

2004 RECOGNIZED LEADERS

15-YEAR



Rachel Guenther

Rachel Guenther - Rachel was a 10-year 4-H member who wanted to continue being involved in the 4-H program, so she volunteered as a leader. She is a project leader with the Helping Hands 4-H club. She has been a part of the recycling program that their club does, and outside of 4-H she has been involved in Special Olympics. Rachel says that 4-H has meant a lot to her, and she enjoys helping and getting involved with the other people. Her parents have been supporters of her involvement in 4-H.



Shellie Hood

Shellie Hood - Shellie is also a leader with the Helping Hands club. She became a 4-H member at the invitation of her neighbor, Lucille Robb, and volunteered to be a leader after completing her 10-year membership. Shellie helps the club members with photography and their Mardi Gras booth. She says that meeting all the people in 4-H keeps her motivated to continue on as a leader. She would like to acknowledge her mother and brother as helping her with her 4-H involvement. Outside of 4-H, Shellie is involved in the Meals on Wheels program.



Helen Nunn

Helen Nunn - Helen's is following in the steps of her grandmother who was also a 4-H leader. Following her years as a member, Helen wanted to continue to be involved with 4-H so she chose to volunteer as a leader. As part of the Helping Hands 4-H club, she works with members involved in cooking projects. One of her cooking members won Grand Champion at the Weld County Fair and was able to compete at State Fair. In addition to 4-H, Helen is involved in the S.H.A.R.E. program. She is excited to have her nephew in 4-H, and looks forward to when other family members can join.



Gene Peterson

Gene Peterson – Gene is the organizational leader for the Drylanders 4-H club. He became involved as a leader when his kids were members and the club leader at that time asked him to help. Ever since, Gene has enjoyed seeing the kids develop as they move through the program, eventually getting to the point where they lend their knowledge to new, or younger members. Gene has been a faithful assistant in setting up for Mardi Gras, and has served as a county key leader for Leathercraft for 15 years. He drives bus for the Ault school district, and lives with his wife Kim northeast of Nunn. Favorite hobbies include bow hunting and leathercraft.

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Charlie Schaefer

Charlie Schaefer – Charlie is the project leader for market and breeding swine in the Pony Express club, teaching members proper management practices as well as showmanship skills. In addition to 4-H, Charlie stays active in the community assisting the local FFA chapter with their student auction. He has served 10 years as a volunteer fireman; one of those years as captain. Charlie enjoys watching the friendships that develop in 4-H, and seeing the improvement kids make over the years. He and his wife Nona live southwest of Ft. Lupton.

20-YEAR



Twila Klussman

Twila Klussman – Twila got her start as a volunteer leader when she was recruited as an assistant project leader for Foods in the Best in the West 4-H club. She is now the organizational leader for the Eaton Country Critters 4-H club, while also providing direction for the foods, home furnishings, and cloverbuds projects. Twila notes that several of her club members have completed their 10-year membership, with several earning 4-H scholarships to help with their continuing education. Two other highlights for Twila include her chaperoning an exchange trip to Alaska and a Washington focus trip in 1987. Her daughters, granddaughter, and grandsons have all been involved in 4-H.

25-YEAR



Sonora Jones

Sonora Jones – Sonora got involved in 4-H by attending club meetings with her son and daughter, learning about their projects right along with them. Sonora teams with her husband, Rollie, to perform the duties of organizational leader for the Keene 4-H Boosters club, as well as serving as project leader for leathercraft and cake decorating projects. She helps club members with community service projects, such as helping needy families at Christmas and state highway cleanup. Sonora says that 4-H keeps her in touch with the youth of today. She participates in Relay for Life in Brighton, and together with Rollie is a member of Ye Olde Auto Club.



Rollie Jones

Rollie Jones – In addition to working with Sonora as organizational leader for Keene 4-H Boosters, Rollie leads the electricity project and helps with shooting sports and restoration projects. He likes to keep the kids motivated to learn more about their projects. He received the 7 Everyday Hero Award in July 2001 after being nominated by club members. In addition to 4-H, Rollie also helps with benefit auctions for different groups. He and Sonora live west of Hudson, and have two children.

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Judy Pralle

Judy Pralle – Judy became active as a volunteer leader after her kids joined 4-H and her husband Dale began serving as a sheep project leader. She is the organizational leader for the Tailtwisters 4-H club in Ft. Lupton. During her years as a leader, Judy has served on the Leaders Council and helped plan 4-H Recognition Night. She has watched many kids grow from cloverbuds to 10-year members. It is always special to her and Dale when they have contact with former members who remember them and recognize them for their work as leaders. Judy is active in her church, and with Dale are part-owners of a sled belonging to the Wanabe Pullers Antique Tractor Club.



Lucille Robb

Lucille Robb – Lucille says she didn't know what she was getting into when Rodine Rhoadarmer asked her to be a leader with the Helping Hands 4-H club, but she has enjoyed every minute of her leadership experience! She has been organizational leader and project leader in cooking. Lucille likes helping members with their projects and seeing their accomplishments. One highlight has been when one of their members earned the right to compete with their project at State Fair. She credits her husband Jack for helping her with the 4-H club.



Shirley Wiggin

Shirley Wiggin – Shirley says it all began many years ago when she became a 4-H member, and how does one quit 4-H? As with many others, being a leader has been a family affair as Shirley notes that her mother was also a 4-H leader in Wyoming for many years. Shirley has assisted as leader for a variety of projects in the Grover Guys & Gals 4-H club. She continues to be involved as a leader so as to provide encouragement to her granddaughters and neighbor children. Aside from 4-H, Shirley is involved with the Weld Cattle Women's Association, Grover Depot Restoration, school alumni, and is a pianist & organist at her church.

30-YEAR



Sherry Burnett

Sherry Burnett – Sherry is a leader with the Grover Guys & Gals club, and became involved after attending a local judging contest. She has served in many leadership roles, including coaching, project leader, organizational leader, and food booth at Weld County Fair. She states that the overall personal accomplishments of each of their members have been very rewarding. Shirley also thinks that 4-H is a wonderful adventure for kids and she likes to see how it builds leadership and self confidence in children. She has served on the board of the Pawnee Fire Protection District, and belonged to the Grover-Hereford Lions Club.

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Sharon Peters

Sharon Peters – Sharon started as a Home Economics leader until the Livestock and Home Ec. Clubs combined into the Grover Guys & Gals club. She served briefly as co-organizational leader, and has also been project leader in clothing, cooking, and home environment. Sharon says 4-H is the best way to meet people in the community. She credits her husband, John, for supporting her efforts in 4-H, and notes that her three daughters were involved in 4-H even before they started school. One special achievement for her club was when they established a scholarship program to help members who were continuing with their educations after high school.

35-YEAR



Bernadene Leffler

Bernadene Leffler – Bernadene took over the Wyatt Girls 4-H club prior to her children becoming active members. She had been a 10-year member herself and knew she wanted to continue on in 4-H as a leader. In addition to organizational leader responsibilities, she has helped coach softball and volleyball teams. It is a special joy to her when former 4-H members bring their children to be part of the 4-H club. To Bernadene, 4-H means “family.” It takes the whole family to be involved if the members are to be successful. 4-H offers many opportunities for parents to help their children learn responsibility by working together. She has been a school board and booster club member for the Highland High School. Bernadene is thankful for her husband, Charlie, who recognizes how important 4-H is to her, and is especially proud of her children as they were all successful 4-H members and all are club leaders