

2000 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Nancy Bennett

Nancy Bennett is a leader for the Horse Whisperers club. She is inspired by the work ethic and harmony her members have. She has promoted excellence in her club, and has seen many members reach for it. She encourages older members to work with the new, younger members, and gives credit to the parents who have provided a lot of support and help. While record books are not always the favorite activity for 4-H members, she notes that many of her members took pride in completing their record books, striving for the excellent award. Nancy promotes safety, and has given many clinics on this issue. She makes safety a part of the daily routine, combining it with good horsemanship. Nancy and her husband Bill live east of Greeley, and her daughter Lisa is attending Aims Community College.



Andy Legino

Andy Legino is a leader in the Top Notch 4-H club. He, his wife Sandee, and their three children live east of Ault. Andy says that 4-H gets kids ready for life and teaches them responsibility. He enjoys learning along with the kids, and tries to share his knowledge with them. Their club started the Top Notch Hog Jackpot competition several years ago, and it is the major fund raiser for them. Andy is proud of the fact that he has provided opportunities for Weld County and Colorado State University livestock judging teams to practice on his place. Andy enjoys staying in the back ground and watching the kids work on their projects.

20-YEAR



Charles Martin

Charles Martin, started being a leader when his kids became involved in 4-H and the club needed a coach for some of the sports. He has helped coach both basketball and softball for the Milliken Pacesetters for the past 20 years. Additionally, he has helped kids get their projects ready for fair, and helped in the club's fund raising activities. He has fond memories of the first basketball championship his kids won 15 years ago, winning by a score of 21-20 after leading 20-0 at halftime. Charles is currently on the RE5-J School Board, the Milliken Town Board, and the Centennial BOCES Board. He works at Martin Supply & Salvage, a company started by his father in 1951.

25-YEAR



Pat Kindvall

Patricia Kindvall lives near Eaton, and is a 25 year leader with the Galeton 4-H club. She got involved in 4-H when her son Tim got started. She began as a volleyball coach, and progressed to project leader and then organizational leader. Pat has served on the County Home Ec Advisory Council and Leader's Council. She was also a 12 year member on the Fair Board, and was also involved in the state Leader's Council. She enjoys being with the kids, and notes that 4-H is a unique organization because it involves kids of all ages. She notes that 4-H has a good reputation in the community, and that people see 4-H, and the kids that are involved with it, in a positive way.

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Dale Pralle

Dale Pralle lives on the southern edge of Ft. Lupton and is a 25 year leader with the Tailtwisters club. He was involved in 4-H when he was young growing up on a farm. When he married, they moved to town and started working with scouts and other programs, but found that they didn't always include the whole family, so he became involved as a project leader with 4-H. Currently, he is the organizational leader with his wife, Judy. Together with Barry Marrs, they started the restoration project in 4-H a few years back. Dale says he enjoys the good relationships with the families involved in 4-H and notes that he is currently providing leadership to kids of kids he had as members several years ago. Dale has served on the Weld County Fair Board for 8 years, and the Leader's Council for over 10 years.



Judy Rush

Judy Rush is a 25 year leader with the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club. She has served as a project leader for horses all 25 years, and later added goats to her responsibilities. Judy was a 4-H member in Arapahoe County, and attended CSU where she got her Instructor's Certificate. Judy has served as superintendent at the Weld County Fair, and has judged several shows around the state. She remembers her son Lee trying to show Pygmy goats at the Fair, having to settle for it first as a demonstration project before getting them recognized as a project. Together with her husband Kirk, Judy has provided animals to the National Western Stock Show FFA petting zoo for 16 years. She likes working with kids and animals, and enjoys the community that is fostered in 4-H.

25 & 30-YEAR

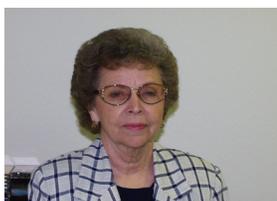


Carolyn & Vern Kammerzell

Carolyn Kammerzell is a 25 year leader, and grew up in 4-H as a member of the Auburn 4-H Club. She got started as a leader when her kids became involved in the Ashton 4-H club. Initially she was a project leader, and later she and her husband, Vern who is a 30-year leader took over as organizational leaders. Both Vern and Carolyn like the fact that their club draws from a wide region and has had good parental involvement. They enjoy the kids and their activities, especially those involving livestock. Their three sons were all 10-year 4-H members. 4-H, they say, broadens their circle of friends. They have observed that many kids that are involved in 4-H have later gone on to be successful leaders in their community. Carolyn has worked for Union Colony Bank in Johnstown for 19 years, and Vern is involved with two of his sons in their farming operation east of Milliken.

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30-YEAR



Lois Oronato

Lois Oronato is a 30 year leader with the Milliken Pacesetters. She was a 4-H member herself with the Valley View club south of Kersey. She began her leadership as a coach in softball and volleyball, and later became a project leader and organizational leader. Lois states that 4-H is the greatest organization, providing many opportunities for kids to be involved in a multitude of project areas and activities. Lois was also a member of the Fair Board for six years, and chaired the Fair Queen program for five years. Currently, she works for the town of Milliken as the Director for Senior Activities, where she has been for 14 years. Lois credits 4-H for her success at her current job because she learned all about people while serving as a leader in 4-H.



Sharon & Eugene Hahn

Sharon Hahn was not involved in 4-H when she was young, but started her 30-year leadership when she married her husband, Eugene who is being recognized as a 35-year leader. Sharon has served as a project leader for cooking and child care, and later she and Gene took over as project leaders. Gene got started as a leader when he was 20 years old. He, too, didn't have a background in 4-H, but was asked by the local 4-H organizational leader to step in and take over when he retired. Gene and Sharon say it is easy to stay motivated, all you have to do is watch those first year members mature and become outgoing, progressive leaders after being in 4-H for a few years themselves. Having young kids ask questions and show their eagerness to learn also provides motivation. Gene and Sharon try to treat each kid fairly, and not show any favoritism. Together, they ranch east of Grover

35-YEAR



Larry & Rodine Rhoadarmer

Larry and Rodine Rhoadarmer have served together as leaders for 35 years. They were each 10 year members and believe in the good things that the 4-H program offers. They are leaders in the Helping Hands 4-H club, and say that 4-H provides a variety of options that members can pursue as careers if they so choose. 4-H, they say, is a part of their life. Rodine says that she enjoys seeing the confidence 4-H builds in youngsters. Larry and Rodine are involved in their local church, and both work for Ghent Chevrolet in Greeley. Rodine is currently the treasurer for the Weld County 4-H Foundation, and Larry serves as a board member on the Weld County Dairyman Fund.