

# 2002 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 15-YEAR



**Jeanette Bohlmeyer**

Jeanette Bohlmeyer from Kersey got her start as a leader by helping organize the Doe C Doe 4-H club. This club is primarily made up of members with goat projects. Throughout the years, Jeanette and her club have provided fun matches and goat management programs to help enhance goat project members' learning experiences. Jeanette believes 4-H provides the opportunity for kids to work together and learn more about the proper care of their animals. With her leadership, the club organized the dairy goat judging and donate-a-goat programs.

## 20-YEAR



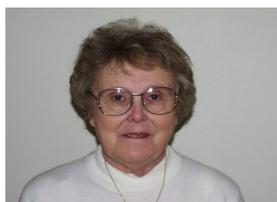
**Dorothy Bates**

Dorothy Bates helped organize the Patterns & Pans 4-H club in Kersey, and currently is a county leader for Foods & Nutrition. She actively participates in the Family & Community Education program on a local and county level, and is a member of the Friends of Greeley's Museums Board of Directors. Dorothy says 4-H provides her the opportunity to see youth develop skills and achieve goals that will be a part of their life. Being a leader and seeing their accomplishments is a great reward to her. Dorothy lives near Kersey and works as an Executive Assistant in the Human Resources Department at Aims Community College.



**Frank Burnett**

Frank Burnett lives southwest of Grover and provides leadership to members of the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H Club who are involved with market & breeding beef projects. He got his start as a leader when his wife Sherry told him "If I'm going to be the organizational leader of this club, you're going to help and be a leader too." He is involved with the Grover Rodeo Community Club and is a member of the FFA Advisory Board. One of the special programs that his club offers is a \$300 scholarship to any member completing ten years of 4-H. Frank says that the club has raised all the money to fund this program. Frank has worked for Liquid Waste Management in Ft. Lupton for 12 years. Frank will be retiring from his 4-H leadership role after 25 years.



**Phyllis Hansberry**

Phyllis Hansberry remembers being involved with 4-H one way or another ever since she was 10 years old. She started the Mix & Stitch 4-H club in 1981 when she first became a leader, and now is a county leader for Home Economics projects, and also serves on the Fashion Revue committee. Phyllis is amazed at the multitude of projects now available in 4-H and believes that 4-H represents integrity through accomplishments, leadership, and sportsmanship. She lives in Greeley and is a volunteer at the Union Colony Civic Center.

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**Chris Milne**

Chris Milne believes 4-H provides a foundation for members to become responsible and confident in their lives, and hopes they can look back with pride on their 4-H years. She began her leadership with the Countryside Ag club, and now is a leader with Galeton 4-H. She is a horse project leader, coach for volleyball and softball, and helps with enrollment for the club. Chris has also been a Girl Scout leader for nine years, volunteer at Galeton School for seven years, and a member of the Arthritis Foundation's board of directors. Chris lives near Eaton and works with her family on their 320 acre farm.

## 25-YEAR



**Steve Andrijeski**

Steve Andrijeski is now involved with a dairy operation near Bern, Kansas after working many years on his family's dairy farm near Pierce. His primary involvement in 4-H was as a county dairy project activities leader. He helped coach the Dairy Judging team for 18 years, and assisted with three senior teams that went on to national competition. He was a co-leader with the Mini-Milkers club for five years, a member of the dairy advisory council for ten years, and Superintendent of the dairy show at the County Fair for ten years. To Steve, 4-H means learning to prepare for life through participation.



**Kathy French**

Kathy French lives near Eaton, is a leader with the Galeton 4-H Club, and has primarily been involved with Foods projects. "Learning long lived skills that last a lifetime" is how Kathy views the 4-H program. In addition to 4-H, she has been the manager of the Galeton School Food Service for 29 years, a Girl Scout Leader for 10 years, and a member of the Fair Board for six years. Currently, Kathy is in business with her daughters marketing cold weather head gear, called Hoodums Gear. She has many fond memories of 4-H, including a trip to the National 4-H Center sponsored by the Foundation.

## 30-YEAR



**Judy Rexford**

Judy Rexford has spent most of her 30 years with 4-H as a County project leader for Rabbits. From her perspective, 4-H is a learning process for kids and leaders alike. She enjoys the time it provides for families and communities to come together. A special accomplishment that Judy was a part of was getting the champion meat pen of rabbits at the County Fair to be included in the Junior Livestock Sale. Judy and her husband live near LaSalle and have operated Rexford Rabbit processing for the past 18 years. She enjoys fishing and competition darts.

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## 40-YEAR



**Dorothy Zabka**

Dorothy Zabka has been involved with 4-H in one way or another for over 50 years. To Dorothy, being a 4-H leader means getting kids involved and being involved with them. She remembers her first 4-H project, a steer that took eight people to get into it's stall. She broke that steer to lead all by herself, and her "never give up" work ethic has carried forward into her business career. She operates Martin Produce, a company started by her father in 1939. Dorothy was the first woman elected into Greeley's city government, serving as mayor from 1967-1971. She has served as a director with the Salvation Army and was a member of the Fair Board working closely with the catch-it calf and Fair Royalty programs for many years. For pleasure, she enjoys her Belgium horses and maintains several collections, including teddy bears and antique cars.