

2006 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Doug Kammerzell

Doug Kammerzell from Milliken is a 15-year leader. He became a 4-H leader after completing his 10-year membership in 4-H. He had younger brothers still in 4-H and his parents were serving as organizational leaders, so Doug signed on as the livestock project leader. He assisted in coaching the county livestock judging team for 14 years. As a leader, Doug hopes to pass on and help kids achieve the vast benefits and opportunities available through 4-H. Doug and his wife Julie have four children and farm approximately 500 acres raising mostly corn and alfalfa.



Larry Rodenburg

Larry Rodenburg has served as the Crow Creek 4-H club's organizational leader for 15 years. Larry is an industrious person who enjoys building things for himself, or his family and friends. When he has some spare time, he enjoys cars, camping, and fishing. He is active in the community serving as an EMT with the Briggsdale Fire Department, president of the Briggsdale Fire Protection District, on the school district's accountability committee, and is a trustee at his church. Larry notes the positive role that 4-H offers kids. He enjoys being involved with the kids and sharing in their successes and defeats that 4-H competition offers.



Deborah Warehime

Deborah Warehime is a 15-year leader of the Horse Whisperer's 4-H club. She credits her husband, Marvin, and her daughter, Jessica, for introducing her to the world of 4-H. She is the county key leader for the horse project, has coached the horse judging team, served as superintendent of the Weld County Fair Horse show, and has coordinated many clinics and special events for horse project members. Deborah currently serves on the board for the Northern Colorado Riding Club. She appreciates the many friendships she has made through 4-H. Deborah's motivation to continue as a leader is the smiles and laughter and appreciation of the club members.

20-YEAR



Ron & Karen Helus

Ron Helus got his start as a 4-H leader when he helped coach one of the Box Elder softball teams. He later married one of the players from the team, his wife Karen Helus, and the two of them have been leaders for 20 years. In addition to continuing his coaching duties, Ron has served as project leader for breeding and market goats and sheep, and for rabbits. Ron says that 4-H is an outlet that helps kids follow their dreams and have some fun, and a few tears, along the way. He also serves on the advisory committee for Platte Valley FFA. Karen is presently the organizational leader for Box Elder Ag 4-H Club which is the largest club in the county with 100 members. She likes to help new members find the right project, and enjoys being involved with families that follow the 4-H tradition. Karen also provides leadership to the Awana program and is a Bible school teacher. Both are committee members for the Weld County Goat Extravaganza. They have two children, Aaron and Jocelyn. Ron is employed by Cox Oil of Greeley, and Karen by Platte Valley Schools.

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Mike Reed

Mike Reed is a 20-year leader. He enjoys working with people and feels that 4-H is more family oriented than some other organizations. Mike is a project leader for electricity and model rocketry in the New Horizons club, and has helped with their fund raising activities. He has been involved with the county Washington Focus program for 16 years. He and his wife have three children who have each been active in 4-H. Mike lives in Greeley and has worked 24 years for the City of Greeley's Water & Sewer department.



Lori Rhoadarmer

Lori Rhoadarmer is a 20-year leader with the Helping Hands 4-H club where she helps organize some of the club's special events and activities. She was inspired to become a leader because her parents were leaders and because of her experience as a 4-H member. Lori says it is very satisfying watching older member's complete 4-H and then return to become leaders themselves. She appreciates the bond she has developed over the years with club members and leaders. Lori is active in her church and is on the board of her Homeowners Association.



Jack Robb

Jack Robb married into the role of 4-H leader when he married Lucille who was already a club leader with the Helping Hands 4-H club. He currently helps with organizational duties, and with baking and cooking projects. Jack loves to be where the kids are, they are the ones who keep him inspired. He appreciates the love he receives back from the underprivileged, and handicapped youth involved in their club. Jack is a 20-year leader and enjoys traveling, bowling, and activities with his church.



Lenny & Lisa Simpson

Lenny Simpson was looking for a way to stay involved in 4-H after his stint as a 4-H member. So, he became a leader with the Wyatt Ag club as a coach and a livestock project leader and has been at it for 20 years. His wife, ***Lisa Simpson, is also a 20 year leader. Lisa was a 10-year member of 4-H and her mother was a leader, so it was natural for her to become involved as a leader too. Lenny believes that the competition 4-H offers in livestock mirrors real life and teaches youth responsibility and a work ethic that they will need later on in life. He has served on the Athletic Committee for six years and was swine superintendent at the County Fair for 15 years. He farms 450 acres northeast of Ault, and raises show lambs and pigs. Lisa has coached volleyball and softball for the Wyatt club, and co-chaired the Highland area Washington Focus group. Lisa says that 4-H builds lifelong relationships and develops a sense of responsibility and character in those who participate. She enjoys seeing kids do some of the same things she used to do when she was a member. Lisa and Lenny have two children, Nikki & Logan, who were both active in 4-H.

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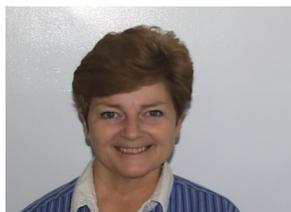
LEADERS

25-YEAR



Vicki Christian

Vicki Christian and her husband, Stephen, live in Windsor and have two children. She became a leader in 4-H when her daughter first became a member and she helped with the sewing project. Her main involvement has been as a county key leader for the Clothing project, though she also was an organizational leader for a time. Vicki has been a County Fair superintendent and was a sponsor on the 1985 Washington Focus trip. She has been a leader for 25 years, and sees herself staying active in 4-H to help encourage members and parents. Vicki operates her own business called "Drapes by Vicki Christian."



Christine Milne

Christine Milne was a 10-year 4-H member and had great memories of her experience in 4-H so she became a leader. She started by helping coach volleyball and softball teams. That evolved into being the horse project leader and then organizational leader of the Night Riders 4-H club. Chris and her husband, J.G., live southeast of Eaton and have three daughters who have all been involved in 4-H. Chris is also active as a volunteer at Eaton and Galeton elementary schools, Pantry Pals (an Eaton service group), Sunday School, and High School Rodeo. Happy kids are what have kept Chris motivated in her 25 years as a leader.

30-YEAR



Ted Magnuson

Ted Magnuson is a fourth generation farmer southwest of Ault. He was asked by a friend to help lead the Wyatt Ag 4-H club and has served in the capacity of project and organizational leader for 30 years. Ted is proud of all the kids that have participated in 4-H, and notes that a blue ribbon isn't the only measure of success. Ted has served as a board member of Agland for 25 years, and has been active in the Weld County Livestock Association, Colorado Cattlemen's Association, National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and Farmers Bank board. He has many memories of smiling faces of kids when they first join 4-H, learn the pledge, and begin to feel a part of everything. Ted and his wife Suzie have two sons, Tim and Jim.



Judy Stevens

Judy Stevens of Greeley says that "4-H keeps good kids good." During her 30 years of 4-H leadership, she has been an organizational leader of the La Salle 4-H club and the overall chairperson for General and Natural Resource projects at County Fair. She currently is on the Weld County Fair Board and has also assisted with the Leader's Food Booth and the Citizenship Washington Focus program. Judy received a degree from Aims Community College as an auto technician, which is her current profession. She likes to work on old cars, and enjoys spending time with her family and animals. She is proud to have five children that all were 10-year members, and one son, Bill, who is now himself a leader.

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50-YEAR



Dorothy Zabka

Dorothy Zabka has accomplished something that very few people ever do, 50 years as a 4-H leader! 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 its 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. Dorothy estimates that she has been involved with between 1200 – 1500 kids in her 4-H club through her 50 years as leader. For pleasure, she enjoys her Belgium horses and maintains several collections, including teddy bears, antique cars, and a pen collection consisting of over 25,000 pens.