Idaho 4-H Hall of Fame Members

Abbott, Joann (2002) – 4-H leader in Clark County for 25 years, teaching livestock, horse and foods to over 100 youth in the Medicine Lodge area. She is a long-time member of the 4-H Council and is active in raising funds for 4-H by working at the food concession at rodeos in Dubois. Her children were and grandchildren are active in 4-H, carrying on a tradition of learning and service.

Alldaffer, Cecil (2002) – Extension Agricultural/4-H Agent in Caribou County, 1955-1983, president of the University 4-H Club in 1947. He loved working with 4-H, recruiting members and leaders, and helping organize clubs. He was active with the Alpine 4-H Camp, from helping the kids with dish washing to helping pipe water to the camp and shoveling the snow off the roofs in the winter. He co-authored the geology 4-H project, Pebble Pups.

Allen, Bud & Betty (2017) – Bud and Betty Allen, longtime residents of King Hill, have mentored three generations of youth through the 4-H program as 4-H volunteers. For more than 40 years, this couple exemplified the qualities of true volunteers: hard work, generosity, integrity, kindness, patience, and good morals.

They held traditions dear to their hearts which drove them to start the grass roots of the Working Ranch Horse program in Elmore County. This program laid the foundation for many similar programs in Idaho and other states. In the late 1980’s, Bud created a Ranch Horse Training video for National 4-H Council to help other similar programs.

Bud & Betty touched lives of numerous 4-H members over the years. Being true 4-H mentors, volunteers, and supporters, they opened their home and gave time to any youth wanting to learn. The youth they worked with became better people, learning not only life/horsemanship skills but the value of hard work, generosity, and integrity. They made sure that every single youth was successful and treated all youth like family, even after they aged out of the program. They listened, cared, led, inspired, and empowered every single youth who crossed their path.

Amende, Mary (2005) – Mary has spent most of her 80 years involved with the 4-H program in Idaho, as a member for several years, as a 4-H Mom, and as a leader for 42 years for art, home economics and miscellaneous projects. For the past 32 years, she has led the art project only. She teaches art to all ages, has written art projects and is a resource leader for other leaders in her county. Some of her members have gone on to pursue art in college and as a career. She has served as Superintendent of Records at the Fair and helped develop bylaws for the District Leaders’ Association. She calls herself a “professional volunteer” and is still active and a leader in several civic organizations. She is past president of the Idaho PTA.
**Batt, Minnie (2002)** – 1904-1991. 4-H member in Bonneville County, 4-H leader for 55 years, the longest serving leader in Idaho, leading over 25 different projects, but mainly foods, clothing, knitting, crocheting and tatting. She helped develop the Handwork from Our Heritage project, taught 4-H camp craft classes for 25 years, and judged at county and state fairs. She attended 14 Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forums, and 8 State Forums, receiving the state Distinguished Service Award in 1990.

**Baucum, Marie (2017)** – Marie’s 4-H career began when, at ten years of age, she joined a 4-H Club in Salmon, Idaho. She remained a member until she graduated from high school. She became a volunteer when her two daughters were old enough to become 4-H members. She enjoyed teaching her daughters and their friends how to cook, sew, knit, crochet, and many other projects.

After six years as a volunteer, Marie started working in the Gooding County Extension Office with the 4-H program. She worked for 23 years before retiring in 2011. Working with the 4-H program was so much more than just a job for Marie. It was an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many adults and youth in Gooding County. She took her job very seriously and tried to make their program the best it could be.

Since retiring, Marie is back to volunteering. She can be found helping with spring break classes and projects as well as judging at fair time. “4-H is one of the best opportunities available to our youth,” says Marie. “I wish every young person could be a member. The life skills they would begin to develop are priceless.”

**Bennett, Eileen (2008)** - Eileen has served the 4-H program for 25 years. Besides teaching youth she has always been one to help out with fund raisers and community service projects. Eileen came to the United States in 1947 with a Canadian Combine Crew and then on to Dubois to teach middle school. She became an American citizen in 1948. Not only was Eileen a 4-H leader guiding youth in numerous project areas but she also served as a past 4-H Council president. She organized and managed the Clark County Youth Horse Show for six years. She is a past charter member and secretary of the Clark County Fair Board and Historical Society. The Fair Board presented Eileen with the Community Service Award and the Rodeo Club recognized her for managing the Rodeo Parade. Eileen showed her community commitment by working with others to put together the county photograph collection of over 5,000 pictures and also served as co-chair on the Idaho Centennial Committee. She has done extensive local historical research. Clark County describes Eileen as an amazing asset they are lucky to have as part of their 4-H program.

Berheim, Roxanne (2017) – Roxanne Berheim was a 10 year 4-H member and has been a volunteer in Twin Falls County for 25 years. She has served at the county, district, state and national levels. Her club runs at approximately 40 members and offers over thirty projects. She has been an active member of the county program holding the offices of chairman or secretary in various committees. She also serves as the 4-H Poultry Superintendent and is a member of the Junior Market Animal Sale Board.

Roxanne has served on the district level as a representative for Twin Falls County for District 4-H Leaders Association & Camp Board. She has also served as president, vice chair, & secretary of the District 4-H Leaders Association and is currently the Camp Board Treasurer.

On the state level, Roxanne has served as a chaperone and workshop presenter for the State Leaders Association, as well as president & secretary. She has served on the State Ambassador Steering Committee and the State Shooting Sports Board.

At the national level, she has served as a coach at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Competition. She has become Level Two certified to teach archery, pistol, and hunting to other 4-H volunteers throughout the state.

Roxanne and her husband Mike of 30 years have raised four children who have reached the 10-year mark and continued as 4-H volunteers. Roxanne doesn’t remember a time in her life without 4-H. She has several years ahead of her instilling the 4-H way in her grandchildren.

Black, Marilyn (2014) – Marilyn Black has had a lasting influence on 4-H in Owyhee County that began in 1972 and spanned 22 years. She organized the oldest existing 4-H horse club in Owyhee County, the Bruneau Sage Riders, which was chartered in 1972. When she started the 4-H horse club, she provided horses, saddles, tack and transportation for many youth who otherwise would not have been able to participate in the program.

She served as Horse Superintendent for 10 years, receiving her Diamond pin for 20 years of service in 1992. Marilyn ran the contestants entrance gate at the Owyhee County Fair for 17 years – a hot, dirty job few wanted!

In addition to the many hours of 4-H service, Marilyn served on the Election Board for 25 years and was a member of the Bruneau Quick
Response Unit/EMT for 18 years. She was a charter member of the Owyhee County Cowbelle organization and served as president. She chaired their scholarship committee for 15 years, was a member of the Idaho Cattle Women and National Cattle Women organizations. She chaired the National Beef Cook-off in 1985.

Marilyn received the honorary Life Members Award from the Owyhee Cattlemen’s Association in 2003, the Idaho Cattle Woman of the Year Award in 1991, was nominated for the Idaho Stateman’s January 1993 “Portrait of a Distinguished Citizen” by Bruneau’s EMT’s, and also served as Grand Marshall of the Bruneau Rodeo.

Marillyn was a wife, mother and rancher. Besides raising her own children, Marilyn took in teens in need, and hosted several foreign exchange students. She was an advisor to the Rimrock FFA, Rimrock Rodeo Club and Bruneau Boy Scots. She was active in her church teaching catechism classes for 41 years.

The Black family was honored at the 4-H Centennial in Idaho for over 100 years of combined service.

Bolz, Darrell (2002) – 4-H member, leader, and Agricultural Extension Agent in Washington and Canyon Counties, 1971-1999. He developed school enrichment programs on environmental conservation, and initiated community garden programs for children. He served on the District II Camp Board, taught classes at camp and helped rebuild the Camp Lodge after it burned. And he served on state 4-H advisory committees for mechanical science, crops and livestock.

Booth, Jack & Peg (2002) – 4-H leaders for sheep in California before moving to Coeur d’Alene in 1968. Peg has been a leader for 37 years and Jack for 20 years, leading swine, sheep, veterinary science, general livestock, foods, and as community club leaders. They have both served as fair superintendents and were named Kootenai County Leaders of the Year in 1974. Peg has been active in the District and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as president in 1989 and treasurer in 1999. She served on the 1995 WRLF planning committee and was co-chair of the 2001 State Leaders’ Forum. She was named district DSA winner in 1995. Jack and Peg currently have 7 children who are 4-H leaders and 43 grandchildren enrolled in 4-H.
Bosse, Janice (2008) - For 40 years Jan was the glue that held Idaho 4-H together behind the scene. Jan started as a secretary for 4-H in 1961 but her responsibilities grew over the years. When Jan retired in 2001 she was managing communications with all 4-H Program donors, maintaining the 4-H Awards and Recognition program and the 4-H Endowment reporting system. Jan’s meticulous attention to detail, conscientiousness and a very positive attitude gave Idaho 4-H a positive image. Over the years Jan led Idaho 4-H through the technology changes, always learning the newest computer systems to maintain award and endowment tracking systems.

In addition to working at the state level Jan served as a volunteer 4-H leader in Latah County. Dr. Arlinda Nauman stated “She provided continuity, stability, and professionalism, and was our resident historian. Jan is a humble, unassuming individual who was responsible for a lot of the behind-the-scenes work for which others received credit.” Jan received the University of Idaho Outstanding Employee Award, 1995, a Western Regional NAE4-HA Communicator Award, 1995, Secretary of Agriculture Honor Award for Support Services (USDA), 1998 and the 40 year UI Meritorious Service Award, 2001.

Boyle, Stan & Joy (2002) – 4-H leaders for the Foothill 4-H Club for 22 years, primarily in livestock projects, and serve on the County 4-H Livestock Committee. They open their farm to house animals for 4-H’ers living in the city. Joy is responsible for the Idaho History in the Classroom projects at the elementary school each year, and was responsible for the Livestock Judging Contest this year. Stan serves on the County Fair Board and was superintendent of the Beef Show.

Bradley, Sharon (2017) – Sharon Bradley was born and raised in Idaho, spending most of her youth in Montpelier. She was active in 4-H growing up and has been part of the Idaho 4-H Program for over 54 years.

Sharon graduated from Bear Lake High School in 1971 and went on to the University of Idaho, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resource Management in 1975. She also married her husband Robert that same year and began her lifelong career with the US Forest Service, which she retired from in 2010 after 33.5 years of service as a silviculturist.

In 2017, she completed her 28th year as a 4-H volunteer. Most of these years were spent as a 4-H horse volunteer. She served as president of the Custer County 4-H Leader’s Council for over 5 years. Since 1998, she has attended the Horse 4-H Camp in Alpine, Wyoming every year, where she teaches trail classes and forestry sessions. She became a member of the Horse Camp Board in 2007.

Sharon was a member of the Custer County Fair Board for 11 years and served as the secretary/treasurer for 5 years. She was awarded the Idaho 4-H Leader’s Association Distinguished Service Award (DSA) in 2004 for her many years of service and leadership to the 4-H program in Idaho.
Branen, A. Larry (2002) – 4-H member 1952-63 in Canyon County, taking dairy, leadership and various agriculture and foods projects. He was State 4-H Association Vice President in 1961 and attended National 4-H Congress in 1960 as state winner in dairy. He was a 4-H leader 1977-79. He is currently Dean University of Idaho College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Vice President for Outreach. He is a frequent speaker to 4-H and youth groups around the state.

Brown, Wallace (2008) - Wally has been a 4-H leader for 31 years helping youth with beef and leather craft projects. Wally served many years as the 4-H Beef Superintendent and committee chair. He worked hard to improve the beef show ring, barn, and the quality of carcasses being raised by 4-H members. He made sure any youth who wanted to take a project could, no matter what their abilities or challenges may have been. Wally served as the Twin Falls 4-H Leaders Council president twice and beef committee chair for many years. He helped with 4-H camp and was a member of the Market Animal Sale and County Awards committees. He also helped with the fair food booth and attended several State Leaders Forums. Wally received the State Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

In 2007 the Twin Falls County Fair Board renamed the sale barn in his honor. Wally stood at the same gate at the same beef arena for 4-H beef shows for 30 years, calling the youth into the arena one-by-one. Because of this, the gate was named **Wally Gate** in his honor. In all that Wally does for 4-H, his focus is to make the experience a positive learning opportunity for the youth.

Brush, Ken and Claudia (2008) - Ken and Claudia are committed to supporting the educational opportunities for you and 4-H is their focus. Claudia has committed 20 years to 4-H at the county, district and state levels. She has serve on 4-H councils at all levels, most recently giving financial leadership to the 2008 Western Regional Leaders Forum. She has served on the county market livestock sale committee and as sheep superintendent at the fair. She is also an organizational club leader and project leader.

Together, Ken and Claudia have provided generous and unending financial support to 4-H. They have sponsored lamb ultrasounds at the fair for many years. They contribute to the State Leaders Association and provided scholarships to youth traveling to national 4-H events. Ken has been recognized as a top-ten buyer at the county fair. In memory of their daughter, Cynthia, they endowed a college scholarship for 4-H members attending Vallivue High School, Caldwell.
Their impact on 4-H youth is widespread. Claudia’s leadership has increased club enrollment and certified leaders. She also encourages an active teen leadership and officer program. They created space at their ranch for youth to do Dutch-oven cooking. Claudia helped revive the livestock field day and skill-a-thon. Ken provided the sheep and cattle for the field day. Their ranch is always open to 4-H’ers wanting to improve their animal project skills.

Butler, Art (2011) – As a 4-H gardening and beef project member, an 18-year leader of the Clover Creek 4-H Club, and a beef judge at county and state fairs, Art is a support pillar of the Gooding County 4-H Program. He has helped many youth through-out the county; from teaching them about feeding, to how to select and gentle a calf, to carcass qualities. Art played an important role in starting a beef education day that helped countywide beef members understand their beef carcass results. He was the county beef superintendent and round robin superintendent for many years, then after retiring from the superintendent position, he announced at various livestock shows.

Art takes livestock evaluation very seriously and has always encouraged youth to attend livestock judging events. With his family and club Art hosted the county livestock judging contest at their ranch. He continues to support the Gooding County Contest, one of the longest running judging contests in the state. Art was instrumental in getting the livestock judging camp started in southern Idaho. He continues to host many state 4-H, FFA and college judging teams with housing, great meals, practice classes, and listening to oral reasons. Art Butler is a working example of “To Make the Best Better” motto for the Idaho 4-H Program.

Cameron, Thelma (2002) – Started 4-H at the age of 9 and was involved in sewing, Make-It-With Wool, horse, sheep and beef. In 1972 she toured Europe for 7 weeks as a 4-H People to People Citizen Ambassador. She has been a 4-H leader in Blaine County for 16 years and is a strong voice in the leaders’ council, livestock committee and Fair Board, and in charge of the horse council fundraiser to purchase prizes for the horse show. She sponsors the roving horse trophy given to the All-Around Outstanding Horse 4-H’er in Oneida County. She also provides transportation to the District and State Horse competitions. Bernice is a Deputy Administrative Assistant in the Oneida County Sheriff’s office. She and her husband have a farm and animals, which she helps take care of.
Campbell, Betty (2017) – After being an Idaho County 4-H member, Betty Campbell became a volunteer in 1974. Betty has always encouraged her 4-H members to step out of their comfort zone and take advantage of every opportunity to see the world. Through 4-H Horse Bowl and 4-H horse judging, Betty has taken 4-H members to Oklahoma, Kentucky, Texas and New Mexico, each time organizing fund raising events so all members could participate, regardless of their economic situation.

Betty sets the bar high for her 4-H members. She expects a lot, but she also gives a lot. Not only has she subsidized 4-H member’s projects monetarily, she has loaned horses, hauled horses and provided care for horses – whatever it took to help a 4-H member have a positive experience.

For 44 years Betty has led by example and taught so much more than horsemanship. Members involved in her club are the children of former members, as well as participating families from other counties. This speaks volumes as to the type of impact Betty has on their lives and our Idaho County 4-H Program.

Because of the impact Betty has had on the Idaho County 4-H Program and the youth in our area, she was honored by being selected as the Idaho County Fair Grand Marshall in 2016.

Carter, Beth Kienitz (2017) – To sum up Beth Kienitz Carter’s involvement in the 4-H Youth Development Program is to say “she bleeds green!” Beth began her 4-H involvement in 1979 as a 4-H member; for the past 27 years she has been a volunteer, mentor, friend, and role model to all those who cross her path.

Beth’s commitment to 4-H extends from being a club volunteer, to serving as an officer on the Gem/Boise Leader’s Association, District II 4-H Leader’s Association, and the State 4-H Volunteer Association. She chaired the State 4-H Distinguished Service Award committee for 7 years, and served as a representative on the UI CALS Advisory Board and UI Extension Deans Advisory Board.

Working with youth and impacting their lives has been Beth’s number one priority. This has led Beth to coach many youth to success in livestock judging and livestock projects. Beth believes in positive youth development and has played an instrumental part in delivering it to our youth. She served on the 4-H Know Your Government Planning Committee for 26 years and has chaperoned at National 4-H Conference and National 4-H Congress.
Cheldelin, Kati (2002) – Canyon County Extension Educator, 1982-2002. She developed an outstanding 4-H program, serving as a mentor and role model for 4-H leaders and new extension faculty, and empowering leaders to take on new roles in program management. She attended and supported Teen Conference for 19 years and 4-H Camp for 18 years. She served as IAE4-HA president, vice-president and secretary, receiving the ASA and DSA awards, and the University of Idaho Schermerhorn Award. She also received the Governor’s Award.

Cheney, Kay Lynn (2002) – 4-H member and junior leader in Bonner County for 9 years, 4-H leader in Gooding County for 24 years, leading sewing for her own club as well as a club at the School for the Deaf and Blind, and the After School Program. She has been active in the District and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as state president in 1996, and served on the 4-H Endowment Board. She has taught classes at district, state and Western Regional Leaders’ Forums, as was the state DSA winner in 1989.

Chester, Thomas (2002) – 4-H member and Extension Agent in Caribou and Bonneville Counties, 1939-46, then District IV Supervisor, 1946-79. He recognized that 4-H was very important to the community, and as District Supervisor, was able to get 11 home demonstration agents and 8 4-H agents hired in the district. He was instrumental in the building of Alpine 4-H Camp, raising the money to build permanent structures and to buy the land around the camp for a buffer zone.

Christensen, Dixie (2017) – Dixie grew up in Kuna, Idaho on a small farm. At the age of 9, she joined Kuna-Mora 4-H Club, taking a dairy calf as her project. Dixie gives Marion & Helen Stroebel, who were the volunteers in her club, credit for much of the passion she has for 4-H. Horses were always her love and at the age of 13, when the horse project was introduced to Idaho 4-H, she dropped livestock and finished her 4-H years with horse projects. Dixie has been a 4-H horse volunteer in Idaho and Oregon and has been a certified 4-H horse judge for 20+ years. Her real passion and top priority though, are the youngsters who she has had the privilege of working with through the years and who she has watched become successful horsemen. Whether youth pursue a horse related profession or other professional career, Dixie truly loves watching youth succeed in achievements with the help of the foundations built by 4-H. Dixie’s calm demeanor, sensible outlook, and tremendous knowledge has earned her the respect of 4-H volunteers, youth, families, and other horse industry people from around the state. Dixie truly is a gem.
Craig, Larry (2002) – 4-H member in Midvale, Washington County, taking livestock, electricity, and junior leadership, 4-H leader in electricity for 5 years. He served in the Idaho Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and currently serves in the U.S. Senate. He has spoken at the 4-H Know Your Government Conference several times and always welcomes visiting 4-H delegates who are attending conferences in Washington, D.C. He received the National 4-H Alumni Award in 1990.

Craig, Mary Jean (2014) – Mary Jean Craig is a 32-year 4-H veteran and the model to which many 4-H parents and professionals aspire. An energetic and positive force in the University of Idaho Extension 4-H State Office, she was detail oriented and served as a strong champion of 4-H events such as Teen Conference, Idaho 4-H Wool Contest, and others.

Mary Jean was an effective advocate for 4-H among youth and adults because she believed in 4-H and practiced its principles of helping youth develop positive personal and leadership skills. She served as project leader for clothing, photography, Handwork from our Heritage, and visual arts.

Perhaps the most fitting testament to Mary Jean’s dedication to and belief in 4-H followed the death of her young granddaughter. At a time when a parent’s and grandparent’s beliefs and values are most tested, Mary Jean responded by creating the $1,000 Lillian Jeanette Craig Memorial Scholarship to help provide opportunities for 4-H members who have survived cancer or is the sibling of someone with cancer.

Mary Jean continues to volunteer service to young people and UI Extension 4-H by serving as organizational leader for the Mountain View 4-H Club in Moscow.

In the words of Kelli Loftus, “Throughout her involvement with 4-H as a mother, volunteer leader, and state office personnel, Mary Jean Craig has been an example who inspires other to positive action.”

Crossley, Doris (2002) – Ten-year 4-H member and 17-year 4-H leader. She has been camp cook for the Cascade 4-H Camp for 13 years. She has been active in the County, District and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as president of each several years, and helping plan a number of state and regional leaders’ forums, including serving as co-chair for two state forums. She received the District II DSA in 1991.
Culp, Marilyn (2014) – Marilyn Culp has been a stalwart leader for the Bonneville County 4-H program for the past 25 years. The backbone of the Bonneville County Family and Consumer Science Committee, she has served as President for the past eight years, while also a member of the Bonneville County Advisory Board. She has also chaired the rabbit and poultry shows during the county fair.

Marilyn earned a B.S. degree in biology at Idaho State University and has wisely used her education to inspire youth. As a University of Idaho Master Gardener for the past 23 years, Marilyn has led numerous children through the Jr. Master Gardener’s 4-H project, allowing them to plant and grow flowers and vegetables, as well as reap their own harvest.

Marilyn and her husband, Bruce, raised 4 children and led them in Cub Scout and Girl Scout troops. Marilyn is active in the Presbyterian Church, where she serves as a youth Sunday School teacher and elder. Even though busy with the family farm and family business, the Culps made 4-H a big part of their children’s lives, encouraging them to enter projects and contests on the county and state level. Her family also hosted Japanese students for three summers for the International 4-H Student Exchange.

The 4-H projects Marilyn has led range from rabbits, poultry, lambs and goats to leatherwork, entomology, forestry, outdoor cooking, clothing and foods. Marilyn has been a willing worker at the Alpine 4-H Camp, has served on many committees and has helped for any and all day camps.

According to Becky Cook, Marilyn has been a dedicated leader and example to those who serve with her. Her kind and gentle nature has been a stabilizing influence in the whole 4-H program in Bonneville County. “Marilyn Culp has the vision of what 4-H can and should be.”

Davidson, Mary (2002) – 4-H member in Teton County and state 4-H officer 1976-78 (where she met her husband), 4-H leader 24 years, leading sewing, cooking and rabbit, and attending Teen Conference as a chaperone for most of those years. She is active in the District II Camp Board, and the Twin Falls County, District III, and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as state secretary. She was the state DSA winner in 2001. She is a member of the 4-H Endowment Board, serving as president for 2003.

Davidson, Myrtle (2002) – 4-H Agent in Fremont County and first Home Demonstration Agent in Bear Lake County, 1919-22, then district agent until 1924. She organized the first sewing club in Bloomington in Bear Lake County in 1922, which was led by Mrs. A. E. Jarvis and Mrs. Verona Stevens.
Delbridge, Wolfe (2011) – Wolfe leads clubs in both Bannock and Caribou Counties, including being a leader of the Pony Express 4-H Club for at least 40 years. These clubs include all ages and abilities, and focus on horse projects as well as veterinary science, teen leadership and other projects. Wolfe works tirelessly to ensure that any youth with an interest in horses can participate in 4-H. From providing horses, hauling horses, sharing horses, and riding until well after midnight, Wolfe taught the members to keep trying, to commit, to care for their animals, and to make the best of what they had. He ensured that the youth ran the club meetings, decided and ran the fundraisers, elected and shared club offices, and created unique community service ideas. At least five of his members have been state rodeo royalty, along with many other successful rodeo queen competitors, rodeo competitors, and western horse show and reigning champions. Two club members have also gone on to work for the University of Idaho Extension Program and another runs the youth Beef Ambassador Program for the American National Cattle Women.

DeShon, Barbara (2008) – For 38 years Barbara opened her 4-H club to any youth, especially those whose family struggled financially and those with physical and emotional challenges. She was a horse leader and put her time, effort and financial resources into the horse program so that many youth could afford the horse, tack and feed. Most importantly, Barbara provided an environment in which youth could succeed. Within her community, Barbara runs a Special Olympics program for local handicapped and challenged adults. This program allows these special people to bond with and ride horses, an undertaking not for the timid. She not only has a heart for horses but a heart for those who are very challenged in life.

Dunford, Vera (2002) – 4-H member in Utah and received a 4-H scholarship with which she attended Utah State University, 4-H leader for over 30 years in Bloomington, leading cooking. She was one of the best cooks in the Bear Lake Valley and had her own catering business. She was still teaching her grandchildren and judging fairs for neighboring counties when she died.
**Dunham, Charles (2002)** – 4-H member in Gooding County 8 years, tractor leader 2 years, 4-H Extension Agent for Fort Hall Reservation, Lemhi and Bonneville Counties, and District 4-H Specialist, 1959-89. His empathy and understanding of Native American youth helped 4-H become a strong program which aided many Native American youth achieve beyond their humble beginnings. He was an IFYE to Brazil in 1955-56, helped start the LABO exchange program with Japan in 1972, was Director of 4-H Programs in Thailand in 1981 for a new program for National 4-H Council, and received the State 4-H Alumni Award in 1997.

**Eakin, James (2005)** – In 1956, Jim took a job with the Cooperative Extension Service in Burley and a year later transferred to Blaine County, where he continued to serve the community for the next 15 years, influencing hundreds of 4-H children. 4-H was near and dear to Jim’s heart and he was influential in expanding 4-H in Blaine County. In his retirement, he continued to donate to the Blaine County Scholarship fund and Market Animal Sale, and answered any question for 4-H projects. His experience and education with animal husbandry made him an asset to the Market Beef projects. He stayed current on trends as a member of the American Hereford Association and past president of the Idaho Hereford Breeders Association. He also served the community as a member of the Board of Directors of the Wood River Irrigation District. He was recognized as a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Hailey.

**Edwards, Herbert (2002)** – Extension Agricultural Agent in Valley and Elmore Counties 1947-77. He helped develop a strong 4-H program and viable county fair in Valley County, and helped countless 4-H members with their projects in Elmore County. One member related that he “patiently instructed me in the basic points of raising and showing beef cattle,” eventually winning a scholarship as a result of his teaching. Herb and his wife, Beulah, have contributed substantially to the Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund.

**Erickson, Elvira (2002)** – 4-H leader in Madison County for 35 years, leading Food Preservation, Clothing, Foods and Home Arts, and coordinating the Idaho History project at a local elementary school. She was the Madison County 4-H Aide. She is active in county, district and state leaders’ associations, serving as state secretary in 1996, and has taught numerous workshops and leader trainings. She has helped with 4-H camp, served on the Fair Board, the 4-H Endowment Board, and the 4-H Curriculum Advisory Committee. She was the county DSA winner in 1997.
**Falk, Mabel (2002)** – 4-H leader from 1946 until her death in February 2000, a total of 53 years. She and her husband started the Cheerful Workers 4-H Club, the oldest in Bonner County, in 1948. All 6 of her children were in 4-H, 4 receiving trips to National 4-H Congress, one to National 4-H Conference, and one was an IFYE to Brazil. The Falk home was always very open and welcoming to 4-H’ers and they hosted many IFYE’s over the years.

**Feasenhisser, Bethel (2002)** – 4-H leader for over 32 years. She is willing to take on any project that a 4-H’er wants to take, whether she is familiar with it or not. She played a big role in getting the Cloverbud Program started in Payette County. She is active in the Leaders Association, serving as president, secretary, and treasurer, and has been poultry and Cloverbud superintendent at the fair.

**Fitzpatrick, Lola (2002)** – 4-H leader for 20 years and has served on the Jerome County Fair Board and as Fundraiser Chairperson. She single-handedly organized the fundraiser to build a new 4-H swine barn, and was the artist and chief solicitor for the window painting campaign, which is still going strong, the proceeds from which are used for upkeep on all of the 4-H buildings. She received the County DSA and Friend of 4-H Award for her work on the Swine Barn Fundraiser.

**Flower, DeAnn (2005)** – DeAnn was a 4-H member, 4-H leader for 15 years, and a 4-H judge. She led sewing, child development, leadership, miscellaneous, and numerous county projects. She was a 4-H aide in Ada County, a fair superintendent, and helped with the Legislative Breakfast. She was active with 4-H Camp, both junior and teen, helped with counselor training and served as a chaperone for Ambassador Training, Teen Conference, and Know Your Government. She was the District Teen Council Advisor and Ada County Representative to the District Planning Committee and the 4-H Camp Board. DeAnn is active in her church and community as a Primary Teacher, with Cub Scouts, Eagle Fun Days, H Dance Force, and the Women’s’ Fitness.
Fortier, David & JoAnne (2014) – David and JoAnne Fortier have provided vital leadership at the local, county, district and state levels throughout their 34-year 4-H careers. Even though their children have long since graduated as 4-H members, this couple provides dynamic leadership that helps the local 4-H program to thrive.

Having provided leadership for an array of 4-H projects, David and JoAnne are instrumental in creating attractive displays for more than 800 non-livestock exhibits that members submit to the 4-H building annually. While many within the public perceive 4-H to be strictly about raising and showing animals, their efforts provide the venue which opens individuals' eyes to the vast potential and opportunities available to all youth (rural and urban) through 4-H.

They have both provided leadership to the Kootenai/Shoshone 4-H Leaders Association, where JoAnne continues to serve as treasurer. With David's support, JoAnne provides critical assistance at the club, county, district, state, and regional levels. Locally, she served on the North Idaho 4-H Camp Board for many years, assists in coordinating our annual fair interview judging process, and co-chairs operation of the Leaders Association 4-H Food Booth - their primary fundraising activity to support year-round program operations.

JoAnne also serves as county representative to the Northern District 4-H Leaders Association, and has held various leadership roles. She was active in the promotion and operation of the annual District Activities Festival that provided youth with additional opportunities to enhance their oral presentation skills. JoAnne represented our District on the Idaho State 4-H Leaders Association, helped facilitate numerous State 4-H Leaders' Forums plus served on the planning committees for three Western Regional 4-H Leader Forums.

"David and JoAnne are quintessential 4-H volunteer leaders. They are a joy to work with, highly respected, and strive to 'Make the Best Better.'"

Gardner, Max (2002) – Extension Agricultural Agent with 4-H responsibilities in Jefferson, Canyon, and Payette Counties, 1961-1998. He was very knowledgeable in livestock, was very involved with the Payette County Fair each year, and judged in many other fairs. He had 8 children of his own who were heavily involved in 4-H. After his retirement, he has continued to volunteer at the fair and help in other ways.

Gibson, Gene (2002) – Worked for the University of Idaho for over 30 years, as a livestock specialist and Extension Agricultural Agent in Gooding, Benewah, and Bonner Counties, retiring in 2002. He was a 4-H leader in Gooding County when his daughters were in 4-H. He helped develop the Systems Approach of Livestock Evaluation, which is known nation-wide and is used in the majority of counties in Idaho, as well as 8 other states and 2 Canadian provinces. But he is best remembered for his handlebar mustache, which was a great icebreaker with children!
Gosse, Myrn (2011) - A 4-H leader in Idaho for close to 40 years, Myrn has approximately 50 kids enrolled in her club each year. The number of youth she has impacted over the years is staggering. “Truly, everywhere you go you find people asking if she’s STILL a leader.” stated Joan Gill, 4-H Coordinator. Myrn’s club, the Rawhiders 4-H, is primarily a horse club, but other projects include swine, scrapbooking, quilting, small animals, beef, sheep, goats and currently Legos. When the “4-H pack” gets heavy and no one else is willing to volunteer, Myrn will be the one to step up and help. Her response “I should quit—but every time I look at those little faces—I just can’t do it.”

Myrn is a willing participant in every aspect of 4-H, volunteering at the club and county level, and working diligently in the “trenches” with other adult volunteers. She is an active member of the Idaho Youth Horse Council, both on a state and district level. Although Myrn’s own children have long since grown up, she takes a vested interest in the teaching and mentoring of her 4-H kids. Myrn has coached, encouraged, and helped with fundraising for countless horse judging teams that have gone onto District, State and National Judging competitions. As a school bus driver, Myrn continues to teach. She carries a supply of pencils on her bus and helps students with their homework as she is driving them home, sometimes pulling to the side of the road so she can time them as they do their math.

Grassl, Carol, (2011) – Carol became a 4-H member when she was in grade school and told the county agent visiting her school that her mother would be happy to help form a 4-H club! After being a member for many years, she served 42 years as an adult volunteer leader, starting in 1969 when her oldest daughter was finally old enough to join 4-H. The club started with 10 or 12 little girls who wanted to learn how to cook and sew, but the scope of the projects expanded quickly. Carol encouraged youth in her club to be involved in 4-H beyond the club level just as she had as a youth. Several of the members under her leadership were involved with the county Builders Club, camp counselor program, Teen Conference, national 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference. After nearly 20 years as a club organizational leader, Carol took on leading a county photography project. She shared her expertise of being a professional photographer with a number of youth for nearly 18 years, stimulating creativity and interest in the profession. She also led several photography day camps and continues to assist with additional day camps on a variety of topics. Because of her on-going dedication to and involvement with the 4-H program, Carol has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Canyon County. Carol continues to volunteer on the county and district level planning, organizing and facilitating events and activities, and has been an exhibit judge and an interview evaluation judge in Southern District II for the past 20 plus years. Carol also volunteers with the Canyon County 4-H Endowment Board, serving as treasurer for the past two years. In addition to volunteering, Carol and her husband, Laurence have been buyers and contributors to the Market Livestock Sale for over 20 years and to Canyon County 4-H.
**Graves, James (2002)** – Extension Agricultural Agent in Nez Perce and Boundary Counties, District Supervisor in Boise, Director of Extension in Moscow, 1949-1981. He was always a strong supporter of 4-H and has fond memories of attending Club Congress (now Teen Conference) as a young County Agent from Nez Perce County and staying up all night to feed the fire for the 4-H barbecue. After he retired, he served a 2-year assignment in Egypt with a cereals improvement program.

**Graves, Tracy (2002)** – 4-H member 1969-76, attending Alpine 4-H Camp, and was a National 4-H Congress delegate in 1976. She has been a leader in Butte, Elmore and Bingham Counties for 16 years, leading foods, clothing and child development. She was a 4-H Program Assistant in Butte County for 9 years. She was active in the State Leaders’ Association, serving as secretary in 1998, president in 2000, and State DSA Chairman in 2002. She served as co-chair of the 2000 State Leaders’ Forum. She served on the Know Your Government Conference planning committee for 2 years and attended National 4-H Congress as a chaperone in 1999. She was a 4-H camp chaperone for 9 years, Camp director for Alpine 4-H Camp and is bookkeeper for the camp.

**Green, Marie (2002)** – 4-H leader for 44 years in a variety of projects. She was a Fair superintendent for a number of years and has been an officer in the County Leaders’ Council. She was honored as 4-H Leader of the Year and received the DSA award. The family hosted an international exchangee. The four Green children were all in 4-H and one went on to be an Extension Home Economist in Idaho.

**Grube, Helen (2002)** – 4-H leader for 34 years leading almost every project except entomology. She started the Happy Homemaker’s Club in Green River in 1969 and has touched the lives of over 600 youth. She has been a mentor, champion, friend and teacher. A high percentage of her 4-H’ers remain in 4-H for more than 4 years. One former 4-H’er said, “Helen taught me to do my best, always.”
**Hamilton, Joann (2005)** – Joann has been a leader in Jefferson and Power Counties for 25 years, leading a variety of projects from clothing, foods, child development and scrapbooking to shooting safety and bicycle. She helped organize the District IV 4-H Leaders’ Council and the State 4-H Leaders’ Association. She was co-chair of the food committee for the Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum in Coeur d’Alene, and co-chaired two State Leaders’ Forums when they were held in District IV. Joann was involved in decorating the Idaho room at the National 4-H Center, organizing a photography display of the state commodities. Joann is a judge with a specialty in food and nutrition, and demonstrations, including the demonstration portion of the Idaho horsemanship contest. Four of her club members have earned trips to National 4-H Congress and one won the Chicago Board of Trade trip. Her club attended the National Meat Judging Contest in Kansas City.

**Hassakis, Sandy (2002)** – 4-H leader for 10 years for a large club of 40-70 members. She has been president of the Livestock Association, has been active in the Leaders’ Association, and has presented many workshops at the county and district levels. She has served as the District II 4-H Camp Director, increasing camper numbers enough to offer another camp. She was selected to receive the County DSA in 2002.

**Hawkins, Charlie (2002)** – 4-H leader for more than 30 years in Boise County, and Livestock Superintendent at the fair for most of those years. His club often had the winning livestock judging team, competing at other fairs and the Pacific Livestock Exposition in Portland. For many years he drove members to 4-H Club Congress in Moscow and served as a chaperone. He was one of the first to contribute $500 to the Endowment Fund when the million-dollar club was created.

**Heavrin, H. Don (2005)** – Don has been involved in 4-H for 35 years, 5 years as a member, 10 years as a leader, 7 years as the sheep superintendent, and 20 years as a member of the Ada County Endowment Board. He was also the Ada County Youth Council Advisor for 7 years, and a member of the State 4-H Endowment Board for 4 years. Don advised, guided and supported his daughter in establishing the statewide penny drive to raise money for the 4-H Endowment Board. He was one of the founders of the Ada County Endowment in 1985 and is a member of the Million Dollar Club for 4-H. Don has chaired the 4-H picnic, which serves 800 people annually at the Western Idaho Fair for 15 years. He was a school volunteer for 4 years and a member of the Gem State Kiwanis since 1990, serving as President and Treasurer.
Heim, Tass (2002) – 4-H leader in Ada and Canyon Counties for 28 years as a horse project and a livestock resource leader. She has been active in the District and State Leaders’ Associations and was as co-editor for the 4-H Leaders’ Corner in 1998. She served as president of the District and State Horse Councils, director of Horse Camp, and chairman of the District II Mini-forum. She is an advocate for children, the educational component of the program and other leaders. She helps leaders across the state understand the importance of teaching life skills, ethics and having fun.

Heinrich, Adolf (2002) – 4-H leader, 1951-58, mostly for electricity and tractor maintenance/engine repair, but also teaching crops, forestry, entomology, gardening and leadership. He was active in supporting, promoting and placing youth in the international program. In the 1950’s, he was instrumental in the building of the Valley County Fairgrounds, and was an active member of the Fair Board. He and his wife received the Idaho Statesman Trophy in 1969 for their work with the Valley County Fair over the previous 34 years.

Hilfiker, Herman (2002) – an Agricultural Agent in Bingham, Bannock and Ada Counties, 1936-69. When he started in Bannock County in 1936, he was the first “4-H agent” in a county. Prior to that there were only district agents. In 1941, he moved to Ada County where he restarted the Extension program, which had been discontinued in the 1920’s. He was responsible for the whole program until they hired a 4-H agent in 1945.

Hilker, Gwen (2002) – 4-H leader for the Garfield Gophers Club. She had been a leader for 31 years when she received the District IV DSA award in 1991. She helped develop a pony raising project and a horse driving project. She shared her love of animals by furnishing a petting zoo at the Jefferson County Fair, loaning animals for live Christmas nativity scenes, and loaning animals to the Idaho Falls zoo. She taught her 4-H members that winning is more than just a blue ribbon, it is making do with what you have.

Hillman, Russell (2002) – Extension Agricultural and 4-H Agent in Bonneville, Lemhi, and Fremont Counties, 1950-81. He was instrumental in starting some of the first Jr. Leader organizations in Idaho in Bonneville and Lemhi Counties. In Fremont County, he paid a large role in getting the County Fairgrounds built; including helping build the 3 original buildings. He was also instrumental in establishing the Alpine 4-H Camp and helping construct the buildings and pipeline.
Hodgins, Elaine (2002) – 4-H leader for 28 years, receiving the district DSA award in 1985. She served as Community Pride Coordinator and hosted two IFYE’s and several LABO delegates. She was active in the District and State Leader Associations, helping to organize both. She attended a National Foods and Nutrition Forum and shared her knowledge with other counties. She served as publicity chair for the WRLF held in Coeur d’Alene in 1985. She encouraged contributions to the Endowment Fund and when she died, many people across the state contributed to it in her memory.

Hondo, Mary (2002) – 4-H leader for over 35 years, leading cooking and sewing, and was the area expert on giving presentations. She helped start a county Builder’s Club for teens in the 1970’s and was enthused about engaging them in community service projects. She was a strong supporter of the LABO program, hosting several times, and traveling to Japan as a chaperone one year. She was active in the County Leaders’ Council and served as a 4-H fair superintendent for years.

Hooper, Patty (2002) – 4-H member, taking cooking, gardening, leadership and beef projects, 4-H leader 1966-2000. She met her husband at a 4-H meeting at the age of 11. She was a leader council board member, district volunteer, and very involved with the 4-H quiz bowl. She encouraged her members to learn decision-making skills through judging and took teams to many judging events, including the Pacific International in Portland. She received the District III DSA in 1987 and her family was recently named “Family of the Year” by the Idaho Angus Association.

Hopkins, Ivan (2002) – Extension Agricultural Agent in Cassia, Lincoln and Minidoka Counties, 1959-1997. His largest contribution to the 4-H program was the many hours he spent on the conception, organization, planning, and constructing of the South Central 4-H Camp facilities in Blaine County. From selecting the location of the campsite, to construction of the lodge and cabins, he has dedicated countless hours of service to develop the camp project into a wonderful facility.
Huber, Sue (2002) – Involved in 4-H for 24 years, 21 years as a club leader in Madison County and working with day camps and after school projects. She has served on the county Leaders’ Council for 15 years, on the District Council, and on the State Leaders’ Association where she held the office of treasurer. She has also been active with camp, serving as Adult County Camp Leader for 15 years and serving on the District Jr. High Camp Board. She has attended 3 Western Regional Leader Forums and 1 national adult leader conference. She was District DSA winner in 1988.

Hurst, Trish (2002) – 4-H leader for 14 years in Cassia County, including working with at-risk children. She is a Cassia County Fair Superintendent and has been active with the county, district and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as state president in 1999. The family has hosted 8 LABO delegates, has sent 2 of their children to Japan, and one was an IFYE to Estonia. Trish had the opportunity to represent Idaho at the 25th anniversary of the LABO program in Japan. She received the district DSA in 1999.

Ingle, Gerald and Grace (2011) – Gerald and Grace started the Big Bear Ridge 4-H Club in 1946 and continued as leaders for about 12 years (Gerald) and about 20 years (Grace). They continued to support 4-H financially after they retired as leaders. The club included nearly all the kids in the community, about 12-15 youth each year, about 60 individuals over the years, and offered a variety of agricultural and home making related projects, as well as leadership.

Gerald and Grace helped organize the Latah County Leaders’ Council and served as officers. They supported the livestock sale each year. At least two of the club members received trips to National 4-H Congress in Chicago and the National 4-H Camp in Washington, D.C. Their son, Don, went on to be an IFYE delegate to New Zealand and was a County Extension Agent in Bonner and Boundary Counties. After their deaths, the Grace and Gerald Ingle Memorial Award was established. The cash award is given each year to 3 older Latah County 4-H members who have demonstrated outstanding achievement, leadership and citizenship. An estimated 90-100 youth have received the award in the last 28 years.

In addition to 4-H, Gerald and Grace were active members and leaders in the Kendrick community, Pomona Grange, and the Latah County Historical Society. Gerald served as a Latah County Commissioner for 20 years, 18 years as chairman. As a commissioner, his support for 4-H and Extension was always strong.
Isaak, Harold (2002) – 4-H Leader for 52 years. A Bingham County 4-H volunteer, he has served on numerous county, district and state volunteer committees. He has been active in the State Leaders’ Association, serving as president in 1992. He was a chaperone to National 4-H Conference in 1994 and was selected to serve on the planning committee in 1995. In 1995, he taught a workshop and was a chaperone for Western Regional Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City. He is an avid supporter of the 4-H Endowment, serving as a board member and past-president of the board.

Jensen, Pansy (2002) – 4-H leader for foods and clothing, 1948-59. She was the first Extension Home Economist in Valley County, 1959-75. Although there had been a sewing club in the county as early as 1938, there no 4-H programs after the leader retired. Pansy revived 4-H in the county in 1948. She was a leader for the “Make It with Wool” project and organized the Cherry Pie Contests. She attended Club Congress as a chaperone and she successfully found program sponsors who would financially support children who wanted to attend a program.

Jesenko, Mary (2002) – Life-long resident of Owyhee County and leader of the “Saints of the Skillet” 4-H Club for 25 years, 1952-77. She taught many young girls how to cook and sew – a number of them entered their projects in the state fair over the years.

Johannesen, Erling (2002) – 4-H member in Gem County, 1928-35, County Agent in Gem County, 1944-1980, member of the 4-H Endowment Board, 1989-present and president 1999-2001. The son of struggling immigrant Norwegian homesteaders, he was just learning to speak English when he joined 4-H at age 7. He took corn, lambs, jersey cow and heifer, and swine, receiving several awards for showmanship, champion animals, and demonstrations. During his 37 years as County Agent, membership grew from 45 to 450. He started the “Million Dollar Club” fund development campaign for the Endowment Board.

Johnson, Maurine (2011) - Maurine’s 4-H involvement started as a 4-H member for ten years. She has been an adult volunteer since 1990, impacting the lives of many youth, some coming from under privileged families. She has organized and led projects in two 4-H clubs and was an adult advisor for the Owyhee County Teen Association. She has devoted not only her time, but monetary resources to 4-H, providing 4-H’ers the materials needed for their project (fabric, notions, etc.), along with the full use of her sewing machines. Recently one of her past 4-H members became a 4-H volunteer and said “I had the privilege of having Maurine as my 4-H leader. I emphasize my because she dedicated her time to each of us as if we were her only member. I am now a parent and realize how important it is to have individuals such as Maurine in the lives of children, so I have become a leader myself.” Maurine’s 4-H portfolio outside of club work includes serving as Owyhee County Fair Superintendent, District II Wool Contest chairman/coordinator, chairman of District II Style Revue, District II Oral Presentation Contest, and the District II 4-H Leaders’ Association Treasurer since 2003. At the state level Maurine served the State 4-H Leaders’ Association as president, treasurer, Leaders’ Corner newsletter editor, and as the Distinguished Service Award chairperson. She currently serves on the State 4-H Advisory Board. Maurine co-chaired the 2002 & 2006 State 4-H Leader’s Forum, served on the 2008 Western Regional 4-H Leader’s Forum planning committee, and has presented numerous workshops at the district, state and regional levels. Maurine is also a Master Clothing Instructor and as a member of the Treasure Valley American Sewing Guild, currently serving a second term as president. Maurine shares her love of music by playing the piano for church services. She was secretary of the Vallivue High School Parents Band Association!

Johnson, Rose (2002) – 4-H leader in the horse project for 25 years, retired and has returned to lead her nieces and nephews in 4-H. While in college she helped form the first rodeo team at ISU. As an adult she helped establish the 4-H horse program in Custer County in the 1960’s and the high school rodeo program in the upper Salmon River country. She was an original Fair Board member and was instrumental in developing the Custer County fair and rodeo grounds.
Johnson, Susan (2002) – 4-H leader for 17 years, leading sewing, quilting, cooking, poultry and horses. She has spent countless hours working with members in the horse program, sharing her knowledge and resources with them, regardless of their or their horse’s ability. She also helps with the High School Rodeo, working with many of the same youth she taught in 4-H. She has been an instructor for many Horse 4-H Camps and is always ready to help at the fair.

Judd, Lawrence and Laura Bell (2014) – The life enriching 4-H program was established in Clearwater County by the efforts of Lawrence and Bell Judd. Because of Bell Judd’s involvement in 4-H while growing up in Washington state, the Judds recognized and valued the experience that 4-H offers. Lawrence Judd, then a county commissioner, approached the University of Idaho about establishing a Community Extension Club, now known as 4-H, in Clearwater County. The Community Extension Club was established in 1936. Bell Judd was one of the first leaders of the first Community Extension Club in the Clearwater County with her children Claude, Marie, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2002 and recognized for 50 years of volunteer service, Harry, who became an extension educator, Clarabell, and Verla along with neighboring youth being members. A granddaughter also became an extension agent because of her 4-H involvement.

Bell Judd led the clothing, canning, and sewing in the community club, instilling the life skills that 4-H is known to produce. Lawrence lent support and assisted with non-home economic projects. This leadership continued into the next generation of their family and other youth in the county resulting in forty years of volunteer leadership. In the forty years of leadership, Lawrence and Bell helped youth attend regional and national 4-H events and be the best that they could be.

The marriage of Lawrence Judd and Laura Bell Reed established a family whose combined family participation in 4-H spans over 450 years. The impact of their efforts through time and monies expended continue today as Clearwater County continues offering the 4-H Youth Development program to youth throughout the county.

Judd, Elvita (2002) – 4-H leader for 49 years, leading numerous projects, hosting a LABO delegate, and touching the lives of thousands of young people. She has served in every capacity at the county level, including Fair Superintendent for 4-H, and has been County Leader of the Year and DSA. She served on the 4-H Know Your Government Planning Committee for the first few years of the Conference when her husband was a legislator in Boise.
Judge, Gary (2005) – Formerly a 4-H member, Gary is a dedicated and hardworking 4-H leader with 36 years of experience. He has led at least 23 different projects in his clubs, from animals to cooking to shooting sports. He has served on the county advisory council, the Bingham County 4-H Market Animal Sale Committee, has been the swine chairman at the county and Eastern Idaho state fairs, and helped develop record books for market animals and shooting sports. For over 10 years he taught classes at 4-H camp. Gary was supportive of the formation of the Idaho 4-H Endowment and his club was the first $500 Endowment Club in the state. Gary has raised hogs for 40 years and is active with the East Idaho Pork Producers Association and the Idaho Swine producers. He is active in Farm Bureau, volunteers with the St. John’s Catholic Church, and coached and umpired little league baseball.

Kauer, Melody (2014) – Melody has supported 4-H on many levels. In 1987, she started High Country Hands in Lemhi County. She enrolled each of her children as they became Cloverbud age into the club, local, state and national programs. In 1997/98, Melody took leadership of the 4-H Builders Club for teens, with emphasis on leadership and community service. The 4-H programs she has supported are numerous. Melody is an accomplished seamstress who taught many 4-Hers how to sew their first project. After she moved on to 4-H Builders Club, Melody continued to teach sewing projects and holds project camps for members wanting to learn more sewing techniques. More recently, LEGO Robotics has become a fun project for Melody.

Besides county volunteer and club leader, Melody has attended and assisted as needed at KYG and 4-H Ambassadors. Her involvement with Teen Conference includes teaching/transporting teens and being part of the TC planning committee. She supports 4-H activities with her time and finances. In Lemhi County, Melody has chaperoned District IV Raft Retreat, taught at 4-H camp, worked with Extension on EYSC, as project leader for TAC Team entrepreneurial project (collecting advertising, producing the fair book), and helped coordinate Family Fun Night (won state and national awards in community development) during the county fair.

State Leaders Forum is an annual journey for Melody, where she assists with planning and fund raising for 4-H. She has been involved in National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Focus and travelled to many events outside Idaho.

Locally, Melody is a full time teacher, track assistant, bookkeeper, and clock-keeper for school sports. She is an elementary drill team teacher and class advisor, still finding time to do the Mars Rover robotics competition after school. In her church, she has taught Sunday school and music, is ward bulletin organizer, luncheon coordinator, and more.

Melody Kauer has devoted her life to children and 4-H!
Keetch, Bettie (2002) – 4-H member for 10 years, leader for 29 years and has been active with the 4-H Leader’s Association both on the county and district level. Bettie has made a significant contribution to 4-H on the individual, club, and county level. She has also been the Adams County 4-H Exhibit Hall Fair Superintendent for 17 years. Serving on many committees for fundraisers, workshops, mini-forums, and forums for 4-H, school, and church are some other things she keeps busy with. Bettie is also a contributor to the Idaho 4-H Endowment Fund.

Kempthorne, Patricia (2002) – 4-H member in Ada County and Idaho’s First Lady. When she was 8 years old she meticulously sewed her first apron, which led to a lifelong passion for sewing and enabled her to earn extra money in college. In 2000 she received the Idaho 4-H Alumni Award in recognition of her care and commitment to the children of Idaho. In 2001, Mrs. Kempthorne helped kick-off the 4-H volunteer recruitment campaign by participating in a press conference and encouraging adults to become leaders.

Kerner, Julie Rae (2017) – Julie was a longtime volunteer who believed in the 4-H program. She was a 4-H member in her youth, an active parent volunteer, and a certified volunteer. She served as a 4-H volunteer in Washington County for 13 years before losing her battle to cancer.

Julie made a significant impact in the lives of everyone she met. Not just because she served on multiple boards, donated time and money to her favorite causes and managed her family’s cattle ranch and feedlot business, but because she truly saw the best in all situations and treated everyone with kindness and respect. Julie’s life focused on agriculture, family, community and faith.

Over the years, Julie served in leadership roles for the Washington County 4-H Leaders Council as treasurer, president, vice president, awards committee, livestock judging committee, audit committee, fair board representative, portfolio/record book committee and willingly volunteered for anything else needed within our program. Julie’s service brought out the best in everyone she worked with. In addition to her service to 4-H, she also supported FFA, was a member of National Junior Hereford Association Board, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Weiser Hospital Board, Idaho Cattle Women’s Association, Weiser River Cattleman’s Association, Leadership Idaho Agriculture, Shamrock Club, Chapter T- PEO, National Hereford Association and St. Agnes Catholic Parish. Her grace and compassion will be greatly missed by all the organizations she served and the people whose lives she touched.

Julie was our 2015 DSA winner, 2015 Friend of the Fair and 2008 Outstanding Leader of the Year because she lived the 6 Pillars of Character that we strive to achieve in 4-H. Overall, she was an amazing example of “Making the Best Better”
Kidman, Monta (2002) – 4-H leader for 41 years teaching clothing, food and nutrition, photography, entomology, health, money management, bicycle, safety, gun safety, small engines, tractor, heritage, survival, plants and soils, design in nature and electricity. She is the volunteer who jumps in and helps out wherever help is needed. In 1987 she received the Bingham County Distinguished Service Award and The Friend of 4-H Award.

Kyle, Russ & Grace (2002) – 4-H leaders in Bonner County for over 20 years. Russ got started in 4-H after he retired from the Air Force. His main project was woodworking and her area was needlework, but they offered a lot of miscellaneous projects - whatever the youth wanted to learn. They never had any children of their own and welcomed anyone into their club who was interested. Russ helped with state leader forums and the 1985 and 1995 WRLF’s held in Idaho. They both enjoyed attending the WRLF as long as they were able to. They were state DSA winners in 1987.

Larrocea-Phillips, Susi (2002) – 4-H member and leader. She was a leader for the Shoo-Fly 4-H Club in Homedale for 10 years before moving to Star, Idaho. She was the first leader to organize a Cloverbud club in Owyhee County, which is still flourishing. Susi continues to be active in Owyhee County 4-H by judging the demonstration contests and other events.

Larson, Helen (2008) - Helen has devoted 48 years to Idaho 4-H, as a club and resource leader and helping with county and district demonstrations. During her time as a club leader she impacted the lives of 959 youth. She was a caring and positive role model who spent hundreds of hours helping her members become successful. Success to Helen was gaining life skills to become a productive positive community member. Helen was a devoted chaperone, accompanying youth to county, district and state level events. She encouraged many of her members to attend National 4-H Congress and Conference. Helen was an active member of Canyon County 4-H Leader’s Council and attended many State and Western Regional Leaders Forums. In 1985 Helen received Canyon County’s first Distinguished Service Award. She served as the Fair secretary for several years and worked for the county Extension office. Helen’s impact on 4-H will be long felt because her club members are now 4-H leaders, parents and committee members. And, she is encouraging and loving a third generation of 4-H’ers - her grandchildren.
Lauer, Kathy (2002) – 4-H member and 19 years as a leader. She played an instrumental part in getting the State 4-H Endowment off the ground and is active on their state board. She is very active in the Canyon County Leaders’ Council and served as chairman of various committees. She is active in the State 4-H Leaders’ Association, serving as president in 1998. She attended the National 4-H Recognition Training in 1996 and helped teach workshops across the state. She was state DSA winner in 1992. Kathy feels that youth not only learn responsibility by doing a project, but they also learn decision-making skills and learn how to get along with others by participating in all types of 4-H activities.

Law, Mary Kay (2017) – Mary Kay Law has been actively involved in promoting 4-H in her local community of Culdesac, ID and Nez Perce County for 45 years.

She helps with Community Pride projects, has helped facilitate several Leaders Forums over the years, and has also helped write sewing curriculum that we still use today.

Her leadership qualities are extremely polished and she is such a great asset to our program. She has stepped up into several key leadership roles over the years, which includes helping other counties.

Mary Kay Law is a wonderful role model to not only our 4-H youth but to our 4-H volunteers as well. She continues to share her knowledge and experience with others, helping them better themselves and others.

She is the most selfless person you will ever meet. Enough cannot be said about Mary Kay Law’s character. She is always putting 4-H first and she goes out of her way to include youth from her community and surrounding communities as well. She is always there to offer her support and guidance.

Leen, Moreen (2014) – Moreen Leen is an exemplary supporter of 4-H in Bonner County. She has served as organizational leader for the Sagle Saddle Tramps for 37 years, growing her club to nearly 100 members in 2013. She has also served as a horse leader for 37 years, a swine leader for 30 years, and a sheep leader five years.

Moreen has served on the District 1 Horse Leaders Council as well as on the Idaho Horsemanship Award Planning Committee. In addition, she has served on all 4-H committees in Bonner County including the Leaders Council, where she was an officer for 10 years, the Horse Leaders Council, and the Market Animal Livestock Committee.

She has been in charge of organizing the county-wide horse bowl contest for six years, the county-wide horse judging contest for 15 years, and the Last Horse Show of the Season (the only fundraiser for Horse Leaders Council) for nine years. Moreen has also served as an officer on the Leaders Council and has been a swine barn superintendent two years.
Moreen is an all-around advocate for 4-H through the county, the state, and the region, attending ten State Leaders Forums, five Western Regional Leaders Forums, and one Livestock Leaders Regional Forum. After each event, Moreen always brings a detailed report and formal presentation back to Leaders Council and imparts her knowledge to all leaders.

She is an advocate for community service, organizing a group of members to deliver Valentine’s Day cards to area assisted living facilities on an annual basis.

Her passion and dedication is also apparent in her children. Two of Moreen’s children have gone on to become active 4-H leaders in Bonner County and she currently has several grandchildren participating in 4-H.

"Moreen Leen is a shining example of what dedication and life-long passion look like in 4-H."

**Lish, DaNoma (2002)** – Started as a 4-H leader in 1959 working with home economics projects for girls and miscellaneous for boys. She supported her members financially by paying the project registration fee so that needy families would be able to continue taking projects. She also has provided awards within her clubs for outstanding members. DaNoma is currently 82 years old and is very involved in 4-H and donates money to county and state 4-H funds.

**Lowber, Tim & Debbie (2002)** – The Lowbers have been leaders for 20 years starting with a single project horse club and enlarging it to include clothing, foods, livestock, and miscellaneous projects. They are active in the District II 4-H Leaders’ Association, County Horse Council, District II Horse Council, and State 4-H Horse Council. Not only do they encourage their members in educational activities, but they also participate along with the members and attend forums on all levels to further their own education.

**Lyle, Corinne (Rowe) (2002)** – District and State 4-H Specialist, State 4-H Coordinator, Rural Sociologist, and Associate Director of Extension, 1973-98. She was hired in a new position in 4-H to promote urban expansion of 4-H. She was instrumental in developing many non-traditional and special interest projects.
Marchant, Celia (2002) – Started her involvement in 4-H in the state of Nevada as a member, was a leader in Utah, and then continued as a leader in Idaho. She was one of the organizers of the Basin Beasts and Basters Club in Oakley in Cassia County and served as a club leader for 35 years. She worked as the 4-H advisor on the Cassia County Extension Staff and served on the Cassia County Endowment Board. Celia and her husband were chosen as Cassia County Fair and Rodeo Parade Grand Marshals in 1999 for the involvement with the youth. She was state DSA winner in 1991.

Marler, Frankie (2002) – 4-H member in Idaho. Extension Educator in Ada County, Idaho, in Alaska, and in Washington. She mentored leaders as they worked in traditional 4-H clubs and worked in non-traditional settings to reach more youth. She was a member of NAE4-HA for 20 years and served as parliamentarian for the National Officers. She is active in the county and state Endowment Board and currently offers her time to raise money to help Ada County youth attend camp, teen conference, or other activities. In 1985 her co-workers and peers recognized her with the DSA award from NAE4-HA and in 1994 she was awarded a team award for Outstanding Work with Mid Management from the Western Region 4-H Affiliates.

Maruji-Adams, Minnie (2002) – Her impact on 4-H began over 30 years ago as a 4-H leader teaching foods and clothing. She worked as the 4-H secretary at the Bingham County Extension Office from 1980 to 1992. During her time there, she encouraged and recruited new leaders. She was given the Bingham County Distinguished Service Award in 1991 and recognized by “8 is Enough” a program developed to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the community. Minnie is also a member of the 4-H Endowment Million Dollar club.

McDonald Reed, Elizabeth (2002) – 1880-1983. She organized one of the first 4-H clubs in Idaho. An energetic supporter of education, she began her career as a teacher in 1898 and was elected county superintendent of schools in 1908. When she learned that boys’ and girls’ clubs were being organized statewide in 1912, she started a 4-H sewing group in Gibbonsville, another in Leadore, and a third in Iron Creek. The clubs’ display of their 4-H work at the end of the summer, along with an exhibit of local fruits and vegetables, was the beginning of the county fair in Lemhi County.
**McKinley, Pheba (2002)** – 4-H leader from 1944-1983 for a sewing and food club in the community of Howe, Idaho. She started the first club, Laugh and Sew, in 1944, which was a sewing club, and all items had to be hand-sewn because Pheba did not have a sewing machine. Every year she crocheted an afghan to be sold at the 4-H Fat Stock Sale and the proceeds were given to the local 4-H council.

**McLean, Carroll “Mac” (2014)** – Carroll “Mac” McLean’s involvement with Idaho and Washington 4-H youth programs has positively impacted at least four generations and easily over 25,000 lives.

Appointed to the Ag representative position for Washington Water Power (now Avista), he convinced corporate leadership of the need to engage in supporting youth livestock producer programs throughout their service area. Thus the WWP Sheep flocks (Idaho) and Breeding beef (Washington) programs were born.

Youth participants were responsible for the breeding, care and management of these animals throughout the year, providing practical application of the knowledge these youth were learning in the respective club meetings. The Idaho program consisted of three ewes (2 year old, 1 year old, and ewe lamb), with members keeping the oldest ewe and all but one of the better ewe lambs, which was put back into the flock rotation – before the flock shifted to a new member. If a member encountered difficulties, Mas was always there to provide guidance and do whatever was needed to insure that a set of high-quality animals were maintained within each flock.

During these and many other interactions, Mac was constantly helping youth (and their parents) to develop outstanding character, leadership and citizenship skills. He provides leadership by example. Throughout his career with Washington Water Power and even into retirement, Mac has been civically engaged whether it be volunteering his time as an auctioneer at a multitude of county fairs or providing primary leadership to sustain and grow regional events such as the Spokane Junior Livestock Show – annually serving hundreds of youth throughout Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana.

Nominator Jim Wilson stated, “For 50 years, Mac has promoted the value of 4-H and directly impacted the lives of youth for a positive, productive future.”

**Melody, MaRene (2002)** – 4-H leader for 17 years, 4-H Fair superintendent, and sits on Twin Falls County’s Expansion and Review Committee. She is a project leader for sheep as well as the organizational leader for the club. She is very active person for the sheep project in Twin Falls County. She is also the secretary/treasurer for the Idaho Central 4-H Camp in District III.
Miller, Pat (2005) – Pat has been highly involved and committed to 4-H for over 30 years. She served as a teen leader for nine years from 1965 – 1972 in Arco. Then, Pat continued later on for 23 more years in Franklin County, Idaho from 1982 – present. Pat donates time, talent, and money to teach 4-H projects, including Foods, Photography, Public Speaking, Wildlife, Forestry, ATV Safety, Rocketry, Lamb, and Leadership. Pat even developed many 4-H projects that did not have leader manuals available. She also helped the Franklin County Teen Club with transportation, chaperoning, and fundraisers. She has had several winning entries in the 4-H in Idaho Photo Contest. Pat served on the Franklin County 4-H Advisory Council, serving as secretary and president. She also was involved with the District IV 4-H Leader’s Council. Because of Pat’s commitment and caring, she positively impacted 4-H in Franklin County on an individual and community level.

Montgomery, Bev (2002) – 4-H member and Extension Agent. She won a trip to 4-H Congress in 1959, attended Club Congress, and attributes her skills today to her “learn by doing” through 4-H. She began her Extension career in 1969 where she worked until she was elected to the Legislature in 1998. She continued to support 4-H by coordinating the KYG Legislative Workshop and is a volunteer for summer programs in Canyon County. She received the 4-H Alumni Award in 2001.

Nauman, Arlinda (2017) – Dr. Nauman started her 4-H career in Oklahoma as a youth member and then as faculty. She came to Idaho in 1988 and served as State 4-H Director until 2012. From the start Dr. Nauman focused on bringing resources to Idaho to support current and new 4-H’ers. She established the first 4-H Advisory Board, including both youth and volunteers as members. Starting with a donation of $55,000 in 1990, the Idaho 4-H Endowment Board was established and grew to over $2 million by 2011. Believing strongly in volunteers, she served as advisor to the State 4-H Leaders’ Association.

Dr. Nauman expanded our positive youth development programs and established 4-H afterschool programming. In her UI career she secured over $7 million in grants; partnered with the Governor’s Office to sponsor the first State After-School Conference, (now hosted by the Idaho Afterschool Network); and led the 13 western states as director for the National Network for Child Care.

To build outreach to diverse youth and families, Dr. Nauman co-led cultural competency workshops improving faculty/staff skills in reaching underserved audiences. She co-secured National 4-H Council grants for a Latino youth mentoring program focused on math, science and technology skills. She was passionate about giving volunteers a voice and modeling diversity and inclusion as core values.
**Newman, Enid (2002)** – Her 4-H career began in Fruitland as a 4-H member and in 1945, Enid and her husband moved to Idaho County. In 1962, she became a leader in the Clearwater Valley area leading a home economics club for many years. In 1963, when the Stock Show became the County Fair, Enid was appointed as the Secretary/Treasurer, which she has held for 39 years and during this time she has never missed a Fair Board meeting or a Fair. She has a positive attitude and willingness to help others.

**Ney, Jerome Jay (2005)** - Jay was an Extension Educator in Nez Perce County from 1968-1999, with 4-H and Livestock Responsibilities. During his 30+ years in Nez Perce County he wore many hats; Citizenship Washington Focus Chaperone, 4-H Dad, After School Adventures Supervisor, Mentor, Livestock Sale Supporter and Friend. His strong leadership skills and dedication to the program were passed onto the members who are now community leaders, 4-H parents and 4-H leaders themselves. Jay received awards from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Idaho Association of Extension 4-H Agents, and was named Public Citizen of the Year by the North Idaho Chapter of Social Workers. Even after his retirement from Extension in 1999 Jay was always available to give guidance and support. He maintained his involvement in the 4-H Program by serving on the Joe Thometz Scholarship Committee and as a Livestock Sale Supporter until his passing in February 2005.

**Nielsen, Joleen (2002)** – 4-H member, leader, and 4-H Assistant. She was involved with the District 4-H Council. Joleen also was one of the “After School Program” instructors where she led craft projects for the youth in the community.

**Oltmanns, Loy (2002)** – Loy was a strong supporter of 4-H. She was a resource leader of Foothill 4-H Club for 12 years where she taught hard work, determination, and perseverance to all the 4-H members she knew. She also was a big supporter of the Fat Stock Sale by bringing in numerous buyers every year. She would go around and encourage people to attend to the sale and she even collected money from people that she used to purchase animals.
**Orcutt, LeeAnn (2011)** – LeeAnn was an Organizational 4-H leader in Ada County for 13 years until she lost her life to cancer. She made a significant impact on 4-H with her dedication to the program. She served as fair supervisor, Mini Forum presenter, fund raising chairman and helped with field day and open house many times. She was awarded the Distinguish Service Award in Ada County in 2005.

LeeAnn had a lasting positive effect on 4-H and 4-H youth. She instilled excellence in the youth with whom she worked. She held them to the highest standards. She encouraged youth in her 4-H club to seek out their own community service projects, be able to communicate easily with adults in the club, people in their community, and feel comfortable during an interview. She encouraged even Cloverbuds to go through the interview process with her. Even as she battled cancer during her last four years in 4-H, LeeAnn continued to serve as the Sale Committee secretary, helped with the county fund raiser and was organizational leader for a small club. LeeAnn contributed to the very end. As her husband recently noted, “She is smiling down from heaven.”

**Ostrom, Pat (2011)** - As a leader for over 25 years of the Mustangers and Lone Star 4-H clubs, Pat influenced over 130 members on their journey to becoming caring individuals and productive citizens. Pat served as president of the Canyon County and District Horse Leaders’ Councils, served on the State Horse Leaders’ Council, and served on many planning committees for judging, presentation and horse bowl contests. She also chaperoned young judgers for a National Horse Judging Contest in Portland. More than one 4-H member was allowed to use Pat’s personal mount when they didn’t have their own horse to use. Pat would even haul her horse to every event. Pat implemented the planning of several Oral Reasons Takers trainings and volunteered to be reasons taker at contests near and far and for any county or district who called upon her expertise. Pat was also involved with Horse Camp, helping plan the event and attending as an adult supervisor for five years. Serving as the Canyon County 4-H Fair Aide for 13 years, Pat was invaluable for all areas of the fair from securing judges for the livestock shows, to obtaining interview/evaluators for all project evaluations, to overseeing the horseshow, all the way to the awards ceremony at the fair’s end. Pat and her husband are also financial supporters. Pat supported her children and grandchildren as they navigated their way through 4-H and continues the tradition today as her great-grandchildren prepare to take their first steps on the path to “Making the Best Better.”
Parr, Joan (2008) – Joan has been described as ‘bleeding green’ because of her commitment to 4-H and family and consumer science programs in Cassia County, District III and across Idaho. For over 30 years, Joan was a dedicated and caring home economist who went far beyond her profession. In 1971 Joan started her work in Cassia County focusing on 4-H, food safety, food preservation, leadership, child development, and communication skills. Joan developed new leaders orientation resources, worked with the leaders’ association, served on a number of committees including 4-H curriculum, Extension Advisory and Diversity. She was a long time member of IAE4-HA, and both the Idaho Affiliate of NEAFCS and NEAFCS. Joan implemented new programs in Cassia County such as Communication Rodeo, Builder’s Club, home economics judging contest, achievement day, family fair, and school enrichment programs. She was county chair and interim Director for District III. Joan showed great integrity and love of youth and adults in the 4-H program. She believes that 4-H gives ‘positive life reinforcement’ to both the youth and adults who participate.

Poppino, Joan (2002) – Active member and supporter of 4-H in Boundary County for the past 24 years. She provided all types of leadership and served on the County, District, and State Leaders’ Associations, serving as state treasurer in 1993 and 2001. She has led quilting, macramé, sports fishing, and entomology. She was a 4-H Fair Superintendent, served on the Market Animal Sale Committee, and contributes as an awards donor. She was the 4-H program Assistant in Boundary County for a number of years. She contributes her time and effort to more than the 4-H community, but also to her church and other Extension services such as Masters Gardeners and Master Food Preservers.

Purdy, Leonard N. “Bud” (2014) – Bud Purdy truly led a life of distinguished service. An Astute businessman and community leader, he was an avid supporter of 4-H for more than 50 years, attending 4-H events for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. During that time, his business donated countless items, money and service hours to the 4-H program and county fair to benefit local youth. He was a active participant in 4-H market animal sales, and was said to have missed only one, which happened when he was traveling with his son. Determined not to miss another sale, he declared next time he would take his own plane, which he piloted into his 90’s. Over the years, Bud generously allowed 4-Hers to weigh their beef animals at his cattle facility, as the fairgrounds were often under snow.

As a rancher, Bud was recognized as a leader for rest-and-rotation grazing management. As a visionary, he gave a 3,500 acre conservation easement along Silver Creek to protect the stream and preclude future development. As a businessman, he and his late wife, Ruth, owned the Picabo Store, Picabo Elevator, Silver Creek Supply, a seed business, as well as their ranch.
Bud has a long list of accomplishments that included being a founding member of the Idaho Cattle Association, President of the University of Idaho Foundation, and Chairman of the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry. He was included in the Idaho Hall of Fame in 2013, and served as Grand Marshall of the 2013 Ketchum Wagon Days Parade.

Bud was recognized as a cattlemaster and conservationist. Idaho Governor Butch Otter stated, “Bud Purdy was the very embodiment of the Code of the West – someone whose life was a lesson in cowboy ethics, common sense, stewardship, and the value of hard work and perseverance.”

Rexford, Vi (2002) – Gem County Extension Agent, 1964-1998. She was involved in developing the camp counselor training program and established a middle management system with leaders in Gem County. Vi was active in the establishment of IAE4-HA, serving as president. She received the NAE4-HA DSA in 1981 and her 25 Years of Service Award in 1989. Vi was instrumental in helping establish the Idaho 4-H Endowment Board and currently serves as secretary. She has touched many youth in 4-H and continues to give her support to the Idaho 4-H program.

Rienstra, Judy (2002) – 4-H leader for 31 years. Actively involved with the county Leaders’ Council and is on the planning committee of the Cloverbud and Buddies camp held in Lincoln County. She teaches classes, brings animals, and works tirelessly to make the camp a success. She received the Lincoln County Distinguished Service Award in 2001. She is not only a volunteer for 4-H, but she also reaches out to youth-at-risk in the community. She attends training and seminars anytime she is able in order to expand her knowledge and effectively reach more children.

Riley, Jade (2002) – 4-H member, 1984-92, taking rocketry, marketing, citizenship and leadership. He was a 1989 Know Your Government Conference delegate and was the KYG Speaker of the House in 1990. He continued to help on the planning committee most years after that through 1998, as a speaker and later co-coordinator of the Reporter Workshop. He was a Congressional page, a National 4-H Citizenship winner in 1992, and received the 4-H Presidential Tray Award, the highest award given nationally. He was a White House Intern, a White House Legislative Aid, and is currently the state chairman of the Idaho Democratic party.

Robbins, Sue (2002) – 4-H leader for 24 years. She believes that 4-H is truly a community involvement activity and she leads the kids to contribute to the community. She has led many different type of projects over the years, but she mostly leads food projects. Sue is active in the county Leaders’ Council and in 1984 she was chosen as the District Distinguished Service Award recipient.
Roberts, Chris (2002) – 4-H leader for 12 years. She has served as an organizational leader, project leader, resource leader, community leader and special interest leader. She has been involved with the District II Leaders’ Association, was chairperson for the District II Mini-Forum, served as a member of the 1996 Regional Leader’s Forum Planning Committee, and served as co-chair of the State Leader’s Forum in 2002. She is a member of the Know Your Government Planning Committee and chaperoned Idaho Youth at the National 4-H Congress in 1998 and National 4-H Conference in 2002. She has received the District DSA award in 1999 and 2001.

Ross, Dorothy (Hole) (2002) – District Extension Home Economist and 4-H agent-at-large, then assistant State 4-H Leader, 1957-79. She had statewide responsibility for home economics and art projects, worked with Club Congress and the 4-H Association Officers for 16 years, and established the Idaho Community Pride program. She accompanied the first LABO delegation to Japan, traveled to Europe with the 4-H Citizen Ambassador Program in 1975, and participated in the 4-H Scandinavian Urban Travel Seminar in 1977. She was a strong advocate of family living and home economics projects.

Ruby, Ken and Mary Lou (2002) – Mary Lou was an Extension Home Economist in Elmore, Lincoln, Gooding and Bingham Counties, 1960- 1999. She emphasized leadership development for adults and youth and helped develop, “All Families Have Strengths,” a program to help families cope with today’s life style. She received the NAE4-HA DSA award in 1993 and her 25 Years of Service Award in 1994. Ken and Mary Lou were instrumental in helping the Idaho 4-H Endowment reach its first one million dollars, and they served as co-presidents of the board.

Schmidt, Mary (2014) – The Idaho County 4-H program would not be the success it is today without the contributions of Mary Schmidt. As an Idaho County Extension Educator, Mary was dedicated to the 4-H program making it the best that it could be.

Mary wrote the “Making the Most of Me” 4-H curriculum. This project focuses on developing positive self-esteem while having fun with clothing and fashion. It continues to be a favorite in Idaho County and has been used in many other counties throughout the state.

The Teen Fashion Board was created by Mary to plan and choreograph the Fashion Show at Fair. This board is still instrumental not only in planning the show, but also providing teens with an opportunity to develop leadership and organizational skills.
The 4-H exhibit building is a result of Mary’s collaborative work with the fair board to renovate the building creating a fun 4-H atmosphere. Her clothing mannequin display design is used by many neighboring counties.

Mary’s work in after-school programming is truly outstanding. She created the Centers for Discovery which includes after-school programs in five rural Idaho County communities. This program serves hundreds of youth through the school year and during summer camps. All five sites are self-sustaining and thriving in their communities.

A true leader has the vision and ability to create a program, the commitment to develop a solid foundation, the proficiency to share the vision, and the character to empower others ensuring the continued success of the program. Mary is a true leader.

Susie Heckman stated, “The impact of Mary’s leadership in the Idaho County 4-H Program cannot adequately be described in 300 words. It can only be experienced through the eyes of 4-H leaders, members, and families who continue to benefit from her contributions.”

**Schroeder, William (2002)** – Volunteered for the 4-H program for the last 34 years as a livestock club leader, served on the livestock sale committee for 34 years, and served four consecutive 6-year terms for the Fair board. Due to his direction the Power County Fair board recently received a grant to complete Phase I of a Community Building project. Also under his leadership, Power County is able to meet their State 4-H Endowment fundraising goal.

**Schultz, Gene (2005)** – Gene Schultz has been a major contributor to the Ada County 4-H Program (1990 to present) as a club leader for 10 years, fair supervisor for 5 years, member of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee for 5 years, and treasurer of the Ada County 4-H Endowment since 1998 where manages the funds and actively solicits contributions. Gene has worked within the Ada County Endowment to provide camp and 4-H event scholarships, 50-60 annually, for youth and adult volunteers within the 4-H program in Ada County. His work as treasurer has allowed the Endowment fund to continue as a nonprofit yet grow the principle to have yearly scholarships. Gene’s careful attention to detail has kept the livestock sale committee moving forward. The committee is able to help 4-H youth to sell their market livestock in a live auction that pays the youth market prices and more.
Schwieder, Gwen (2014) – Gwen Schwieder is a dedicated, enthusiastic 4-H leader, and supporter in Bonneville County. She created and led the Iona Community Club for 28 years, reaching over 450 children with some 250 projects in a wide range of interests. Gwen has also actively guided and enhanced the home economics areas of the county 4-H program. She helped establish the HEM committee (now the Family Consumer Science Committee) and acted as the first president for 5 years. When Gwen sees a need for change or an idea that may improve the 4-H program, she actively seeks a way to make things happen. She helped revise the county awards system and started a county scholarship fund for youth and leaders to attend 4-H events.

In 1992, Gwen recognized the need for an Iona community library and involved her 4-H club in a Community Pride project to create the library. Though it took a year to accomplish it, the youth benefitted from the experience. The library still functions as a branch of the Idaho Falls Public Library.

Gwen and her husband, David raised 6 children who were all active in 4-H. Gwen was an English language volunteer tutor at her local school. She was instrumental in the establishment of a children’s performing arts group, the Idaho Falls Youth Arts Centre, and has served in their organization for 11 years. Gwen also serves her church in many capacities, mostly with the youth. She and David are currently LDS missionaries in Taiwan.

Gwen has generously shared her numerous talents with the leaders and children of Bonneville County. She says, “I love seeing kids grasp new skills. I love learning new skills so that I can teach them. The many youth I taught must have enjoyed it, because they always came back.”

Shane, William (2002) – Assisted with Club Congress, 1956-63, and 4-H Leader In Gooding County for rocketry, 1966-67. District 4-H Specialist, State Extension Specialist and assistant State 4-H Leader, 1969-1996. He served on national 4-H development committees for aerospace and computer projects and introduced those projects to Idaho. He coordinated the International Program for a number of years. He was active with NAE4-HA and served on the planning committee for the 1991 conference in Phoenix and the 2000 Conference in Denver.

Sharp, Wayne (2002) – 4-H Extension Agent for 37 years in five counties – Power, Ada, Caribou, Bannock, and Ft. Hall. He was selected as one of the first NAE4-HA Distinguished Service Award winners in 1982. During his time in Power County he implemented the market animal sale. He was active in recruiting money for all the 4-H programs and was a part of the first Endowment Board. He also helped implement a camp for teens in southwest Idaho. Helping to make others successful was his goal; he would say, “Build the leader – what you leave behind is people. It is people who continue to make life better for others.”
Sill, Kay (2005) – Kay was a 4-H leader in Clark County for 20 years teaching about 100 youth how to sew during this time. She always gave individualized attention to each of the 4-H’ers in her club, making sure their project was done well and that each person learned the skills they were capable of. Kay was president of the 4-H Council for about 16 years working tirelessly to support the activities and learning experiences of the youth in Clark County. The funds raised by the 4-H Council supported the 4-H’ers in Clark County as they went to 4-H Camp, Teen Conference and other activities. Kay is an active member of the Dubois Lions Club and has organized and worked on nearly all the public service projects the club has done over the years. She has received the Melvin Jones Award and the Medal of Merit from Lions Club.

Silva, Albert J. (2002) – Started as a member and leader in California and has been a leader in Idaho for 24 years, leading citizenship, photography and other projects. He continues to judge at neighboring County Fairs. He was part of the planning committee for Idaho’s 4-H Know Your Government Conference, serving for seven years. He donated money yearly to the KYG Conference. He was named “Friend of Extension”, received the state Distinguished Service Award in 1996, and was recognized for his financial contribution to the Idaho 4-H Endowment’s Million Dollar Campaign in 1994.

Smith, Frank & Edna (2002) – Frank was a 4-H member and livestock leader (22 years) of Mountain View 4-H Club. Edna was a leader for 18 years, leading gardening, forestry, field crops and home beautification. Both received the 4-H Alumni Recognition Award in 1955 and both were chosen as 4-H Leader of the Year, Edna in 1964 and Frank in 1954. He was the first man chosen as the 4-H Leader of the Year in the nine years the award had been awarded. Both served as directors of the Kootenai County Fair Board, which later became the North Idaho Fair.

Smith, Rosa (2002) – Started her 4-H career in Kansas as a youth and continued this love for 35 years with Idaho Extension. In Idaho County, she worked with youth in Foods and Nutrition, Clothing, and the Idaho County Fair. She supervised many years of 4-H Club Congress in Moscow. She relocated to Payette County for 15 years and was active in many programs, forums, and contests on different levels. She has been recognized for her accomplishments in the 4-H/Extension areas several times on the local and national levels, and received her 25 Years of Service award from NAE4-HA in 1988.
Smyth, Andy (2002) – Andy was a very involved 4-H member. He served as a State 4-H Officer, attended National 4-H Congress, American Institute of Cooperatives National 4-H Grain Marketing Conference and was an IFYE to India. For 20 years he has volunteered as a leader and 24 years as Canyon County 4-H Club Builders Advisor. He has been coordinator for the Idaho 4-H Ambassador Program for 16 years. He is very involved with the Leaders’ Council, serving as president of the State 4-H Leaders’ Association in 1993. He has served on the Design Team for National 4-H Congress since 1996.

Spade, Bernice (2005) – Bernice was a 4-H member in her youth and a 4-H leader in Bonner County for 39 years. She served on the Bonner County Fair Board for 25 years and was honored by Epsilon Sigma Phi for her outstanding public service to the state of Idaho. Bernice was active at the fair and served as superintendent for swine and sheep as well as volunteering many additional hours and experience to better the fairgrounds. She was diligent in her commitment to the Market Animal Committee and always helped at the market swine and sheep spring and fair weigh-ins as well as being a leader for both projects. Ray Davis, retired Extension Educator, said, “Bernice had good ideas and worked had to get those ideas going. She didn’t wait for someone else to do the job. She took it all on herself.”

Stephens, Dorothy (2002) – 1907-1995. District Extension Home Agent, Extension Home Economist, and State Home Economics Leader, 1939-1970. As a district home agent she worked in seven counties, then became the first full-time extension home economist in Ada County. As a home economist and Extension administrator, she was very supportive of 4-H and youth activities. When she died, a memorial fund was set up, which continues to provide scholarships to Teen Conference each year.

Stuart, Oreta (2014) – Over a span of 43 years, Oreta Stuart has made her mark on the Clearwater County 4-H program. Like many other Clearwater County youth, Oreta's three children participated in the 4-H program. After taking 4-H cake decorating projects, one of her daughters actually became an employee of Wilton, Inc. in Portland, Oregon, giving cake decorating classes.

Oreta has been a project leader in art and leather craft for twenty-four years, and sewing for thirty years. She has helped members in completing their projects by scheduling time for them and at times providing necessary materials needed for completion.
Oreta’s commitment to the county 4-H program includes serving as community club leader for the Weippe Good Luck Club for eleven years and for Fraser Boosters for ten years, in addition to her project leadership in the two community clubs. In her role as community club leader, she oversaw leaders and their projects, worked with youth in organizing and completing community service projects, and encouraged youth to be the best that they could be. Additionally, she served on the fair board for 24 years. In 1986, Oreta received the Distinguished Service Award for Northern District I.

At the state level, Oreta participated in planning state leaders forums when Northern District I hosted, and she has also been a district representative to the State Leaders Association where she served three years.

Billie, a former 4-H member who spent six years in the sewing project under Oreta said, "Oreta is compassionate with the youth she works with. She took time away from her family to help 4-H members learn. She was a very positive person who made sewing fun."

Marie Armitage describes Oreta as "a deserving individual with a 4-H heart."

**Sutton, Lois (2002)** – Began 4-H as a member and before she was finished with High School she led her own sewing club for 2 years. She attended Club Congress for 2 years and won judging trips to Western Idaho State Fair and the Pacific International in Portland, Oregon. She served on the Fair board for 17 years, interviewed candidates for University of Idaho Extension positions, recruited leaders, judges, superintendents, sponsored awards and many others. She is a member of the National 4-H Alumni and has received the Friend of 4-H Award.

**Theissen, Wayne (2002)** – 4-H member in Nez Perce County, Extension Soils Specialist 1967-73. He credits 4-H for bringing many good things to his life, one of them his wife – they met when they were both showing 4-H animals at the Portland International Livestock Exposition. He is a longtime supporter of the 4-H Program and a member of the Endowment Board, serving as president in 2000. He received the Idaho Partner in 4-H Award in 2000. During his career with Ore-I da he was able to positively influence gifts to the 4-H Program.

**Thomas, Charles (2002)** – Nez Perce County Extension 4-H Agent, Assistant State 4-H Leader and State specialist, 1959-1990. In Nez Perce County he worked with the first county delegation to participate in Citizenship Short Course (now Citizenship Washington Focus). A Nez Perce County delegation still participates in CWF every 3 years. In the State 4-H Office, Chuck was instrumental the development and upgrading of 4-H curriculum, and was involved in leader education and training.
Trail, Alice (2002) – 4-H leader for more than 40 years working with 4-H’ers including her children, her grandchildren and then her great-grandchildren, and is a financial supporter of the Elmore County 4-H Livestock Sale. She received the Distinguished Service Award in 1986 and Elmore County Meritorious Service to 4-H in 1980. Alice is famous for her cooking and gardening talents, but most of all for the many contributions.

Trail, Thomas (2002) – Member of the Vallivue 4-H Club for 8 years and served 20 years as a club leader for the Vallivue Club and then later for the Mountain View 4-H Club. He attended National 4-H Congress in 1952 and 53. In 1956, he was an IFYE to Nepal. Volunteerism has always been a part of his life and he served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador 1963-65. He worked as an extension specialist for several universities and a number of overseas assignments including Columbia, the Philippines, Guam, New Zealand, and Malawi. He served on the Latah County Fair board for 4 years. He is currently a state representative and has served as a legislative workshop instructor for the Know Your Government Conference.

Van Slyke, Ruth (2002) – A native of Wilder, Idaho, she was Extension Home Economist in Elmore and Nez Perce Counties, 1974 until her death in 2000. Ruth taught many workshops in clothing, foods, food preservation, and family financial management. She served on the clothing project revision committee, the Know Your Government Planning Committee, and enjoyed helping at 4-H camp. She was active in IAE4-HA, serving as state president. After her death, a 4-H Teen Conference Scholarship was established in her name.

VanVleet, Ann Mickelson (2005) – Ann has been a 4-H leader in Bonner County for 44 years. She grew up in the 4-H program in southern Idaho. Ann is organizational leader for the Cheerful Workers 4-H Club, has helped at 4-H camp, and has taken an active role in developing curriculum in the needlework area. She is willing to work with youth who want to learn quilting and members seek her out for her expertise. She has a great working relationship with children. She attended the Western Regional 4-H Leaders’ Forum many years as well as the Idaho State 4-H Leaders’ Forums. She has served on many county committees and as a fair superintendent for many years. She always has a smile and a kind word for other leaders and members. Ann received the Bonner County DSA award in 1993 and the County Alumni Award in 1994.
Varin, John (2002) – 4-H leader for 11 years, leading bicycle, rocks, astronomy, archery, and served as Know Your Government coordinator for 5 years. He is an active promoter of 4-H to the juveniles he works with, as well as legal system professionals in Idaho. He currently is the Juvenile Judge for all of Southern Idaho. He created and directed the judicial segment of the KYG Conference, recruiting a number of judges, lawyers, and bailiffs in helping 4-H participants receive excellent training from legal professionals. He has supported 4-H by offering his professional expertise to a number of programs, and as a 4-H Camp presenter and speaker at State Leaders’ Forums.

Walker, Norm (2002) – Extension Agent in Jefferson, Adams and Ada Counties, 1969-1992. He devoted most of his personal and professional life to agricultural programs for Idaho’s young people. He was a past state team member for the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents Search for Excellence in Teen Programs and received the DSA award in 1991. He served on the Know Your Government Planning Committee for 5 years, and is a member of the Ada County 4-H Endowment Committee.

Warner Vernon “Mickey” & Lela (2005) – Mickey and Lela became involved in 4-H when their son became old enough to be in 4-H in 1970. An active member of the newly established 4-H Leaders’ Council, Mickey’s efforts led to the creation of the Custer County Fairgrounds in Mackay. He led the charge to establish a “home” for the Custer County 4-H program. He served as the first president of the Fair Board, a job he held until his death in 1980. As president, he not only helped obtain the funds to build the first exhibit building, he also helped build it. Lela served in all the offices of the Leaders’ Council from Treasurer to President and represented the Council on the Fair Board. During this time she also served as a 4-H Aide in the Mackay area. She helped recruit leaders and kids, train them and get them and their parents to the fair.

Warr, Farnum (2002) – Dedicated 37 years volunteering for the 4-H Program serving both on the county and district levels. He was instrumental in developing the District 4-H camp north of Ketchum and still supports the cause. Farnum is involved in many other organizations other than 4-H. He believes in 4-H because it teaches youth responsibility.
**Warren, Dan (2002)** – District Agent, County agent in Oneida and Payette Counties, State 4-H Specialist and State 4-H Leader, 1929-1968. He was the first state 4-H leader with a 100% 4-H Assignment. He re-established 4-H Short Course (Teen Conference) after World War II ended and initiated international programs in Idaho. He emphasized the incorporation of health in 4-H projects, and was a strong supporter of junior leadership and career exploration activities. He was instrumental in establishing 4-H camps in Idaho, including Chacolet in 1946.

**Webb, Linda (2017)** – Dr. Linda Webb’s support of 4-H has been demonstrated over time as a Valley County Extension Educator, State Volunteer and Leadership Development Specialist, Advisor to the State 4-H Leaders’ Association; Friends of 4-H President, UI Retiree Association Alternate Director and as Professor Emerita. Dr. Webb’s connection to 4-H and the University of Idaho began as a 10-year 4-H member earning her a UI scholarship. She was a 15 year 4-H volunteer in clothing, foods/nutrition and other projects, before becoming an Extension Educator and then Specialist. Dr. Webb’s leadership was multifaceted at the state and national levels. She led the Idaho 4-H Centennial 2012 Committee; empowered 4-H volunteers to host the 2008 Western Regional Leader’s Forum; was Executive Director of the Idaho Endowment Board, Friends of 4-H President, increasing the endowment fund by $1 million; and served as NAE4-HA President. She was inducted in the National 4-H Hall of Fame in 2013. As a committed and passionate volunteer specialist Dr. Webb co-created the Western Region Volunteer Online Learning Modules; launched a volunteer recruitment campaign; and co-produced “Reporting Child Abuse: Care Enough to Call” handbook and video (2006) which set a standard for screening.

**Weeks, Bernice (2005)** – Bernice has been a dedicated leader for the past 30 years and has served her county well. Her club consists of beginners through advanced horse phases. Each year she serves as the coordinator for the horse show at the county fair. She has been on the county 4-H Council and the District and State Horse Council. Each year Bernice has been in charge of the horse council fundraiser to purchase prizes for the horse show. She sponsors the roving horse trophy given to the All-Around Outstanding Horse 4-H’er in Oneida County. She also provides transportation to the District and State Horse competitions. Bernice is a Deputy Administrative Assistant in the Oneida County Sheriff’s office. She and her husband have a farm and animals, which she helps take care of.
Wemhoff, Ray (2002) – 4-H leader for 27 years, leading horse and livestock. He was involved in Lewis County 4-H on the club and county level. He is the type of guy who will do something if it needs to be done. He received the Lewis County Outstanding Leader Award in 1975. He still volunteers his time for the kids at the Livestock sale every year.

Wilhite, Jim (2002) – 4-H member, and parent of two sons who were in the Cowpokes 4-H Club. He is a member of the Idaho 4-H Endowment Board, serving as president, and has been involved in many fundraisers for 4-H. He is the Ag Business Banker for Wells Fargo Bank in Nampa. The Wells Fargo/First Security Watch Foundation continues to support 4-H through the Wrist Watch Awards with the encouragement and support of Jim. He received the state Partner in 4-H Award in 2002.

Willis, Gay (2008) – Gay began as a 4-H leader in 1979. She quickly took on more leadership roles. In 1982 she joined the 4-H Advisory Council and was secretary for about 13 years. She was the fashion revue chair, demonstration contest chair, the summer picnic chair, on the scholarship committee, and worked on many other committees. Gay received Bonneville County’s Virginia Russell Memorial Award in 1986. Gay is also a charter member of the Home Economics and Miscellaneous (HEM) Committee in Bonneville County, serving as secretary and chairman in miscellaneous and foods divisions, giving leadership in many county-wide projects, and leading day camps on the county level. In Gay’s own words, “About 1982 I organized a community club, Neighborhood 4-H’ers that had over 60 members and as many as 25 leaders, plus teen leaders. These children entered a large number of projects in the Bonneville County and Eastern Idaho State Fairs over the next 15 or more years.” She gave leadership to numerous projects but her favorite was Teen Scene, with older teens using real hands-on experience on how to budget, buy a used car, interview for a job, and even shop for an apartment.

Wilson, Marilyn (2014) – Marilyn Wilson has devoted 35 years to the 4-H program. Her love of 4-H and her level of commitment to the program are unequalled. Marilyn works in the trenches. She is always the first to volunteer for anything that is needed, whether it’s wrestling sheep at weigh-ins, working the food booth, putting on a production lamb sale, painting signs, or just lending a hand. She was a leader of a large livestock club for approximately 15 years, and currently serves as Awards Superintendent for Payette County 4-H and FFA, a huge job!
Marilyn has single-handedly kept the sheep barn going at the Payette County Fair by providing quality leadership for sheep projects over the last 25 years. She assists the kids in picking the right animal and helps them with the management, feeding, and care of their animals.

A major fundraiser for the Payette County 4-H Leaders Association is the 4-H food booth during the fair. Marilyn stepped up last year after 35 years of volunteering and helped provide the leadership to continue this fundraising project. Because of this project, county youth have opportunities to receive scholarships to attend educational events such as 4-H Adventure Camp, Know Your Government, 4-H Ambassadors, and more.

Over the years she has supported her own two boys, her grandchildren, and everyone else’s kids and grandkids in Payette County. Marilyn’s generosity and her willingness to help the kids of Payette County is a great example of why it’s so good to grow up in a small community and a small county. She has a huge heart for ALL the 4-H kids in Payette County. According to her nominators, Joan Gill and Joey Peutz, “We would be hard pressed to find a more loyal and better supporter than Marilyn Wilson.”

Marilyn truly bleeds green!

Wood, Mary Lee (2002) – Extension Agent in Owyhee County, State Clothing Specialist, District and State 4-H Specialist, 1964-1999. She was involved in a number of areas, but was mostly known for her work with volunteers and leadership. She served on several national curriculum committees, including the Train the Trainer curriculum for middle management, and the Pacific Northwest Foods Projects. She helped organize IAE4-HA in Idaho and served as president. She received the first NAE4-HA DSA award in Idaho in 1979, and received her 25 Years of Service Award in 1989. She was active on the 4-H Endowment Board.

Yost, George (2002) – George and his wife Goldie, of Emmett, were early contributors to the Idaho 4-H Endowment, providing a substantial gift to help strengthen the Idaho 4-H program. George was the first president of the College of Ag Consulting Council and continued to serve for many years. He was instrumental in helping Extension Director and College of Ag Dean to sell Extension and 4-H youth programs to the legislature during almost 40 years of active service.

Youngstrom, C.O. and Elizabeth (2002) – C.O. was Extension Economist 1929-47, Assistant Director of Extension and Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture 1944-69. He was a strong advocate of youth work and was instrumental in establishing the state 4-H leader position, assistant agent positions with 4-H responsibility, and district 4-H specialist positions. He was also involved in the establishment of 4-H camps in the state. He and Elizabeth believed strongly in the 4-H program and were one of the early contributors to the Idaho 4-H Endowment. Elizabeth is currently serving as honorary chair of the Idaho 4-H Campaign.