



*HANK ALDERFER  
RANCHER, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, HISTORIAN*

*Hank Alderfer was born April 3, 1947, shortly after his parents EJ and Arleta had bought their ranch on Buffalo Park Road just west of Evergreen. Hank worked the ranch until 1988 when he sold and donated the home place to the Jefferson County Open Space Program.*

*In the 1960s Hank assisted Arleta with an oral history program while she served as Librarian at Evergreen Senior High School. He served 8 years on the Board during the formation of the Jeffco Historical Society, and received a Volunteer of the Year Award. As a volunteer he helped form the Evergreen Recreation Association in 1957. He was elected and served 18 years on the Evergreen Parks and Recreation District Board and was instrumental in the formation of the Evergreen Trails Plan. In recognition of over 30 years of service to mountain parks and recreation, along with his contributions to the Evergreen Community, Hank received the Evergreen Community Service Award in 1990. He is one of the founders of the Mountain Area Land Trust and has served on their board since 1992. Hank is also President of the Bear Creek Cemetery Board. While operating a sawmill at his ranch, Hank developed a market for Blue-Stain Ponderosa Pine. He became a spokesperson for the Colorado Timber Association, and worked with the Colorado State Forest Service providing educational presentations, adding a significant benefit to Front Range forest management.*

*Hank, Barbie, and their two sons live west of Pine Junction and operate Range Design & Construction, Inc. The Colorado Historical Society recognizes Hank as a specialist in historical restoration. He has been expanding a Historical Ownership Study of the Evergreen area and has added a historical review of Downtown Evergreen. His historical outreach column, YESTERYEARS appears bimonthly in the Canyon Courier.*

*Hank Alderfer was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in 2007.*