

# 2013 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

## 15-YEAR



**Robert "Dave" Marvin**

Dave 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.



**Tim Scholfield**

Tim's calling as a 4-H volunteer leader began when he became the softball coach for the Box Elder club when his oldest daughter joined 4-H. Since that time, he has also served as a project leader for the Dairy and Leathercraft projects. He remembers learning a lot during his years as a 4-H member and he wanted to help his daughter and other 4-H youth learn too.

Tim has been a leader for 15 years and says his motivation to continue volunteering in 4-H can be summarized in one word – KIDS. Tim is a member of the Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council, the Colorado Wool Growers Association, and the Agfinity coop. He and his wife, Renee, live in rural Weld County near Gill. In his spare time Tim is an amateur bird watcher.

## 20-YEAR



**Mark Hodgson**

Mark got his start as a 4-H volunteer in Larimer County, serving as the Sheep Superintendent at their County Fair. In 1995 he signed on as the Sheep project leader with Box Elder 4-H and has served in that capacity ever since. He spent a few years coaching 4-H softball and is currently an active member of the Weld County Fair Livestock and Junior Livestock Sale committees. The thought of helping out kids with their projects and their goals has been the motivator for Mark to continue as a leader for 20 years.

He believes that the ethics and lifelong experiences that kids gain in 4-H will benefit them later in life. Mark has also been the Swine Superintendent at National Western Stock Show for 22 years. For pleasure, Mark enjoys elk hunting, packing and riding mules, and spending time with his family. He is a plumber by trade and has worked for U.S. Engineering for 20 years. Mark and his wife Marla have two children and live near Gill.

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**Norma Smith**

Norma is a 20-year leader with Grover Guys & Gal's 4-H. She was an 11-year 4-H member in her youth and started as a leader when her children became 4-H members. Norma helps with the Cloverbuds, and provides leadership for the Ceramics and Heritage Arts projects. She believes youth need guidance to improve self-discipline and self-esteem, and it is a great personal reward when she sees this happen.

Norma has worked for the United States Postal Service for the past 25 years driving over 100 miles a day on her rural mail route. She really does live the motto "neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night will keep her from her appointed rounds!" Norma and her husband, Gary, live west of Hereford and have three grown children. In addition to 4-H, Norma enjoys gardening, ceramics, and being involved with the antique tractor club in Cheyenne.

## 25-YEAR



**Bill Ogg**

Bill's 25-years as a leader spans several states, including Wyoming, Kansas, Montana, and Colorado. He currently is a project leader with Box Elder 4-H and helps with Horse and livestock projects. In prior years he helped coach dairy judging and parliamentary procedure teams. While in Montana, his parliamentary procedure team won a trip to National 4-H Congress by winning the state competition.

Bill believes it is important to develop leadership and public speaking skills in our youth because they don't always go back into production agriculture and these life-skills will be of value regardless of their future profession. He sees 4-H as an organization that helps boys & girls develop into honorable men & women and productive citizens. Bill also supports FFA and the Boys & Girls club. Currently, Bill is a regional sales representative for North Fork Iron & Metal. He has over 30 years experience in fair & show management. He and his wife Patty live east of Ault and have four children, all of whom were 4-H members.

## 30-YEAR



**Rod Reinick**

While attending college, Rod was asked to be the swine project leader for the Box Elder 4-H club. In the 30 years since, he has been the club's organizational leader for seven years and assisted with rocketry, electricity, woodworking, and other livestock projects. Under his leadership, Box Elder's membership grew to include 96 members and eight project leaders in the late 1990s.

Rod believes kids are looking for attention and guidance when working with their projects, and their excitement and the fact that 4-H still involves the entire family are what keeps him motivated to continue as a leader. Rod has worked for Platte Valley Schools in Kersey as the facilities supervisor for the past 23 years. He is also involved with the Platte Valley Fire Protection District; Platte Valley FFA Alumni, Little American Royal Superintendent, and various swine groups and associations. Rod's family raise natural pork and this year celebrated 30 years of home pig sales hosting over 70 production sales. Rod and his wife Tammy have three children and live south of Kersey. For fun, Rod enjoys hunting and ice fishing.

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## 60-YEAR



**Bill Erickson**

Bill has accomplished something that only a handful of people in Colorado ever have, 60 years as a 4-H leader; the entire time with one club - Galeton 4-H. A graduate of Colorado State University, Bill started his volunteer leadership after getting out of the Air Force. He was a 4-H member himself, taking the Junior Leadership project among others, and felt that being a volunteer leader would be a good way for him to give back to the community. His leadership includes time being the club's Organizational Leader, at times having more than 100 members in the club.

He also helped with the Tractor, Dairy, and Junior Leadership projects. Bill was recognized in the 107<sup>th</sup> U.S. Congressional Record for his accomplishment as a 50-year leader. He has served on the Ag Committee for the Greeley/Weld Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the Weld County Farm Bureau for over 60 years. He has been a member of numerous associations and organizations and held leadership positions in many of them. One thing about his 4-H experience that stands out to him is the friends he has made locally in Galeton and Weld County, the State of Colorado, and the Western United States Extension region. Bill 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, his late wife Clara, and his two children are a part of that with their farming and dairy operation east of Galeton.