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Primary Election

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STRONGLY ENDORSE Rep. Wayne Rusk for Senate District 44.*

- Commissioner and Sheriff **Chris Hoffman** 2003-2020
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- Sen. **Rick Laible** 2001-2009
- Rep. Ron Stoker 2003-2009
- Rep. **Gary MacLaren** 2005-2011
- Rep. **Ed Greef** 2011-2017
- Rep. **Sharon Greef** 2019-2022
- Rep. **Nancy Ballance** 2013-2019
- Rep. **Dave Bedey** 2019-present



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RUSK
Republican
for **SD 44**



**Wayne will bring conservative and common sense values to this office while
working to represent all of us. Vote Wayne Rusk for SD 44 on June 4th.**

VOTE Theresa Manzella

Senate
District SD-044



10 years of experience
and results

- Parents Bill of Rights
- Parents Rights in Education
- Felony False Reporting
- Free CDL Training
- Founding Chairman of the MT Freedom Caucus

www.LegislatorLoyalty.com **Voting Records MATTER!** leg.mt.gov My opponent
Rusk.

NO!	HB402 - An Act "...requiring that persons whose citizenship has not yet been verified be allowed to vote..." BAD BILL! TERRIBLE! Co-sponsored by Rusk. Voting "NO" is the correct vote.	YES!
NO!	HB481 — Increasing the inflation limit for calculating property tax levies. —Allowing for local increase in property taxes. BAD BILL! Voting "NO" is the correct vote.	YES!
YES!	SB518 – Parental Rights in Education – requiring written permission of parent if minor wants to use pronouns they weren't born with, and allowing parents to excuse child from any class they choose.	NO!
YES!	HB865 - Create local government spending limits and penalties (Also known as the Tax Payer Bill of Rights, or TABOR)	NO!
YES!	HB 551 – Constitutional Amendment to allow citizens to vote on Constitutional Carry in Montana.	NO!
YES!	HB464 – Establish Judicial Transparency Act, allowing judicial candidates to identify party alliance if they choose to.	NO!
YES!	HB372 – Establish the right to hunt, fish and trap in Montana	NO!
YES!	HB604 – Sheriffs First – Requiring feds to contact our Sheriff before making arrest, search or seizure	NO!
YES!	HB517 – Constitutional Amendment protecting the right of free speech on college campuses	NO!
YES!	Montana Freedom Caucus – Call for Special Session to lower Property Taxes (Chairman Theresa Manzella)	NO!

Conservative Legislative Watchdog Groups Rankings



	Manzella	Rusk
Freedom Index	100	33
Montana Conservative Alliance	78	16
Legistats Legislator Loyalty	B	D
CPAC	97	88
Americans For Prosperity	94	84
Montana Family Foundation	100	93



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 - Mike Lindell
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Kathy Love

HOUSE DISTRICT 85

- Constitutionally Limited Government
- Secure Elections
- Lower Taxes
- Protecting your Constitutional Rights
- Protecting your children

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Vote June 4

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PRIMARY ELECTION:
JUNE 4

KIM DAILEY HOUSE DISTRICT 88

Faithfully Protecting Your Rights "Dailey"!

I'm Kim Dailey, a proud Montanan for 49 years and a Florence resident for 25. My campaign focuses on constitutional fidelity and a brighter future for our children. With my legal expertise, I advocate for property tax reform, transparent elections, and the protection of our fundamental rights. Together, we can protect the values we cherish and shape Montana's future.

1

PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Committed to revising Montana's property tax laws to reduce homeowners' financial burdens and achieve a fairer tax system.

2

FREE & FAIR ELECTIONS

Dedicated to enhancing voting transparency, championing hand-counted ballots to guarantee every vote is properly counted.

3

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Fiercely defending parental rights and protecting our children from harmful ideologies, safeguarding their future.

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Paid for by: Kim Dailey Campaign, P.O. Box 193, Florence MT 59833

Montana Primary Election 2024

Montana's Primary Election will be held Tuesday, June 4th. This will be an in-person election and citizens can vote at their usual polling places. Absentee ballots are being mailed out next week.

The Bitterroot Star contacted all the candidates in the contested races in Ravalli County. We asked them to provide the following information:

- 1) Short bio (age, education, career, family, etc.)
- 2) Why you are running for this position, or if incumbent, why you want to continue
- 3) How your personal values/philosophy line up with your party's platform
- 4) What you see as the biggest challenges or concerns for this position
- 5) Why you are the best choice for this position
- 6) Anything else you feel is pertinent

Here are their responses, in their own words. Hopefully, this will help you to be an informed voter.



Senate District 44



Brad Davis
Republican

1) U.S. Navy Veteran, retired small business owner, 40 year resident of Montana, married 38 years w/ two adult sons.

2) I believe Ravalli County residents are not being represented properly. As many may know, I am a strong advocate for hunting, fishing and trapping. With the defeat of HB 372 and the fact that Wayne Rusk voted against it, I decided to take a stand. In the last legislative session property taxes were passed without fixing the issues, causing high increases in residential property taxes. Then the property tax issue was disguised with a \$600 rebate. Manzella and Rusk did not fix it. Something I will fix before we end the session and not walk away like what happened in the last legislative session. 66% of all highway deaths in Montana are caused by impaired drivers and nothing is being done. I will work to fix that and also work to improve safety on our highways

(especially those in the Bitterroot Valley). Our forest management needs to be improved and something needs to be done sooner than later. The State and Federal government has not addressed the issues in a timely manner. Fires have devastated our Valley from one end to the other causing loss of home, property and lives. I will work to fix that. Being a veteran I understand veterans' needs and will work to help them.

3) I am a Republican outsider. I do not belong to the Ravalli County Republican party. I do not attend any of their events such as the Ravalli County Central Committee "Aiming for Victory Fundraiser." Reviewing past news articles and certain guest speakers, it appeared this event was favoring Theresa Manzella (one of my opponents). One of the Republican party platforms supports lower taxes, which as you can see by your property tax bill was not something they worked to do. I will vote for the best interests of the residents of Ravalli County. I am a conservative gun owner and I believe in concealed carry to protect our families.

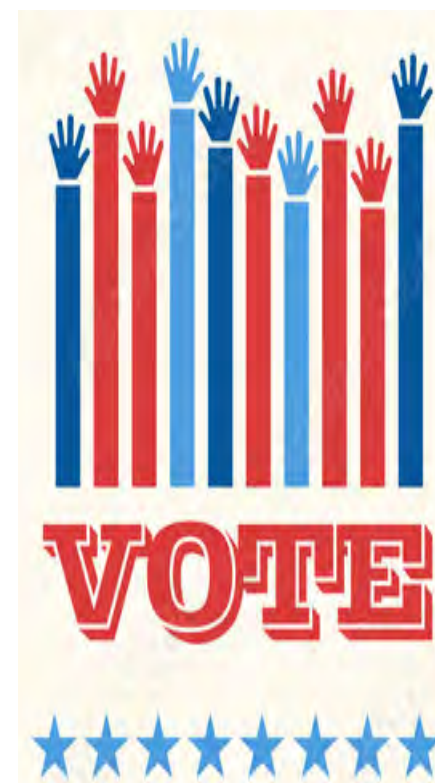
4) My biggest challenge in being elected is that it costs money to run a campaign. I am a self-funded candidate. I do not accept contributions nor do I answer political questionnaires to be used to support organizations, should I be elected. I do not use ground signs, some illegally placed littering the valley making it an eyesore. Keep in mind that the majority of their campaign is being financed by someone else's money. I am not interested in being in the public eye like Manzella stumping for Rosendale or being on TV like

Rusk signing up to run for Senate. Instead of spending time grandstanding, why are we not working to improve the lives of the residents of the State of Montana?

5) I am the only senatorial candidate that lives in Senate District #44. Why would you run for office if you don't even live in the District you are running for? Living in Senate District #44 makes me the most qualified to work for the residents of Senate District #44. As a 40 year resident of Montana, I know Montana from one end of the state to the other. I also know what will make the lives of Montanans better. I just need the opportunity to do so.

6) Win or lose, I will always stand for what is right and have spent my own money to do so. Please support me to be your next Montana senator from Senate District #44.

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Theresa Manzella Republican Incumbent

I'm Theresa Manzella. I'm 59 years old, I've been blessed to have had great mentors who have provided a lifetime of education in the fields I've worked in and am passionate about.

My early years were spent working with my father in his construction business, titled Nick Manzella and Daughter, General Construction. I loved my childhood and from him, I learned that a strong and square foundation is a necessary component for success in any of life's endeavors. If you encounter problems, go back to basics and re-evaluate your foundation. It's a life lesson that's served me well.

Later, the family transitioned into the bar and restaurant business, where I learned to manage the books and the value of service with a smile.

My 20s were spent in the automobile industry, where I learned to sell and service Pontiac vehicles. It wasn't long before I moved to Pontiac headquarters where I became the youngest supervisor on staff, responsible for a team of consumer

advisors who acted as intercessors between Pontiac motors and service providers. There, I learned teamwork, leadership skills, the art of negotiation and conflict resolution.

But my slice of the American dream was to move to Montana and raise a fine line of performance horse, which I set out to do in 1991. It took a lot of blood, sweat and tears, but the result was 27 state, regional, national, and international Highpoint year championships in my chosen discipline of Reining as it is performed in the NRHA.

Along the way, I learned the value of defeat and to overcome tragedy as a building block to victory. I was born again and in '95 created a ministry called Cow Kids for Christ where I've taught over 200 area children how to ride, speak fluent "horse" and the value of leading a life with a biblical worldview by paralleling the 10 Commandments of scripture to the 10 Commandments of Horsemanship.

In 2006, I married my Marine, Ken Lengyel. He taught me the value of commitment and service to my country and my community. My political endeavors are made possible through his support. It's a team effort, and I could not do what I do without his support.

In 2009, when the economy tanked, some were faced with the decision of paying their mortgage and feeding their kids or feeding their animals. I started Willing Servants Horse Rescue with the simple objective of helping horses and people in times of crisis to keep them off the front page of the paper and out of the judicial system. Interestingly, that endeavor launched my political career after receiving my first death threats for my efforts to keep people and horses out of criminal neglect situations. It's a strange world.

I'm proud to represent the Republican platform that has been

created by thoughtful patriotic, grassroots, Republicans of Montana. It can be read at www.MT-GOP.com. The Republican platform is a set of guidelines and principles that Montana citizens expect their public servants, as well as citizens, to adhere to in our effort to provide governance for our great state. It's based on limited government and personal responsibility, with a strong emphasis on recognizing the value of life, liberty, and personal property. As such, it reconciles comfortably with my personal belief system as well as the US Constitution that I take an oath to uphold. My consistent voting record over the past 10 years proves that I take my oath of office seriously, and this is what makes me the best candidate for the position. Find details at www.manzellaformontana.com and www.legislatorloyalty.com.

My greatest concern for the future of our state, as well as our country, is the deliberately designed confusion created by the lack of understanding of objective, absolute truth. We are designed by our Creator, in His image, and He made us male and female. Period. As such, we are blessed with certain God given, inalienable rights as are memorialized in our founding documents. Among them are the freedom of religion, the right to speak freely and seek redress of grievances, the right to assemble and associate, the right to defend ourselves, the right to be secure in our homes and properties, as well as our country, against illegal search and seizures, just to name a few. Government's sole purpose is protecting those God given, inalienable rights of our individual citizens, and it's time to check our foundation and get back to the basics of doing just that.



Wayne Rusk Republican

1) My name is Wayne Rusk and I am a 32 year resident of the Bitterroot Valley and am 54 years of age. For the last 25 years I have worked as a tradesman, building walk-in showers. In the 90s I spent some time in aviation, flying the backcountry and for various state agencies in small aircraft. I am married and have two children.

2.) I served my first term as your Representative in 2023 - and loved it. (Well, most of it!)

I believe I brought real value to this district and beyond by choosing principles over partisanship—and having the fortitude to act on them.

I am running for the Senate seat to continue this course, and to give voters a choice between the division, the doubt, and the discord that has come to define it, and the authentic conservatism that informed my votes and accurately reflects our best hopes as well as our real concerns, in equal proportions.

3) As a self-employed tradesmen, fiscal responsibility has been a cornerstone of my life. As a pilot, I learned that good judgement is to be prized even above great skill. These, together with an abiding

faith in both God and man are consistent with the origins and contributions of the Republican Party. We must take care right now to stay plumb to our humanitarian and constitutional foundation.

4) From our tax structure to education to the management of public land, there are challenges enough to go around. I mean to make light of none of these when I stress the need for courageous leadership and integrity that can keep our ranks together while we work to address them and others. Extreme stances on conservative issues are no longer conservative. They become untenable, and have rendered us poor stewards—of our own positions. Again, party politics are no substitute for conservative principles.

5) One of the fundamental differences between myself and Sen. Manzella is that she continues to

prey upon the fears and frustrations of good, sincere people for political purposes. I in turn trust that people have the intelligence to strike the average correctly with respect to their representation—no John Birch narratives or conspiracy theories needed—or wanted.

This race is an opportunity to be done with soapboxes and symposiums. It is chance to trade the single issue activism that has narrowed our party and alienated voters for the true representation to which I am committed. A common sense conservative approach that ensures “government by the people” remains consistent with “government for the people”.

Thank you to all for the outpouring of support we have received. I have matched those efforts with my own, and look forward to returning to Helena on our behalf.

Wayne 1-406-370-8486

Cade Scatolini Democrat

Did not respond.

House District 88



Kim Dailey Republican

I am campaigning for State Representative for House District 88. I've been blessed to call Montana home for 49 years with the last 25 years in Florence. After retiring from a rewarding 20-year career as a paralegal, I shifted gears to focus on public service and family. I'm married to Von Dailey, a retired Air Force veteran and published author. We are parents to four won-

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**2023 Montana Legislative Session:
HB372:
Establish right to hunt in Constitution
Submits a 2024 ballot measure that would
create a constitutional right to hunt, trap
and fish.**

**Wayne Rusk Votes:
No!**

Paid for by Brad Davis P.O. Box 462 Victor, Montana 59828

I am a republican candidate for Senate District 44 and a US Navy Veteran.

In the winter of 1777, my great, great Grandfather, James Parshall, served as the secretary to George Washington at Valley Forge in the revolutionary war. He is laid to rest not far from where I was born.

Today we are fighting another battle for our freedom: one to protect our heritage.

In 1821, Myles Standish began making beaver traps for the Hudson Bay Company and the American Fur Company. Standish was a descendant of Myles Standish of Plymouth Colony. He is one of the reasons we are all here today.

In the early 1960s, at the age of six, I started my outdoor life hunting, fishing, and trapping. In 1984, I moved to Montana with \$1000, a few traps, and my 1953 International pickup. Two years later I married my wife, Sue. Sue was hired as a rural school teacher in Two Dot Montana. There were no jobs for me to supplement our income, so I hunted, fished, and trapped.

Fast Forward to today.

I found a card for my election in the Frontier Cafe in Stevensville, Montana. This card was defaced with the words “DEAD SWAWN” (they could not spell SWAN), and an arrow pointing to my son. My son harvested this swan legally at Freezeout Lake, Montana. It was his first game he harvested.

In 1876 George Armstrong Custer made his last stand at the Little Bighorn. In 2024, will this be our last stand, or will you stand with me and vote to protect our heritage for our children, grandchildren, and future generations?

-Brad Davis

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derful daughters, and we care for a young man who needed a stable home away from the foster care system, which has deepened my commitment to family and community values.

I decided to run for State Representative for House District 88 because I've seen our current representation drift away, in my opinion, from conservative values and constitutional fidelity that our community treasures. I'm stepping up not just to bring change, but to ensure that our voices are heard loud and clear in Helena.

My core values echo the Montana GOP Platform. I adamantly support and believe in our constitutional rights, limited government, and individual freedoms. These aren't just political positions to me; they're principles that guide my every decision that will help ensure that our community's freedom and integrity are always front and center.

Our state faces several critical challenges—property tax reform is a big one, as it's crucial that we lessen this financial burden for all Montanans. Also, ensuring our elections are transparent and fair is another major task. Plus, we need to safeguard parental rights and ensure our children receive an education that aligns with our values.

With my legal background, I bring a detailed understanding of the law, which is vital when drafting and reviewing legislation. More than that, I'm here to serve our community's interests, not my own. My deep roots and understanding of our local issues uniquely position me to defend and advocate for our state effectively. Having lived in Montana for all but the first six years of my life, I have learned what it's like to live in this great state through thick and thin. I know what it's like when the paycheck isn't big enough to cover

basic needs, so I can resonate quite well with the people who struggle financially day in and day out. I've always been a blue-collar worker and I appreciate how hard it is to make ends meet in Montana today.

I'm not just about promises - I'm about action. I serve on our local homeschool board, advocating for educational excellence. I also serve on the board of my subdivision, and I am publicly elected to the Ravalli County Republican Central Committee. All this involvement, coupled with my legal expertise and passion for our community's welfare, really prepares me to make a significant positive impact. I'm ready to serve, protect, and uplift our community in the legislature and I'll represent you in a way that supports the Constitutions, and protects your freedoms and God given rights.



Greg Overstreet Republican

1) I am an attorney in Stevensville and the Stevensville High School football announcer. I am the Stevensville Town Attorney, representing the Town of Stevensville as one of my clients. I am 57 and married with four kids. My wife is a teacher at Stevensville Middle School. We live on Middle Burnt Fork Road.

2) I am running to prevent Montana from turning into a blue state like California. I want to keep Montana, Montana and keep Ravalli, Ravalli.

3) I believe in freedom and smaller government. In the Legislature, I will carry out the wishes of my Stevensville/Florence district – and those wishes are largely the same as my Republican philosophy.

4) The biggest challenge for many legislators is staying in touch with the people in their district. This will not be a challenge for me. I talk to lots of people with differing views and will continue to do so during the legislative session. Being a Representative means representing people – and you need to know

what they think in order to be a good one. I am a very good listener.

5) I am very qualified. I wrote my first law over 30 years ago. I have written many more since then. A full list of my qualifications is available at www.GregOverstreet.com/qualifications.

6) You can tell a lot about a person by the people they associate with. For a list of my supporters and what they have to say about me, go to www.GregOverstreet.com/supporters.



Evan Schroedel Democrat

Democrat Evan Schroedel, native Montanan, military veteran and railroad engineer for more than 30 years, has announced his candidacy for House District 88.

Schroedel says he will bring a wealth of practical experience and common sense to political office. He was born and raised on a farm in Montana and graduated from Simms High School in the Sun River Valley School District. He served in the military for four years and then returned back to Montana to attend Northern Montana (MSU

Northern) in Havre and University of Montana in Missoula.

He went on to hire out with BNSF Railroad and retired after 30 years as an engineer in 2020. He served as Local Union President of BLE. He was the local Legislative Representative for the Union, and conducted railway safety training for youth and has served as a volunteer for various organizations and fundraising projects.

He regularly serves as a substitute teacher in the Bitterroot Valley, primarily in Florence.

His parents were a former educator and a retired IRS agent. He was raised in a politically aware family who inspired him to be open-minded and reasonable, qualities he vows to guide his work in Helena.

He and his wife reside in Florence, and have two adult children who also reside in Montana.

“I have worked hard my entire adult life and learned early on that the middle class is the heart and soul of America,” Schroedel said. “I vow to bring those values to Montana state government that has, unfortunately, begun to favor the wealthy and politically connected over working class Montanans. I will do everything in my power to change that.”

Of particular concern to the Democratic candidate are soaring property tax rates, erosion of access to public lands and efforts to change the Montana Constitution that protects so many aspects of the quality of life in the Treasure State.

“We are all lucky to live in a state like Montana, blessed with vast wilderness areas, a diverse wildlife population and clean air and water. Without responsible political leadership these resources can be lost before we know it,” Schroedel said.

House District 87

Ron Marshall
Republican
Incumbent

Chose not to respond.



Tammie Milligan
Democrat

Born and raised in MN; moved to MT in 1983. Have lived in Stevensville area the entire time. Work as an accountant for a commercial solar installation company. Will be 65 on Election Day. My main goal if I'm elected is to try and keep our state from being run by people who are not Montanans, I mean this literally and figuratively, Montanans who care about Montana and Montanans and future generations. My husband Mike and I will be married 40 years this coming May; no children, just cats.

I'm running for HD87 Ravalli County because many of us feel that having Republicans run unopposed results in less choices for the people in this county. I feel it's important to have opponents in every race, so every candidate feels it's necessary

to share what their values and priorities are. Running unopposed, I fear, allows people to feel they don't have to answer to anyone.

I believe in a woman's right to make her own decisions about what happens to her body.

I believe in background checks and taking away weapons from domestic abusers and people who are mentally ill. I DON'T believe in taking everyone's weapons. If you take care of and take responsibility for your weapons, you have the right to have them.

I'm very concerned about property taxes; mine went up 34% this year and I know I'm not the only one. This is completely unacceptable and needs to be fixed. We should NOT be basing property taxes solely on appraised values; we must start taking other criteria into account, like homeowner's income and the condition of the property. Also, I don't think a sales tax is the answer; sales taxes are regressive. The less money you have, the bigger percentage of your income goes to pay them.

I know that Ravalli County is not the easiest place to run as a Democratic candidate; I just want everyone to feel like they at least have choices, and I don't consider myself a bad one. If I did win, just know that I would take the job seriously and not give a hoot about cultural issues. Those are not political issues as far as I'm concerned.



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House District 86

Kenneth Allen Republican

Did not respond.



Dave Bedey Republican Incumbent

1) I am a 4th generation Montanan, born and raised in Hamilton. After studying civil engineering and economics at MSU, I was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army.

During a 30-year military career, I served in combat engineer units and as a professor at West Point. While on active duty, I earned two master's degrees in national security studies and a Ph.D. in space physics.

Upon retiring from the Army as a colonel, I returned home and started work as the chief financial officer of an engineering firm. Before first being elected in 2018 to represent the Hamilton area in the legislature, I served on the school board for nine years. I am presently completing my third two-year term

in the Montana House of Representatives where I chair a committee responsible for oversight of state education agencies.

2) I like the challenge of finding prudent solutions to complex problems. Over my three terms, I have worked to write and pass legislation spanning veterans' affairs, public health policy, election security, public school choice, vocational training, and more.

I am presently working as one of six legislators appointed by the governor to serve on his property tax task force. Among the proposals under consideration are lowering the tax rate on a Montanan's primary residence and improving existing safety net programs that protect those on fixed incomes from being taxed out of their homes. I stand ready to help draft any legislation necessary for the task force's recommendations to be enacted into law during the 2025 session.

3) I am a traditional conservative who draws inspiration from such luminaries as Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, and Ronald Reagan. I am committed to preserving our constitutional institutions, protecting our constitutional rights, limiting government to its proper role, and strengthening the bonds that bring us together as citizens.

I choose to run for office as a Republican because it is the party that most closely aligns with my conservative principles. While I agree with much of the state party's platform, there are a few parts to which I object. Among these are the platform's call for an absolute ban on abortion with no exceptions and its embrace of nullification of federal law by the state legislature.

I am a pro-life Republican who

opposes unrestricted access to abortion but nonetheless believes that any limitations on abortion must allow exceptions for rape, incest, and the life of the mother. This position is held by most Republicans.

Nullification of federal law is an obsession of the John Birch Society fringe of the Republican Party. This discredited legal theory is on its face unconstitutional and is a formula for anarchy. The constitutionally permissible way to push back against federal overreach is through the courts—as was done a few years ago by a former Ravalli County sheriff in *Printz v. United States* (1997)—or by amending the U.S. Constitution as provided for in Article V of the Constitution.

The Ravalli County Republican Central Committee has asked that I swear a loyalty oath to the Montana GOP platform. I reject this totalitarian affront to my conservative principles. The only oath I'll ever take is to support, protect, and defend the Constitutions of the United States and the state of Montana.

4) I think addressing the recent influx of newcomers into the state, which has caused an unprecedented distortion of Montana's real estate market, is the most complex challenge legislators will face during the upcoming session. Among the specific topics related to this situation are property tax reform, attainable housing for Montana workers and their families, and state support to local government. How we approach this challenge will have a major impact on preserving the Montana quality of life that we cherish.

5) I have a proven record of finding commonsense, conservative solutions to the challenges facing Montana. This is evidenced by the fact that I am among the top five of the 100 members of the Montana House of Representatives when it comes to writing legislation that gets passed into law. I am anxious to continue doing the hard work necessary to most effectively serve

the citizens of House District 86.

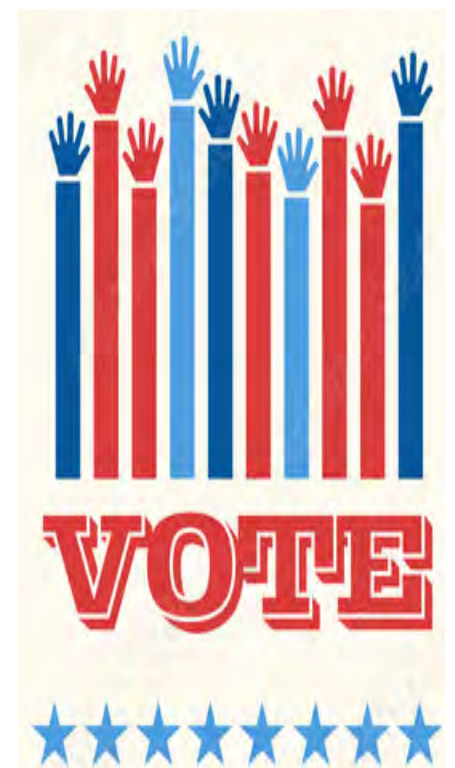
6) I have spoken with hundreds of my constituents over the past few months. The concern I've heard most often is dissatisfaction with both major political parties and disgust over the hyper-partisanship that is rendering our government dysfunctional and tearing this country apart. Regrettably, some of our local candidates are complicit in this degradation of politics as they have taken to slandering their opponents with distortions of the truth and outright lies.

Here at home, the way forward is for each of us to recognize that most of our political opponents are not our enemies but rather are neighbors who hold different political views. As for elected officials, we should expect that they treat each other with civility. I am committed to doing so.

Jeff Kempka Democrat

Did not respond.

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ROBERT WALLACE HOUSE DISTRICT 86

Dedicated to actively listening to and working for the residents of Ravalli County



LOWER TAXES

I am committed to keeping more money in the pockets of Montana's hard-working families.



JOB CREATION

I value the dignity of hard work and support job opportunities that allow families to thrive.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

I'm dedicated to keeping Montana affordable for our elderly, young families, and the vulnerable.



OPPOSITION TO CBDC

I firmly oppose the adoption of a cashless centralized bank digital currency. I champion financial freedom and privacy.



As a lifelong Montanan and dedicated family man, I stand for genuine Montana values and a no-nonsense approach to leadership. My campaign goes beyond politics—it's a commitment to fostering a thriving future for our children and preserving the true spirit of Montana.



**REPUBLICAN
HAMILTON**
PRIMARY ELECTION: JUNE 4

Paid for by: Robert Wallace HD 86,
PO Box 382, Florence, MT 59833



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Robert Wallace Republican

My name is Robert Wallace. Educated in Havre's Northern Lights College and various trades. Together with my wife of 31 years, and our beautiful, blended family, we made our home between the Sapphires and the Bitterroots.

I learn best by hands-on action. I'm truthful and transparent, seeking improvement, simplicity and financial responsibility. I'm a no-nonsense man with Montana values.

2) I'm running because I want to lower property taxes. Low income and fixed income people are struggling to make ends meet. Also, I'm running for better jobs. I'm not in favor of a cashless system.

3) My personal values are to help disadvantaged people, veterans, elderly and young job seekers by having better paying jobs and affordable housing. Lower taxes will lower rent and less regulations.

4) The biggest challenge is to help get legislation that the average citizen can understand without

needing six lawyers to dissect and interpret. I want honesty and transparent legislation by the people for the people.

5) I'll bring fresh ideas, insights and solutions for the people that I represent in Ravalli County.

6) It's time to prepare our valley to be watchful. Education decisions expand beyond academia. Butcher shops face new regulations requiring an extremely expensive water filtration system. Rainwater runoff is being taxed in Canada.

I believe it is pertinent to protect Montana values – The Last Best Place.



House District 85



Michele Binkley Republican Incumbent

My name is Michele Binkley, I am 55 years old. I have been married 27 years and am the mother of two adult male Marine veterans.

I have a high school diploma and have attended three colleges, now universities. I took general education classes as well as business, psychology, and education. I didn't complete my college education because I could not afford to continue. Rather than rack up hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt, I chose to continue to be a member of the workforce.

I started working in banking directly out of high school. I have worked in every department of banking from data entry at a large bank in Florida to Secretary to the President of an Independent Bank, also in Florida. I worked as a vault teller for NorWest Bank in Billings from 94-95 and worked as teller and teller supervisor for Ravalli

County Federal Credit Union in Hamilton. I worked for the Credit Union for nine years. I have also worked in title work. I worked in Florida as an escrow assistant. After leaving the credit union in Hamilton, I went to work for First American Title Company in Hamilton, now known as Flying S. I worked there for nine years, starting as receptionist, moving to disbursement clerk and finally as an Escrow Officer. Currently, I'm recovering from a broken leg and have not been released back to work.

I am running for my third term in the House as representative for House District 85. I would like to continue with the good work we are accomplishing at the Legislature. My first session I served on the Energy, Telecommunications and Federal Relations Committee, State Administration and Veterans Affairs Committee and Agriculture. I served on the Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee between the '21 session and the '23 session. This last session I was placed on the Appropriations Committee and the Law and Justice subcommittee (section D) of Appropriations, also known as Public Safety. I currently serve on Section D during the interim as it is statutory. I was also selected to be a part of the HB 872 Mental Health Commission and Developmentally Disabled, known as Behavioral Health System for Future Generations. We are tasked with developing a plan to be presented to several legislative interim committees as well as the Governor to change the current broken Montana mental health system. It is broken at every little facet from diagnosis to overcrowded jails, to overcrowded Department of Corrections to the judicial branch to hospital care and ultimately the homeless problem. We've listened to people on the ground dealing with these issues across our state.

I'm excited to say we have approved several near term initiatives that are currently being implemented!

I have learned over my past two sessions how important it is to actively participate in our state government by listening and engaging our elected officials. I have learned how to work together with members of my own party and the other party to accomplish some great things for our state! Many would be surprised how many bills are actually passed with bipartisanship, receiving at least 90-95 of 100 votes from the House. People say I vote with the other party. I say, the other party happens to vote with me. What is wrong with both parties working together to run our State? I'm not talking about partisan issues. I'm talking about the day to day operations of our state. This is what we are charged with. The Montana State Constitution requires a balanced budget. That is what we are charged to do. Sure, we write and pass bills that become law, but the function we are constitutionally obligated to do is pass a balanced budget. I'm honored to have been a crucial part of this function. I look forward to continuing this work. I will continue to work for my constituents, in a conservative manner, building a stronger and better Montana. I look forward to our future.



I wonder how many Republicans have read the current Montana State GOP platform. I was privileged to have participated in the last GOP platform convention in 2022. It was quite an eye-opening experience. It was there I was called a "RINO" for the first time in my life after having voted for every single plank and the platform. I am a true Constitutional Conservative and have been a Republican my entire life. I am not a John Bircher or a radical right winger. I believe in the core pillars of the Republican party and have stood for those beliefs.

The biggest challenges we currently face in the Legislature is learning how to work together instead of beefing up our own egos and quest for power. We had a super majority and we could have accomplished some wonderful things this last session. We managed to accomplish good things but so much was lost. We all knew the property values were increasing and would indeed cause property taxes to increase. Anyone telling you they didn't know either had their head in the sand or are flat out lying to you. Certain legislators refused to do anything about it. Bills were killed in committee and they were killed on the floor. I'm sure if you listen to some you will hear them proudly boast the bills they "killed." A lot of these bills would have helped the tax situation, the housing situation and other issues we continue to face. When I go back to Helena, should you choose to vote for me, I will continue to work, support and pass bills that will better our way of life and our beautiful State. I have a hope for our future. Instead of seeing doom and wishing to tear down our government, I see a bright future where government isn't intruding and encroaching into our daily lives. I will work to shape our state into a slim government that is healthy and will live a very long life!

I believe I'm the best choice for this position because I've proven I have the ability to listen to not only my constituents but also my

fellow Legislators. I am also willing to work together for what is best for district 85, Ravalli County and Montana. I represent YOU. I don't have my own agenda. I wasn't elected by my party, I was elected by my district. I am a Republican and follow those principles but I am YOUR legislator. I have proven I will not be coerced or forced to vote how I'm told by leadership, my party, lobbyists or my fellow legislators. I vote my conscience, my constituents and the Constitution. And that is both, the Federal Constitution and the Montana State Constitution.

I humbly and sincerely ask for your confidence, once again, please vote for me, send me back to Helena so I can continue to be about your business and work for YOU. We are a representative government and I am your representative. Please feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or comments: 406-381-8615.



Laura Mae Jackson Democrat

I have lived in the Darby School District since 1976, when I bought the land I have made my home,

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about 5 miles from where my great-grandparents homesteaded.

My working years from that time on were mainly spent with the US Forest Service, including 12 years as fire dispatcher and lookout in the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness. Throughout my life I have been a practicing artist.

I am standing for office because I believe voters should have a choice of candidates.

The values I represent are those that I have developed in the process of learning to care for and be sustained by my small homestead and the surrounding Bitterroot landscape. Being a responsible landowner and participant in this landscape and local community with the goals of long-term resilience and sustainability are my first concerns as a candidate.

Our valley has changed considerably over the past couple of decades and is projected to continue to do so. To best manage these changes and their impacts for our common good, we are challenged to be clear about our local resources, their underlying systems, and their limitations. For me, as a candidate, this means a commitment to listening to diverse voices, while researching and working to be fully informed by up-to-date data on the issues we must confront together.



Kathy Love
Republican

I'm Kathy Love and I'm running for HD 85. I have lived in the valley for 34 years. I am married to Kurt Love and between us we have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. I attended college in Georgia and got a degree in Dental Hygiene. I enjoyed a career as a dental hygienist for 38 years with 33 of those years here in Ravalli County and 30 years in the same office. I retired from that job in December 2023. I own and operate Love2Shoot Firearms Training LLC and have taught between 600 and 700 students since starting that business. I am a member of the NRA, Montana Shooting Sports Association and USCCA. I participate in USPSA competitive shooting sports. I am a part of a group called Women for Gun Rights and have been a big advocate for 2nd Amendment issues in Washington DC as well as within our state.

I decided to run for office because I feel that we are not headed in a good direction. People in Montana are finding it hard to work and live here. We're seeing higher property taxes and higher taxes in general. We are having questions about our elections. We are seeing

assaults on our citizenship and voting rights.

I am a Christian Constitutional conservative. I believe that the Constitution is a beautifully crafted document. I think that all bills should be filtered through the Constitution. Every piece of legislation should be filtered through the following criteria:

- (1) Is it Constitutional? If so, should we be doing it now?
- (2) What is the cost? That can be in money, loss of rights, time.
- (3) Does it involve permission from the government?
- (4) Does it transfer power to the people from the government or to the government from the people?
- (5) Does it infringe on any existing rights?
- (6) Does it grow the government?

We had big opportunities to do some big things this last session. We had opportunities to give the citizens a taxpayer bill of rights. We could have abolished Social Security tax but didn't. We had bills that would have violated the rights of citizens and existing Montana laws. This cannot be allowed to happen. I believe that you can complain or do something. That is why I decided to run for office. I don't feel that myself, and many others, were represented well.

Representatives are just that. Representatives of the people. We work for you. I would like the opportunity to work for the people of Ravalli County and House District 85.



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All counties have completed required third-party election security assessments

Montana Secretary of State Christi Jacobsen announced that all 56 Montana counties have completed a

required third-party security assessment. County election offices are required to perform election security evalu-

ations annually; a third-party assessment is required at least once every three years. Secretary Jacobsen and

Secretary of State's Office adopted rules governing election security, including security awareness training, physical security, and a variety of other election security requirements that have also been implemented.

"Elections are among the most important civic duties we have as Montanans, and it's imperative that our elections are safe and secure," said Jacobsen. "The Department of Homeland Security has designated election systems as 'critical infrastructure' across the country, so it's necessary for Montana to implement the proper security protocols to protect our elections, train our state and local election officials, and provide confidence to voters across Montana."

Montana's third-party security assessments for counties began once rules were adopted in 2022. This initiative transcends beyond the security of elections, as all county infrastructure is now more resilient to cyber and physical security threats. Counties across the state have implemented a number of security best practices ranging from updated policies and procedures, contingency planning, multi-factor authentications, migrating to ".Gov" domains, and adopting significant physical security improvements that will protect county election staff and election equipment.

"This is the most impactful effort ever to secure Montana through a whole-of-state approach," said Austin Lindsay, the Information Security Officer at the


Montana Secretary of State's Office. "Thank you to all of the Commissioners, Clerk and Recorders, Election Administrators, Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinators, third-party assessors, and IT professionals who dedicated their valuable time to participate in the assessment process and discussions."

In addition to routine security training and updates, counties are encouraged to continually improve their security posture. The Secretary of State's Office has made subgrants available to Montana counties to enhance their security by implementing security assessment recommendations and further implementing other security measures and procedures.

Secretary Jacobsen also recently announced that Montana is piloting a national project that will assist in maintaining a secure and accurate list of registered voters. Through the program, Montana receives address information from the private sector, allowing state and local election officials to assist voters who may need to update their voter registration information.

"Montana is proud to lead the way in providing accurate voter registration lists," said Jacobsen. "The Secretary of State's Office and our county election offices are proud to have an innovative way to assist voters with updating their information to ensure they receive their ballots and other important election-related correspondence."


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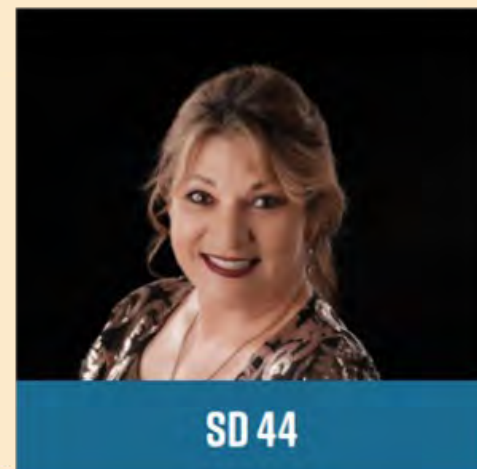


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"The Dirty Thirty"

Dear neighbor,

At the Ravalli County Republican Central Committee, our mission is clear: to promote and defend the values of limited government, individual liberty, and fiscal responsibility. We believe in the importance of strong families, free markets, and a government that serves its citizens while respecting their rights and freedoms.

Recently, there has been an underhanded attack on the committee by folks that call themselves Republicans but do not embrace our values.

Our committee is made up of 50 Precinct Captains representing 25 Precincts (each Precinct has two captains or committeemen and committeewomen). Historically, these seats are difficult to fill and there are virtually never multiple candidates interested in the job, which is why you probably have never seen a candidate on the ballot - until now.

There has been a split in our local Republican leadership between those Republicans who support the US Constitution, the Montana Constitution, and the GOP Platform and those who do not. Fortunately, those who do not are no longer in power. However, they are upset that they lost their power and are willing to use dirty tricks to get their power back.

March 31st at 5:00 p.m. is the deadline to file to run for office in Ravalli County. Minutes before that deadline, over 30 filings were made for Precinct Captain all at one time. They did this so that there would be no chance for anyone to file in opposition to them.

This move by the "Dirty Thirty" is underhanded to say the least. It is divisive and not what one would expect of someone who genuinely wants to support the Republican Party and our values. It was dirty, and it was done in an effort to "retake" the committee.

United we stand: divided we fall. Please support a united Republican Central Committee.

These are the Precinct Captains who the Central Committee supports.

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Thank you and God Bless,

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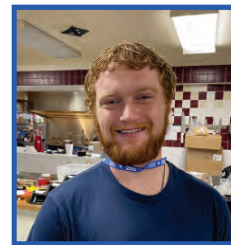
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– Kasey Johnson, Stevensville resident and retired Lieutenant of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept



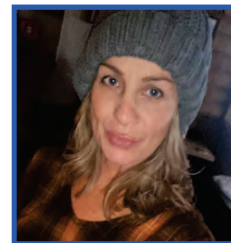
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