

# WELD WORKFORCE NEWS

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## WELD COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEMBERS

### Private Sector Employers

#### **Ronald Wildeman – Chair**

*Winograd's Steel*

#### **Joanne Fenton**

*North Colorado Medical Center*

#### **Nancy Fox**

*Polka Dot House*

#### **Bill Garcia**

*Attorney at Law*

#### **Dora Johnson**

*Baldwin Center*

#### **Lucille Mantelli**

*Eastman Kodak Company*

#### **Ken Nickerson**

*Greeley Medical Clinic*

#### **Shannon O'Connor**

*Fas-Test Forage Lab, Inc.*

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*State Farm Insurance*

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*Rubadue Wire Company*

#### **Bernard Ruesgen**

*Swift & Company*

#### **Dana Rutz**

*Meadow Gold Dairy*

#### **Dennis Trego**

*Colorado Sweet Gold*

### Public Sector Representatives

#### **Peggy Auker**

*Experience Works*

#### **Linda Conte**

*Colorado Vocational Rehabilitation*

#### **Alvina Derrera**

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*Weld County Social Services*

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*Aims Community College*

#### **Bill Jerke**

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#### **Joyce Johnson**

*Colorado Department of Labor*

#### **Ron Klaphake**

*Greeley/Weld Economic Development*

#### **Dale McCall**

*Centennial BOCES*

#### **Fernando Rodriguez**

*United Food & Comm Workers #990*

#### **Alicia Ziegler**

*Right-to-Read*

## What a way to Celebrate !

Weld County employers joined family and friends in recognizing the hard work and achievement of 65 individuals who obtained their GED's through various programs operated by Employment Services of Weld County. Graduates were recognized at a ceremony held on January 31, 2003.

The Weld County Workforce Development Board and staff at Employment Services of Weld County extend their thanks to the following businesses for their support and generous donations which were provided to the graduates to recognize them for their achievement.

- Morning Glory Day Spa
- Kentucky Fried Chicken (8th Ave)
- Highland Park Lanes
- Walrus Ice Cream
- Johnny Carinos
- Emma's Beauty Salon
- Laser Storm
- Panaderia Juarez
- Jerry's Market
- Quizinos
- Classic Lanes
- Cost Cutters
- Sonic
- Village Inn
- Coyote's Grill
- Alberto's
- Blackjack Pizza
- Caboose Philly Grill
- The Egg and I (W 10th)
- Ron's 19th Hole
- Farmers Inn
- Bubba's
- Perkins
- Steak Escape
- Bread Board
- Dominos Pizza
- The Armadillo

## Looking for Summer Help?

Ron Wildeman, Chair of the Weld County Workforce Development Board, met with twenty-eight local businesses participating in the 2003 Governor's Summer Job Hunt Teen Job Fair held on March 5th, 2003 at the Island Grove Exhibition Building.

The Teen Job Fair was sponsored by the City of Greeley Recreation Department, Channel 9 News, and Employment Services of Weld County. Over 1200 youth from Weld County communities were able to meet with local employers and obtain information regarding potential job openings.

Thank you, Black Jack Pizza, for hosting the informal social hour for the employers at the Teen Job Fair.

## Have You Let Us Know How We are Doing and What You Need?

The latest customer satisfaction report shows that 97% of the employers using Employment Services of Weld County to fill their hiring needs were satisfied with the services received.

Employers identified the following areas that they would like to see in upcoming seminars/training sessions which are usually sponsored by the Weld County Workforce Development Board.

- Labor Market Information
- Employment Laws and Regulations
- Technical Assistance in using America's Job Bank

If you have additional areas that you would like to see considered for future seminars, contact Marie Gallegos at 353-3800, ext 3371.

## Proud to Present.

The Weld County Workforce Development Board has published its 2002 Annual Report and is extremely satisfied that it was able to respond to so many of the needs identified by local employers and job seekers.

To review the 2002 accomplishments and to see the Board's 2003-2004 goals, please visit our web site at [www.eswc.org](http://www.eswc.org).

## Can You use Information Regarding Writing a Better Business Plan?

Don Abbott, Director of the Colorado Small Business Development Center located at Aims Community College will be presenting a workshop on How to Write an Effective Business Plan.

Employment Services of Weld County and the Weld County Workforce Development Board will host this free workshop at:

Employment Services of Weld County  
1551 North 17th Avenue  
Greeley, CO

on:

**April 21, 2003 from 2-4 p.m.**

Please confirm your attendance no later than April 15, 2003, by telephoning (970) 353-3800 ext 3371, or email [mgallego@co.weld.co.us](mailto:mgallego@co.weld.co.us).

## Weld County Workforce Development Board Board Member Profile

### Private Sector



Dana Rutz- HR Manager  
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Dana Rutz, Human Resources Manager for Meadow Gold Dairy, was appointed to the Weld County Workforce Development Board in June 2002, and participates in the Marketing Committee.

Meadow Gold has been a major employer in Weld County since the 1930's. It started out as the Greeley Creamery in 1914 and the name was changed to Meadow Gold Dairy in 1937. A new plant was built at its current site in 1957. Meadow Gold produces and distributes a range of products including fluid milk, cottage cheese, sour cream and flavored dips, ice cream mixes, juices and specialty items. The annual production of this facility is approximately 156 million pounds of dairy products. Meadow Gold employs approximately 125 employees in Greeley with a distribution branch located in Cheyenne, Wyoming employing 15 people.

Dana is a native of Wyoming, having lived in Greeley since 1987. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Management in 1985 from the University of Wyoming. Dana has been the H.R. Manager for Meadow Gold Dairy since 1997. In addition to her duties as H.R. Manager, Dana is extensively involved in the Company's safety program as well as several accounting functions. Dana has been very instrumental in developing a detailed hiring process that conforms to Meadow Gold's Affirmative Action Plan and utilizes many of the services provided by Employment Services. Contact Dana if you would like to find out more about this program. Dana states, "Don't hesitate to contact Employment Services to utilize their FREE services, they are very helpful."

*The Weld County Workforce Development Board's mission statement is to keep the workforce system responsive to employers, employees and job seekers*

For additional information regarding services available through Employment Services of Weld County, please telephone us at (970) 353-3800 ext 3360. You can also drop in to see us at 1551 N. 17th Avenue, Greeley, CO 80632. Employment Services of Weld County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.