

# 2007 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 15YEAR



**Kim Miller**

Kim Miller is a 15-year leader who got started as a leader when her oldest son started 4-H. Her first five years were with the Pony Express club, and the last 10 have been with the Keene 4-H Boosters. Kim notes that she had no experience in any of the projects that she has led; she learned them right along with the kids. She has been a county co-leader of the poultry project for the last four years, and is a certified archery instructor for the shooting sports project. Her desire is to help kids learn, and being active in 4-H helps keep them out of trouble. Kim has worked for seven years as the school librarian at Hudson Elementary and in her spare time enjoys needle craft and rug making.



**Barb Welch**

**Jim Welch**

Barb Welch was a 10-year 4-H member who found it a natural progression from being a member to becoming a leader. Her experience as a member taking the Junior Leadership project and being on the 4-H Youth Executive Council sparked her desire to be an adult leader. Barb and her husband, Jim Welch, are both 15-year leaders. Jim notes that their son's involvement in Citizenship Washington Focus really got them invested as leaders in that program. Barb has worked as a nurse for 29 years and enjoys gardening and canning. She and Jim love to help watch the grandkids.

Barb says that the 4-H kids inspire her to continue on as a leader, and that 4-H is one of the best programs around for shaping future leaders. Jim has been in the electrical business for 33 years. He notes that his involvement with the Washington Focus program gives him the opportunity to work mainly with the older 4-H members who are amazingly resilient in the face of many challenges and opportunities that today's youth encounter. Jim and Barb live near Kersey and have served for 23 years as Wranglers with the Greeley Independence Stampede and are on the leadership team for the "Kid's Hope" program at their church.

## 25-YEAR



**Dorothy Bates**

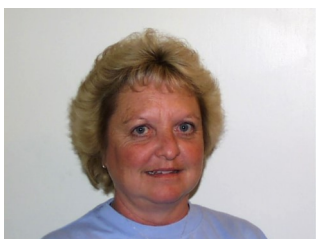
Dorothy Bates has been a 4-H leader for 25 years. She helped organize the Patterns & Pans 4-H club in Kersey, and currently is a county leader for Foods & Nutrition. She actively participates in the Family & Community Education program on a local and county level, and is a member of the Friends of Greeley Museums. Dorothy says 4-H provides her the opportunity to see youth develop skills and achieve goals that will be a part of their life. She and her husband, David, live outside of Kersey where she enjoys baking, gardening, and sewing. Dorothy is the Human Resources Benefits Specialist at Aims Community College. She will retire this June after 20 years of service.

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**Frank Burnett**

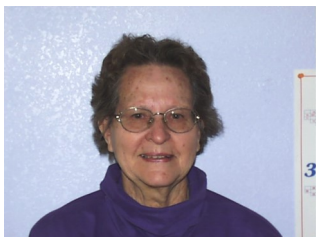
Frank Burnett lives southwest of Grover and provides leadership to members of the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H Club who are involved with market & breeding beef projects. He got his start as a leader when his wife Sherry said to him "If I'm going to be the organizational leader of this club, you're going to 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 has worked for Liquid Waste Management in Ft. Lupton for 12 years.



**Carol Walker**

Carol Walker started the Fort Lupton Tumbleweeds club 25 years ago and has been a leader ever since. She served as an organizational leader for 19 years and now is a project leader in a club that she helped her niece start. Carol loves watching the kids learn and grow into upstanding young adults. Their smiles and the energy they give off keeps her feeling young. For fun, Carol loves to go camping and ATVing. She is currently an Administrative Assistant for the United Parcel Service where she has worked for 29 years.

## 40-YEAR



**Judy Rexford**

Judy Rexford has been a 4-H leader for 40 years, starting first with the La Salle 4-H club where she helped with the sheep, chicken, sewing, and cooking projects. Currently, she serves as the county key leader for the rabbit project. 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. Judy believes that 4-H helps kids mature into more responsible citizens. She was recognized as a "Friend of the Fair" in 2004 by the Weld County Fair Board for her years of service as the superintendent of the rabbit show. Judy and her husband, Vernon, have five children, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. They live near LaSalle where they have operated Rexford Rabbit processing for the past 24 years.