

# 2010 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 20-YEAR



**Barry Marris**

Barry Marris – from Fort Lupton has been a leader for 20 years with the Tailtwisters club. Barry recognizes the value that 4-H had in the development of his children and that inspires him to continue as a leader so other children can benefit from 4-H. Because of his interest in a general project that involved restoration of antique items, Barry teamed with Dale Pralle to create the Weld County 4-H Restoration project. Additionally, he has served as a project leader for Weeds, Model Rocketry, and Wood Working. Barry serves on the board of directors for four ditch companies. He also is a member of the Fort Lupton Buyers group that supports 4-H kids at the Junior Livestock Sale. He and his wife Val have two children who were both in 4-H.

Barry and his family have been involved in production agriculture for 37 years.

## 35-YEAR



**Dale Pralle**

Dale Pralle – is a 35-year leader with the Tailtwisters club. He was a 4-H member himself, and became involved as a leader when his children joined 4-H. He started as a sheep project leader, and later he and his wife, Judy, took over as organizational leaders. Together with Barry Marris, the restoration project was started several years ago. Dale collects toy tractors and started the Antique Tractor Pullers Club in Fort Lupton. He retired a few years ago after 45 years as a truck driver. Dale is a former Weld County Fair Board member and has served 20 years as a trustee at his church. He and Judy live near Fort Lupton and stay active in 4-H by participating in the 4-H Leader's Council and helping with the Food Booth during Fair. They are active with a local RV club and enjoy travelling with the club and on their own.



**Pat Kindvall**

Pat Kindvall – is a 35-year leader beginning as a volleyball coach, progressing to being a project leader for knitting and crocheting and later becoming the Galeton 4-H club's organizational leader. Pat is on the 4-H Leader's Council, serves as an advisor to the 4-H Youth Executive Council, and is a sponsor and treasurer in the Washington Focus program. She is a past member of the Weld County Fair Board and still works with the Fair's Royalty committee. Pat is thankful for the opportunities that 4-H provides youth, and for the many friendships she has developed through her involvement as a leader. 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 children and grandchildren. She has worked for 24 years as a paraprofessional educator at Galeton Elementary School.

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**Judy Rush**

Judy Rush – has been a leader for 35 years, first with Prairie View 4-H and later with the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club. Growing up in Denver, Judy was a 4-H member in Arapahoe County where she participated mainly in Horse and Dog projects. Later she attended Colorado State University majoring in Ag Journalism. Having worked with horses for many years, it was just a natural thing for her to continue that work as a horse project leader. Judy later helped with goat and dog projects after her daughter Lee joined 4-H. Looking back, Judy says her 4-H leadership has just evolved over the years. Her husband, Kirk, has been a quiet supporter helping to haul kids and animals around and helping her get ready for her demonstrations. Judy is a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, has worked as an Election judge and for both the 2000 and 2010 U.S. Census. Judy and Kirk have a cow-calf ranch near Grover.

## 40-YEAR



**Sharon Hahn**

Sharon Hahn – has been a volunteer leader for 40 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 45-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 also helped lead Livestock, Poultry, Woodworking, and Leathercraft projects. Sharon and Gene 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 since 1983 before retiring from that position last year. Their children, Becky and Kevin, seen above them in this picture, were both 11-year 4-H members. Both enjoy gardening and sports and working on their cow/calf ranch east of Grover.



**Eugene Hahn**