



JUNE TULL MEMORIAL AWARD

June Tull was a long time 4-H Leader and contributed a great deal to the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H District and community. She and her family were interested and involved in a wide variety of projects, including foods and nutrition. Memorial donations in her honor will be used to recognize outstanding 4-H members in these project areas. This award of a \$50 savings bond or check goes to the 4-H member in each age division (Jr, Int, Sr) showing the greatest growth and learning in a 4-H foods or nutrition project during a 4-H program year in the Mat-Su/Copper River District. Judging will take place in the fall of the year, after record books are turned in, and will be presented at the annual Achievement Night.

Requirements:

- Must be currently enrolled as a 4-H member in the Mat-Su/Copper River 4-H District
- Must be signed up for the applicable project by June 15 of the current year
- Must turn in a completed leader approved record book by September 15 (or other established record book due date) that shows growth and learning in the project
- Must enter and display at least one foods/baked item in the Alaska State Fair

Judging Criteria: (minimum 25 pts)

Fair Project(s) - List: # of entries/placement (blue/5 pt, red/3 pt, white/1 pt) _____ 20 pts

Record book (neatness, detailed, complete, shows growth) _____ 20 pts

4-H Involvement (projects, leadership, club, district involvement, activities) _____ 10 pts

June Patrice Roripaugh Tull grew up on her parents' cattle and wheat ranch in Temecula, CA.. June came to know Palmer by way of her aunt and uncle, who owned a potato farm across from the George McNeese farm on Fairview Loop Road, where she worked during the summers.

After graduating from the University of California-Santa Barbara, she returned to Palmer in 1959 to teach high school. Before she hardly knew what happened, she had married Bill Tull, a bank teller at Matanuska Valley Bank. Full of romance, the couple homesteaded along an unnamed lake in the Meadow Lakes area, now officially named "June Lake." They lived in a 10-foot-by-14-foot cabin without water or electricity while building their eventual homestead cabin measuring 18 by 24 feet, with electricity.

She made the best moose stew in the Valley. Always adventurous and spirited, they completed homesteading and set out to send Bill through law school while she worked as a teacher. With law school completed, they returned to Palmer, where she quickly continued her lifelong interest in children and their education. She brought her years of experience with 4-H Clubs and quickly became one of its state leaders. A petting zoo at the Alaska State Fair was one of her early projects. She was re-elected to the school board, became chairperson of an educational foundation based in Temecula, was an enthusiastic member of Kiwanis, a very active member of her book club made up of her friends she referred to as the "bookies," and tried to read a book a week, passing her latest read on to others.

Her calming smile and sincere passionate interest in every child was unmatched. She was generous to a fault and nonjudgmental. Never too busy for a kind word and deed, she led by example. She loved Palmer and instigated, prepared, and donated to the city of Palmer its first banners that hung from street lamps. Her community spirit was continuous and substantial. June died May 22, 2012 in Palmer at age 76.