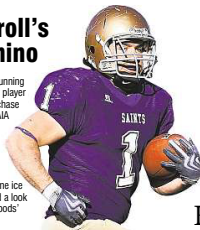


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Lincoln's Rick Rowley carves a pair of grandparents as part of a sculpture honoring Montana soldiers who have fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 24-foot-by-15-foot bronze will be placed on the University of Montana campus.

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Group aims to thank to Montana's fallen

► Grateful Nation Montana plans to erect memorial and help children of men killed in Afghanistan and Iraq go to college

By KRISTEN INBODY
Tribune Staff Writer

The odds are against the children of fallen combat soldiers graduating from college.

They have lost a breadwinner to help pay tuition and a mentor to keep them on track in high school. With only 4 percent of infantry soldiers holding college degrees, their children probably don't grow up in a family where higher education is common and expected for them.

"That creates a perverse dynamic that makes it very unlikely these children will attend college," said David Bell, a co-founder of Grateful Nation Montana, which "honors the sacrifices of the fallen soldiers by making it very likely their chil-

dren will attend college."

Bell, a University of Montana graduate who's now an insurance executive in Bermuda, and John McCarrick, a New York attorney who once taught school on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, came up with the idea for Grateful Nation in 2007.

The program will pay for tuition at a state school, books, room and board. The organization also mentors the children of soldiers killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

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To help, learn more

- To donate to the scholarship fund, send checks to: **UM Foundation for Grateful Nation Project**, P.O. Box 7159, Missoula, MT 59807
- To contribute to a bronze memorial, send contributions to: **Grateful Nation Montana**, 400 S. Main St., Suite 101, Conrad, MT 59425
- To learn more about Grateful Nation Montana, go online to www.GratefulNationMontana.com

Brucellosis spurs elk study



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A cow elk struggles to get up after she was tested for brucellosis by Fish, Wildlife & Parks researchers. FWP plans to test 500 elk over the next five years as part of an ambitious plan to find where brucellosis is concentrated.

Rate of positive tests up in Yellowstone area

By MICHAEL BARCOCK
Tribune Outdoor Editor

An increasing rate of positive tests for brucellosis in elk has Montana wildlife managers planning an ambitious new five-year study of the animals in the northern Yellowstone and Madison valleys beginning this winter.

Neil Anderson, supervisor of

the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks research lab in Bozeman, said there is a rising incidence of seropositive tests in elk over the last few years in Hunting District 313, the Gardiner area; and district 362, the Madison Valley. The agency has tested elk there for brucellosis since the early 1980s.

Seropositive results do not necessarily mean an animal

has the disease, but it indicates that the elk has been exposed to it.

In 1990, researchers found there was a 2 percent or less rate of infection in the Gardiner area — now that rate is almost 8 percent. In the Madison Valley hunting district, the historic seropositive rate was 2 percent,

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Meeting

More details will emerge when Helena Hunters and Anglers meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Montana Wildlife Federation offices, 5530 N. Montana Ave., Helena.



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Volunteers Linda Burley and Nicole Fleisher help serve pie at the Great Falls Rescue Mission Thursday. They were part of a group from the Lutheran Church of Sunburst who came to Great Falls to help with the meal.

Spirit of Thanksgiving shines at mission meal

By ERIN MADISON
Tribune Staff Writer

Kimber Reddick, of Great Falls, used to volunteer on holidays by serving meals to those in need when she was in college.

She wanted her daughters to have that same experience, but wanted to wait until they were old enough to appreciate it.

"I think it's the true spirit of Thanksgiving," Reddick said. "So often families lose sight of what it is."

This year, Reddick decided her daughters, Madison, 11, and Mikayla, 14, were ready, so the whole family spent Thursday serving meals at the Great Falls Rescue Mission.

"The Lord truly blessed us with

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everything," said Jamey Linn, who volunteered with the Reddicks. "The least we can do is give back."

The group was four of 30 volunteers who volunteered with the Reddicks. "The least we can do is give back."

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Dinosaur castings prompt federal lawsuit against Fort Peck Paleontology

Gannett Newspapers

Unreturned castings of bones from two world-famous tyrannosaurus-rex specimens have paleontologists pursuing a copyright lawsuit in federal court for \$8.2 million in damages.

A South Dakota research company's castings of T.rex. Stan's skull and T.rex. Sue's arm were loaned to Fort Peck Paleontology in Montana several years ago to help the company piece together the skull of another T.rex.

"They're two of the most complete T.rex. skeletons that have been found to date," said Peter Larson, president of Black Hills Institute of Geological Research in Hill City, S.D.

"And the most important thing is they can really capture the imagination and really get kids interested in science."

He said the copyrighted cast-



AP FILE PHOTO

Spectators view the T. rex Sue after her unveiling at the Field Museum in Chicago in 2000.

ings of the roughly 65 million-year-old bones were never returned, and he can prove the pieces have been used to make unauthorized copies of the bones

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Sarah Palin: 2012 contender or pretender?

By MIKE GLOVER
and CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Sarah Palin, the telegenic Republican who exasperates and delights voters about equally, is dropping ever more hints of a presidential bid, including a visit Saturday to the key state of Iowa.

"The official purpose of her trip to suburban Des Moines is to promote her new book, 'America by Heart: Reflections on Family, Faith and Flag.' But Democratic and Republican insiders will search for every possible hint of whether she will seek the nomination to challenge President Barack Obama in 2012.

Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 vice presidential

nominee, has fed such speculation in recent days. She told ABC's Barbara Walters she thinks she could beat Obama, adding, "I'm looking at the lay of the land now."

In a separate interview, Obama told Walters, "I don't think about Sarah Palin."

He added that Palin

has "a strong base of support in the Republican Party, and I respect those skills."

Palin will attend a second book-signing event next week in Iowa, which holds the nation's first presidential caucuses in 13 months.

Some political pros suspect it's a tease, a way for Palin to keep drawing big crowds to her

lucrative TV show and books while avoiding the gritty work of organizing a national campaign, wooing hard-to-impress caucus voters and raising millions of dollars.

Others warn against underestimating her ambition or her ability to snatch the GOP nomination from a dozen men who covet it.

"She may run away with it, and that's something everybody has to be prepared for," said Mike Huckabee, who won the 2008 Iowa Republican caucus. He is weighing another presidential run, and some feel he wants to set high expectations for a possible rival.

While Palin's fans are loyal

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Great Falls forecast

High: 38° • Low: 20°
Mostly cloudy with gusts to 30 mph

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Grateful Nation

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"These kids are around other children whose parents also didn't go to college. They're in a community of people who aren't thinking of going to college. It creates a mindset where they don't think about going either," Bell said. "Grateful Nation takes these children who might not otherwise be academically prepared and provides the counseling and mentoring so they've not only got the money, but the grades to get in and the emotional state of mind to go to college."

Thirty-eight Montana service-members have died in the combat theaters of Iraq and Afghanistan. Grateful Nation reports that 28 children are eligible for college support under the program.

Book to raise funds

With potentially dozens of children to send to college and the possibility for more in need with each Montana combat death, Grateful Nation Montana has established an endowment managed by the UM Foundation.

A new book of quotes from ancient China, modern Wall Street and points between is raising money for the group.

Bell collected the quotes in "The Best Quotes on Business, Leadership and Life" for more than 15 years.

"As I have encountered these quotes over the years, I have found they have a unique ability to educate, enlighten and inspire," he wrote in the preface. "Whether spoken more than 200 years ago by the founding fathers of our country or by the political and business leaders of today, these quotes are memorable both in their power to persuade and because of their crisp, succinct nature."

The 207-page book published by We the People Publishing sells for \$10.99.

Bell hopes the book will raise \$125,000.

"That may be just an incredibly ambitious goal," he said.

None of the book's profits — or any money the group takes in — goes to administrative costs, which are carried by the group's founders. The director of Grateful Nation Montana is Gale Gustafson, a Conrad attorney.

The quote book is available online at Amazon.com, and Grateful Nation officials hope Montana bookstores will have it in stock by the end of the year.

"It's a made-in-Montana book benefiting the people of Montana, particularly the fallen soldiers," Bell said. "It was a small idea that grew in ambition. Before you knew it, it was a full-blown book project."

Among the approximately 300 quotes are:

- "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the face." — Mike Tyson

- "If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever." — Thomas Aquinas

- "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." — Theodore Roosevelt

Memorial for the fallen

In addition to its scholarship program, Grateful Nation Montana is raising money for a memorial to Montanans who died in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. The memorial would be placed on the UM campus.

Lincoln sculptor Rick Rowley of Lost Woodsman Studio has taken the commission for the life-sized bronzes.

Bell said plans are gelling for a dedication next November during UM's Military Appreciation



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A pair of soldier boots will be part of a Grateful Nation Montana sculpture at the University of Montana honoring Montana soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan.



COURTESY PHOTO

A helmet will top a rifle and combat boots in the memorial.



Online memorial

For an online tribute to the 38 Montanans who died in the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts visit www.greatfallstribune.com/mtfallen. You'll find archived articles and data on each, plus numerous photographs.

Weekend.

The 24-foot-by-15-foot bronze memorial will depict a fallen soldier — boots, a rifle and helmet — as well as a teacher with a boy and grandparents. The memorial will be on a 2-foot granite base circled by benches and illuminated at night.

"It will be a really grand, magnificent memorial," Bell said. "It will be a powerful statement to have a memorial to our soldiers on the campus of a state university."

The memorial will include the names, ranks and lifetime dates of Montanans who were killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Bell said the monument is planned for the college's Memorial Row. The corridor of Ponderosa pines — the state tree — was planted in 1919 to honor men and women with UM connections who died in service during World War I.

"Some things just come together because they're supposed to," Bell said. "We've had some nice things happen."

The memorial will be an opportunity to talk about the Montana men and women in uniform and what they have done on behalf of the state and nation, UM Executive Vice President Jim Foley said.

"It just makes Memorial Row that much more of an opportunity to honor those who were part of conflicts past and present, and also allows us to talk about Grateful Nation as we go forward," he said.

The children

In the next five years, a few children eligible for help from Grateful Nation Montana will reach college age. However, most

of the soldiers who died in Iraq or Afghanistan were in their early to mid-20s and left behind very young children.

That means their children are less likely to remember the parent who died, Bell said, but it does give Grateful Nation more time to raise money for their education.

The program lets parents know early on that paying for college is one less thing they will have to worry about, and it keeps in touch to assure them support. The mentoring process picks up once children reach junior high and high school, according to organizers at the Conrad headquarters.

The first child Grateful Nation is sending to college is Dylan Hyland, son of 1st Lt. Josh Hyland, who enlisted in UM's ROTC on Sept. 12, 2001. He was killed four years later by a bomb in Afghanistan.

"This is not without its challenges for any young kid," Bell said.

"The advanced experience Dylan had sitting in classrooms at UM while in high school, his familiarity with campus and professors — it took away some of the fear and mysticism about going to college," Bell said.

Bell is proud to say Hyland picked his alma mater and enrolled at UM this fall.

"It's great to have him at UM in particular, but we would have supported him wherever he went in Montana," Bell said.

Bell said the freshman wants to go into law enforcement, "both a servant and protector, following in his father's footsteps."

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