

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2017

Arizona



Jim & Mary Faul
Owner/Operators for The Millstone Ranch,
Pinal County Farmers

Home: Coolidge, AZ

Nominated by: Arizona 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

Arthur J. "Jim" Faul: 46 years – Board of Directors ED#2, 30 years as President of APPA (statewide farmer collaborative), Sheriff's Posse Treasurer and the University of Arizona Pinal County Advisory Board (29 years as President). Received the U of A CALS Lifetime Achievement Award in 1995. Mary Faul: Pinal County Historical Society Board of Trustees. Instrumental in the creation/ vision for the Faul Ag-Ventures Program in Maricopa. Longtime supporters of the Pinal County 4-H Fair and 4-H Camps, Fails inducted into the Arizona 4-H Hall of Fame in 2002. They created scholarship endowments and a book fund for 4-Hers through the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, Central Arizona College and the U of A helping more than 350 students since 1987.

Biography:

Arthur J. 'Jim' Faul was born in 1910 in Canada. In 1928 his family homesteaded on what became the Millstone Ranch. Mary was born in 1924 and raised and educated in Texas. She was a librarian in El Paso. After 6 years in WW II, Jim returned to the farming operation. On his way home, they met at a train station. After nine years they marriage in 1954, and they flourished as a team for 52 years until Jim's passing in 2007. Mary, at 93 years, still sets the direction for the farming operation. With helping children succeed in life, they often said that all 4-Hers were their children. Jim and Mary supported dozens of organizations, but Pinal County 4-H and the Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation are two of their favorites.

The Fails began hosting an annual event at the County Fair for 4-H families, donors and supporters in 2001 when the Faul 4-H Learning Center was dedicated to Pinal County 4-H for the small stock program. The partnership with the Faul Ag-Ventures program teaches agriculture to over 5,000 children each year. Since 1987 they've helped more than 350 young people succeed through several scholarship programs, and the Faul's have remembered the Pinal County 4-H Camp in their estate. Jim was an honest salt-of-the-earth person who had a heart of gold. Mary exemplifies high integrity and demonstrates dreaming big and finding success! Together, they have made the best better!

Quote:

They're all our kids! We just do what we do for the children.



Fauls and Kim Gressley break ground for the Faul 4-H Learning Center at the Pinal County Fairgrounds, 2000.



Mary and Victor Jimenez working on programming at the Faul 4-H Ag-Ventures program.



Jim and Mary working on 4-H endowments and county 4-H program support.