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A note from the publisher

t's with great pleasure that I present the fourth annual Northern Colorado Business Report Women of Distinction Awards.

Our 2012 honorees are no less impressive than the previous three classes. They represent some of the best business people of either gender in our region, as well as some of the most energetic volunteers and mentors, always willing to give of themselves for the greater good — an important component of our award criteria.

Ten of this year's Women of Distinction award winners are profiled in the following pages, demonstrating how our selection committee once again chose wisely and well. It's not an easy job, either. The pool of nominees numbered more than 100, and all were more than worthy of inclusion. My thanks goes out to all committee members for their hard work!

I'd also like to thank the sponsors whose generosity makes it possible for us to bring the accomplishments of these impressive women to your attention. First, I want to thank the companies that remain as charter sponsors: University of Colorado Health, The Women's Clinic, the Monfort College of Business, EKS&H, the BBB serving Northern Colorado and Wyoming, Palmer Flowers, and First National Wealth Management. Additionally, Columbine Health Systems, Cache Bank & Trust, DaVinci Sign Systems Inc., KUNC, Social Media Pilots and the Caldera Event Group LLC, Allura, Sathers, and Eye Center of Northern Colorado.

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OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER

Richardson's priority: low-income children

BY STEVE LYNN

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Nancy Richardson's drive to help others began in third grade, when she delivered Christmas gifts to lowincome families.

The experience of wrapping gifts and delivering them directly to families in their homes would profoundly shape her life. She has continued to feel joy through the act of giving ever since.

"That's just stuck with me in my heart," she said.

Her efforts have persisted with OtterCares, the nonprofit charity tied to Otterbox, the Fort Collins protective case company founded by her husband, Curt.

Richardson raised two children, JC and Josh, in Fort Collins. As president of OtterCares, she aims to offer children the same opportunities her sons had growing up.

Richardson and her husband always have supported the region, but she started the nonprofit to help youth in a more strategic manner. The organization employs three staffers.

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Richardson and her husband, Otterbox founder Curt Richardson, established their charity, OtterCares.

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NON-PROFIT—HUMAN SERVICES

Groves makes eldercare a lifelong passion



Groves established Greeley's Senior Resources Services in her own retirement years.

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While most of her classmates took piano lessons, did homework or played outside after school, DeAnn Groves would walk across the street to the local senior center, owned by her grandmother, where she would spend her afternoons talking to, feeding and caring for its tenants.

It didn't take long for Groves to realize caring for the elderly was something she was born to do.

As the founder and executive director of Greeley's Senior Resource Services, Groves' accomplishments reflect a lifelong commitment to a cause.

After earning a master's in gerontology from UNC, Groves served as the director of the gerontology department for the Greeley Medical Clinic before becoming executive director for the Greeley Medical Foundation in 1989.

When her mother developed Alzheimer's disease in the 1980s, Groves realized how little was available in Greeley to assist adult children in caring for their aging See **Groves, 6B**



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NON-PROFIT—CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Loveland Opera's Hoch hits the right notes

Trained by some of the best, she is renown globally

BY DAN COOK

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Known as "the voice" for performing arts and classical singing in Northern Colorado, Dr. Juliana Hoch's life is filled with the joy of music, and bringing that joy to others.

As founder and executive director of Loveland Opera Theatre, Hoch spearheads one of Northern Colorado's top opera companies – and taking on all the responsibilities that come with it. From accounting and budgeting to auditioning artists to stage direction and conducting, Hoch does it all.

The Denver native honed her talents at some of the most prestigious music schools in the country, earning her bachelor's degree in vocal performance from the Eastman School of Music, and a master's from the Manhattan School of Music.

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Hoch founded the Loveland Opera Theatre in 2005.

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221-2222 | 1725 E. Prospect Road, Fort Collins Centerra – 6125 Sky Pond Dr STE 160, Loveland, 80538 Her nonprofit offers multiple programs, such as Pack2School, an annual school supply giving event where low-income students can pick up backpacks full of school supplies.

Richardson saw an opportunity to continue the program after the Education and Life Training Center stopped organizing the program. Through OtterCares, the program will help some of the more than 8,000 Poudre School District students who won't be able to afford school supplies.

The program should continue

to see plenty of participation with OtterCares at the helm. The number of children living in poverty in Larimer County has increased 1.9 times faster than the state and 6.8 times faster than the nation since 2000, according to a report from the Healthier Communities Coalition.

"We couldn't let a great event like that go because there's so much need," she said.

Beyond making her own contributions, Richardson has inspired others to give through OtterCares' Get It, Grow It, Give It Challenge, also known as the G3 Challenge.

During the event, established in

2010, OtterCares gave every Otterbox employee \$200 to donate to a nonprofit of their choice. Richardson also challenged employees to increase the donation.

Employees held bake sales, sold swim lessons and got their children to raise money by selling lemonade. More than 70 local and national organizations received more than \$70,000 in donations from the challenge.

The second OtterCares G3 Challenge resulted in employee pledges of more than 1,300 volunteer hours and donations of more than \$266,000 to more than 150 local and national organizations.

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parents.

Her mother's death was all the prompting she needed to set up a Weld County office for the Alzheimer's Association-Rocky Mountain Chapter, where she assisted in providing resources and support for those with the disease and their caretakers. She still serves as a member of the Colorado Alzheimer's Coordinating Council.

After her husband's retirement, Groves decided it was also time for her to release some of her own responsibilities and slow down. But even as a retiree, she found herself still receiving calls from former patients and, aware of the community's lack of alternatives, she felt compelled to help.

"I could see that there was still so much more that needed to be done," she said. "If there is a way to help others, then I will."

In 2006, just eight years after retiring, Groves started the nonprofit Senior Resource Services, a volunteer-run organization committed to assisting seniors and their families in addressing the issues that come with aging. The organization provides numerous services from transportation to health care assistance to a simple friendly phone call through their various programs.

With Groves as executive director, SRS volunteers provide on average 400 rides a month, and its 161 respite volunteers often put in more than 30 hours monthly. The center currently has 341 clients, a 27 percent increase from the previous year, and a growing number of volunteers.

"I do it because I am one of them (a senior)," said Groves, who turned 78 this year. "I can see exactly what's happening physically and mentally as I'm aging.

"I'm just getting the services in place I'll need for me so all my kids will have to do is make a phone call," the mother of three and grandmother of six added with a laugh.

Groves' recognitions include Volunteer of the Year in 1996 for the Alzheimer's Association, Business Woman of the Year in 1994 for the Centennial Rotary Club of Greeley and Diplomat of the Month for the Greeley Chamber of Commerce.

But she doesn't do what she does for the accolades. Groves describes her work as rewarding in itself ("It's a non-profit – I'm certainly not doing it for the pay.") and said if you volunteer just once, you're hooked.

"I love it," she said. "The reward is all of the thank-yous. It's when you lay your head down at night and you realize that helping people was what you were born to do."

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BANKING&FINANCE

Patton's 'red'-hot button: financial literacy

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Nancy Patton doesn't have decades of banking experience under her belt, but she received years of education when Norlarco Credit Union became the first financial institution in Northern Colorado to succumb to the recession.

Patton had been at Norlarco for just two years when the institution was taken into conservatorship in 2007. Patton stayed onboard when the credit union was purchased by Public Service Credit Union in 2008, and remains there today as director of business development.

"Our members felt betrayed, insulted and angry," Patton recalled.

As a member of Norlarco herself, Patton considered the failure a "personal affront." She used that empathy to help customers deal with the situation and make necessary transitions.

"When one or two leaders make a bad choice, you don't blame that on the whole industry," she said.

Denver-based PSCU has remained a healthy financial institution in the community, one that works to improve financial literacy of the com-➤ See Patton, 8B



Patton regularly visits area employers to help workers learn how to better understand their finances.



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PATTON from 7B

munity, with Patton's help.

Committed to helping people understand their finances, Patton works with organizations like Make Change NoCo and BeLocal to educate those who need it.

"It makes me really angry that the people who really need every cent of their tax returns are the ones who get conned out of money," Patton said. "We want this area to be smarter about their finances."

One of the most effective tools in her arsenal is the "Lunch and Learn," which brings her to various workplaces throughout the region to speak to any given company's employees about financial literacy.

These sessions are well-attended, Patton said, and supported by employers like Poudre Valley Health System, Columbine Health System and Gallegos Sanitation, to name a few.

"Employers are increasingly concerned about their employees," Patton said.

During Lunch and Learns and other information sessions, Patton

HOCH from 5B

Hoch continued her musical studies at University of Northern Colorado, earning a doctorate.

Meantime, she was performing one of the most challenging soprano roles ever written with opera companies around the country and internationally. In the process, she established a reputation for artistic excellence extending far beyond her home state.

Throughout her academic and performing career, Hoch has given private voice lessons to eager and talented students.

Over the years, her students have earned hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships, a testament to Hoch's ability to mold and direct young talent.

But over time she found herself yearning to plant musical roots in Loveland and share her love of opera with the larger community.

In 2005, Hoch founded the Loveland Opera Theatre. Today, the company attracts top talent to direct and perform in its productions. Among the productions have been "Hansel and Gretel" and "HMS Pinafore," in addition to numerous fundraising galas featuring the music of Puccini, American art songs and patriotic favorites.

Hoch does not limit her vision to musical productions. She has developed several workshops facilitated by the opera company.

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"Free education can do amazing things for your finances. That knowledge can save you so much money and give you so much power," Patton said.

When Patton isn't talking finance, she's performing theater. This year marks 20 years since she helped found the nonprofit performance group "Encore! Encore!" The group will be performing "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," at the Lincoln Center beginning Aug. 10.

Patton also serves on the steering committee of Leadership Northern Colorado and is part of the Larimer County Workforce Investment Board.

At home, Patton is a wife and mother of three children. Over the years, support from her husband and following her mother's examples helped her to balance career, family and volunteering.

"We have to juggle a lot of plates as women: work, family, following our passions, but thankfully we're pretty good at juggling."

One, Finding Truth in Singing, is a national workshop teaching relaxation techniques, auditioning skills and acting improvisation. Another highly praised workshop is Project Breathe. Presented to middle and high school students primarily to improve singing technique, Project Breathe has also been useful for students to relieve stress before advanced placement testing.

William Barto Jones, assistant conductor of the New York City Opera, travels to Loveland to work with Hoch during the yearly Finding Truth workshop. Jones said he's always struck by Hoch's kindness, tenacity and enthusiasm for her students and the LOT.

"She makes it clear that opera can and should be fun," said Jones. "We've had terrific results with the workshop, and participants have all expressed great pleasure in the learning process. They also all get along very well with each other, and that's a credit to Juliana's leadership and the example she sets for them."

In addition to role as executive director of Loveland Opera Theatre and her private voice studio, Hoch also is an active member of the Loveland Area Music Teachers Association, National Association of Teachers of Singing – Colorado/ Wyoming branch and the National Opera Association.



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BUSINESS & BUSINESS SERVICES

Bricker gives downtown Greeley its voice

As head of the city's DDA, she focuses on making it 'great'

BY MAGGIE SHAFER

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When Pam Bricker moved the flower shop she owned and founded to downtown Greeley in 2009, she wasn't planning to fall in love.

The business owner and chronic non-profit volunteer knew that the city's center would be a good fit for Mariposa Plants, Flowers and Gifts, the business she had poured countless hours of energy into since starting it in 1980. But it didn't take her long to discover that downtown wasn't just a good fit for the shop.

"I fell in love with it (being downtown)," Bricker said. "Being downtown was like being a part of a great neighborhood. The businesses care about each other and help each other out."

She soon became chair of the Downtown Business Association, where she acted as the voice of the See Bricker, 12B



Bricker likens being downtown to "being a part of a great neighborhood."

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Hale's emphasis: hard work, relationships



Hale prefers to do business face-to-face, saying, "You can't neglect people because we all have cell phones now."

BY MAGGIE SHAFER

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Betsey Hale had always wanted the simple life.

The upstate New Yorker was born and raised on a farm, earned herself a degree in agriculture from Cornell University and fell in love with a rancher from Montrose, Colo., where she eventually moved and married after finishing a master's in agricultural systems management from CSU.

Her involvement and success on her former husband's ranch was enough to gain some attention from the local community, and Hale was encouraged to run for public office in the area.

Life got a little more complicated. She became a Montrose County commissioner and soon discovered that agriculture wasn't the only arena she had a knack for.

"This isn't the career I trained for, but in a way it's the career I've been training for my whole life," she said. "Every day I try and think about how I can serve my community better."

After undergoing an extensive interview process, Hale was hired as the business development manager/ > See Hale, 12B



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HALE from 11B

ombudsman for the City of Loveland in 2006 and moved to Loveland with her three children. Since relocating, it's been nothing but "boots on the ground" for the since-divorced single mom, whose colleagues can't help but notice the hard-working and relationship-oriented spirit she brings to everything she does

Hale developed one of the first economic development incentive plans in Northern Colorado and coined the phrase "Where Art and Science Meet" in attracting businesses to the area.

Her efforts have helped lure Crop Production Services, Lightning Hybrids and RoadNarrows to Loveland, and with them, hundreds of jobs.

Hale created the city's Office of

Creative Sector Development in 2011, led the way in the completion of the city's Destination Loveland tourismattraction plan and was instrumental in the purchase and sale of the old Agilent plant to a developer with hopes of turning the property into an innovation center.

Her work has not been without recognition. She earned a Women of Vision award in 2011, as well as the Grand Marshal title at Loveland's Corn Roast Festival in the same year.

Hale believes her job can be summed up in one word: relationships.

"I've got to engage regularly with the business community," she said. "Business is still done with trust and relationships. It's done face-to-face. You can't neglect people because we all have cell phones now."

It's not just her business relationships Hale prioritizes, either. When she's not working, Hale is usually spending time with her kids — a topic that, naturally, causes her to light up.

"We've been through a lot together," she said, referencing the move to Loveland when her oldest was still in high school. "But we've been truly blessed by this community."

Her advice for other women aspiring to work in politics and government is simple: never forget who you work for.

"Your customers are the citizens," she said. "And in my department, we are always working to serve our customers better."



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BRICKER from 9B

business community. Not long after she was asked to join the Downtown Development Authority, and when the position of executive director became available in 2010, it felt like a natural next step to apply.

She got the job.

As the director of the DDA, Bricker works to ensure the health of downtown. She's done that in part by first by relocating the DDA office to an accessible downtown location, and then by promoting the DDA and what it does with a newly remodeled website, along with other efforts to increase visibility. She also was a key instigator in bringing the Go-Cup District to downtown Greeley, the state's first and only "common consumption" area.

These milestones are all a part of her larger plan to make downtown Greeley "a great place to be," a goal that has led Bricker and her staff at the DDA to tackle a number of redevelopment projects. Under her leadership, their plans include (but are not limited to) building a new hotel and conference center, improving the connectors between the downtown area and UNC, bringing more affordable housing to the area and continuing to invest in the city's long-term economic goals.

In addition to her more-thanfull-time load at the DDA, Bricker and her husband volunteer as chairs of the organizational committee for the Greeley Blues Jam, a festival they founded. The festival began as a late-night conversation between friends over margaritas at the Rio, but Bricker has never been one to let anything promising remain just an idea for very long.

The Blues Jam is now in its seventh year, and introduces hundreds of locals and visitors to the nation's original music genre.

Meanwhile, the list of nonprofits Bricker has served would impress even the most saintly. She spent time as chair for United Way, as a board member and chair for Weld County Food Bank and board member for Habitat for Humanity, among other volunteer pursuits.

"The commitment I made to the non-profit world is one I've had since I was very young," she said. "I'm not money-motivated; I'm motivated and excited about change, and how I can make things better for a lot of people."

"People will ask me how I get so much done, and I say it's because everything I do I am passionate about," she said. "Follow a passion and make things happen, and start making the world a better place."

And the flower shop? Bricker still owns it, though making the world a better place doesn't leave her as much time to spend arranging bouquets.

Serving others and building trust

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Group's Ewing puts an emphasis on service

BY MOLLY ARMBRISTER

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As long as The Group Inc. Real Estate has been a part of Northern Colorado, Susie Ewing has been a part of The Group.

When the company was founded in 1976, a young Ewing was there, working as a receptionist, and new to Fort Collins. At the time, The Group consisted of just one office and employed 12 people. Decades later, the company employs 195 working from five offices throughout the region.

As The Group became more of a force, so did Ewing, working her way up the ranks to her current position as manager of the company's Mulberry office. The Mulberry location is home to more than 40 real estate agents.

Funny thing is, although she has been with one of the region's leading residential real estate firms for 36 years and has been a licensed broker for 28 years, Ewing has never sold real estate.

Her real talent? Managing those who do sell through the booms and busts, a skill that only comes with ➤ See **Ewing**, **16B**



Long a manager, Ewing got her start at The Group as a receptionist.

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\$1.730.000

\$1,500,000

\$1.300.000

\$1,200,000

\$1,118,000

\$428,000

\$886,565

\$812,335

\$783,744

\$526,000

\$534,539

\$605,010

\$390,000

\$223.000

\$375.000

\$396,000

\$243,000

\$180,000

\$236,095

\$282.023

\$93,000

\$76,000

\$67.000

\$56,000

BUSINESS REPORT LIST Largest Women-Owned Businesses

Products/Services

Belgian-style craft beers

Fuel, lubes, DEF and chemicals.

BMW and MINI Cooper automobiles, sales, parts,

service, pre-owned cars and trucks

Family-owned community pharmacy chain. Specialties

include compounding, bio-identical hormone replacement therapy, medical equipment sales and

rentals, pharmacy for assisted living and skilled

nursing.

Staffing services.

Manufacturer of precast concrete products,

underground utilities, manholes, electrical vaults,

septic tanks, architectural products, small buildings

PVC pipes, fuel tanks.

Manufacturer of residential, commercial and specialty

cabinets

Small Business computing solutions including cloud computing, hosted exchange, WAN acceleration,

networking, professional grade local and off site

backup, medical IT and visual presentation

Office, industrial, retail, industrial renovation, tenant

finish, multi-family ground up and renovation

Cleaning and restoration services.

Skin care, facial lasering, botox, dermal fillers, hCG

diet, spa, massage, laser vein treatments, bio identical

hormones.

Repair and service for all trucks, tractors, trailers,

fleets, forklifts, earth movers, compressors,

Strategic marketing and communications company

providing a full suite of services including: market

research, branding, website design, online marketing social media, PR and more.

Roofing contractor, installation, repair and inspection

ercial,

of all types of roofs. Serving industrial, commercia residential, multi-family, retail, educational and

religious properties

Physical therapy and rehabilitation.

Commercial interior design with an emphasis on

hospitality and corporate office design

Full-service event planning complete with marketing,

design, and execution

Avaya, Alcatel-Lucent, Comdial, Iwatsu, NEC, 3com,

structured cabling

Full-service marketing agency generating on-time, on-budget, and on-brand solutions.

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marketing, and social media marketing; custom

website design

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mirrors and art consulting

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organization. Our goal is to create a community of

supportive female colleagues at an executive level.

Planning and landscape architecture firm specializing in high quality, multi-disciplinary consulting services

Tax preparation.

erators, cranes, booms and mobile repair service.

Percent owned by women

Employees

2012

54%

435

60%

66

100%

51

60%

116

51%

17

54%

84

51%

78

51%

12

100%

12

51%

175

100%

26

51% 15

100%

11

60%

100%

10

100%

100%

14

51%

3

100%

100%

100%

100%

2

100%

1

Owner

Year Founded

Website

Kim Jordan

1991

www.newbelgium.com

Tina Jurhee Powell

1937

www.grayoil.net

Christina Dawkins

Rosalie VanHerwaarden

1974

www.cosbmw.com,miniofloveland.com

Vicki Einhellig, RPh

Nancy Lamb David Lamb

1985

www.gooddaypharmacy.com

Katherine J. Wagner

Rick Wagner 1994

www.employmentsolutions.com

Penny Hayward

1975

www.coloprecast.com

Kayleen Fraley

1971

www.tharpcabinets.com

Linda Vomaske

1992

www.vistasolutions.net

Michele Noel

2004

www.rhinotraxconstruction.com

Marilyn Stone

1967

www.porterclean.com, www.maid

clean.com

Rebecca A. de la Torre

Yvonne Hampson

2008

www.alluraclinic.com

Marybeth Snyder

1998

www.dsnc.biz

Susie Cannon

www.golinden.com

Katrina Fenzi

Stephen Fenzi 2009

www.denaliroofing.net

Paula Nickel

1997

www.performance-

physicaltherapy.com

Dawn Oglesby

2004

www.oglesby-design.com

Connie Hanrahan

1995

www.mantoothcompany.com

Paula Johnson

1991

www.rctelecom.com

Jackie O'Hara

2009

www.jetmarketing.net

Mackenzie Fogelson

2003

www.mackwebsolutions.com

Wendy Ann Foster

1992

www.thefineartandframecompany.com

Ann Clarke

2009

www.COWOI.com

Deanne Frederickson

2000

www.tfgcolorado.com

Laurie Wild

2011 N/A

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Women own businesses in just
about every industry, bringing in
millions in revenue and creating
nearly 1,200 jobs across Northern
Colorado.

By the numbers

Companies on the list range from young, like Tax Specialists of Northern Colorado, founded in 2011, to those that have been around for decades, like Gray Oil Co., founded in 1937.

Some have just one employee on the payroll, a lone woman wearing every hat in the company, while others, like brewing giant New Belgium Brewing, employ hundreds.

They provide services that range from office cleaning to landscape architecture, and in order to be included on our list must be at least 51 percent owned by women.

2011 Revenues



9 1980-1989 1930-1940 1990-1999 1960-1969

1970-1979

24	TAX SPECIALISTS OF NORTHERN COLORADO	\$30,000	100%			
	383 W. 37th St.	\$0	12			
	Loveland, CO 80538					
		970-667-8300/970-667-0959				
Region surveyed includes Larimer and Weld counties and the city of Brighton.						
N/A-Not Available						

N/A-Not Available. NR-Not ranked/no previous rank.

Businesses must be at least 51 percent women-owned to be eligible for this list.

Researched by Mariah Gant

2000-2012

Source: Business Report Research

HEALTH CARE

Community health tops Strand's priorities

She's also worked on hunger, prenatal care and education

BY EDEN SHULMAN

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Averil Strand's life, despite many successes, hasn't always been smooth. Her eldest daughter, a renowned biochemist, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and has lost the use of her legs.

Personal struggles, of course, are common. How she has dealt with them is what sets Strand apart.

Strand is one of the leading health figures of the Northern Colorado region, heading up the Community Health Services department of Larimer County, a position she has held since 1972.

Her day-to-day duties include overseeing efforts aimed at health promotion, disease prevention, immunization and more.

Among other accomplishments, her department receives the most > See **Strand, 16B**



Strand has headed up the Larimer County Community Health Services department since 1972.

BILL SALLAZ





EWING from 13B

decades in the business.

"I get to help grow people, and help those people grow their business," Ewing said. "There's always something new, and I work with really good people."

One of those people is her husband Bob Ewing, a sales partner working out of The Group's Harmony office. The couple have three grown sons, the two oldest of which are twins.

Between working and wrangling three boys, Ewing also kept up with an active volunteer life, including time spent with the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, where she served as president from 2006 to 2007.

As president, she set forth a goal

for the club to engage in more volunteer work rather than simply writing checks to different causes.

Then she put her volunteer work where her mouth is.

In 2007, Ewing headed to Guatemala, where she helped build a Habitat for Humanity house for a woman and her son, with the help of five other Rotarians.

The house was simple, with one bedroom, and made of cinder block, but made all the difference in the world for the woman who now inhabits it.

"She's so proud of what she has," Ewing said. The experience was so positive that Ewing went back to Guatemala twice more, once to build another house and once to work on a school.

Two of the trips became a family affair when her youngest son accompanied her, and Rotary members are still making trips to the country, working on a variety of projects, including clean-water initiatives.

"There is so much down there, so much need," Ewing said.

Ewing's advice to young women just starting out?

"Follow your passion and be happy doing the things that you're doing," she said. "Learn from your mistakes and make sure you give it 100 percent."

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STRAND from 15B

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grants of any in the county.

"She has contributed greatly to improving the health status of Larimer County residents over her 40 years not only with her Health Department work, but her outside activities that she saw as a necessary component of promoting healthy lifestyles," Ann Yanagi, a previous Women of Distinction Health Care award winner, said in her letter nominating Strand.

"Avie is an outstanding example of a person who cares deeply about the health of not only the local but regional community and continues to contribute toward solving issues of health care access and quality," Yanagi wrote.

A resident of Fort Collins since 1968, Strand obtained her master's degree in maternal and child nursing from Montana State University in 1966.

In one of her first roles, she was assigned to working with a population that was largely uninsured and often overlooked.

"I worked with migrant farm workers and their families," said Strand. "We helped take care of their acute care needs ... and also their general health."

Education is also an important realm to Strand.

She volunteers her time to the Poudre School District and, among other projects, helped to start a computer lab.

Concerned about the availability of prenatal care in Northern Colorado, she initiated the Poudre Valley Prenatal Care program.

Strand also helped found the Larimer County Food Bank and was one of the original board members.

When asked about the highlight of her career, Strand talked about her work with Inspiration Playground, an all-abilities playground at the end of Horsetooth Road. With Strand's help, the organization brought in over \$1 million for the project.

The park has specialized ground surface for children in wheelchairs and various equipment for children with hearing or visual impairments.

Her public-service record also includes 11 years on the State Board of Pharmacy and she has been the president of Public Health Nursing Leaders for the last two years.

Her awards include a Colorado Nightingale (nursing) Award for Human Caring, a Colorado Lillian Award for Public Health Service and the 2002 National Lillian Wald Award for Public Health Nursing Excellence.



EDUCATION

School chief Trusler proves to be quick study

Her district's grad rate is among the highest in the state

BY STEVE LYNN

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Karen Trusler knew she had found her calling when she began teaching elementary school in the small town of Weldona, not far from Fort Morgan.

Trusler, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Northern Colorado, taught science and social studies to second through fifth graders until she moved to Windsor.

She's come a long way from the classroom.

Today, Trusler oversees more than 4,300 students in nine schools as superintendent of Weld RE-4 School District. She also manages a budget of \$52 million and 650 employees.

Trusler has served the school district for 34 years in various roles, including everything from > See **Trusler**, **18B**



Trusler oversees a \$52 million budget as superintendent of the Weld RE-4 School District.



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TRUSLER from 17B

kindergarten teacher to principal. As a superintendent in tough financial times, she has found a way to help preserve curricula such as arts as well as added schools to the growing district. Other districts throughout the state have closed schools and cut programs.

"What it boils down to is, OK if this is what we need, how are we going to fund it?" she said. "We find a way."

In 2007, she helped persuade voters to pass a \$41.5 million bond for a new elementary and





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middle school.

"Karen was the backbone in leading the crusade to get the new bond issue passed," the Windsor Chamber of Commerce said in nominating her for a 2012 Women of Distinction award. "She is passionate about the quality of education that our children receive in Windsor."

Trusler knows that education is about more than buildings, and she strives to focus on student achievement by hiring skilled, dedicated professionals, Tozer Primary School Principal Shelly Prenger wrote in another nomination letter.

Her efforts have paid off: The district's graduation rate has reached 86 percent.

Administrators of schools in the district described Trusler as a quick study who can quickly comprehend complicated tasks.

"Her enthusiastic personality definitely enhances the workplace," read a nomination letter from the Windsor RE-4 Board of Education.

Even with her very busy schedule, Trusler "is quick to respond when I have a question or just need someone to listen," Prenger said.

Besides her efforts in education, Trusler spends a great deal of time volunteering.

As a member of the Women's Fund, she has contributed to fundraising for women's projects in Northern Colorado. She also supports organizations such as the Poudre Learning Center, Windsor Chamber of Commerce, Windsor Downtown Development Authority, Rotary Windsor Club, Windsor Fine Arts Festival and Poudre Learning Center.

"It's the connections that we make and the relationships that we build that support us during the great times, but also support us when things aren't so great," she said.



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LEADING LADY OF NORTHERN COLORADO



Liley, a land use, real estate and business attorney, has practiced law in Northern Colorado since the 1970s.

BILL SALLAZ

Liley's reputation built on land-use law

BY DAN COOK news@ncbr.com

As a principal with Liley, Rogers, Martell LLC, Lucia Liley is a highly regarded land use, real estate and business attorney in Northern Colorado. Early on, the law was clearly the perfect career for her.

"My mother always said I started speaking in full sentences before I could walk. Growing up, people said I ought to be a lawyer, perhaps because I loved to argue about anything and everything with my six siblings," said Liley. "It's a trait I put to better use as a debater in high school and college."

After graduating from Colorado

State University with high distinction, Liley obtained her law degree from the University of Colorado law school and began practicing in Fort Collins.

At that time there were no women practicing law in town, and only three in Larimer County.

She considers her survival and success in the field one of her greatest accomplishments, considering that at the time her peers were neither welcoming nor supportive.

She also believes strongly in maintaining cordial relationships with a wide variety of people under sometimes very contentious circumstances. One way to do that, Liley says, is through humor, and keeping things in perspective.

"It will keep you from becoming too cynical and will keep you physically and mentally healthier," said Liley.

This bit of advice, as well as learning to trust your instincts, came in handy, Liley said, during a major landuse case in Fort Collins.

Although she'd known people involved from previous projects, Liley had a hunch this case might not be successful. It didn't, ending in foreclosure.

This experience was eye-opening for Liley. "Trust your instincts, remember that failure is part of life and don't dwell on or spend too much time regretting what can not be changed."

Having practiced law in the area since the mid-1970s, Liley eventually plans to transition from full-time to part-time work.

Her goal is to focus on her favorite area of law — downtown redevelopment in communities in Northern Colorado. She's also looking forward to spending time with her large immediate and extended family at her home in Fort Collins.

"The older one gets, the more you realize that relationships are the things that glue everything else together," said Liley.







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