

2016 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Lynn Walter

Lynn Walter has served as both a resource and project leader for 15 years, primarily for shooting sports and market goats. It was her children's involvement in 4-H that got Lynn started as a volunteer. Her motivation to continue as a leader stems from watching kids learn and succeed. She says that it is especially fulfilling when you can sense that the kids feel their success. Aside from 4-H, Lynn enjoys participating in other archery programs, and is a member of the Poudre River Volunteers. Her hobbies include horses, travel, and spending time with grandkids.



Tara Dreiling

A friend of Tara's started a club and asked her help and, as they say, the rest is history! She started as a project leader, but quickly became the club's organizational leader – and has been at it for 15 years. Tara appreciates watching families in 4-H develop close bonds, and seeing kids develop self-esteem. While most of her volunteer hours go towards her work with the Wagoneers 4-H club, she also gives time to her church, working with the homeless, and the Weld Food Bank. Her passion is people, and she loves creating new friendships and maintaining old ones. For 20 years, Tara has owned and operated a consignment shop in Keenesburg.



Jason Simpson

Jason remembers how others helped him during his 4-H career, so he became a volunteer in order to give back to others. He has been a project leader with the Wyatt Ag 4-H club for beef, sheep, and swine, and also helped coach 4-H basketball. His enjoyment for the past 15 years has been watching the new, novice 4-H member with little knowledge or skill progress to be competitive and skilled in their abilities. Outside of 4-H Jason is a member of the National Swine Registry and a board member of the National Hamp-



Darin Naibauer

Darin was himself a member of 4-H, and once his kids became involved he volunteered as a leader. He has served as a leader for the shooting sports project with Box Elder Ag for 15 years. Darin gets satisfaction watching 4-H kids learn and master new things. Along with his wife, Kathy, he worked as part of the committee that founded the Weld County Goat Extravaganza. In his free time, Darin enjoys riding horses, rodeos, and team roping. He lives near Kersey and has been the operations manager for Central Weld County Water District for 16 years.

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Clint & Casey Sidwell

Becoming a 4-H leader was a natural progression for Clint since his parents were both leaders. Together with his wife, Casey Sidwell, they are both 15-year leaders with Countryside Ag 4-H. Clint has served as a project leader for beef, and helped coach 4-H softball. Casey is a project leader for sheep and beef, and currently is the co-organizational leader for the club. Both have also spent many years helping to coach the Weld 4-H Livestock Judging program. Casey considers her involvement in 4-H, particularly livestock judging, to be the most significant activity she participated in as a kid, and she is glad to be able to share her knowledge with others. Clint notes that 4-H provided him with so many opportunities that it's hard not to give back to the organization. Both enjoy attending livestock shows with their sons. Outside of 4-H, Clint serves on the Weld County Junior Livestock Sale Committee and is a past member of the Platte Valley FFA Advisory Board. Casey is a regional director for the Continental Dorset Club, and a member of the Platte Valley School District Accountability Committee and FFA Ag Advisory Committee. Clint and Casey live near Gill where they farm and ranch, and are seed stock growers.

25-YEAR



Larry Rodenburg

Larry is the Organizational leader for the Crow Creek 4-H Club. He remembers starting out 25 years ago as a project leader for woodworking, electricity, entomology, and coaching sports. He has also enjoyed being a chaperone on multiple Citizenship Washington Focus trips. He notes that as soon as one bunch of kid's age out of the program, you are already involved with a new bunch and the fun starts all over again. He enjoys woodworking and building scale model trains and wishes he had more time for fishing. He is a firefighter and EMT for the Briggsdale Fire Department, and active on various school and church boards. Currently, he drives bus and is the food service director for the Briggsdale School district.



Regan Romero

Regan got his start as a 4-H volunteer when he and Father Peter at St. Peter's Catholic Church started a community 4-H garden club called The City Slickers. He has since been a resource leader for the Bicycle project and has completed 25 years as a volunteer. Regan promotes 4-H by reaching out to all people and letting them know that 4-H is not just about Ag projects. He helped deliver 4-H Tech Wizards at the Rodarte Center, and provides a lot of behind-the-scenes work for the Food Booth at County Fair. Outside of 4-H, Regan is a representative for Union Local 1 at JBS. He enjoys working on old cars and putting tons of lights on his 1948 Ford fire truck for local Christmas parades.

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Phil Rouse

Phil's 25-year 4-H leader career began when then 4-H Agent, Mark Cronquist, asked if Phil would be interested in leading the Model Rocketry Program when the previous leader retired. He states that as we help 4-H members develop skills, planning and organizing their time is critical to their growth and development. It is especially satisfying, Phil says, to watch the kids finish their 10 years in 4-H. In 2014 Phil was the recipient of the Colorado 4-H Raleigh Brooks Outstanding Leader Award. He is involved with a number of community groups including Eaton Lions Club, American Legion, VFW, Coast Guard Auxiliary, and 9-Health Fair. Phil and his wife Pat live in Eaton. He is currently retired after having spent 30 years in education mostly working in vocational and technical education.

30-YEAR



Teresa Johnson

Teresa began volunteering as a leader when the Hoofbeats 4-H Club contacted her about helping with the Horse project as a riding instructor. Her 30 years as a leader has been focused on those involved in the Horse project, and has included coaching the Horse Bowl team, serving on the 4-H Horse Advisory Council, and being Superintendent of the Horse show at the Weld County Fair. She believes that 4-H volunteers make a difference in the lives of members, not through wins, but through the lessons learned in pursuing their goals. Outside of 4-H, Teresa loves to read, travel, and show horses. She is a member of the Platte Valley FFA Foundation, and the Mountain Plains and National Appaloosa Horse clubs. She has worked as a custom seamstress, a bus driver for Platte Valley Schools, and currently is the 4-H Events Coordinator with Weld County Extension. She and her



Lenny Simpson

Lenny was looking for a way to stay involved in 4-H after his stint as a 4-H member. So, he became a leader with the Wyatt Ag club as a coach and a livestock project leader and has been at it for 30 years. Lenny believes that the competition 4-H offers in livestock mirrors real life and teaches youth responsibility and a work ethic that they will need later on in life. He served on the Athletic Committee for six years and was swine superintendent at the County Fair for 15 years. He has enjoyed watching the different generations of kids and their families become involved and grow up through 4-H. He is on the board of the West Greeley Conservation District, and a member of the Eaton Country Club. He enjoys golfing, target shooting, and following sports. He lives northeast of Ault where he farms and raises show lambs and pigs.

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40-YEAR



Judy Stevens

Judy Stevens has been a leader for 40 years. Her motivation comes from helping good kids stay good, and tipping the scale on the positive side for those that may be on the borderline; plus the fantastic friendships she has made over the years. She got her start when two other leaders wanted to step down from their roles in the LaSalle 4-H Club. She was organization leader for that club for 18 years. Currently she is a resource leader, helping with gardening, cake decorating, and clothing projects, the Leader's Food Booth at County Fair, and Junior Leadership Greeley. Judy has served on the Leaders Council, Weld County Fair Board, and Weld County's 150th anniversary committee. Judy was a cake decorator at Safeway for 10-1/2 years, attended Aims Community College to be an auto mechanic, and spent time babysitting grandkids. She and Regan live on the outskirts of Greeley where she enjoys spending time with her kids and grandkids, working with her animals, painting and reading.