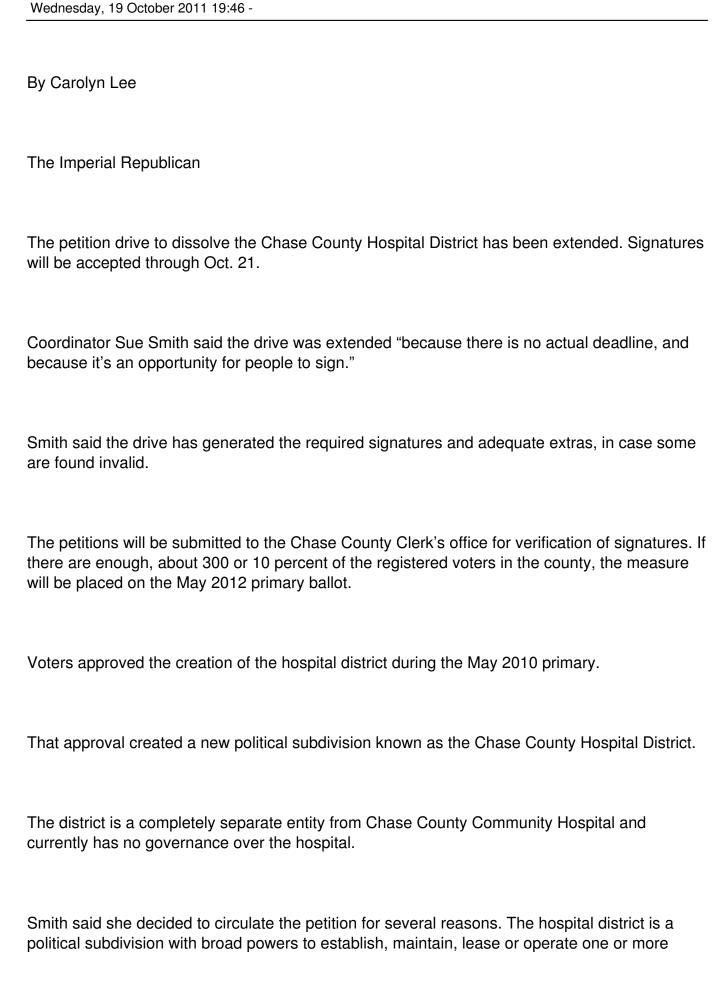
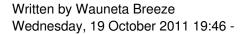
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hospitals within or outside the district or both.

"That district has powers that the present board doesn't, and it doesn't mean the district in 20 years couldn't sell the hospital."

Smith also said that when the issue was on the ballot in 2010, much of the information relating to the potential effects of a hospital district on healthcare in Chase County wasn't presented to the public.

The hospital district is a completely separate political subdivision from the hospital, governed by an elected board. That board would have the power to obtain property, exercise the right of eminent domain to acquire personal property and levy taxes for a health care system.

Smith said over 400 people have already signed the petition. She said, "I am amazed by the number of people who don't know of the issue."

By continuing to circulate the petition, Smith hopes that more people learn about the effects of a hospital district.

Registered voters who would like to sign the petition may contact Elna Johnson in Imperial or Tony Cribelli in Wauneta.