

2015 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Lauri Sutton

Lauri Sutton is a 15-year leader. She is a third-generation 4-Her, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother. She has served as a project and organizational leader, and has been an active member of 4-H Leader's Council. Lauri says that inspiring young 4-Hers to become active community members as adults is priceless. She enjoys helping other volunteers realize their abilities, and believes that when we help each other learn new skills our communities becomes stronger. Lauri loves playing with robots, and has helped deliver the 4-H Tech Wizards program in Weld County for the past five years. In addition to 4-H, she is a board member of the Gifts from the Heart organization, is part of the school booster club, directs community drama, volunteers at the Jesus Rodarte Center, and is the women's ministry coordinator for the Living Hope Community Church in Ault. She has owned a photography and children's programming business for 20 years; and in her spare time likes to garden, and play guitar and piano. She has been married to her husband, Douglas, for 24 years.

25-YEAR



Patti Ogg

4-H has always been a part of Patti Ogg's life. She grew up a member of 4-H in Louisiana, and has collected her 25-years as a 4-H leader in four states: Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, and now in Colorado. Patti's first year as a volunteer started in Converse County, Wyoming, where she served as a bucket-calf leader. Since then, she has been an activity leader; project leader for beef, sheep, and swine; and an organizational leader. Patti recognizes the impact 4-H has had on her children, and feels that anyone willing to get involved in the leadership aspect of 4-H will reap benefits in any of their future endeavors. Patti likes to be in a supportive role where she can encourage kids to be active and compete in 4-H where they will realize their potential. Aside from 4-H, Patti serves as a substitute teacher at Platte Valley Schools, is an FFA alumni, and is an active member of St. Mary's church in Ault. She has been married to her husband, Bill, for 36 years.

40-YEAR



Dale Pralle

Sometime about 38 years ago, Dale Pralle and his wife Judy were at a 4-H achievement program where leaders were being recognized for 30-years of service. Judy recalls Dale saying "We'll never be in 4-H that long!" He was right...it was longer! Dale is a 40-year leader with the Tail Twisters 4-H club in Fort Lupton. He became involved when his children joined 4-H, beginning as a sheep project leader, and later he and Judy taking over as organizational leaders. Working with the kids has made his time as a volunteer worth it. Looking back, Dale is especially proud of the 4-H restoration project that he and Barry Marrs started. Besides 4-H project and club duties, Dale has served on the 4-H Leaders Advisory Council, helped in the Leaders Food Booth at Fair, and is a former Weld County Fair Board and Sale Committee member. He and Judy are active in a local RV club and enjoy traveling with the club and on their own. Dale collects toy tractors and started the Antique Tractor Pullers Club in Fort Lupton. He retired several years ago after 45 years as a truck driver. He and Judy live in Fort Lupton and lead an active life keeping up with seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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Pat Kindvall

Pat Kindvall began as a 4-H leader when her son, Tim, became a member – and she hasn't stopped since! She is a 40-year leader who began as a volleyball coach, progressed to being a project leader, and later assumed organizational leader duties with the Galeton 4-H club. Pat notes that she received good leadership from former Extension Agent, Marion Kreuger, when she first started as a leader. Marion made her feel important, which encouraged Pat to continue on as a leader. Pat is on the 4-H Leader's Advisory Council and serves as an advisor to the 4-H Youth Executive Council. She has been a chaperone on seven Citizenship Washington Focus trips (that deserves recognition all by itself!), and works with the Fair's Royalty Committee as a member of the Fair Board. Pat likes to read, knit and crochet, and take part in the life of her kids and grandchildren. She worked for 24 years as a paraprofessional educator at Galeton Elementary School, and for the past two years as a substitute teacher. She credits her husband, Ron, for being her biggest supporter of her 4-H activities. 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.