



JACK ANNAN—COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL, GREELEY COLORADO

A graduate of Colorado State University in 1955, Annan, a native of LaSalle, Colorado, started his career in education as an agriculture teacher in New Raymer in 1957. In 1962 he moved to Grover, Colorado where he worked until 1965. In these early years, 1959-65, he was a supervising teacher for Colorado State University's vocational agriculture student teachers—an arrangement that began his agriculture leadership career at the state level. In 1966 he received his master degree in education from CSU and it was then that he joined the agriculture department at NJC. Four years later, realizing his knack for working with students and parents, NJC named Jack a vocational counselor so that his expertise could be available to all students, not just those in agriculture. Annan has been fondly referred to as "Mr. NJC" for a number of years now.

In 1969, Jack helped bring the Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association into existence. For the past 33 years, Jack has worked diligently with this state organization as its' only executive secretary, being the glue that has kept it together. Colorado Young Farmers now has more than 1,000 members and associate members state-wide.

Another organization that would not exist without the work of Annan is the Northeastern Junior College Alumni Association which was started in 1983. He organized a group of alumni to begin the association and has served as director. He has grown the association to now include more than 300 life-time members and hundreds of others who pay annual dues.

Today, Jack continues to work at the college, overseeing the alumni association and the Colorado Young Farmer Educational Association. Annan has received numerous awards over the years. He's been named to the state's vocational hall of fame, to the NJC Agriculture Hall of Fame and to the Colorado FFA Agriculture Hall of Fame plus a whole slew of other local, state and regional recognitions. He avoids public attention and goes about his day to day work in a most modest manner.



DON BAILEY—KARVAL HIGH SCHOOL, KARVAL COLORADO

Don Bailey, a native of Karval, Colorado in Lincoln County and a 1967 graduate of Karval High School, but most people know Don as a Badger, that is a Limon Badger. Don spent 37 years at Limon High School, the last nine as Athletic Director. He served as an Assistant Athletic Director for one year prior to becoming Limon's 6th Athletic Director.

At Limon, Don was a biology teacher for his first 28 years as well as served as Assistant Principal for two years. He was the head boys' basketball coach for six seasons from 1973-1979, compiling a record of 108-26. Track & Field was his longest tenure as a Limon Coach, serving as the assistant boys' track coach for 29 years (1974-92 & 2001-2010). During his time as a track coach, Limon won the team State

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Championship six times (including back-to-back titles in 2004 and 2005) and came in runner-up two times. Don had previously taught and coached at Branson High School (Colo.) for one year before coming to Limon. While at Branson, he coached the baseball team to a State Runner-Up finish. In the spring of 2008, Limon's newly renovated Track was renamed the Bailey Track at Gaskill Field.

Outside of Limon Schools, Don has been active in the community, serving as one of the original Co-Directors of the Limon Historical Society, directing the Limon Western Festival and Trail Ride for over 20 years and many other activities over the years. Don grew up just 50 miles south of Limon in Karval where he played football, basketball, and track, and ran cross country for Karval High School, class of 1967. He attended Southern Colorado State College (now CSU-Pueblo) where he ran cross country and track, graduating in 1971.

Don is married to Janet, who taught French & Spanish at Limon High School for 34 years and was a Co-Head Coach for the cross country team. They have two sons, Craig and Brent. Don and Janet started a cattle ranch near Simla in 1988 and have lived north of Simla since 1991.

One of Don's lifelong passions has been collecting saddles. His small collection has grown over the years and today numbers over 350. His private museum opened to the public in the summer of 2011 as the Bailey Saddleland Museum, open weekends Memorial Day to Labor Day weekend.



CHERYL SCOFIELD—LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL, JOES COLORADO

Cheryl is a wonderful advocate and life-long resident of Yuma County. Cheryl loves her community and the spirit towards how she approaches her family, her job, her activism, and her friendships and business relationships is beyond compare.

Cheryl retired from USDA Rural Development in August 2013 after 33 years of federal service. She was the Northeast Area Director and managed the office in Wray. She coined the phrase, "I'm the government and I'm here to help!"

Cheryl is a member of Morgan County Economic Development Business Accelerator Group, member of Northeast Colorado Economic Developers, past member of Financial Management Advisory Focus Group with CSU's Golden Plains Area Extension Office, and Progressive 15. She also has great faith and participates in her church.

She graduated from Barnes Business School and attended University of Colorado Graduate School of Public Administration. Cheryl also attended Jones Real Estate College and holds an inactive Independent Brokers License. Cheryl has received numerous awards throughout her career including: Rural Development Manager of the Year, Exceptional Performance Support from Rural Development Under Secretary Tom Dorr and Community Development Award as Program Director

Cheryl and her husband, Delbert are 4th generation Yuma County residents, raising their two daughters in Wray. Cheryl is very proud of her daughters, son-in-law and 2 grandchildren.