

Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation 2014 Important Volunteer of the Year (IVY) Winner



Pictured: IVY Winner Kath O'Malley (left) and 4-H Foundation Trustee Kathy McDaniels

Kath O'Malley

has been involved with the 4-H youth of Arapahoe County for over 15 years. She gives unselfishly of her time to the 4-H Livestock members in Arapahoe County, as well as surrounding counties.

She has served as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Arapahoe County Youth Livestock Sale committee for over fifteen years. This involves composing, printing, and addressing over hundreds of post cards and letters to past sale buyers and potential buyers throughout the year each year. This includes keeping records of buyers and their addresses and phone numbers. Kath is also involved with making sure that the sale marketing brochure reaches buyers.

Kathleen's duties directly involving the sale is recruiting volunteers to help with book work the night of the sale, making sure all papers and equipment are ready to go prior to the sale, working with buyers at the sale, making sure all 4-H exhibitors selling animals have the name and address of their buyer so that thank you notes can be written, pays the bills, and helps distribute all information on the sale during the fair. She also works with the bank that clerks the sale to make sure the 4-H members are paid and that all monies are collected from the buyers.

She also works with 4-H livestock members in answering questions and making suggestions. In her spare time she serves on the Pastoral Council at her church, Our Lady of the Plains, as well as other committees at the church.

Kath and her husband, Mike, own O'Malley's Mercantile, and she is a full-time employee keeping books, working with customers and supporting Mike.

Their three girls were also active 4-H members and remain active with county 4-H activities.