

2008 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15YEAR

Robert "Dave" Marvin is a 15-year leader with the Keene 4-H Boosters club. Dave became involved as a leader when his oldest child started 4-H and the club was in need of a project leader. Over the years he has shared his knowledge in various project areas including Beef and Shooting Sports. Dave says it is important to keep kids active and interested in an activity which helps keep them out of trouble. In addition to his 4-H volunteer work, Dave is a youth leader at the Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. In his spare time he enjoys target shooting and working with his small herd of cattle and goats. Dave is married to Claudia and lives east of Ft. Lupton. They have four children who have all been 4-H members.



Mark Hodgson

Mark Hodgson is a 15-year leader with Box Elder Ag who says that being involved in 4-H is a family tradition. He became a leader because he wanted to give back for what others gave him while he was in 4-H. He has served as a project leader for market livestock species and is a member of the Weld County Fair Livestock and Junior Livestock Sale committees. Mark has also been the Swine Superintendent at National Western Stock Show for 17 years. Mark says it's easy to stay motivated as a 4-H leader because the kids are so enthusiastic and eager to learn. He believes that the ethics and lifelong experiences that kids gain in 4-H will benefit them later in life. Mark is a plumber foreman for U.S. Engineering and enjoys black powder hunting when he gets the chance. Mark and his wife Marla have two children and live near Gill.



Norma Smith

Norma Smith is a 15-year leader with Grover Guys & Gals. She started as a leader when her daughter began in 4-H. Norma helps with the Cloverbuds, and provides leadership for the Ceramics and Heritage Arts projects. She enjoys helping kids and knowing that they appreciate it. Norma lives west of Hereford with her husband Gary. They have three children and two grandchildren. In addition to 4-H, Norma enjoys gardening, ceramics, and being involved with the antique tractor club in Cheyenne. Norma has worked for the United States Postal Service for the past 20 years driving over 100 miles a day on her rural mail route.

25-YEAR



Rod Reinick

While attending college, **Rod Reinick** was asked to be the swine project leader for the Box Elder Ag club. In the 25 years since, he has been the club's organizational leader for seven years and assisted with rocketry, electricity, woodworking, and other livestock projects. Rod is also involved with the school Finance Committee, Fire Board, Wrestling Foundation, Platte Valley Ag Advisory, Weld Swine Breeders, and State Fair. He says that Tammy, his wife of 27 years, deserves a big thank you for his being able to volunteer time to 4-H and these other organizations. Her assistance with paperwork and last minute details has been a big help to him. Rod and Tammy have three children and live south of Kersey. He has worked for Platte Valley Schools for the past 18 years. He enjoys going to livestock shows and visiting with people.

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30-YEAR



Kathy Showers

Kathy Showers is a 30-year leader, having worked with the Evans and Crow Creek 4-H clubs. Kathy learned cake decorating after graduating from high school and was asked to help start cake decorating as a project in 4-H. She has been a project leader for cake decorating, crocheting, cooking, and knitting. Kathy's motivation to be a leader is a result of her own 4-H experience and the many wonderful things that she was able to do in 4-H. She enjoys watching kids accomplish their goals and carry their knowledge into their careers. For fun, she enjoys scrap booking, antiques, and cake decorating. For the past 29 years Kathy has worked as a mail carrier for the Briggsdale Post Office, and for 9 years she has worked as a part-time bookkeeper. She and her husband Myron have two daughters, and operate a ranch east of Briggsdale.

55-YEAR



Bill Erickson

Bill Erickson has accomplished something that only a handful of people ever do, 55 years as a 4-H leader! He has been a leader with the Galeton 4-H club for the entire time. A graduate of Colorado State University, Bill started his volunteer leadership after getting out of the service. He was a 4-H member himself and felt that being a leader would be a good way for him to give back to the community. His leadership includes a time at being the club's Organizational Leader and helping with the Tractor, Dairy, and Junior Leadership projects. Bill was recognized in the 107th US Congressional Record, in a resolution by Congressman Bob Schaeffer, for his accomplishment as a 50-year leader. Bill has served on the Ag Committee for the Greeley/Weld Chamber of Commerce, has been a member of the Weld County Farm Bureau for over 50 years. He is proud of the fact that less than 2% of the population is feeding and clothing the rest of the United States and that he and his children are a part of that with their farming and dairy operation east of Galeton. Currently, Bill is the President of the Weld County 4-H Leader's Council and a weather observer for COCORaHS, the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network.