

## Waters of the U.S.: Tell EPA the current WOTUS rule works

Clean water is a top priority for farmers and ranchers. The Navigable Waters Protection Rule has provided both clean water and much needed clarity. This rule fixed the problems of the 2015 WOTUS Rule bringing clarity to how you farm and ranch.

Under the current rule, farmers and ranchers have delivered positive environmental benefits, farmed with certainty and commonsense regulations. The current rule makes water and land protection, management and planning more efficient and effective by drawing clearer lines between areas subject to federal versus state jurisdiction and clarifying that usually dry

areas should not be considered federally regulated waters.

On August 4, the EPA and the Army Corps announced they “have substantial and legitimate concerns” that the Trump administration’s Navigable Waters Protection Act “did not appropriately consider the effect of the revised definition of ‘waters of the United States’ on the integrity of the nation’s waters.”

The Trump Administration’s rule is still the law of the land until EPA and the Corps take the first step in their WOTUS revision process by

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## Cowboys, county fair and ice cream



There’s nothing quite like ice cream and root beer floats to gather folks during a county fair. The Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation hosted a root beer float social during their county fair in early August. Cowboys and cowgirls of all ages gathered under the shelter shade to enjoy fellowship and music by Dax Dockery. *Kerin Clark photo.*

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### SHARE YOUR VOICE IN THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



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## GRASSROOTS MEANS YOU!



## Investing in Rural Broadband, an Investment in the Future

By Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation President



ZIPPY DUVALL

"You are not connected to the internet." This is a frustrating message for anyone to see, and sadly, it's one that many of us in rural America have grown accustomed to. A study by Broadband Now found that 42 million Americans, mostly in rural areas, don't have broadband internet access. As schools, businesses and government services continue to move online, broad-

band access isn't a luxury, it's a necessity. I had always known the internet at my farm in Georgia was a bit slow. But when the pandemic started and I had to temporarily do my Farm Bureau work from home, I realized just how unreliable it was. I've had to try out different spots in my house to see if I can get a good signal. When I find one, it might not be good for long, or the internet speed is too slow. I've had to go to nearby county Farm Bureau of-

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## Calendar of Events

### September

- 3..... Converse County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting - *Country Club in Douglas*
- 8..... Carbon County Farm Bureau Federation Resolutions Meeting
- 14..... Big Horn County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 7 p.m. - *Tipsy Cow in Greybull*
- 14..... Johnson County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at noon - *Farm Bureau office in Buffalo*
- 15..... Platte County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. - *Hilltop (Old Country Club) in Wheatland*
- 16..... Campbell County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 5 p.m. - *Railyard in Gillette*
- 16..... Weston County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting - *Newcastle*
- 20..... Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - *Niobrara County Fairgrounds*
- 21..... Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting - *Lincoln Center in Torrington*
- 22..... Sweetwater County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. - *Farson Community Center in Farson*
- 23..... Crook County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - *77 Steakhouse (Golf Course) in Hulett*
- 28..... Central District Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at 9:30 a.m. - *Country Club in Douglas*
- 29..... Northeast District Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. - *Devils Tower Gulch in Devils Tower*

### October

- 2..... Northwest District Farm Bureau Meeting (Tentative) - *TBA*
- 4..... Southwest District Farm Bureau Meeting - *Kemmerer*
- 7..... Southeast District Farm Bureau Meeting at 10 a.m.—*Fairgrounds in Lusk*
- 10..... WyFB Distinguished Service, Leadership Award and Outstanding Membership Worker Award Nominations Deadline
- 16..... Wyoming Needs Agriculture Event at University of Wyoming Football Pre-Game—*UW Indoor Practice Facility in Laramie*

### November

- 11-13..... WyFB Annual Meeting - *Cody*

### February/March 2022

- 28-1..... WyFB Legislative Meeting - *Cheyenne*



Visit [wyfb.org](http://wyfb.org)  
for calendar updates



## We can't ignore what leads to food shortages

By Ken Hamilton, WyFB Executive Vice President



KEN HAMILTON

As we head into September we have a message from Tim Pexton, WyFB membership chairman, encouraging people to stay members of their county Farm Bureau Federation. The work Farm Bureau does on a local, state, and national level is important to all of us. Farmers and ranchers work hard to produce food for everyone in this nation. This task can be difficult when you consider things that impact agriculture, like the weather, that are out of our control. Other items such as state, national, and international policies can have a major impact but with everyone banding together to amplify our voice, the outcome can be influenced in favor of our farmers and ranchers.

The issues surrounding the ag supply chain drove home that even in America, where we have a robust ag sector, things can lead to food shortages in our supermarkets. Thankfully for all, the interruptions were short lived, but if we ignore some of the issues facing agriculture that may not always be the case.

Recently the Western State Farm Bureau presidents and administrators met to discuss western issues that affect agriculture. The on-going drought was the big topic of discussion which is one of those weather-related issues that drive our lives, but we cannot do much about while it is occurring. We can do some things that will mitigate a drought before it happens, however.

We in Wyoming Farm Bureau have long advocated for water development projects which help conserve the water that does fall in Wyoming. These efforts have often been thwarted by federal regulations which delay or kill the projects. Meanwhile we also have aging infrastructure which supply water to our irrigated farms in Wyoming and the West that need to be addressed. Without the efforts of our forefathers at the turn of the last century it is doubtful much of the West would have the population or the ag production that supports our country. Now those projects are being threatened by regulations or political actions.

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## Membership is crucial to our advocating strength

By Tim Pexton, WyFB Membership Chair

When I first started writing this column many years ago membership secretaries were submitting transmittals to the state office on handwritten forms. I remember meticulously printing the more than 300 names on bank deposit slips as the dues came in, mostly in September, October, and early November as the counties rushed to try for a win in the race to be first to reach their membership quota. The bills were sent to all current members in early September, if the contracted printer got them out in time, then the rush was on to get everyone to pay their dues. I generally focused on those efforts and implored members to send in their dues so the county could meet their quota with minimal follow-up contact.

A lot of things have changed since then... we subscribe to an outside database (Atlas) and it is much simpler to enter and submit dues transmittals, membership expiration dates occur throughout the year so there is not a mad rush to collect dues in a couple months, our membership acquisition awards are based on the previous membership year, and we have a multitude of benefits that come with membership in Farm Bureau.

What hasn't changed is the work the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation does for the benefit of our members. The basic mission remains the same as it has been for the last 101 years. They are there to advocate for farm and ranch families in their lobbying efforts and the comments that are submitted to governmental agencies. Protecting private prop-

erty rights is a top priority while education and leadership development occurs at both the county and state level. All of this is guided by policies that the Regular members formulate and review annually at County, District, and State meetings. It is this process that is crucial to our strength in advocating for agriculture. We have to continue to renew our regular memberships as well as gain new ones in order to maintain our effectiveness.



TIM PEXTON

So, as a take-off of the "Just Ask" challenge we have had in the past, we are promoting a simplified "Just Ask One" new regular member challenge. Don't be afraid to talk about the benefits Farm Bureau provides from the obvious insurance incentive to everything in our mission. We support education with scholarships and large donations and other support for Ag in the Classroom, as well as our own Ag Books for Kids program. Our lobbyists are sought out by legislators for their advice and influence, and we will work hard for our members as all the challenges from more liberal policies come down from the Federal government.

We love our Associate members as well and the value they add to our mission. They come to us primarily through the efforts of Mountain West Farm Bureau Insurance agents and make up the bulk of our numbers. We all have a common bond in food. Whether we produce and eat the food or just eat the food being a member of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation makes a difference.

As always, please pay your dues in a timely manner as they come due. You will be helping a great organization continue to be your voice.

## "Just Ask One" Regular Membership Challenge

--Sign up a new regular member and be entered to win a \$250 Grainger gift card

Invite your friends and neighbors to join your county Farm Bureau Federation. If they join as new regular members between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 2021, you will be entered into a drawing for a \$250 gift card valid for Grainger! Think of the difference you can make when you "Just Ask One" person/family to join as a new regular member. You don't have to stop at

just one...that's just a catchy title... the more new regular members you sign the more you are entered into the gift card drawing! Together we can continue to strengthen agriculture's voice.

See details on this page. It truly is as simple as sharing why you value membership in the Farm Bureau Federation and then letting us know the name(s) of who you sign up as new regular member(s) so we can enter your name in the drawing! Just Ask One!



1

Sign up a new regular member(s) between September 1 and October 31, 2021! One raffle entry per new regular member signed.\*

2

Email broes@wyfb.org or call 307-721-7723 with the name(s) of the new regular member(s) you sign. We will verify the membership and enter your name in the raffle to be drawn

November 1, 2021.

\*Must be a new regular membership and not attached to Farm Bureau Financial Services.



## Proud sponsor of the Wyoming State Fair



The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation is proud to support the Wyoming State Fair and the youth of our great state. Hard work leads to success and the Wyoming State Fair is a showcase for those 4-H and FFA members who work hard all year on their projects. We know youth are our future in agriculture and we are proud each and every year to show our support through our sponsorship of the Wyoming State Fair. Shown here is WyFB YF&R Committee Secretary Aletta Ziehl with one of our sponsor banners at the 2021 Wyoming State Fair. See page 18 for some photos from this year's fair awards.



# Young Farmer and Rancher News



## Finding the next step in agriculture leadership

*By Kailey Barlow, WyFB Young Farmer & Rancher Committee Vice Chair*

As I write this article, county fairs across the state are wrapping up and many are preparing for state fair. Growing up, the county fair was the highlight of my summer! I prepared my 4-H projects all year for the fair. I credit a lot of my success in life to being involved in 4-H as a kid. Unfortunately, I did not have the chance to be in FFA since it wasn't offered in my community, but I know that everything I say about 4-H in this article can easily be applied to the FFA program too.

Let's go way back... I was 8 years old and it was my first year in 4-H. I was quiet, shy, and unless I was called on, I probably wasn't going to say a word during a 4-H meeting. I showed my first horse that year. I couldn't tell you much about that county fair, but I know I made it through it and it was a positive enough experience that I wanted to do it again.

Fast forward a couple years. I was finally starting to get the hang of 4-H, had developed a very competitive attitude, and wanted to be enrolled in ALL the projects. It wasn't only about horses anymore. I was enrolled in horse, breeding beef, market beef, sewing, and fashion revue projects. Not everything

in 4-H was wonderful though. I cried over the loss of a horse, then got a new horse that pushed my buttons every chance he could and made me hit the dirt more than just once or twice. I was disappointed that everything wasn't coming easily for me anymore, but that's also what made me better in the long run. It didn't take me long to learn that hard work would eventually pay off. All those hours I spent riding my horse after school led to my first all-around award at the county fair horse show. All the stitches I had to rip out of my sewing projects taught me that if you do it right the first time it saves a lot of time and hassle. My steers and heifers quickly became one of my favorite projects and I really enjoyed getting to be at the fair every day with them. I was still fairly shy at that time but had started accepting leadership roles in my clubs and was becoming more and more confident doing presentations, speaking in front of others, and talking directly to others instead of hoping someone else would answer for me. Oh, and how can we forget the record books! I made sure my record book was meticulous every year. Some great life and business lessons were learned from having to do the old style of record books.

Moving on to my senior years in 4-H, the project enrollment just got bigger. I added horse judging, livestock judging, and leadership to the projects I was already competing in. I was busier than ever but loving every minute of it. Being busy wasn't such a bad thing though. I learned about time management and how to prioritize tasks. I didn't realize it at the time, but the things I learned judging horses and livestock sure do come in handy now as I evaluate cattle on a daily basis. But, the best part of 4-H, was probably my involvement in the leadership project. What started out as just helping throughout the 4-H years as a junior leader, eventually led to me being appointed to the Wyoming State 4-H Leadership Team. That year was huge for me! I loved having the opportunity to help at various events across the state and meet so many more 4-H members. I also learned a lot about being a



**Kailey with one of her registered angus bull calves in February 2021.**  
*Courtesy photo.*

If you or someone you know would like to get involved in the YF&R program, please have them reach out to WyFB YF&R Coordinator, Kerin Clark, or any YF&R district representative. More information can also be found at [www.wyfb.org](http://www.wyfb.org).

*Kailey Barlow ranches in Sublette County. She also serves as the Sublette County Fair Manager.*

### YF&R Committee elections this fall

Are you interested in taking your leadership potential to the state level? Do you have a passion for educating consumers about agriculture?

Are you dedicated to working with other young leaders in order to advance our work for agriculture? If so, the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) Committee could be the perfect fit! The objective of the Committee is to give young farmers and ranchers, serving as a committee within the organization structure, the opportunity to recommend programs and activities that will encourage participation of young farmers and ranchers in both the YF&R and total Farm Bureau program.

This fall each District Farm Bureau (five total) will elect one position to the WyFB YF&R State Committee at their district meeting. In addition to the five district positions, an at large position is voted on at the WyFB annual meeting. Young farmers and ranchers interested in serving on an energetic committee dedicated to the success of agriculture across Wyoming are encouraged to consider running for a seat on the state YF&R Committee.

District committee members serve two-year terms and the at large position serves a one year term. Potential committee members must be between the ages of 18-35 and a regular Farm Bureau Federation member. Those interested should notify your county president to request an application and nomination form or contact Kerin Clark at 307.532.2002 or [kclark@wyfb.org](mailto:kclark@wyfb.org). Application and nomination forms are also available at: [wyfb.org/yfr/](http://wyfb.org/yfr/)



**A couple reserve champion ribbons from the county fair horse show. Kailey Barlow riding her first horse, Dandy. Courtesy photo.**

good leader and an even better team member. I was so sad as that time came to a close, but I am also very thankful for everything I learned that year.

Graduating high school meant my days in 4-H were done, but I knew I needed to find another organization that would allow me to promote and be involved with agriculture, compete in events, and meet more people in the agriculture industry. After a couple years of joining numerous clubs and searching for the perfect organization, someone reached out to me and asked me if I was involved in Farm Bureau. Guess what I asked... "Are you asking if I have insurance through them?" Yep, I was THAT person! I am so thankful that certain person from Uinta County asked me that day if I was involved. That simple question led to me being elected to serve as a southwest district representative on the Young Farmers and Ranchers (YF&R) committee. Believe it or not, that was nearly ten years ago!

The YF&R committee was the perfect organization for me to be involved in after 4-H and I would strongly encourage any 4-H or FFA member that is looking for that "next organization" to look into the Young Farmer and Rancher program through the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation.

The Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) agriculture program includes both men and women between the ages of 18-35. The objective of the YF&R agriculture program is to provide leadership in building a more effective Farm Bureau Federation to preserve our individual freedoms and expand our opportunities in agriculture.



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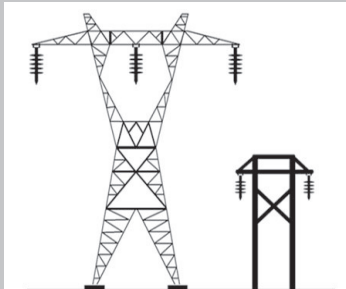
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# HOW YOUR IDEA BECOMES A FARM BUREAU FEDERATION POLICY



**AS A FARM BUREAU FEDERATION MEMBER, YOU HAVE THE VOICE TO BE HEARD...THE ABILITY TO GOVERN...THE CAPACITY TO IMPACT AGRICULTURE.**

## STEP 1

**YOU HAVE AN IDEA ABOUT HOW TO MAKE AGRICULTURE STRONGER IN WYOMING AND AMERICA.**

- Submit the resolution at your county Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting or resolutions meeting.
- Draft your resolution wording. If you feel an explanation is needed, include “Whereas” statements. Only the wording in the “Be it resolved” portion is placed in the policy book.
- If you have questions about existing policy, contact a state staff member or your county Farm Bureau Federation board of directors.

## STEP 2

**ATTEND YOUR COUNTY ANNUAL MEETING TO SUPPORT YOUR IDEA.**

- Review state and national policy books to see if existing policy covers your resolution.
- Identify section heading in the state policy book where you feel the policy could be placed should the state voting delegates approve the policy.
- County Farm Bureau Federation members review your resolution at the county annual meeting or resolutions meeting in the fall. Local resolutions that pass become county Farm Bureau Federation policy and state and national recommendations are submitted to the district.

## STEP 3

**ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT MEETING TO SUPPORT YOUR IDEA.**

- District Farm Bureau Federation voting delegates review your policy recommendations from the county Farm Bureau Federation. If your idea is passed, it is sent to the state annual meeting.

## STEP 4

**ATTEND YOUR STATE ANNUAL MEETING TO SUPPORT YOUR IDEA.**

- Resolutions committees made up of county Farm Bureau Federation members review your policy resolutions and make recommendations. Next, the resolutions are considered by the voting delegates. A majority vote turns your policy into Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation policy.
- If you can't attend state annual meeting, you can have a county Farm Bureau Federation member attend who has the information to support your resolution.

## STEP 5

**YOUR WYFB POLICY COULD TURN INTO AMERICAN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION POLICY.**

- If it has national significance, WyFB policy recommendations are submitted for the AFBF resolutions process. Another majority vote turns your WyFB policy into AFBF policy.

## STEP 6

**YOU BENEFIT FROM YOUR OWN POLICY!**

- Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation staff work to turn your idea into (or fix) a law, regulation or statement that supports you and your fellow members!



# Benefits of Pesticides

*By Keith Kennedy, Executive Director, Wyoming Ag Business Association*

When we look at the benefits of pesticides, it is very easy to overlook important areas where many people fail to realize facets of everyday life where widespread use of pesticides is vitally important. First, consider public health.

Many of us in agriculture realize the importance of controlling mosquitoes and rodents to improve public health but forget about the control of bacteria in public drinking water. Pesticides known as disinfectants are also used to control many infectious agents, such as *Staphylococcus* and the agent that causes Legionnaire's disease. Avicides are used to control birds near silos and grain storage buildings, reducing the likelihood of grain contamination.

A second area with less awareness is in transportation and utilities, where pesticides are used to eliminate pests in areas such as

utility substations, improving the reliability of energy supplies. Products are also used to improve sight distance on highways, increasing safety of travelers and wildlife, while lessening mowing and snow removal requirements.

Many in this audience are aware that pesticides are used to lessen poisonous plants in rangeland; control biting insects around livestock, and improve the quality of forage harvested to feed livestock, but many members of the public may be unaware of these benefits. Pesticides also assist in the control of invasive species, not only plants, but also insects, fish and other species, such as the zebra mussel.

In crop production, pesticides have allowed farmers to increase production while lessening erosion, through practices such as no-till, a practice nigh impossible without pesticides. By one estimate, without pesticides more than half of our crops would be lost to pests and disease. Along with quantity, pesticides also im-

prove quality and price; one study estimated that without the use of fungicides, yields of most fruits and vegetables would decrease in the U.S. by 50-90 percent.

The use of pesticides also allows for increased biodiversity. How can this be? Without the increased yields brought about by the use of pesticides, more acres of grasslands, wetlands, forests and other areas of habitat and biodiversity would need to be converted to cropland to maintain production near current levels.

Some might say, all well and good, but what about risk? In fact, more tests are required for pesticides than for pharmaceuticals; to bring a new pesticide to market, it takes roughly \$286 million and 11 years of research and development. Once approved, all products must undergo re-registration about every ten years. In fact, most pesticides today are less toxic than table salt and vinegar.

While we would be the last to maintain

that pesticides alone are the answer to controlling pests, pesticides are a vital part of an integrated pest management approach. Both the benefits and risks of pesticides should be understood in developing such an integrated plan. Although it is often difficult to convey to the public a sense of balance among pesticide benefits and risks, this issue is central to our discussion on the continued use of pesticides. Making an informed decision, both for public policy or individual choice, is impossible without evaluating the benefits of pesticide use alongside the risks.

Finally, pesticides along with other agricultural tools, make it possible for less than 2 percent of our population to produce our food supply, allowing the vast majority of people to engage in other vocations and professions that contribute to the public good in other ways. For more information and educational tools, you may visit [www.croplifeamerica.org/resources](http://www.croplifeamerica.org/resources).

## Southeast District Farm Bureaus host informational meeting on 30 x 30 proposal



The County Farm Bureau Federations in the Southeast District (Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara and Platte) joined together to host an informational event on the 30 x 30 proposal, now labeled "America the Beautiful," on August 11 in Torrington. The event featured speaker Margaret Byfield with American Stewards of Liberty. Nearly 200 people filled the room to learn more about the Administration's proposal to conserve 30 percent of America's land and water by 2030. *Kerin Clark photo.*



# Rural Broadband

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fices when participating in Zoom meetings with government officials so I knew I would have reliable internet throughout the meeting.

Millions of Americans in rural communities have faced the same—or worse—struggles. When the pandemic forced schools to close and people to work from home, the digital divide grew even larger. Some people I’ve heard from had to drive over 30 miles to find a parking lot where

they could access the internet for school or a Zoom meeting. Earlier this year, the American Farm Bureau joined Land O’ Lakes and 18 other organizations to form the American Connection Corps. This project aims to empower young people to move to rural areas and lead projects to expand broadband access. We can’t expect people to move to rural areas if they can’t be connected to their loved ones, their schools or their jobs through the internet. Last year, the Ken-

tucky Farm Bureau started providing free WiFi at almost 200 locations throughout the state to help get communities online. While our Farm Bureau family is proud to care for one another, this shouldn’t have to happen.

In 2019, the Texas legislature passed a bill to create the Broadband Development Council. One of the council members was Texas Farm Bureau member and cattle rancher Lindsey Lee. Like many rural Americans, she has experienced unreliable internet firsthand. When the pandemic closed the real estate office she works at off the farm, Lindsey struggled to get her work done because she couldn’t connect to the internet. She told the Texas Farm Bureau, “We were all trying to work from home, but I spent more time in the office than my coworkers because my internet access is so terrible.”

Arizona Farm Bureau member Reed Flake shared that as his family all came home during the pandemic, they had to coordinate who had to be online and when. The bandwidth available at their home wasn’t large enough for all the family members to be doing schoolwork and attending meetings and college classes at the same time. Not far from Reed, Arizona Farm Bureau member Hayley Andrus said her veterinary practice pays a lot for satellite internet access. Even that is slow, and something as common as a strong wind can knock out service. That makes updating health papers and getting access to the lat-

est science in veterinary medicine difficult or even impossible.

As technology on the farm continues to advance, a fast and reliable internet connection is more important than ever. Whether mapping a field, tracking markets, or updating software on equipment, farmers and ranchers need the internet to remain competitive and implement climate-smart practices.

As Congress and the administration continue to work on a bipartisan infrastructure plan, we are pleased to see that the bill passed in the Senate included a \$65 billion investment in broadband expansion. While this is a good step, we need Congress to finalize this agreement and keep the investment in broadband passed by the Senate. Then, the administration must act quickly to ensure these funds are used effectively.

The internet can connect us to others across the country to share best practices, explore innovative new technologies, conduct business, learn a new skill, and stay in touch with family. The expansion of broadband access will help our rural businesses grow and remain competitive. It will help our children learn and help farmers and ranchers implement new technology on their farms that improves sustainability. With all the benefits reliable broadband access can bring, investing in this expansion isn’t just an investment in critical infrastructure but also an investment in the future of rural America.

## Cooking with the Modern Ranch Wife

# Biscuits

A RECIPE BY CONNIE WERNER

### Ingredients

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tbsp baking powder
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 cup Crisco (vegetable shortening)
- 1 cup milk

### Directions

- Heat oven to 415°F
- Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt together in a large bowl
- Add 1/2 cup Crisco and mix with hands or two forks until it is the size of peas. Make a well in the center
- Add milk into the center well and bring the sides in with a spatula and then with your hands fold toward the middle
- Make sure not to overwork. Just mix until it is all combined
- Dump onto lightly floured surface. Don't knead heavily. You want it to be light and fluffy
- Roll out to about 1" thick
- Cut with a biscuit cutter or knife
- Place on a greased baking sheet with edges touching
- Bake for 12-15 minutes or until tops are lightly brown

Biscuits for me were very intimidating. This recipe came from trial and error over several months. I have found that I only need to knead it a few times to keep that light and fluffy texture.

FOR MORE RECIPES, GO TO [WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/MODERN\\_RANCH\\_WIFE](http://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/MODERN_RANCH_WIFE)

## Food Shortages

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In visiting a farming area in California, it became evident that we have choke points for some of our fresh and canned produce production. Certain areas of California produce a major part of our canned tomato products. If this area runs out of water and can’t grow tomatoes, then its doubtful other areas of the U.S. could make up the shortage. Just like when the beef and pork supply chain was interrupted, this interruption will lead to shortages on grocery store shelves. But unlike the interruption in the beef and pork supply chain, this one will not resolve itself quickly. What will Americans do when they go to the store and can’t find tomato sauce or catsup or any of the myriad of other canned tomato products for months at a time?

Some of the water shortages being experienced in the West are a result of regula-

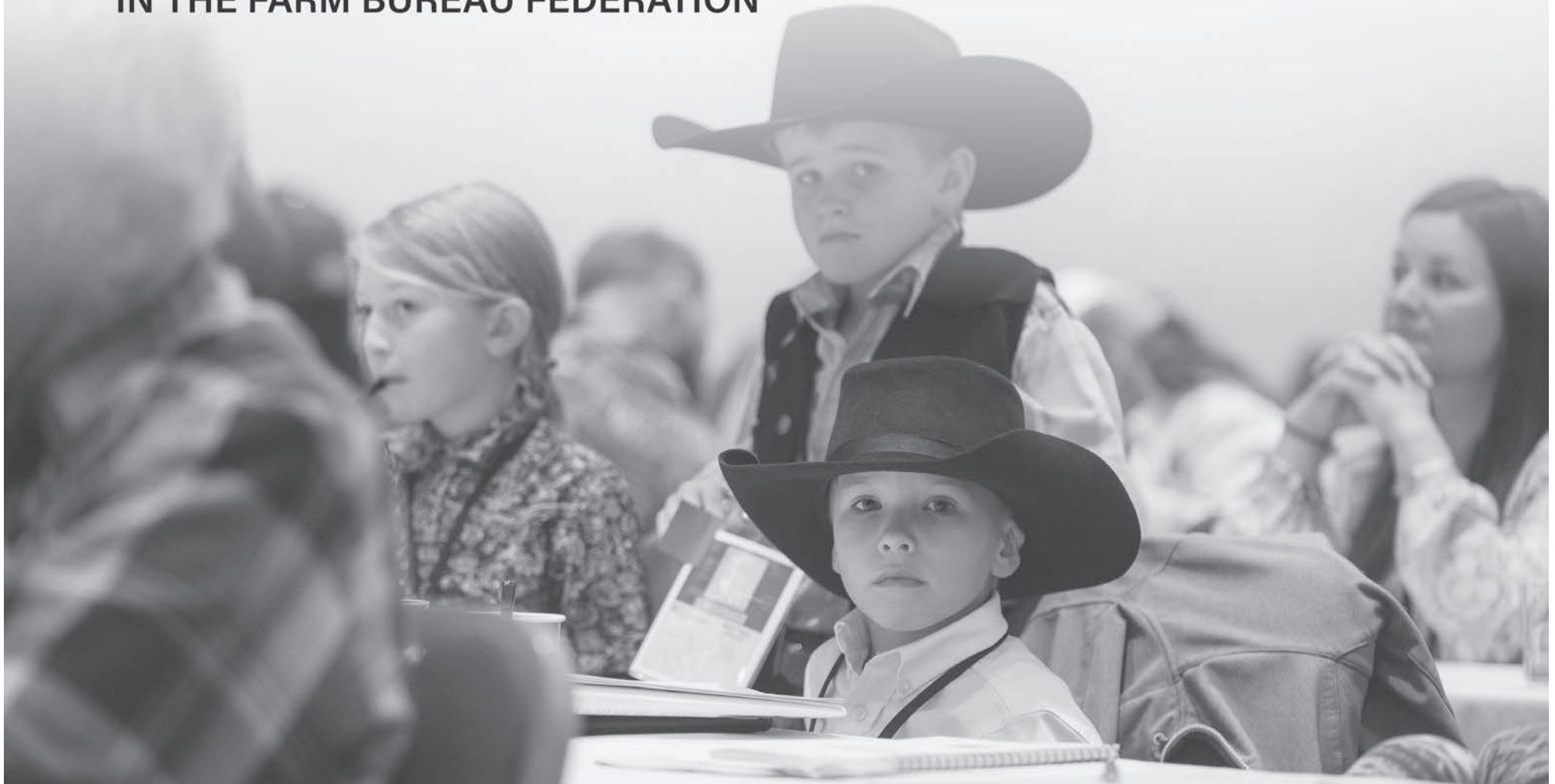
tions which curtailed or prohibited dam development. Some are the result of water being reallocated from food production to other uses such as endangered species protection. When we have limited water and that limited water is prioritized as water for endangered species, then we may see food shortages.

On another subject, in late July we all learned of the death of one of our past senators, Senator Mike Enzi. We in Wyoming have been fortunate in the people we send to our nation’s Capital because they punch above their weight. It was evident this was the case with Senator Enzi when the U.S. Senate shut down for his funeral. Our condolences go out to the Enzi family. Senator Enzi’s knowledge and leadership will certainly be missed.



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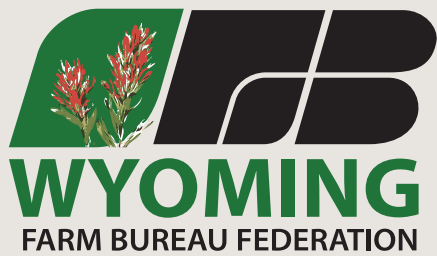
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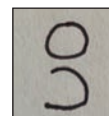
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## FREMONT

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## GOSHEN

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## HOT SPRINGS

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# “OutSTANDING IN THEIR FIELD”

## News from the County Farm Bureau Federations



### Successful root beer float social



After a successful root beer float social during their county fair, members of the Niobrara County Farm Bureau Federation board took a moment for a group photo. They served a packed house during the 2021 Niobrara County Fair providing a great summer treat, music entertainment by Dax Dockery and great fellowship. From left to right: Lexie Dockery, Kevin Baars, James Kruse, Tom Marshik, Chelsea Baars, and Denise Baars. *Kerin Clark photo.*



### Southeast District hosts 30x30 informational event



Joe Campbell, Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation President, Cole Coxbill, WyFB Vice President and Todd Fornstrom, WyFB President visit during the Southeast District Farm Bureau 30x30 informational event held August 11. Nearly 200 people attended the event in Torrington. *Kerin Clark photo.*



### 'Tug of War' champs

The Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation "Tug of War" Champs at the Goshen County Fair went to Pinnacle Bank of Torrington. Local businesses teamed up to compete in the "Tug of War" hosted by the Goshen County Farm Bureau Federation during the annual Ranch Rodeo at the 2021 Goshen County Fair. *Tami Greenwald photo.*

## New Members

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### PLATTE

Patricia Preuit, Wheatland

### SHERIDAN

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Hyattville; Susan & Mark Marker, Dayton; Loretta & Richard Mausolf, Sheridan; Audrey & Robert Moodie, Ranchester; Carrie & Christopher Mutter, Sheridan; Sandra Olson, Banner; Roselle & Terry Powell, Sheridan; Debbie Purdy; Carissa & Justin Watson, Sheridan; Heather & Patrick Wile, Sheridan; Black Gold Land Company LLC(REG), Sheridan

### SUBLETTE

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Pinedale; John Thompson, Pinedale; Nikki Marincic Weaver & Andrew Weaver(REG), Cora

### SWEETWATER

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### TETON

Katherine Jarve, Jackson; Derek Leiden, Wilson; Will Stirn/ R Lazy S Ranch(REG), Teton Village; Meghan & Gardner Warren, Jackson

### UINTA

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### WESTON

Jerry Pena, Newcastle



## Obituaries

## Mike Enzi

February 1, 1944 - July 26, 2021

Mike Enzi was born February 1, 1944 to Dorothy and Elmer Enzi in Bremerton, WA.

While he wasn't born in Wyoming, he always said he got there as quick as he could.

He learned many lessons in his schooling in Thermopolis, Sheridan, George Washington University, and Denver University, and continued his learning through career options and prolific reading. He wrote a book report for each book he read and took his situational learning on to new scenarios throughout his life.

His creed: Faith, Family, Friends, and Fishing.

Faith was important. He lived his Faith in church attendance (wherever he was in the world), as a high school Sunday school teacher, through his daily devotionals, his weekly prayer breakfast meetings, National Prayer breakfast, and sharing how God provides.

Aside from his decision to follow Christ, the next best decision he ever made was marrying Diana.

Family meant everything. From his parents, sister Marilyn, cousins, and grandparents, he learned the importance of family. He extended those lessons when he married Diana June 7, 1969 and opened NZ Shoes in Gillette. He had three children, Amy (Mike), Brad, and Emily (Mike). He had four grandchildren: Trey, Lilly, Megan, and Allison. Grampa proudly held them each on the day they were born. He built a treehouse for them. He proudly participated in all family activities, even when he had to drive all night to do so. Family was precious to him.

Friends— He had a vast collection of friends he cherished. He was always pleased to spend time with friends at various events throughout his life. This included the more than 200 members of "Team Enzi" who worked for him over his many years in public service, which he and Diana supported like a family.

Some of his accomplishments that he was most proud of included being a husband, dad, Grampa, friend, Eagle Scout, soccer coach, basketball fan, Scout leader,



Air National Guard veteran, mayor, legislator, and U.S. senator.

He enjoyed legislating and working to find solutions and often touted his 80/20% tool to solve problems, where he advocated focusing on the 80% of an issue people agreed on and leaving out or finding another way to work on the 20% that was more contentious.

Mike's passion was fishing. He didn't go anywhere without a rod and reel and a spare. It was not uncommon for him to pull over and cast his line as he traveled Wyoming.

Mike passed away peacefully on July 26, 2021, surrounded by his family. He left us with important lessons: Faith, Family, Friends, and Fishing, TIGAPA – Trust in God and push ahead, and the mission statement: "Do your best. Do what's right. Treat others as you want to be treated."

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Project Mercy, Mike and Diana Enzi Scholarship Fund at the University of Wyoming, and the Wyoming Community Foundation Mike & Diana Enzi Charitable Fund.

Celebration of life for Mike Enzi was August 6, 2021 at Pronghorn Center in Gillette WY; with Pastor Donavon Voigt officiating. Memorials and condolences may be sent in Mike's name in care of Gillette Memorial Chapel 210 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Gillette, WY 82716. Condolences may also be expressed at [www.gillettememorialchapel.com](http://www.gillettememorialchapel.com).

## Robert Perry Geer

January 23, 1933 - July 15, 2021

Robert Perry Geer, 88, went peacefully to be with his Lord on July 15, 2021. He was born January 23, 1933, in Powell, WY, to parents Marian Inez (Kobe) and Perry Clifford Geer. Bob, as he was known to family and friends, was raised in Campbell County where he attended the Bundy Elementary School and then graduated from Campbell County High School in 1951.

On February 17, 1952, he married Mildred Joan Percifield. In his early years he worked a variety of jobs that caused them to move from the Hoe Creek home to town several times. He volunteered to construct a community trunk telephone line, drove truck hauling livestock and cow cake, drove a water truck for his father-in-law, constructed buildings for a contractor, surveyed for the Uranium boom after WWII, and partnered with his parents on the ranch. In 1955 Bob started his 33-year career with the Wyoming Highway Department. He gave credit to these jobs for the knowledge that has helped him and his family through life.

During these years Bob and Joan were blessed with three children: David, Darel, and Roberta. After raising their children, they were able to enjoy retirement together by traveling across the country, visiting historical sites in Wyoming, and many locations where the Wyoming Cowboys played football. Bob had a passion for the past and enjoyed restoring antiques to their old glory. In the last decade he has restored all but 3 of Wyoming's license plates and was excited to find his birth

year plate within his last week of life. In his youth, he was an artist with a pencil, paint, and many musical instruments. He enjoyed ranch life with his "city girl" and was happy to be in a tractor, whether he was summer following or raking hay.

Bob faced his largest obstacle in 2019 when his wife of 67 years went to be with the Lord. As his heart was healing, he continued to attend their beloved Sunday school class where he enjoyed worshiping, seeing his friends, and singing to the class. He continued to enjoy his family gatherings and telling stories of his past. While telling stories the week before he passed he paused to say... "I have had a good long life."

Robert is survived by his sons David (Diana Wilsey) Geer of Cheyenne, WY, and Darel (Beryl) Geer of Savageton, WY; son-in-law, Rick Douglas of Moura, Queensland, Australia; brother Kenneth Geer of Gillette. Surviving grandchildren are Sean (Vicki) Geer and Dani (Brian) Harmeyer both of Douglas, WY; Lex (Amanda) Geer of Savageton, WY; and Andy Anderson (Lindsay Serfazo) of Joliet, MT. Bob has seven surviving great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Preceding him in death were his parents, two infant sisters, his beloved wife Joan and daughter, Roberta Douglas.

The family honored his wishes by having an immediate family graveside service. A memorial is being established and can be sent to: 60 Savageton Rd, Gillette, WY 82718.



ROBERT PERRY GEER

*Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation statement on loss of Senator Mike Enzi*

**July 27, 2021** – The Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation is deeply saddened to learn of Senator Mike Enzi's passing.

"We want to pass along our condolences to his family," said WyFB President Todd Fornstrom. "Our thoughts and prayers are with his family."

"Senator Enzi represented Wyoming well and gave unstintingly of his time to represent our citizens.

"He was one of the advocates of the 80/20 principle where you looked for the 80 percent of the items you could agree on and worked to advance the policies which helped all our citizens and did not worry about the 20% that people could not agree on.

"He will certainly be missed.

## Obituaries

# John Carroll Clay

## May 19, 1923 - August 7, 2021

John Carroll Clay, 98, of Cheyenne, Wyoming passed away in Cheyenne on Saturday, August 7, 2021.

John was born May 19, 1923 in Canton, Missouri, a son of the late Carroll and Wana (Schrader) Clay.

His passion for helping others evolved from pivotal points in his life, from growing up poor on the family ranch west of Laramie during the Great Depression, to later flying a P-47 Thunderbolt fighter plane in Europe during World War II.

As a high school senior, John left the ranch and began a part-time bank job earning \$65 per month. He attended the University of Wyoming but his studies were interrupted by the war and he enlisted in the United States Army Air Forces. Stationed outside Sacramento, California, he met his future wife, Esther. Shortly after marriage, he left for Europe and arrived just days after the invasion of Normandy in June 1944. In 11 months of combat, he flew his fighter bomber on 68 missions included navigating a jagged frontline to fight

the Germans in the Battle of the Bulge. At war's end, he returned home to his new bride and the couple moved to Laramie so John could finish school with a G.I. Bill grant.

His plans changed and accepted an opportunity to work with Wyoming Farm Bureau selling automotive and fire insurance from 1948 to 1954. He then served as the Executive Secretary for WyFB from 1954-1960. In 1960, the couple moved to Cheyenne and John accepted a position with Bosworth Sullivan. Through five different decades and several name changes, John finished his career as president and financial consultant with RBC Wealth Management, all the while becoming a philanthropic force with his wife.

John and Esther were instrumental in establishing Laramie County Community College, and they were very involved with the University of Wyoming



JOHN CARROLL CLAY

Foundation. He volunteered with the Chamber of Commerce, Episcopal Diocese Investment Committee, Rotary, United Way and Laramie County Community College Foundation. He served as a board member and chairman of the National Association of Securities Dealers and was a member of the University of Wyoming Foundation Board for 14 years, serving as chairman. In 2004, John received an honorary doctorate from the University of Wyoming.

John is survived by his daughter, Carroll VanDuyn of Cheyenne; four

grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren with one on the way.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Esther; a daughter, Diane Wooster; and three brothers, Harold, James and Perry.

A memorial service was celebrated on August 17, 2021 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

John placed an importance on helping others achieve their goals while pursuing his own. With this in mind, he and his wife established many scholarships at the Laramie County Community College. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to these scholarship funds or to a charity of one's choice.

## WyFB Award nominations due Oct. 10

Nominations for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Distinguished Service and Leadership Awards are due in the state office no later than Oct. 10. These awards recognize those individuals/couples who have devoted much time to the betterment of agriculture in Wyoming and the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation.

Nominees for the Distinguished Service Award must be active in Farm Bureau and/or other areas that relate directly to agricultural interests.

Nominees for the Farm Bureau Leadership Award must be an agricultural operator and active on a statewide basis.

Award nominations may be made by any county Farm Bureau Federation.

Only one nomination per award may

be made by the county.

Judging for these awards will be handled by the Administrative Advisory Committee of the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors.

This committee is not limited to considering only nominations from participating county Farm Bureau Federations but may make an independent selection.

The nomination award form is available at wyfb.org, by clicking on the specific day of October 10th under the Calendar of Events.

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## Outstanding Membership Worker Award nominations due no later than Oct. 10

Nominations for the Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Membership Awards are due in the state office no later than Oct. 10.

This award recognizes those hard workers in the state for their outstanding dedication and effort in recruiting Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation members. There are three categories:

- Volunteer
- Agent
- County Office Staff

The nomination award form is available at [wyfb.org](http://wyfb.org) by clicking on the specific day of Oct. 10 under the Calendar of Events.

The awards will be presented at the WyFB Annual Meeting. Contact Dee Brewer at 307-721-7719 or [dbrewer1@wyfb.org](mailto:dbrewer1@wyfb.org) for more details.

## Waters

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adopting a “foundational rule” returning regulations to their pre-2015 status — in other words, before the Obama administration’s WOTUS rule.

Farm Bureau members you pulled through with the “Ditch the Rule” campaign led by AFBF several years ago and we need you once again. Send your comments to the EPA today as the deadline for comment is September 3, 2021. Write to protect the current rule from going back to a time of uncertainty and indecision.

“Farm Bureau supports the current rule because it strikes a balance between regulatory clarity and transparency on the one hand, and the need for robust environmental protection of waters and wetlands on the other,” said Todd Fornstrom, Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation President. “It better reflects an effort to preserve states’ roles in regulating the waters and natural resources within their boundaries.”

“Farm Bureau members deeply value protecting water resources,” Fornstrom continued. “The current rule strengthens the cooperative federalism Congress envisioned and that the Supreme Court has long recognized as fundamental to the Clean Water Act.”

Send your comments through the link at [wyfb.org](http://wyfb.org).



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