tryon has filed as a candidate for the State legislature in House District 25. Known as a fiscally conservative, independent thinking, working class Republican, Tryon is focusing his attention on three major areas in his campaign for the Legislature:

1. Good jobs for working class Montanans, 2. Expanded opportunity for small business and entrepreneurs, 3. Open, honest, accountable state government.

“We need to create a better jobs and business climate in this state that says, ‘We’re open for business, especially responsible energy development.’ Let’s get to work creating this climate by reducing taxes and easing up on government red tape. The only jobs that government ‘creates’ are government jobs. I think that, in many cases, government needs to get out of the way and let the private sector and entrepreneurs create jobs and economic opportunity,” says Tryon.

Rick has been a leading conservative voice in local economic issues. He was founder and spokesman for “Citizens for Responsible City Government” during the city’s Lewis and Clark Bicentennial events, opposing excessive spending. Most recently he was the leading opponent to the proposed safety levy tax increase.

Rick is a computer specialist, musician, and entrepreneur who also works part-time for Stray Moose Productions in Black Eagle. Along with his wife, Phyllis, he has lived, worked, and volunteered in Great Falls for over 27 years.

*Rick Tryon,
Candidate for HD 25*



Steve Fitzpatrick files for HD 20

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Montana Legislature. I am running for the Montana Legislature because I want to make Montana the best place to live, start a business, and raise a family. I became an attorney because I have a strong interest in public policy and public service. I know that through hard work and commitment one person can make a difference in our system of government.

If elected, I am committed to ensuring the responsible use of taxpayer resources and to improving economic opportunities for all Montanans. I believe the Montana Legislature has a responsibility to be a good steward of public resources. We should only spend taxpayer money for services we actually need and never tolerate any waste, fraud, or abuse in any fiscal matters.

To create good paying jobs, we need to implement policies to attract new businesses and investment. The Legislature should look for ways to lower taxes and to eliminate red tape and frivolous lawsuits. In addition, we must ensure all Montanans have access to quality education. Our colleges and universities must be affordable and address current job opportunities and workplace needs.

I believe the most important trait of a good Legislator is the willingness to listen and to consider all points of view. No person has a monopoly on good ideas. The best way to guarantee we implement the right policies is to listen to everyone and to consider all points of view. I am looking forward to getting out and meeting the residents of House District 20 and learning about the issues that matter to them.

Steve Fitzpatrick, Candidate HD 20





Mike Milburn Files for HD 19


I am committed to building a more prosperous Montana and protecting the western heritage we deeply cherish. We live in a beautiful state made up of proud, hard working, independent people. It's been an honor to serve them.

The founding principals of our nation are being challenged. The assault on property rights has become commonplace. Over-spending, over-borrowing, and over-regulating are breaking our country. We need to return to a limited government that practices fiscal discipline, promotes individual freedoms and liberties, and rewards hard work. Pro-market solutions support innovation and create private enterprise jobs.

We must diversify by responsibly using our vast natural resources to

help pay for our schools and other commitments. Putting money back into the hands of the people rather than the government and getting back to creating prosperity rather than trying to redistribute it will achieve our economic goals and put Montanans back to work.

Mike Milburn,



Kudo's

Phyllis & Rick Tryon, Marian Wiley, Marian Robbins, Stan Johnston, Rita Staley, Lee & Margret Walker, Judy Birch, Tom Lynch, Sr. Tom Lunch, Jr., Tim Austin, Joe McKenney, Gene Thayer, Barb Moe, Earl Knight, Marty Dalson-Kentzel, and all of our Alliance contributors. You make it happen!



Jesse O'Hara Files for HD 18

I work at being a problem solver and consensus builder and towards bringing about what is best for all Montanans. We

have to pay our bills and not spend more money than we have. There are many times we just have to say no. Government involvement is too often part of the problem instead of the solution.

My votes have reflected my philosophy of *encouraging strong families, effective schools, strong communities and a thriving business atmosphere that is not sued, taxed, or regulated unjustly.* Often our kids get a quality education and then have to leave our state to make a decent living to support a family. We need to have good paying jobs available. Too often we **export our greatest resource to other states - OUR CHILDREN!** I have and will continue to work hard to change that.
Jesse O'Hara



Cleve Loney files for HD 25

Cleve believes in a common sense approach to issues, as a professional in the real estate business for over years, he understands you have to close the deal. He believes that no one knows all the answers, but as a thinking person will re-evaluate his position on issues as information

changes. Cleve has always worked for the interests of his clients and as a Representative will work hard for his constituents. He is willing to listen and to help solve the problems. House District 25 for Common Sense Conservatism. Cleve will work for:

- Constitutionally limited government
- Fiscal responsibility/accountability
- Private property Rights
- Personal responsibility
- Free market/lower taxes
- Education/jobs in Montana

I have been active in numerous civic and national organizations and have held leadership positions in many of them.

Cleve Loney, Candidate HD 25

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With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.

The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice.

*If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

*Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

REMEMBER, NO MATTER WHAT THEY ASK, YOU REALLY ONLY NEED TO TELL THEM HOW MANY PEOPLE LIVE AT YOUR ADDRESS.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER ANYTHING AT ALL ABOUT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations. Any one asking for that information is NOT with the Census Bureau. AND REMEMBER, THE CENSUS BUREAU HAS DECIDED NOT TO WORK WITH ACORN ON GATHERING THIS INFORMATION.. No Acorn worker should approach you saying he/she is with the Census Bureau.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.



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We're going to pass a health care plan written by a committee whose head says he doesn't understand it, passed by a Congress that hasn't read it but exempts themselves from it, signed by a President that also hasn't read it and who smokes, with funding administered by a treasury chief who didn't pay his taxes, overseen by a surgeon general who is obese, and financed by a country that's nearly broke.

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1. Term Limits: 12 years only, one of the possible options below.

- A. Two Six year Senate terms
- B. Six Two year House terms
- C. One Six year Senate term and three Two Year House terms

Serving in Congress is an honor, not a career. The Founding Fathers envisioned citizen legislators, serve your term(s), then go home and back to work

2. No Tenure / No Pension:

A congressman collects a salary while in office and receives no pay when they are out of office.

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3. Congress (past, present & future) participates in Social Security:

All funds in the Congressional retirement fund moves to the Social Security system immediately. All future funds flow into the Social Security system, Congress participates with the American people.

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4. Congress can purchase their own retirement plan just as all Americans.

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5. Congress will no longer vote themselves a pay raise. Congressional pay will rise by the lower of CPI or 3%.

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6. Congress loses their current health care system and participates in the same health care system as the American people.

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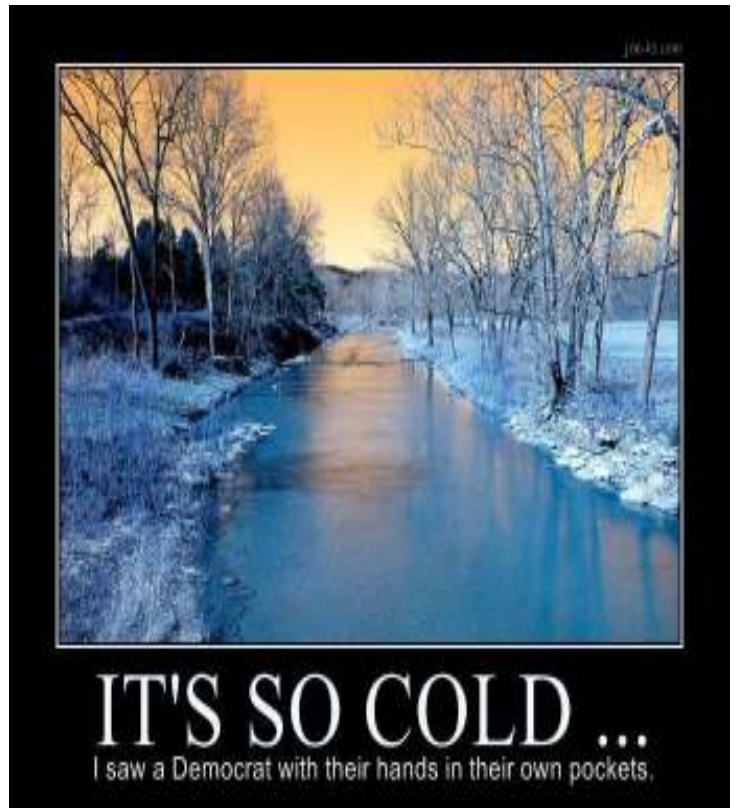
7. Congress must equally abide in all laws they impose on the American people.

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8. All contracts with past and present congressmen are void effective 1/1/11.

The American people did not make this contract with congressmen, congressmen made all these contracts for themselves.

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18A	Vann Arvanetes	20C	Marian Wiley
18B	Bill Zucconi	21B	Chris Ward
18B	Sheridan Buck	23C	Arthur Dickhoff
18C	Elizabeth Florence	24A	Shannon Douberly
19B	Steve Briggs	25A	Tim Austin
19B	Melanie Briggs	25C	Tom Lynch Jr.
19D	Jim Drew	25B	Rick Brinka
19E	Thomas Howard	26A	Veronica King
19F	Rebecca Mesaros	26B	Ronald Staley
19G	Eric Germann	26B	Rita Staley
20A	Wayne Kelly	26D	Erling Juel

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