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REPUBLICAN REVIEW





The Candy Bomber

by Diane Pendergraft



"I can live on thin rations, but not without hope."

ur children need stories like this. We need stories

The first chapter of *The Candy Bomber* briefly outlines a complicated political situation – the Soviet blockade of Germany's capital city, Berlin, in 1948. When WWII was over, the Allies divided Germany into four occupation zones. The city of Berlin was inside the Russian zone, but the United States, Britain, and France each wanted access to the city, so they divided it four ways as well. The Russians got East Berlin, and the other three countries divided the west side of the city.

The Russians wanted none of western democracy. They blockaded Berlin, expecting it wouldn't take long for the starving West Berliners to beg the Allies to leave so the Russians would allow them food. The Russians could block

access by land and water, but the treaty provided for certain air corridors which couldn't be denied without risking political consequences.

The Allies began what came to be known as the Berlin Airlift. The goal was to provide food and fuel to over two million people for as long as necessary. The Chocolate Bombing grew out of an experience one Airlift pilot, Lt. Gail Halvorsen, had on a sightseeing trip in Berlin. He encountered a group of German children who asked him questions and told him about the experiences of their relatives in East Berlin.

When it was time for him to leave, he wanted to give something to these children, who were not only hungry but had long been deprived of sweets. All he had with him was two sticks of Doublemint ...continued on page 3

From the Chair

Over the past month, we have been thinking in Fremont County about the judicial branch of our government. There is a case in our court system that pertains to tax dollars being embezzled by a public employee, and there is much interest in this case.

This has given me an opportunity to learn a good deal more about the judicial branch. At our November meeting, we were discussing how could we better know what is going on in the courts!

The answer was provided by the Clerk of District Court, Kristi Green, and her staff: https://www.courts.state.wy.us/live-broadcast/

You can also contact the Clerk of District Court to find out times for court proceedings, and any restrictions to the proceedings.

This tool allows us to see court cases as they proceed. Now, I understand that at times, court proceedings are closed to the public, like when a minor is the person facing the court, or in cases of adoption proceedings. Please notice that you are not limited to Fremont County - all of the county courts are available.

I also learned that you can call the courtroom, so if that video link is not on when it is expected to be, the ability exists to request it.

This gives us the ability to better make decisions on judicial retention choices on our ballots, an area I will admit I have struggled with over the years.

Merry Christmas to you all!

Ginger Bennett, Chairman Fremont County Republican Party



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gum. Though he was afraid he might be starting a fight, he tore both sticks in half and handed the pieces to four children. Rather than fighting, the children tore the wrappers into strips and



ans unload a sack of coal from a cargo plane. As the win oproached, the precious fuel became as important as food

passed them around so everyone would have a chance to savor the smell. Halvorsen says, "In all my experience, including Christmases past, I have never witnessed such an expression of surprise, joy, and sheer pleasure."

It was then that he had the idea to drop gum and chocolate to these kids when he flew back into Berlin the next day with the normal supplies. He told them he would wiggle the plane's wings so they would know it was him and be ready for the drop.

At first, all Halvorsen had to give was his own chocolate ration and those donated by his fellow airmen. He was also operating without permission. However, the operation soon had the blessing of his superiors and enough attention that people in the United States

were raising funds and donating candy. They were also donating fabric to be used for the little parachutes necessary to make the drops without injuring anyone. The Life Savers company even donated 4,000 rolls of candy to the effort.

In May of 1949, the Soviets lifted the blockade, as it clearly wasn't having the desired effect. "During the sixteen months of the Berlin Airlift, seventy USAF and Royal Air Force personnel lost their lives in plane crashes and other accidents, especially during the brutal winter weather . . . Pilots and their crews made 277,569 flights into West Berlin to deliver food, coal, and liquid fuel totaling 2,325,510 tons (2,109,000 kilograms). Not included in those numbers were the tons of candy and gum delivered by Uncle Wiggly Wings and Operation Little Vittles." Halvorsen says, "All in all, my buddies and I ended up dropping over twenty tons of candy and gum," during the fourteen months after the Doublemint gum incident.

Besides attempts to stop the Airlift by using intimidating tactics against the planes, the Soviets even, "bribed West Berliners by offering fresh vegetables, coal, and other necessities to those who agreed to sign up for East Berlin ration cards. Very few West Berliners—perhaps four percent—participated in the Soviets' ploy to win them over."

In the prologue, Halvorsen says, "This book is special to me because it tells about the people of Berlin who valued freedom over food." He adds, "Children felt this way too. 'I can live on thin rations but not without hope,' one ten-year-old boy told me"

This is a story of the selflessness and compassion of countless people. The Germans of Berlin could hardly believe their very recent enemies were now so dedicated to saving their lives. Such stories of virtue are important, but what I find most important in this one is the attitude of the suffering Berliners. Their city had been bombed to rubble, surely all of them had lost loved ones, they were starving and were facing a winter without fuel for heat or cooking. I imagine parents being near desperation for the sake of their children. But they knew

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some things are more important than physical comfort, and that some are even worth dying for.

Throughout most of human history, life has been tough. Our children need stories of people enduring real, hard circumstances for greater purposes. They need to ask themselves, "Would I have the fortitude to live on thin rations for something greater than myself?"

We all need stories about people rising to the occasion to help their neighbors. We need to be reminded who Jesus said our neighbors are. Anyone in need.

Note: At the time of this writing, Colonel Halvorsen is still alive and is 101 years old.

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Report From Dubois

by Dustin Ralston

MEDIA

The Netflix documentary filmed at Turtle Ranch (in summer 2020) is now available on Netflix. My Heroes Were Cowboys is the title of the 20 minute documentary filmed at the ranch just west of Dubois.

Link to the one minute trailer: My Heroes Were Cowboys

Laura Ingraham of Fox News was in Dubois in late October filming an interview segment at the Military Museum with a 98-year-old veteran and footage for a Hidden Treasures of America episode which might be out in January...I think that will be on FoxNation, the streaming-web service they promote heavily on Fox News.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

A new business opened in September: Nana's Bowling Alley and Bakery debuted behind the Dollar Store and has been doing well.

Summer tourist season for 2021 was very good. Town did not have enough workers or capacity for all the visitors at peak times. The seasonal ups and downs have always made it tough to maintain a workforce in Dubois. It was particularly hard this year as national factors made the summer labor shortage worse than usual.

Some stable year-around employers have been helping, in particular the Assisted Living facility and

the various Starks family enterprises which operate 12 months.

GOVERNMENT

FEDERAL

The Shoshone National Forest is slowly plodding through the process of adopting a new 'travel plan.' It appears they want to further impose limits on snowmobiling in the Togwotee Pass area.

LOCAL

Almost every mayor of Dubois for the last 30 years has hoped to improve Horse Creek Road. After decades of murky right-of-ways and missed timelines, it appears things might finally be coming together in 2022. Most of the legal issues have been resolved. The Town, Range telephone and High Plains Power have upgraded the underground utilities and there may be some funding help from USDA available. (USDA sometimes funds farm-to-market roads and the Forest Service branch of USDA sometimes helps fund forest access roadways.)

FEATURED HISTORY

General Sheridan brought troops thru Fort Washakie and what later became Dubois in 1883 as an escort for President Arthur. No armored limo or Air Force One on that trip. The President travelled by horse from Green River to the rail line at Bozeman, Montana. Sheridan Creek and Sheridan Pass are named after the General that took the expedition over the unmapped pass south of Lava Mountain and then thru Yellowstone.

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by Vern Tromble

ver two-thousand years ago God, the Creator of both subatomic particles and the expanse of the universe, sent His Son to enter a young virgin's womb. While simultaneously being present throughout all of Creation, He became attached to the nutrition system of the one who would tenderly care for Him. He grew to become a man of two perfect and distinct natures. As a man he received limited education, attained no high office, had no home, and acquired no wealth. He did not travel far. He told people that He was One with God and demonstrated His authority by performing miracles and forgiving sins.

People with diseases, seizures, blindness, severe pain, the demon-possessed and the paralyzed, were brought to Him. He healed them. He turned water into wine, walked on the sea, and commanded the weather. He restored dead people to life, and multiplied a child's modest lunch so that it fed thousands.

Jesus taught people to repent. Personal confession and repentance were the first steps toward reconciliation with God the Father. He then went on to tell people to love, fear, and obey God. Pray to your Father in heaven. Do good. Don't hate. Don't lust. Honor marriage. Serve others. Give cheerfully and generously. Be honest. Be truthful. Love one another. Forgive those who have wronged you. Love your enemies. Love your neighbor as yourself. Pay what you owe. Repay evil with good. He taught people how to prosper. He taught people how to be free. 'In Him [was] no darkness at all,' (1John 1:5).

For all these things, the religious leaders of His day hated Him. He allowed them to have Him tortured and killed. He demonstrated His power over death once again when He himself overcame death. Following His resurrection He walked through walls, ate food, appeared and disappeared, and exhibited the wounds administered at His crucifixion.

The story of Jesus spread throughout the earth. It came to America with the Spanish, the Puritans and the Pilgrims. God has blessed America. Americans are the freest, most prosperous people on earth.

Meanwhile, Christianity is under assault from academia, government, and the prevailing culture. Academia cannot quantify or control God's blessing therefore they dismiss its existence. Government is turning to Marxism. The cultural elite deem it unsophisticated to follow Christ.

Church attendance has reached an all-time low. Cultural decay is evidenced in teen pregnancy, single parent families, and drug use. Most of my generation regularly attended Sunday School. But then they went off to university where their Faith was marginalized. Many never returned to it. They did not raise their kids in the Faith. Their grandchildren were not raised in the Faith.

If Christ is the author of freedom then how long will freedom 'ring' if Christ is kept in the background of our lives? As goes Christianity, so goes the nation. The goal of Christianity is to be guided by the Ten Commandments. The goal of the Republican Party is to be guided by the Ten Commandments. Yet all are welcome.

If you love our Constitutional Republic and if you love freedom then take the family to church regularly where they can learn about the Author of freedom. Scripture says it best. "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes," Psalm 118: 9.

Oh, come let us adore Him!		~Vernis	R.	Tromble
	http://www.fremontcountygop.org/			

County residents.

Ovie Muntean Tells the Truth About Socialism

by John Birbari

If you missed the Ovie Muntean event at CWC's Peck Theater this past November 13, you owe it to yourself to go to his website, www.oviemuntean.com and learn all you can about this courageous man. Why? He is committed to preserving the American Dream, a dream he longed for as a child in communist Romania; a dream his father risked his life to obtain for his family.

Today, when the American idea is under assault from all quarters and ironically from many who have benefitted most from it, Ovie Muntean presents the truth: that the American idea, properly realized, is superior to any other. The idea that our Republic is the best form of government and benefits the greatest number of people. The idea the capitalism is better for everyone than socialism and certainly better than communism.

Ovie Muntean exposed the lie of socialism, "Elect us and everything will be free," and described the reality of socialism, that goods and services were much less available than before and of lower quality and quantity and (shock) the people still had to pay for them. As a boy, Ovie was sent to the store with money to buy bread. He had to get up early in the morning to get in line. He was only five years old and some of the other customers pushed ahead of him in line. Yes, he had to stand in line. A few times, his money was stolen, and he had to return home empty handed. The reality of socialism is a far cry from the dream of socialism that is sold on today's college campuses. Here's the difference. In a socialist economy, you wait in line for bread. In a capitalist economy, the bread waits in line for you.

The Democratic Party today has lost its way and become enamored with socialism, the idea that the government can provide you with everything you need for free: free college, free healthcare, free groceries, free rent, etc. Socialism has been tried many times in history in many countries. The best thing one can say is that it has a consistent track record. Unfortunately, that track record is one of consistent failure. Socialism has never worked as advertised and everywhere it has been tried, the people have suffered as a result.



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Legislative Review

The Wyoming Legislature will convene February 14, 2022 for the biennial budget session. Some bills have received numbers already, and they are available to be read at www.wyoleg.gov.

2022 STATE OF WYOMING 22LSO-0109

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0002

Disposition of water rights.

Sponsored by: Select Water Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to the subdivision of land and water rights; requiring written documentation from the state engineer or state board of control on the disposition of water rights when subdividing land; requiring notice of the proposed disposition to other appropriators; making conforming amendments; providing applicability; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 15-1-415 by creating a new subsection (e), 18-5-306(a)(intro), (xi)(intro), (A)(I) through (III), by creating a new subdivision (IV) and (B) through (E) and 18-5-316(b)(intro), (ix)(intro), (A)(I) through (III), by creating a new subdivision (IV), (B) and (C) are amended to read:

15-1-415. Additions to cities or towns by subdividing landowners; plat requirements; filing and effect thereof; controlling layout of streets.

(e) With respect to any water rights appurtenant to lands to be subdivided in accordance with this section and prior to certification and approval of the map or plat the governing body shall require the owner to submit to the governing body the following:

(i) The intended disposition of the water rights, by:

(A) Written documentation from the state engineer or the state board of control that the owner submitted to the state engineer or the state board of control all documents necessary to voluntarily abandon the water rights, cancel any unadjudicated permits or eliminate applicable lands from any unadjudicated permits. The owner shall notify any purchasers of this action;

(B) Written documentation from the state board of control that the owner has submitted to the state board of control all documents necessary to change the use or place of use to provide for beneficial use of the water rights outside the subdivision, which may include a transfer to the city or town for use within its municipal water service boundaries;

(C) A plan, accompanied by written documentation from the state engineer that he has ap-

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the distribution of the water to the lots within the subdivision and shall include written documentation from the state board of control that the owner submitted to the state board of control all documents necessary for a change of use, change of place of use or change in point of diversion or means of conveyance in accordance with W.S. 41-3-103, 41-3-104 or 41-3-114; or

- (D) Written documentation from the state board of control that it has accepted an authorization to detach water rights appurtenant to the lands to be subdivided in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of control.
- (ii) If the subdivision is located within lands served by or crossed by a ditch, irrigation works or other water conveyance system, evidence that the owner submitted the subdivision map or plat to the public entity, company, association or appropriators responsible for the ditch, irrigations works or other water conveyance system for review and recommendations at least sixty (60) days prior to the submittal of the map or plat to the governing body. Upon receipt of the subdivision map or plat, the public entity, company, association or appropriators shall notify the owner if and how the subdivision will create a significant additional burden or risk of liability;
- (iii) Evidence that the owner will specifically state on all offers and solicitations relative to the subdivision the owner's intent to comply with this paragraph and that the owner does not warrant to a purchaser that the purchaser shall have any rights to the natural flow of any stream within or adjacent to the proposed subdivision. The owner shall further state that Wyoming law does not recognize any riparian rights to the continued natural flow of a stream or river for persons living on the banks of the stream or river;
- (iv) If the subdivision is located within the boundaries of an irrigation district that is subject to the provisions of title 41, chapter 7 of the Wyoming statutes, the map or plat shall be accompanied by recommendations from the irrigation district regarding any changes to the attached water rights and the irrigation district's easements. If there is a conflict with the irrigation district's recommendations, the owner shall certify that it met with and made a good faith effort to resolve any conflicts with the irrigation district; and
- (v) If the subdivision will create a significant additional burden or risk of liability to the public entity, company, association or appropriators responsible for the ditch, irrigation works or other water conveyance system, the owner shall provide an adequate and responsible plan to reduce or eliminate the additional burden or risk of liability and evidence that the owner submitted the plan to the public entity, company, association or appropriators for review and recommendation regarding the adequacy of the plan.

18-5-306. Minimum requirements for subdivision permits.

- (a) The board shall require, and with respect to paragraph (xii) of this subsection may require, the following information to be submitted with each application for a subdivision permit, provided the board may by rule exempt from any of the following requirements of this subsection or subsection (c) of this section, and may exempt from including paragraph (xii) of this subsection, the subdivision of one (1) or more units of land into not more than a total of five (5) units of land:
- (xi) With respect to any water rights appurtenant to lands to be subdivided in accordance with this chapter and prior to final approval of the application for a subdivision permit the subdivider shall provide the following:
 - (A) The intended disposition of the water rights, by:
 - (I) Evidence Written documentation from the state engineer or the state board of

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(II) Evidence Written documentation from the state board of control that the subdivider has submitted to the state engineer the documentation state board of control all documents necessary to change the use, or place of use or point of diversion to provide for beneficial use of the water rights outside the subdivision; or

(III) A plan, a copy of which was submitted to and approved by the state engineer prior to the final approval of the subdivision application accompanied by written documentation from the state engineer
that he has approved the plan, for the distribution of the water rights appurtenant to the land to be subdivided. The
plan shall specify the distribution of the water to the lots within the subdivision and shall include written documentation from the state board of control that the subdivider submitted to the state board of control all appropriate applications for documents necessary to change of the use, change of place of use or change in point of diversion or means of
conveyance in accordance with W.S. 41-3-103, 41-3-104 or 41-3-114; or

(IV) Written documentation from the state board of control that it has accepted an authorization to detach water rights appurtenant to the lands to be subdivided in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of control.

- (B) If the subdivision is located within lands, served by or crossed by a ditch, irrigation company or association or by an unorganized ditch works or other water conveyance system, evidence that the subdivider submitted the plan has been submitted, to the public entity, company, association or appropriators responsible for the ditch, irrigation works or other water conveyance system for review and recommendation at least sixty (60) days prior to the submittal of the application for the subdivision permit to the company, or association, or the remaining appropriators in the case of an unorganized ditch for their review and recommendations board. Upon receipt of the plan, the public entity, company, association or appropriators shall notify the subdivider if and how the subdivision will create a significant additional burden or risk of liability;
- (C) Evidence that the subdivider will specifically state on all offers and solicitations relative to the subdivision his the subdivider's intent to comply with this paragraph and that the seller subdivider does not warrant to a purchaser that he the purchaser shall have any rights to the natural flow of any stream within or adjacent to the proposed subdivision. He The subdivider shall further state that the Wyoming law does not recognize any riparian rights to the continued natural flow of a stream or river for persons living on the banks of the stream or river;
- (D) If the subdivision is located within the boundaries of an irrigation district that is subject to the provisions of title 41, chapter 7 of the Wyoming statutes, the application shall include a review and recommendations from the irrigation district regarding any changes to the attached water rights and the irrigation district's easements. If there is a conflict with the irrigation district's recommendations, the applicant subdivider shall certify that it has met with and made a good faith effort to resolve any conflicts with the irrigation district; and
- (E) If the subdivision will create a significant additional burden or risk of liability to the irrigation district public entity, company, association or remaining appropriators including appropriators on an unorganized responsible for the ditch, irrigation works or other water conveyance system, the applicant subdivider shall provide an adequate and responsible plan to reduce or eliminate the additional burden or risk of liability and evidence that the subdivider submitted the plan to the public entity, company, association or appropriators for review and recommendation regarding the adequacy of the plan.

18-5-316. Requirements for large acreage subdivision permits.

- (b) The board may require, any or all of and with respect to paragraph (ix) of this subsection shall require, the following information to be submitted with an application for a subdivision permit pursuant to this section:
- (ix) With respect to any water rights appurtenant to lands to be subdivided in accordance with this section and prior to final approval of the <u>application for a subdivision permit</u> the subdivider shall provide the following:
 - (A) The intended disposition of the water rights by:
- (I) Evidence Written documentation from the state board of control that the subdivider has submitted to the state engineer the documentation board of control all documents necessary to relinquish voluntarily abandon the water rights, and has notified cancel any unadjudicated permits or eliminate applicable lands from any unadjudicated permits. The subdivider shall notify any purchasers and the board of this action;
- (II) Evidence Written documentation from the state board of control that the subdivider has submitted to the state engineer the documentation board of control all documents necessary to change the use, or place of use or point of diversion to provide for beneficial use of the water rights outside the subdivision; or
- (III) A plan, a copy of which was submitted to and approved by the state engineer prior to the final approval of the subdivision application accompanied by written documentation from the state engineer approving the plan, for the distribution of the water rights appurtenant to the land to be subdivided. The plan shall specify the distribution of the water to the lots within the subdivision and shall include written documentation from the state board of control that the subdivider submitted to the state board of control all appropriate applications for documents necessary to change of the use, change of place of use or change in point of diversion or means of conveyance in accordance with W.S. 41-3-103, 41-3-104 or 41-3-114; or
- (IV) Written documentation from the state board of control that it accepted an authorization to detach water rights appurtenant to the lands to be subdivided in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state board of control.
- (B) If the subdivision is located within an irrigation district or within lands, served by or crossed by a ditch, irrigation company or association or by an unorganized ditch works or other water conveyance system, evidence that the subdivider submitted the plan has been submitted to the district board public entity, company, or association, or the remaining appropriators in the case of an unorganized responsible for the ditch, irrigation works or other water conveyance system for their review and recommendations at least sixty (60) days prior to the submittal of the application for the subdivision permit to the board; and
- (C) Evidence that the subdivider will specifically state on all offers relative to the subdivision his the subdivider's intent to comply with this paragraph and that the seller subdivider does not warrant to a purchaser that he the purchaser shall have any rights to the natural flow of any stream within or adjacent to the proposed subdivision. He The subdivider shall further state that the Wyoming law does not recognize any riparian rights to the continued natural flow of a stream or river for persons living on the banks of the stream or river.
 - Section 2. The requirements in this act shall apply to subdivision applications filed on and after July 1, 2022.
- **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.

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Bulletin Board

December Meeting

December 13, 2021 • 5:30 pm Pavillion Community Center • Shoshoni, WY

Upcoming Events

January 5, 2022 Voter Education Class

with Senator Tom James Lander Library, Rooms A & B • Lander, WY 5:30 pm

January 10, 2022 Fremont County Republican Party Central Committee Meeting

Hudson Town Hall • Hudson, WY 5:30 pm

February 14 - March 15, 2022 2022 Wyoming Legislature

Budget Session Cheyenne, WY and online at https://wyoleg.gov/

March 5, 2022 (tentative) Fremont County Republican Precinct Caucus

Location and Time TBA

March 19, 2022 (tentative) Fremont County Republican County Convention

Location and Time TBA

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