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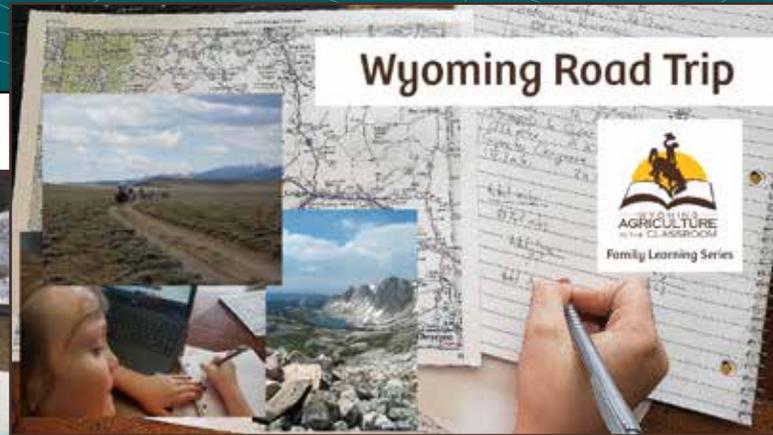
SUMMER 2020



Amazing Animals



Fun with Crystals



Wyoming Road Trip

## Check out the brand-new Family Learning Series!

The spring of 2020 has presented unbelievable challenges for people in all industries, stages of life, and parts of the world. While schools closed their doors, families and teachers found themselves navigating a new world of remote education. To support education during this time, we developed a new series of lessons.

The Family Learning Series is a set of educational activities for children of all ages. Written by educators on our staff, all lessons were piloted by children of staff members using readily available supplies. Each activity includes a video tutorial, lesson plan, links to relevant websites, and connections to the Wyoming Stewardship Project. We hope that these lessons will be a valuable resource for Wyoming families and teachers both now and in the future. Visit [www.wyaitc.org/our-work/family-learning](http://www.wyaitc.org/our-work/family-learning) to try these free lessons with your family!



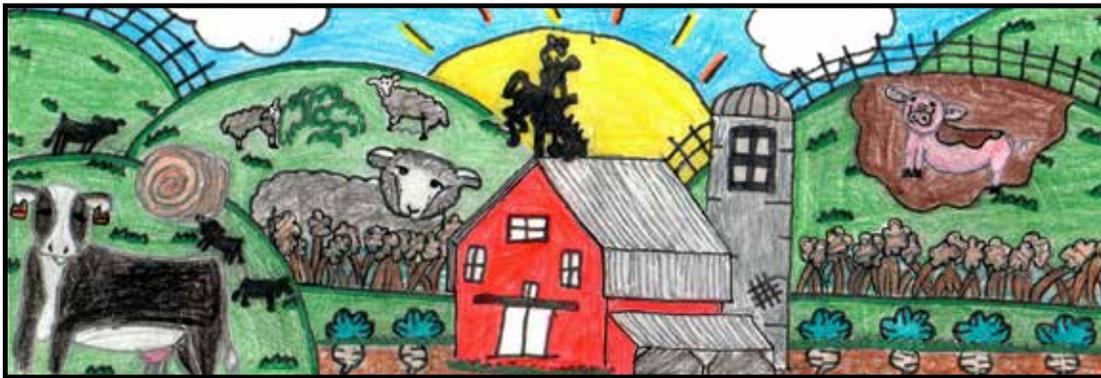


## Congratulations Bookmark Finalists!

This spring, we are excited to recognize 12 students as our 2020 bookmark finalists. Over 1,900 entries were submitted for this contest, and the artwork was incredible. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and share your Wyoming resource message! All finalists were selected by a panel of judges, and the winner of our People's Choice was chosen by popular vote during National Agriculture Week.

With extended closures due to COVID-19, the Bookmark Celebration scheduled for April 24th has been postponed. We will be holding a celebration for the finalists and their families at a later date. We appreciate everyone's continued patience as we navigate these uncertain times.

## 2020 People's Choice



**Erin Newton**  
5th Grade,  
Meadowlark Elementary,  
Sheridan

## 2020 Finalists

### **Emelyen Baeu**

4th Grade, Jackson Elementary, Jackson

### **Elise Carroll**

5th Grade, Buffalo Ridge Elementary, Gillette

### **Shea Churches**

4th Grade, Harmony Elementary, Laramie

### **Teague Duncan**

5th Grade, Cloud Peak Elementary, Buffalo

### **Cody Fisher**

5th Grade, Westside Elementary, Powell

### **Gabe Jukkala**

4th Grade, Rozet Elementary, Rozet

### **Nathan Peterson**

3rd Grade, Cloud Peak Elementary, Buffalo

### **Peyton Rodriguez**

3rd Grade, Cloud Peak Elementary, Buffalo

### **Rylan Verhelst**

5th Grade, Paintbrush Elementary, Gillette

### **Stella Waliezer**

5th Grade, Moorcroft K-8, Moorcroft

### **Tanner Woods**

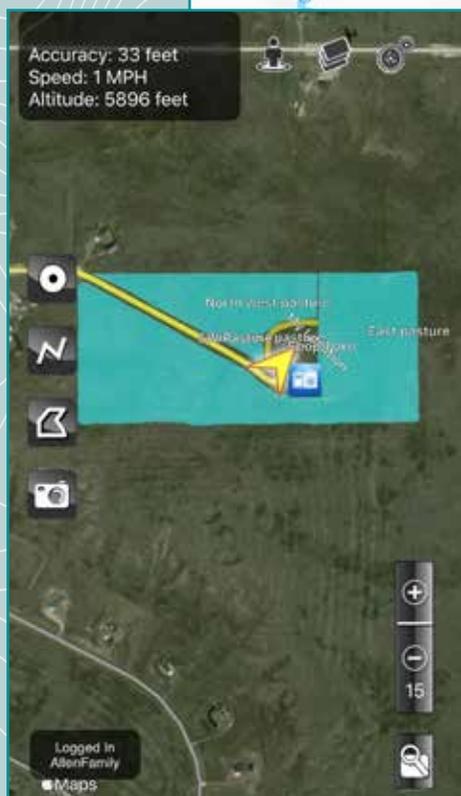
4th Grade, Hobbs Elementary, Cheyenne



## A New Way to Visualize Our World

Ten students from across Wyoming submitted projects for the 2020 GIS Mapping Contest, bringing the program to a strong finish. Following school closures, we revised the GIS Mapping Program to fit a new remote learning environment. Now open to students of all ages, we are excited to have participants ages 4-17! Parents mentored their students creating projects that map everything from property boundaries and irrigation features to wildlife habitats and hiking trails. A panel of judges will be reviewing these creative projects, and we will announce the winner on June 17th. Thank you to everyone who participated this year!

Your students can still explore GIS Mapping in the "Let's Map It" lesson from the Family Learning Series! The lesson plan and a video tutorial can all be found at [www.wyaitc.org/lesson/lets-map-it](http://www.wyaitc.org/lesson/lets-map-it). You can also visit [www.wyaitc.org](http://www.wyaitc.org) and select the Family Learning option in the Programs tab.



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2020  
Wyoming Game and Fish  
Commissioner License

200 tickets available  
\$100 each

Winner will be drawn July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

The winner of the Commissioner License will have the option of a deer, elk, or antelope permit in the hunt area of their choosing. The license is valid only in hunt area selected, and cannot be changed once issued. Once issued, the license cannot be canceled, fees refunded, or transferred to another individual. Elk hunt areas 75, 77, and 79 also require a Special Park Permit, which is not available to winners of the Commissioner's License. DO NOT bid on a Commissioner License if your intent is to hunt in Grand Teton National Park. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. **Thank you Commissioner Ralph Brokaw for donating this license to Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom.** All funds raised through this raffle will support the Wyoming Stewardship Project.



photos from the  
Family Learning Series

## Director's Notes

The world is changing. There are days that I can't have the news on for more than about five minutes when I wake. I'm sure you can relate. With all the uncertainty and frustration, it can be difficult to be positive. However, I'm thankful for a job with Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom. The mission of this organization can pull you out of that pit of worry. Wyoming is strong and capable of great things. What we are focusing on is more important than ever. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage teachers, and ultimately young minds. We need our students to be critical thinkers. We need them to be brave, to find their voice, and serve as stewards for this great state. If anywhere is going to be ok, I have to believe it is Wyoming. Let us not give up or become weary in doing the good we know needs to be done across this state. Even though our workshops are moving to virtual learning this summer, we are committed to not missing a beat and look forward to being back in the classroom this fall. We're not giving up here, but working even harder, and want to encourage all you to do the same. Thank you for all you do, so we can reach our students and plant seeds for a bright future!

All my best,

*Jessie Dajoe*



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