

## ‘Ag Books for Kids’ 2024 winners

**BY KERIN CLARK**

**F**ood is the common bond that ties us all to agriculture. In addition to food, there are many ways agriculture is a part of our daily lives. Without agriculture we wouldn’t have cotton for our jeans or wool for our socks and sweaters. Animal and crop by-products are used to make crayons and hairbrushes just to name a few items. The paper in books and paper used for “Ag Books for Kids” contest entries comes from forestry, another area of agriculture.

Farm and ranch families comprise less than two percent of the United States population. Sharing the story with the other 98% of the population of how food and food by-products get to the store is an important component of agriculture advocacy.

When our kids were young, we would always say if you wanted to learn about something “look in a book.” Reading brings knowledge.

Donating accurate agriculture books to Wyoming elementary schools has been the goal of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB) Young Farmer & Rancher YF&R Committee “Ag Books for Kids” program since its inception in 2004.

“Ag Books for Kids is a great opportunity for locals to advocate farming and ranching in their communities,” said Seth Allen, Niobrara County rancher. Allen serves as the WyFB YF&R Committee Promotions Sub-Committee Chair that organizes the “Ag Books for Kids” program.

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Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation Board Member Kent Hunter presented prizes to Lillian Mathias who was the state winner in the “Ag Books for Kids” marketing ad contest. Hunter also thanked Lillian’s teacher Mrs. Katrina Gifford for her support of the “Ag Books for Kids” program in the classroom. *KERIN CLARK PHOTO.*



Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation Board Member Lexi Painter presented “Ag Books for Kids” prizes to Niobrara County students on May 8. Niobrara County student Emma Gordon (fifth from left) was the state winner in the “Ag Books for Kids” coloring contest. L-R: Brindel Brown, Leighton Miller, Kimber Cummins, Ben Kruse, Emma Gordon, Amy Kate Hanson, and Painter.



Laramie County Farm Bureau Federation President Laura Fornstrom presented prizes to Lexi Wheeler who was the state runner-up in the “Ag Books for Kids” coloring contest.

## Bureau of Land Management Public Lands Rule update

**BY KELLY CARPENTER**

**A**s many of you know Wyoming is comprised of more than 17.5 million surface acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). In late April, the BLM released its highly anticipated Public Lands Rule. As previously reported in Wyoming Agriculture, the BLM’s focus with the rule has been to work to increase the ecological resilience of the federal lands under its purview and to elevate conservation as a use on federal lands.

The final rule stacks up in a similar way to the proposed rule that was reported months ago. The BLM more clearly defines conservation leases. In the final

rule, the BLM breaks the term conservation leases into “restoration” and “mitigation” leases. The rule outlines the new leases promulgated under the rule, they will be able to be held by third parties consisting of any of the following: private people, entities and limited government agencies, such as state fish and wildlife agencies and conservation districts. The BLM mentions these leases are meant to work in partnership with existing leases, whether energy or grazing.

The public lands rule also strengthens Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in terms of allowing for temporary, immediate designations by local BLM of-

ficials for land that may need immediate protection. What does immediate protection mean in this case? Unfortunately, we’ll have to wait and see.

The BLM further mentions the land health standards will be applied to all federal lands, which prior to the Public Lands Rule was only applied to grazing leases. This is a positive step in the right direction for consistency of management standards to apply the same standards to all leases.

As mentioned by American Farm Bureau Federation “Public lands are critical to Western agriculture as ranchers graze livestock on a mix of public and private lands, especially in areas with “check-


erboard” land ownership. Adding conservation as another use of public lands -- and without explicit authorization from Congress -- alters how BLM manages its land and could result in less land available for grazing.”

In terms of specific details of implementation, the BLM has deferred to their internal stepped-down guidance procedure that will determine the details of what these three items will look like for federal lands users. Look for further information in the coming months as the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation continues to monitor the implementation of the rule. ■

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- July**  
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# Sharing our farm stories well beyond our fencerows

Zippy Duvall

American Farm Bureau Federation President



Mid-May the American Farm Bureau joined with 51 other agriculture organizations and companies to showcase the Future of Farming on the National Mall here in Washington, D.C. It's not every day that you see big farm equipment like tractors and combines just a few blocks from the Capitol. Talk about getting outside your fencerows! This was a great opportunity to showcase how important agriculture is to our nation and to shine a spotlight on the hardworking men and women who grow our food, fiber and renewable fuel.

At our Farm Bureau booth, we were joined by several of our grassroots members who gave their time to come and share their farm stories. I firmly believe that there is nothing more powerful than sharing your personal experiences—whether that's in a lawmaker's office, at your local market, on social media, or on the National Mall. When we as farmers and ranchers get outside our fencerows, it makes a difference. Why? Because people want to hear about agriculture straight from the men and women who have their hands in the soil every day. What's more, the public overwhelmingly trusts you: our research shows that roughly 9 in 10 adults say they trust farmers and ranchers.

That's why for the 2024 Ag on the Mall event we invited several Farm Bureau

members from across the country to meet with the thousands of visitors stopping by our nation's front lawn, so that more folks could learn about farming and how sustainability is "just what we do."

On the first day, we were joined by farmers from the West and East, Jon Dinsmore of Arizona and Jamie Tiralla of Maryland. Jon, a fourth-generation lettuce, grain and hay farmer from Yuma, Arizona, shared about how leafy greens are grown in the winter. Jon is no stranger to sharing his story since he's become known as the Green Screen Farmer on social media where he shares about life on the farm. And Jamie Tiralla is no stranger to D.C. as she hails from Prince Frederick, Maryland, where she and her family raise cattle, goats, sheep and hogs and sell their meat at local farmers' markets and by appointment on their farm. Jamie talked about animal care on the farm and how partnerships with local markets and chefs are critical to farms near urban areas.

On the second day, we welcomed farmers from the Midwest and Southern regions: Kamal Bell of North Carolina and Andrea Brossard of Wisconsin. Kamal is a first-generation farmer and founder of Sankofa Farms in Durham, North Carolina. His goal is to create a sustainable food source for minorities in both rural and urban areas in the counties near his farm. Kamal is also a beekeeper, and while he left the bee-

hives back at home, he brought great stories to share with visitors about the importance of pollinators in agriculture. Meanwhile, Andrea, a third-generation farmer from Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, shared about her family's Holstein herd on their dairy farm. Andrea helped visitors understand animal nutrition and what sustainability looks like on a dairy.

I can't help but be excited thinking about the tens of thousands of folks who learned something about how their food is grown, thanks to these grassroots ambassadors. Of course, this isn't the first time Jon, Jamie, Kamal, and Andrea have gotten outside their fencerows. Like so many of you, they are also active in their county and state Farm Bureaus. They have put our leadership development training to work in helping them share their story and grow an understanding of farming through traditional and digital media, mentorship programs, and leadership roles across agriculture—just to name a few.

Let's keep up the good work of planting seeds and building trust with our friends, neighbors and leaders—near and far. And if you're looking for resources to help you explore new ways to get outside your fencerows, I invite you to reach out to your local Farm Bureau and check out resources on Farm Bureau University. We want to help you share your story. ■

# Law abiding businesses shouldn't be burdened

Ken Hamilton

Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Executive Vice President



December 31, 2024. A deadline which most Americans who run a business need to be aware. In last month's *Wyoming Ag*, Kelly Carpenter had an article about the Corporate Transparency Act.

This Act came about through the National Defense Authorization Act in 2021. The Act created a requirement that businesses must file beneficial ownership information with the United States Treasury Department's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). The purpose for requiring US businesses to do this was, like most laws that come into existence, because of the need to prevent criminal activities. In this case the criminal activities of concern are money laundering, corrupt financial transactions and financial terrorism. Of course, this means non-criminal businesses must now submit ownership information to the Department of Treasury. While this process is supposed to happen through their website, many of the folks in the private sector are complaining the website cannot handle the traffic necessary for an estimated 32 million-plus businesses.

Of course, many folks are a bit apprehensive about sending private information

to an agency of the federal government called Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to reside in one of their databases. The other aspect of this law is the requirement that whenever something changes, i.e. an address change or an officer of the business changes, you're required to update your information with FinCEN.

So, what happens if you don't update your information or put things in wrong? Well, that is when things could get interesting. The rules use the term "willfully" as willfully providing false or fraudulent beneficial ownership information or if you willfully fail to report. Because this is so new, we don't know how they will interpret "willfully" but if they do find you've willfully done or not done something the civil penalties can be up to \$500 for each day the violation continues. So, if you don't file before the deadline and you've read the *Wyoming Ag* article will FinCEN consider that a willful violation? If they discover next May that you've not filed, then your civil penalty could be \$60,000. Well \$60,500 if it is a leap year. If the family forgets to amend their corporation information after a family member passes away, then again, they can face substantial fines on top

of all the other things that are going through their mind. FinCEN can also levy criminal penalties of up to two years in prison on top of the civil penalty.

These penalties are significant. We are all aware of how a federal agency can utilize punitive penalties against its citizens. After all it hasn't been that long ago the Environmental Protection Agency and the Corp of Engineers levied a multi-million dollar fine against one of our Wyoming citizens in Uinta County.

We're grateful that an effort is being made to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act (H.R. 8147) led by Rep. Warren Davidson from Ohio and cosponsored by 16 other House members. Given Rep. Hageman's battles against some of these federal agencies, it's not surprising she is one of the cosponsors.

Undoubtedly there are criminals who take advantage of our laws, but the solution isn't to burden our own business owners and threaten them with possible criminal penalties and punitive fines if they make a reporting mistake. Even if they are found to have not violated this Act, the business will undoubtedly have to spend thousands of dollars in legal fees to defend themselves. ■

# National news updates

BY KELLY CARPENTER

### Congressional Review Act

On May 9, 2024, Representative Harriet Hageman announced that she will be introducing a joint resolution of disapproval pursuant to the Congressional Review Act to overturn the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) final rule mandating EID ear tags in cattle and bison over 18 months of age for interstate travel.

### BLM Utility Scale Solar Plan

Joining Wyoming Senators and American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB) submitted comments expressing concerns for the Bureau of Land Management Programmatic-Environmental Impact Statement last month. Among the plethora of concerns that are key to our members at this time, solar arrays are essentially a single use of the land. This is in direct conflict with the multiple-use mandate under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act that is the BLM's primary, directing law.

### Farm Bill 2024

The US House and US Senate have released their respective Farm Bill drafts. Each draft is significantly different from each other and will take time and maneuvering to successfully

pass a final product. All eyes are on the House as they are scheduled to hold a markup on legislation prior to Memorial Day.

### Trust the Science Act and WEST Act of 2023

WyFB and AFBF support the Trust the Science Act (H.R. 764) and the Western Economic Security Today Act of 2023 (WEST Act; H.R. 3397), each important pieces of legislation that recently passed the US House of Representatives.

The Trust the Science Act would charge the Department of Interior to remove the Gray Wolf from the Endangered Species List in most of the lower 48 states excluding the Northern Rockies population of wolves. The gray wolf has exceeded its recovery goals and should continue to be recognized as an Endangered Species Act (ESA) success story.

The WEST Act would direct the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to withdraw its final rule relating to conservation and land health. The rule's interpretation of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) is contradictory to longstanding operating procedures of the agency's management of its land.

The fate of these bills are in the hands of the U.S. Senate, but should they pass and survive a Presidential veto, they would be welcome news for agriculture in Wyoming. ■



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# Uncommon Struggle

BY LAURA DOCKERY,  
WyFB YF&R COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ranching is not for the faint of heart, and when you live in Fremont County along the Sweetwater River, ranching becomes a whole new lifestyle. At 6,800 feet the winters are long and summers are cool. My family has been in production agriculture on the Sweetwater for 107 years, and every year is a wild card. We could have a mild winter or we could have the worst winter we have ever seen. In the summer we could get enough rain to grow grass that makes the range look like a wheat field or we could just have enough to keep a horny toad alive. The wind makes every season a challenge, except for mosquito season. Then it is a blessing. We calve our cows out, and feed in the winter, along with everyone else on the Sweetwater. In the summer my family and our neighbors co-run cattle on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land. We all own grazing rights for the BLM land on Beaver Rim. While the cows are out in the summer pasture we start the haying season. We are lucky to get one cutting due to the short growing season and depending on what kind of snowpack the Sweetwater River has that year.

Our family deals with the same trials and struggles as most other folks in production agriculture in Wyoming to varying degrees. Something that affects our operation, that is fairly unique, (and unique does not always mean good), is the wild Lupine/Lupin plant. Lupine grows at the higher elevations in Wyo-

ming, around 7,000 feet. Lupine blooms from June to August.

It grows in abundance in the higher elevations of Beaver Rim where our cattle run for the summer.

Lupine affects us greatly when we calve through birth defects. Lupine consumed between the 40th and 70th day of gestation causes deformities or death to the fetus. The severity depends on how much of the Lupine plant the cows eat. The more Lupine the cow consumes the more chance of the calf dying in the womb. Lupine produces special alkaloids that act as a certain sedative which affects the calf's brain. This makes the calf not want to move as much or at all in the womb. So, the fetus will not have normal movements in utero, and just stays in one position. These calves' joints get locked in whatever position they were in the womb. That is why the calves born alive with these deformities may have a bent neck, crooked legs, twisted spine, or a cleft palate.

From our experience calves with these deformities in a moderate form can thrive and grow on their mamas, while the more severe ones generally are euthanized. We have had some success with splints or casting of the legs to make them more viable. We have spent countless hours working with some of these little creatures trying to teach them to stand so they can suck their mama. They want to do it so badly, but their body won't let them. Truly heartbreaking, but it is reality that they would have to be put down. The ones that survive are called Lupine babies.



Laura Dockery, and her sister Rylee, ranching on the Sweetwater



Laura during calving season



Laura Dockery

Some studies have stated that cattle only eat lupine if the pasture is in poor condition. We've found that not to be true. Our cattle can be in belly tall grass with a mouthful of Lupine. Prior to 25 years ago, this was not really an issue, due to the fact that bands of sheep would be grazed through our allotment in June and would eat the Lupine plant, leaving none for our cattle. Since those producers no longer have sheep, we are left with an abundance of that purple plant trying to figure out what we can do to prevent the loss. Besides the pain and heartache of having a calf that wants to live, whose physical body will not allow it, there is an economic impact from this, on top of all of our other things that affect us financially. Last winter was one of the most heart shattering, toughest winters most have

ever seen in our area. It wasn't just the nine feet deep snow drifts, but it was the constant wind and freezing temperatures that would kill a newly born in an hour. Then to add on we would have Lupine babies. If it isn't one thing it's another. Who needs to go to a casino to gamble, we do it daily in ranching. ■

Laura Dockery serves on the WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee as a Northwest District representative. Dockery attends Eastern Wyoming College where she is getting her Animal Science degree. She will graduate at the end of December. Her parents are Thad and Andrea Dockery, together they run their family ranch along the Sweetwater River near Lander, Wyoming. After she graduates college Laura plans to move back to the family ranch and help run it.



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“Emphasizing agriculture’s importance at a young age brings a positive perspective to a future generation,” Allen concluded. “The growth and engagement to discuss agriculture amongst the different grades is neat to see.”

In the last 20 years, 11,575 agriculture books have been donated to Wyoming elementary schools through the “Ag Books for Kids” program. In 2024, county Farm Bureau Federations across the state donated 710 “Seed, Soil, Sun” books by Cris Peterson to Wyoming elementary schools. Contests are held in association with the book of the year to encourage students to learn even more about agriculture. The contests included: Coloring Contest for kindergarten and first grade; Poster Contest for second and third grades; and a Marketing Ad Contest for fourth and fifth grades.

Weston County Rancher Tucker Hamilton serves as the WyFB YF&R Committee State Chair. Hamilton says the “Ag Books for Kids” program is a fun way to help kids understand where their food and fiber come from. “By getting kids involved at a young age, they will have a greater appreciation for their food,” Hamilton said. “Every time they go to a grocery store it will jog a memory about that time they learned from a book read to them by a Farm Bureau Federation member when they were young.”

2024 Contest Winners

Students from across Wyoming were recently recognized for their participation in the 2024 WyFB “Ag Books for Kids” contests. We appreciate all the teachers and students who participated in the contests. We would also like to thank the county Farm Bureau Federations and YF&R Committee volunteers.

County winners were forwarded to their district where three winners were selected. The district winners each received a copy of “Seed, Soil, Sun” and their entries were forwarded to the state contest. See list on this page for district winners.

In addition to the book they received as district winners, the state winner in each contest received a \$50 gift card and the state runner-up in each contest received a \$25 gift card.

Coloring Contest

State Winner: Emma Gordon, Niobrara County

Grade: 1st

Teacher: Britainy Bruegger

School: Lusk Elementary

State Runner-Up: Lexi Wheeler, Laramie County

Grade: 1st

Teacher: Mrs. Stewart

School: Pine Bluffs Elementary School

Poster Contest

State Winner: Birlyn Christiansen, Lincoln County

Grade: 3rd

Teacher: Mrs. Nielsen

School: Afton Elementary.

State Runner-Up: Gus Ivory, Sheridan County

Grade: 3rd

Teacher: Ms. Aksamit

School: Story Elementary

Marketing Ad Contest

State Winner: Lillian Mathias, Goshen County

Grade: 4th

Teacher: Mrs. Gifford

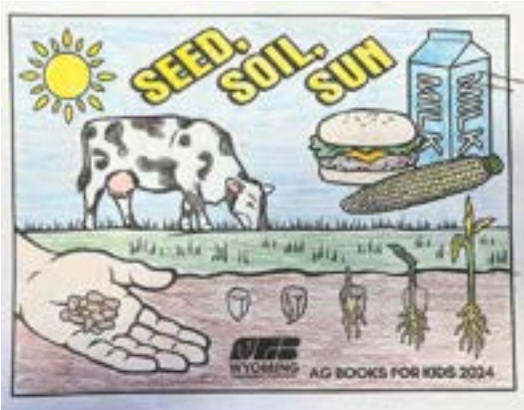
School: LaGrange Elementary

State Runner-Up: Linley Richardson, Park County

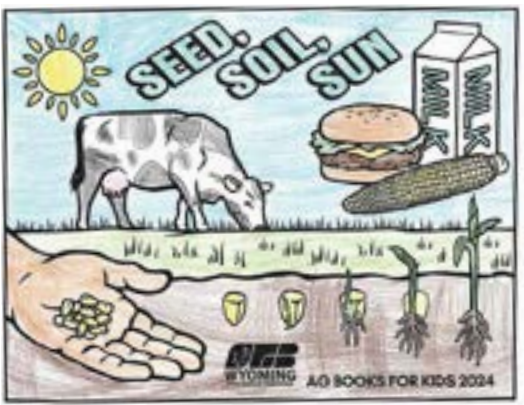
Grade: 4th

Teacher: Mrs. Gill

School: Southside Elementary



Ag Books for Kids State Coloring Contest Winner:  
Emma Gordon, Niobrara County



Ag Books for Kids State Coloring Contest Runner-Up:  
Lexi Wheeler, Laramie County



Ag Books for Kids State Poster Contest Winner:  
Birlyn Christiansen, Lincoln County



Ag Books for Kids State Poster Contest Runner-Up:  
Gus Ivory, Sheridan County



Ag Books for Kids State Marketing Ad Contest Winner:  
Lillian Mathias, Goshen County



Ag Books for Kids State Marketing Ad Contest Runner-Up:  
Linley Richardson, Park County

# Young Farmer & Rancher Committee 2024 ‘Ag Books for Kids’ contests

2024 ‘AG BOOKS FOR KIDS’  
STATE WINNERS

Coloring Contest:

State Winner: Emma Gordon, Niobrara County (Southeast District)

State Runner-up: Lexi Wheeler, Laramie County (Southeast District)

Poster Contest:

State Winner: Birlyn Christiansen, Lincoln County (Southwest District)

State Runner-up: Gus Ivory, Sheridan County (Northeast District)

Marketing Ad Contest:

State Winner: Lillian Mathias, Goshen County (Southeast District)

State Runner-up: Linley Richardson, Park County (Northwest District)

2024 ‘AG BOOKS FOR KIDS’  
DISTRICT WINNERS

Northeast District Winners

Coloring Contest:

- Lucy Neiman, Crook County
- Alice Buler, Johnson County
- Stella Chellino, Johnson County

Poster Contest:

- Hailey Tacey, Weston County
- Maya Buckman, Crook County
- Gus Ivory, Sheridan County

Marketing Ad Contest:

- Addy Cooley, Sheridan County
- Amberly Barnes, Sheridan County
- Parker Hamilton, Crook County

Northwest District Winners

Coloring Contest:

- Levi Sorch, Fremont County
- Lennen Oram, Park County
- Daniel Henderson, Big Horn County

Poster Contest:

- Aralon Harry, Washakie County
- Kendall Keister, Park County
- Mallory Sanders, Big Horn County

Marketing Ad Contest:

- Linley Richardson, Park County
- Brhysan Henton, Big Horn County
- Ayvah Mcillwaine, Big Horn County

Southeast District Winners

Coloring Contest:

- Izzy Mohlis, Laramie County
- Emma Gordon, Niobrara County
- Lexi Wheeler, Laramie County

Poster Contest:

- Brindel Brown, Niobrara County
- Olivia, Laramie County
- Leighton Miller, Niobrara County

Marketing Ad Contest:

- Lillian Mathias, Goshen County
- Star Weglin-Kelley, Goshen County
- Brinley Cardona, Laramie County

Central District:

Coloring Contest:

- Karter Van Buren, Albany County
- Charlie Worster, Albany County
- William Porter, Albany County

Poster Contest:

- Aaliyah Mendoza, Albany County
- Isabelle Nash, Albany County
- Katla Russel, Albany County

Marketing Ad Contest:

- No entries

Southwest District Winners

Coloring Contest:

- Emberli Groll, Lincoln County
- Isley Banik, Sublette County
- Kenzie Silva, Lincoln County

Poster Contest:

- Birlyn Christiansen, Lincoln County
- Liam, Lincoln County
- Carsyn McOmber, Uinta County

Marketing Ad Contest:

- Corrine Jones, Sublette County
- Toriarra, Uinta County
- Taegan Amaya Lewis, Sublette County

In its 20th year, the “Ag Books for Kids” program is a project of the WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee. Throughout the years, 11,575 books have been donated to elementary schools by

the county Farm Bureau Federations. The grassroots efforts of the county Farm Bureau Federations, who donate the books and help educate about agriculture, contribute greatly to the program’s

success. The program’s purpose is to build the collection of agriculture reading materials in Wyoming elementary schools and educate children about agriculture and its importance to us all. ■

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## Meet the volunteer leader: Andy Edwards

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- Sheridan County Ranch & Farm Bureau Federation President

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Describe agriculture background.

**Edwards:** I grew up in Fremont County, where I grew a passion for agriculture helping family and friends on their operations. At the University of Wyoming, I was able to work on different ag operations that only deepened a desire to pursue a career in Ag. My wife Amber, and myself currently manage and operate a Cow/Calf operation in Sheridan County.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Family and hobbies.

**Edwards:** My much better half Amber and I have been married for 12 years and have two wonderful boys, Chase 9 and Jasper 7. We enjoy time at the ranch while doing things outdoors. Hobbies include hunting, fishing, golfing, and attending UW sporting events. Chase is involved in 4-H showing swine, canine, beef, photography, leather craft, and shooting sports. Jasper is very involved with sports and helping his brother with his 4-H projects.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** How did you get involved in Farm Bureau Federation leadership?

**Edwards:** Right out of college, I lived in Crook County and started attending some of the many functions they had there from regular meetings, to candidate forums, to barbecues. In Sheridan County, I attended a few local and district meetings. Our county is very fortunate with some very involved agency offices. We have been blessed with strong memberships and that has given us many opportunities to support our county ag industry.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** Why do you make the time to be involved in Farm Bureau Federation leadership?

**Edwards:** Being able to be a part of an organization that develops policy from the ground up and having a voice. Being able to help out our local community through its many ag programs is great as well.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** What advice do you have on how individuals can make a difference for Wyoming agriculture through the Farm Bureau Federation?

**Edwards:** Get a hold of your local board members and ask how you can become involved or help, we love volunteers. Attend a local meeting. Do not be intimidated to reach out as every volunteer started out not really knowing what they were getting into but were willing to help.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** What are some of the issues facing farmers and ranchers in your county?

**Edwards:** Like most Wyoming communities, our urban areas are growing into rural areas and trying to navigate how best to integrate that can be very challenging. The aging population dynamics of farmers and ranchers and the low amount of younger people able to step in to replace them is becoming a major issue. Public lands and how to include agriculture in their future is becoming a very important issue given the dynamics of land ownership in Wyoming.

**Wyoming Agriculture:** How important is each member of the Federation?

**Edwards:** Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation's policy manual is full of policy that came from an idea from one person. If you have ever seen your county sponsor a local event, the idea most likely came from one person. That is the great part about Farm Bureau, it literally takes one person to make a difference. ■



Andy Edwards and his family enjoy time together whatever they are doing including ranching, showing cattle, kids sports or attending UW sporting events.

# WyFB thanks Intern Abbi Havey

The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation (WyFB) thanks Abbi Havey for her service as an intern from August 2022-May 2024. Havey graduated from the University of Wyoming (UW) in May 2024 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in agriculture business with an emphasis in farm and ranch management.

Havey became involved in Collegiate Farm Bureau when she first attended college in Utah. UW Collegiate Farm Bureau was started in 2018, however, the club was inactive, so Havey worked with WyFB and UW to get the club back up and going at UW.

"When I transferred to UW, I looked into Collegiate Farm Bureau and had no luck so I decided to go to WyFB and talk to them about Collegiate Farm Bureau," Havey explained. "While working with the two I was then offered the opportunity to become an intern with WyFB and it was the best decision I have made."

"We were very lucky that Abbigale was able to serve as an intern for WyFB for the past couple of years," said Ken Hamilton, WyFB Executive Vice President. "Her work ethic and ability to adapt to changing work needs helped us tremendously."

"Many of our folks who came to our annual meetings and YF&R conferences got to meet Abbi and I'm sure they will miss her," Hamilton concluded.

Havey valued the opportunity to get to know what the Farm Bureau Federation is about and meet the people involved with the Farm Bureau Federation. "I honestly learned so much during my internship, I don't even know where to start. I learned how Farm Bureau runs and what it really means to be a part of Farm Bureau," Havey said. "I am so thankful for the opportunity I had to be an intern with WyFB because it has helped me to grow as an individual and has also shown me an organization that I will be a part of for the rest of my life."

According to Havey, the internship has been a huge help for her college education. "Not only was I able to get college credits for this internship but it has helped me in so many other ways," she explained. "One big example this internship helped me with in college was writing a 10-page essay for my Ag Law class."

Following graduation, Havey moved back to Utah to be closer to her family. She has been offered a management position with a company and looks forward to starting an amazing career.

Havey is thankful for the opportunity she had to work as an intern with WyFB. "I have met some of the most amazing people, that I will always remember," Havey concluded. "If it wasn't for the staff and members of WyFB I wouldn't be who I am today. Thank you all for the support and love as I had this opportunity to serve all of you."



Abbi Havey

# Cooking with the Modern Ranch Wife

## Tex-Mex Salad

RECIPE BY: CONNIE WERNER  
AND JENNIFER MYRICK

### Ingredients

- 3/4 cup ranch dressing
- 3/4 cup salsa
- 1 (22oz) bag of Romaine salad
- 1 (15oz) can of black beans, rinsed and drained
- 3 cups tortilla chips, crushed
- 6 oz Pepper Jack cheese cut into small cubes
- 1 cucumber, seeded and chopped
- 3 plum tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- 1 cup jicama, cut into cubes
- 1 rotisserie chicken, remove meat and chop

### Directions

1. Mix together dressing and salsa, set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine lettuce, beans, cheese, cucumber, tomatoes, jicama, and chicken.
3. Wait to add dressing and chips until just before serving. If not serving a crowd, add the dressing and chips as you make each individual bowl. Otherwise chips and lettuce will get soggy.
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# WyFB awards college scholarships, part 1

Investing in the youth of our great state as they work to accomplish their academic goals is important to the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation. Each year we award \$5,500 in college scholarships to nine Farm Bureau members and/or the children of Farm Bureau members. The Livingston-King Scholarship, valued at \$1,500, is given in honor of former presidents of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, Herbert

D. Livingston and H.J. King, as well as Buddy and Norma Livingston, the parents of former WyFB President Perry Livingston. Additionally, five Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarships and three Continuing Education Scholarships are awarded at \$500 each. The Continuing Education Scholarship recipients must be an entering college sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student. We will recognize the

continuing education scholarship recipients in the July/August issue of *Wyoming Agriculture*. Each scholarship applicant was asked “What career path do you plan to take with your chosen course of study, and how will it affect rural America?”. An excerpt from each of the winning applications is included in the individual stories. The future of agriculture is bright. WyFB is proud to help these outstanding individuals achieve their education goals with college scholarships.

By Kerin Clark

## Spencer Rabou Livingston Family and H.J. King Memorial Scholarship

Spencer Rabou, of Albin, is the recipient of the \$1,500 Livingston Family/H.J. King Memorial scholarship. Rabou will be pursuing a diesel mechanics certificate this fall at either WyoTech or Laramie County Community College. His parents are Ron and Julie Rabou.



Spencer Rabou

At Pine Bluffs High School, Spencer has been active in a variety of activities including FFA, Skills USA, and FCA ministry. He was a three-year FFA county officer, and this spring was elected to the Wyoming FFA Association state officer team.

Spencer works on his family’s farm and owns two businesses: a mechanic shop called “Rabou Motors” and “Spencer Custom Harvesting.” His goal upon receiving a diesel mechanics certificate is to return to the farm as well as expand his custom harvest and repair business.

Each scholarship applicant was asked “What career path do you plan to take with your chosen course of study, and how will it affect rural America?” An excerpt from Spencer’s reply: “My heart has always been in agriculture, and I am extremely passionate about it. I hope acquiring more mechanic skills will allow me to be the best farmer I can be and allow me to help others to do the same. Between my love for ag, my passion of mechanics, and relationships with people, I can work with others to continue to provide America with a good, reliable source of food and fiber.”

## Rylee Hudson Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship

Rylee Hudson, of Gillette, will be a freshman at the University of Wyoming studying biology and animal science with a pre-veterinary track. Her parents are Jason and Brandi Hudson.



Rylee Hudson

Rylee has been very involved in school and community activities including FFA, 4-H, National Honor Club, D.A.R.E. role model, Girls State participant, FCA and multiple community service activities. She has held many chapter/club offices in FFA and 4-H. She was on a state champion Wyoming FFA Vet Science team that placed 7th at nationals. In sports she has participated in trap shooting, cross-country and basketball.

Rylee’s career goal is to be a large animal veterinarian. Essay excerpt: “Agriculture and the noble people who come with it, are the backbone of America. My future degree will benefit herd health and genetics for ranchers, which will benefit sales and production, ultimately benefiting citizens across the nation by putting affordable and nutritious food on their plates.”

## Cory Bruegger Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship

Cory Bruegger, of Lusk, will be a freshman at the University of Wyoming studying plant production and protection. His parents are Travis and Lisa Bruegger.



Cory Bruegger

Cory’s high school involvement list shows a diverse array of experiences. In FBLA, Cory qualified for nationals for three years. In FFA, he has competed at the state convention. He is a leader in Student Council serving as the Niobrara County High School Student Council Vice President and is the Class of 2024 Vice President. He has participated in the junior class play, the clay target league and FCA to list a few more activities. In sports, he participated in basketball, golf, track and field and trap shooting.

Essay excerpt: “Following college I would like to use the tools I have learned to become an independent agronomist for farmers in rural Wyoming areas. I also would like to become an owner operator producing hay for ranchers in rural Wyoming.”

## Lauryn Vollman Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship

Lauryn Vollman, of Douglas, will be a freshman at Casper College studying animal science. Her parents are Brady and Roni Vollman.



Lauryn Vollman

Lauryn’s activities include 4-H, FFA and track. She serves as the Douglas FFA President and was a member of the 2023 Wyoming FFA Poultry Evaluation Team that earned a silver emblem at nationals. In addition to showing cattle, Lauryn enjoys serving as a mentor for younger kids. She participates in indoor and outdoor track throwing shot put and discus. With both parents having served, and continuing to serve, as county Farm Bureau Federation board members, Lauryn has volunteered for the Candidate Forum hosted by the county Farm Bureau and helps stamp and label postcards for member communications.

## Mikayla Alexander Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship

Mikayla Alexander, of Rock River, will be a freshman at Central Wyoming College studying agri-business. Her parents are Ryon and Heather Alexander.



Mikayla Alexander

Mikayla participates in a number of school and community activities/organizations. She has been a member of student council since the 7th grade and her senior year served as Rock Creek FFA president. She has held leadership positions in her local 4-H club and been involved in choir, band, volleyball, basketball, and track.

Mikayla plans to pursue a nursing degree after she gets her associates in agri-business. Essay excerpt: “I have always wanted to be a nurse, but want to still be on my family ranch. Agriculture is our future and I hope to bring back what I learned to contribute to our ranch. With nursing I can help people and pursue both of my dreams. The youth of agriculture must be active in education and the legacy of our way of life. We are the future.”

## Cashton Jones Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Scholarship

Cashton Jones, of Farson, will be a freshman at Casper College studying agri-business and meat science. His parents are Seth and Nicole Jones.



Cashton Jones

Leadership is a passion for Cashton. He is the president of the Farson-Eden Student Council and the vice president of the Wyoming State Student Council. He is also involved in FFA and 4-H and serves as president of his 4-H club. For sports, Cashton participates in football, basketball, track, and rodeo.

Essay excerpt: “I want to build a meat processing facility and open a fresh meats store in Rock Springs. People are spending way too much money on poor quality meats at the stores, and this could really benefit Sweetwater County as a whole. The good thing about an agri-business degree is there are a lot of different opportunities.” ■

# Snowpack and reservoir reports

BY BRETT MOLINE

The snowpack in Wyoming varies quite a bit by location. As of May 20, the weighted average for the state, based on the 30-year average, 1990-2020, is 97 %, which is down 4 points from the May 13 readings.

The western side of the state has the lowest reading. The Snake is at 88%, the Madison is at 78%, the Yellowstone is at 77%, the Shoshone is at 83% and the Upper Green is at 91%.

The highest points in the western side of the state are the Sweetwater at 149%, the Upper Bear at 114% and the Little Snake at 113%.

The eastern side of the state is better off than the western. The Lower North Platte is at 159%, the Tongue is at 113%, the Laramie is at 110% as is the Upper North Platte. The Powder comes in at 106%.

The statewide readings for 2024 are much higher than both 2023 and 2022. 2023 was 77% and 2022 was 79%. This information came from the Water Resources Data System weekly snow report. The May 20, 2024 report was the last snow report for the water year 2024.

According to the Bureau of Reclamation, no Wyoming reservoir is full up to capacity. On the North Platte, the reservoirs range from Alcova at 98% to Guernsey at 60%. Keyhole is at 69%, Buffalo Bill is at 70%, Boysen is at 74%, and Big Sandy is at 89%. ■



Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation Member Lee Hageman thanked Lingle/Ft. Laramie for participating in the "Ag Books for Kids" program. Student winners posed with Mrs. Jackson from the school library. LEE HAGEMAN PHOTO.

## Goshen County presents Ag Books winners

The Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation presented school awards for "Ag Books for Kids" county winners.



Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation Board Member Kent Hunter presented a county prize award to Southeast Elementary student Silvia Fogle. KERIN CLARK PHOTO.



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# Platte County awards Ag Books winners and scholarships

SUBMITTED BY SHERRI CULLEN,  
PLATTE COUNTY FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

The Platte County Farm Bureau Federation presented school awards for “Ag Books for Kids” county winners. Shown in this picture at bottom right with Sherri Cullen are Kindergarten students Louis Lauck and Laine Elsworth proudly showing their t-shirt prize. The Platte County Farm Bureau Federation gave prizes to the county winners with their contest entries printed on a T-shirt.

Three college scholarships were presented by the Platte County Farm Bureau Federation. The winners are:

- Laynie Goertz - Chadron State College major in Ag Business. She will also be in the Business Leadership Initiative and on the Chadron Track and Field team (bottom left photo).
- Cole Goertz - Sheridan College, major in Animal Science and Rangeland Management (bottom left photo).



- Savanna Metz - Oklahoma State University major in Ag Business/Ag Communications, minor in Ag Real Estate Appraisal (top right photo). ■



## Uinta County News

SUBMITTED BY HANNAH GUILD,  
WyFB YF&R COMMITTEE SECRETARY

The Uinta County Farm Bureau Federation presented district book prizes to two Uinta County students for “Ag Books for Kids”. Carsyn McOmber was a Southwest District winner in the poster contest and Toriarr was a Southwest District winner in the marketing ad contest.

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## Campbell County shares agriculture with third graders

**SUBMITTED BY MARY JO JOSLYN, CCFBF BOARD MEMBER**

Campbell County Farm Bureau Federation had a booth May 2, 2024 at the Campbell Co. Conservation District's "Agriculture and Natural Resource Expo." At the expo about 650 third graders buzzed through 25 different booths. Toni Swartz and Mary Jo Joslyn explained why ranchers use ear tags while the students made their own paper tags. ■



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# Nominations open for 2025 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest

Farmers and Ranchers are invited to submit nominations for the 2025 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest, which comes with cash prizes and bragging rights. This is the seventh year of the contest, supported by Nestlé Purina PetCare, which celebrates farm dogs and the many ways they support farmers and ranchers.

The grand prize winner – Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year – will win a year’s worth of Purina Pro Plan dog food and \$5,000 in prize money. The winner will be recognized at a Farm Dog of the Year award ceremony at the American Farm Bureau Convention in San Antonio, in January 2025.

The 2025 Farm Dog of the Year will also be featured in a professionally produced video. Since its inception, the contest has provided a link to the farm for pet-loving Americans who vote for their favorite farm dog online.

“Farm dogs play an important role on the farm, coming alongside farmers to

pitch in and to keep us company in our work,” said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. “We’re pleased to continue this popular contest, which offers a glimpse into daily life on the farm or ranch for people who may not have the opportunity to experience it for themselves.”

Rounding up livestock, chasing off predators, opening gates, fetching or carrying tools/buckets and greeting visitors are among the many tasks performed by farm dogs.

Scientific research insights from a collaboration between Mayo Clinic and Purina reveal that interacting with pets can provide health benefits. For example, after spending just 20 minutes with a dog, people experienced a significant increase in levels of oxytocin, a hormone that plays a role in moderating stress. This was also associated with a decrease in heart rate and an increase in a self-reported sense of well-being. Following the interaction with

the dog, people were in a more positive emotional state.

“Farm dogs play an important role on a family farm, from helping to herd livestock or birder, to providing companionship in the field and at home. We are proud to support and celebrate hard-working and loving farm dogs through the American Farm Bureaus’ Farm Dog of the Year contest,” said Jack Scott, vice president, sustainable sourcing at Purina. “Purina sources nutritious ingredients from American farms to make our pet food, and we support the hard work and dedication of American farmers feeding generations of people and pets.”

Desired attributes for the Farm Dog of the Year include helpfulness to the farmer and his/her family, playfulness and obedience.

Farm dog owners must be Farm Bureau members to enter their dogs in the competition. Not yet a Farm Bureau member but

interested in nominating your farm dog? Visit [wyfb.org/join](http://wyfb.org/join) to learn about becoming a member.

Eligibility guidelines and submission requirements are available at [fb.org/initiative/farm-dog-of-the-year](http://fb.org/initiative/farm-dog-of-the-year). Farm Dog of the Year nominations, which include written responses to questions, at least one still photo and a video clip (optional), must be received by July 12, 2024, for consideration. The Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year contest is sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

More than 110,000 votes were cast online last year for the People’s Choice Pup, a popular social media element of the Farm Dog of the Year competition, which returns for 2025. Profiles of several dogs nominated for the contest will be shared beginning in October, with the public invited to vote. Bragging rights and a \$2,500 cash prize from Purina will be awarded to the People’s Choice Pup. ■



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