

# 2005 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 15-YEAR



**Kristin Eidson**

Kristin Eidson – is a 15-year leader with the Milliken Pacesetters club. She is the project leader for Macrame, has coached volleyball and softball, and helps with organizational leader duties. Kristin believes the 4-H program provides opportunities to learn by trial and error, and that it teaches kids that doing your best is what is most important. She is involved with her church as an elder and choir member, and is a member of the Milliken Business Association. Kristin and her husband Craig have three daughters. Kristin's mother, Peggy Wakeman, was a 4-H leader who was instrumental in getting Kristin started as a leader. Kristin enjoys macramé and other needle work, camping, fishing and riding ATVs.



**Deborah Orr**

Deborah Orr – started as a 4-H leader 15 years ago when her children became of 4-H age. Because of distance, they started 4-H as an independent family with Deb serving as the leader. Later, she and her husband Clair moved to the Kersey area and became involved with the Westward club. Deb believes all children gain by being involved in 4-H, whether they are greatly involved or minimally involved. She has witnessed this firsthand with her own children. She has met many wonderful people during her years in 4-H both as a member and a leader. Deb says that 4-H prepares our young people for tomorrow, and it keeps those of us from yesterday young-at-heart by working with our young people.



**Barry Marris**

Barry Marris – from Fort Lupton has been a leader for 15 years with the Tailtwisters club. He and his wife Val have two children who were both in 4-H. Barry feels that 4-H was such a beneficial program for his kids that he wanted to continue to help other kids that are also involved in 4-H. Because of interest in a general project that involved restoration of antique items, Barry teamed with Dale Pralle to create the Restoration project. Barry serves on the board of directors for several ditch companies and other water related organizations. He also is a member of the Fort Lupton Buyers group that supports 4-H kids at the Junior Livestock Sale.



**Sue Rosenquist**

Sue Rosenquist – and her husband Steve have two daughters and live east of Greeley. She is a 15-year leader and was involved with both the Westward and Hi Plains Ag clubs. Sue appreciates that 4-H is a family oriented program that teaches kids responsibility and helps them build character. Some of her 4-H responsibilities included club fundraising efforts, instructing sheep shearing and the sheep project, and serving as the county key leader for the forestry project. Sue works at Platte Valley schools where she volunteers on both the spirit and courtesy committees. She enjoys gardening, working with her flowers and camping.

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## 25-YEAR



**Charles Martin**

Charles Martin – got his start as a leader when his kids became involved in 4-H and the club needed a coach for their Pee Wee basketball team. That was 25 years ago, and he has helped coach both basketball and softball for the Milliken Pacesetters ever since. Additionally, he has helped kids get their projects ready for fair, and helped in the club's fund raising activities. His long term commitments don't stop with 4-H. Charles was on the RE5-J School Board for 28 years and the Milliken Town Board for 20 years. He works at Martin Supply & Salvage, a company started by his father in 1951. Charles and his wife, Jeanne, have five sons who each earned scholarships through the 4-H Foundation, for which they are grateful. He enjoys collecting old cars, hunting, fishing, and playing with his grandchildren.

## 30-YEAR



**Pat Kindvall**

Patricia Kindvall – is a 30-year leader and got involved in 4-H when her son Tim first became a member. She began as a volleyball coach, and progressed to being a project leader for knitting and crocheting and later became the club's organizational leader. Pat has served as an advisor to the 4-H Youth Executive Council, and as a sponsor in the Washington Focus program. She is a member of the Weld County Fair Board, and was Colorado's delegate to the Salute to Excellence program. While she has seen many of her 4-H members win some top awards and championships, she is just as proud of the delight and pride she sees in a young member who completes a project. Pat is active in her church and Sunday school, and also assists with the Galeton Boys & Girls Club. She credits her husband, Ron, for being her biggest supporter of her 4-H activities. Pat likes to read, knit and crochet, and take part in the life of her kids and seven grandchildren.



**Judy Rush**

Judy Rush – is a 30 year leader with the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club. Growing up in Denver, Judy was a 4-H member in Arapahoe County. Later she attended Colorado State University and during the summer was a counselor at a horse camp in Estes Park where she met her husband Kirk. Having worked with horses and kids for many years, it was just a natural thing for her to continue that work as a horse project leader in 4-H. Judy later served as a resource leader for non-dairy goats after she and Kirk became the first breeders of Registered Pygmy goats in Colorado and her daughter expressed an interest in taking them as a 4-H project. Judy has served as superintendent at the Weld County Fair, and enjoys working with her animals, writing articles for the Rocky Mountain Rodeo News, e-mailing friends and family, and doing other work on the computer.



**Dale Pralle**

Dale Pralle – lives at Ft. Lupton and is a 30-year leader with the Tailtwisters club. He became involved as a sheep project leader, and later he and his wife, Judy, took over as organizational leaders. Dale says he enjoys the good relationships with the families involved in 4-H and notes that he is currently providing leadership to the children of individuals he had as member's years ago. He says that helping and watching that bashful 8-year-old grow and develop to become the club president are the kind of things that keep him motivated to be a leader. Together with Barry Marrs, they started the restoration project in 4-H a few years back. Dale collects toy tractors and started the Antique Tractor Pullers Club in Fort Lupton. He served on the Weld County Fair Board for 8 years, the Leader's Council for 10 years, and is currently on the board for the Fort Lupton area buyer's group.

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**Sharon & Eugene Hahn**

Sharon Hahn – has been a volunteer leader for 35 years. She has provided direction for several projects and activities, including foods, gardening, child care and as a coach for the girl's volleyball team. She has been involved with 4-H ever since her marriage to her husband, Eugene, who is being recognized as a 40-year leader. Gene got started as a leader when he was 20 years old. He 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. Gene and Sharon have been key leaders and County Fair superintendents of the Poultry project in Weld County for 15 years. During this time they have seen a 400% increase in Poultry project members, and now have 42 youth involved. Gene and Sharon operate a 120-head cow/calf ranch east of Grover

## 40-YEAR



**Rodine & Larry Rhoadarmer**

Rodine Rhoadarmer – was involved with 4-H as a 10-year member and later was in collegiate 4-H while at Colorado State University. Larry Rhoadarmer recalls that his father started a club because of Larry's desire to be in 4-H and there wasn't a club in Evans at the time. After Larry & Rodine were married, they were invited to assume leadership of the club Larry's father started, and they have continued their 4-H involvement for 40 years. 4-H, they say, is a part of their life. They are currently involved with the Helping Hands 4-H club, which is a club for special needs members. They enjoy seeing the confidence 4-H builds in youngsters and note that many times their careers follow the project work they have done in 4-H. They have twice served as chaperones on the County's Washington Focus program, and Rodine is currently the treasurer for the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Larry and Rodine have two children, are involved in their local church, and both