# Fremont County November 2021



Delegation Attends Special Session of Wyoming Legislature by Karl Falken

Cheyenne, Wyoming, on October 26th, a delegation of five from the Fremont County Wyoming Republican Party attended the special session of the Wyoming Legislature. Annette Baxter,

secretary of the Fremont Women, Ginger Bennett, Nancy Eustice, precinct Falken, precinct Kessler, county party together from Riverton day of the session. **Central Committee** governor to call for this comments by members Patrol providing security may be one of the best capital to date. Besides made the journey, other chartered three busses to for the session.



FCGOP delegates meet State Party Chairman: (L-R) Annette Baxter, Sallye Kessler, Karl Falken, Ginger Bennett, Frank Eathorne, Nancy Justice.

County Republican county chairwoman, committeewoman, Karl committeeman, and Sallye secretary, drove down the morning of the first Prior to this, the FCWRP passed a resolution for the special session. Anecdotal of the Wyoming Highway for the event indicate this attended events at the many private vehicles that groups around the state bring their members down

On the first day, the legislature did not pass special rules intended to expedite the process, which required a 2/3 majority. They did however vote down two attempts to adjourn the special session, which continued under that standard rules adopted by the 2021 general session. All the Democrats in both houses voted against the special rules and for adjourning the special session. Twenty draft bills were introduced and their current status can be viewed here: https://wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021?specialSessionValue=1

"Initially I was disappointed when the legislators did not pass the special rules," Ginger Bennett commented. "However, I realized afterwards that this really showed they felt this special session topic deserves their full attention and public scrutiny and comment. For the rest of the session my

# **From the Chair**

Coming up in March, the Fremont County Party will be having precinct caucuses and the county convention where we will review our county platform, bylaws, and resolutions.

I mention this because over the past few months, our central committee has been working on resolutions that involve issues of the day.

One of the best descriptions I have heard about convention activities is this: platform issues are timeless. We remain, as a party, committed to those issues. Bylaws dictate how our party functions, they are the laws by which we conduct our day to day operations.

Resolutions are meant to be timely. They should address issues of the day- that is not to say we should have a resolution for everything that is happening, but rather, we should give those elected to represent us direction via resolutions as to our desires for governance.

When we approach caucus' and convention, the resolutions are somewhat longer term than those we present at central committee meetings. These are meant to guide policy decisions. An example might be a resolution dealing with federal land management policy directing mineral extraction on wilderness areas. Ok- that was a wild one, but we could ask via resolution for that level of change to be implemented in policy. Obviously, the governor, senators, and representatives cannot accomplish that directive overnight, nor should they do so without consideration of implications. But given a two-year, four-year term in office, these items could potentially be explored, legislation crafted and passed, and policies implemented.

Be thinking on items that you believe need attention. Then, start crafting those resolutions! Take some time to look at the platform and bylaws. Are there areas that need strengthening?

I look forward to working with you to strengthen Fremont County, Wyoming, and the United States of America through the platform and resolutions we develop in our precinct caucus's and county convention!

Ginger Bennett, Chairman Fremont County Republican Party Let's Go Brandon

Nip the shoots of arbitrary power in the bud, is the only maxim which can ever preserve the liberties of any people.

~ John Quincy Adams

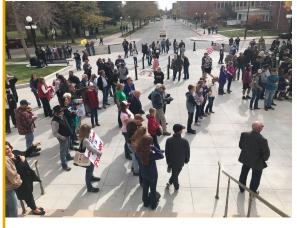
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hope and prayer is that they will duly consider the broader and individual impact on finances and health the mandates will have if unchecked."

Nancy Justice explained her reason for attending, "I came today along with many fellow citizens of the great state of Wyoming to remind the legislators of the importance of defending and exercising our 10th amendment rights. (governmental powers not given in the U.S. Constitution to the federal government are reserved to the states). It is clear to me that these are being abused and in danger of being lost."





Annette Baxter had her reasons for going too, 'I went to Cheyenne today to see first-hand the legislative process. I was particularly impressed at how much is involved and the capabilities of our leaders. One comment that made a lasting impression on me was when Representative Chuck Gray (R-57th district) emphasized the need for quick action to protect the rights and livelihoods of people which are under immediate threat. I was profoundly disappointed by those who minimized the importance of the problem and advocated for delaying action. I was also positively impressed at how well attended, peaceful and orderly the rally was."

"The citizens and especially the voters of Wyoming need to firmly remind their legislators in both houses," Sallye Kessler stated, "that they will be held accountable for the outcome of this session. If we don't do this, Wyoming could go the way of other states where mere posturing and political process have become cover for pandering to special interests."

Besides watching the house and senate proceedings live, the delegation also attended committee meetings and between sessions watched the rally and listened to speakers talk and testify about the federal mandates.



They also informally toured the three-year, \$3.2M restoration of the capitol building. The delegates returned late that night to follow the remainder of the session as reported in the media.

### MORE INFO

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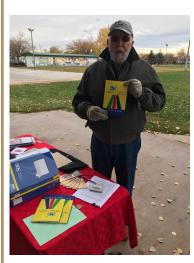
# 5 FIT SAVE AMERICA RALLY HELD IN RIVERTON by Karl Falken

Riverton, Wyoming, on October 30th, despite cold, damp weather, about twenty people gathered at the invitation of the Fremont County Wyoming Republican Party to advocate for a variety of causes intended to address current issues of concern. Organized by party chairwoman Ginger Bennett and Lori Weber, the event

had no fixed agenda, but was intended to provide a public forum for county residents to meet and exchange ideas and information. "The idea behind this event," Ginger explained, "is to connect like minded people so that they can share ideas and develop action plans to save America. My goal is to have two topical meetings come out of this: election integrity and educational liberty."

One group the event attracted was the Wildwood Homeschool Cooperative. The head of this group, Sandy Wilder, explained her reason for attending, "I am here to promote home schooling to liberate our children from institutionalized education."





Author Vernis Tromble set up a table to distribute literature and promote his book, *Old Chas And the Democrats*. "I'm here because I want to see the ideals of the (Republican) party embrace life, freedom and prosperity," Vernis said. "Today I want to advocate for these ideals through my words, writing and other related literature."

Many people driving by or walking through the park signaled their support for the event with honks and friendly waves. Others stopped to talk to the participants and take literature from the display tables.

Visitor Tina Clifford noticed this and responded, "I'm delighted to see people come out in support of this event and take action to right the ship of state that is careening dangerously, to bring America back to right principles. Things have become badly twisted and divergent

from the intent of our Founding Fathers.

People know they must do more than talk about the situation and want to do something. But they don't know what can be done in practical terms. I hope some ideas and good leadership will come out of this event."

Organizer Lori Weber echoed these thoughts as she explained her motivations, "I felt social conservatives are being unfairly censored in social media and I want to provide a platform for them to network. As a precinct committeewoman, I see that the typical person wants to be active, but doesn't know how to make their efforts effective. I want to



bring these people together with party leadership and professionals to give them the knowledge and tools to make a difference."

Karl Falken, president of the Wind River Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, set up an information table to promote this and other patriotic heritage societies.

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### **Pilgrims** by Vern Tromble

This year has been a hard time for freedom-loving Americans. Stories describing the lawlessness, theft and corruption that have taken place in government are overwhelming. For the holidays I would like to shift gears and write of something light and fun. November is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving. Who can think of Thanksgiving without remembering the Pilgrims?

From my school years I learned that the Pilgrims were the first Europeans to permanently settle in America. The Indians taught them how to plant food crops. Following their first successful growing season they shared a turkey dinner. And so today we get together with friends and family on the fourth Thursday in November. We overeat and watch Football in order to commemorate that blessed event. But there is so much more to the story:

Pilgrims were English Christians who appeared in history shortly after invention of the Guttenberg Press. The BIBLE had just been translated into English. There were vastly more copies and the common people could now read it for themselves. As they did, they began to realize that the established Church was 'not abiding by the standards of the BIBLE'.

Prior to the Reformation, Kings controlled Bishops. Bishops controlled the Church. The Church controlled the people. The Bishops were growing rich and the people were enslaved.

The Puritans wanted a more pure church, hence they were labeled Puritans. Their requests for reform fell on deaf ears first with Queen Elizabeth and then with King James I. It was considered heresy to own a BIBLE other than the one approved by the Crown. Heresy was punishable by hanging, beheading, being drawn and quartered, or burned. A law was passed in 1593 making it illegal to be a Puritan. The Pilgrims were but one congregation in the Puritan movement. They originated at All Saints Church in Babworth, England. When they were found out, they were forced to move their worship services to Scooby, England where they operated as an underground church for four years. Their pastor was John Robinson. Unique from other Puritans, the Pilgrims, called Separatists, refused to participate in the established Church and chose to leave England. They planned to go to Holland which was the only place in the civilized world at that time where people were free to worship as they chose. But they were not free to leave England.

They hired a ship to secret them to Holland. But the Captain of the vessel betrayed them. He was told that he could have the Pilgrim's valuables if he would turn them over to local authorities. The Pilgrims were thrown into prison.

Undaunted, they tried again when released from prison. They hired another ship. They knew they were being watched. In order to reduce suspicion, the men boarded the ship while the women and children floated down the river on a raft. They were supposed to rendezvous but the women were caught! When the Captain of the vessel realized what was happening he immediately reversed course and sailed out to sea. The ship was immediately caught in a terrible storm. The ship was uncontrollable. The storm raged for two weeks. Since there was nothing that could be done the Pilgrims went below decks to await their destiny. Meanwhile they began to pray. The storm abated and they were able to sail to Holland. The year was 1608. Hundreds of other ships sank in the storm, but God saved the Pilgrims! Their families were able to join them in about a year.

The men were unable to find work in Holland due to the restrictions of labor guilds. But the children were allowed to work and they sup ...continued on next page

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ported the families. For 12 years they enjoyed religious freedom. They even set up a printing press and published Christian literature that was then smuggled into England. That enraged King James who financed investigators to discover the origin of this literature. The press was destroyed.

It was time to move on. The Pilgrims purchased an old ship, the Speedwell. They embarked from Delfshaven, Holland on July 22, 1620. The intent was to sail two vessels to the 'New World'. But the Speedwell proved unseaworthy. Many Pilgrims changed their minds, including Pastor John Robinson, and decided to stay in England. They were replaced by entrepreneurs, called Strangers by the Pilgrims, hoping to find their fortunes in the 'New World'. On September 6, 1620 the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England with 102 passengers on board. The Mayflower was designed to be a cargo ship. It was poorly equipped to house such a large volume of passengers. The living quarters was a 'tween deck' that measured 4.5 feet from floor to ceiling.

The intent was to sail to the Hudson River. The crossing took 65 days and the Mayflower was blown off course. Seasickness and disease was rampant. Supplies of food and water were precariously low. Sailing South along the coast to the Hudson River would have been slow and dangerous. The leaders realized an urgency to offload the passengers and replenish their supplies as soon as possible.

But before they did, they anchored the Mayflower off Cape Cod long enough to draft the Mayflower Compact, which was the document that described how they were to be governed. The Pilgrims would live far from England and they realized the need for self-governance. The Mayflower Compact defined government in the New World. The signatories agreed to honor God and live in accordance with the Christian faith. One culture would welcome all. And, there would be equal rights for all, including the indigenous peoples.

Mayflower Compact: In the name of God, Amen. We . . . the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord King James. . . Kaving undertaken for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian Faith, and honor of our King and Country, a Voyage to plant the first Colony in the Northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one another, covenant, and combine ourselves together into a civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of the ends aforesaid . . . do enact . . . such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape-Cod the 11th of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King James, of England, ....

The Mayflower Compact is considered the first founding document of the United States.

This was not a light and fun article to write after all. I learned that the Pilgrims paid a terrible price ...continued on page 10

# Having Our Senses Trained

by Diane Pendergraft

"About this we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil." Hebrews 5:12-14

The writer of Hebrews has been expounding some weighty questions in the previous chapters; concepts essential to the understanding of Christianity. But his audience isn't mature enough to comprehend these. The author isn't telling them, "That's all right, you're just children. You'll get this later." He is saying that they ought to have trained themselves better by now. The Greek word for trained, contains a root from which we get our word *gymnasium*. The phrase translated "constant practice" carries the sense of "habit." So, the writer is saying, "You should have been in constant training to develop the habit of distinguishing good from evil!" That sounds like work.

Long before *Hebrews* was written, Aristotle discussed the question; "Whether happiness [which seems to be the best thing in the world] is to be acquired by learning or by habituation or some other sort of training, or comes in virtue of some divine providence or again by chance." (Nic.Eth. I.9)

In Book II.1, he answers himself; "Nothing that exists by nature can form a habit contrary to its nature . . . Neither by nature, then, nor contrary to nature do the *virtues arise in us*; rather we are adapted by nature to receive them, and are made perfect by habit."

There are practically unlimited self-help resources available that offer to teach, for a price, how to develop useful habits. Opinions differ as to how long this should take. Anyone who has ever resolved to get into better physical shape or to start eating better is well aware that it takes much less time to develop a bad habit than a good one. Once we have acquired something we consider a "good habit," it still requires intentional efforts to maintain it. Unfortunately, the bad ones take almost no conscious effort. They seem to exist by nature, and must be broken rather than simply let expire.

Aristotle concludes the above mentioned section with, "It makes no small difference, then, whether we form habits of one kind or of another from our very youth; it makes a very great difference, or rather *all* the difference." We live our lives by habits. Either those habits will simply happen to us or we will have to make an effort to cultivate virtue.

I often hear people asking questions such as, "My child will only read books about \_\_\_\_\_. She's already read this, this, and this. What else can I give her?" In this instance, a habit is being, or has been, formed; possibly in the parent and the child. The thinking seems to be, "I want my child to love to read, but she isn't as enthusiastic about it as I would like. Or is, perhaps, downright contrary. However, she's consented to reading about \_\_\_\_\_, therefore, I must find more of that, whether it is good literature or not."

Why does this seem like the proper approach when it comes to choosing books for our children when few of us would consider the same approach in other matters of health or character formation? Wouldn't most of us look with scorn upon a parent who would say, "My child is a picky eater. ...continued on page 11

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for freedom! In order to voice their opinion the Pilgrims became criminals. They were in constant danger of punishment such as prison, hanging, or beheading.

The Pilgrims discovered that they didn't have to be enslaved. They had a thirst for religious freedom, and they forfeited their fortunes and risked the lives of themselves and their families in order to have it.

When they chose to leave England, they had to sell everything including their homes. They were thrown into prison. Their money and few remaining possessions were stolen from them.

They arrived destitute and out of work in Holland. Their children had to work in order to provide food.

The Pilgrims again put their families in danger just to make the voyage to America. The Mayflower was not a sea-going vessel. The crossing occurred during the stormiest time of year. The ship barely remained under control. A giant wave broke the ship's main beam. For 67 days the Pilgrims were cold, wet and sea sick.

Freedom is so easy for us. This Thanksgiving, in addition to overeating and watching Football, let's thank God for the things we don't have to endure!

"The Constitution is not an instrument

for the government to restrain the

people, it is an instrument

for the people to restrain

the government."

~ Patrick Henry

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All she wants to eat is peanut butter. So, please share your best peanut butter cookie recipes and alert me to sales on Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. I'm hoping that by indulging this phase I will be cultivating a love of healthful eating. I mean, really, as long as she's eating . . . Right?"

Our senses are constantly being trained, but becoming accustomed to solid food won't happen without effort. We've become so used to the market scrambling to meet our consumer-mindedness that some of us can hardly manage unless our books meet us right where we are. The publishing industry is expected to cater to *everyone*. It wouldn't surprise me to hear, "Why, oh, why isn't anyone writing books for redheaded adopted children who were bitten by dogs when they were toddlers?" The demands cause publishers to flog writers into searching for that last frontier in niches. What is the next group we can cater to? Can't think of anything original? Simply take a tradition and turn it on its head. As we passively accept this situation, we allow modern literature to dull our hearing rather than taking an active role in training our senses.

Virtues aren't going to arise in us without some hard work. We're going to have to stretch ourselves. When someone laments, "No one is writing stories with main characters just like me," why do we so often say, "Yes, yes, you're so right. We must contrive more of that"? Instead of, "Have you tried this new series?" why are we not replying, "Have you already exhausted the classics?"

Aristotle also observed, ". . . children in fact live at the beck and call of appetite . . ." (Nic.Eth. III.12) Anyone who ever was a child knows this is true. As parents, we surely don't desire that our children remain in this state. But it does seem that, with our own senses dulled, we often mistake devouring for real reading.

Contemplating our uncultivated habits brings C.S. Lewis to mind. In his spiritual autobiography, *Surprised by Joy*, he describes what he means by joy, and how trying to "get it again" became his constant endeavor. The harder he tried to conjure the feeling, the less often it came. Sometimes, when he forgot himself for a moment, he again tasted joy; "But far more often I frightened it away by my greedy impatience to snare it, and, even when it came, instantly destroyed it by introspection, and at all times vulgarized it by my false assumption about its nature."

We should be training our senses, and those of our children, to read deeply and well rather than encouraging a habit of reading with greedy impatience trying to conjure a certain feeling, constantly trying to "get it again."

Books don't have to be a certain age in order to contribute to the cultivation of virtue. Some things to look for, however, are writing and stories that attempt to raise the reader to a higher level of virtue rather than stooping to the reader's comfort level.

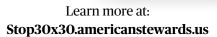
One theme involved in turning traditions on their heads is to have stories without a clear distinction between good guys and bad guys. It's considered clever to blur the line between good and evil. We can't train ourselves to discern good from evil if there are no heroes who wrestle with evil and win.

Neither Aristotle nor the author of *Hebrews* pretends that acquiring virtue is easy. They speak of training and being made prefect. Being made perfect means we're not there yet. If we're not in good shape, training should start slowly. A business mentor used to say, "Find someone who has what you want and do what he did." Perhaps a good starting point might be training your eyes and ears to sense someone who has what you want. Find a mentor and ask about the next small step. *Reprinted with permission by Diane Pendergraft, Plumfield and Paideia, https://plumfieldandpaideia.com/having-our-senses-trained/* 



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The 30 x 30 program is a plan advanced by radical environmental activists to permanently protect 30% of America's land and oceans by 2030. The program was adopted by the Biden Administration through Executive Order 14008, "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad" (86 Fed. Reg. 7,619), signed January 27, 2021.

Proponents argue that climate impacts are human-caused, and permanently preserving 30% of America's land and oceans is necessary to reverse climate change. This action must be taken immediately, they claim, to avoid impacts on the ecosystem and wildlife. However, the science and data do not justify these extreme policy measures.

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# Upcoming Events

November 6, 2021 40 Days for Life Closing Ceremony Centennial Park • Lander, WY 2 pm - ??

### November 9, 2021

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### November 13, 2021 Escape from Communism with Ovie Muntean Central Wyoming College Peck Theater 2660 Peck Ave. Riverton, WY 2 pm - 4 pm

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