

Texas – 2010



Alvin G. Davis

Businessman, 4-H Alumnus and Volunteer

4-H Efforts: Joined 4-H in Post, Garza Co., TX in 1939. Projects in 4-H included beef and dairy cattle, field crops, farm safety, livestock judging, wildlife preservation, grass judging, riflery, achievement, leadership and swine.

Honors: National 4-H Congress in Chicago for project record in 1943, State Field Crops winner in 1947 and National Boys 4-H Leadership winner and Moses Trophy winner as top 4-H Boy in 1948. Buddy Holly Walk of Fame. Listed in Who's Who in Texas, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World and 1000 Great Americans. National Cowboy Song and Poetry Hall of Fame and Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame. Alvin Davis Room at Garza County Historical Museum, Post, TX, where many of his awards and honors are displayed.

Home: Lubbock, TX
Nominated by: Texas 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

Alvin Davis became a 4-H member in Garza Co. TX in 1939 with one gilt as a project. His projects later expanded to include beef and dairy cattle, field crops, farm safety, livestock judging, wildlife preservation, grass judging, riflery, swine, achievement and leadership. He won trips to

National 4-H Congress in Chicago for his overall project record in 1943, State Field Crops winner in 1947 and National Boys 4-H Leadership Award and Moses Trophy winner as Top 4-H Boy in 1948. He was a junior leader for many years and sometimes did the work of a County Agent when the position was vacant. He became a 4-H leader in two counties and helped 4-H whenever possible. He received the Texas 4-H Alumni Award for his dedicated service.

As an adult, Alvin had a 14 year banking career, ending it as Executive Director and Director of two national banks. He had a 27 year career in western wear and equipment retailing, including service as Founding President of Western/English Retailers of America. He also served for 13 years as Executive Vice President and General Manager of the National Ranching Heritage Center. After retirement, he has been the Founder and Chairman of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration. He has been honored in the Buddy Holly Walk of Fame, Who's Who in Texas, Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World, National Cowboy Song and Poetry Hall of Fame and the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Quote: I have had the good fortune of living a long, successful life and credit 4-H with helping me develop the skills that made it all possible. Among the most valuable of these skills were leadership, citizenship, and self-confidence. I wrote a poem in 1943, following the first of three trips to National 4-H Congress that expressed my desire to become a leader and helping younger members. I take pride in having accomplished these goals many times over. The 4-H awards and recognition I received, especially the 1948 National Outstanding 4-H Boy, gave me the confidence to pursue and achieve career and life goals. I cannot imagine a greater honor than being inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame and will cherish this for the rest of my life.



Alvin holds the Morris Trophy as Top 4-H Boy and winner of the National 4-H Boy's Leadership Award, 1948.



Alvin is keynote speaker at the 2001 Southern 4-H Leaders Conference.



Alvin wears 4-H boots that he designed and had made at the 1947 National 4-H Congress.