

diversified portfolio of farms, ranches, and feedlots, as well as businesses in the oil and gas and transportation sectors.

Together with his wife, Melanie, Dave works to make sure the family business endures for the next generation: their children, Shane and his wife JoAnn; Christy and her husband Quintin; Bryce and his wife Kelsey; Ashley, who interned in my office, and her husband Gene; and the many grandchildren.

Today, Dave manages the agricultural holdings and actively seeks out opportunities to serve the larger agricultural community. Dave has given his time to the Wyoming 4-H Foundation, the Casper Rotary Club, the Farm Bureau, and many other organizations who share his passions. As a member of the University of Wyoming's College of Agriculture advisory council and as the current president of the University of Wyoming board of trustees, Dave plays an active role in guiding students who make Wyoming's future so bright.

The scope of Dave's leadership is not limited to the borders of Wyoming. For many years, Dave served as treasurer of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association and has mentored countless members of the national agriculture sector. Never too busy to attend educational workshops, I remember when Dave shared his biggest successes and his biggest failure during a beef symposium. His willingness to share obstacles in his own enterprise and offer advice has made Dave an outstanding resource for the next generation of producers.

This year marks the 150th anniversary of Wyoming's status as a U.S. Territory and the 106th annual Wyoming State Fair. Although the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame began only in 1992, Wyoming has a longstanding tradition of recognizing those who are integral to the success of our State's agricultural industry. Selection as a member of this outstanding group is one of many honors Dave has received, and it is one that is undoubtedly well-deserved. The members of this elite club grow crops and raise livestock while building a strong foundation for the next generation of successful producers. Together, they will make the next 150 years of Wyoming's history as rich as the last.

It is with great honor that I recognize my friend as an outstanding member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in congratulating Dave True as one of the 2018 inductees into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN JORGENSEN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of John Jorgensen, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming's 2018 honoree.

Since 1978, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Wyoming has been working to make a positive difference in the

lives of children. Their mission is to inspire all youth to reach their full potential as productive, responsible, and caring citizens. Their activities provide the children in our community with a sense of competence, usefulness, and belonging.

On August 29, 2018, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming will host the 20th Annual Awards and Recognition Breakfast. Every year at this event, the Boys and Girls Club honors a member of the community who has made outstanding contributions to their organization, Wyoming youth, and the city of Casper. It is an inspiring celebration. This year's honoree is John Jorgensen. He is an ideal choice to receive this honor because of his dedication to advancing childhood literacy and improving the lives of Wyoming's children. With this award, the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming shows their gratitude for John's work, which mirrors the club's important mission.

John is a successful manager, generous philanthropist, and devoted family man. He is a native of Nebraska and attended the University of Nebraska, earning a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He served 3 years in the U.S. Army before pursuing his career in banking. His path led him to California and the Midwest before finally calling Casper, WY, home for the past 31 years. He started in Casper as the president of the First Wyoming Bank and retired in 2015 as the president of Hilltop National Bank.

John's involvement in his community is immeasurable, and his positive impact is felt across Casper and Wyoming. He has been a Casper College Foundation Board Member since 1987 and has served as its President since 1990. John's leadership grew the foundation to one of the top five community college foundations nationwide, with assets of over \$90 million. John was recently awarded the 2018 Casper College Alumni Association's Commitment to Excellence Award for his exemplary service. He was also awarded the prestigious Benefactor Award in 2014 from the Council for Resource Development. In addition, John has served on the Natrona County Public Library Foundation, the Nicolaysen Art Museum Board, the Wyoming Community Foundation, and the Sue Jorgensen Library Foundation. He was instrumental in the completion of the David Street Station project and is a member of the Casper Rotary Club.

Any mention of John would be incomplete without the acknowledgment of the Wyoming Reads program. Inspired by his wife Sue's love of reading, he founded the program in her memory after her passing in 1996. Sue was the director of the elementary education and graduate education programs for the University of Wyoming/Casper College Center in Casper and was the first coordinator of the UW elementary education teacher preparation program. Each year, the Governor of Wyoming

proclaims the date of the Wyoming Reads program as Wyoming Literacy Day. The event started as "Casper Cares, Casper Reads" 20 years ago. Since then, the program has grown to include thousands of children across Wyoming and delivered more than 180,000 personalized books. John's work has inspired similar programs in other States, with communities in California, Oregon, and Minnesota following his lead. John even takes the time to travel to many of these locations to provide leadership and encouragement.

John devotes his time to instilling the value of reading in Wyoming youth. He wrote a fairy tale that he acts out as a play for the first graders, feeding their excitement to learn as well as honoring Sue. He quotes her saying that, "Until someone can read, they can't really do anything else." This is his vision for helping children succeed and grow. His devotion to childhood literacy ensures the youth of Wyoming are educated and inspired.

John Jorgensen and his family truly represent the Wyoming values of courage, generosity, and selflessness. John with his late wife, Sue, have five children, Matt Jorgensen, Chris Jorgensen, Marty Jorgensen, Sarah Olsen, and Lindsay Lawton, as well as loving grandchildren. Children in Casper, WY, and across the country have a bright future thanks to the efforts of this incredible family.

It is with great honor that I recognize this exceptional member of our Wyoming community. My wife, Bobbi, joins me in extending our congratulations to John Jorgensen for receiving this special acknowledgement from the Boys and Girls Club of Central Wyoming.

TRIBUTE TO DEL McOMIE

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I rise today in celebration of Del McOmie, mayor of Lander, WY, and one of our State's true leaders.

Born and raised in Lander, Del has worked continually to make the community and Wyoming better for future generations.

Del married his sweetheart, Patty, in 1975. They welcomed five children, Delbert, Jr., Alan, Kathleen, Pamela, and Craig. The McOmie family has since grown to include 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. In his everyday words and deeds, Del has passed on his tradition of excellence and love of Wyoming. Governor Matt Mead appointed Delbert as the director of the state construction department. Alan gives back to their community, serving as an officer in the Lander Police Department. Working for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Craig embodies his father's passion for the beauty of our State.

Del has committed his life to serving those around him. When he finishes his current term as mayor of Lander, he will have served as an elected official